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Lacy joins other counties in opposing assault weapons ban

Vermilion County State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy and her counterparts from 32 other counties are joining Madison County State's Attorney Thomas A. Haine in a brief asking the Illinois Supreme court to strike down the stat's ban on certain types of weapons.

Haine is the lead attorney for the Amici Curiae ("Friend of the Court") brief requesting to overturn the so-called "assault weapons ban" the legislature passed in January during a lame duck session, which was then signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

In his brief, Haine says that Americans of good will continue to debate the merits of gun ownership, the Second Amendment ratified that law-abiding, responsible citizens the right to use arms for self-defense, and therefore, no state may prohibit an entire class of arms chosen by American society for a lawful purpose. Specifically addressing certain firearms, such as the AR-15, Haine writes that while the guns may seem strange and menacing to those who have no experience with firearms, "it is the experience of Amici as the chief law-enforcement officers of our respective counties that the typical use of such firearms is self-defense and recreation – for which they are quite well-suited – and not violent crime.

"Like all Americans, Amici are horrified by the mass shootings and urban violence our nation has experienced. These are heartbreaking reminders of how much pain and sorrow violent individuals with evil intentions can cause. As prosecutors, we go to work every day to deter such crimes, do justice for victims, put those who would do-harm to our communities behind bars and protect everyone by strengthening the justice system and the rule of law.

"It is in service to that same rule of law that we urge this Honorable Court to support all the rights enshrined in our Constitution, including the right of the people to own commonplace firearms so they can defend hearth and home and live freely with the means to secure their own ultimate safety," he wrote.

On March 3, Macon County Associate Judge Rodney

S. Forbes ruled that the ban violates the equal protection and special-legislation clauses of the Illinois Constitution. Pritzker is appealing to the Illinois Supreme Court. The ban outlaws the sale or manufacture of several firearms labeled as "assault weapons" and certain attachments for firearms, along with .50-caliber rifles and .50-caliber cartridges.

People who already own such firearms are allowed to keep them under the new law, but owners will be required to register them with the Illinois State Police by January 1, 2024.

"As the duly-elected State's Attorney of Vermilion

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Obituaries

AMOS-LANE - Patricia Amos-Lane, 75, of Rossville, passed away at 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at Terra Bella Memory Care in Spartanburg, SC. She was born April 11, 1947, in Watseka, the daughter of Mitchell Glass and Lucille (Judy) Sanislo. They preceded her in death.

She married Ronald "Butch" Amos on February 11, 1967, in Hoopeston. He preceded her in death on December 15, 2007. She later married Allen Lane in August 2009 in the Ozarks and he survives in Rossville.

She is also survived by two daughters, Amy (Trent) Rossey of Tryon, NC and Abby (Chad) Hays of Tolono, and two granddaughters, Alexa Gallagher and Norah Hays.

Patty worked in Quality Control at ConAgra Foods in Rossville, until her retirement in 2007. She loved fishing, cooking Sunday dinners, and socializing.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A visitation will be held 3 – 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. A memorial service will follow the visitation, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. No burial will be held.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Patty's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

Weapons continued from other side

County, I took an oath to seek justice and defend the Constitutional rights of all citizens of our county," Lacy said. Residents may read the brief at www.vercounty.org.

Other counties joining in the brief include Brown, Calhoun, Carroll, Clark, Clinton, Edwards, Effingham, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, Jo Daviess, Johnson, Macon, Marion, Mercer, Monroe, Ogle, Perry, Pulaski, Randolph, Schuyler, Union, Warren, Washington, Wayne and White.



PATRICIA AMOS-LANE

HOLLEN - It is with heavy hearts that the family of Betty I. (Riley) Hollen share the news of her passing, on Tuesday April 4, 2023 at the Remembrance Home in Beaver Dam, Wis., peacefully with her children by her side.

Betty was 95, born to Ray and Mabel Riley on Oct. 3, 1927 in East Lynn. She was married March 13, 1949 to Charles M. Hollen for more than 66 years and lived in Hoopeston until moving to Beaver Dam in 2003.

Betty was a member of the American Legion Post #384 Auxiliary for 61 years. She enjoyed traveling, reading, quilting, and always lunch out with the Burger Buddies.

Betty had a fulfilling life as a mother to three children: Stan (Beth) Hollen, Dade City FL, Susan Baldwin, Beaver Dam, and Steve Hollen, Hoopeston. She had eight grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. There will be a celebration of her life at a later date in Hoopeston.



BETTY HOLLEN

Court Dispositions

March 8

Robert A. Waters, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, default entered and abatement order with \$100-per-day fines issued; status hearing April 12.

Natasha D. Simonton, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance in two cases, found guilty in both, fined costs only of \$80 in each; status hearing April 12.

Ruben J. Espinoza, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restraint of dogs, found guilty by default, fined \$230; status hearing April 12.

Cody D. Hines, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for trespassing, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Arias H. Toquica, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty in two cases for dangerous dog, trial set for April 12.

Natasha R. Longest, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing April 12.

Briefly

HMA activities

Women's Morning Donut Group meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

Card group meets Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

Alley cleanup

Hoopeston alley cleanup will begin Monday, April 17, weather permitting. Cleanup is for yard waste and tree limbs only. Piles that contain plastic, concrete or other materials will not be picked up.

For those who have no alley, yard debris may be placed at curbside. Residents are asked not to place the yard waste in the gutter.

Music service returns

Chestnut Street Church of Christ, 709 E. Chestnut St., Hoopeston, is starting Sunday night music services. Come join us at 6 p.m. April 16, with special music by David Coleman & Band.

Alive Inside

Hoopeston Rotary and the Lorraine Foundation are partnering to present a community screening of *Alive Inside*, a film about people suffering with dementia and how music impacts their lives. The film will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 and 3 p.m. Saturday, April 22 at the Little Lorraine, 214 E. Main. Director Michael Rossato-Bennett will join the audience after each performance to discuss the film and answer questions.

To reserve a seat at either performance, please call (217) 283-4170 or email k.coon@dacc.edu.

From the Blotter

Jordan C. Carswell, 37, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 3:20 p.m. Monday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was released on the required bond with a new date to appear in Vermilion County Court.

Weather

Sunny today. High 79. Tonight, clear. Low 49. Tomorrow, sunny. High 78, low 52

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HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 will be accepting applications for summer cleaning crew. Applications may be picked up at the District Office and dropped off no later than April 21, 2023.

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has an opening for the following position: Substitute Cafeteria Worker (7:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m) Applications are available online at Hoopeston Area CUSD's website, www.hoopeston.k12.il.us

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The Vermilion Housing Authority in Hoopeston is hiring a Maintenance Mechanic, starting pay \$20/hr. Applications available online at www.vermillionhousing.com.

Silgan Containers is hiring Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/13293

Silgan Containers is hiring an Electrician – Industrial/Maintenance Technician. Please apply online at: silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/13392

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

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