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**Oktoberfest
Creates
Controversy:**

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Springfield Citizens
Give Their Opinion

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Lady Bears Look
Forward to a
Winning Season

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**You may still
drink—at home**

I can't believe so many people would be whining about not serving beer at the Oktoberfest. I wouldn't eat a barbecued pork chop at the festival if it offended a young Catholic. Come on, grow up. Do you drink on the job (or do you work?)

You can drink your beer when you get home and I can eat my pork chops at home, and if you compare a beer with aspirin you must be drunk.

L. C. Drew
Springfield

**Party needs beer to be
authentic**

I've been reading about Oktoberfest. It is a German holiday, it's a German party, and I lived in Germany for three years and Germany is the beer capital of the world.

What's the sense of having a Germanfest, just make it a Baptist Bible-something fest. Anybody can have a party in the park. If you're going to make it German, you need to make it authentic.

Gina Oldman
Springfield

Alcohol kills common sense

I'd like to put my vote in against selling beer at the Oktoberfest because everyone assumes that if they sell beer

people will have enough common sense to stop as they do when they're drinking a soft drink, but that isn't true.

And then many little children and many families suffer because their dad goes overboard with drinking and spoiling their good time at Oktoberfest. And also when they're drinking beer many people are obnoxious when they might not be if they were drinking a soft drink.

Diamond Jones
Springfield

**Newspaper flouts family
values**

I have continued to read the News-Leader even though it has been out of touch with the moral community most of the time and just plain disgusting at other times.

The "Petitioners holding public hostage" editorial is a good example.

Your own "informal, unscientific poll" indicated "Beer sales opposed 2-to-1," yet your opinion article blasted the High Street Baptist Church members for following the legal procedure to protest the sale of this drug in another location, as if there aren't enough places already selling and promoting it.

Dwain Patterson
Stafford