BOE: Accepted the retirement of Cindy Smith, Central Office 9/1/19

Barnett expressed his thanks and appreciation to the employees who were on the agenda. The board members also expressed their thanks to

the employees for their time with the county school system. A special thanks was

also given to Jimmy Childers, for his years as a science instructor at Ider High School.

Board member Robert Elliot, who is an Ider

native, said Childers has been "an excellent teacher."

"He did a very good job and we wish him truly the best in his feature endeavors," Elliot said.

The board also:

- accepted the retirement of Cindy Smith, Central Office 9/1/19.
- accepted the resignations of Crestah Taylor, pre-K teacher at Plain-

view High School 7/8/19, Tina Lyles, assistant director DCTC 7/22/19 and Jimmy Childers, science teacher at Ider High School 9/1/19.

• approved the transfers of Ashley Conde, pre-K teacher at Valley Head to pre-K teacher at Plainview (2019-100), Leigh Ann Stalvey, elementary teacher at Ider High school to counselor at Valley Head (2019112), Heather Conkle, pre-K teacher at Crossville Middle School to pre-K teacher at Ruhama (2019-136) and Joseph Blackwell, half-day assistant principal/halfday physical education teacher at Crossville Middle to principal at Crossville Middle (2019-121) – two year probationary contract (July 12, 2019 – June 30, 2021).

- approved the certified placements of Nicole Callahan, elementary teacher at Collinsville High School (2019-126) and Anna Adams, middle school math teacher at Ruhama Jr. High (2019-
- approved the support placements of Sherry Pettis, pre-K auxiliary Crossville middle (2019-128), Ashlyn Benefield, itinerant special educa-

tion paraprofessional at Ider High School Special Service Center, Misty Shelton, itinerant paraprofessional at Ider High School Special Service Center and Amy Banks, itinerant special education paraprofessional at

Geraldine High School. The next DeKalb County Board of Education meeting will be held on July 30 at 5 p.m.

Cave: 'I think it was very important visit and I am honored they came to Manitou'

Manitou Cave, the group engaged in an educational experience including feedback from Reynolds who provided historical background about the cave. Roach and Shade pro-

During the visit to

vided the group with education and historical knowledge regarding Cherokee culture and traditions.

Reynolds said Shade has been arranging these tours for the past eight years and advocated for the group to visit Manitou, in addition to the other Trail of Tears sites.

"He [Shade] is an educator and cultural storyteller," Reynolds said.

Along with their visit to Manitou Cave, the group will visit the Cherokee Museum, Cherokee Ocunaluftee Indian Village, Judaculla Rock, Clingmans Dome and Mingo Falls.

According to cherokee.org website, the Cherokee Nation settled in Indian Territory of what is known today as present-day Oklahoma after the Indian Removal

In addition, more than 141,000 Cherokee Nation citizens reside within the 14-county

tribal jurisdictional area that covers most of northeastern Oklahoma.

According to Reynolds, she received a lot of positive feedback and is looking forward to a continuing relationship with the Cherokee Na-

"I think it was very important visit and I am honored they came to Manitou," Reynolds said.

The recent visit from the Cherokee Nation marked the 21st state to visited Manitou Cave in Fort Payne, Alabama, she said.







Pat Dunne Jr, Agent

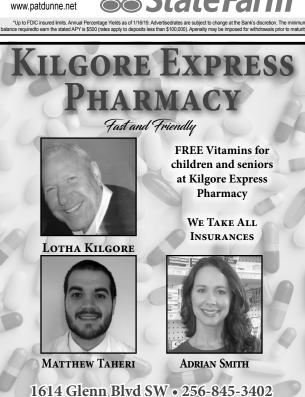
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■ The Fort Payne Silent Social club meets each Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Jack's in south Fort Payne. Anyone interested in learning or practicing sign language is welcome

- Volunteers are needed at Little River Canyon National Preserve for a few hours a month. If interested, call 256-845-9605.
- SouthernCare is seeking dedicated and compassionate volunteers ages 18 and up to work with patients who have life-limiting illnesses and their families in DeKalb. Volunteers are needed to provide companionship, light housekeeping

and cooking, mowing grass.

Call Heather Attaway at 256-546-5566.

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church in Mentone at the intersection of county Road 89 and Highway 117 South.
- The Fort Payne Optimist Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at Western Sizzlin. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting is at noon.
- The N.E. Alabama Marine Corps League, Detachment 1404, meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 am. The location is 659 Wallace Ave. N.E., Fort Payne, AL, 35967.

Breakfast is at 8 am at Hardees in North Fort Payne prior to the meeting. For more information, contact Commandant Charles Martin at 334-546-

- The Ider Rescue Squad is in need of volunteers. To volunteer, call 256-632-2805 for membership details. Those who are interested are encouraged to come by the Ider Rescue Squad, at 20378 Alabama Highway 117 Ider, Alabama 35981, every Tuesday night. The meetings start at 6 p.m. central time and usually
- Gadsden State Testing Services now has a web page available to promote student

last an hour.

ONGOING COMMUNITY CALENDAR EVENTS preparation prior to Compass placement testing and to assist in accurately placing students in math and English courses. Students can access the page by visiting gadsdenstate.edu and clicking under the "future students" or "current students" tabs. For information regarding Testing Services, contact David Hartley at dhartley@gadsdenstate.edu or lvarner@gadsdenstate.edu, or

> call 256-549-8497. ■ The Bread of Life community ministries free lunch is served each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the downstairs of the Fort Payne City Auditorium at

100 Alabama Ave. NW.

Chase: The Alabama State Bureau of Investigation

Officers then fired multiple rounds into the vehicle to try and stop the vehicle, Smith said. In the gunfire, Smith said the "white male driver" was shot and the chase immediately ended.

The man was transported to Marshall Medical Center South by DeKalb Ambulance Service and later airlifted to Huntsville Hospital, he said. At last report, Smith said he was in stable condition.

No injuries to officers were reported.

The case is being

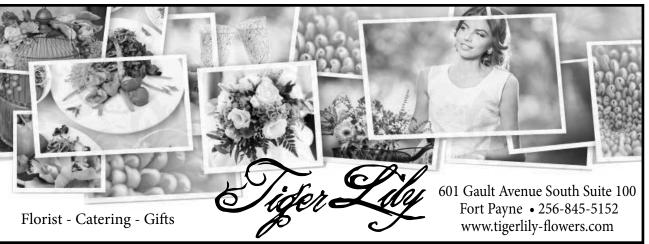
investigated by the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation. Smith said officers from the Albertville Police Department have been placed on administrative leave per department protocol.

Smith said more in-

formation would be released from the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation when

made available. The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office did not release a comment before the Times-Journal's

2:00 p.m. deadline. Website: Organizations



Twitter to foster improved communication with veterans. There is also a link for frequently asked questions, such as requesting service records or explaining how to apply for a veteran's identification card. "We are thrilled to debut

our new website to our

veterans, veterans service

tors who are looking to understand the breadth of ADVA's services," said Kent Davis, ADVA commissioner. "This website redesign truly ties veterans resources together in one place. We hope this new website will serve as a useful, informative portal for veterans."

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