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**Illinois sheriffs say they will not enforce state's new gun ban**

Slightly more than one-third of Illinois sheriffs have told their constituents they will not enforce the Protect Illinois Communities Act, signed into law Tuesday by Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

The law bans the purchase, sale and manufacture of semi-automatic so-called "assault weapons" and large-capacity magazines.

Iroquois County Sheriff Clinton Perzee is among sheriffs who said they will not enforce the mandate.

He, and other like-minded sheriffs, shared a letter with their residents, stating



PERZEE

that, as sheriff, part of his job is "to protect the rights provided to all of us in the Constitution. One of those enumerated rights is the right of the people to keep and bear arms under the 2nd amendment.

"I, among many others, believe that (the Protect Illinois Communities Act) is a clear violation of the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution."

In his letter, Perzee said he is fully supported by the Iroquois County Board, who passed a resolution in opposition to the act on December 13, 2022.

"Therefore, as the custodian of the jail and chief law enforcement official for Iroquois County, neither myself nor my office will be checking to ensure that lawful gun owners register their weapons with the State, nor will we be arresting or housing law abiding individuals that have been arrested solely with non-compliance of this Act," he wrote.

Other crimes committed with firearms will continue to See SHERIFFS on other side

**From the Blotter**

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 1:24 p.m. Wednesday at East Main and South Seventh St.

Police said Jessica A. Jean, 38, of Attica, Ind., in a 2014 Kia Sorento, was southbound, stopped at the intersection, continued south and struck the front driver's door of a 2013 Buick Encore, driven by Jeffery A. Keith, 60, of Hoopeston.

**Pierson D. Lazarov**, 44, of Hoopeston, was stopped by police at 9:26 p.m. Wednesday at West Honeywell and North Eighth Ave. for a violation of the city's lighting requirements ordinance for bicycles. He was also charged with disobeying police and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

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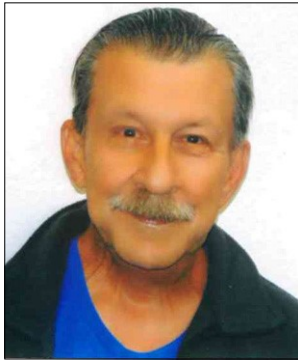
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**Wednesday:** Rib eye sandwich and Prime rib sandwich  
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## Obituaries

**ZIEMNISKY** - Paul D. Ziemnisky Sr., 75, of Cheneyville, passed away at 2:47 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. He was born April 4, 1947, in Westerly, RI, the son of Anthony W. and Mella M. (Boron) Ziemnisky. He married Patti J. Ervin on October 27, 1995, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hoopeston. She survives.



**PAUL ZIEMNISKY**

He is also survived by two sons, Paul (Cindy) Ziemnisky, Jr. of Libertyville, and Chris (Kendra) Ziemnisky of Danville; one sister, Ann (Jeff) McCrave; twin brother, Peter Ziemnisky of Providence, RI; seven grandchildren, Tayler, Christian, Addyson, Alyza, Kelsey, Jenna, and Cara; two great-grandchildren, Keatyn and Audrielle; one niece, Jessica Goins; and one nephew, Jason Blackburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Anthony.

Paul served in the United States Air Force for six years, including a tour of duty in Vietnam, where he was award-

ed the Bronze Service Star and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was a proud member of the VFW and the American Legion.

After the war, he joined the post office where he worked his way up from carrier to postmaster, ultimately spending 37 years. In his last few years, he was asked to "clean-up" troubled post offices across the state. He took pride in ensuring people received their mail on time.

Paul was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hoopeston. He was passionate about his gardening, RV travel trips, Chicago Cubs baseball, and his three cats (Blackie, Princess, and Ninja). He also enjoyed collecting stamps but most importantly, seeing and hearing about his grandchildren's ventures.

A visitation will be held 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday January 16, 2023, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will follow the visitation, beginning at 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with Father Ignatius Mulenda officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery Hoopeston.

Memorials may be made in Paul's memory to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 3033 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Paul's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

**WADE** - Randal D. Wade, 64, of Westville, formerly of Milford, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, at OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center, Danville. He will be cremated. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial service Tuesday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Milford. Burial will follow in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to Spastic Paraplegia Foundation - 1605 Goullarte Place in Fremont, CA. 94539-7241 (sp-

### *Sheriffs* continued from other side

be investigated and enforced by this Office based on the facts and circumstances of each case, he added.

Letters from sheriffs in other counties echoed the same points as Perzee's. It is believed the Illinois Sheriffs Association (ISA) provided a template for sheriffs to use.

ISA announced Wednesday that it is "extremely disappointed" that the Act was passed, "that further regulates and limits the purchase of a variety of weapons for lawful gun owners.

"The ISA has opposed this legislation throughout its development and remains opposed to the bill as passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. We, as representatives of chief law enforcement officials throughout Illinois, are very concerned and disturbed by the ongoing and escalating violence throughout our State and Country.

"We are always supportive of new tools, techniques and laws that assist us in preventing and holding accountable those that wage efforts of harm and violence on others.

"However, this new law does not do that. We will continue to advocate on behalf of Sheriffs and the law-abiding citizens throughout Illinois."

Pritzker said there will be consequences for police, counties or others who refuse to enforce the law. "They will in fact do their job or they won't be in their job," he was quoted as saying Tuesday during a press conference.

The Protect Illinois Communities Act is expected to be challenged in court.

### Weather

Chance of flurries today. High 33. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 22. Tomorrow, sunny. High 37, low 29. Sunday, partly sunny, chance of rain late. High 44, low 41.

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[foundation.org](http://foundation.org)) or the church. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).



**2023 Hoopeston FFA Alumni**  
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**AUCTION**  
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## 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](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

### 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.

### At the Library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:  
**The library will be closed** Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**Everything on the** book sale cart is free. Come grab a bag...or two!

**Littles @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and playtime for children from birth to

age 5 and their caregivers.

### Addiction recovery group

Addiction recovery group for men. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call or text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.

### Music service

Chestnut Street Church has started up its evening music service again. It will be held at 6 p.m. the third Sunday of each month. Everyone is invited.

### 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.