

Students battle lawmakers for gun control

PARKLAND, FLA. (AP) — Students who survived the Florida school shooting began a journey Tuesday to the state Capitol to urge lawmakers to prevent another massacre, but within hours the gun-friendly Legislature had effectively halted any possibility of banning assault rifles like the one used in the attack.

The legislative action further energized the teens as they prepared to confront legislators who have quashed gun-control efforts for decades in a state where 1.3 million people have concealed carry permits.

Three buses set out for Tallahassee carrying 100 students who, in the aftermath of the attack that killed 17 people, want to revive the gun-control movement.

The teens carried sleeping bags and pillows and hugged their parents as they departed, many wearing burgundy T-shirts in school colors.

They spent the seven-hour bus ride checking their phones, watching videos and reading comments on social media about the shooting, some of which accused them of being liberal pawns.

Meanwhile at the Statehouse, a Democratic representative asked for a procedural move that would have allowed the Republican-controlled House to consider a ban on large-capacity magazines and assault rifles such as the AR-15 that

was wielded by the suspect, Nickolas Cruz.

The bill had been assigned to three committees but was not scheduled for a hearing.

The House quickly nixed the Democratic motion.

The vote broke down along party lines, and Republicans criticized Democrats for forcing the vote.

Because the committees will not meet again before the legislative session ends March 9, the move essentially extinguishes hope that lawmakers would vote on any sweeping measures to restrict assault rifles, although other proposals could still be considered.

“No one in the world with the slightest little hint of a soul isn’t moved by this tragedy,” Republican strategist Rick Wilson said.

“The discussion has to be a longer, bigger and broader discussion.”

Alfonso Calderon, a 16-year-old junior, said he hoped the trip starts a conversation between the Legislature, Gov. Rick Scott and the students over commonsense laws on guns.

“America is a gun society. That is what made (suspect) Nickolas Cruz seem normal. It is not normal for someone to have a stockpile of weapons in their room when they are mentally ill,” Calderon said.

The students planned to hold a rally Wednesday to put pressure on the Legislature.



WILSON

Bollards strike again



It what’s become a common occurrence, the red bollard across from Magness Library snagged another victim Tuesday afternoon, this time a trailer being towed by a pickup. Traffic was rerouted around downtown for more than an hour while the trailer was unstuck.

OBITUARIES

Carl G. Lewis, 61

Mr. Carl G. Lewis, 61, of McMinnville passed from this life Thursday, Feb. 8, at Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro.

Carl was born Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1956 in McMinnville, the son of the late Hubert Lewis and the late Melba (Brady) Lewis. He worked at Centery Electric in McMinnville for 27 years and was a member of Shiloh United Methodist Church.

Surviving are daughters, Tara M. Lewis of Rock Island, Shanna McCormick of McMinnville, one son John Lewis of McMinnville, two sisters Sharon Lemons and husband Jeff of McMinnville, Teresa Lewis of McMinnville, three grandchildren, Ben Roller, Devin Lewis, Michael Rutledge one great-grandchild, Miraclelyn Roller. Several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and a host of friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 14 years Nicola (Howitt) Lewis, parents, Hubert and Melba (Brady) Lewis, and nephew, Chase Morton.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, at Pearls of Christ Church at 2 p.m. with Danny Moore officiating. Online condolences may be made at gardensofmemoryfuneralhome.com.

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Marty Schuster, 94

A memorial graveside service for Marty Schuster, 94, of Gainesboro was held Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Whorton Springs Cemetery. Bro. Ricky Arnold officiated.

Marty passed away Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018 at his residence. He was an avid gardener, hunter and fisherman who loved learning new things. He was also retired from maintenance at Alkali chemical.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Katharina Schuster; and wife Ruby Schuster.

He is survived by three stepsons, Charles (Janet) Young of Riddleton, Larry Young of Murfreesboro, and Paul Young of Morrison; sister Marie Rusnak of Ohio; several nieces, nephews and special caregivers, Ken and Mary Denson.

Love-Cantrell Funeral Home of Smithville was in charge of arrangements.

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Wilbert Hale, 79

McMinnville resident and Warren County native Wilbert Hale, 79, was born Nov. 25, 1938 and died Feb. 20 at Saint Thomas River Park Hospital following an extended illness.

Retired from Radix Wire and a member of Long Mountain Baptist Church, he was the son of the late Skiler and Cora Opia Hathaway Hale. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by son Alan Hale; brother Bernice Hale; and twin sister, Willie Pauline Hale.

He was married July 27, 1996 to Nancy Marler Hale of McMinnville. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two children, Trina Smith and Diena Hale, both of Painesville, Ohio; two stepsons and spouses, Alan and Kimberly Klotzbach of Columbus, Ohio and Brian and Susan Klotzbach of Painesville, Ohio; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; brother James Hale of McMinnville; daughter-in-law, Betty McFarland-Hale of Painesville, Ohio; and several cousins.

Visitation is Thursday, Feb. 22, from 2 to 9 p.m. in High’s Parlor. Interment will follow in Ohio. The family requests no flowers. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Linda Jo Prater, 70

Ms. Linda Jo Prater, 70, of McMinnville died Tuesday, Feb. 20, at Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro.

She was born July 4, 1947, in Sparta, was an employee of Prater’s Barbeque and a member of First Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Faith. She was preceded in death by parents Robert Tipton and Vollie Louise Simmons Baker, sisters Doris Gilley and Charline Baker, and brother Anthony Baker.

Survivors include her children Gregory Lynn (Carolyn) Prater and Christy (Michael) Robey, grandchildren Devon Prater, Hunter Martin, Hannah Prater, Brittany McKinley, and Brad McKinley, sister Paula Pack, and brothers Stephen Simmons and Reed Tipton. Other family members and friends also survive.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at First Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Faith. Bro. Jason Nunley will officiate. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery. The Prater family will receive friends Thursday from 12 p.m. noon to 8 p.m., and again Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Faith, 1465 Shelbyville Rd., McMinnville, TN 37110. The church telephone number is 931-668-5105. There will be no visitation or service at McMinnville Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com.

McMinnville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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CORRECTION

Blake Driver is a senior at F.C. Boyd Christian School, not Warren County High School. He signed a Letter of Intent with Tennessee College of Applied Technology on Feb. 15 as part of National Technical Letter of Intent Signing Day. The Southern Standard apologizes for the misunderstanding.

DEAN'S LIST

C u m b e r l a n d University has announced its dean’s list for Warren County students for the fall 2017 semester.

The following students have been named: Blanca Garcia Ramos, Alexis Hobbs, Mary Wright, and Mitchell Stembridge.

The dean’s list honor is reserved for students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on all classes attempted.

The list is issued twice per year during the fall and spring terms. Information for the list was provided by the Office of the Registrar.

LORANCE ON DEAN’S LIST

McMinnville resident Rylan C. Lorange was named to the Rhodes College Dean’s List for the 2017 fall semester. To qualify for the dean’s list, a student must be enrolled in at least 16 credit hours of academic work and must achieve a semester GPA of 3.7 or better.

Founded in 1848, Rhodes is a nationally ranked liberal arts college in Memphis. Students are encouraged to become engaged members of their communities, combining academic training and personal concern into effective leadership and action.

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EVENTS

Turkey/Dressing •
Chicken Strip Supper

There will be a Turkey/Dressing - Chicken Strip Supper at Fairview CIC on Mar. 3 @ 5pm. Meal will include mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, roll, dessert & drink. All candidates are welcome to debate the upcoming election. All will be allowed a 3 minute speech. Questions can be asked. Everyone welcome.

Rocky River CIC & Fire
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Breakfast

The Rocky River CIC & Fire Department will be serving a Country Breakfast on Feb. 24 from 6-10am.

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