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Federal Brady gun law confusing for officials

The Brady law is causing some confusion for local law enforcement agencies.

The law, which became effective Feb. 28, requires a five-day waiting period for and background check on prospective handgun purchasers.

The law is not a major change from the Illinois statute - which required a three-day waiting period and Firearms Owners Identification (FOID) card - but police chief Orval Kaag said some aspects of the new law are vague.

For example, Kaag said, some aspects of a person's background will be hard to verify. "The problem we've got is they're saying the person cannot have a mental problem," he said. "There's no way we can find out if somebody has a mental problem. Those health care people won't tell you anything."

Also, the questionnaire asks if the potential purchaser is addicted to drugs. "How in the (heck) are we supposed to know," Kaag asked.

Kaag said information sent from the Department of the Treasury - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms - is also unclear on how Kaag, as the chief law enforcement agent in the city, is to notify gun sellers that a potential buyer should not be allowed to purchase a gun.

No action is required if the potential buyer may purchase a gun, he said.

The law will make no difference to at least one local gun seller.

"I run a check on everybody anyway," said Jim Goodrum, Hoopeston police officer and gun seller.

The law will make little difference from the seller's standpoint. "If somebody can't wait five days for a gun, he doesn't need to buy one," he said. The extra two days "isn't that big a deal."

The law applies to federally-licensed gun sellers, but does not apply to individuals selling a gun.

Briefly...

Rossville seniors to meet

The Rossville area senior citizens will meet for a potluck dinner at noon Monday, March 14, at the Rossville Church of Christ. Freed blood pressure checks, conducted by the Vermilion County Health Department, will be offered before dinner. Pat Musk will be at the organ.

Commodities giveaway

There will be a commodities giveaway from 1-3 p.m. today at the Grant Township garage, 701 E. Orange. Those participating must have an updated blue commodities card.

Music Booster meeting

The Hoopeston Area Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the band room. All booster parents and supporters are welcome.

Preschool screenings

Children ages 3-5 may receive a free developmental screening Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church, 915 Orange. Parents should bring a record of immunization. For more information, call 283-6668.

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Court dispositions

Linda Evans, Hoopeston, status check as to payments, continued to June 2.

Allen Shumate, Rankin, 155.5 hours of public service work to be completed, continued to May 5.

Allen Bogard, Hoopeston, leaving the scene, reckless driving, uninsured, pleaded not guilty. Pretrial May 11, public defender appointed.

Darren Hasselbring, East Lynn, DUI, too fast, alcohol level .10 or more, pleaded not guilty, public defender appointed.

Jennifer Burton, Danville, court supervision returned, to pay \$138, continued.

Sharon Atchason, Hoopeston, 23 hours public service work to be completed, continued.

Jason Longfellow, Hoopeston, 165 hours of public service work to be completed, continued to April 7.

Mark McGinley, Wellington, balance of \$237 to be paid in full, continued.

Gregory Mershon, Hoopeston, status check on payments, balance due, \$452, time to pay, April 7.

Dustin Riddle, Hoopeston, 23 hours public service work to be completed, petition to revoke to be filed.

Joseph Thrasher, Hoopeston, uninsured, continued to May 5.

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Robert Brannon, Tennessee, speeding, forfeited bond.

Richard Beasley, Danville, no valid driver's license, forfeited bond.

Edward Cordova, Hoopeston, uninsured, continued.

Ramon Martinez, uninsured, illegal transportation, no valid driver's license, continued.

Aaron Williams, Rantoul, disobeying a stop sign, \$75.

Michael Anderson, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, 75 hours public service work to be completed, continued.

Police News

Marvin L. Rumble, 807 E. McNeil, reported to Hoopeston police Monday that someone damaged his camper trailer with a bb gun, causing four dents and breaking two windows on the right side. Police are investigating.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:38 a.m. Monday. A car driven by Virginia Billingsley, 625 S. Third St., struck a parked vehicle owned by the U.S. Postal Service, 314 S. Market. The accident occurred at 319 W. Elm.

Ty McMillan, 819 S. Fifth St., reported to police Monday night that someone broke out four windows at his residence. Police are investigating.

Carolyn S. Curry, 704 N. Seventh St, reported to police Tuesday that someone shot the windows on the west side of her residence with a bb gun. Police are investigating.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:35 p.m. Tuesday. A pick up truck driven by Linden L. Coffey, 716 E. Thompson, struck a car driven by C.E. "Gene" Hughes of 305 Harrison, Rossville.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

March 7, 1994

Admitted: Donna Moore and Charles Gawthorp, both of Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather

Cloudy today with a 50 percent chance of snow. High in the low to mid 30s. Tonight, snow ending. Low in the upper teens. Tomorrow, variably cloudy. High near 37, low near 24.

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