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Naramore jury selection to begin

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As many as 180 people will be directed to report for jury duty Monday when the negligent homicide case against Division 2 Circuit Judge Wade Naramore begins, according to the Garland County circuit clerk's office.

The four to five jury panels that have been summoned are about twice the number that's called for a typical criminal trial, according to the clerk's office. As of earlier this week, 373 of the 432 special-circumstance jury questionnaires sent to the remaining people in the May-September term have been returned, the clerk's office said, adding that potential jurors who haven't filled out the survey will be asked to do so when they arrive Monday.

All 1,200 people selected for the May-September term were sent general questionnaires. Naramore's attorneys motioned the court for a questionnaire specific to his trial, calling the supplemental layer of vetting a necessity in facilitating jury selection amid the media coverage the trial has attracted.

"Using a jury questionnaire simply expedites the process to the extent possible, saving the court time and avoiding the necessity of asking too many repetitive questions and asking numerous questions of jurors,

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Division 2 special judge pay hits $44K

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Retired judges assigned to serve in Division 2 Circuit Judge Wade Naramore's stead since September have been paid $44,499 through Friday while Naramore has continued to draw his $160,000 annual salary, according to the Arkansas state auditor's office.

Naramore hasn't presided over Division 2, which is assigned all of Garland County's juvenile cases, since the July 24, 2015, death of his 18-month-old son, Thomas. Naramore was arrested Feb. 11 on a charge of negligent homicide for leaving the boy in the back seat of a hot car. He was pronounced dead at the scene with a core body temperature of 107 degrees at the time of death, according to the affidavit in support of Naramore's arrest.

The state Supreme Court suspended Naramore with pay Feb. 18 on the recommendation of the Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission.

Special judge payments issued through Friday are for assignments served through July 27. According to the state's Administrative Office of the Courts, 16 more assignments are scheduled for after July 27. Special judges assigned to

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Remembering Morriss

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Mountain Pine cheerleader Azyah Shaw and a group of school supporters participate in a balloon release Thursday evening in honor of the late Rebecca Morriss, former assistant superintendent of Mountain Pine School District. The 16th annual Dr. Morriss Memorial Carnival, held Thursday at the school, featured bounce houses, games, hot dogs and lemonade at no charge to the community. The school hosted an open house and meet-the-teacher activities following an annual community meeting.

HSPD gains five new recruits

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Hot Springs Police Department gained five new officers earlier this week during a swearing-in ceremony with Police Chief Jason Stachey, but is still accepting applications for new recruits.

Each of the officers have completed the department's "mini-academy" and graduated from the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in Camden after 13 weeks of training. They will now each begin the field training officers program, spending about a month on each shift with three different training officers.

Officer 1st Class Joey Williams, the HSPD's community relations officer, said Wednesday this last part of their training will last "around 90 or so days" and then they will be ready to go out on their own on the streets.

The deadline to apply to become a police officer this year is Friday, Aug. 19, at 4 p.m. Williams said the department has received a few more applications since earlier this month when he had noted it only had a

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HSMP accredited by international economic council

STEVEN MROSS
The Sentinel-Record

The announcement Friday that the Hot Springs Metro Partnership has been accredited by the International Economic Development Council came with multiple bragging rights, since the HSMP is the first and only such organization to be so recognized in Arkansas and one of only 49 in the United States.

Mike Ferguson, former HSMP chairman, also noted it is one of only three where the chamber of commerce and economic development entity are "under the same roof" and both accredited by their respective national organizations.

The Accredited Economic Development Organization program is a comprehensive peer review process that measures EDOs against commonly held standards in the profession. It consists of two phases: a documentation review and an on-site visit, with each phase designed to evaluate information about the structure, organization, funding, programs, and staff of the candidate.

"The process kind of makes you do things that you ought to be doing anyway, but in the heat of the battle can sometimes get pushed to the back burner," Jim Fram, HSMP president and CEO, said Friday after the announcement.

One primary importance of the distinction is if some company or executive "is looking to invest or relocate here they can look at that and it gives us a big level of validity," Fram said. "It's a credential we can use in our marketing."

Michael Langley, the chairman elect of the IEDC board and founding CEO of the Minneapolis Saint Paul Regional Economic Development Partnership, addressed the audience gathered at The Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce's office for the announcement via Skype from Richmond, Va., to offer his congratulations.

A 1971 graduate of Hot Springs High School who played on the school's state championship football team that year, Langley said he was "honored and thrilled" as "a native son" to share the announcement.

"I wanted you to know how proud we are of the Hot Springs Metro Partnership and its desire to become accredited as an AEDO, a program the IEDC council put together back in 1993," he said.

He commended "the entire organization and its leadership for the tremendous package they provided as part of the certification program"

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MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT: Hot Springs Metro Partnership members Mike Ferguson, accreditation chair, left, and Todd Woerpel, 2016 board chair, unveil a banner revealing HSMP's new accreditation from the International Economic Development Council during a news conference Friday morning at The Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce office.

After verbal missteps, candidate blames others

JOSH LEDERMAN
The Associated Press

ERIE, Pa. — It's the media's fault. That's out of context. Never said it in the first place.

Donald Trump's claim Friday that he was merely being "sarcastic" in accusing President Barack Obama of establishing a terrorist group was his latest attempt to blame others for the uproar over what he says. It's an instinct that Trump's opponents say a president can't possess. Some Republicans seem to have the same concern.

This time, it followed two days of critical headlines and Democratic outrage over Trump's

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CAMP SUNSHINE: North Little Rock firefighter Jon Miller, front, left, and Camp Sunshine camper Dakota Tindlell, 8, of Perry County, front, right, Zack Smith of Jonesboro, back, left, and Hannah Garner, of North Little Rock, ride the Arkansas Twister at Magic Springs & Crystal Falls on Friday.

Burn survivors see ray of 'Sunshine'

COLBIE MCCLOUD
The Sentinel-Record

Magic Springs & Crystal Falls opened its gates to Camp Sunshine on Friday, offering young burn survivors the chance to be like other children.

"Camp Sunshine was designed to help the burn survivors with their self-esteem. When a child has burn scars, they are bullied and called names. So they have very low self-esteem," said Gretta Wilkinson, camp director.

Through a partnership with Arkansas Children's Hospital, the Arkansas Professional Firefighters Association formed the camp in 1990, bringing together Arkansas firefighters and children who are burned on 15 percent or more of their bodies in a counseling-type setting.

"It gets them together with other burn survivors and builds self-esteem. They learn how to integrate into the community without being aware of the scars. The community looks at them differently, but they should be proud of their scars rather than be ashamed of the scars," Wilkinson said.

As part of the camp's 25th year in operation, 45 to 50 campers got an afternoon full of swimming and rides at Magic Springs. Through fundraising events, such as golf tournaments and individual donations, APFA raises approximately $20,000 to $30,000 to pay for the four-day camp. Some fire departments, like Little Rock and Jonesboro,

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Weather

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SUNRISE: 6:32 A.M.
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