

Trump signs memo to limit bump stocks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Tuesday he has signed a memo directing the Justice Department to propose regulations to “ban all devices” like the rapid-fire bump stocks involved in last year’s Las Vegas massacre.

Seeking to show action days after a deadly school shooting in Parkland, Fla., Trump spoke during a White House ceremony recognizing bravery by the nation’s public safety officers.

“We must move past clichés and tired debates and focus on evidence based solutions and security measures that actually work,” Trump said.

The announcement came days after the shooting deaths of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The device Trump referred to was used in the October shooting deaths of 58 people in Las Vegas, and attached to a half-dozen of the long guns found in the shooter’s hotel room. A legislative effort to ban the

device fizzled last year.

White House officials say the president will be meeting with students, teachers and state and local officials to discuss ways of providing more school safety and address gun violence. Pressure has been mounting for action after the Parkland shooting.

Trump has also indicated he is open to a limited strengthening of federal background checks on gun purchases.

Over the weekend, the White House said he had spoken Friday to Sen. John Cornyn, a Texas Republican, about a bipartisan bill designed to strengthen the FBI database of prohibited gun buyers.

Trump spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders qualified the support, stressing that talks contin-



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ue and “revisions are being considered,” but said “the president is supportive of efforts to improve the federal background check system.”

The main action Trump has taken on guns has been to sign a resolution blocking an Obama-era rule designed to keep guns out of the hands of certain mentally disabled people.

The president has voiced strong support for gun rights and the National Rifle Association.

Ella Fesler, 16-year-old high school student in Alexandria, Va., was among the students at the “lie-in” in front of the White House. She said it was time for change, adding: “Every day when I say ‘bye’ to my parents, I do acknowledge the fact that I could never see my parents again.”

Previous gun tragedies have not led Congress to act.

Danny Cummings seeks Register of Deeds position

Danny Cummings is announcing his candidacy for the Register of Deeds seat coming in August 2018. As an independent candidate, Cummings advances to the General Election in August and won’t be on the ballot for the primaries in May.

“I am the best candidate for this office for I am neither Republican nor Democrat,” said Cummings. “I bleed red, just like you, and this is why I feel I’d be the best candidate for this job. I encourage young and old alike to voice your privilege to vote.”



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Cummings has been a businessman for the past 26 years as the owner of DC Tires and says he has enjoyed meeting the public in this capacity.

Cummings asks supporters to “like” and “share” his Facebook page, votefordc.

“I look very forward to serving Warren County and McMinnville as all city and county voters can vote for me in this race come August 2018,” said Cummings. “Thank you all in advance for the encouragement and kindness thus far and remember ‘Vote for Me, DC for RD.’”

Lenten meditations



Rev. Adam Rush, associate pastor at First United Methodist Church, offers the first in the 2018 series of Lenten mid-week meditations last week. The 20-minute services, which are open to the public, are every Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. in the First United Methodist sanctuary. This Wednesday’s message will be delivered by Rev. Ricky Lee, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church.

Health department is going paperless

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Warren County Health Department is transitioning to electronic records.

The news isn’t good for patients seeking an appointment sooner rather than later during the changeover.

According to Health Department director Andrea Fox to members of the county Health and Welfare Committee, the transition from handheld charts to electronic health records will be made as patients are seen and that will initially slow the

number of people who can be seen in a day.

“Warren County Health Department will be going live with the electronic health record Feb. 27,” said Fox. “They will begin training next week, with the go-live the following week. With that being said, there will be less appointments available during this transition.”

After the transition is complete, all patient records will be on computer.

Commissioner Tommy Savage asked if the number of patients who can be seen in a day will improve over time, to

which Fox replied it will.

“Yes, it will get better,” she said. “When patients come in for the first time after the transition begins, their records must be scanned in. That will take a little longer. That won’t happen every visit. The first visit will be the longest.”

Fox apologizes for any inconvenience this change may cause.

“We have posted signs in the Health Department and communicated this upcoming change to the patients. We appreciate your patience during this transition.”

All Tennessee county health departments are switching to electronic records.



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