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Gov. J.B. Pritzker signs law limiting semi-auto guns, mags, Bailey says 'come take them'

Illinois on Tuesday became the ninth state to place restrictions on commonly held semi-automatic fire-

arms and magazines

Passed by the General Assembly, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the "Protect Illinois Communities Act" into effect Tuesday. The law bans the purchase, sale and manufacture of semi-automatic so-called "assault weapons" and large-capacity magazines

The law stops the sale of several common semi-automatic firearms by name or description of features and limits magazines to 10 rounds for rifles and 15 for pistol mags.

Residents who own the now-banned guns will have until January 1, 2024 to register them with the Illinois State Police, providing the make, model and serial number of the specified weapons to obtain a special

endorsement on their Firearm Owners Identification, (FOID) card. Failure to do so could result in violators facing up to three years in prison.

"For a long time now, I and many other leaders in the Illinois General Assembly have prioritized getting the most dangerous weapons off our state's streets," Pritzker said Tuesday. "Today, honoring the commitment we made, we passed one of the strongest assault weapons bans in the nation, one I will be proud to sign."

"No Illinoisan, no matter their zip code, should have to go through life fearing their loved one could be the next in an ever-growing list of victims of mass shoot-

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Double vision

Lexie Breymer, 2022 Miss Hoopeston, takes her final bow at Saturday's Hoopeston Community Awards ceremony. As she made her final remarks, pictures of events during her reign were onscreen behind her.

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From the Blotter

Police are investigating a complaint made at 5:52 a.m. Tuesday by a 51-year-old Hoopeston woman. She said someone broke the window of her car while it was parked her driveway in the 1200 block of Clover Lane.

Police are investigation two reports of theft of property under \$500 reported Tuesday.

A 42-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 5:44 p.m. that items were taken from the 500 block of North Seventh Ave.

A 57-year-old women reported at 3 p.m. that a porch pirate took packages that were delivered to her home in the 200 block of West Elm.

Court Dispositions

November 9

Randy S. Dillon, Hoopeston, failed to appear for restriction on burning trash, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing December 14.

Jessica M. Cabrales, Hoopeston, appeared for general nuisance; status hearing December 14.

Jalisa R. McGhee, Hoopeston, failed to appear for trespassing; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Carl Houser, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance, found guilty by default. He complied so fined costs only of \$80; status hearing December 14.

Tina L. Menzo, Hoopeston, appeared for two counts of general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$180 in each; status hearing December 14.

George Papametro, Rantoul, failed to appear for general nuisance, abatement order issued with per-day fine; status hearing December 14.

Kayla R. Petty, Hoopeston, failed to appear for breach of peace; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Theodore J. Cano, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Summer L. Leyva, Hoopeston, fine paid, case closed.

Jeffrey A. Davis, Hoopeston, failed to appear for theft; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Terry J. Flesher, Eureka, appeared for general nuisance. He has complied, fine paid in full, case closed.

Alaura D. Hall, Hoopeston, failed to appear for theft, new status hearing December 14.

Donald K. Allen, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance in four cases; two cases sent to state for further enforcement, status hearing in two cases set for December 14.

Briefly

Meetings

Hoopeston parks committee, 5:30 p.m. Friday, city hall. Agenda items include discussion about midget football. Full agenda and Zoom link at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

Church to hold study on 'Spiritual Gifts'

Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene is beginning a weekly study on "Spiritual Gifts" led by Pastor Tom McCann at 6 pm, Wednesday, January 11.

The Gathering

The Gathering, a monthly social get-together for Rossville residents, will be held from 1-3 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. There will be cards, coffee, dominos and snacks!

The event is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

50th anniversary

Peter and Peggy Krimbel, formerly of Hoopeston, will

Law continued from other side

ings. However, for too long people have lived in fear of being gunned down in schools, while worshipping, at celebrations or in their own front yards. This legislation will stop the spread of assault weapons, high-capacity magazines, and switches and make our state a safer place for all. I look forward to signing this bill immediately, so we can stop the sale of these deadly weapons as soon as possible."

Although the law was praised by Pritzker, pro-gun individuals and groups are gearing up to mount legal challenges to it, including some legislators.

Darren Bailey, (R-Xenia), who was unsuccessful in an attempt to unseat Pritzker, said after the bill passed that he would not comply, posting on Twitter, "I'll die on my front porch before anyone takes my guns away. My message to Springfield: If you want my guns, come get them."

Bailey and other Republican lawmakers said the law violates the Second Amendment. Bailey said he would fight the rule in court.

While not responding directly to Bailey, Pritzker said, "You don't get to choose which laws you comply with in the state of Illinois, let's be clear."

Lawmakers are not the only ones with whom Pritzker may have a problem. Many Illinois counties have declared themselves pro-Second Amendment counties.

In January 2022, Vermilion County approved, 19-4, an ordinance making it the 67th county to back the

celebrate their 50th anniversary on January 13 and would enjoy hearing from friends. Cards and well wishes may be sent to them at:

Peter and Peggy Krimbel
16054 Mission Field Rd.
Oakwood, IL 61858

Birthday open house

An open House to celebrate Irene Mauls' 90th birthday will be held from 2-5 p.m. January 14 at Chestnut Street Church of Christ, 709 E. Chestnut, Hoopeston. Please come and help Irene celebrate her 90th birthday.

Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be January 19. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

Second Amendment Preservation Act. Under it, the sheriff can enforce the ordinance to keep the federal or state government from infringing upon any lawful gun owner.

To the same extent, Iroquois County passed a resolution in 2018.

Not only do pro-Second Amendment representatives say the law is illegal, they also criticize how it was moved to a vote: incorporated into an amusement ride safety bill.

Additionally, gun supporters say the law will do nothing to increase public safety, pointing to Chicago, which has stringent gun laws, but one of the highest rates of gun violence in the nation.

The Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA) and National Rifle Association (NRA) also came out against the measure.

The new law was proposed by state Rep. Bob Morgan, (D-Deerfield) after the July 4, 2022 shooting in Highland Park, in which seven people were killed and many more injured.

Weather

Rain, breezy today. High 43. Tonight, chance of flurries. Low 29. Tomorrow, chance of flurries. High 33, low 21.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Sports

Basketball

Hoopeston Area held on to defeat Danville Schlarman, 45-37 in home court action Tuesday.

Anthony Zamora led the Cornjerkers 15 points followed by Owen Root with 13. Kendrick Sigerill had nine points, Wyatt Eisenmann four, Preston VanDeVeer three, and Ethan Steiner had one free throw.

In the JV game, HA was down by six at the half and outscored Schlarman in the fourth quarter by 14-4, ending with a final 35-30.

Dylan Judy and Brayden Walder each had 13. Cole Miller had five points, Zach Huchel and Bricyn Jones each had two.

The Cornjerkers will be in action on Friday night, hosting Uni High before jumping in the Vermillion County Basketball Tournament Saturday at DACC. Game time is 3:45 p.m.

Classifieds

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