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Dear Editor,

My name is Thomas R. Snyder Sr. I am the father of three beautiful adult children one of which happens to be running for the Christian County Board. His name is Thomas R. Snyder Jr., he is a very bright and articulate young man that just so happens to be the one that filed the emergency law suit against the ZBA to try to stop them from conducting a conference meeting and or telephonic meeting to try to force them to actually hold an OPEN meeting for the public, it's called the "Open Meetings Act". During an open meeting people can be heard and seen and are able to view all appropriate information for that meeting. This letter is a response to a Speak Out in yesterday's paper titled "Absolutely Belligerent". Whoever wrote this speak out pretty much sums up Thomas Jr. lawsuit. The person that was responsible for the comments made during that meeting was Thomas R. Snyder Sr. (ALL OF THEM). I am an unapologetic father who supports his children and their endeavors. I will protect and fight for my family until the day that I die. Whoever wrote that speak out would have known it was Sr. not Jr. if the meeting was OPEN and not conducted in the way it

was conducted. Thomas (Jr.) will fight for the rights of the public and truly believes ALL of the public has the right to be heard and seen and I will stand and fight right next to him. Now I will address the "Crybaby Snowflake" comment that was also made in this particular speak out. You have the right to your 1st amendment right as do I! Crybaby Snowflakes write hurtful and untruths about people without penning their names, this letter is signed ENOUGH SAID....

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Snyder Sr.

Dear Editor,

Fourth of July fireworks are a long-standing tradition for people of all ages. Watching a display put on by professionals is the best way to keep loved ones safe, but some choose personal-use fireworks. The Illinois Insurance Association and its member companies urge residents to be aware of the risk, consider the consequences and use caution. Fireworks, by nature, are dangerous explosives. Wayward sparks or misfires can set fire to buildings, vehicles, anything combustible. Hundreds of individuals seek medical attention each year due to fireworks-related burns, eye and limb injuries, even

death. Children between five and nine years old hurt by sparklers account for more than one quarter of fireworks-related emergency room visits according to the National Fire Protection Association. Keep the following tips in mind if you will be using fireworks this holiday: .. Follow local, state, and federal fireworks laws. .. Personal-use fireworks should be properly packaged, include directions, and come from a licensed seller. .. Allow only adults to handle fireworks. .. Light fireworks outside in a clear, flat, open area away from buildings. .. Wear safety glasses when igniting fireworks and shoot them one at a time. .. Put a fire extinguisher as well as a full water bucket or garden hose near the light-off area. .. Never reignite a dud. Thoroughly soak the nonfunctioning firework with water and then throw it away. .. Extinguish spent fireworks with water and place them in a metal trash can when sufficiently cooled. Enjoy the holiday, but take precautions to keep people and property safe!

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