

University makes typo on years worth of diplomas

Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, Colo., is footing the bill for a possible \$46,000 reprint job after a recent graduate found a typo on his diploma. Alec Williams, former editor of the school's newspaper, was examining his sheepskin when he found a line reading "Coard of Trustees," instead of "Board of Trustees" under one of the signatures.

"There was this moment of laughing at it ... and the more I thought about it, the more frustrated I got, because I'm sitting on \$30,000 worth of debt and they can't take the time to use spell-check," he said.

CMU President Tim Foster told *The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* the school will send out corrected diplomas to 2018 grads -- but the typo goes back to 2012 diplomas. Those graduates can request a new diploma if they want to. "This mis-

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take is all ours," he said.

STEP ASIDE, CAT LADIES

Agents of Columbus (Ohio) Humane executed a warrant on a home in the Clintonville neighborhood on Aug. 14 in response to complaints about birds inhabiting the home.

Columbus Humane CEO Rachel Finney told *The Columbus Dispatch* concerns about the birds' well-being were warranted: Officials found more than 600 birds inside, including macaws, African gray parrots, Amazon parrots and other species.

"It's pretty overwhelming to step into the house," Finney said. Removal took all day, and Columbus Humane was undertaking the task of examining each bird from beak to tail. Finney said the agency would decide

which birds might be adoptable after assessments are complete. As for the owner, she said, "We're confident we'll have charges; it's just a matter of which charges and how many."

OBSESSION

Chen San-yuan, 69, of New Taipei City, Taiwan, has taken his gaming obsession to another level. "Uncle Pokemon," as the Feng Shui master is known around town, has mounted 11 smartphones on the handlebars of his bicycle so he can better play Pokemon Go. *United Press International* reported that Chen sometimes stays out until 4 a.m. playing the virtual game.

His habit costs him \$1,300 per month, but he's not daunted: He hopes to expand his phone lineup to 15.

ANIMAL ANTICS

-- German police took a baby squirrel into custody Aug. 9 following an incident in which it chased a grown man down the street. *The Guardian* reported an unnamed man summoned Karlsruhe police when he could not shake the tiny squirrel. But when officers arrived, the squirrel suddenly lay down and went to sleep.

Officers felt sorry for the exhausted little rodent, who apparently had been separated from its mom and was looking for a replacement in the terrified man. Police named their new mascot Karl-Friedrich, then took him to an animal rescue center, where he was doing very well.

UPDATE: Workers at the rescue center later determined the squirrel was a girl and renamed her Pippilotta. They expect to return her to the wild in September.

-- At the Puy de Fou

historical theme park in Vendee, France, cleaning up litter is always a problem. But less so now that six "particularly intelligent" crows are being trained to pick up litter, according to *Sky News*.

Nicolas de Villiers, president of the park, said that each time a crow drops a cigarette butt or piece of trash into a bin, it will be rewarded with a small nugget of food. The birds were set to begin their duties on Aug. 17.

EXTREME MEASURES

Your city may not have the dubious pleasure of pay-per-minute electric scooters yet, but in some places, the handy people transports have overstayed their welcome.

The Los Angeles Times reported on Aug. 10 that angry residents are throwing Bird scooters off balconies, heaving them into the ocean, stuffing them in trash-

cans and setting them afire. Robert Johnson Bey, a Venice Beach maintenance worker, said: "Sunday, I was finding kickstands everywhere. Looked like they were snapped off." What's worse, the perpetrators are documenting their destruction on social media; Instagram has a Bird Graveyard account devoted to chronicles of scooter desecration.

Culver City resident Hassan Galedary, 32, has a visceral reaction to the scooters: "I hate Birds more than anyone," he said. "They suck. People who ride them suck." However, he has stopped defacing them: "I can't put bad energy into the world. I don't even kick them over anymore."

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Bouldin earns Gateway to Research Scholarship

Jessica Bouldin of McMinnville is one of two East Tennessee State University doctoral students to earn a prestigious fellowship award for her research efforts within the ETSU Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy.

Bouldin earned a \$5,000 Gateway to Research Scholarship from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education for research focusing on the effects of synthetic drugs known as "bath salts" on individuals who abuse them.

In order to apply, Bouldin demonstrated superior academic performance, provided a mentoring plan, and showed interest in research, as well as presented a relevant topic.

"I am so proud of Jessica and of the entire lab for receiving this recognition for our research," said Dr. Brooks Pond, a mentor and associate professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. "No one from the college has ever received a fellowship from AFPE, as they are extremely competitive awards."

The goal of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education fellowship program is to positively impact patient and public health by supporting high-performing students who pos-



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sess the skill and aptitude to become outstanding scientists and leaders in the pharmaceutical industry, academia and the government/nonprofit sectors.

The other award recipient is Hannah Oakes of Bristol.



Civic Center to hold Rook tourney Aug. 25

BY LISA HOBBS
Reporter for the Southern Standard
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

McMinnville Civic Center is transforming into Rook central with its first multi-county tournament this coming Saturday, Aug. 25, at 9 a.m.

"Teams are guaranteed five games," said Kyle Clyde, event coordinator for the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

Cost to enter is \$10 per team. Members will be vying for a trophy and bragging rights. The 2018 Multi-County Rook Tournament winning team will have its picture taken and placed on a plaque to be hung on the wall of the facility.

For enthusiasts of the popular pastime, no description of the game is necessary. For everyone else, Rook is a trump-based, trick-taking game played with a deck of Rook playing cards. It was first sold in 1906 by Parker

Brothers.

According to Clyde, the rules are junior Rook, a game time limit is set at 45 minutes, and games are played to 500 points or awarded to the team with the most points after 45 minutes.

Teams may register before or on the day of the event. The competition is open to the first 16 teams.

Lunch will be potluck and optional. For the potluck lunch, everyone can bring a dish to share.

For the rules of the game and more information, visit the McMinnville Civic Center website and "special events" or contact Clyde at kclyde@mcminvilletn.gov or call 473-1212.

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOLS

DIBRELL ELEMENTARY

Aug. 21 - 2 to 2:30 p.m., Girl Scout meeting in the cafeteria

CENTERTOWN ELEMENTARY

Aug. 22 - 2 p.m., Cub Scout meeting
Aug. 23 - 6 p.m., Cub Scout meeting

EASTSIDE ELEMENTARY

Aug. 24 - 6 to 8 p.m., alumni basketball game



GENERAL SESSIONS

The following sentences were handed down Tuesday, Aug. 14, by Judge Bill Locke in General Sessions Arraignment Court.

Amanda Collins was directed to serve 30 days of an 11-month 29-day sentence for criminal impersonation and theft up to \$1,000. She was ordered to pay restitution.

Heather Polson must serve 20 days for criminal impersonation and contempt. She will be on probation for six months.

John Robert Tate will serve 30 days of an 11-month, 29-day sentence for possession of methamphetamine. He was fined \$750.

Eddie Vaughn was ordered to serve 90 days for violation of probation.

Tony Chapman was ordered to serve 30 days for violation of probation.

Dominique Boyd was ordered to serve 48 hours for violation of probation.

Christopher J. Callis will serve 48 hours of an 11-29 sentence for possession. He was fined \$250 plus costs.

Jonathan W. Jones must serve 30 days of an 11-month, 29-day sen-

tence for possession of meth. He was fined \$1,000 plus costs and ordered to complete an alcohol and drug assessment.

Melinda Dawn Patrick was granted an 11-29 probationary sentence

for shoplifting and granted a judicial diversion. She must perform 24 hours of public service work and fined \$75 plus cost.

Carolyn L. Tittsworth must serve 30 days for violation of probation.

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3RD DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

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Applications must be turned in by Sept. 1
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2-3 yrs. 4-6 yrs.

Dress is Casual!!! Jeans, Overalls or Farm Clothing
Judging begins Promptly Sat., Sept. 8th at 9:00 AM