

Anti-Gunners Threaten Boycott of Naperville Ribfest

An outspoken opponent of the 2nd Amendment has threatened to call a boycott of the Naperville (IL) Ribfest—a popular summer-time event held annually in Chicago's west suburbs.

Robert Brandt, a Woodridge Village Trustee, is rather upset with the organizers of Ribfest because rock legend and NRA board member, Ted Nugent, will be the headline musical act on July 3rd. In a May 3, 2005 e-mail to event organizers, Brandt asserts that Nugent's support of gun rights should disqualify him from performing at Ribfest. In response, Ribfest officials reminded Brandt that, like all Americans, Nugent has a right to hold and express his personal opinions and that the show will go on.

Since he was elected to the Woodridge Board of Trustees in 2003, Brandt has led an active campaign to abolish private firearm ownership in the village. His proposals have included gun licensing and registration, a ban on handguns, a ban on semi-automatic long guns, and mandatory trigger locks.

Readers are encouraged to contact the Ribfest organizers at hamsteak7@yahoo.com and express support for their decision to keep Nugent on the program. It's nice to see that the organization backs



Robert Brandt, Woodridge trustee and 2nd Amendment opponent, is no fan of Ted Nugent.

Nugent's First Amendment rights. To learn more go to <http://www.ribfest.net>.

Go to "www.robertbrandt.org;" then "Woodridge Trustee page;" then "Action page"

May 1, 2005 - I sent an email to the organizers of Naperville's Ribfest to express my disappointment in having Ted Nugent, an extreme pro-gun activist, perform at the family-oriented, "for the kids" Ribfest event. Click here for the email ** **CAUTION - the email contains quotes by Nugent which contain explicit language - over 21 years of age only.** **

Subject : re: Ted Nugent
Date : Tue, 3 May 2005 10:49:00 -0500
Linked to: Matt Kaley (Ribfest)
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Matt:

Thanks for the note. A couple of quotes from Nugent on women:

ON WOMEN

"Anybody that doesn't think it is better to blow someones brains out than to be raped, deserves to be raped! If you don't think your life is worth it then please go out there, don't wear any underpants and get RAPED!! Cuz you deserve it ..." - WRIF-FM, Detroit, Ted Nugent as guest D.J., September 23, 1991

"When other guys were getting high, I would grab a couple babes, go squirrel hunting and see just how mini mini-skirts could get." - Detroit Free Press Magazine , July 15, 1990

"... I met a couple of guys in line yesterday and they say write something to my girlfriend, she won't let me go hunting. I wrote her something, I wrote Drop dead bitch. What good is she, trade her in, get a Dalmatian, who needs her, the wench." - WRIF-FM, Detroit, Ted Nugent as guest D.J., September 25, 1991

About Hillary Clinton: "You probably can't use the term 'toxic cunt' in your magazine, but that's what she is. Her very existence insults the spirit of individualism in this country. This bitch is nothing but a two-bit whore for Fidel Castro." - Westword Newspaper , Denver, Colorado, July 27, 1994

And if you're a woman who feels that his lyrics to ditties such as the immortal 'Wang Dang Sweet Poontang' are sexist, Nugent says, 'Fuck you and go to a Garth Brooks show. Kiss my dog's dead, diseased, rotting ass. If you don't have a sense of humor, you're not allowed in Ted's world. I don't objectify women. I'd like to think that I'm optimizing their hardware.' - Westword Newspaper , Denver, Colorado, July 27, 1994

Ted Nugent has forked over \$75,000 ... paying the price for shooting off his mouth ... Interviewed in late '92 on WRIF-FM ... he referred to Heidi Prescott (of The Fund for Animals) as a 'worthless whore' and a 'shallow slut' and suggested 'Who needs to club a seal, when you could club Heidi?' Detroit Free Press , April 5, 1995

Hardly appropriate for a benefit for domestic abuse.

And a story concerning one of Nugent's children:

"Ted Nugent's Love Child
by Josh Grossberg
Feb 24, 2004, 10:30 AM PT

That dang sweet poontang has gotten Ted Nugent in trouble.

Nugent has reportedly confessed to fathering a child out of wedlock with a Dover, New Hampshire, woman who is suing the '70s rocker for child support and custody.

According to the local Foster's Daily Democrat newspaper, the plaintiff, 43-year-old Karen Gutowski, filed suit against the 55-year-old Nugent last August, claiming he has provided little in the way of financial aid for their unidentified 8-year-old child despite making millions from album sales, touring and other revenue streams.

Gutowski's attorney, Jeffrey Runge, told the newspaper that the musician, radio and TV host and noted outdoor enthusiast has acknowledged paternity of the young boy, but has never met the tyke and refused to provide

proper financial support.

"Given the fact he's worth millions and millions of dollars, he's paying the amount someone making about \$20,000 per year would pay," Runge told the Daily Democrat in September. "I don't know what his assets are so I don't know the amount. She only wants what she's legally entitled to on behalf of the child."

But Nugent, who has two sons and two daughters with wife Shermane Nugent, isn't going to open his wallet without a fight.

Nugent filed his own petition on Jan. 6 asking a family court "to make appropriate orders concerning the legal custody of the minor child and appropriate custodial and visitation rights" on his behalf.

Runge has called Nugent's motivations "suspicious," especially since the Motor City Madman never met the child, who was born in April 1995 following his brief fling with Gutowski.

In a Jan. 13 petition, Runge said that Nugent is "refusing to comply" with attempts by his client to examine his personal fortune and has since "embarked upon a campaign to contact [Gutowski] in writing and via the telephone in a blatant attempt to intimidate her into withdrawing her interrogatories."

Runge also said Nugent's attorneys are trying to hide the rocker's real net worth.

"Indeed Nugent is a famous musician and self-promoter that appears to have income and [assets] from a considerable number of sources," the lawyer wrote.

In court papers, Runge names 25 sources of income for Nugent. Aside from album sales and touring, Nugent has released a videogame, sells his own brand of beef jerky and has written books with titles like God, Guns & Rock 'n' Roll.

The Michigan native has also hosted his own radio and television shows, most recently headlining VH1's new reality series *Surviving Nugent: The Ten Commandments*, in which contestants vie for a \$100,000 jackpot in a series of outdoor challenges (like getting shot at with paintballs, building an outhouse and skinning a boar) on Nugent's ranch near Waco, Texas.

Attorneys for Nugent and Gutowski could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Meanwhile, as Nugent's paternity case winds its way through the course, he does have one thing in his favor: According to his Website, Nugent was recently named Father of the Year at his children's school.

We know at least one woman who'd beg to differ."

Hardly appropriate for a benefit against child abuse.

And have you actually read the lyrics to his songs?

"That Nadine, what a teenage queen
She lookin' so clean, espec'illy down in between; what I like
She come to town; she be foolin' around
a puttin' me down as a rock-and-roll clown
It's all right
Wang Dang Sweet Poontang
Wang dang, what a sweet poontang
a shakin' my thang as a rang-a-dang-dang in the bell
She's so sweet when she yanks on my meat
Down on the street you know she can't be beat
What the hell
Wang Dang Sweet Poontang"

I'm an elected municipal official and serve on the Board of Directors for a Dupage County based domestic abuse charity so I know about public service and charitable causes. I would have made a different choice regarding Ted Nugent, that's all.

Best of luck to you for a successful Ribfest.

/s/ Robert Brandt

> Mr. Brandt

My name is Matt Kaley and I've been the Ribfest's entertainment chairperson since 2003. Thank you for taking the time to express your opinion regarding the upcoming Ted Nugent show at Ribfest. You certainly have every right, as does Mr. Nugent. Although everyone may not agree with his political or social point of view, he is a legendary musician and that is all that concerns us. He will be performing an all age appropriate show. We also expect a very large turnout.

It's too bad you feel so strongly about Ted Nugent that you won't be attending the Ribfest this year. I certainly hope you change your mind and can find something else at Ribfest that won't offend you. It is, after all, a fund raising event. The entire festival is brought to you by volunteers of Naperville's Exchange Club. Every net penny we raise is given back to our/your community to help prevent child abuse and domestic violence in all forms. Maybe this cause is enough to bring you out to support us this year.

Regards,

Matt Kaley

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Ribfest Organizers:

I'm appalled that you would invite Ted Nugent to headline at Ribfest. The following is a news story about his speech at the NRA convention this year:

HOUSTON (AP) - With an assault weapon in each hand, rocker and gun rights advocate Ted Nugent urged National Rifle Association members to be "hardcore, radical extremists demanding the right to self defense."

Speaking at the NRA's annual convention Saturday, Nugent said each NRA member should try to enroll 10 new members over the next year and associate only with other members.

"Let's next year sit here and say, 'Holy smokes, the NRA has 40 million members now,'" he said. "No one is

allowed at our barbecues unless they are an NRA member. Do that in your life."

Nugent sang and played a guitar painted with red and white stripes for the crowd at Houston's downtown convention center.

He drew the most cheers when he told gun owners they should never give up their right to bear arms and should use their guns to protect themselves if needed.

"Remember the Alamo! Shoot 'em!" he screamed to applause. "To show you how radical I am, I want carjackers dead. I want rapists dead. I want burglars dead. I want child molesters dead. I want the bad guys dead. No court case. No parole. No early release. I want 'em dead. Get a gun and when they attack you, shoot 'em."

Is he really the type of entertainer that is appropriate for Ribfest, which is supposed to be a family-friendly event "for the kids." Will Nugent be bringing his assault weapons and be recruiting for the NRA at his performance?

I won't be attending Ribfest this year. And I hope thousands of others will not as well.

/s/ Robert Brandt

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I will propose a resolution urging Congress to extend the federal ban on assault weapons.

A federal or state ban on assault weapons would be much more effective than a municipal ban. (see information about assault weapons below). [Click here](#) for my presentation.

[Click here](#) for slides that illustrate the dangers of assault weapons.

08-19-04 - The Village Board voted 4-2 against my resolution.

Where do Woodridge officials stand on the assault weapons ban?

Mayor Bill Murphy - against the ban.

Trustee Mary Ann Frank - voted against the ban.

Trustee Pam Beavers - voted against the ban.

Trustee Robert Brandt - voted for the ban.

Trustee Joe Kagann - voted against the ban.

Trustee Chester Szerlag - voted against the ban (voted out of office April 2005).

Trustee Richard Wood - voted for the ban.

UPDATE: [Click here](#) for more information.

I will propose to ban assault weapons in Woodridge.

The federal ban on assault weapons expired September 13, 2004. That means that semi-automatic guns with multiple assault weapon features are available for anyone with a FOID card. Shotguns, handgun, rifles and semi-automatic firearms without assault weapon features are not affected.

01-10-04 - I asked the Village Administrator to forward my proposed assault weapons ban ordinance and Mayor Murphy's memorandum opposing the ban to the Police Department for their review and opinion (Former Police Chief Koros supported the assault weapons ban in a March 2000 letter to me.).

11-06-03 - I proposed an assault weapons ban at the 2003 Goal-Setting Meeting. It was half-heartedly received by my colleagues on the Board.

UPDATE: [Click here](#) for more information.

I will propose requiring trigger locks for all firearms kept in Woodridge.

More than 400 children are killed in the U.S. every year from accidental shootings that could have been prevented with trigger locks. Illinois has a new state law that holds gun owners responsible if children are injured or killed after getting their hands on an unsecured weapon (\$1,000 fine). I would have the Village purchase trigger locks and give them away to any resident with a firearm free of charge.

UPDATE: I proposed this at the 2003 Goal-Setting Meeting. My colleagues wished to keep this a voluntary idea, not mandate it. That would be worthless. I will continue to pursue it.