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FOL plant sale ready to bloom, again

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Plants will be divided into 3 lots for the 3 days so that shoppers have access to the same types, quality, and quantity of plants each day. If anyone would like to donate plants to the sale, plants can be dropped off at the library. If anyone needs help digging plants or cannot bring plants to the library, please call the library at 870-446-2983, and staff will contact a volunteer.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the FOL have planned the 2021 Spring Plant Sale with adaptations to

encourage neighborly commitment to each other's well-being. By holding the event for three days instead of one day, the FOL hopes that shoppers will stagger their visits and avoid crowding. The FOL and the Newton County Library strongly encourage attendees to wear masks or face coverings and to maintain a 6-foot distance from others, including plant sale workers, when possible.

Regarding parking during the plant sale, please be respectful and careful when parking or driving through the library parking lot. The north or right side of the library parking lot (closest to the car wash) will be reserved for those using the library and the library's Wi-Fi. The south or left side (the side with the round building) will be for those

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Learning plan during pandemic updated

By **JEFF DEZORT**
Newton County Times

JASPER — Jasper School District created a state-mandated learning plan last year to meet challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. With fewer cases of the virus being reported and vaccines being administered, the school district is amending its "Ready for Learning" plan for the remainder of the school year.

The Ready for Learning Committee met on April 7 and its amendments to the plan were accepted by the board of education Monday, April 19. The committee is made up of board members, school staff, faculty and parents.

The school board already voted last March to no longer require

masks at school if the governor lifted the mask mandate at the end of that month. Prior to the board action the entire school district staff were surveyed and over 80% of the 123 respondents indicated they did not think masks should still be required if the mandate was dismissed.

On March 30, Gov. Asa Hutchinson lifted the state mask mandate. Since that date staff and students have no longer been required to wear masks, however, everyone has the option of wearing a mask anytime they choose.

The school district will continue social distancing of 6 feet between adults, as well as adults and students, in common areas, during activities with increased inhalation like sports

or band practice and in community settings outside the classroom. If both parties voluntarily choose to wear masks, the physical distancing can be reduced from 6 feet to 3 feet.

The school district will continue to respond to confirmed cases with the school district. Information will be considered by the district's Point of Contact to determine who needs to quarantine and the length of the quarantine period.

The plan calls for continuing to provide on-site instruction, following the original Ready for Learning and District Support Plan instructional model for the remainder of the year. The only changes made to the plan were

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Jasper board addresses 'learning loss'

By **JEFF DEZORT**
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JASPER — The 2019-20 school year will long be remembered for the COVID-19 pandemic and the efforts made to educate students while protecting them and staff members from the virus. The school district worked to adequately present lessons both in-person and remotely through digital technology, but it's 2021-22 improvement plan's overarching goal is to reach a high level of validity and reliability to address "learning loss" from the pandemic.

At its regular monthly meeting April 19, the Jasper School District Board of Education received and approved the District Improvement

Plan along with School Literacy plans submitted from each of its schools at Jasper, Kingston and Oak.

The detailed plans address the school district's overall goals: Curriculum, assessment and instructional planning; providing a tiered system of instruction and behavior supports and interventions; monitoring enthusiastic, creative and sound instruction by way of student directed, small group and independent work and with family engagement in a school community. Each of the schools' literacy plans vary, but they state how they will reach the district's goals.

Superintendent Dr. Candra Brasel

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Pandemic questions continue

By **JEFF DEZORT**
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JASPER — There are as many questions coming out of the pandemic as there were going into it.

Will I lose my job? Should I go back to work? When will there be a vaccine? Should I get the vaccine? Which one? How do I develop a new routine? How do I develop another new routine? So many questions and so many decisions people are having to make.

The city of Jasper tried to help make those decisions easier by sponsoring an Information and Job Fair at

Bradley Park on Friday, April 23.

The event attracted about 40 businesses, agencies and organizations offering everything from information about their services to on the spot employment.

Attending the fair was Arkansas Senator Breanne Davis. She said the pandemic had restricted a lot of her traveling the past year and she was happy to be in Jasper to once again meet her district's constituents face to face.

Davis said she thinks employers trying to find employees, people who are



JEFF DEZORT/STAFF

Nelda Casey, left, Arkansas Sen. Breanne Davis and Kathy Downs visit at Jasper's Bradley Park Friday afternoon during the Information and Job Fair put on by the city of Jasper. The fair provided a public market for information about local service offerings and for local employers who are hiring.



Bradley Park in Jasper was the site for an Information and Job Fair Friday, April 23. More than 40 businesses and agencies participated offering information about their services and employment opportunities. Many local businesses are in need of employees as the annual tourist season begins.

willing to come back to work, is the biggest challenge currently as businesses begin to fully reopen. During the pandemic, the federal government provided stimulus checks, unemployment subsidies and other forms of financial assistance that are still continuing. Some business operators say the government benefits provide those eligible with a greater income than they received when they worked. Some employers are offering incentives and higher wages to fill positions on their staffs.

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SENIOR CENTER PROVIDING MEALS

The Newton County Senior Activity and Wellness Center in Jasper continues its curbside pickup from 11:30 to noon, Monday through Friday, announced center director Nickie Henderson. She asks payment be made by check or exact change. Seniors 60 and older eat free though a \$3 donation is appreciated. All others pay \$6.60 which includes tax. All

Meals include 8 ounces of 2% milk. Upcoming events, fish fry, Friday, April 30, 3-6 p.m

Menu April 29-30

Thursday - Mexican chicken, pasta, green beans, dinner roll and pear crisp.
Friday - Herb roasted pork, rice Piau, buttered carrots, dinner roll and orange and pineapple parfait.

Library notes

Mother's Day fundraiser

The Newton County Friends of the Library is holding a Mother's Day Raffle.

Support the library by purchasing a raffle ticket. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and can be purchased at the Newton County Library. The drawing for the winning ticket will be Thursday, May 6 at 4 p.m.

The raffle prize is 1 glass cake stand, 1 box cake mix, 1 can frosting, 1 porcelain teapot, 1 plate/saucer/teacup set, 1 stemmed glass, 1 box of tea, hand cream, 1 hanging air freshener, and 1 book. These items will be given away as a single prize.

Through its fundraising efforts, the FOL provides financial support for expenses not covered in the library budget.

Astronomical telescopes now available at the library

The Newton County Library in Jasper announced that library patrons are able to check out a good quality astronomical telescope to take home and enjoy.

The Arkansas Natural Sky Association (ANSA) is spearheading this Rural Library Telescope Lending Program, initially in seven counties along and near the Buffalo National River corridor. ANSA is an Affiliate of the International Dark Sky Association. ANSA first recognized the potential of the BNR to qualify for International Dark Sky Park status. They worked with the BNR management and staff to make necessary changes to park lighting practices and complete the application. In 2019, the BNR was awarded the first International Dark Sky Park certification in the state.

ANSA State Chair James "Bruce" McMath said "Our mission is to lead the effort in Arkansas to restore and preserve our natural night sky environment, free of the light pollution which has crept over much of the state in recent decades. One of our strategies for working to achieve this mission, besides working to reduce unnecessary night time lighting, is to educate, motivate, and encourage Arkansans to get outside at night and see what a treasure our night sky truly is. The counties surrounding



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Pictured below: Tutt Campbell (right), ANSA volunteer, delivering the first telescope to Newton County Library Director Kenya Windel (left).

the BNR offer outstanding night sky views, especially at the time of the new moon, without moonlight obscuring the thousands of stars visible in these less light polluted skies."

The source of funding for these telescopes is by NASA via the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium. ANSA volunteers do the work from grant writing, ordering materials, customizing the telescopes for patron use, training library staff, and making presentations on telescope use and other night sky topics.

Each library has an ANSA affiliated volunteer amateur astronomer to guide staff and patrons in their use. According to Newton County Library's volunteer Tutt Campbell "These telescopes are not toys, but at the same time, no prior experience is needed. Adult supervision, however, is required to get the most out of the experience and ensure safe use by children.

"We are providing the ANSA publication "Learning the Constellations" by Robert Togni, which includes simple, easy to follow instructions on use of the telescopes and an introduction to the night sky throughout the year. In addition, patrons will find links on the telescopes telling them where they can find online videos showing their use," said library director Kenya Windel. "The single most important bit of training essential for safe use is for patrons to never use these tele-

scopes to look at the sun as permanent eye damage will result."

In addition to the new telescopes, the library has been provided with a "Sky Quality Meter." Patrons can check out the meter to measure the "darkness" of the night sky at their home or other locations, and provide that information to an ANSA managed database.

"We are very excited to be able to offer our patrons the opportunity to check out and enjoy these telescopes and look forward to seeing them in constant use. Patrons will be asked to confirm their address and sign a simple agreement making sure they are clear on the terms of check out and then will be allowed to check out a telescope for a two-week period. We're really pleased to have been invited to participate in this program and would like to thank NASA, the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium, and the Arkansas Natural Sky Association for bringing them to us," Wendel said.

If you would like to find out more about the Arkansas Natural Sky Association, you can visit their website at www.darkskyarkansas.org or their Arkansas Natural Sky Association Facebook Page for more information. For more information, or to help support the ANSA Rural Library Telescope Lending Program, you may contact ANSA program coordinator Allan Staib at allan_staib@hotmail.com.

What's Going On

Due to the coronavirus pandemic regular monthly meeting schedules may be suspended.
Jasper Kiwanis Club meets 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Ozark Cafe.

Al-Anon Meeting, a support group for family and friends of alcoholics. We have resumed our meetings every Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Methodist Fellowship Hall, 400 Clark St. in Jasper. Please wear a mask. You can also join us via Zoom. For more information, call 479-857-8281 or 712-898-8390.

The sixth annual Hasty Volunteer Fire Department Buddy Bass Tournament will be held at the the Diamond City boat ramp on Bull Shoals Lake Saturday, May 1, from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration begins at 5:30 a.m. the day of the tournament or anglers can pre-register.

Three children's fishing derbies are coming up in May at the Compton Fire Department pond on state Highway 43 at Compton. The American Legion post in Jasper is sponsoring the first event on Saturday, May 1, from 9-11 a.m. COVID-19 protocols will be observed at each event. The derbies are free for children up to the age of 16.

Newton County Single Parent Scholarship Board meets the first Monday of each month, at 3 p.m., at the Jasper Christian Church. Next meeting is May 3.

Jasper student expelled

Staff Report

A Jasper High School student has been expelled for the remainder of the school year.

The Jasper School District Board of Education met Monday, April 19, and conducted an expulsion hearing prior to the start of its regular monthly business meeting. Neither the student nor the student's parents attended the hearing that was then conducted in open session.

Principal Jeff Lewis recounted to the board that a backpack was left unattended in the school's student union one morning. The backpack had no identification, but was found to contain an amount of marijuana and paraphernalia. The recording of a camera showed that a male student had left the backpack. The backpack was left to the student union until

that afternoon, but no one came back to get it. School Resource Officer Billy Bell said he questioned the student and eventually the student admitted the backpack and its contents were his.

Lewis recommended expulsion under the school district's policies.

Superintendent Dr. Candra Brasel recommended to the board that the student be expelled for the remainder of the school year, but she informed the board that under new rules set by the state education department, students who are expelled may now continue earning credit digitally. In the past expelled students could not work towards graduation.

The board voted in favor of the recommendation. Board members Garret Davidson and Clarrissa Stepp were absent.

"Highway 7 Spay and Neuter" Offers \$10 Spay/Neuter Surgeries for Pets of Low Income Residents

Local veterinarian, Dr. Reggie Wilkerson, has a huge heart for cats and dogs, as well as for those people who care for them. After opening her own clinic, Affordable Veterinary Services in Harrison, AR, she soon began offering reduced cost services to non-profit pet shelters, humane societies and rescues. She was also the single veterinarian who agreed to provide low cost spay/neuters for Community Cat Project when they started their TNR program to trap, neuter & return feral and free roaming cats in order to reduce the overwhelming numbers of unwanted kittens being

born each year. Yes, Dr. Wilkerson is most definitely a firm believer in the benefits of spaying and neutering – for not only each animal's welfare, but for their caretaker's well being and the wider community as well who are so inundated each year with unplanned, unwanted puppies and kittens.

Wanting to do even more to address our pet overpopulation issues, Dr. Wilkerson has organized her own 501(c)(3) non-profit, "Highway 7 Spay and Neuter", which offers extremely affordable spay/neuter surgeries for pets belonging to low income residents.

With funding from individuals and grants from the Arkansas Animal Rescue Foundation of Sheridan, AR, her program has so far, sterilized over 600 pet dogs & cats whom otherwise wouldn't have been fixed. Also through this program, a free Pet Food Pantry is available to low income residents whose pets have been sterilized, so those pets are able to stay in their homes rather than be surrendered to a shelter or given away.

The Highway 7 program is available to low income residents of Marion, Boone, Searcy, Newton and Carroll

counties. A simple application is necessary, along with proof of residency and income. A total of 4 pets per household – dogs or cats – can be sterilized. The spay/neuter surgery including Rabies vaccination is just \$10 per pet with services performed at Dr. Wilkerson's clinic, Affordable Veterinary Services in Harrison, Monday through Friday. Residents need to specifically request Highway 7 Spay and Neuter applications when calling 870-741-9447 for appointments. Please don't wait – this year's breeding season for cats and dogs has already begun.

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Juanita Henson, 77, of Western Grove

Juanita Henson, 77, of Western Grove, died at home, Thursday, April 22 (2021). Funeral was at Coffman Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper, 2 p.m., Monday, April 26, with Rev. Dorvin Ricketts officiating. Burial was in Crossroads Cemetery at Deer.

She was born at Red Rock, Dec. 25, 1943. Her parents are the late Ernie and Wilma (Kelly) Collins. She had lived in Newton County most of her life.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Normal Collins and Troy Collins, three infant brothers, a sister, Ivy Collins and her husband, Joe Henson.

Juanita is survived by her son Dean Nichols; two brothers, James Collins and Ronnie Collins; four sisters, Ethel Collins, Evelyn Self, Mary Lou McLemore and Geneva Deckard and a granddaughter.

Pallbearers were Troy Collins, Rondal Campbell, David Allen Campbell, Louis Moak, Richard Collins and Greg Deckard.

Honorary pallbearers were Rex Cross, Adam Greenhaw and Greg Collins.



Alta Lea Hampton, 91, of Lurton

Alta Lea (Hefly) Hampton, 91, of Lurton, died in Russellville, Monday, April 19 (2021). Visitation was at 11 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 12 p.m. both on Saturday, April 24, at the Lurton Assembly of God Church. Pastor Stan Taylor officiated. Interment was in Tarlton Cemetery. Arrangements were by Coffman Funeral Home of Harrison and Jasper.

She was born at the Round Rock Community in Pope County, Oct. 9, 1929. Her parents are the late Rev. Daniel and Ollie (Freeman) Hefly.

She was married to Herbert Hampton, on June 6, 1948. Alta was a charter member of the Lurton Assembly for over 77 years. She and her husband and family traveled nationwide singing gospel music for many years as the "Hampton Family."



She was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert, Berry, Devoe, and Wilburn Hefly; three sisters, Bertha, Hettie, and Elsie; her husband, Herbert Hampton; and two grandchildren.

Survivors include her sister, Lillie Vanderpool, of Jasper; three children, Thelma Taylor, Donnie Hampton, and Donna Ochs, all of Lurton; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were her grandsons, Shawn and Ryan Taylor, Jesse Hampton, Justin Campbell, Chad Love, and Jeremy Robinson, nephew Joe Vanderpool and great-great-nephew Ethan Hefley. Honorary pallbearers were nephews, John Vanderpool, Harold, Robert, and David Hefley, and Roy and Bill Hicks.

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Recent Deaths

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Health units to offer COVID-19 vaccines

Staff Report

LITTLE ROCK — Beginning this week, the Arkansas Department of Health is offering the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at local health units across the state.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is available to anyone age 18 or older. The vaccine is given in two doses, one month apart. People will be scheduled for an appointment to return for the second dose when they receive the first dose.

Anyone interested in scheduling

an appointment may call the health unit closest to them or the statewide vaccine call-line at 1-800-985-6030. After-hours appointments may be available on Tuesdays. Health units are in every county in the state.

There is no out-of-pocket expense for the vaccine. People should bring their insurance cards to the health unit. If they do not have insurance, the vaccine will still be available at no charge, a press release said.

The COVID-19 vaccines have undergone rigorous reviews that have proven them to be both safe and effective. The COVID-19 vaccine protects not only the person receiving the vaccine but the person's family, friends, and community from getting COVID-19. If a person does get COVID-19, it will help prevent them from getting a severe case that could lead to hospitalization or even death. You can visit healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/covid-19-vaccination-plan to learn more about

the vaccine and the ADH vaccination plan.

According to the Health Department's website, hours for the local health units listed below are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Phone numbers are:

Boone County — 870-743-5244
Carroll County — 870-423-2923
Marion County — 870-449-4259
Newton County — 870-446-2216
Searcy County — 870-448-3374

Legislature enacts numerous changes to Arkansas election laws

LITTLE ROCK – The legislature has enacted numerous reforms to Arkansas election laws.

The Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs reviews all proposed legislation that address elections. So far this session, the committee has received 49 bills specifically affecting polling places, absentee ballots, voter fraud and the handling of elections.

A significant example is Senate Bill 644, which has already been approved by the Senate and is being considered by the House.

It creates a toll-free hotline to the state Attorney General's office to receive complaints of any violations of election law.

To knowingly file a false claim would be a Class A misdemeanor.

Within 45 days of an election, the Attorney General shall report all complaints to the legislature's Joint Performance Review Committee (JPR). SB 644 would empower JPR to investigate allegations of election fraud.

JPR could schedule hearings to investigate allegations of election law. SB 644 empowers the committee to swear in witnesses and subpoena them to require their appearance. It could also subpoena records and documents.

The JPR committee

may then refer the allegations to the state Board of Election Commissioners. The referral shall include testimony from the legislative hearings and a recommendation of possible penalties.

The recommended penalties include a letter of reprimand to a county clerk or other local election official. Also, the election official could be decertified during the next election cycle or runoff.

If legislators on JPR believe that violations are so severe that they threaten a county's ability to conduct a free, fair and impartial election, then the committee could recommend that the state Board take over the election process in that county.

The state Board of Election Commissioners could be reimbursed for running the local election. The state could withhold enough money from the county's turnback funds to pay for election costs.

SB 644 authorizes similar steps to address voter registration violations. If the state Board finds a violation of voter registration laws, it may issue a letter of reprimand or impose a fine of up to \$1,000 against the local election official and have the official decertified.

In related news, the Senate approved HB 1715 to require

county clerks to provide the county board of election commissioners with a daily count of absentee ballot applications.

HB 1715 directs county clerks to compare signatures on applications for absentee ballots with signatures on the applicant's voter registration document. If the signatures don't match, the clerk will not send an absentee ballot to the applicant.

Both the Senate and House have passed HB 1803 to authorize the state Board of Election Commissioners to

take corrective action when it uncovers violations of election laws.

The Senate also passed SB 620 to restrict electioneering at polling places and SB 498, which changes the course of action when someone files an election law complaint to a county board of election commissioners. Instead of forwarding the complaint to the county clerk and prosecuting attorney, the county board shall send it to the state Board of Election Commissioners.



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Claude Villines, Pastor

– COMPTON –
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Sun. School 9:30 a.m. • Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. • Wed. 7 p.m.
Steve Emerson, Pastor • 688-2415

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– DEER –
DEER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sun. School 10 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. • Bible Study, Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Bill Counts, Pastor • 428-5005

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Sun. Bible Study 10 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m • Kelly Woods, Preacher

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154 Hwy 206/Everton Rd. • Sunday School 10:30 a.m. • Worship 11:15 a.m. • Rev. Jerry Marshall, Pastor

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Byron Mann, Pastor • 870-446-2089

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Extension Corner: *Noise and our hearing*

By Marsha Horton
Newton County Agent, FCS

I am sure that we can all agree that we live in an increasingly noisy world. Not only does the overall noise level seem to be going up, but we are surrounded by a growing number of tools, toys, and other gadgets, that make noise and they make a lot of it. Some people may think a farm is a quiet place, but if you live or work on one, you know that isn't always the case. Combines, tractors and even farm animals can create a noisy environment. If you live in the city or on a farm we all need to realize that the noise can be manmade or a part of nature, but they all or some of it can be putting your hearing at risk.

Hearing loss that occurs because of too much noise is called noise induced hearing loss. This hearing loss occurs when the tiny sensory cells in the inner ear are damaged by sounds that are too loud and that last too long. What is sad about hearing loss is this way is that it is preventable and once it hearing loss occurs it is permanent.

Studies show that children as young as 8 – 12 years of age, are at a great time to start learning healthy habits that can protect their hearing. It has been reported that almost half of people in the United States older than

65 have some degree of hearing loss. Most of the materials and information about earing protection has begun to look at the causes and not the after effects of hearing loss and ways that it can be prevented.

Sound is measured in units called decibels. The softest sound that healthy ears can hear is 0 decibels. By comparison, a whisper measures 30 decibels and a normal conversation measures 60 decibels.

A farm tractor without a cab or a pig squeal can reach 100 decibels or higher. A chainsaw can reach 110 decibels or higher while in use. It doesn't matter if you work on a farm, in a factor or outside with a yard or a garden, remember, prolonged exposure to any noise at or above 85 decibels can cause gradual hearing loss.

Your ears can be your warning system for potentially dangerous noise. The noise is to loud when: you have to raise your voice to be understood by someone standing nearby, the noise hurts your ears, you develop a buzzing or ringing sound in your ears, even temporarily, or you don't hear as well as you normally do until several hours after you get away from the noise.

If you are around noise at this level, take protective actions. Some actions that can be taken are: Block the noise, this can be done

by wearing earplugs or earmuffs, walk away from the noise, if possible turn down the sound, keep machinery running smoothly with routine maintenance, put a barrier between you and the noise, plan your work area and routine to limit your time near noise, turn machinery off when it is not needed or use idle or lower speeds whenever possible.

Signs and symptoms of hearing loss may include:

- Muffling of speech and other sounds
- Difficulty understanding words, especially against background noise or in a crowd
- Trouble hearing consonants
- Frequently asking others to speak more slowly, clearly and loudly
- Needing to turn up the volume of the television or radio
- Withdrawal from conversations
- Avoidance of some social settings
- How can we protect our families from excessive farm/home noise?
- Be aware of noise levels that put hearing at risk
- Get comfortable hearing protectors and get comfortable using them,
- Let you family and others know situations where family members should prac-

tice safety.

It is important to remember the 4 P's of Noise Induced Hearing Loss. It is painless, progressive, permanent, but it is also preventable!

Hearing loss can have a significant effect on your quality of life. Older adults with hearing loss may report feelings of depression. Because hearing loss can make conversation difficult, some people experience feelings of isolation. Hearing loss is also associated with cognitive impairment and decline.

When to see a doctor

If you have a sudden loss of hearing, particularly in one ear, seek immediate medical attention.

Talk to your doctor if difficulty hearing is interfering with your daily life. Age-related hearing loss occurs gradually, so you may not notice it at first.

If you have questions about a variety of topics dealing with Family Consumer Science topics or Agriculture in Arkansas contact at the Newton County Extension office at 446-2240. The University of Arkansas division of Agriculture is an equal opportunity equal access and affirmative action institution.

As life goes by

By ELAINE LAUNDERVILLE

Two of my girls are working at the Buffalo Headwaters challenge this past weekend. Amanda works for Phat Tire to

help make the weekend go smoothly. Elisa and her kick-ball team were cooking chili for the event. Samantha rode her bicycle. Amanda said Samantha had gotten to the Fire

Tower on Cave Mountain Road first. They camp out there for the weekend and sometimes it is pretty cold and/or rainy. But, they do love doing the event each year. Sunday has been a beautiful day.

My birdfeeders have been having gold finches this week. They are beautiful! There were males and females all over the feeders! They are so bright yellow. I am going to put up hummingbird feeders this week. Some people have already gotten hummingbirds so I must get busy feeding them. Love watching them racing back and forth drinking sugar water.

I was reading about the first Supermoon of the year which is called the Pink Moon of April. It will reach peak illumina-

tion at 11:32 p.m. EDT on Monday, April 26, 2021. Doubtful it will be pink, but it commemorates the blooming flowers of spring. If you don't see it on Monday, you will see it on Tuesday (almost full). April and May 2021 will have the most powerful supermoons this year. Look for it as it rises above the eastern horizon Monday evening. Hopefully, you enjoyed it even though the paper will come out after the event.

Noticed many people haven't taken their second vaccine because they are worried about the potential side effects. I took both and did not have any side effects. Many of my family and friends have had not side effects either. A sore arm which is what happens when I have any

other shot is the only thing I noticed about it.

Can you believe it is almost May? The first weekend of May is Union Hill Decoration and then following that many more take place. Amazing, May 9, is Mother's Day! Usually, Mother would have been wanting to go floating on the Buffalo River. Seems like it was just yesterday but it has been 17 years since she died. As I was going to church this morning I thought about Mother while I was looking at all the fog over the lake. She loved days like that. When she drove to Russellville each week, she loved the difference in the weather and enjoyed the sixty-eight-mile trip no matter what. She loved nature!

This year there are three of Mother's great grandchildren graduating from high school. Robert's granddaughter, Alyssa Phillips (Geoff's daughter), My granddaughter, Mary Margaret Grace Harris (Amanda's daughter), and Logan Shipman (Jane's grandson) are all graduating. Sixty-four years ago, three of Mother's grandchildren were born. Robert (Greg Phillips), Jackie (Terri Humbard Mundy), and Patty (Stan Shoemaker), all had a child that year. Fun having cousins the same age.

Oh, please consider taking your vaccine. Wear your mask, wash carefully, and watch your distance when in groups of people you don't get together with often.

Gone, but not forgotten:

Columbus and Delia Hudson Farm

1921-1955 Farm complex.
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Part 4

Hudson's family is well-known in the county today and played a significant role in the development of Newton County. Lum's grandfather, Samuel "Sammy" Hudson, was one of the first white settlers in Newton County.

Sammy moved to the county from Tennessee in 1832, and settled at the mouth of Shop Creek where it pours into the Little Buffalo River at Parthenon, in western Newton County.

In fact, the Little Buffalo River, which flows through Jasper on its way to the Buffalo River, used to be called the Hudson Fork of the Buffalo River after Samuel Hudson. Sammy served in the Arkansas state legislature as the Representative from Newton County, in the 1850s.

He also later served in the Confederate legislature during the Civil War, representing Newton County.

Lum Hudson purchased his 300 acre farm from James Town Greenhaw on Dec. 31, 1918, for the hefty price of \$1,500 (\$5/acre).

The Hudsons grew corn, wheat, cotton, and apples, and raised cattle on the 300 acre farm. Hay was also harvested on the farm and stored in the loft of the barn to be fed to the cattle during the winter. Lum had many hired laborers working for him during the harvest season and according to his daughter Joyce, for a time he provided on-site housing (a shack) for the laborers. The shack has since been destroyed and there is no sign of it today.

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Sports

Denniston moves game over mountain

By JEFF BRASEL
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DEER — A healthy resume of athletic endeavors can lead to success on the hardwoods. Sometimes it leads to success beyond the court.

Deer senior Ashlyn Denniston has realized that success beyond the court. She signed a national letter-of-intent to play basketball next season at the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville.

Selecting the University of the Ozarks was a simple choice for Denniston.

“I chose this school because the small student to teacher ratio,” she said. “I also love the campus.”

Denniston, who played post in high school, will play the same position in college. She does know there are aspects of her game that will be expanded.

“I need to work on shooting from a longer range,” she said.

When asked if she was prepared to play in college, Denniston looked at the work that lay before her.

“I’m excited to play college basketball and continuing to practice to become prepared for the upcoming season,” she said.

Leaving Deer will be bitter-



JEFF BRASEL/STAFF

Ashlyn Denniston of Deer signed a national letter-of-intent to play basketball next season at the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville. Denniston is flanked by her parents, Amanda Hodge (left) and Jeremiah Denniston. Standing is Travis Hodge, stepfather; Emmalyn Denniston, sister; Jayln Denniston, sister; and Rick Napier, coach.

sweet for the athlete that has graced the halls of the school.

“I will miss my friends, teachers and coach from high school,” she said about graduating.

While at the University of the Ozarks, Denniston plans to major in health sciences. Her dream job would be a physical therapist.

While looking back at her high school career, Denniston realized that she learned a lot from her days

on the court at Deer.

“Basketball has taught me to have a hard work ethic and to work with others as a team,” she said. “I like getting to work as a team during practices and games.”

That hard work paid off on Denniston. Three times she was selected as an All-Conference player.

Her high performance standard was not limited to just the hardwoods. She was a four-time member of the Honor Roll while in high school.

Denniston, who is the daughter of Jeremiah Denniston and Amanda Hodge, is the big sister to Jalyn and Emmalyn Denniston.

An accomplishment of this magnitude is the work of several entities and Denniston knows this.

“I want to thank my parents and my nana and papa for all their support and love,” she said. “I want to thank Coach Napier for all his dedication, support and encouragement over the past year.”

Deer Lady Antlers have had a lot of success on the collegiate hardwoods. Denniston hopes to continue that tradition.

Baseball Razorbacks seal series win with USC

By NATE ALLEN
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FAYETTEVILLE — A combined Friday night pitching gem by Patrick Wicklander and Kevin Kopps achieved an Arkansas 5-1 victory salvaging a Friday doubleheader split and enabling the Razorbacks to win 2 of 3 in their SEC series with the South Carolina Gamecocks in Columbia, S.C.

South Carolina, beaten 6-1 by the Razorbacks Thursday night, won Friday’s afternoon doubleheader first

game, 6-2 at Founders Park.

Coach Dave Van Horn’s nationally No. 1 Razorbacks come home 32-7 overall and a best in the SEC West 13-5 for their next SEC series against the LSU Tigers next Friday through Sunday in Baton Rouge, La.

Arkansas’ Tuesday night nonconference game with Missouri State at Baum-Walker was cancelled because of Missouri State covid issues.

Coach Mark Kingston’s nationally 11th-ranked Gamecocks fall to 25-12

overall and 11-7 in the SEC East.

Left-handed starter Wicklander threw a 2-hitter through seven complete innings striking out five and walking none.

A second inning single by David Mendham and Brady Allen’s 2-out solo home run in the third comprised all South Carolina could muster.

The Gamecocks did nothing but strike out against Kopps. Three strikeouts in the eighth and three strikeouts in the ninth for Kopps’ second save of the series.

Including five strikeouts, Kopps faced the minimum nine batters closing the final three innings of Thursday night’s game won by reliever Caden Monke.

“First off, I just a really good job by our pitchers all weekend,” Van Horn said, including Benton’s Peyton Palette completing five shutout innings starting Friday’s afternoon’s game. “For the most part all three games they gave us an opportunity to win.”

See HOGS, 8A

Big difference in now and then

My former cable provider decided to go another direction in their service billing.

They still provided cable television opportunities, but my prices were going to more than double. So, we cut the cable.

With that we picked up a streaming service that has local television networks. It also has 100s of other channels.

Throw in the fact that my kids have signed me up for Hulu, Disney, Netflix, Discovery, etc. I have more channels than a person can watch or want to watch.

While strolling through my giant list of shows this week, I ran across a 1997 NBA game. It wasn’t anything big it was just the 76ers playing the Cleveland Cavaliers.

They were not championship teams, this was a regular season game.

Now, there were some special players on the team. Jerry Stackhouse, Allen Iverson, Antonio Lang and Bob Sura were just a few of the headliners in the contest.

I wondered why they picked this game to show because it was not special for any particular reason. I got my answer a little later in the fourth period when Iverson broke a NBA record. He scored more than 40 points in four straight games as a rookie.

Watching the game, I was amazed when the announcers told the stat. Then my small mind started turning. Iverson wasn’t shooting the basketball every time that he touched it.



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He was a team player. The entire game was a team sport.

When watching the NBA games of today versus that game from 25 years ago, I realized how much I loved the game back then.

It was a team sport where five players worked together to accomplish a goal.

There was defense. Players took pride in their defense.

Also another thing that I noticed, tattoos or the lack thereof.

I can recall 16 players on the floor. Only two of those had a visible tattoo and they were both small on the bicep.

Today it is hard to find a high school game where only two players

have tattoos.

When looking back, the NBA game had dominant big men. The ball flowed through the post. Some teams were led in assists by post players, not guards.

Now, the professional game is guard orientated and I will say not team orientated. It is about me. Give me my shots. I need my shots.

“We didn’t make the playoffs, well that is okay. I averaged 25 a game.”

The NBA is a selfish league. That mentality has trickled down through the ranks and is visible in high school.

I guess I am old. I long for the sport to be played as a team.

Maybe I am not old. Maybe I like a well-rounded game.

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UA settles with Bielema

By NATE ALLEN
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FAYETTEVILLE — Bret Bielema, the former 2013-2017 Arkansas Razorbacks head football coach recently become University of Illinois head coach, and the Razorback Foundation have reached an accord regarding Bielema’s disputed UA contract buyout.

Bielema and the Razorback Foundation had taken legal action each other but those actions now desist, Bielema and Razorback Foundation Executive Director Scott Varady announced Friday.

Under the terms announced Friday, Bielema, who had been a consultant for the New England Patriots and then an assistant with the New York Giants after his Arkansas firing, will receive a final payment of \$3,529,167, but

the Razorback Foundation will be released from a \$3,850,000 payment.

Bielema in total will receive \$8,085,000 of the original \$11,935,000 agreed upon in terms set by since fired Razorbacks Athletic Director Jeff Long.

Both Varady and Long issued statements.

“We believe the resolution of this matter is in the best interest of the Razorback Foundation and our membership,” Varady said. “We wish Coach Bielema and his family the best moving forward.”

In his statement Bielema said, “I am pleased to announce the resolution of our differences with the Razorback Foundation. We wish everyone in Razorback Athletics nothing but the best in the years to come.”

Another Hog hits portal

By NATE ALLEN
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FAYETTEVILLE — Arkansas third-year sophomore defensive tackle Enoch Jackson Jr. has joined receiver Mike Woods as Razorbacks who have submitted their names in the NCAA transfer portal.

Jackson of Mansfield, Texas has confirmed on Twitter receiving offers from other schools.

Redshirted in 2019 and not compiling any stats in 2020, Jackson did log tackles including a sack during last Saturday’s Red-White intrasquad game that close the Razorbacks’ spring practices.

Woods, a senior 3-year letterman and Arkansas’ second on the team in receiving yards the past two seasons, submitted his name in the transfer portal earlier this week.



HOGS:

From 7A

On Wicklander, Van Horn said, “ He goes seven full innings, doesn’t walk a batter, strikes out fi e and just pitched ahead in the count all night and gave us a chance to kind of chip away and beat a good team and a good pitcher in the most important game of the series.”

With Kopps throwing three innings Thursday night and the Hogs up 5-1, Van Horn said he contemplated aloud pitching another reliever in the eighth and saving Kopps for the ninth.

Pitching coach Matt Hobbs shook him off. “Coach Hobbs just looked at me and said, ‘Kevin’s fine,” Van Horn said. “And I said, ‘Okay.’ Good call by Coach Hobbs. For all weekend he (Kopps) was amazing.”

Allen’s home run enabled the Gamecocks to trail, 2-1.

Arkansas scored two in the third off osing starter Will Sanders.

Successive singles by Nos. 7,8 and 9-batters Casey Opitz, Jacob Nesbit and Jalen Battles netted a run on Battle’s RBI. Zack Gregory grounding into a forceout at second scored Nesbit.

With Wicklander excelling and Kopps looming, the Gamecocks deflated when freshman right fielder Cayden Wallace of Greenbrier socked a 2-run home run after Zack Gregory’s fifth-inning walk.

“That was a huge swing for us to give us a 4-1 lead at the time,” Van Horn said. “That’s when you could start thinking a little bit more about, ‘How many more outs do we need before we can go to Kevin?’”

Arkansas added an unearned in the seventh on one of South Carolina’s two errors.

Overcoming Arkansas’ 2-0 lead and 5-innings shutout start by Benton’s Peyton Pallette, the South Carolina Gamecocks defeated the Razorbacks, 6-2 in Friday’s first game of a SEC doubleheader at the Gamecocks’ Founders Park in Columbia, S.C.

In Friday’s first game Pallette, two hits through 5 1-3, was relieved after a 1-out walk and single in the sixth.

Relievers Monke, the loser with his batter scoring after walking on four pitches, and Zebulon Vermillion couldn’t stop the Gamecocks from a 4-run sixth.

“In the first game today Peyton Pallette pitched really well - fi e plus,” Van Horn said. “You take away maybe one walk, two walks, I think the outcome might have been a little bit diffe ent.”

Still, starting with second baseman Robert Moore hitting two home runs Thursday night and relievers Ryan Costeiu, Monke and Kopps eff ctively following Thursday starter Caleb Bolden, the Hogs for the sixth time in six SEC series won 2 of 3 for the fifth time plus achieving their 3-game sweep at Mississippi State.

Arkansas track begins invitational

By NATE ALLEN

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FAYETTEVILLE — Because rain isn’t in Sunday’s Fayetteville forecast but is for Friday and Saturday, the Arkansas Razorbacks men’s and women’s track programs will conduct their 2-day John McDonnell Invitational meet at the John McDonnell Field Outdoor Track on Saturday and Sunday instead of Friday and Saturday as originally scheduled.

Alabama, Oklahoma State, Tulsa, Arkansas State, the University of Arkansas-

Little Rock, the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff nd the University of Central Arkansas.

Saturday’s running events run from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Sunday.

The bulk of the 2-day field events will occur Saturday afternoon into the evening.

After an indoor track season of no fans allowed because of the covid-19 pandemic even while hosting the NCAA and SEC Indoor Championships, the UA with an outdoor setting and increasing vaccine

availability is allowing fans to attend the McDonnell Invitational.

“One reason we moved the meet from Friday-Saturday to Saturday-Sunday was hoping to catch better weather and people will come out and catch some track and field,” Arkansas Men’s Coach Chris Bucknam said.

Arkansas Women’s Coach Lance Harter said, “It’s nice to have fans celebrate our athletes. Obviously indoors was pretty lonely except for our own athletes and the men’s team and women’s team cheering for each

other.” Weather permitting, both coaches expect performances to cheer their crowd while preparing for the SEC Outdoor Championships May 13-15 in College Station, Texas and advancing qualifiers to the NCAA West Regionals May 27-29 in College Station. “If Mother Nature will cooperate we’ve got to keep improving across the board what we’ve established,” Harter said. “Because we’re running out of competitions. The SEC meet is coming fast.”

Razorbacks, Pinto 2nd at SEC

By UA COMMUNICATIONS

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. – Strong winds led to tough scoring conditions, but #22 Arkansas shot one of the better rounds of the day on Thursday to move up one spot into second (564) after 36 holes at the 2021 SEC Championships, played at Sea Island Golf Club - Seaside Course (par 70, 7,005 yards). Round one leader and Razorback junior Segundo Oliva Pinto shot a second-round 72 and was second on the individual leaderboard at -4 (64-72=136), one stroke off the top spot.

Alabama was the only team under par on Thursday at -3 and the 37th-ranked Crimson Tide climbed six places to assume to lead after 36 holes (561/+1). The Razorbacks posted a round-two score of 286 (+6) to move past Georgia and Tennessee for second place. The 10th-ranked Bulldogs posted a 10-over score of 290 in round two and are

tied for third with #23 LSU, both one stroke behind Arkansas at 565. Rounding out the top eight are #14 Auburn (567), #19 Tennessee (569), #15 Vanderbilt (569) and #48 South Carolina (571). The Gamecocks hold a four-shot lead over ninth-place and 17th-ranked Florida. The top eight after Friday’s round will advance to match play.

Oliva Pinto kept his bogey-free championship going through eight holes, including a birdie on the par 3 6th hole, before suffering a bogey on the ninth to make the turn at even. He dropped shots on the 10th and 12th holes but bounced back to birdie holes 13 and 15th to maintain the lead. However, Oliva Pinto had a double bogey on the 18th hole while Georgia’s Spencer Ralston had a par to see the two flip on the leaderboard.

As mentioned, scoring conditions were not ideal so William Buhl and Manuel

Lozada each improved their round-one position after carding a 1-over-par 71 Thursday. The duo each posted 16 pars, two bogeys and a birdie. Buhl jumped one spot into a tie for ninth (69-71=140/Even) and Lozada jumped 14 spots into a tie for 27th (73-71=144/+4).

Tyson Reeder, who had 16 pars in round two, shot a 3-over 73 and is tied for 35th with a 5-over total of 145. Julian Perico vaulted 10 spots into a tie for 38th after his 72 in round two and a 36-hole total of 146 (+6).

The third and final round of stroke play, which determines the 2021 SEC individual champion, was set for Friday. The top eight teams will play in the SEC match play quarterfinals Saturday morning with the semifinals set for Saturday afternoon.

For more information on Arkansas Men’s Golf, follow @RazorbackMGolf on Twitter.

Hog baseball off until Friday

By NATE ALLEN

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FAYETTEVILLE — Barring something unforeseen since Coach Dave Van Horn’s Razorbacks departed Columbia, S.C. late Friday night, they will play no baseball competition until the Friday through Sunday 3-game SEC series at LSU in Baton Rouge, La.

The nationally No. 1, 32-7 overall 13-5 SEC West Razorbacks were supposed to host the Missouri State Bears Tuesday night at Baum-Walker Stadium.

However the game was cancelled because of covid-19 issues within the Missouri State program.

Van Horn sought another opponent to bring Tuesday to Baum-Walker but had found no takers upon completing Friday the Hogs taking 2 of 3 in a SEC series from the nationally 11th-ranked South Carolina Gamecocks in Columbia.

“We haven’t found anybody that will volunteer to come over and play us,” Van Horn said Friday night in Columbia, S.C. “We’re not going to travel, especially after this trip, to go play a game.”

A pitching staff o overtaxed by SEC rainouts forcing doubleheaders plus last week’s Thursday instead of Friday SEC start should have plenty of rest before throwing against LSU

Against the Gamecocks, with the series condensed to a Thursday game and Friday doubleheader because of a rainy Saturday forecast after the Hogs played a Saturday doubleheader and Sunday taking 2 of 3 the previous weekend from Texas A&M at Baum-Walker, Arkansas opened with No. 4 starter Caleb Bolden on Thursday and on short rest threw No. 2 and No. 1 starters Peyton Pallette and Patrick Wicklander in Friday’s day-night doubleheader.

Now for the Friday 6 p.m., Saturday 6:30 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. games in Baton Rouge Van Horn in a well-rested order can go Wicklander, Benton’s Pallette and No. 3 starter Lael Lockhart.

“We’re going to need it (the week’s rest) against LSU, because they can swing the bats, and they’re tough at home,” Van Horn said. “Wicklander would have a full week of rest, so Friday he’d be back on track.

If Van Horn could guarantee the Hogs would pitch as well on short rest in Baton Rouge as they did in Columbia he and pitching coach Matt Hobbs would spend the week wearing the starters out.

“Just a really good job by our pitchers all week-end,” Van Horn said postgame Friday in Columbia. “For the most part all three games they gave us an opportunity to win.”

In Thursday’s 6-1 victory, Bolden yielded but two hits and a run through 3 1-3 innings.

Relievers Ryan Costeiu, Caden Monke, the pitcher of record winner after inducing a popped up bunt and doubleplay grounder for the two batters he faced, and Kevin Kopps, nine up and down including fi e strikeouts for his three-inning save, excelled Thursday.

Pallette pitched shutout ball for 5 1-3 and was up 2-0 when removed after a 1-out walk and single in the sixth before reliever Monke, walking the one batter he faced during the 4-run inning, was charged with the 6-2 loss.

“Peyton Pallette pitched really well - fi e plus,” Van Horn said. “You take away maybe one walk, two walks, I think the outcome might have been a little bit diffe ent.”

Wicklander couldn’t have pitched much better, and Kopps pitched immaculately winning Friday night’s game 5-1.

Lefty Wicklander against the predominantly right-handed Gamecocks, allowed but two hits and one run through seven innings. He struck out fi e against no walks.

“Really three good outings for Wicklander in a row,” Van Horn said. “He threw everything for a strike. Got some first-pitch outs and it allowed him to stay in the game and kept Kevin’s pitch count down.”

Van Horn cited the cohesiveness between junior Wicklander and senior catcher Casey Opitz.

“I thought Casey called a great game,” Van Horn said. “We didn’t mess with Casey too much. Him and Pat were working great together and we let them roll.”

Nobody rolled like Kopps Friday night. Pitching the eighth and ninth while notching his second save of the series, Kopps faced six batters. He struck them all out.

“For all weekend he was amazing,” Van Horn said.

Make that all season. In 18 relief appearances for 37 innings, Kopps stands 6-0 with fi e saves, a 0.97 earned run average and 66 strikeouts vs 11 walks.

Knowing Kopps readied in the bullpen, Van Horn knew the Gamecocks’ Friday night gloom and doom and Arkansas confidence surge when Greenbrier’s Cayden Wallace clouted the 2-run fifth-inning home run upping Arkansas’ lead to 4-1.

“That was a huge swing for us because we were just up one before that swing,” Van Horn said. “That’s when you could start thinking how many more outs do we need before we can go to Kevin?”

Tech golf moves on with season

By ATU Communications

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — By virtue of winning their second-consecutive Great American Conference Tournament Championship just days ago, there was no question if the No. 4-nationally ranked Arkansas Tech men’s golf team would make the upcoming NCAA Central/Midwest Super Regional Tournament, rather it was just awaiting the official announcement from the national office, which came down on Friday.

In that announcement, the Wonder Boys ranked second in the Central Region and are officially bound for their eighth-straight* NCAA Regional Tournament. This year’s Central/Midwest Super Regional will take place May 6-8 at the Shoal Creek Golf Club in Kansas City, Mo.

The top four teams from each super regional and the top individual not with an advancing team will advance to the National Finals. This year’s finals are taking place from May 17-21 at the PGA National Resort; The Champion Course in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

The Wonder Boys have advanced to the National Finals in each of the last three full years of competition (2019, 2018, 2017) and have moved on to match play each of those years as well.

This year, the Wonder Boys were led once more by Luke Calcaterra, who, in his 10th season at the helm, garnered his fifth GAC Coach of the Year honor ahead of the GAC Tournament. Calcaterra has had the luxury of putting out a consistent fi e-golfer lineup that recently saw all fi e golfers receive All-GAC honors.

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Western Grove releases honor roll

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High school students attend April AGFC meeting

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

HEBER SPRINGS – Students of Heber Springs High School had the opportunity to sit in with commissioners of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission today at a special town-hall style meeting in their school gymnasium.

“To my knowledge, this is the first time we’ve attempted to offe this direct involvement to students at an official meeting of the Commission,” Commission Chairman Andrew Parker said.

Students heard presentations focused on the many aspects of the aquatic wildlife and habitat in the Greers Ferry reservoir area. Bill Posey, AGFC assistant chief of fisheries, gave a presentation about the diversity of species and conservation work taking place in the tributaries upstream from Greers Ferry Reservoir. Then students heard an overview of the fishing and work the AGFC is doing on the reservoir itself in a presentation by Matt Schroeder, AGFC district fisheries supervisor. Christy Graham, AGFC trout program coordinator, concluded the presentation portion with a talk about the world-class trout fishery in the Greers Ferry Tailwater portion of the Little Red River.

The Commission also heard a presentation from AJ Riggs,

AGFC wildlife health biologist, about current results from the 2020-21 chronic wasting disease monitoring effort. The AGFC received 7,808 samples from white-tailed deer and 57 samples from elk during the 2020-21 hunting seasons. Of those samples, 261 white-tailed deer and seven elk tested positive for the disease.

“This is an agency high of samples that have been collected by agency staff,” Riggs said. “All the credit goes to the AGFC’s wildlife management staff or their dedicated work throughout the year to meet our sampling goals.”

Riggs spoke about two important partnerships that have

developed since the detection of the disease in Arkansas: the increased testing ability thanks to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and the latest research project being conducted by the University of Georgia on the impact CWD may be having on Arkansas’s deer population.

Thanks to increased testing brought on by the ALPC lab, turnaround time between when a hunter submits a sample and the time results are available has decreased. According to Riggs 94 percent of CWD tests submitted by the AGFC during the 2020-21 testing season were processed by the Arkansas lab.

“We’re still looking at an

average of five to six days, but we’re figuring out how to make that as quick as possible,” Riggs said.

The University of Georgia is currently tagging and outfitting live deer in Arkansas’s CWD Management Zone to evaluate the impact of CWD on deer in the state and research any behavior changes associated with contracting the disease. To date, 84 deer have been captured, tagged or radio-collared and released for surveillance.

“In addition to that 36 of the female deer were outfitted with transmitters that will activate and alert researchers when the doe gives birth,” Riggs said.

Tri-County EHC members ready for action

Newton County Extension Homemakers Council (EHC) members attended the first Tri-County meeting with EHC members from Boone and Carroll counties since January of last year on Thursday, April 15, at the NW Arkansas District Fair Grounds in Harrison. The theme was “Let’s Get Ready to Rumble... Back Into Action.”

The members were provided information on a variety of topics to take back and share with their members. One lesson was called Staycation - Vacationing in the Ozarks - provided by Bradley Savage, Arkansas Game and Fish Educator at the Ponce Elk Education Center. They also heard from Travis Courtright, IT specialist from First National Bank of North Arkansas, on “Personal Banking On-Line” and safety guidelines.

Nita Cooper, former Boone County Extension Sta



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Newton County EHC members attended the Tri-County meeting April 15 at the NW Arkansas District Fair Grounds. Pictured from left to right, Melody Siegler, Jan Sargent, Randa Williams, Newton County EHC Vice President Darlene Hauser, Newton County EHC Treasurer, Sandra Noble and Marsha Horton, Newton County agent, FCS.

Chair, presented a program on learning how to identify and to work with different personalities.

The last information provided was strategies on how to manage stress and mental health from Rebecca

Simon, Family and Program Associate for the U of A Extension State office.

Two new non-profits directors that serve residents of Newton, Boone and Carroll counties also provided information on their services

and their needs. They were Tracy Lindsey, Director of Tetelestai House and Rhonda Graham, Director of Informed Choices.

“Even though we had to follow COVID-19 protocols, it was wonderful

to be together and to get the opportunity to get back to what Extension Homemakers is about...Taking care of family, self and community,” said Marsha Horton, Newton County agent for family and consumer science.



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SPRING SCENE IN JASPER

This spring scene in Jasper is of the Bradley House Museum at 403 West Clark St. in Jasper. Operated by the Newton County Historical Society it is open 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday as well as the 1st & 3rd Saturday. The Methodist church is across the street.

4-H Poultry Chain chicks arrive in Newton County

This year’s one day old 4-H Poultry Chain Chicks arrived in Newton County on Friday afternoon and were picked up by Adam Willis, County Agri Agent at the Lonoke County Fair Grounds. There were 31 sets delivered to Newton County

4-H families. This year’s chicks are a Bovan Brown which is described as a highly versatile and robust layer. The birds lay a brown egg that is very high quality. The 4-H members will show off their top birds at the Newton County Fair in August.



Harper Dorrell, Pirate Pride 4-H



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