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Keane (Cork): On February 29, 2024, peacefully, at Carechoice, Ballynoe, surrounded by her loving family, EMILY (née Jones), Glenthorn, Dublin Hill, dearly loved wife of Seamus and loving mother of James. Sadly missed by her loving husband, son, sister Martha, daughter-in-law Carol, grandson Conor, brother-in-law Donal, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. Reposing at the Mayfield Funeral Home, Old Youghal Road of Jerh. O'Connor Ltd. on Monday (March 4) from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Requiem Mass at 11.00am on Tuesday (March 5) in Church of The Annunciation, Blackpool. Funeral afterwards to Rathcooney Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, in lieu, to Alzheimer's Society of Ireland.
May she rest in peace.

McDonnell (Cork): On February 28, 2024, suddenly at home, in Inis Eoghain, Mayfield, PATTY, dearly loved daughter of the late Paddy and Mary (née O'Connell) and loving sister of John, Jimmy, Noel, Anita, Paschal and the late Kathleen and Donal. Sadly missed by her loving brothers, sister, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, godchildren, relatives, neighbours and a wide circle of friends especially Helen O'Reilly and family. Reposing at the Mayfield Funeral Home, Old Youghal Road of Jerh. O'Connor Ltd. on tomorrow (Sunday) from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Requiem Mass at 1.00pm on Monday in the Church of Our Lady Crowned, Mayfield. Funeral afterwards to The Island Crematorium, Rocky Island, Ringaskiddy, Co Cork.
May she rest in peace.

O'Connell (Cork): On February 28, 2024, peacefully, at the Mercy University Hospital, WILLIAM (WALLY) (late of Suttons Seeds and Highfield Rugby Club), Winters Hill and formerly of Blackrock, dearly beloved husband of Sheila and loving father of Aileen, Mary and Eugene. Sadly missed by his loving wife and family, grandchildren Christopher, William, Ciara, Sina and Julieanna, great-grandchildren Callum, Cillian, Croia, Shala and Alvey, son-in-law Donal, brother-in-law Seán, nephews, nieces, relatives, Grace, Liam and friends. Visitation at O'Connor Bros. Funeral Home, North Gate Bridge on today (Saturday), from 4pm to 5pm with Prayers at 4.45pm. Requiem Mass on Monday, at 10am in the North Cathedral which will be live streamed on www.corkcathedral.ie. Funeral afterwards to St Oliver's Cemetery, Model Farm Road.
Requiescat in pace.

UCC graduate is RTÉ's chief financial officer

■ Echo reporter

RTÉ has announced the appointment of University College Cork (UCC) graduate Mari Hurley as its new chief financial officer.

Ms Hurley replaces Richard Collins, who resigned from the role at the troubled national broadcaster last October.

RTÉ said Ms Hurley, who will take up her new role in the summer, will join recent appointments to director general Kevin Bakhurst's leadership team, including commercial director Gavin Deans and director of legal Daniel Coady.

In addition to being a UCC graduate, Ms Hurley has completed the executive management programme at the Harvard Business School in the US.

She was previously chief financial officer for AA Ireland, Lotto operator Premier Lotteries Ireland, Hostelworld Group plc, and Sherry FitzGerald Group.

Ms Hurley also has non-executive board experience with two of Ireland's leading semi-state bodies. She is currently a non-executive director of the National Asset Management Agency (Nama) and until 2021 held a similar role at Ervia. She has served as chairwoman of the audit and risk and credit and remuneration committees with both bodies.

Commenting on her new role, Ms Hurley said she was "delighted" to be joining RTÉ and its leadership team at what she described as "this critical time for the organisation and for the future of public service media in Ireland".

"I look forward to working with the director general, the RTÉ board, its audit and risk committee, and the finance team to develop RTÉ's financial strategy," Ms Hurley said, "and to bring my experience of successfully leading and implementing change and transformation programmes to RTÉ, in line with the unique values and obligations of public service."

Kevin Bakhurst said Ms Hurley was a highly experienced CFO with extensive experience in setting and driving the strategic direction of global businesses.



New RTÉ chief financial officer Mari Hurley has held previous roles at AA Ireland, Premier Lotteries Ireland, Hostelworld Group plc, and Sherry FitzGerald Group.

"Mari's broad corporate finance experience means she is skilled at embedding strong governance and controls in regulated businesses," said Mr Bakhurst.

"Her proven deliveries in the development of systems for enhanced governance, control processes, and provision of regular reporting aligns strongly with RTÉ's renewed mission around transparency, accountability, and good governance."

It comes as another RTÉ board member has

resigned amid continuing turmoil at the national broadcaster. It has emerged that PJ Mathews, who has been an RTÉ board member for almost 10 years, is to step down just over one week since the resignation of board chairwoman Siún Ní Raghallaigh in the wake of comments from the media minister on RTÉ's *Prime Time* show over a week ago.

Minister Catherine Martin said her immediate focus was on appointing a new chairperson and additional board members "very shortly".

Health Check highlights Glanmire potential

■ Breda Graham

Cork City Council, Glanmire Area Community Association, and Glanmire Chamber of Commerce recently launched the findings of a new Health Check report on the area.

The Health Check, which was funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and Cork City Council under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, was launched on Thursday evening at the Glanmire Church Parish Hall.

The report found that Glanmire has the potential to strengthen as a town and develop as an area with improved liveability.

The results of the research car-

ried out as part of the report provided recommendations on how to reduce the dispersed nature of the Glanmire area, creating an identifiable town centre.

The report found that Glanmire's vibrant community and distinctive built heritage have been fundamental to the identity of Glanmire and will require significant consideration in achieving a more distinctive town centre for the community.

It also identified Glanmire's dispersed commercially focused areas as a matter that must be ad-

ressed in identifying a centralised town centre for Glanmire.

The report also found a need to undertake a wider assessment of existing social and recreational infrastructure and to identify suitable locations for such infrastructure to meet the demands of Glanmire's growing population.

A number of major regeneration projects and initiatives are currently being progressed in Glanmire.

These include the Glanmire Flood Relief Project and the delivery of 15 projects under the Local Roads Improvement Scheme. The findings of the Health Check will assist in iden-

tifying what other initiatives are required in developing an overall planning framework for the Glanmire area.

Cork City Council thanked the Glanmire Area Community Association (GACA), Glanmire Chamber of Commerce, elected members from the North East Ward Cork City Council electoral area, staff from Cork City Council, and the residents of Glanmire for their input and support in the report.

Cork City Council also thanked Wessel Vosloo and his team from The Planning Partnership who carried out the research and finalised the report.

Cork campaigners host 21st Palestine rally today

The Cork Palestine Solidarity Campaign (CPSC) is set to hold another rally for Palestine in Cork city centre today.

The demonstration marks the 21st rally by CPSC in Cork since Israel's war on Gaza commenced in early October.

CPSC co-chairman Martin Shiel condemned the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) for the deaths of 112 people in Gaza on Thurs-

day, where it is claimed the IDF opened fire on crowds of Palestinians at a food-delivery point.

"Desperate Palestinians in the besieged north of Gaza had been starved of food deliveries by the IDF for more than a week," he said.

"When it was finally permitted, the food delivery became a scene of slaughter and death. The killing cannot be allowed to continue.

We await condemnation of this slaughter by our Government and we demand that the Government work much harder with those trying to stop the war.

"It's also way past time for the expulsion of the Israeli ambassador and for an end to trade with Israel."

Workers' Party leader and councillor for the Cork North East ward Ted Tynan condemned

the killing of civilians who were trying to collect food aid in Gaza.

"More than 30,000 Palestinians, including over 13,000 children, have been killed since the beginning of Israel's genocidal war on Gaza," he added.

Mr Shiel called on people to join the march and rally today "to express their outrage at the escalating carnage in Gaza". It will commence at 1pm at Grand Parade.