

Traffic congestion may loom for EMS vehicles

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Time will tell if Motlow's new robotics training facility will create a traffic issue for Warren County EMS.

"Groundbreaking will be at the end of April and by next year, July 2019, it should be open," said County Commissioner Randy England.

"They have been core drilling for two weeks. Do you think when they get the robotics training facility complete that it will create a problem?" The inquiry was made during a county Safety

Committee meeting to Warren County EMS director Preston Denney.

"I've heard so many different stories on it that I honestly don't know," said Denney. "They were telling us they expected 250 students or something per class that would be going there, but then I was told it wouldn't be 250 at one time, that it would be 20 or 30 students at a time that would be there."

Commissioners expressed concerns last year on how the 12,500-square-foot facility, to be located on 4.3 acres beside Tennessee College of Applied

Technology, would affect emergency traffic from EMS Station One since both will share Vo Tech Drive.

Specifically, county officials are concerned increased traffic congestion would delay emergency vehicles and reduce response times.

Denney says it may come down to class scheduling and it's unknown how the greater number of students may impact traffic.

Said Commissioner Ron Lee, "We won't know until it gets there."

Motlow named Larry Platt executive director of the new Advanced Robotics program.



Lisa Hobbs photo

Increased traffic congestion on Vo Tech Drive is a looming concern for Warren County EMS as construction is pending for Motlow's Advanced Robotics Center. The facility, touted to attract visitors from across the South-east, will share the same street with emergency traffic.

Lima trial

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"Each of the three independent witnesses stated essentially the same thing," said Walkup. "They all knew Mr. Lima had the responsibility to stop."

Witnesses described the Lima vehicle as "flying" and one witness said she took evasive action to avoid being in the crash.

Clark, who was involved in the wreck as the driver of the other vehicle, testified that it looked like Lima was trying to beat him through the intersection.

Defense attorney Larry Bryant showed the jury a picture of the intersection as it appeared that day from a visual perspective of Lima as he approached.

"Maybe you can read that," he said referring to the stop sign. "I cannot. All I barely make out is red across the top and what appears to be a very faint 'S' to the left. The rest of the letters aren't visible."

Bryant provided the jury with a second picture of the intersection taken "sometime after the accident." The stop sign had been replaced and was clearly visible.

"If that stop sign was up to snuff, why change it?" asked Bryant.

Lima relocated to Van Buren County from Michigan. Bryant reminded the jury that Lima is not a Warren County resident and

unlike the witnesses who are, he did not have prior knowledge of the stop sign and its condition.

"We know, and it is undisputed, Mr. Lima was on that road for the first time in his life," said Bryant. "Witnesses knew he was supposed to stop because they've driven that road all their life. This case is not about what the witnesses knew but about what Mr. Lima knew. In his own words, Mr. Lima stated, 'When I recognized it as a stop sign, I tried to stop.' Was it Lima's actions or the inactions of the county for the quality of that stop sign that led to this unfortunate accident?"

Bryant hinted that the charges against Lima were backlash from him filing a civil lawsuit against Warren County for poor stop sign visibility.

"This accident happened on Aug. 28, 2014. There were no charges brought against my client at that time," said Bryant. "On Jan. 2, 2015, alcohol and drug test results from the TBI came back. No alcohol. There was some medication to regulate heart rate, but no illegal narcotics in his system. Still, no charges were filed. On March 16, 2015, Mr. Lima files a civil suit and on May 7, he's charged. That's eight months after the accident, but only six or seven weeks after the civil suit. Why was that? It's up to you to determine."

OBITUARIES

Doris Delores Glenn, 82

McMinnville resident and Warren County native Doris Delores Glenn, 82, was born Sept. 28, 1935 and died March 9 at St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro following an extended illness.

The owner of Delores' Market and a member of New Bybee Methodist Church, she was the daughter of the late Hamby and Rosie Jones Martin. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by the father of her children, Harold Glenn.

She is survived by three children and spouses, Stevie and Debbie Glenn of Rock Island, Levie and Leta Glenn of McMinnville, and Gereta Davis of McMinnville; seven grandchildren, Stephenie King, Stephen Glenn II, Kyle Glenn, Christopher Fuqua, Jamie Judkins, Clint Davis and Corey Davis; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Judy Martin of Rock Island, and Gary and Brenda Martin of Rock Island; sister and brother-in-law, Judy and David Grissom of Rock Island; caregivers, Wilma Gibbs, Linda Whitlock, Jean Glenn, Brenda Bennett, Barbara Lance, Kathy Elrod and Debbie Higgins; and a special thanks to friends, Carol Martin, Dottie Hillis, Georgia Adcock and Jalesia Hanson.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at High's Chapel with Tim Lewis and David Grissom officiating. Burial will follow at New Bybee Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 11 a.m. until the time of service at High's.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Ronald McDonald House, Meals on Wheels or Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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William "Bill" Scott Nelson, 78

William "Bill" Scott Nelson, 78, passed away Thursday, March 8, at his home in Readyville. He was a native of Warren County.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Pat Nelson of Readyville; children, Mark (Erin) Nelson of McMinnville, Dwayne Nelson of Murfreesboro, Catrynia (Jeremy) Gannon and Jennifer (Michael) Smitty of Readyville, Amanda (Sean) Humphrey of Albuquerque, N.M.; grandchildren, Misty (Trey) McBride, Daniel (Chelsea) Nelson, Brandi (Justin) Harris, Matt Nelson, Austin Smitty, Will Nelson, Kellie Nelson, Audrey Smitty, Tyler Humphrey; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Scott Nelson and Sara Elizabeth Hillis Nelson; brother Bob Nelson and nephew Scott Nelson.

Bill was a member of Mt. Zion Methodist Church in McMinnville and was retired from AEDC as a maintenance supervisor after 32 years. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who loved to hunt, fish and go camping with his family. Bill was also a Master Mason, York Rite Mason, Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner and a KYCH.

Funeral service is 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. William Webb officiating. Interment will follow at Woods Cemetery. Visitation is 12 noon till 3 p.m. Sunday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital or to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Woodbury Funeral Home, 615-563-2311, or www.woodburyfuneralhome.net is in charge of arrangements.

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Villa Eugene "Gene" Webb Jr., 85

Mr. Villa Eugene "Gene" Webb Jr., 85, of McMinnville died Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Saint Thomas River Park Hospital.

He was born Sept. 28, 1932 in McMinnville, was preceded in death by father Villa E. Webb and mother Ethel Wilson Webb Donaldson, grandparents R.J. (Bob) and Myrtle Wilson, who provided youthful guidance with loving care and concern. A longtime piano teacher, Webb served as organist emeritus at First United Methodist Church where he was a member.

Mr. Webb is survived by his sisters Dorothy Webb Briggs and Linda Donaldson Taylor, nephew Quill Steven Briggs, niece Denise Briggs McKelvey, among numerous other relatives.

Graveside funeral rites and inurnment will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Mt. View Cemetery. Rev. Tommy Vann will officiate. There will be no visitation at the funeral home as family and friends will meet at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Good Neighbor Program at First United Methodist Church, 200 West Main St., McMinnville, TN 37110. Online condolences may be made at www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com.

McMinnville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Steven Allen Bennett, 62

McMinnville resident and Miami, Fla., native Steven Allen Bennett, 62, was born Dec. 5, 1955 and died March 3 at Saint Thomas West Hospital in Nashville following an extended illness.

A corrections officer with the Florida Department of Prisons and a member of the Baptist Church, he was the son of the late Alton and Laura Yates Bennett. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, Kenneth Bennett; and sister, Grace Martinez.

He is survived by two sisters, Darlene Blanton of Spencer and Pat Collver of Michigan; brother Jerry Bennett of Florida; fiancée Wanda Smith of McMinnville; three nieces, Michelle and Tammy Bennett, and Tracy Blanton; two nephews, Glynn and Joe Blanton; three special great-nephews, Dakota and Kenny Bennett, and Haygen; and several other nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

There will be no visitation or service at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Hugh D. Cline, 78

Hugh D. Cline, 78, was born to Wade and Erma Cline in New Matamoras, Ohio on March 18, 1939 and passed away March 6.

He and Margaret McCune were married in Lake Worth, Fla., on Nov. 4, 1961. He is survived by Margaret and their two sons, Mark, and his wife Tammy, and Steve and his wife, Jenny. He is also survived by Mark's son Cory and grandson Gaberial, and Steve's sons Nic and Will.

Hugh and his brother Dan operated Pioneer Printing for 25 years in McMinnville. Dan, wife Helen and son Christopher, as well as Hugh's sister Kitty of Florida, survive him.

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