

Ketron to resign as Chairman, become Rutherford County mayor

NASHVILLE (AP) — Tennessee Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Bill Ketron is resigning at the end of the month to take office as a county mayor.

According to a news release, Ketron will resign Friday and will become Rutherford County mayor on Saturday. Ketron's legislative term wasn't set to expire for another

STATE ROUNDUP

two months.

NASHVILLE (AP) — Officials say a new program allowing adults to attend community college or technical schools tuition-free in Tennessee has received thousands more applications than anticipated. *The Tennessean* reported Monday

that Tennessee Reconnect is in its first year and roughly 31,000 adults have applied. State Higher Education Commission executive director Mike Krause says the program has surpassed officials' expectations as they had hoped for 8,000 to 10,000 applications. Gov. Bill Haslam had promoted

the program that provides grants for students 25 and older to earn an associate degree or technical certificate free of tuition or fees.

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Retired quarterback Peyton Manning has donated \$1 million to the University of Tennessee to establish the John Haas Student Experiential Learning Endowment. The donation honors John Haas,

a longtime director and associate professor in Tennessee's College of Communication and Information's School of Communication Studies. Haas was Manning's college adviser and one of his professors.

Manning said in a statement "exceptional teachers transform your way of learning by challenging and motivating you while teaching more than just a subject."

Jail expansion is locked up for now

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A proposed Warren County Jail expansion is a dead issue, at this time.

The county Financial Management Committee met Tuesday and took no action on a measure coming from the Building and Grounds Committee to send a resolution to the full Warren County Commission to borrow \$9 million for jail expansion.

"It was a vote just saying they supported it," said Commissioner Scott Rubley. "It really didn't have any legal binding. He said they just wanted to make it known to the next County Commission that they were in favor of it."

A resolution to borrow \$9 million will not be on next month's full Warren

County Commission agenda.

"This will have to be considered a little later on after committees are set," said Finance Department director Linda Hillis.

Financial Management first met Aug. 13 to consider project bids received. All four bids were above the \$6.5 million budget, ranging from \$8.3 million to \$9.09 million. At that time, members sent the measure to Building and Grounds which met Thursday. That committee unanimously voted to send a resolution to the full Warren County Commission to borrow \$9 million.

The back and forth between committees means the project is back to the drawing board, including a second bidding process.

West plans

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"We could do a multi-colored pattern and the panels would be approximately 14 inches high by a fixed length so we can connect them together in such a way that we can make larger vertical blocks of color," explained Hill.

The slide with the scheme showcasing what West would look like with this multi-colored pattern solicited whispers of disapproval, head shaking, and even a few laughs in disbelief.

School Board member

Bill Zechman reminded everyone "to keep an open mind" while Teddy Jones said "it's an eye catcher."

When asked if another school had ever used this pattern before, Hill answered, "We've not done it before in that pattern, but there was a school in Arizona with something similar."

Added Jones, "If I could interject this, at what point do we stop and say this is not what we want at all? We don't want to spend \$3 million and not get what we want."

Jones also suggested going to the city and saying this property is not working because he is in favor of building a new school.

Director of Schools Bobby Cox reminded School Board members the longer they delay renovations, the more it's going to cost for construction.

"Mt. Juliet just opened bids for their new high school at \$107 million and Collierville opened their bids two years ago and just completed their high school at \$90 million so in two years the same size high school went from \$90 million to \$107 million," said Cox.

"We need to move on and make a decision," said School Board member Helen Martin. "There is no money so we need to take what we have and do what we can at this point. My vote is to move on."

Hill addressed the School Board and said he is on schedule to receive bids for West Elementary just before Christmas around Dec. 15.

The School Board voted to proceed in putting the renovation project out to bid to determine cost.

OBITUARIES

Luther Jay George Jr., 73

Luther Jay George Jr., 73, a Smithville resident and Warren County native, was born Nov. 19, 1944 and passed away Aug. 25 at St. Thomas West Hospital following an extended illness.

He was a retired truck driver, member of the Baptist Church, and son of the late Luther Jay George Sr., and Gladys Malone George. Mr. George was married May 4, 1963 to Linda Lee Scott George, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Luther Jay George III and Vickie of Beech Grove, Marty George and Angela of the Green Hill community; four grandchildren, Ashley Rains, Luther Jay George IV, Christopher George and Gracie George; seven great-grandchildren, Brookelyn George, Autumn Newby, Dalton George, Dodge George, McKenna George, Lakelyn George and Braelyn George; and brothers Pokie George, Billy Don George, Ivan Rhea George and David Lee George, all of McMinnville.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at High's Chapel with Pokie George to officiate. Interment will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be 9 a.m. Wednesday until the time of 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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Leona Frances "Granny" Billings, 93

Mrs. Leona Frances "Granny" Billings, 93, of McMinnville died Sunday, Aug. 26, at home surrounded by her family.

She was born May 31, 1925, was a homemaker, and a member of Bratchers Crossroad Free Methodist Church. Mrs. Billings was preceded in death by her parents Rev. Frank Lee and Eula Elizabeth Bond Watson, husband of 58 years Cecil Earnest Billings, 11 brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include her son Levin (Rachel) Billings, brother Rev. Johnny (Barbara) Watson, grandchildren Gena Barry and Keith (April) Billings, great grandchildren Austin Barry and Ethan Billings, a brother-in-law, and 5 sisters-in-law. Nieces, nephews, a host of friends and loved ones also survive.

Funeral service is 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at McMinnville Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Bobby Wheeler will officiate. Interment will follow at Centertown Cemetery. The Billings family will receive friends Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the parlors of McMinnville Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to Avalon Hospice. Online condolences may be made at www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com.

McMinnville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 473-6606.

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Tammy Marie Burger Newby, 56

Tammy Marie Burger Newby, 56, passed away Friday, Aug. 24, at St. Thomas West. She was a native of Cannon County.

She is survived by her husband, Ricky Newby of McMinnville; children Jeffery Adams and Eddie Lynn (Shanice) Adams, both of McMinnville, Becky Marie Sanchez (Fabian Alarcon Sanchez) of Morrison; grandchildren Antonio Sanchez, Brianna Adams, Lilianna Sanchez, Juliana Sanchez, William Adams and Addison Adams; sisters Treva Burger of Woodbury and Lisa Burger of McMinnville; nieces and nephews, Kayla and Monica Ramos, Kimberly and Tiffany Cantrell, Misty Ashmore, Clyde and Shana Burger, Heather and Brent Sandlin, Sharon Burger, Amy Wilson, Adam Wilson and Angela Acuna, and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Carson and Shirley Ann Mayo Burger; sister Kathy Burger and brother Danny Joe Burger.

A member of the Baptist church, Tammy was a housewife. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Centerhill Cemetery. Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30.

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

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W.R. Sims, 75

Mr. W.R. Sims, 75, of Morrison died Monday, Aug. 27, at St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro.

He was born May 27, 1943 in Lexington, Ala., served his country as a sergeant with the 101st Airborne division of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era, was a supervisor with Carrier Air Conditioning where he was employed for 30 years, and a member of Shady Grove The Baptist Church. Mr. Sims was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Ines Barnett Sims.

Survivors include his wife Janell Whitlock Sims, mother Dessie Sims, children Marsha (Doug) Beecham, Martha (Lebron) Ferguson, and Keith (Rhonda) Sims, grandchildren Jessica Beecham (Kevin Kovacs), Lora Beecham (Richard Turnage), Hayden Ferguson, Haylee Ferguson, Bailey Sims, and Keragan Sims, great-grandchild Emberlynn Ferguson, and many family friends.

Funeral service is 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at McMinnville Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Barry Whiteaker will officiate. Interment will follow at Shady Grove Cemetery. Military grave rites will be administered by VFW Post 5064 and American Legion Post 173. The Sims family will receive friends Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m., and again Thursday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the parlors of McMinnville Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Gideon Bible program or to Shady Grove Cemetery Fund. Online condolences may be made at www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com.

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April Diann Mickelsen, 68

April Diann Mickelsen passed away in Myrtle Beach, S.C. on Aug. 24 after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 68. She was a resident of McMinnville for many years and just recently moved to Conway, S.C. She was born in McKeesport, Pa., on June 3, 1950.

April is predeceased by her son, Warren Mickelsen, brother Daymon Ghrist, and sister Dawn Nunley. April is survived by her loving husband Ervin Terry Mickelsen of 49 years. They were married in Norfolk, Va., on May 17, 1969.

April is lovingly remembered by her daughter Kimberley Reed, son Benjamin Mickelsen, both of McMinnville, and her son Aaron Mickelsen currently serving the U.S. military in Norfolk, Va., granddaughters Amberleigh and Angela, parents June and Harry Ghrist of McMinnville, brothers Lief Ghrist, Clay Ghrist, Glenn Ghrist, and Wade Ghrist, sister Tana Fraser and numerous nieces and nephews.

April had many hobbies, including making jewelry, bead work, stained glass, painting, and more. She loved fishing and trips to the beach with her husband. There will be no funeral services per her request. In lieu of flowers, send donations to The American Cancer Society.

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Elsa Josefa Mullican, 85

Elsa Josefa Mullican, 85, a Rock Island resident, passed away Aug. 25 at St. Thomas West Hospital. She was born May 6, 1933 in Linz at the Danube, Austria.

She was a retired employee of Magnetek, member of Mt. View Church of Christ and daughter of the late, Franz and Theresia Noesslbock Mistebacher.

Ms. Mullican is survived by children and spouses, Louis D. Mullican of Rock Island, Vera and Kenny Kuhn of Rock Island, Sam and Charlotte Mullican of McMinnville; four grandchildren and spouses, Josh Kuhn of Rock Island, Haley and Jordan Hutchison, Brad and Letitia Mullican and Jessica and Jody Denney, all of McMinnville; three great-grandchildren, Maxton Denney, Austin Mullican and Oaklen Hutchison; two sisters, Martha Reitingner and Mini Richtsfeld, both of Austria; brother Fred Noesslbock of Austria; and numerous nieces and nephews in Austria.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at High's Chapel with Joe Solomon to officiate. Interment will follow at Mt. View Cemetery on Hwy. 30. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 12 p.m. Thursday until the time of 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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UPCOMING
EVENTS

Griffith Reunion

The Griffith Reunion will be Sun, Sept. 9 at Morrison Ruritan after church. Please bring food, dessert and the family.

Annual Holder Reunion

The Annual Holder Reunion will be Sun, Sept. 2 at the Centertown C.I.C. Doors will open at 11am. Please bring a covered dish.

Homecoming

Sunny Hills Baptist Church will be having a Homecoming Sun, Sept. 9. Singing starts @ 9:45am, preaching @ 11am with food to follow. Come enjoy great preaching, singing and food! The church is located at 2216 Robert Wilson Rd. in McMinnville.

Class of 88 Reunion

The Class of 88 Reunion will be Sept. 7 @ WCMS Nunley Stadium from 5-7pm and Sept. 8 @ Mud Bums from 6-10pm. On Sept. 7 there will be a Tailgate Party and Homecoming Game. Come join your classmates at the pavilion at the gym entrance. There will be hotdogs, chips and drinks. On Sept. 8 get together with old friends while enjoying food and music. The band starts at 7pm. The cost will be \$20 per person. Check out our Facebook page to pay through PayPal or check. Sept. 1 is the deadline to register. Contact DeDe Holmes @ 931-703-1166 or Michelle Lewis @ 931-607-6070 for more info.

One Week Gospel Meeting

Browntown Church of Christ will be hosting a One Week Gospel Meeting from Sept. 2-7. Bro. Eddie Sanders will be the speaker. Sunday School begins @ 9am with Worship @ 10am. Lunch will be served following worship. Evening service begins @ 2:30pm. Monday - Friday Services will start @ 7pm. Everyone is invited.

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