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## Vehicular homicide trial delayed until August

Defendants' attorneys ask for more time

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The trial of two women charged with vehicular homicide has been rescheduled for August.

The women indicted by a Carroll County grand jury earlier this spring — Helen Lamar Rushton, 42, of Villa Rica, and Sherry Maxine Carney, 46, of Carrollton — appeared in court Wednesday with their attorneys before Judge Dennis Blackmon, both of whom asked for a continuance in the case.

Rushton allegedly caused the wreck on Highway 166 in Villa Rica while driving recklessly and under the influence on Aug. 5, 2013, later calling Carney, who came and picked Rushton up to leave the scene, Georgia State Patrol troopers and Carroll County Sheriff's Office deputies said.

James Dee Mount, 69, of Villa Rica, died from injuries sustained during the crash.

Rushton faces three counts of homicide by vehicle — one each for leaving the scene, driving under the influence of amphetamines and reckless driving. Carney faces only the single count of vehicular homicide, for allegedly assisting Rushton in leaving the scene.

Carrollton attorney David Head, representing Carney, said he would need more time to consider the discovery evidence against his client, requesting a continuance in the trial.

The two women were originally scheduled to go to trial beginning next Monday, but that date was pushed back to Aug. 25 by Blackmon.

Rushton's attorney, public defender Valerie Cooke, echoed Head's request to the judge, saying she needed to procure some expert witnesses and examine a specialized report of the accident before heading to trial.

Mount was injured in the crash

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## CPRCAD receives national accreditation

Carrollton department one of only 5 in Georgia to achieve CAPRA status

BY WINSTON JONES  
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The Carrollton Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department has won national accreditation by a commission of members from several major parks and recreation organizations.

The department was one of 113 in

the nation, and only five in Georgia, receiving the 2014 CAPRA (Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies) recognition for excellence.

"This is quite an achievement and says a lot about our dedicated employees and staff," said CPRCAD Director Peter Maierhofer. "We're the second

smallest department in the nation winning accreditation. It usually goes to larger cities because they have the manpower and support to do it."

The award provides a benchmark for judging local programs with those of other parks and recreation agencies around the nation, Maierhofer said. Municipal departments don't have to be accredited, but, he said, "it's good for the community and it lets officials and taxpaying citizens know that we're one of the top-rated parks and

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## Villa Rica High School graduation



Villa Rica High School valedictorian Taylor Tidaback preserves a proud moment, taking a selfie while at the podium with her Class of 2014 fellow graduates seated in the background. Villa Rica High held its graduation ceremonies Sunday at The Coliseum on the University of West Georgia campus.

## A trip in the pink Hummer

Students get to ride like rock stars

BY JOHN BARKER  
 THE VILLA RICAN

Reading may be its own reward but the students at Glanton-Hindsman Elementary recently got a bonus prize for their efforts.

Beth Chandler, the school's principal, rewarded children who reached their newest Accelerated Reader goals with a ride to the Douglasville McDonald's in a pink, stretch Hummer limo. Students were treated to lunch and some fun time in the restaurant's play area.

Accelerated Reader is a software program that assesses a child's reading level, suggests titles of books at that level, and then assess whether a student has read the book by giving the student a quiz. Students



John Barker/The Villa Rican

Glanton-Hindsman Elementary School students pose in front of the pink Hummer they got a ride in as a reward for meeting their reading goals.

choose a book and teachers monitor the reading. Students then take a quiz and earn points.

"These high achievers worked diligently throughout the school year to reach their grade level point goal

I set to be able to earn this reward," she said.

Students are by grade level as follows:

Kindergarteners had to earn 25 points: Jackson

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## Disc golf course work due to start in August

Partners have raised \$70,000

BY WINSTON JONES  
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The Carrollton Disc Golf Club plans to break ground in August for its new 25-acre, 18-hole course, thanks to a \$25,000 boost it got last week after winning a State Farm Facebook contest.

"We got enough votes to make it into the top 40, we were about 37 or 38, so we won a \$25,000 grant from the State Farm Neighborhood Assist grant contest that ended May 16," said David Goldberg, one of the club's developers. "We want to thank the entire community and the disc golf community for the big effort that got us over the top."

Goldberg and his partner in the project, Dr. Eric Heine, plan

to build a premiere, Professional Disc Golf Association-sanctioned course on the Hobbs Farm property, between Rome and Stewart streets in Carrollton, which is part of city park property. The group's goal was to raise \$70,000 and had already raised \$50,000 from community sponsors before the contest.

Disc golf is a sport similar to regular golf. Instead of hitting balls, players throw a Frisbee-like disc toward suspended metal baskets at each hole.

The partners are coordinating the project with the Carrollton Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department, "making sure we have everything we need to start clearing the land for the project," Goldberg said. "We're trying to schedule the course designer to come back in and work with us."

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