

The 41st Annual
Belleville National

*S*trawberry FESTIVAL



JUNE 16, 17 AND 18, 2017

Published by Associated Newspapers of Michigan © 2017

“Discover the Demmer Difference”



37300 Michigan Avenue Wayne, Michigan 48184

734-721-2600

www.demmer.com

“ Only minutes from Everywhere”

“WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY’S FORD DEALER”

Welcome to our town



Joan Bodnar

Welcome to the 41st Annual Belleville National Strawberry Festival, one of the premier summer events in Southeastern Michigan presented by Meijer.

As executive director of the festival, I would like to thank the City of Belleville, the police and fire departments, the Boy Scouts, our sponsors, our board of directors and everyone who has worked so hard to make the festival a success.

The Belleville National Strawberry Festival has six venues: Main Street, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Belleville Presbyterian Church, Belleville Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Anthony Catholic Church and Victory Park.

Main Street features crafters, a carnival midway sponsored by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, vendors, a

children's area featuring a White Tiger Exhibit. Main Street is also the site of the festival parade which begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is responsible for carnivals at two locations, Main Street and St. Anthony Catholic Church.

As part of the festival, the Belleville Central Business Community brings juried crafters to Main Street.

Belleville Presbyterian Church features tours of the historic building on both Saturday and Sunday. The church is one of the original seven Martha Mary Chapels built by Henry Ford and his wife to honor their mothers.

Belleville Trinity Episcopal Church features all things strawberry, including pies, breads, jam and much more. They also feature their famous sloppy joe

lunches on both Saturday and Sunday.

St. Anthony's Church features bingo, great food, entertainment and a beer tent, along with the chamber of commerce carnival on the grounds.

The festival offers free shuttle service with free parking at the Belleville Presbyterian Church on Belleville Road. The trolley will make stops at all venues.

The Annual Belleville National Strawberry Festival offers a full weekend of family fun for everyone.

Again, thank you to all who helped with the festival this year.

Joan Bodnar

Executive Director
Belleville National Strawberry Festival



13 beautiful parks

www.metroparks.com

#getoutandplay

Fireworks

- Stony Creek Metropark | Friday, June 23*
- Kensington Metropark | Saturday, June 24*
- Lake Erie Metropark | Sunday, June 25*
- Hudson Mills Metropark | Wednesday, June 28*
- Indian Springs Metropark | Thursday, June 29*
- Lake St. Clair Metropark | Friday, June 30*
- Willow Metropark | Saturday, July 1*

Michigan Philharmonic

- Kensington Metropark | Saturday, July 15*
- Lake St. Clair Metropark | Saturday, July 22*
- Stony Creek Metropark | Saturday, July 29*
- Lake Erie Metropark | Saturday, August 5*



Pulling their weight

Clydesdales join celebration parade on Saturday

The biggest stars in the Belleville National Strawberry Festival Parade this year will be easy to spot.

Huron-Clinton Metroparks will be bringing the famous six-horse Greenwood Farms Clydesdale Horse Team to the parade down Main Street on Saturday.

The Metroparks recently partnered with Greenwood Farms to help promote the 13 Metroparks through the majestic beauty and story of the Clydesdales as they participate in community events, festivals and parades throughout the area.

Greenwood Farms, located in Memphis, is owned and operated by Chuck and Cindy Cryderman. The cou-

ple had a long-standing love for draft horses that lead them to the Clydesdale breed. They bought their first Clydesdales in 1995, which led them to become owners and breeders of some of the most prestigious Clydesdales in North America.

Clydesdales originated from Lanarkshire, Scotland, and were primarily used in agriculture and for all types of heavy hauling. As machinery and technology progressed Clydesdales were used less and less, and in the 1950s and 1960s numbers were critical and the breed was endangered. Since then, through breeding programs and conservation, the Clydesdale numbers have slowly began

to increase with their estimated global population now at 5,000. This allowed the Clydesdale breed to be moved to the watch list and not the endangered list.

“Our farm has a successful breeding program that produces approximately eight to 10 foals each year. These horses are special because of their size and sheer strength. They are also the most loving, caring and gentle mothers, 100 percent devoted to their babies,” said Chuck Cryderman.

As Huron-Clinton Metroparks officials looked for avenues to help promote the parks and provide new expe-

See **Horses**, page 4

 **ST. ANTHONY CHURCH 41ST ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** 
JUNE 16, 17, 18, 2017
 In conjunction with the Belleville National Strawberry Festival
3 Day Community Event
West Columbia, Belleville, MI 48111
734-697-1211 (Rectory)
 Chairpersons: **Richard & Sharon Pokerwinski**
734-461-0989 / 734-635-3404



Wayne County Fairground
10871 Quirk Rd. Belleville, MI 48111
 OFFICE (734) 697-7002 FAX (734) 699-7180
rvfairgrounds@gmail.com
WayneCountyFairgrounds.net

T-Rex ARMS, LLC

734.325.7898
 np.trexarmsllc@gmail.com



44800 N. I-94 Service Dr Belleville, MI 48111



SUMPTER COLLISION
 “A Family Tradition Since 1957”



James Chudzinski
 Owner
 21585 Sumpter Rd.
 Belleville, MI 48111

734.699.7758
 jim@sumptercollision.com
 www.sumptercollision.com

All Insurances Welcome
Ltd. Lifetime Guarantee
Onsite Rental Cars

R.V. Repair
Auto Glass
Motorcycle
& Watercraft



See us on  



The Clinton Metroparks will bring the Greenwood Farms Clydesdales to the Strawberry Festival parade Saturday.



BELLEVILLE FARMER'S MARKET

June Thru September – 4pm-7:30pm
2nd & 4th Mondays in the 4th Street Square
www.bellevillecbc.org

Belleville

DOWNTOWN ON THE LAKE

WELCOMES YOU TO THE NATIONAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



Join us in Supporting our Local Businesses
Enjoy Fun Family Events

www.buyitinbelleville.com



Please Visit Again Soon!

CITY OF BELLEVILLE / DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
6 Main Street Belleville MI 48111



Belleville National Strawberry Festival

In June on
Father's Day Weekend
Friday • Saturday • Sunday

Executive Director: Joan Bodnar
Vendor Coordinator: Sharon Pokerwinski

nationalstrawberryfest.com



Horses from page 2

periences for visitors, they connected with Cryderman and Greenwood Farms. Huron-Clinton Metroparks Director George Phifer was immediately taken by the Clydesdales and their story.

“I’ve been lucky enough to see Clydesdales up close. The size, the height of the Clydesdales is just amazing. They’re truly majestic creatures,” said Phifer. “I wanted to share that experience with people who may not have had that chance. To watch the reaction of people, when they see the horses, is really something to see.”

Last year the Huron-Clinton Metroparks were able to highlight the Clydesdales at the annual fireworks events, Michigan Philharmonic concerts and various parades throughout Southeast Michigan. The parades provided the unique opportunity for communities to see the amazing six

”

*The size,
the height of
the Clydesdales
is just amazing.
They’re truly
majestic creatures.*

Clydesdale team. The Clydesdales pull a completely restored wagon that advertises the 13 Metroparks in Southeast Michigan.

“Our partnership provides more than an advertising opportunity for the parks, it provides an experience for people and leaves an impression,” said Phifer. “Greenwood Farms employees are on hand at the events to interact

with the public, answer questions about the Clydesdale breed and even make sure you get a picture with one.”

Cryderman agrees that the partnership has been great.

“The opportunity to partner with Huron-Clinton Metroparks to spread the word about their 13 parks was something we were happy to do. Our farm is close to Stony Creek and Wolcott Mill Metroparks and we know just how vital they are to our community. Using our resources to promote the park resources was a no-brainer,” he said.

This year, the Clydesdales will again be featured at the seven Metropark Fireworks events and four Michigan Philharmonic concerts, as well as multiple parades throughout Southeast Michigan. At each event participants can view, meet and even get a photo taken with the Clydesdales. Event details can be found on the Metroparks website at www.metroparks.com.

BARBARA ROGALLE MILLER
ATTORNEY AT LAW

321 MAIN STREET/BELLEVILLE MICHIGAN 48111
734 697-4455 - FAX 734 697-7177
e-mail: bmiller321main@comcast.net



**3265 S. GROVE
YPSILANTI, MI
48198
(734) 481-1310**

MARK ELKER

www.mrbubbleautospa.com



BELLEVILLE
CENTRAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

**Please Patronize
Our Members!
The Events Listed
Are Because
of Their Efforts.**
www.bellevillecbc.org

 <p>STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL June 16, 17, 18, 2017 Downtown</p>	 <p>FARMERS MARKET June - September 2nd & 4th Mondays 4th Street Square</p>
 <p>TASTE OF BELLEVILLE August 17, 2017 Horizon Park</p>	 <p>HARVEST FEST October 14, 2017 4th Street</p>
 <p>BOOVILLE October, 2017 HALLOWEEN October 31, 2017</p>	 <p>PHOTOS WITH SANTA December 9 and December 16, 2017 Belleville Area Museum</p>
 <p>PHOTOS WITH FLOP-E-BUNNY March 31, 2018 Victory Park</p>	

Virg Stoltz is Grand Marshal

For a woman who doesn't eat strawberries, the fruits have been a huge part of Virg Stoltz' life.

Stoltz has been honored as the Grand Marshal of the 2017 Belleville National Strawberry Festival after serving for more than 20 years as the Strawboss at Trinity Episcopal Church where she was in charge of all the Strawberry Festival activities.

Stoltz began her strawberry journey 40 years ago managing one of the first strawberry businesses in the area, planting, picking, supervising a crew and selling the berries.

Stoltz was elected as the Strawberry Festival Board of Directors treasurer and was the Trinity Episcopal Church representative on the board. During her

20-tenure as treasurer of the entire festival, her efforts were credited for solving the financial debt of the event.

Stoltz served as the Strawboss at Trinity church until her retirement last year after having volunteered her leadership services for more than two decades.

"All good things come to an end, but it was some wonderful years," Stoltz said. "It was all worth it as half of Trinity's proceeds are used for Outreach projects." Stoltz has been active in many other community activities for almost 50 years.

She is the mother of three grown children, Virgil, Virgette, and Vaughn and the grandmother of Brittany Queener. Her children



Virg Stoltz

See **Stoltz**, page 6



van buren township



something
for everyone

discover
Van Buren Township

Van Buren Township
Downtown Development Authority
734.699.8941 vanburenda.com

Van Buren Township
46425 Tyler Rd. Van Buren Twp., MI 48111
734.699.8900 vanburen-mi.org

Stoltz from page 5

and granddaughter graduated from Van Buren Public Schools.

During her years in Belleville, Stoltz has been the archivist (keeper of the records) for the Belleville Area Museum and has a lifetime membership there. She retired from those a few years ago after working since 1996.

One of her other altruistic efforts was walking for the hungry and collecting pledges for Church World Service during the annual Crop Walk in the area. She collected pledges to help the less fortunate every year and was the third highest pledge collector in the state one year when her total reached \$5,000.

Church World Service (CWS) sent Stoltz to work in Honduras, helping build a house for the poor and she helped build homes in both Belleville and Ypsilanti while she volunteered with Habitat for Humanity.

Stoltz also volunteered at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and the local food pantry.

“I have always believed that God has pointed out the ways for me to serve others,” she said.

The Strawberry Festival Board was unanimous in their selection of Virg Stoltz as Grand Marshal of the Belleville National Strawberry Festival for 2017.



Trinity
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity is a Christ-centered community of:
Growth in the Spirit, Outreach, and Diversity
The Mission of Trinity Church is to welcome all who seek Christ.

www.trinitybell.org

11575 Belleville Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111 · 734-699-3361



BELLEVILLE MARTIAL ARTS INSTITUTE
785 SUMPTER RD. BELLEVILLE, MI 48111

PHONE: 734-391-8615
FAX: 734-391-8614
WWW.BELLEVILLEMARTIALARTS.COM

JOSHUA A. TURNER, INSTRUCTOR/OFFICE MANAGER
JTURNER@BELLEVILLEMARTIALARTS.COM

ISSHINRYU KARATE

DIRECTIONS: Take I-94 to Belleville Road (exit 190). Head South on Belleville Road to reach festival events.



★ BOARD WALK - - - PARADE ROUTE

TROLLEY ROUTE 2016

HOURS: Saturday 1p.m. – 10:30p.m.
Sunday Noon – 7:30p.m.

Trolleys run every 15 minutes between sites.
All trolleys are air conditioned and handicap accessible.
RV parking is available at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

TROLLEY STOPS

- 1 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- 2 HORIZON PARK
- 3 ST. ANTHONY'S
- 4 VICTORY PARK
- 5 LIBERTY & THIRD
- 6 TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Strawberry Festival



Friday June 16 4 - 9 p.m. Saturday June 17 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday June 18 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

STRAWBERRY BAKERY

- Glazed Strawberry Pie.....12.00
- Strawberry Cheesecake.....11.00
- Strawberry Bread.....2.50
Regular or Gluten Free
- Strawberry Muffin.....1.50
- Strawberry Tart.....1.50
- Strawberry Freezer Jam.....Price varies by weight
Regular or No Sugar Added

4lb Fresh Strawberry Pies, Shortcake, Jam Smoothies, Famous Sloppy Joes & more.
Face Painting, Free Parking, Free WiFi,
Gluten-free Options, Credit Cards Accepted.



FREE KARAOKE TENT SCHEDULE

- Friday**
6 - 9 p.m.
- Saturday**
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
and 5 - 8 p.m.
- Sunday**
Noon - 3 p.m.



2017 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL CRAFTERS & VENDORS
Gourmet Dog Treats · Wind Chimes · Honey & Beeswax · Natural Bath Products
Paracord Items · Wood Gifts · Blown Glass · Baby Gifts & Crafts · Paper Flowers
Soy Comfort Candles · Name Rings · Crocheted Crafts · Pet Toys
Dolls & Doll Clothes · Gourmet Popcorn · Quilts · Handmade Jewelry
Handmade Chocolate Candies · Fudge · Magnetic Jewelry · Christian Purses & Attire
LuLaRoe · Lilla Rose · Avon · Pampered Chef · Much, Much More!

South of I-94 at 11575 Belleville Road · Drive Over or Jump on the Free Trolley

More Info & Full Menu



www.trinitybell.org

The 41st Annual BELLEVILLE NATIONAL *Strawberry* FESTIVAL

JUNE 16, 17 AND 18
2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

409 West Columbia Belleville, MI 48111

www.stanthonybelleville.parishesonline.com

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Noon - Midnight

Activities and Events

- Raffle
- Bingo
- Inflatables
- Crazy Kids Jump
- Baked Goods
- Pony Rides
- Special Olympics
- Dunk Tank
- Big Carnival Midway
- Food Vendors with Food for all Tastes
- Juried and Crafter Vendor Exhibits
- Strawberry Extravaganza Dessert in Pole Barn with Strawberry Desserts of all kinds
- Children's Game Tent

Beer & Wine Tent
with Live Entertainment
Open 5pm - Midnight
\$5 Admission
MUST BE 21 TO ENTER!
T J THOMAS & KENTUCKY STRAIT
(Country Band)
6 - 11 p.m.
NO COOLERS INSIDE
BEER TENT
RAFFLE TICKETS
ON SALE ALL WEEKEND
AVAILABLE AT
THE RAFFLE BOOTH
\$5,000 GRAND PRIZE!

- Helicopter Rides \$20/person

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Noon - Midnight

Activities and Events

- Raffle
- Bingo
- Inflatables
- Crazy Kids Jump
- Baked Goods
- Pony Rides
- Special Olympics
- Dunk Tank
- Big Carnival Midway
- Food Vendors with Food for all Tastes
- Juried and Crafter Vendor Exhibits
- Strawberry Extravaganza Dessert in Pole Barn with Strawberry Desserts of all kinds
- Children's Game Tent
- Helicopter Rides \$20/person



The 41st Annual BELLEVILLE NATIONAL *Strawberry* FESTIVAL

JUNE 16, 17 AND 18
2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

409 West Columbia Belleville, MI 48111
www.stanthonybelleville.parishesonline.com

- 7 - 11 a.m. **Pancake Breakfast**
- 2 - 7 p.m. **Polish Dinner**
(\$11) Stuffed Cabbage, Pierogi (2), Kielbasa and Sauerkraut/Vegetable Salad, Dessert, and Beverage
- 1 p.m. - Midnight **Beer & Wine Tent with Live Entertainment \$5 Admission MUST BE 21 TO ENTER!**
PAUL PETERS (DJ)
WINGMAN (Rock 'n' Roll Band)

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 Noon - 8 p.m. (FATHER'S DAY)

Activities and Events

- Raffle • Bingo
- Inflatables
- Crazy Kids Jump
- Baked Goods
- Pony Rides
- Special Olympics Dunk Tank
- Big Carnival Midway
- Food Vendors with Food for all Tastes
- Juried and Crafter Vendor Exhibits
- Strawberry Extravaganza Dessert in Pole Barn with Strawberry Desserts of all kinds
- Children's Game Tent
- Helicopter Rides \$20/person

- 1 - 6 p.m. **Charcoal Grilled Chicken Dinner (\$10)**
½ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll w/ Butter, Dessert, and Beverage
- Noon - 8 p.m. **Beer & Wine Tent with Live Entertainment \$5 Admission MUST BE 21 TO ENTER!**
KIELBASA KINGS
- 3 - 7 p.m. **Raffle Drawing**
- 6 - 11 p.m. **Entertainment Tent on Stage**
- 7 p.m.



Festival royalty

Strawberry Queen will be chosen during annual pageant

Four young women from Belleville are vying this week to become the queen of the 41st Annual National Strawberry Festival.

It's a lot more than just a pageant, however: The Queen Pageant has long been a major part of the annual festival which is celebrated throughout the community.

Originally the Strawberry Queen Pageant took place on St. Anthony's Catholic Church grounds under the direction of 24-year coordinator and volunteer organizer Diane Ferguson.

The Queen Pageant moved to Belleville High School Auditorium in 1982 and Hazel Bigham was mistress of ceremonies and continued in that position until 1992. In 1993 and 1994, Martha Piney took over those responsibilities and then in 1995 and 1996 former Strawberry Queens Veronica Watson and Angela Myers co-hosted the event. In 1997, former Queens Mitzie Herkimer and Shannon Tarris were the

See **Queen**, page 12

ASHLEY EVERETT

Ashley Everett, 18, is a student at Belleville High School and is involved with varsity bowling, the marching band and the symphony band at the school.

She is the daughter of Lorie Everett of Belleville.

She hopes to find a career working with the federal government after college.

Her hobbies include bowling, band and volleyball and her special interests are camping and amusement parks.

Currently, she is a volunteer and the Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue.

For her talent performance at the queen pageant, she hasn't yet decided whether to play the clarinet, twirl the baton or sing.



Ashley Everett

GREAT PARTS! GREAT PRICES!



FOX AUTO
U - PULL

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!

BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS • PULL YOUR OWN PARTS
(734) 389-7104
HOW OUR BUSINESS WORKS:
Bring your own tools; visit the information desk; pull your own parts among 1,000 cars, trucks & SUV's; pay at the cashier counter;
SAVE MONEY AND LEAVE HAPPY!
OPEN 7 DAYS!
Monday - Saturday 9am - 7pm
Sunday 9am - 5pm
We Buy Used Cars and Trucks!
www.foxautoupull.com
8111 RAWSONVILLE RD
@ BEMIS • BELLEVILLE



Red Roof Inn #183
Detroit Airport
45501 N I.94 Service Dr
Belleville, MI 48111

P 734.697.2244
F 734.697.4384
i0183@redroof.com
redroof.com

Zywicki Greenhouse Inc.
Website zywickigreenhouse.com



50705 Willow Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111
Phone 734-461-6197
Fax 734-461-4944
E-mail zywickighse@aol.com

EVELYN KASPEREK

Evelyn Kasperek, 16, is the daughter of Martin and Vikki Kasperek of Belleville and currently attends Washtenaw International High School.

Among her school activities are involvement in student government and the international baccalaureate program.

Among her career aspirations are the law, political science and cosmetology.

She is interested in Polish folk dance which will be her talent at the pageant.

Her community involvement includes volunteering at foster closet and involvement with the Ann Arbor League of Women Voters.



Evelyn Kasperek

PAIGE SPITZNAGEL

Paige Spitznagel, 17, is a Belleville resident and attends Belleville High School

She is the daughter of Kim Kowalski and Tony Spitznagel.

Among her school activities are volleyball, Interact Club, Tiger Table Tennis and the Student Leadership Team.

Her hobbies include figure skating, soccer, reading and organizing and she is fond of baking and doing hair in her spare time.

She is also involved in the National Honor Society.

Spitznagel hopes to become an anesthesiologist.

Her talent performance during the pageant will be singing.



Paige Spitznagel

JANAY STUCKEY

Janay Stuckey, 16, is the daughter of Jayson and Shaylett Stuckey of Belleville.

She is currently a student at Belleville High School where she participated in the cheerleading and the National Honor Society.

Stuckey hopes to become an orthodontist after completing her education.

She currently volunteers at Love Week and the Clark Retirement Community.

Her hobbies include singing and doing hair.

For her talent performance at the pageant, she will sing.



Janay Stuckey

HELICOPTER RIDES



\$20^{pp}

PARATUS AIR

www.ParatusAir.com (914) FLY - HELI

Parkway Services, Inc.



PORTABLE TOILETS • SEPTIC CLEANING

For All Outdoor Activities

Golf Courses • Graduation • Picnics • Construction • Festivals & Carnivals
Luxury Restroom Trailers Available

(734) 482-7633 • Fax (734)482-7632 • www.parkwayservices.net

CUETER

CHRYSLER DODGE // Jeep RAM

2448 Washtenaw Ave, Ypsilanti MI 48197



Your Belleville Community Chrysler Family Dealer!

Give-a-ways and Enter To Win a **Free Oil Change** at our booth!

www.cueter.com

Queen from page 10

co-hosts. In 1998, Angela Myers, the 1993 Queen, and Andrea Brown, the 1994 Queen, co-hosted the event. Angela Myers Kerner became the Pageant Coordinator in 1999 through 2006.

In 2007 through 2009 Jennifer Leonard was the pageant coordinator. In 2010 through 2014 there was no Belleville Strawberry Queen Pageant because of funding. The Belleville Strawberry Queen Pageant was brought back in 2015 and Joyce Rochowiak of Garden Fantasy has been the pageant coordinator since then with other volunteers.

The women hoping to take home the honor, and the scholarship money this year, are all residents of the Belleville area, single and between the ages of 16 and 20. The Strawberry Queen will take home a \$1,000 scholarship, trophy and assorted gifts that accompany the title. The second and third place runners up will each receive a \$500 scholarship and gifts donated by local merchants.

The contestants will each participate in a dance performance by the group, perform an individual talent, appear in evening wear and answer questions.

The queen will be selected during the pageant which is planned for 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16 at the Belleville High School auditorium on West Columbia.

Business aims to please

Belleville can now offer state-of-the-industry indoor shooting range and training facility to area residents.

T-Rex Arms, LLC offers a climate controlled, eight-lane indoor shooting range with an unmatched ventilation and lead filtration system. The new system was designed specifically for the comfort of those using the range or training areas. Currently, T-Rex Arms can accept rifle calibers up to .300 Win-Mag, pistol calibers up to 44 Magnum and all shotgun gauges, buckshot and slug.

The business also offers a variety of firearms rental representing many of the top brands in the industry along with custom builds. T-Rex Arms is a full-service firearms retailer, specializing in sport shooting and personal defense.

The staff members provide a variety of firearms training, too, ranging from the very basics for new shooters to advanced tactical techniques for the more experienced shooter.

The range and retail store is open from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Sundays.

More information about the range is available at www.facebook.com/trexarmsllc.



teleflora

Garden Fantasy
on Main
Colette McClinton
Owner / Designer CF
 734-697-7400

210 Main Street
 Belleville, MI 48111

www.gardenfantasyonmain.com
gardenfantasyonmain@gmail.com

Friends of MI Animals Rescue
Promote a Healthy and Safe Environment for All



51299 Arkona Road
 Belleville, MI 48111
 734-461-9458
 Fax 734-461-9459
shelter1@comcast.net
 Website fmar1.org



**IMPORTED
 BEER, WINE &
 LIQUOR
 and
 CIGARETTES**

**WE DELIVER
 IT ALL!**

Zino's
 SUBS • PIZZA • CATERING
734-697-7999 • 734-697-8872
 17440 Sumpter Rd • Sumpter Township, MI 48111

HOURS
Mon-Thurs 10 am - 10pm • Fri 10 am - 11 pm
Sat 11 am - 1 1pm • Sun 11 am - 9 pm

We Accept Credit Cards  

In remembrance

Memorial service planned for former Strawberry Festival president

The King of French Fries and Lemonade will be missed during the Annual Belleville National Strawberry Festival this year.

Paul Phillip Nerswick, 63, a former president of the Strawberry Festival, died at his home in Springhill, FL May 11.

Mr. Nerswick was a life-long resident of Belleville where his reputation for French fries and lemonade was honed. The son of Paul and Priscilla (Burr) Nerswick, he was born Sept. 15, 1953 at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

He graduated from Belleville High School in 1972 where he was a member of the choir. In addition to his involvement with the Strawberry Festival, Mr. Nerswick was active with the Belleville Area Goodfellows where he served as president, the September Days group and both the Rebekah and Odd Fellows lodges. He was active, too, with the Red Hat Ladies Society and the area 4-H Clubs and countless other community organizations where he generously gave his time.



Paul Phillip Nerswick and one of his favorite clowns.

Mr. Nerswick was also known for his good humor and the practical jokes he perpetrated on his friends and fami-

See **Memorial**, page 14

SAME QUALITY SERVICE AT GREAT PRICES!



AT 5-POINTS

Lonnie's AUTO REPAIR

FREE Front End Inspection
WITH COUPON - LONNIE'S AUTO COUPON EXPIRES 6-30-18

ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER?
STOP IN AND HAVE YOUR A/C SYSTEM CHECKED FOR \$29⁹⁹
WITH COUPON - LONNIE'S AUTO COUPON EXPIRES 6-30-18

DISK BRAKE SPECIAL
PREMIUM PADS & ROTARS, INCLUDES LABOR, STARTING AT \$225 OR LESS!
WITH COUPON - LONNIE'S AUTO COUPON EXPIRES 6-30-18

PREMIUM BATTERY SALE
Most Batteries in Stock!

50 South Street at 5-Points, Belleville • 734-325-7065
Open Monday - Friday 8am-6pm • Saturday 9am-1pm

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN



I welcome the opportunity to learn about your unique goals and needs. Together we can create a strategy designed to help guide you along the path toward financial well-being.

Call to schedule a consultation today.



Independent Financial Advisors, LLC
David Kelton
President

19575 Victor Parkway Ste 210
Livonia, MI 48152
(734)542-8390
david.kelton@ipl.com
www.ifaadvisors.com



INDEPENDENT
financial advisors, LLC

Securities offered through LPL Financial, member FINRA/SIPC

1106003-1014 Tracking #1276628

David C. Brown Funeral Home
Live - Laugh - Love

Remember

Specializing in Celebration of Life Services.



460 E. HURON RIVER DR., BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
(734) 697-4500

David C. Brown, Manager • Shelly A. Brown-Chudzinski, Director
Complete Line of Monuments & Markers.
www.DAVIDBROWNFH.COM

Memorial from page 13

ly members. He loved hosting parties, cooking, crafting, bargain shopping, gardening, fairs, festivals, clowns, theme parks and carnivals.

He had retired and moved to his home in Florida prior to his death.

Mr. Newswick is survived by his sisters, Roxanne (Gary Grunst) Cripps of Carleton and Denise (Jesse) Weick of Belleville; nieces, Paula Cripps, Kristina Pankey and Jessy Weick, all of Belleville; a nephew, Charles Nerswick, also of Belleville; great-nieces Katalina Pankey, Amara Nerswick, Zoey Nerswick, Lilyann Nerswick and Hailey Nerswick, and countless friends.

His parents, and his beloved cat, Magic Man, preceded Mr. Nerswick in death.

A celebration of Mr. Nerswick's life is planned at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, 410 Oregon St., Ypsilanti.

His family suggests that those who attend wear their favorite brightly-colored shirt to honor Mr. Nerswick's extraordinary life as they share their memories of him.

Mr. Nerswick donated his organs in his final effort to extend his charitable contributions even in death.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Museum plans busy year

The Belleville Area Museum (BAM) and historical society has been located in the old Van Buren Township Hall building since 1996. The building is listed on the State of Michigan Register of Historic Places.

In addition to the antiques on display in the museum events are planned nearly every month. The museum also offers research and genealogical services in the archives.

Third-Thursday lectures take place from January through June, including pizza and in July the museum organizes the annual Garage Sale.

This August, museum personnel are planning a dinner theater performance of Henry (Ford) and Friends. In October, there will be tour of Soop Cemetery along with the annual Kids Halloween Party.

The Festival of Holiday Trees at the museum begins in mid-November and features more than 50 trees decorated for the holiday.

Membership fees begin at \$20 and include free admission all year, a quarterly newsletter and discounts on ticket prices.

More information about events and archives is available at The BAM Facebook page.



10940 Willis Road
Willis, MI 48191
(734)757-4308
www.crgelectricllc.com

Chuck Guisgand (734)564-6510
chuck@crgelectricllc.com
Curt Guisgand (734)740-7493
curt@crgelectricllc.com

Electrical Contractor
Licensed and Insured
Family Owned and Operated
Residential, Commercial, Generator
Sales, Service & Installation




Build memories with one of our home loans.

We can help you take the next step in your life with mortgages, as well as home equity loans and refinancing options.



\$100

Rebate after closing*

www.ParksideCU.org • 734.525.0700

*Restrictions apply. Promotion subject to change without notice. Federally insured by NCUA. For details: www.ParksideCU.org/about-us/news-events/home-loan-rebate.

BRIDGESTONE
THE NEXT REVOLUTION IN TIRES

Firestone
America's Tire Since 1900

**EXPRESS TIRE
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**

10625 Belleville Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111
Ph. 734.697.2424
Fx. 734.697.2555

James Chudzinski
Shelly Brown - Chudzinski
Owners
www.expresstiremi.com



Holiday Inn Express & Suites

46194 N I-94 Service Drive • Belleville, MI 48111 • 734-857-6200 • 734-857-6229 Fax



The Following Amenities Are Complimentary:

- Hot Breakfast Buffet
- Wireless Internet Access
- 24-Hour Local & Airport Shuttle Service
- Extensive Fitness Center
- Business Center
- Indoor Pool & Spa
- Steam Shower & Dry Sauna



Promotional Package:

- Park, Stay and Go
- Thunder Over Michigan Air Show
- Yankee Air Museum



3,900 sq. ft. of Banquet Room Space Available!

- Contact our sales department today to schedule an appointment for a site tour & discuss how we are able to exceed your expectations.



www.hiexpress.com/bellevillemi • gm@hiebelleville.com

Thank you to our sponsors

PRESENTING SPONSOR



SILVER SPONSORS



BRONZE SPONSORS



FRIENDS



Criss, Warth & Parr · Blue Ribbon Contracting, Inc.
Wellington Industries · Parkside Credit Union · Fox Auto

Behind the scenes

The members of the Belleville National Strawberry Committee work behind the scenes to ensure the success of the annual celebration of community, and of course, the strawberry harvest.

Members this year include:

Executive Director - Joan Bodnar

President - Thomas Fielder

Vice President - Diane Shew

Treasurer - Janet Millard

Secretary - Sharon Pokerwinski

Parade Coordinator - Tina Brooks Green

Vendor Coordinator - Sharon Pokerwinski

Vendor Coordinator Assistant - Freddy Giovannoni,
Jr. of Mr. G's Concessions

Car Show Coordinator - Steve Cinnamon

Certified Public Accountant - Gayl Parr of Criss,
Wilmarth & Parr, P.C.

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce - Michael Dotson

Belleville Presbyterian Church - Diane Shew

Belleville Trinity Episcopal Church - Erica Fulton

St. Anthony Catholic Church - Martin Church

Central Business Community - Robert (Bob) Stoner

City of Belleville - Kim Tindall Council Member

Belleville Police Department - Police Chief Hal Berriman

Belleville Fire Department - Aaron Zehel

Wayne County Fair Association - Cheryl Toms

Legal Counsel - Attorney Robert Coutts

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSONS

RICHARD and SHARON POKERWINSKI

INCOMING CHAIRPERSON - TONY ATTARD

CHAIRPERSONS AND COMMITTEES

ADMISSIONS

STEVE WALSH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYCE BUJIAK (MASS)

TEE DORE (RECTORY/BULLETIN)

BEER TENT

MENS CLUB/ MIKE LORIA/JOHN ZAROFF

SET-UP and TEAR DOWN

MIKE LORIA/JOHN ZAROFF (FRIDAY NIGHT)

MIKE LORIA/JOHN ZAROFF (SATURDAY NIGHT)

WALTER ROCHOWIAK (SUNDAY)

BINGO

VIRGINIA CARNAHAN

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

SHARON POKERWINSKI/FREDDY GIOVANNONI

CHILDREN'S GAME TENT

MARGIE SMITH/LEE MICHNA/

MARGO DeLIBERA

CRAFTERS/VENDORS

SHARON POKERWINSKI/

FREDDY GIOVANNONI, JR /

FRED GIOVANNONI (Mr. G's)

DINNERS

JOYCE ROCHOWIAK SATURDAY-POLISH

SUNDAY-GRILLED CHICKEN

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

ED MANIER/VINCE OLDS/

RICHARD POKERWINSKI

ENTERTAINMENT

RICHARD & SHARON POKERWINSKI/

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL/COLLECTIONS MARGE PLUCINICZAK • FOOD/KITCHEN SHARON MANIER

• FOOD BARN MARK LAGINESS • GROUND MAINTENANCE JOE WALKER/ROBERT

VANASSCHE • PARKING/BOY SCOUTS MARTIN CHURCH • RAFFLE CHARLES and LINDA

ZYWICKI • RECTORY CINDY WEIPERT/TERESA DORE

WHITE ELEPHANT TENT

MAXINE SMITH/ MARY PALAZZOLO

SET-UP, TEAR-DOWN

RICHARD and SHARON POKERWINSKI/

TONY ATTARD

OVER ALL OPERATIONS

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE



WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



Western
Campus

- **Accounting AAS/CERT**
- **Bio-Medical Equipment Repair Technology AAS**
- **Business Administration AA/AAS**
- **CIS: Video Game Design & Animation CERT**
- **CIS: Website Developer CERT**
- **Computer Information Systems AAS/CERT**
- **Craft Brewing CERT**
- **Digital Photography Technology CERT**
- **Electrical Electronics Engineering Technology AAS/CERT**
- **Global Supply Chain Management CERT**
- **Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning AAS/CERT**
- **Home Health Care Aide CERT**
- **Renewable Energy CERT**

FOLLOW US:



9555 HAGGERTY ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
734-699-7008 • WWW.WCCCD.EDU

Hines Park



L I N C O L N



Experience the New 2017 Lincoln MKZ

40601 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

HinesParkLincoln.com | 1.800.550.LINC