



## Jim Butler 1935-2020.

*A selfless life well-lived helping others.*

We dedicate this issue of *GunNews* to the life and work of Jim Butler, life-long gun rights activist and long-time Sangamon County Rifle Association leader. For more, turn to page 14.

# AMERICANS GUN UP!

***Gun, ammo sales surge as Americans react to possibility of civil unrest over Coronavirus***

(GSL) - Coronavirus fears have spurred Americans to strip retailers of toilet paper, cleaning supplies and food in recent days. Americans have also lined up at gun shops to buy firearms and ammunition. This includes large numbers of first-time gun owners fear civil unrest and related panicking.

*The Los Angeles Times* reported on a crush of new gun buyers in California, even with its burdensome gun control laws. They quoted a doctor waiting in line at one store as saying, "I want to buy a handgun, I think they call it a Glock, but I'm not sure. I have a house and a family, and they'll need protection if things get worse. The fear is that civil services will break down."

*The Times* also included 39-year-old John Grove's thoughts. "Politicians and anti-gun people have been telling us for the longest time that we don't need guns. But right now, a lot of people are truly scared, and they can make that decision themselves."

Indeed. In Illinois, firearm and ammo buyers have stripped gun shops of armloads of guns and pallets of ammo.



*Shelves at an Academy Sports store.*

Todd Vandermyde reported that R-Guns in Carpentersville, IL sold *pallets* of ammo in just two days. And gun owners weren't just buying a box or three and calling it a day. "Almost everyone walked out with at least one case of ammo," Vandermyde told *GunNews*.

Of course, while ammo sales in Illinois happen immediately, gun purchasers will have to wait 72 hours to pick up their new purchases, thanks to Illinois laws.

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## April meetings cancelled

### Guns Save Life Grassroots Meetings

- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: *tentatively May 4*  
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: *tentatively May 5*  
Pontiac VFW Post 886, 531 Lincoln Ave., Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: *tentatively May 6*  
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: *tentatively May 7*  
Golden Corral, 3525 N. University, Peoria
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: *tentatively May 12*  
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: *tentatively May 14*  
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: *tentatively May 31*  
DA's Deli and Dining, 7260 West 159th Street, Orland Park, IL  
*Exhibits and conversation here at 4pm. Meeting at 5:30pm.*

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 5:30 p.m. Meetings at 7 p.m.

**>> Meetings are free and open to public. <<**

Come on out and join us. Good food, good fun and good friends.  
*Dinner is optional.*





Tom Wengel, left, won the Springfield M&P .22 Compact pistol at the Chicagoland GSL meeting. He's pictured with GSL Chicago Regional Director Alfreda Keith Keller.



Marty Towsley, second from right, answers questions about some of the snub-nosed revolvers (and a couple of other pocket guns) following the Sangamon County meeting.



Sangamon County Assistant Regional Director Kelvin Coburn with Illinois State Rifle Association Executive Director Richard Pearson at the SCGSL meeting.



## Modern Day Minuteman gear

In Revolutionary War times, a Minuteman kept his gear ready. Today, a modern day citizen soldier should also keep his gear ready. E. S. brought the gear he wore to the January 20th great Virginia gun rights rally in Richmond. Gear includes rifle, pistol, first aid kit, tourniquet, spare mags, knife, chest rig (ideally with plates like this one), a ballistic helmet, and communications.



The Bullet Trap's Dan Cooley: "Attend IGOLD!"



## The Two Kelvins

From left, 50/50 winner Bob Randolph, Kelvin Coburn, Kelvin Curtis and gun winner Lynn Wilson.



A Ruger PC9 Carbine with a number of MCARBO parts. From Pontiac.



We had a "Lifecard" .22WMR pistol at the Sangamon County GSL meeting.



## Nothing subtle here!

GSL's Alfreda Keith Keller stands shoulder-to-shoulder with ISRA Director Nikki Sanders as Sanders urged participation in the IGOLD event in Springfield.



The Well Armed Woman's Janet Broadhacker speaks at the GSL Decatur meeting.



## Winners!

From left, John Grubb won the 50/50 in Charleston, Nick Turner won the SCCY 9mm, Bill Harrison and Jack Turner (dad of Nick) who won a roll of toilet paper - some might say it's the most valuable prize awarded. It's a "double roll" too!



A blown-up Glock from Charleston. A double-powder charged reloaded cartridge was to blame. Avoid unknown reloads.



A big crowd in Springfield at SCHEELS listens to Kelvin Curtis from NRA-ILA.



Kelvin Curtis, NRA-ILA Frontlines Grass-roots Field Coordinator poses with James Thompson who won the ATI "social" shotgun at the Pontiac GSL meeting. Our thanks to Stock and Field.



# April GSL meetings CANCELLED

While the Chinese Wuhan Flu / Coronavirus shares many similarities with the traditional influenza virus common in America, we have learned that the Chinese WuFlu is extremely contagious and it may lead to permanently reduced lung function among those afflicted.

Also, among those tested positive as of this writing, about 15% of those infected will require in-patient hospitalization and a third of those will require ICU care.

Older Americans and those with underlying pulmonary health issues are at high risk of death from a secondary pneumonia infection.

With that in mind, to help ensure the health and safety of our members and guests, the GSL

Board of Directors has canceled all grassroots meetings through May 1st.



Furthermore, we are taking steps to help ensure everyone's safety once we resume our monthly meetings.



**If you feel ill, stay home.**

We ask that you use common sense and...

- **If you have travelled internationally, or been around anyone who has, stay away for at least two weeks.**
- **If you've been tested positive for any flu, stay away for two weeks.**
- **As always, if you feel sick or are running a fever, stay home until you feel better.**
- **If you have a sore throat, stay home!**

Practice good hygiene and use common sense to protect yourself from Wuhan Flu virus, just as you would protect yourself from the "American" Influenza virus.

**We will post any additional cancellations and other important information on the Guns Save Life website.**



## April 1st IGOLD CANCELLED

(GSL) - The Illinois Secretary of State cancelled all organized group events at the Illinois State Capitol because of the Chinese Wuhan virus.

That means the April 1 Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day has been cancelled. The ISRA has a date in May for a rescheduled event, but with more and more information about

Coronavirus coming out, that looks iffy at best.

Watch the GunsSaveLife.com website, along with the ISRA.org website for updates.

## GSL MEETING SUMMARIES

### Chicagoland.

Our **Chicagoland Regional Director Alfreda Keith Keller** called the meeting to order at **DA's Deli and Dining in Orland Park**.

She brought cupcakes to not only celebrate her birthday month but to recognize how we are also coming up on the **6th Anniversary of GSL Chicagoland**. Happy birthday Alfreda and happy anniversary for GSL Chicago!

We welcomed newcomers and Alfreda had the veterans stand and identify themselves as well. All received a round of applause.

**Eric Teague** from **US Law Shield** gave an abbreviated presentation on the self-defense legal defense program. **John Griffin** joined him. Teague reiterated that US Law Shield covers Red Flag hearings and their Illinois legal team is working on at least a couple of those right now. Including

one where the order was thrown out but they've had to fight in court for return of the firearms.

Reminder: Guns Save Life members get an exclusive deal to skip sign up fees with US Law Shield.

We had **Orland Fire Protection District EMS administrator Lt. Mark Duke** join us as our main speaker.

Mark Duke saluted GSL's work defending good peoples' right to defend themselves including our work educating gun owners and non-gun owners alike.

He noted how Orland Fire is doing much the same when it comes to medical training and education for everyday people.



Eric Teague.



Lt. Mark Duke.

Even better, the Orland Fire Protection District has NO residency requirements for those wishing to take advantage of these offerings including both **CPR** and **Stop the Bleed** classes offered monthly or close to it.

Their programs are saving lives too. The cardiac event survival rate in Orland Park is one of the nation's highest at roughly 65%. Compare that to single digits for many cities. Including near zero in some communities not so long ago (*cough* Detroit *cough*). Even ten years ago, Chicago's cardiac survival rate hovered at all of three percent, although they are improving.

Orland even sponsors a survivor's dinner to celebrate their community's cardiac saves and those heroes who saved lives. Something like 18 survivors attended last year with their families, he noted.

When Mark took questions, one person asked him what he was doing or would do for his family to protect them from the **Coronavirus** outbreak should it start spreading here in America.

He indicated that instead of worrying too much about the Coronavirus, which is mostly in China at this point, we should get people worrying about this year's flu virus. It's killed between 20,000 and 30,000 people already.

His message was to address the immediate threat: get your flu shot, practice good hand sanitation practices, and get your rest. If you catch the flu, watch for potential complications and seek medical treatment if you detect complications before it's too late.

*[Editor: Since then, new information has come to light showing that the Coronavirus is much more serious than Influenza.]*

For **Tech Time**, **John Boch** brought a bunch of borrowed revolvers, mostly snub-nosed guns. See elsewhere in *GunNews* for a recap.

**Illinois State Rifle Association Director Nikki Sanders** spoke briefly, reminding everyone of the importance of the **Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day on April 1st** (*since cancelled*).

**Mary Woods** won the 50/50 and **Tom Wengel** won the **S&W M&P .22 Compact pistol**, provided by **Rink's**.

The next month we have a meeting (May 31st), we have either a **Ruger Wrangler** or a **Ruger SR9c**, along with some great door prizes (including range passes) for **Eagle Sports Complex** just down the road from our Chicagoland meeting locations.



### Sangamon County.

**Sangamon County's Assistant Regional Director Kelvin Coburn** opened our meeting at **SCHEELS** with the Pledge, followed by recognition of veterans and newcomers along with first responders.

**John Boch** offered his **Executive Director's notes and analysis**.

Guns Save Life welcomed the **Illinois State Rifle Association's Executive Director Richard Pearson** as our main speaker for the night.

Mr. Pearson urged everyone to attend the upcoming **Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day** and he brought some flyers about the event to post and circulate.

He noted how the ISRA is tracking 259 gun bills, and rattled off a list of ISRA-involved lawsuits, some of which have lingered in courts for over 12 years.

In better news, **Mike Huber** has been hired by ISRA as their **Northern Illinois Executive Director**.

The **NRA-ILA Frontlines Grassroots Field Coordinator Kelvin Curtis** addressed the audience. He offered an update on his successes building relationships with groups and organizations since he last visited.

He also noted that he planned to spend the last two weeks of March in Chicagoland, further building relationships there especially among minority communities.

Later in his presentation, Curtis offered some **simple tips for more effective lobbying**. Frankly, one of the best things to do is to build a relationship with the legislative aide serving the legislator you wish to reach. These aides serve as the gatekeepers in terms of scheduling and information about when best to reach or meet the elected official.

Furthermore, don't just tell them to support the Second Amendment, but tell them why in personal terms. For instance, for SB-1966, tell the Senator to oppose 1966 and any other bill that would require you to submit to fingerprinting to exercise a fundamental right. Or, something like, "I shouldn't have to make my kids submit fingerprints just to shoot a gun."

Be polite as well, not a raving lunatic. Furthermore, don't get all animated and don't waste their time. And remember, constituent contacts mean a great deal to legislators... "more than even a visit from an NRA lobbyist," Curtis noted.

GSL's own **Kelvin Coburn** offered his own thoughts on activism and lobbying, dovetailing on the other Kelvin's comments.

"Stop getting sucked into emotional arguments," he warned. At the same time, gun owners must get off the couch and involved, much as gun owners in Virginia did. KC recommended maintaining an objectively optimistic outlook, as compared to a cynical pessimist appearance.

**John Boch** and **Marty Towsley** teamed up to bring a nice collection of small-frame revolvers. Mr. Boch discussed how snub-nosed revolvers really shine in certain applications and should not be dismissed for personal defense.

We then held our drawings. **Bob Randolph** won the 50/50 and **Lynn Wilson**

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# Unprecedented

by John Boch  
GSL Executive Director

My, how a couple of weeks can completely reshape life in America in unprecedented ways.

We at GSL have looked at this threat of the **Coronavirus** (CV).



John Boch.

Based upon the latest information available, GSL's board cancelled all of our grassroots meetings through May 1st. And frankly, May's meetings look iffy at best now.



Several points weighed heavily in our decision:

- \* the *highly* contagious nature of the disease, coupled with its long, virtually asymptomatic latent period.
- \* how even those who "recover" from the virus often suffer permanently reduced lung capacity.
- \* an estimated 15% of those who catch the virus will require hospitalization for treatment of secondary pneumonia infections - and almost a third of those will require intensive care unit care to survive.
- \* a high mortality rate for those over 60, and even higher for those over 70 and those with underlying pulmonary health issues.

**Furthermore, if things get really bad and mandatory at-home quarantines are announced, we may scale back circulation of Gun-News to just members.**

That's just another reason to join today if you're not already a member to get the latest Second Amendment news and information.

**Watch the GunsSaveLife.com website for updates on virtual meetings and so forth.**

In the meantime, I urge our members to hunker down as much as possible, minimizing their exposure to large groups of people. Stay safe and stay healthy.

And yes, while you're voluntarily (or not so voluntarily) quarantined at home, you can still write to your elected officials!

### LEGISLATIVE

The Land of Lincoln's legislature is working on a couple of key measures they need to pass - or they lose billions in federal funds. Leadership is meeting via phone to try to hammer something out. And just today (Monday, March 16), **Speaker Michael Madigan** sent an e-mail to the Democrat caucus telling them he will not call them back into session unless it's an emergency.

Don't be surprised if the General Assembly building doesn't get locked down to visitors. Congress has already done so in Washington.

Thankfully for our primary issue, the Coronavirus has sucked all of the oxygen out of the room. Save Kathleen Willis and a few other hard-core radicals, *nobody's* talking about gun control.



Well, not at the state capital. However, the **City of Champaign** passed an emergency powers ordinance that gives the mayor of that city the power to ban firearms and ammo sales and transfers. Along with a bunch of other autocratic, dictatorial powers.

They continue to get a LOT of push back and negative feedback from across America. As they should.

The idea that some mayor of a small town can deprive its residents of their fundamental constitutional rights doesn't epitomize good governance.

When I called and talked with the Champaign City Manager's assistant, she tried valiantly to tell me this had nothing to do with the

Coronavirus and that they would never use those powers they granted themselves. Illegally, by the way.

Yes, just because they pass an ordinance doesn't mean it's legal. The question, however, is how many Champaign City cops will honor their oath and tell the mayor to get bent if she tries implementing her so-called emergency authority.

Or will they do her bidding on things like banning law-abiding residents from acquiring a gun to defend themselves from attack? Or that residents can't give a can of gas to their neighbors to run a generator? Or for someone to burn some trash (or fire up a cigar) within two miles outside the Champaign city limits?



If push comes to shove, **Mayor "Little Debbie" Frank-Feinen** might have to pick up one of Champaign PD's rifles and enforce her own damn ordinance if she wants it to stand.

History has shown that brutal dictators don't fare well personally when oppressed peoples decide they've had enough tyranny in their lives.

Everything else from this past month pretty much got swept out of everyone's consciousness thanks to CV.

Blago got out of prison and someone asked if he maybe cooperated with Department of Justice investigators to help facilitate that commutation of his sentence. That would explain the two body guards seen in a video at a press briefing outside his home.

Add to that the affordable bail disaster in Chicago. A lot of bad guys there get released only to re-offend, even killing people, while they wait for their initial cases to resolve. It's "*Chicago Justice*."

Until May (or June) - stay safe, my friends. May God bless America.

## Feds nab Central Illinois gunshop smash & grab artists

**Peoria, IL (US Attorney)** - Two Peoria, Ill., men appeared in federal court in Peoria today following their arrests on charges that allege they have stolen 53 guns from Central Illinois licensed firearms dealers since Christmas Day 2019. Terrence M. Daniels, 19, and James D. Woolfolk, 20, both of Peoria, are charged in the burglary of six licensed firearms dealers in five counties.

As alleged in the affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, Daniels and Woolfolk burglarized and stole guns from licensed firearms dealers in the Illinois counties of Tazewell, Woodford, Logan, McLean, and Bureau, as follows:

- Dec. 25, 2019: **Midwestern Firearms Company**, 829 E. Camp St., East Peoria. Police were alerted at approximately 3:20 a.m. Ten firearms were stolen;
- Feb. 23, 2020: **Midwestern Firearms Company**, 829 E. Camp St., East Peoria. Police were alerted at approximately 2:08 a.m. Six firearms were stolen;
- Feb. 27: **Freedom Sports Shop**, 146 W. Front St., El Paso. Police were dispatched at approximately 12:25 a.m.; however, no firearms were stolen;
- Feb. 27: **Pekin Gun and Sporting Goods**, 281 Derby St., Pekin. Police were dispatched at approximately 1:40 a.m. 13 firearms were stolen;
- Feb. 27: **Tactical Bunker**, 127 S. Sangamon St., Lincoln. Police were dispatched when the business owner

arrived to find that the business had been burglarized. Six firearms were stolen;

- Feb. 29: **Guns and Glory**, 117 E. Center St., LeRoy. Police were dispatched at approximately 1:39 a.m. Nine firearms were stolen; and,
- March 4: **LZ Resale**, 120 E. St. Paul St., Spring Valley. Police were dispatched at approximately 1:31 a.m. Nine firearms were stolen.

The affidavit alleges that in each instance, officers arrived to find the front door glass broken and firearms removed from broken glass display cases. In several of the instances, agents reviewed surveillance footage of the burglaries.



Surveillance footage from the LeRoy store burglary.

**Public defender shoots man attacking, biting him on face and head**

## Self-defense in Central Illinois

**Delavan, IL (WJBC)** - Tazewell County Coroner Charles Hanley has released the name of the man who was shot and killed on a Delavan man's property Thursday night [February 27].



Scene of the attack. Image via WHOI ABC.

Daniel Williamson, 41, of rural San Jose was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the coroner.

Tazewell County Sheriff Jefferey Lower said Luke Taylor, 54, was the homeowner who shot Williamson.

Authorities said Taylor heard someone yelling outside his home on Boynton Road. Police said an investigation revealed that Williamson was the person yelling and he threatened Taylor and bit him on the face and head. It was after that Taylor shot Williamson in self-defense, according to police.



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# ILLINOIS NEWS

## Champaign, IL passes sweeping 'Emergency Powers' ordinance including power to ban gun, ammo sales

(GSL/TTAG) - Under a dubious, less than 18 hours' notice, the Champaign city council passed an emergency powers ordinance early Friday, March 13th. Mayor Deborah Frank-Feinen then promptly signed it into law.



The ordinance grants sweeping, Martial law-like powers to the mayor, including the ability to order a ban on selling, transferring, or even giving away firearms or ammunition.

Yes, some would-be tin-horn dictators at the home of the University of Illinois think they can suspend citizens', students', and visitors' Second Amendment rights on the whim of a small town mayor during a national emergency.

But wait, there's much, *much* more.

The measure gives the mayor the power to:

\* **Order the closure of all liquor stores, taverns and private clubs.**

\* **Ban all alcohol sales** by any wholesaler or retailer.

\* **Ban the sale of fuels** except to fill motor vehicles. *Need gas for your generator? Sorry.*

\* **Ration and institute price controls** on fuel, clothing and other commodities.

Because price controls and rationing have worked so well in places like Venezuela!

\* **Take possession of any real or personal property of any person, or to acquire full title** of any real estate.

It even gives the mayor power to reallocate your clothing and canned goods and give them away to her friends!

Now just because the Champaign City Council passed a measure doesn't mean it will withstand a legal challenge. Other aspects of this ordinance violates other black letter law in Illinois as well, specifically the Open Meetings Act.

But tyrants ignore the rule of law. And would-be tyrants position themselves just

the same.

How many Champaign Police Officers will honor their oaths and tell the mayor to get bent if she tries to implement this ordinance and infringe on the rights of residents?

Will Mayor "Little Debbie" Frank-Feinen have to (illegally) pick up one of the Champaign PD's rifles and enforce her decrees if she wants to see them stand?

Plenty of us would pay good money to see that happen.

The Second Amendment exists to stop petty tyrants like Little Debbie from abusing and oppressing our fellow Americans. If the government officials won't live by the rule of law, America's gun owners will help maintain constitutional law and order.

Since the meeting, the city and its leaders have faced an avalanche of angry calls from across the nation. They've released statement after statement claiming the ordinance doesn't mean what it says.

Time will tell if they rescind the ordinance. Either way, they should be tarred and feathered.

Elgin says "Hold our beer and watch this!"

## City of Elgin claims mayor can suspend the Second Amendment in public

(GSL) - Elgin Mayor David Kaptain signed a "Proclamation of Emergency" Friday, March 13th. While it looks fairly innocuous on the surface, a quick look at the city ordinances reveals that the City of Elgin claims the power to deny the Second Amendment in its entirety in public during emergencies.

### 2.76.040: MAYOR'S POWER DURING EMERGENCY

**L. The power to prohibit the sale, carrying or possession of any weapons or explosives of any kind on public streets or public places.**

Nevermind how Illinois law expressly preempts local municipalities from such regulations. Specifically:

### 430 ILCS 66/90

**Sec. 90. Preemption.** *The regulation, licensing, possession, registration, and transportation of handguns and ammunition for handguns by licensees are exclusive powers and functions of the State. Any ordinance or regulation, or portion thereof, enacted on or before the effective date of this Act that purports to impose regulations or restrictions on licensees or handguns and ammunition for handguns in a manner inconsistent with this Act shall be invalid in its application to licensees under this Act on the effective date of this Act.*

## Illinois sheriffs' group opposes ending cash bail system

Springfield, IL (*The Center Square*) - Illinois lawmakers may soon take up more criminal justice measures, including plans to change or end the state's cash bail system, a proposal that has divided Democrats and Republicans in the General Assembly.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker said criminal justice reforms would be a top priority for this legislative session in his State of the State speech in January. This week, people from across the state came to Springfield to talk to lawmakers about ending the cash bail system. In Illinois, judges are supposed to set bail for criminal defendants based on more than 20 factors including the likeli-

hood the person will return to court and the risk he or she poses to the public if released before trial.

State Rep. Carol Ammons, D-Urbana, said the presumption of innocence should drive the process.

"In many cases we have people sitting in county jails, 80- or 90-percent of them, who just can't get out for a small amount of bail that you and I probably could afford, but other people who are indigent or low income cannot afford that," Ammons said.

State Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, said decisions about pre-trial cash bail should be left to the discre-

tion of judges rather than a blanket mandate from the legislature, despite findings from multiple studies.

"Academics can study, I'm talking about reality, alright," Rose said. "The reality is New York City tried this and it put some really bad people on the streets and crime went up. End of story. Bad idea."

Illinois Sheriffs' Association Executive Director Jim Kaitschuk said from what he hears from members "there must be a gold mine in the jail" because people seem to always come up with bail money. He said the issue of bail should be left to judges.



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Isn't it funny how fingerprinting a FOID card holder in Mount Vernon supposedly makes Illinois safer, but insisting on little or no bail for violent criminal offenders does not?

## FROM THE HIP: It's like this...



by Dominic "Nick" Visione

### Thoughts while shaving...

First off, for readers who are long in the tooth like yours truly, and grew up with the *La Salle Daily News-Tribune* during the 60's and 70's, the header may look familiar. You are not mistaken.

One of their staff columnists, John Barron sometimes had a sub-head under his "It's like this" column entitled, "thoughts while shaving." As a young buck, I thought that was right on point because it was easy to imagine. Sometimes my own dad would think out loud and go over his itinerary for the day - while shaving. Clearly, the great line resonated as immediately identifiable to me and surely countless others. So here is my homage to an early journalistic influence of mine, Mr. John Barron, RIP. And thanks for letting a kid hang out in your office to ask you a million questions during the summer back in the day.

### Is the Safety On?

Every now and then you see or hear someone that says things that are so far off the deep end your jaw drops. Sometimes with people like that, I think to myself, "If I could just sit down and have lunch with them, I could get them to see the light." Yes, I've been called worse than delusional at times.

But even I have limits. Some, I write off as beyond any capacity for rational thought. And in State Rep. Kathleen Willis' case, that means no free lunch for her either.

She comes off as irrational, uninformed (maybe unwashed) and illogical, but it pays really well! Since April 14, 2017, she has raked in \$590,688.77 in campaign donations - much of it from a Michael Madigan's front group, according to Illinois Sunshine figures. Sure beats her old librarian income, right?

How bad is Kathleen Willis on civil liberties? Well, she advocated fingerprinting everyone in Illinois if it would make the state safer.

Full stop. So are we supposed to welcome any and all intrusions into our civil liberties under the guise of "safety?"

So, where do you draw that line, Kathleen? The short answer: she doesn't. Frankly, her lines are drawn by Mike #1 (Madigan) and Mike #2 (Bloomberg).

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If it sounds crazy, it is. Social justice only applies to armed felons and career criminals, not us downstate hayseeds, who have never had red lights in our rearview mirror.

### Union "Do"s

In recent days, a gun owner union worker politely asked Joe Biden about Biden's support for gun control.

Without rehashing the entire incident, Joe acted like an Aricept [Editor: a cognition-enhancing medication] candidate.

Now, substantial numbers of union members own guns. At the same time, I personally know a bunch of union members who always voted Democrat over the years.

To a person, they privately act dismissive of the donkey party's gun control platform. And sadly, the Democrat's affection for gun control didn't really get discussed at union meetings.

So why have gun owning union members started pressing discussions on gun control today? Could it be the red-hot economy? Or maybe the senseless crime facilitated by radical bail reforms, inconsistent prosecutions and local officials literally shielding illegal alien criminals from deportation?

Union member families are victimized by these criminals just like everyone else. And plenty of them are tired of catch and release when it comes to violent criminals. At the same time, they are equally frustrated with politicians that blame them - the productive good guys - for violence on our streets.

For years, some of us have advocated that the working men and women of local unions need to question their leadership on why hard earned dues money is going to candidates like Joe Biden and J.B. Pritzker that advocate for criminals while attacking law-abiding gun owners.

I'd bet Joe Biden would sing from an entirely different hymnal if unions backed candidates based upon their past records supporting civil rights and pro-growth economic policies (not necessarily in that order), instead of empty pledges and promises made every four years - along with support for one-sided trade deals that sent American jobs overseas.

In fact, Biden's gun control talk probably wouldn't last as long as a bucket of chicken in Kathleen Willis' office if organized labor held him accountable for unkept past pledges and promises.



Follow up...

## Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center opens Veterans Family Renaissance facility in Springfield, IL



[Editor: In February, GSL hosted Penny Harris-Powell, the director of the Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center. After hearing about the organization's work helping to reintegrate homeless veterans into productive lives, we passed the hat and sent her back with \$600 towards helping veterans. Here's a follow-up story from the State Journal-Register.]

Springfield, IL (State Journal-Register) - Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center officers and

Springfield City officials cut the ribbon Tuesday on the city's first and downstate's only permanent supportive housing for homeless female veterans and homeless veteran families.

Veterans Family Renaissance occupies the former Dockson Plaza, 1520 N. Seventh St., built in 1993 to house students from then-Springfield College in Illinois and later Benedictine University...

The property includes eight two-bedroom units

and a single-bedroom unit that will house the property manager. It will eventually include a laundry facility, fencing and a security system, said Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center Director Penny Harris-Powell.

...According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, about 9 percent of homeless veterans are female. In all, about 11% of the adult homeless population are veterans.

"To have homeless veterans ... is just wrong in every sense imaginable," Harris-Powell said. "When they come to us, they are broken. They are worn down. They've lost contact with their families, possibly their children. They may have substance abuse issues, mental health issues, physical disabilities."



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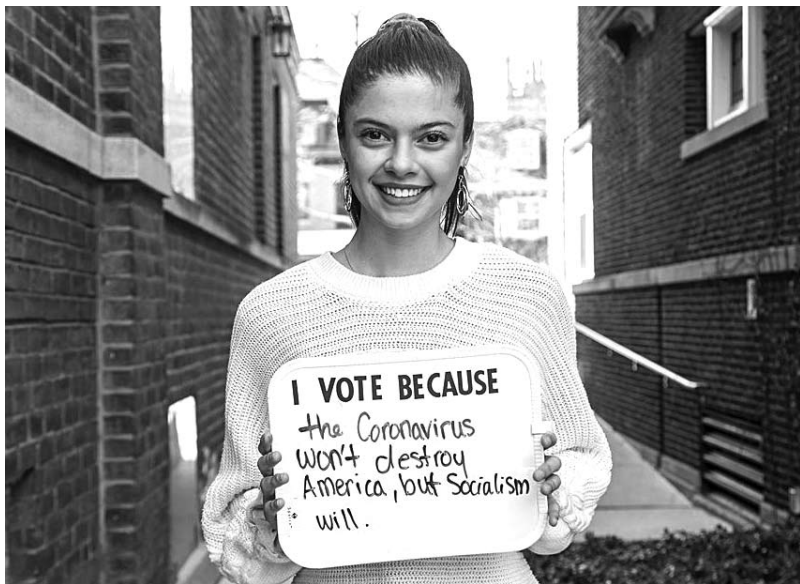
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## Threats of physical violence meet student at U of Chicago

*Chicago (Chicago Maroon)* - Last week I was asked by the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics (IOP) to participate in a digital initiative, called "I vote because..." where students pose with a small white board stating their personal reasons for voting. Some examples included "Medicare for All," "Universal health care shouldn't be considered a radical idea," and "Children shouldn't be kept in cages." I wrote, "I vote because the coronavirus won't destroy America, but socialism will."

As a conservative Hispanic woman, I am accustomed to being in the minority opinion, especially on a liberal college campus. I am a proponent of free speech, and I hoped my white board message might even encourage a lively and robust debate on economics. However, I was naïvely unprepared for the onslaught of online hate and threats of violence I received.

Fellow students attacked my character, my intellect, my family, my appearance, and even threatened me with physical violence, using foul and offensive language. I was called a racist and a xenophobe. Some compared me to animals. Others declared that they would personally stop me from voting, and many defended the personal attacks, saying I deserved to be bullied and that I don't belong at the University of Chicago on account of my beliefs. I was told by many that I was the most hated person on campus. It was frightening. It was also hurtful, since some of the attacks came from people I considered friends.

The fact is, as awful as the coronavirus is, killing a total of 12 people nationwide and over 3,000 globally, its number of victims pales in comparison to the tens of millions of people who have died at the hands of socialism and communism. If our education system was more honest, the online trolls would know that. I do, however, give them credit for knowing the tactics of the ideology they espouse and hope to introduce to America via Bernie Sanders's presidential candidacy. One UChicago Crushes commenter declared that I was entitled "to a brick wall," demanding I "support a movement [socialism] that eliminates violence on a systemic level or face the consequences. No sympathy. Sorry." In other words, I deserve to be executed for fearing socialism more than the coronavirus.

As of writing this opinion, the administration and the IOP have not come to my defense, nor have they condemned the intolerance and violence students have directed toward me. It is not hard to imagine what sort of actions they would be taking if an LGBTQ+ or Muslim student faced similar threats or experienced this sort of intolerance on campus. When a young Hispanic woman joins a fun "get out and vote" initiative and receives this level of social shaming, deeply personal attacks, and threats of violence, conservative students get the message: There is a price to pay for daring to speak your mind or questioning the liberal orthodoxy on campus.

This University-endorsed intolerance is why so many students self-censor and some, sadly, simply give up questioning and thinking for themselves. The path of least resistance is to join the campus groupthink. I believe our university is poorer for this...

If faculty and fellow students disagree with any of my opinions, I am happy to hear it. In fact, I encourage it. My hope is that this sad episode leads to serious reflection on the value of civility when we do debate and disagree. I hope it will also draw attention to the importance of intellectual and political diversity on campus and in classrooms. Hiding behind accusations of "xenophobia" and "racism" to silence a discussion on the virtues of capitalism vs. socialism is unproductive and intellectually dishonest. Shaming or socially ostracizing people who have sincere but different points of view is the opposite of tolerance. Our country and our politics are already so polarized. The University of Chicago needs to live up to its own standards and set an example of civility, diversity, and tolerance during these hyper-partisan times.

# HOW TO MAXIMIZE your activism's effectiveness

NRA-ILA Frontlines Grass-roots Field Coordinator Kelvin Curtis spoke at several of our meetings on how to increase your effectiveness as an activist. After all, we all only have some much time and energy. Maximizing one's effectiveness, through more efficient individual actions or leveraging our actions to reach more people help us achieve a greater impact.

What can we do as individuals? You can talk with your friends, neighbors and co-workers. That's a form of one-on-one advocacy.

Alternatively, you can call, write or meet with your local legislators. Constituent contacts make a real impact upon legislators. In fact, a constituent contact is easily as effective as a lobbyist contact. And obviously, your goal is to influence their votes to achieve great results for your efforts.

Try to meet with them when they are in their local offices. Dress nicely, have some talking points in mind, use clear and concise wording and be polite. Be honest and admit if you don't know the answer to a question. Also, make your point personal instead of relying solely on stock talking points.

Respect their time and consider a *short* "leave behind" summary of your points for the politician to reference later. Short as in a few lines, not a few pages.

If appropriate, offer yourself as a subject matter expert on guns for them to lean on if they have questions down the road.



Thank the politician for their time and consider sending a short follow-up letter revisiting one or two of your main points (like the "leave behind") and thank them again for meeting with you.



Kelvin Curtis.

Want to make a bigger, better impression on them? Offer to run petitions for them ahead of the next election. Offer to march with them in a couple of parades. Pols always like to have lots of supporters marching with their parade entries; it creates the perception of popularity.

Or volunteer to help with their campaigns in other ways - making calls, knocking on doors, etc. But don't volunteer and fail to follow through!

To influence lots of everyday people in a single act, you can submit short letters to your local newspaper. *[Or submit your writing to Guns Save Life for publication!]*

Smaller newspapers often eager to publish letters to the editor. Larger newspapers require better writing, but it can be done.

For those just starting out, one great way to reach more people and improve your writing skills is through social media posts. Keep them short and sweet for today's "Twitter"-like short-attention spans. "Too long; didn't read" is a real thing, folks.


Regardless of the avenue you chose, be polite, professional and courteous. Speak or write clearly and concisely. Use some of those strategies from the Guns Save Life posted story entitled, "**Words Have Meaning**" on the [gunsavelife.com](http://gunsavelife.com) website.

Don't be rude, threatening, self-righteous, overbearing, or make exaggerated or untrue claims. Don't claim power you don't have. Passionate is good. Lunatic? Not so much.

Other rookie mistakes? Don't offer campaign contributions or remind them of your past contributions when meeting with them.

Remember, even though you may not have formal training in lobbying, as a constituent, you have a very influential voice with your State Representative or Senator.

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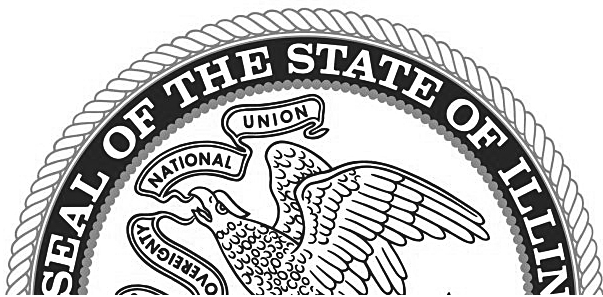


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## How to file Illinois General Assembly Witness Slips

In the Illinois General Assembly, bills under consideration first go through a committee hearing. While lobbyists working the capitol will sometimes enter oral testimony, they also often submit written position statements on "Witness slips." Now you too can enter your support or opposition electronically through "Witness Slips".

Legislators keep an eye on these slips to gauge a bill's controversy (or lack thereof) along with a snapshot of public support or opposition. Sometimes legislators without a strong opinion will vote with the side that has the greatest engagement - and that will offer them the least static.

Remember, scarce few people are involved influencing politicians in Springfield - so when you participate, your influence gets magnified dramatically.



Slips can be filed for both the Illinois House and Senate committee hearings until the hearing begins.

These witness slips have proven effective for our side in the past. So much so, in fact, that the other side has begun encouraging people from across the nation to file slips in support of gun control ahead of these hearings.

Here's a quick and dirty tutorial on how to file witness slips. This can be done from these magic glowing boxes everyone carries in their pockets now (smart phones), or from tablets or more traditional computers. All you need is an internet connection, an email account and about a minute or two of time once you have done it a few times.

Get you friends and family to participate as well. That's right: Each and every member of your household may file a slip! Let your family members become force multipliers for the cause of freedom. Make submitting witness slips something fun that everyone can share doing together.

### First step for witness slip submission: Register.

**First, register an account at my.ilga.gov.** You'll need an email address and a password. Email accounts are free from gmail.com or a host of other providers.

If you struggle with this, get the kids or grandkids to help you. They'll get you through this in nothing flat.

#### Next: Complete profile.

Next, after verifying your email address, return to my.ilga.gov and login. The login button is in the upper right hand corner. Once you've logged in, click "update profile"

Enter the usual information. At the bottom of the page, you will get three additional questions.

**For organization, put "not applicable"** unless you serve in leadership for your club or organization. **Firm/Business or Agency:** **For this one, enter "self" or "myself"** or some variation if you don't have your own business.

**Lastly, "Representation:"** Once again, enter **"self" or "myself"**. There is no need to misrepresent yourself. If you are not designated and authorized to represent a group in an official capacity, please do not say that you do. This goes double if you have a government job. Just because you work for the Secretary of State's office doesn't mean you speak for Jesse White.

Also, just because you are a member of the National Rifle Association doesn't mean that you represent the NRA.

#### Submitting slips.

But how will I know which bills to put in a slip for? **Easy. We'll tell you.** (We'll even give you links to click on to make it really easy!) And if you've logged into your account on the my.ilga.gov website, it will automatically fill out your personal information on the witness slips for you, saving you time and effort!

We'll also tell you to tag "Proponent", "Opponent" or "No Position" on the bills. And unless you wish to provide oral testimony in person, click "Record of Appearance only".

Then click "submit". Done. That was easy.

#### Watch for alerts.

Watch the Guns Save Life website (gunsavelifelife.com) for alerts or calls for witness slips once the fast-moving session gets started in earnest. While dozens or even scores of gun bills may be under consideration at any given time, we pick the ones where slips will make the most difference.

For a complete list of bills, the people over at IllinoisCarry.com do a fantastic job detailing them exhaustively. They often have many more bills where you can submit witness slips if you have more spare time.

If you're already online, **once you're registered, it is only a matter of a few clicks to fill out the slip and submit it.** Trust us, we'll make it easy for you.



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*Proven platform not only still works for personal defense, but in fact it really shines in certain applications*

## Snub-nose for self-defense

John Boch spoke to the virtues of snub-nosed revolvers for self-defense at some of the GSL meetings. While so many prefer the sexy semi-auto pistol today, revolvers still provide ample ability for personal defense. What's more, they shine in certain applications where semi-auto pistols fail.

Wheel guns make a better choice for brand new shooters as well as those who aren't going to practice. Loading and unloading is simpler, and it's easy to tell if the gun is unloaded.

Revolvers very rarely have malfunctions, but when they do, the malfunction clearing drill is so simple and easy to remember -- pull the trigger again. Far simpler than the choreography required to get a semi-auto back into action.

Boch cited the common misconception about inaccuracy of snub-nosed revolvers. "You can only hit someone in an elevator," say the naysayers. "If that's the case, then it's the user, not the gun."



Boch said he's won more than one \$20 bill from doubters who think there's no way a guy can hit a milk jug at 100 yards with at least one shot out of five with a Ruger SP-101 snub-nose. "Sometimes I'll get two hits," Boch said. "It's all about the basics: grip, stance, sight alignment and trigger squeeze."



Other skeptics of revolvers worry about ammunition capacity. If you practice decent situational awareness, you'll never need your handgun for self-defense.

However, even if everything else fails, the majority of

gunfights are over in three rounds and three seconds. In these scenarios, a small revolver will perform more than adequately.

Given how the majority of defensive shootings happen at three yards or less, it's worth noting that revolvers will always fire when jammed into the body of an attacker, where a semi-auto slide might be pushed out of battery in the same scenario, rendering the gun unable to fire.

But where the snub-nosed revolver really shines over a semi-auto is purse and jacket pocket carry.

"If things seem like they're heading sideways, you can reach inside your pocket and grip your pistol and nobody's got a clue."

Ladies, the same applies for purse carry. A woman with her hand gripping her pistol and her support hand over the firing hand wrist from outside the purse looks a lot like a woman simply clutching her purse.

If a bad guy walks up and presents a knife or a gun

and demands your purse or your life, you can shoot through the purse and give your assailant the surprise of his life. Yeah, you'll wreck your \$100 purse, but the look on the bad guy's face at the surprise of getting shot will be "priceless."



Women can also employ pocket carry in a jacket. It simply looks like you're keeping your hand warm, but if someone pops out as you're walking your dog (or just walking), you have the option of surprising a would-be rapist or robber with some ballistic therapy.

Boch said he prefers the hammerless (sometimes called concealed hammer) snubbies for carry because of the comfort factor, because hammer spurs can sometimes poke you in tummy or side, depending on where you carry.

Just like semi-autos, you should test fire a box or two of your carry ammunition before trusting your life to that gun/ammunition combination. Some of the exotic metal, ultra-light-weight snubbies, when fired, can literally start to pull the bullets out of the remaining cartridges. If "pulled" far enough, the projectiles will stick out past the end of the cylinder, tying up the gun. By testing your carry gun with your carry load, you can help ensure that's unlikely to happen.

## Rotate your ammo!

by John Boch

Both revolver and semi-auto pistol users should rotate out ammunition carried in chambers of personal defense guns on a regular basis. Many don't. And inattention to this important detail can have catastrophic consequences.

Even experienced firearms practitioners sometimes overlook putting fresh ammo into chambers with regularity. Years ago, University of Illinois Police Lt. Clyde Barnes worked security at the off-track betting facility following his retirement.

One day, he joined some of his relatives with me shooting at Darnall's in Bloomington. He wanted to demonstrate more lively .357s from his service revolver compared to 9mm rounds. Much to his abject horror, three of the six duty rounds in his Smith & Wesson revolver failed to fire.



Residual oil in the chambers had penetrated the cartridges through capillary action. The oil then rendered the primers inert since he had replaced his carry ammo.

Everyone should replace rounds carried in chambers every three months, assuming they pass the "next day" test after you've last cleaned your gun. What's the next day test? It's simple: load your defensive pistol after cleaning it. The next day, check the round in the chamber to see if it feels one bit "oily." If so, it goes into your range bag for training. Run a dry patch or three through the chamber and reload. The next day, extract the chambered round and check for oily residue. If none is found, you're good to go. Lather, rinse and repeat if oily residue remains.

When was the last time you put a fresh round into the chamber(s) of your carry pistol or revolver? Can't recall when? Go pull it/them RIGHT NOW. Put the old rounds in your range bag and load a fresh round into the chamber(s).

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*What could possibly go wrong?*

## Top Cook County public defender's plan to fight spread of Coronavirus:

### Stop arresting so many criminals!

*Chicago (CWBCChicago)* - The top public defender in Cook County has an idea that she thinks will help fight the COVID-19 outbreak: Stop arresting people.

Chicago police should "refrain from arresting anyone for low-level, victimless, or economic-related offenses," Amy Campanelli said in a letter to her staff. She said she shared her idea with CPD.

...She didn't define "low-level," "victimless," or "economic-related" crimes, but she also didn't say how police should handle drug dealers, shoplifters, identity thieves, and other criminals who might fall under her proposed no-arrest umbrella.



Amy Campanelli

*Cook County courts move at the speed of smell on good days*

## In COVID-19 move, chief judge spikes most Cook County court activity for a month

*Chicago (CWBCChicago)* - Many criminal and civil court cases in Cook County will be put on hold beginning Tuesday until at least Apr. 15 to help contain the COVID-19 outbreak, Chief Judge Timothy Evans announced Friday evening.



## Sanctuary city doesn't attract the best Chicago Mayor stands by release of illegal who cops say molested a 3-year-old girl

*Chicago (CWBCChicago)* - The man accused of sexually assaulting a 3-year-old girl inside a bathroom of McDonald's flagship restaurant in River North had previously been deported, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency said. Chicago officials responded Friday, standing by their decision not to cooperate with ICE on immigration-related business.

Christopher Puente, 34, of Chicago, is currently being held without bail after being charged with predatory criminal sexual assault in connection with an alleged attack on a child in the former Rock N Roll McDonald's on Clark Street earlier this month...

Both Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Chicago police defended their decision not to cooperate with ICE on any immigration-related business Friday.



Tatyona Davis.

## Woman accused of 3 Red Line attacks last week while free on a pair of recognizance bonds

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - A West Town woman is accused of committing three separate attacks on the Red Line last week while she was free on a recognizance bond for allegedly robbing a Jewel-Osco in Wicker Park and yet another recognizance bond for shoplifting.

Most recently, police arrested 19-year-old Tatyona Davis near the Chicago Red Line station at 1:11 a.m. on Feb. 24. A 21-year-old woman told cops she saw Davis and a 16-year-old girl throwing food at a man who was asleep on a Red Line train.

When the woman intervened, one of the food-throwers sprayed her in the face with pepper spray, according to police. Officers found Davis and the teen at McDonald's, 10 East Chicago, and the victim identified the pair as the individuals who were involved, police said...

## Little Village woman with carry license thwarts robbery with hot lead

*Chicago (Fox32)* - A woman with a concealed-carry permit stopped a robbery Thursday after exchanging gunfire with the would-be robber in Little Village on the Southwest Side.

The woman was standing in front of her home about 6:50 p.m. in the 4100 block of West 24th Place when a male approached her with a gun and demanded her property, Chicago police said.



The 33-year-old refused to hand over her things, and instead pulled out a gun of her own, police said. The two exchanged gunfire as the male ran off, and no one was struck.

*JUST ANOTHER DAY*

## Two-man robbery crew's crime wave

*Chicago (CWBCChicago)* - An armed robbery crew went on a cross-city crime spree Wednesday evening, pulling off a series of carjackings and hold-ups that yielded luxury cars and tens of thousands of dollars in robbery proceeds, according to a CPD source.

In less than two hours, the men carjacked two high-end vehicles in West Ridge and the Gold Coast. Then, they pulled off two street robberies downtown, getting away with more than \$50,000 in jewelry, cash, and coats.

And, police strongly suspect the crew is also responsible for carjacking a valet in Fulton Market last night and robbing a couple in River North early today, the source said.

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Quinnen Williams.

Image by USA Today.

## Quinnen Williams is only the latest victim of New York City's bad gun laws

*New York City (National Review)* - An NFL player flying with an unloaded gun falls afoul of an unnecessarily aggressive NYC gun-control regime.

The conviction rate of New York's Queens County district attorney's Office is about to go up thanks to New York Jets defensive lineman Quinnen Williams. Williams, the third overall pick in the 2019 National Football League draft, was arrested at La Guardia Airport for gun possession on March 5.

For those who merely peruse the headlines, this makes Williams just one more misbehaving NFL player. While the likeliest result is a plea bargain that will avoid a felony conviction, Williams is still subject to a fine, possible jail time, and likely some sort of discipline from the NFL for code-of-conduct violation. Even if he becomes an NFL great, the 22-year-old former University of Alabama standout will also be remembered for being hauled into a Queens Criminal Court for violating New York City's gun laws.

But there's more to the story than that. Like most of the hundreds of others nabbed at either La Guardia or John F. Kennedy International Airport for similar violations, Williams is not a criminal in any normal understanding of the term. Nor was his gun unlicensed. Williams wasn't trying to sneak his Glock 19 handgun through security. Instead, the incident occurred at the checkout counter, where he reportedly told that agent that his unloaded weapon was

in a bag. The firearm, for which Williams was not carrying ammunition, is licensed in his home state of Alabama. But, as is standard procedure, as soon as the weapon's presence was made known, the TSA was notified and, once it was ascertained that Williams did not have a New York license, he was arrested and immediately became fodder for the city's tabloid press.

Ignorance of the law is no excuse. Anyone who has spent any time in New York knows that the city rigorously enforces its draconian gun laws. Moreover, as the National Rifle Association advises, when flying, gun owners must have a legal permit for their weapons both from the flight's origin and its destination.

But the case also illustrates the dishonest nature of the way we discuss gun legislation. Advocates of even stricter gun laws that would ban certain types of firearms or ammunition — such as former New York City mayor (and failed presidential candidate) Michael Bloomberg, who has financed anti-gun campaigns around the country — argue that their passage is a matter of life and death. Yet preventing people who legally own unloaded firearms from safely transporting them isn't about saving lives and preventing crimes, let alone the mass shootings that generally drive the conversation about gun-control efforts. Such laws are drafted and enforced to thwart legal gun ownership and the safe use of firearms.



## GSL's highway sign program grows!

*Clinton, IL (GSL)* - GSL's Highway Sign Team, headed up by Bob Simmons, installed a new set of signs at the DeWitt Co. Sportsman's Club in early March. Using existing posts, Simmons and Randy Eliff installed a modified, three-sign set that reads, WE DEFEND YOUR RIGHT / TO DEFEND YOURSELF / GUNSSAVELIFE.COM.

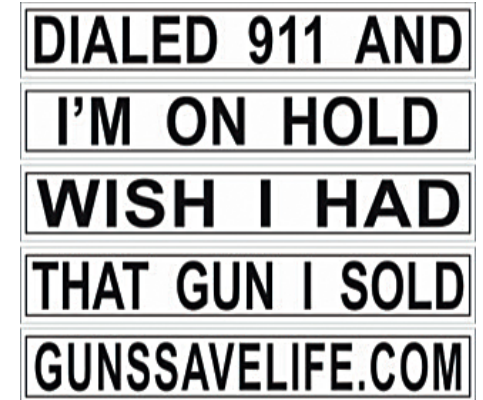
Bob Simmons has done some magnificent work this spring. Simmons gives credit to Dave Randolph and Randy Eliff who he describes as "excellent helpers." He plans to hit some more locations soon.

Bob also reports laying groundwork for two new sign locations, one near Olney, IL on Rt. 130, and the other near Winchester, IL along I-72.



Also in early march, Simmons led a team including Randy Eliff again and Dave Randolph tackling repair and replacement of signs on Northbound I-55 between Lincoln and Bloomington near McLean. The southern location between mile marker 141 & 142 got a new slogan after complete replacement of two sign positions and extensive repair/upgrade work to the other three positions. On the other location between mile marker 145 & 146, they rebuilt the fifth position and installed a new GSL.com sign panel to replace the missing one.

Simmons noted plans to go back later to do some other upgrades and change the slogan there, after the other damaged and vandalized locations are squared away.



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Did humiliation of Little Mike help him decide to quit race?

# Virginia gun owners ambush Bloomberg at FoxNews town hall in Virginia

by Jeff Hulbert

(TTAG) - Virginia gun owners and their allies have shown the rest of 2A Nation how to engage in ambush political warfare against the tyrannical impulses of Mini-Mike Bloomberg, a man who has pledged his personal fortune to strip Second Amendment rights from all Americans.



The scene was a Northern Virginia college campus this week, where Fox News provided the New York gun-control extremist with a town hall format to spew his nonsense on firearm restrictions, and on other topics.

There to provide pushback were the members of the Virginia Citizens Defense League—with an assist from my group, the Patriot Picket.

With more than 25,000 paid members, the VCDL has demonstrated to a national audience that it is one of the most politically astute gun rights organizations working at the state level. Their ability to turn out its activists on the ground, as well as on social media is legendary.

Anyone who saw coverage of Virginia's "Lobby Day" rally attended by more than 25,000 armed patriots in late January has seen "VCDL power" at work.

At the town hall venue this week where Bloomberg hoped for a national media cakewalk, the VCDL played the inside game and outside game expertly, pressuring Bloomberg to resort to half-truths and outright fabrications about federal gun laws on the 60 minute live broadcast...

First, though, it's worth noting that the VCDL laid the groundwork for Bloomberg pushback and disruption days in advance. Using VCDL "Action Alert" messaging, members were encouraged to snag tickets to the Fox News town hall.

They succeeded, and a significant number of VCDL regulars occupied

seats for the show.



With help from my Patriot Picket team, the VCDL arranged for a gauntlet of gun rights sloganeering that bombarded all arriving Bloomberg minions and media members with freedom messages as they cued up for the event's security screening.

Once inside, VCDL activists took seats while proudly displaying the now-famous orange "Guns Save Lives" stickers. Others attendees removed their coats to reveal orange "Guns Save Lives" shirts.

Before the live national broadcast even got underway, the GSL messaging was a shot across the Bloomberg bow—putting the little tyrant on defense from the get-go.

As the Fox camera framed up the very first Virginia citizen with a question for candidate Bloomberg, a "Guns Save Lives" shirt worn by a VCDL activist occupied most the frame...



For it was only 24 hours after Bloomberg tried to talk up his infringement schemes at a university named after one of America's greatest patriots that Virginia Democrats went to the polls and gave Joe Biden the win in the Super Tuesday voting. Bloomberg did...poorly.

And now news comes today that the anti-gun authoritarian has called an end to his fantastically expensive, fabulously unproductive campaign.

If we had anything at all to do with that outcome, it was all worthwhile.



AP photo

# First-time gun ownership spikes as gun skeptics have Corona virus "Come to Jesus" moment

(Western Journal) -

Leave it to a worldwide existential crisis to align moral values.

As toilet paper and hand sanitizer fly from store shelves, be certain to count something else in, as well: guns. Lots of guns.

According to one report, gun sales have dramatically increased.

And what's more, so have gun sales to first-time buyers.

"I've sold 12 handguns in two hours," Gabriel Vaughn of Sportman's Arms in Petaluma, California, told KTVU.

"People that tell me that they don't like guns, but they're here to begrudgingly buy one," Vaughn said. "If it makes somebody feel safe, sure, and they're legal to own one, then sure."

Ammunition sales are also spiking. According to Yahoo Finance, sales at Ammo.com are up by 68 percent. Alex Horsman, Ammo.com's marketing manager, knows why.

"We know certain things impact ammo sales, mostly political events or economic instability when people feel their rights may end up infringed," Horsman said. "But this is our first experience with a virus leading to such a boost in sales."

"A lot of our customers like to be prepared. And for many of them, it's not just face masks and Theraflu. It's knowing that no matter what happens, they can keep themselves and their families safe."

Exactly.

Sometimes it takes a crisis that puts everyone at risk for folks to rediscover fundamental moral values — like having the means to protect themselves and others.

These values are so intrinsic to our humanity that they made their way into America's founding documents, namely the Constitution.

Under uncertain, stressful conditions, plenty of folks come to a conclu-

sion they might not have reached otherwise: It's best not to take chances.

In other words, firearms are just as essential to a family's crisis supplies as water, foodstuffs and medicine.

As the country lurches forward toward an inevitable uptick in COVID-19 cases, may we all bear something in mind: The reality of our current situation will be greatly affected by how we choose to view it.

If you wind up in a viral video on Twitter fighting over toilet paper, you're doing it wrong.

Instead, lead by example: Act in the manner you wish others to act themselves. Want folks to stay calm? Stay calm yourself.

May we all take to heart the same kind of obligation that responsible gun ownership requires, that we should seek to be protectors of not only our own, but of our neighbors and communities, as well.



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Rylie Passmore with her coach Joe Miller at the Central Illinois Precision Shooters range in Bloomington.

Remember Rylie?

## Passmore ties national record as sub-junior

by Brandy Passmore and John Boch  
Bloomington, IL (GSL) - One of our GSL family continues her growth as a competitive shooter. Rylie Passmore, age 13, has dreams of a spot on the USA's Junior Olympic shooting team. And maybe even someday shooting for the USA's Olympic shooting team.

Rylie's worked hard to get there, practicing three or four times a week at the Central Illinois Precision Shooting range in Bloomington, located on the grounds of Darnall's GunWorks and Ranges.



Her mom reports on a very good performance at the NRA's Junior Sectional shoot held on the last Saturday in February.

*It has been a rough season for Rylie. We finally figured out a few weeks ago she had a growth spurt which required changing everything on both of her rifles. She is getting comfortable with the changes and had a great day competing in the NRA Jr Sectionals today, Saturday, February 29th.*

*At the event, she beat her personal best in standing position air rifle with a 569. Not only that, but she shot a new personal best in three position air with a 584 (out of 600).*

*As part of that, she tied the NRA national record for 20 prone shots with a perfect 200. How good is that? She's only the 2nd sub-junior competitor to ever do that in an NRA match.*

*This is the best match she has had this*

*season and it couldn't have been better timing.*

*We found out last week will travel to Colorado Springs in April. She will compete in both air and small bore (.22 rimfire) in the Junior Olympic Championships. This match was a huge confidence booster for her. Way to go kid!*

Rylie's coach, Joe Miller, describes her



marksmanship as "crazy!" After all, the "ten ring" on those 10m targets isn't a ring, but a dot.



If Rylie does well, she'll earn her way onto the US Junior Olympic team. USA Shooting grooms these young people to eventually shoot on the U.S. Olympic team.

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DON'T LET THE LAW GET IN THE WAY OF A BAD ARREST

## NJ cops ignore law, arrest licensed NJ man

Roselle Park, NJ (GSL) - Even gun owners doing everything right face risk of arrest in certain parts of America.

Such is the case of Roosevelt Twyne, a Roselle Park, NJ man. Mr. Twyne found himself pulled over by three Roselle Park cops a block from his residence on his way home from work. The officers claimed Mr. Twyne's windows had "excessive tinting" to justify their traffic stop.



As required by law, Twyne let the officers know he was licensed to carry and armed while coming home from his job as an armed security guard. He showed the cops his Security Officer Registration Act card, his NJ Firearms Purchaser ID card, and his NJ permit to purchase.

What a great state to require all that to carry a gun, right?

Even with all of his "paperwork" in order, the Roselle Park cops threw cuffs on Mr. Twyne, charging him with unlawful transportation of a firearm and possession of hollow-point ammunition.

Twyne's Smith & Wesson 9mm pistol was loaded with Hornady Critical Defense cartridges - ammunition specifically allowed for New Jersey residents as listed on the New Jersey State Police Firearms Information website.



As a result of the arrest, Twyne has been suspended from his employment.

His story has gained national attention among gun rights groups including the National Rifle Association.



**HAPPY ENDING COMING SOON?** Gun owners from across America have responded to a crowdfunding account at GoGetFunding.com for Mr. Twyne. They have donated over \$60,000 to his legal defense fund.

**UPDATE:** On March 13th, NJ prosecutors dismissed charges against Mr. Twyne. Clearly, having a good attorney and growing national publicity helped prosecutors make the right call.



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## RIP Jim Butler. 1935-2020.

by John Boch

Jim Butler organized and led the Sangamon County Rifle Association for many years, and before that, the Sangamon County Grassroots organization.

In fact, many might even describe Jim Butler as the father (or maybe even patron saint) of grassroots gun activism in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Jim had a passion for freedom and liberty. I admired that.

What I really admired was that even though he didn't have to, he worked tirelessly so other everyday Americans could defend themselves and their families with firearms. After all, with his retired status from working at the Illinois State Police, he could still carry a personal defense tool. But he didn't forget the rest of us.

His selfless dedication to gun rights was endless. In fact, it was a passion and he brought a lot of outstanding people into his orbit too.

For so many years, SCRA and GSL worked together for gun rights in a special relationship. We incorpo-

rated Sangamon County content within our *GunNews Magazine*. Meanwhile, Jim and his Sangamon County team distributed *GunNews* in Illinois' capital city and surrounding areas.



Jim Butler.

Years later, when Sangamon County Rifle Association formally folded into Guns Save Life, it was Jim's request that the chapter location be referred to as the Sangamon County chapter of Guns Save Life. And so it is.

He came out to that first meeting and you could see his pride. Almost like a doting grandfather seeing his first grandbaby right after the delivery. After all, he worked for many years to build the foundation of support that made success

possible.


Within a month or two, we settled in at SCHEELS and the Sangamon County GSL meeting has consistently turned out 100-150 people, sometimes more. It has become our largest and most popular chapter. Thanks to Jim Butler's work years ago.

Over time, Jim's attendance flagged as his and his wife's health deteriorated, but he came out a few times late last year to enjoy the meetings from the audience side of things. He clearly remained just as proud as ever of what his work had become.

Now, Jim's passing reminds me of the words of George Patton: "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."

Indeed. Thank God for Jim Butler. His was a life rich, long and well-lived. He surely has earned a higher place in Heaven.

We have a lot of truly outstanding people in the Guns Save Life organization, but people like Jim Butler are truly civil rights giants among men.



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## The Armed American



### Newlywed cops' date night foils armed robbery

*Louisville, KY (UK Daily Mail)* - A pair of married off-duty police officers on a date night foiled an armed robbery at a fried chicken restaurant.

Dramatic CCTV footage shows Detective Chase McKeown and Officer Nicole McKeown draw their weapons and confront the masked gunman in the Raising Cane's branch in Louisville, Kentucky.

The pair gave chase as the robber fled through the town and arrested him nearby with the help of local officers.

The couple, who are officers with the Elizabethtown Police Department about 50 miles south of Louisville, were enjoying their weekly date night on Saturday when the suspect entered the restaurant wearing a surgical face mask...

The suspect was identified as 30-year-old Justin Carter who appeared in court Monday charged with first-degree robbery, receiving a stolen firearm and possessing a handgun as a convicted felon.

*A sudden and profound error in the victim selection process*

### Big, bad wolf picks wrong house

*Apopka, FL (WESH)*— An off-duty deputy shot a man multiple times as the man broke into her Apopka home with an ax, Orange County Sheriff John Mina said.

Mina said around 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday a man who had been attempting to break into numerous homes used an ax to break through the deputy's door.



The Sheriff's Office said the deputy, who was at home with her children and in fear for her life, shot the man multiple times but he still got in.

The deputy struggled with the man and was able to handcuff him, when more deputies arrived at the scene.



*Worrying your kids about school shootings is not realistic*

## School buses carry 27x greater risk than gun-toting school murderers

• *At the same time, school buses are 70x safer than private vehicle*

(GSL) - The Brady Campaign released a video at the beginning of the school year titled "Morning Routine." In it, dad puts the apple of his eye into a grossly ill-fitting, oversized bulletproof vest before dressing her for school.



Then, once dressed, he sends her off to ride the school bus, worrying that she will possibly be shot and killed while attending school.

Of course, the point of the video clip is that we're all supposed to believe that our children are at great risk for dying in school shootings because America still allows law-abiding residents to own guns.

In reality, if dad didn't have an emotional fear of firearms, he might agonize far more about that school bus than a

school murderer with a gun.

Looking at real numbers from 2007-2016, 38 students were murdered at school with guns. (As an aside, 26 of those were killed in Sandy Hook alone!) In those same years, 58 K-12 students died in school bus crashes. Meaning that 50% more kids died on buses during those years than were murdered in schools.

If one factors in the time spent on a bus per fatality and time spent in school per gun-related murder, school buses look even more dangerous.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) numbers from those years indicate one student death for every 646 million man-hours of ride time.

Meanwhile, there is one school shooting student death for every 17.4 billion education man-hours spent at school.

In other words, **every minute riding on that school bus is 27x more likely to result in death than a school murderer with a gun.**

Even at that, riding a school bus is, according to NHTSA, *70 times safer than riding in a private vehicle.* And any given American school child has about a 1 in 1.5 million chance of being killed in school over their entire K-12 career.

*Hat tip to David West for the research.*

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## Watch out for friends, family and neighbors - and your local medical clinic

Never before has America effectively shut down as we're seeing now. With schools and universities closed, sporting events cancelled or postponed, and even elections pushed back, society has an uneasy feeling about it. No doubt those who lost their jobs with these closures face an uncertain, but stressful immediate future.

In stores, anxious, frazzled shoppers stripped shelves bare of all the staples.

And toilet paper. You would think the Chinese Wuhan flu caused frequent, violent pooping or something.

Making matters worse for many, Governor Pritzker closed all restaurants and bars, throwing more people out of work and sending still more people looking for food on empty grocery store shelves.

Meanwhile, life has changed for now.

Most of our Guns Save Life family could be described as preparedness oriented. We have pretty much everything we need for our families. And then some.

In the coming days, we should help look out for our friends, family and neighbors. This goes especially those dealing with illnesses, the elderly and those with small children for starters. Those who lost their jobs as a result of government mandated closures may need some short-term help as well.

**We should also check on our local medical clinics.** If you have extra unopened boxes of N95 masks or other personal protective gear (gloves, etc), you might contact your local medical clinics, especially those small-town doctor's offices you frequent.



Ask if they have enough personal protective gear, and if not, offer to donate some. An extra 50 or 100 masks might be a godsend to them. And after all, keeping your doc or your kid's pediatrician (and their staff) healthy is in your best interests in case you need their help later. Tell them you're part of Guns Save Life and give them our very best.

It's the righteous and noble thing to help where you can. It's the American thing to do.

America will make it through this.

We're betting on America to win and overcome this difficult crisis. You would be a fool not to do the same.

## It's time to tool up

by John Boch

My Saturday morning trip (3/14) to the local Walmart almost felt like a visit to a dystopian movie set. At least it wasn't as bad as mid-day Thursday, when aisles loaded with frazzled shoppers desperately looking for sold-out items made for a tension-filled experience.

As Tire and Lube Express changed my oil and rotated tires, I surveyed the damage left by the plague of locusts shoppers from the previous couple of days. Frankly, I hoped the shelves had been restocked. They had not. Instead, they were more barren than earlier in the week.



With practically nobody there at the early hour, I had a chance to snap a couple of photos.

While I carry my safety rescue tool(s) everyday, I know more than a few of my fellow CCW license-holders who do not.

I'd gently encourage them to revisit their personal defense plan.

After all, we know how desperate people do desperate, irrational things.



With that in mind, it's time wise and prudent people to tool up for self-defense.

It's time to load business magazines with business loads. For now, practice ammo goes into storage

for another day as we minimize our exposure to other people.

Will we likely need any of these self-defense guns and loaded magazines? Certainly not.

Thankfully.

But like General George Armstrong Custer, if we do need them, we'll likely need them very badly.

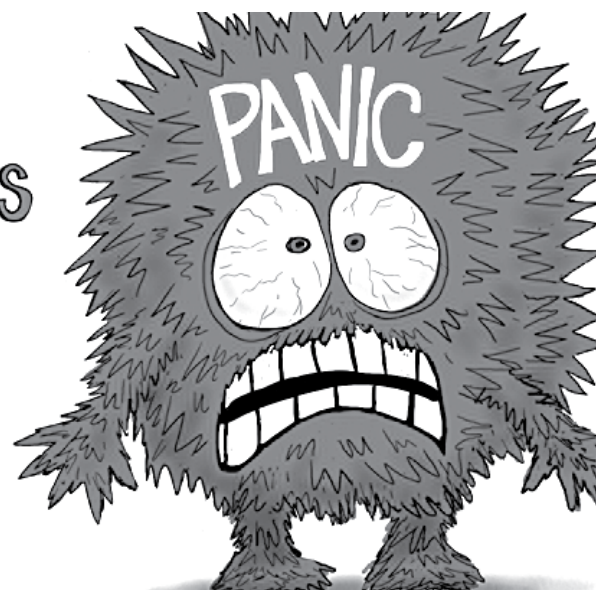


General George Custer.

Don't be General Custer and leave your best tools at home, because it's just a routine outing and you aren't accustomed to that extra bit of weight on your hip.

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## MONSTERS



## My simple litmus test for governor's seriousness about the Coronavirus

I do not know whether Governor Pritzker's decision to close K-12 schools is correct or not, but I do remember schools were closed during the 2009 H1N1 flu epidemic and kids did not choose to remain sequestered at home but instead flooded the malls and other sites of adolescent congregation. We will know government is taking this seriously when they order the bars and marijuana dispensaries closed.

Bill Klein  
Springfield, Illinois

[Editor: Well, he closed the bars.]



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- KirbStomp** @KirbSto41454704 · 7h  
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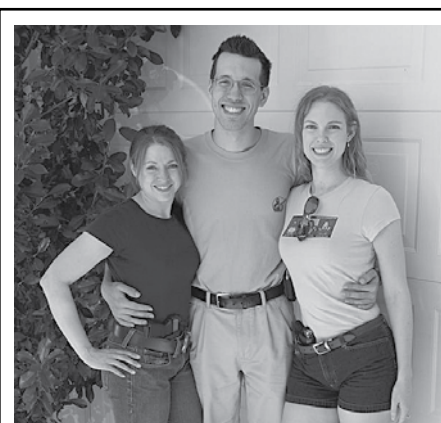
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Kat Ellsworth of Chicago, poses for a portrait with five of the seven guns she owns at the Caliber Tactical Gun Range in Waukegan, Ill. (AP Photo)

## Decisions, Decisions:

# It's not easy being a liberal gun owner in an election year

By Lisa Marie Pane

(AP) - Like many liberals, Lara Smith considers herself a feminist, favors abortion rights and believes the nation's immigration policies under the Trump administration have just been "vile."

But when it comes to guns, Smith sounds more like a conservative: She opposes reviving the nation's assault weapons ban, enacting red-flag laws or creating a registry of firearms. The 48-year-old California lawyer owns a cache of firearms, from pistols to rifles such as the AR-15.

Smith and liberal gun owners like her face a quandary as voting in the Democratic primary intensifies with Super Tuesday next week. They are nervous about some of the gun control measures the Democratic candidates are pushing and are unsure who to trust on this issue.

"You're alienating a huge part of your constituency," Smith says of the Democratic field's gun proposals. "You have a huge constituency that is looking for something different and when you are talking about restricting a right which is so different than everything else you talk about, you are being anti-liberal."

Gun owners have long been seen as a solidly Republican voting bloc, but there are millions of Democrats who own firearms, too.

Many of them are feeling increasingly disillusioned by their party as it lurches toward the left on the Second Amendment, but they're also wary of President Donald Trump for a variety of reasons: his conservative leanings but a track record in office that has led to sev-

eral gun restrictions, such as the banning of bump stocks.

An estimated 23 percent of Democrats nationally lived in households with guns in 2018, according to the General Social Survey, which is conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. And roughly 20 percent of gun owners — about 12 million people — identify as liberal, according to results from survey between 2014 and 2018. More than a third describe themselves as moderates while just under 45 percent call themselves conservatives.

The liberals who are opposed to gun control are at odds with a broader trend among Democrats when it comes to tougher firearms restrictions. According to polling by Gallup last year, 88 percent of Democrats said laws governing firearm sales should be made more strict, up from 77 percent in 2015 and 63 percent in 2010.

The political dilemma for Democratic gun owners grew when former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg entered the campaign. Bloomberg heads one of the most politically active gun control groups and has spent vast sums of money pushing his agenda in races around the country.

All the Democrats running for president are seeking one form or another of gun restrictions. But current frontrunner Sen. Bernie Sanders finds himself under attack for being too pro gun. Bloomberg launched an attack on Sanders' gun record this week, noting he had been endorsed by the NRA earlier in his career and balked at expanding background checks.

The candidates brought up guns on several occasions during Tuesday's debate in South Carolina, held in the city that lived through the mass murder of nine black churchgoers by a white supremacist in 2015.



David Yamane.

David Yamane, a sociology professor at Wake Forest University who studies American gun culture, said polarization over the issue began in the 1970s in the wake of the Gun Control Act of 1968, which was enacted amid national outcry over the assassinations of Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. Subsequent efforts by the NRA to seize on gun rights as a partisan issue only heightened the divide.

Before that, gun politics wasn't divided so sharply on political lines. One Democratic president, John F. Kennedy, was actually a member of the National Rifle Association.

Liberal gun owners, Yamane said, are generally newer to gun ownership and are less likely to be the stereotypical face of gun owners: older, white men. It's a dynamic that doesn't "get as much play because the public/political 'face' of gun owners for many remains Wayne LaPierre," the firebrand

leader of the NRA.

Yamane himself is part of the Democratic gun-loving public, describing himself as a "liberal snowflake gun owner."

Kat Ellsworth, from Chicago, was firmly against firearms and favored gun-control until just a few years ago, when she went with a friend to a gun range and discovered a love for guns and shooting.

As she looks at the upcoming election, she's torn as a self-described liberal and registered Democrat. With the Illinois primary approaching in mid-March, she is leaning toward Sanders or Sen. Elizabeth Warren, two candidates whose gun-control positions she doesn't believe are all that rigid.

"They were both slower than others to develop and make public their proposals for gun control policies, and I believe the reason is that both of them are really not as anti-gun as they are forced to show publicly," she said.

If she could give Democratic presidential candidates any advice, she said, it would be this: "I feel like they would really gain a lot more votes if they would just drop the gun-control crap."

The Democratic stance on guns is directed at multiple constituencies — suburban voters horrified by school shootings and urban voters fed up with gun violence in their neighborhoods.

When it comes to black voters, Kevin Dixie sees guns in a different light. An African American, Dixie grew up in St. Louis and experienced firsthand the toll of gun violence.



Kevin Dixie poses for a portrait at a shooting range in Ballwin, Mo. Dixie considers himself agnostic when it comes to politics. But he's an ardent supporter of the Second Amendment who believes that gun rights are about empowering minority communities and ensuring freedom is available to every American, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender. (AP Photo)

He believes that gun rights are about empowering communities of color and ensuring freedom is available to every American, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender. He runs a firearms training business called No Other Choice.

One of his aims is to turn around the perception of firearms, especially within minority and urban communities, as being something that is only for criminals or police.

"This is much deeper than guns," Dixie said. "It's not just about owning a gun, it's about maintaining your freedom, and we shouldn't be politicizing it."

Less than a week before the California primary, Smith says she's still unsure who she'll vote for. At the top of her list are Sanders and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, two candidates she believes gun owners could at least have a conversation with. But she worries about the impact a Bloomberg candidacy might have on the Democratic field, pushing them even more vigorously toward gun-control.

"I think liberal gun owners have no good choice here," she said.



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## Meeting Reports.

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won himself a **Ruger EC9** compact 9mm defensive pistol. Congrats to both.

Next meeting's (May 4th or June 1st) gun will be a **KelTec Sub 2000** in flat dark earth in 9mm (Glock mags). This is an *awesome* gun!



### Pontiac.

**Chuck Kostelc** called the meeting to order at the **VFW Post #886 in Pontiac**. Following the Pledge, welcoming of newcomers and recognition of our veterans, Chuck promised a good night for presentations and he delivered.

**John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Report**. We had a bit of a scare on **SB-1988**, the fingerprints for FOID card bill but it didn't get called in committee.

**NRA-ILA Frontlines Grassroots Field Coordinator Kelvin Curtis** served as our main speaker. He shared a presentation on how to make your lobbying far more effective than the average Joe. *For more on this, see the story on page 3.*



*Kelvin Curtis, far right, discusses IGOLD as part of an NRA-ILA presentation on lobbying more effectively.*

For **Tech Time**, **Terry Zeiters** extolled the virtues of **MCARBO** products - a company that specializes in trigger springs and custom gun parts. Terry began his presentation by nothing that there's always things to improve on a gun. He found the MCARBO company after buying a KelTec Sub-2000 folding pistol-caliber carbine rifle.



*Terry Zeiters brought a bunch of guns modified with MCARBO products.*

He bought one of their Sub2000 kits "and now everything works on it like on a real gun." The kits are "do it yourself" but the instructions are excellent and they even have videos. Their DIY trigger improvements are also pretty dramatic, involving not only replacing a spring here or there, but also doing some polishing which makes a BIG difference.



*Mr. Blumenshine.*

**David Paul Blumenshine**, Republican candidate for the **105th House District** seat spoke. He's a primary challenger to Dan Brady who Blumenshine says is one of the RINOs in Springfield. He notes how Brady talks a good game, but engages in "compromise," "reaching across the aisle" and "bipartisan support" for measures like the income and gas tax hikes.

Blumenshine is anticipating endorsements from a number of the "**Magnificent 7**" group of conservative freshmen legislators (**Bailey, Caulkins, Halbrook, Skillicorn, Cabello, Miller, Wilhour**) who are making a real impact in Springfield.

We held our drawings. One lucky woman won the 50/50 and **James Thompson** won an ATI social shotgun. Congrats to both!

At our next meeting, be it on the first Tuesday in May or June, we shall have a **Ruger 10/22 Tactical with a Bushnell 3x9 scope** for those folks without 18-year-old eyeballs. The month after that? A **CANIK TP9V2 DA/SA 18+1 awesome** personal defense 9mm pistol. Pontiac's Regional Director Chuck Kostelc is picking some great guns. All courtesy of **Stock and Field in Pontiac, IL**.

### Decatur.

With latecomers, we "only" had about 130 people, including 25 ladies, at the Decatur GSL Meeting at **Coz's Pizza** in Mt. Zion. Ahead of the meeting, **Mark Scranton** noted how we now have a **Guns Save Life Macon County Facebook** page.

**Dave Randolph**, our **Decatur Regional Director** opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance probably heard half a block away. We welcomed a number of newcomers and recognized veterans.

**GSL's Executive Director John Boch** brought everyone up to date on the latest from Springfield, including the attempt to sneak the "**Fingerprints for FOID**" bill (SB-1966) into a surprise vote.

**The Well Armed Woman's local leader Janet Broadhacker** addressed the audience as our main speaker. She promoted the TWAU program that helps educate, empower and equip women with what they need to know about firearms and self-defense.

It's women teaching women at TWAU and they typically spend an hour on education in the classroom before spending time on the range at The Bullet Trap in Macon. They meet on the **first Thursday evening** of the month at 6pm. Guys, send the women in your life. The first visit is free and no gun is necessary. They have loaners, and rentals are available from **The Bullet Trap** as well. And you can purchase firearms new and used from The Bullet Trap as well.

**Bob Simmons** commended **Mr. Gil**

**Largent** who donated his 50/50 winnings a couple of months ago back to GSL. Simmons matched Largent's donation dollar for dollar and that paid for tonight's drawing gun, a **Taurus PT138**.

Dave Randolph took a moment to recognize **The Bullet Trap's Dan Cooley** for his work supporting our local chapter. He also recognized his steering committee members, including **Cooley, Jay Henry, Bill Hutton, Joanne Chandler, Bob Taft, Mark Scranton**. [Ed.: Apologies for whomever I missed.]

We had a special guest in **NRA-ILA Frontlines Grassroots Field Coordinator Kelvin Curtis**. Curtis also joined John Boch and Dave Randolph in urging everyone to attend IGOLD (since cancelled).

Mr. Curtis then talked about how he helped mobilize upwards of **1500 gun owners in Nebraska** recently to oppose a pair of bad bills. In the end, they outnumbered the "**Moms Demand Action**" contingent by over 100 to 1 and the legislation was withdrawn by sponsors. The big crowds of gun owners turned the tide against those bills.

At the same time, he believes that Virginia's big rally in January has helped a great deal waking up gun owners across America about the dangers of complacency.

Furthermore, he explained how and why constituent contacts have more influence on politicians than lobbyists. So make that contact and build a relationship with both your state representative and senator.

The **Bullet Trap's Dan Cooley** spoke

briefly, once more urging folks to go to **IGOLD**. (*all since cancelled*).

**GSL member E.S.** spoke about his adventure at the great **Virginia Gun Rights Rally on January 20th**. We covered it in last month's issue of *GunNews*. The day after the rally, he woke up to his picture on the front page of *USA Today*. "Talk about surreal," he recalled.



*Photo from the Richmond rally on Jan. 20th.*

He said the rally has energized the gun culture and gun rights in America and given momentum to our side. Even critics of open carry recognize the tremendous success in Virginia. And sure enough, turnout at gun rights events across America have jumped. And gun control bills are getting stopped.

Mr. S. also expressed a desire to see every American man (and maybe many women as well) **have basic citizen soldier gear** and know how to use it. Having a rifle that's not sighted in or not equipped with a sling or extra magazines is nearly worthless in an emergency.

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## Meeting Reports.

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One of the ladies won the **50/50 drawing** and **Jeff Olson** won the **Taurus PT138** pistol.

**NEXT MONTH!** Mr. Randolph noted that next month will mark our First Anniversary.

Originally, for our (now cancelled) April meeting, **At-torney Steve Davis** planned to offer an in-depth analysis of the Thomas shooting case where Champaign County prosecutors wanted 15 years from a good guy gun owner forced to shoot in self-defense, but we're unsure if we're going to be back in May or June. Regardless, you can be assured that Dave Randolph will have a great lineup and we'll celebrate our first year anniversary a little late. But better late than never!



From February's meeting, Dave Randolph holds the Springfield 911 micro defense pistol as Big R/MTW Outpost's James Poppenhouse talks to the crowd.

The gun for this next meeting comes courtesy of a **donation** from the **MTW Outpost** gun shop inside the **Big R in Springfield**: A **Springfield Armory 911 micro 9mm pistol**. Many thanks to **Big R** and **James Poppenhouse** for making that happen! They both stand 110% behind Guns Save Life.

### Peoria.

**Kay Davis**, the **Peoria Regional Director** opened our meeting at the **Golden Corral** with the Pledge. A **record number of attendees** were present - approximately 125 people. **We apologize for the sound issues and we're working to fix them before our next meeting.**

We recognized veterans and welcomed our newcomers before **John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's report**.

Kay Davis noted that one of our **GSL family** was hosting an **Appleseed shoot on Aug. 8-9 in McLean, IL at the Holland farm**. This is one of the nicest venues for Appleseed in the nation.

The **NRA-ILA's Kelvin Curtis** served as our **main speaker**. He said the size and enthusiasm of the **Guns Save Life** crowd here, like the other **GSL meeting sites** he attended earlier in the week inspired and

motivated him. "This is very impressive," he said.

He talked **IGOLD** and compared it in relevance to the similar event he helped promote in Nebraska. In that state, 1500 gun owners turned out and swamped about a dozen **Moms Demand Action** supporters. After seeing that, the sponsors of the Nebraska anti-gun bills pulled their proposals.

His work here in Illinois is helping to empower voters (that's us) to better communicate and influence their elected officials. Curtis is already seeing results in Chicago-land among "under served" communities that are increasingly embracing gun rights. After all, armed blacks are hard to oppress.

"Don't believe anyone if they say gun owner opinions don't matter," he said. They do. Very much so. *Especially* to your State Reps and Senators. More so, in fact, than his voice as an **NRA representative/lobbyist**.

As for his dedication: "If I was weak, I wouldn't be a black man working for the **NRA**," he noted.

**Laura Murphy** of the **Susan Komen Foundation** spoke to promote the upcoming "**Shoot for the Cure**" fundraising shoot. **GSL** is a sponsor and she thanked us enthusiastically for our support to fight breast cancer. Openings remain for the event. Details can be found on page 14.

For Tech Time, our own **Rick Tieken** showed some **MEAN Arms products**. It's a veteran-owned company in California. They have a couple of products including a magazine conversion kit that will turn your **PMag** into a rimfire magazine for rimfire **AR-15** uppers.

Additionally, he showed off a device that locks your magazine in the mag well to comply with California-style gun control laws. Another product he showed speedloads 10 rounds into one of these "fixed" magazines through the ejection port. "Coming to a state near you," Tieken said as a warning.

**CMMG** has bought the rights for the **PMag** conversion kits.

**Rick Tieken** won the **50/50** and **Dave Snyder** won the nice **Henry lever action**.



A very happy Dave Snyder!

### Rantoul.

**Champaign County Regional Director Dan Worthey** opened the meeting. Following the Pledge and a prayer, we recognized veterans and welcomed newcomers.

**Warren Drake** sought out a volunteer or

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## A totalitarian dream!

### San Fran mayor enacts round-the-clock curfew for three weeks

(TMZ) - San Francisco is going the way of Italy with its coronavirus safety measures -- the Mayor's instituting around-the-clock curfew, banning almost everyone from leaving their homes.

Mayor London Breed announced what she calls a "defining moment" in U.S. response to the pandemic. Beginning at 12 AM, all residents within the city can only leave home for

doctor's appointments or runs to the grocery store.

It's the strictest new policy enacted in the nation, and matches the current rules in Italy ... which has been the 2nd hardest-hit country in the world.

The Mayor says the rule will remain in effect for at least the next 3 weeks.

In addition, to the city shut down, 6 Bay Area coun-

ties are telling residents to "shelter in place." That means ... unless your work falls under the list of "essential businesses," you've been ordered to stay home.

That list of essential businesses includes health care operations, grocery stores, shelters, media outlets, gas stations and banks. Restaurants can remain open, but only for takeout and delivery.

### Good news for Wayne LaPierre

### NRA cancels Annual Meeting in Nashville

(NRA) - With our 149th Annual Meeting scheduled for next month in Nashville, we realize many **NRA members** and meeting guests have questions about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the potential impact on our convention.

We have been closely monitoring updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Tennessee Department of Health. In fact, earlier today, a state of emergency was declared in Tennessee.

Therefore, we have reluctantly decided to cancel this year's **NRA Annual Meeting**, planned for April 16 - 19 in Nashville.



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## Meeting notes.

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two to pick up GunNews in Peoria at P&P Press for the Decatur and Champaign County regions. We will reimburse mileage! Contact Warren at 217 898-9602.

**John Boch** shared his Executive Director's notes and answered questions.

Then Mr. Boch switched hats and promoted the primary candidacy of **GSL member Mary Miller** for the Illinois 15th Congressional District seat. She's strongly pro-gun, and strongly pro-Trump. Boch said she has the potential to be a strong and charismatic conservative alternative to the wacky AOC.

**John Naese** served as our main speaker and he talked up the **Appleseed program**. He urged everyone present to not only attend the events, but bring others to do so as well.

Appleseed teaches the fundamentals of marksmanship, just like those taught 100+ years ago in the US Army. Additionally, the program also teaches American history in the story recounting the events of the day that kicked off the American Revolution: April 19, 1775.

Shooting is generally done at 25m, including a lot at 1" squares. Naese noted how a "Rifleman" (or woman) can keep their shots in that 1" square at 25m and that translates into keeping those same shots in a 16" square at 400 meters - the "Rifleman's Quarter Mile."

He noted the incredible feeling of accomplishment and empowerment that comes with using the fundamentals to consistently shoot that well. "It didn't happen on my first Appleseed event," Naese noted. In fact, it took him a number of shoots before he achieved that mark. (Editor: It took me three years... - John Boch)

He announced an **Appleseed on GSL member Bob Holland's farm in McLean, IL on August 8-9**. There will likely also be a shoot at the **Danville Rifle & Pistol Club** on the last weekend in **September**. For more information or to sign up, visit **Appleseedinfo.org**.



**For Tech Time, Dan Worthey (above)** showed a collection of small .22 pistols, along with some shoulder rigs.

Dan also invited **John Boch** to share a discussion of how small-frame revolvers really shine in certain applications.

Next meeting (whenever that is) our tech time is "single shot" guns. **Bring yours.**

**John Boch** won the 50/50 and **Terry Zeiters** won the outstanding **Ruger LCPII** provided by **Stock and Field in Watseka, IL**.

Next month (tentatively) the talented and charismatic (and some might say good looking, too) **Dale Lock** will be our main

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speaker.



**Terry Zeiters, left and Dan Worthey in Rantoul.** Zeiters won a Ruger LCPII, one of the best micro .380s on the market.

## Charleston.

**Bill Harrison**, fresh off a hospital stay but well enough to emcee the **Charleston GSL** meeting, opened the March meeting at the **Unique Banquet Center** in Charleston. He began with the Pledge, followed by welcoming of newcomers and recognition of our veterans and first responders. Thank you all!

Bill shared an image from **The Gun Free Zone blog** of a rifle to fight the Coronavirus in addition to bad guys. (It had a can of Lysol attached.) The laughter hadn't quit when **X-RING CUSTOM's Dave Clarke** noted they have a **Covid19 sale** going. Buy a gun, get a bottled water and a roll of toilet paper. (Or buy a roll of toilet paper, get a free gun...) Unfortunately, X-RING is still waiting for their AR-14s to arrive.

**John Boch** shared his Executive Director's notes, and answered questions as usual.

Our main speaker, **GSL's own E.S.** talked about his great experience at the great gun rights rally in Richmond, VA on Jan. 20th. While the day began as a "dystopian police state," by the end everyone had a great time. One of his fellow Richmond marchers attended from Makanda, IL and echoed Mr. S.'s remarks about the success of the event where good-guy gun owners brought some "serious hardware" as a viable form of protest. Of course, E.S. found himself on the front page of *USA Today* the next day as we reported in last month's issue of *GunNews*.

For tech time, we had a **blown up Glock**. The moral of the story, don't use ammo that you don't know where it came from. In this case, someone bought some cheap ammo and one of the rounds - the third fired - was double charged with powder as a reload and blew the hell out of the gun.

**Justin Bawcum** rounded off the night as a short **Tech Time** speaker, discussing the importance of keeping at least two to four weeks worth of food, water and basic supplies in your household at all times. Because, after all, stuff happens. Including things like Coronavirus.

**John Grubb** won the 50/50 with his luck of the Irish. **Nick Turner** won the **SCCY 9mm pistol**. Yeah, Nick wasn't even going to come to tonight's meeting until his dad prompted him. Congrats to him.

For our next meeting, be it in May or June, **Bill Harrison** has lined up a **Taurus Spectrum .380**. While it doesn't have a big price tag, it is a well-reviewed nice pocket pistol with a respectable trigger.



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## FOID mental health evals available...

by John Boch

For whatever reason, I've fielded several calls in recent weeks from people who have sought in-patient mental health treatment in the past who now wish to exercise their firearm civil rights.

Of course, the Illinois State Police does not make it easy for these folks. ISP requires a ton of documentation, as well as an evaluation from a mental health professional attesting to the applicant's sound mind and that they aren't a danger to themselves or others.

Frankly, most mental health professionals are very reluctant to help with this. However, one company in Springfield offers this service to would-be gun owners. Ability Insights offers confidential online evaluations by licensed clinical forensic psychologists for FOID card reinstatement. The evals are completed via webcam online in a secure setting, so travel is not required.

They can be contacted at 217-610-8850 or via email at mmatticks@abilityinsights.net.

## IDEAS: Stay healthy and avoid going stir-crazy at home

(GSL) - Increased time spent at home along with missed social interactions in the workplace, at Guns Save Life meetings and at church takes a lot of us out of our comfort zones.

Here are some ideas on how to stay a little more "sane" in this time of at-home quarantine.

**Perhaps first and foremost is to keep yourself well-rested.** Lack of sleep reduces your body's immune system effectiveness, so don't stay up all night binge-watching TV. This applies to your kids too.

**Keep your mind exercised!**

- Reading. Visit your bookshelf and pick something you haven't read and enjoy it. Or find something you particularly enjoyed previously and rediscover it. Or read the good book for spiritual guidance.
- Enjoying a movie or television series on Netflix/Hulu or whatever streaming service you subscribe to. Or break out DVDs of your favorite movies.
- Video games.
- The Internet. Learn about new things,

watch YouTube videos, read news and opinion, or browse social media. You have an entire library (and some might say movie theater) at your fingertips via the Internet.

- Family board games or card games.



**Don't forget physical exercise.**

- Walk outside to get some fresh air and virus-killing sunshine. Spending an hour or two outside each day reduces stress dramatically and boosts your mood.
- Exercise. Burpees, push-ups, sit-ups, chin-ups, lunges and jumping rope are all great ways to elevate your heart-rate for a minimum of 30 minutes each day.



- Do stretching to maintain your flexibility.

- Mow the lawn or tend to your flowers and/or garden.

**Unplug for a time.**

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends taking breaks from watching, reading or listening to news stories, including social media. Again, take time to unwind away from technology. Make your kids do the same.

**Self-improvement and organization.**

- Clean your guns.
- Do some dry-fire exercises after double-checking that your firearm is unloaded.
- Clean out your closets/drawers.
- Organize your supplies. You may have more stuff than your remember.

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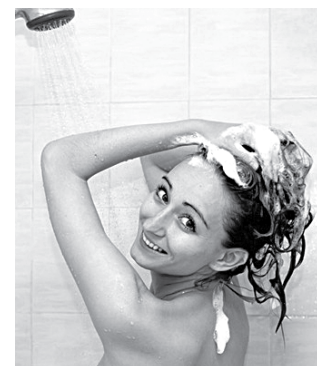
**If you venture out for supplies...**

- Minimize participants.
- Use your grocer's "pick-up" option or delivery to minimize your contact with others.
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- Use disinfecting wipes to wipe down shopping

cart handles.

**Upon returning home from shopping or work...**

- Leave your shoes outside or in your mudroom/garage. Keep them away from your family/pets. The Coronavirus can last a few days on surfaces, depending on the type of material.
- Then go directly to your washing machine/dirty clothes basket and take off your outer clothing and put it all in the washer or a clothes bag destined for the laundromat.



- Then take a shower. (Sorry, the model above is not available.)

In a nutshell, practice your social distancing and infectious control to stay healthy.

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**Apr 25:** National Civil War Show & Sale, DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL (715) 526-9769.

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## Virginia politicians want to disarm the law-abiding while releasing murderous violent criminal predators

(Conservative Review)  
 - Virginians might have dodged the bullet of a mass gun control bill, but lest some think sanity has been restored to the Virginia legislature, the same Democrat politicians relentlessly promoting restrictions on self-defense for law-abiding citizens are pushing for release of violent criminals. One major bill is now headed to Governor Ralph Northam's desk.

On Monday, Virginia's Senate passed HB35, which offers early release to juveniles serving a life sentence without parole once they have already served 20 years. This is a growing trend in a lot of liberal states, but a number of Republicans have bought into this radical idea of retroactively abolishing life without parole for juvenile murderers. This bill will potentially

offer release for over 700 people sentenced to life as juveniles, according to liberal activists supporting the bill...

The infamous D.C. sniper, Lee Boyd Malvo, who, along with his older partner, killed 17 and injured 10 in 2002 in the D.C. area, is an example of who is serving life without parole in Virginia as a juvenile convict.

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### The Well Armed Woman

## T.W.A.W. Shooting Chapters

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**Christian County**  
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2nd Thursday (6:30-8:30p)  
**Bloomington-Normal**  
 CI Shooting Sports, Normal, IL

1st Wednesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Champaign County**  
 High Caliber Training Center, Urbana, IL

2nd Monday (6:30p-8:30p)  
**Chicago Western Suburbs**  
 Range at 355, Bolingbrook, IL

One Monday each month,  
 email [twawcookohare@gmail.com](mailto:twawcookohare@gmail.com) for date  
**Cook County O'Hare**  
 Maxon's Shooters Supply & Indoor Range, Des Plaines, IL

3rd Monday (6:30-8:30p)  
**Kane County**  
 GAT Guns, East Dundee, IL

2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Lake County**  
 5 Star Firearms in Zion, IL

Last Saturday of month  
**Kankakee County**  
 ISRA Range in Bonfield, IL  
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First Thursday (6-8pm)  
**Macon County**  
 The Bullet Trap, Macon, IL  
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Last Sunday (3:00-5:00p)  
**Metro East St. Louis**  
 Town and Country Gun Club, Maryville, IL

First Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Metro Peoria / River City**  
 TacShack, Peoria, IL

3rd Monday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Sangamon - Menard**  
 MTM Arms, Athens, IL

3rd Thursday (6-8pm)  
**Effingham County**  
 Accuracy Firearms

3rd Thursday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Pocahontas**  
 Rampart Range, Pocahontas, IL

2nd Sunday (2:00-4:00p)  
**Little Egypt**  
 Tombstone Gun Range & Training Center, Marion, IL

2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**McHenry County**  
 On Target Range, Crystal Lake, IL

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**McHenry County NORTH**  
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2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Winnebago County**  
 KAP Guns, Lovespark, IL

First Tuesday 6-8p  
**Fox Valley**  
 Fox Valley Shooting Range, Elgin, IL  
[foxvalleytwawsc@gmail.com](mailto:foxvalleytwawsc@gmail.com)

4th Friday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Quad Cities**  
 Milan Rifle Club in Milan



*"Bail reform" a disaster for law-abiding New York City residents*

## NYC sees surge in major crime

NYC (Fox5NY) - Newly released statistics show a big jump in crime last month compared to a year ago.



The NYPD says major crimes grew 22.5% in

February compared to the same month last year including a 7.1% increase in shootings. Robbery, assault, burglary, grand larceny, and grand larceny auto crimes all saw increases...

The NYPD says that in the first 58 days of 2020, 482 individuals who had already been arrested for committing a felony such as robbery or burglary

were rearrested for committing an additional 846 crimes.

Thirty-five percent, or 299, were for arrests in the seven major crime categories – murder, rape, robbery, felony assault, burglary, grand larceny, and grand larceny auto – that is nearly triple the amount of those crimes committed in the same 58 days in 2019.



## Boom: FBI gun checks surge 30% amid Democrat gun grab threats

(Washington Examiner) - FBI gun background checks required in most weapon sales have jumped 30% as consumers have rushed in to gun stores and shows to load up amid threats from Democratic presidential candidates to end sales and safety concerns as the coronavirus spreads.

Background checks in January and February recorded the highest number ever for the period, said the FBI.



## Robinson wins NC Lt. Gov. Republican primary

Raleigh, NC (Citizen Free Press) — A man who gave a fiery speech for gun rights two years ago in Greensboro won the Republican primary in North Carolina's lieutenant governor's race Tuesday night.

Mark Robinson (pictured above), who was seeking his first elected office, topped eight other candidates, likely winning the primary without a runoff and shocking pundits. He spent less than other candidates – one a state senator who put half a million dollars into his own campaign...

...Robinson believes there is a false narrative being spread by the media about racism in the Republican Party — "We've allowed other people to dictate the narrative and tell the story. I've not seen any racism in the Republican Party the whole time I've been in it."

## Black Ohioans support conservatism, gun rights

Columbus, OH (cleveland.com) — Black Ohioans are more conservative than many people might think, favoring small government, taxpayer funding for private schools, gun rights over gun control, and private health insurance over a single-payer system, a sweeping new poll has found.

The survey of 1,500 black Ohioans, unveiled Wednesday by the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation and the University of Akron's Bliss Institute, offers a first-of-its-kind statewide look into the political thoughts of Ohio's 1.7 million black residents.



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## Left's plan to fight the Coronavirus: Set prisoners free, Stop arresting illegals

(Washington Free Beacon) - Multiple left-leaning organizations have called for governments to respond to the outbreak of the Wuhan coronavirus by mass releasing prisoners, reducing arrests, and limiting immigration enforcement.

The proposals from major criminal justice reform groups, in particular, push preexisting policy goals as a solution to the impending epidemic. While prisons pose a unique challenge for public health, it is unclear that such drastic measures are necessary to curtail the risk of infection.



The Sentencing Project, a pro-reform advocacy organization, called on public officials on Wednesday to "also prioritize the health and well-being of incarcerated people" in their responses to the virus.

[Editor's note: They are pushing these releases in Illinois too.]

## State Line Rifle Association

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# The Culture War Against Guns

## SPLC, CAIR take aim at \$121B philanthropy industry in effort to silence conservative 'hate groups'

(PJ Media) - Liberal activist groups are pressuring donor-advised funds (DAFs) to blacklist conservative and Christian organizations in the name of fighting white supremacy and "hate." On Tuesday, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), themselves far from immune from scandal, released a report urging this philanthropic sector — which held more than \$121 billion in donor contributions in 2018 — to join the political warfare effort of isolating conservative voices from polite society. The report favorably cites Fidelity Charitable's and Schwab Charitable's decisions to ban contributions to the NRA, citing

San Francisco's resolution condemning the NRA as a "terrorist organization."



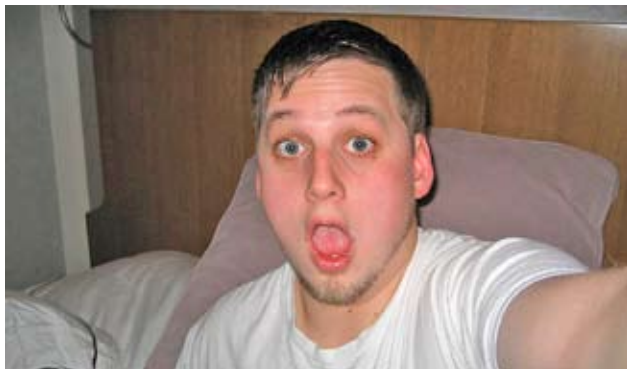
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...Yet the document, entitled "Hate-Free Philanthropy," calls on donor-advised funds to blacklist SPLC-accused "hate groups" in the name of preventing white supremacist terrorism.



**SHOCKED!** Shocked, I tell you!

**You mean I can't just buy a gun online and have it shipped to my house?**



(Omaha Outdoors) - First came the panic buying of hand sanitizer. Then, people panic bought toilet paper. Now, food shelves are emptying and firearm and ammunition sales are through the roof. The COVID19 outbreak might be bad for the stock market, but it's certainly been a boon for very specific sectors of the economy. The gun industry, used to such boom/bust cycles, knows how to respond — but other sectors might not be so acclimated.

Here at Omaha Outdoors, we've been inundated with inquiries from out-of-state folks — many from California — asking if we can ship them a gun directly. The answer is, of course, no.

Despite what politicians and many in popular media claim, you can't buy a gun online and have it shipped to your house. Well, you could, if you were a federally licensed firearm dealer (or federally licensed curio

and relic collector) and your home was your place of business. Other than that, no, you can't buy a gun online and have it shipped, especially across state lines, to your home.

What you'll need to do to buy a gun from us is order it on our online store and select an FFL, a federally licensed firearm dealer, during the online checkout process. We ship the gun to the dealer near you — presuming the firearm and its accessories are legal in your area — and you visit the dealer to fill out the required ATF Form 4473 and undergo the federal and any applicable state background checks. Some states might require a waiting period — sure to be a sore point at a time when people feel the need for a gun to protect themselves NOW. Only then can you take your new firearm home.

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