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Commission meeting goes on the road to Dumas

LITTLE ROCK – For the third time in five months, commissioners from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be holding their monthly meeting outside of Little Rock. On Feb. 21, the meeting will be held in Dumas at the Dumas Community Center beginning at 9 a.m.

The commission held its September meeting in Camden and in November the meeting was held in Jonesboro. The official meeting in Dumas will be preceded by a briefing on Feb. 20 beginning at 1 p.m. in the community center.



Farm producers signing up in record numbers

LITTLE ROCK- There is a ground swell of farm producers enrolling in conservation buffers in Arkansas that are beneficial to wildlife and to the farmer's bottom line. Farmers, through their local Farm Service Agency county offices, have signed up over 4,000 acres of croplands along field edges in a relatively new conservation buffer practice.

The practice is available to the row-crop counties of the state through the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program

or CCRP, administrated by the county Farm Service Agency offices. It's a program farmers do not have to compete to be approved for enrollment.

According to David Long, agricultural liaison with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, "CP33, Wildlife Habitat for Upland Birds, is the practice many producers are finding is not only beneficial to wildlife, but improving their financial bottom-line. An estimated 300 miles of buffers already have been signed up by farm producers across the state, providing soil erosion protection, water quality improvement along with increasing wildlife habitat on the farm," Long said.

The objective of CP33 buffers is to establish a 30 to 120 foot habitat barrier of native grasses around edges of existing crop fields. The area provides cover and nesting habitat for bobwhite quail along with benefits to other species such as cottontails, grassland songbirds, turkey and deer.



Craighead County farmer Henry Finch, who raises cotton and soybeans, is one such farmer who has enrolled field borders and one whole field into four different CRP conservation practices including CP33. According to Finch, he and his family farm their own ground but also lease cropland from other landowners and between these croplands, they and their landowners have enrolled 11 acres of native grass buffers into the CP33 and 15 acres into CP21-Filter Strips.

The family also has enrolled 3.5 acres into CP22- Riparian Forest Buffers which is a tree practice, along with another 47.8 acres of cropland in CP23, which is a wetland habitat practice.

When asked what made these croplands attractive for enrollment, Finch explained, "A combination of factors influenced our decision to enroll to include many of these crop fields were small in size and not feasible to farm with modern 12 row equipment and we wanted to benefit wildlife on the farm because we enjoy hunting and seeing wildlife." The many financial incentives that are offered through these CRP practices were icing on the cake for the farmer and the landowners they lease cropland from. "CRP was a real good fit for us and the landowners we farm for," he added.



Finch also expects wildlife benefits on the land he farms and is already seeing the results. "We already have turkeys nesting along the levees and with this increased grass and tree buffers connecting the levee system, we expect greater turkey production in the future. We fully expect an increase in habitat for turkeys, quail, cottontails, along with providing bedding and fawning areas for deer, which are increasing in our area of the county. Deer already use the existing patches of habitat found on these farms and with the increased habitat, we expect we can raise some real quality bucks on these river bottom soils".

Would he recommend this to other farmers? "Many farms have areas such as ours, that include small fields limiting equipment use or larger fields that may be hard to farm for various reasons. The many CCRP practices are just the ticket to establish wildlife habitat on these type cropland acres and get paid to do it through this FSA conservation program. We could have a lot more habitat and wildlife, if farmers would put just a few acres of grass or tree buffers around their croplands, which also would provide decent farm income on these acres through CRP rental payments," Finch noted.

Long said there is a ground swell of farmers enrolling a few acres up to many acres of their cropland into CP33 and other CCRP practices. "Statewide, over 78,000 acres of croplands, which are mostly marginally productive and hard to farm, have been enrolled. Other CCRP practices farmers are using that really fit into their cropland operations include CP21-Filter strips, CP22- Riparian Forest Buffers, CP23 and CP23A-Wetland Restoration and CP31 Bottomland Timber Establishment on Wetlands," Long explained.

"This list of practices allows farmers, tenant farmers and landowners leasing out their cropland to enroll field borders or whole fields that may be cropland that as Henry Finch has identified, are not feasible to farm for one reason or

another. Enrolling these cropland acres can benefit both the farmer, tenant farmer and/or the landowner, resulting in a much more efficient farming operation both financially and agriculturally. With farmers enrolling over 78,000 acres of buffers and other practices, this program has proven to be a win-win for farmers, tenants and landowners all over the row-crop areas of the state and wildlife,” Long advised.

The CCRP incentives may include one or more of the following- 10 to 15 year soil rental payments, 50 percent cost-share, 40 percent practice incentive (additional 40 percent cost-share) and a \$100 per acre signing incentive payment. CP21 and CP22 also offers an additional 20 percent incentive added to the soil rental payments.

Long also pointed out that in July 2007, many county yearly CRP soil rental rates were increased, now ranging from a low per \$25 per acre and up to a high of \$97 per acre per year. For croplands enrolled in CP21 or CP22, which receives an additional 20 percent added to the base rental, CRP payments for many soils range from \$70 to over \$100 per acre, Long said.



To check out the soil rental rates for each county, producers may go to the following web link- www.arkansashabitat.org/pages/programs/crp_rental_rates.html and get an accurate rental rate for their yearly soil rental payment on their cropland. “But to determine exact rental payments, producers should go to their county FSA and/or NRCS offices,” Long explained.

For more information, those farmers or landowners interested should contact their County Farm Service Agency, County Natural Resources Conservation Service or the Regional Private Lands Biologist with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission at one of the following offices, toll-free: Brinkley-(877) 734-4581, Camden-(877) 836-4612, Fort Smith-(877) 478-1043, Jonesboro-(877) 972-5438, Mayflower-(877) 470-3650, Monticello-(877) 367-3559, Hope-(877) 777-5580, or Russellville-(877)967-7577. Long may be contacted by calling toll-free (877) 972-5438.

Trumpeter swan reports needed from Arkansas observers

DARDANELLE – Those young trumpeter swans brought in from Iowa a few weeks ago are moving around and hard to keep track of. Information as to their whereabouts is needed by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Karen Rowe, AGFC nongame migratory bird program coordinator, said, “We need to know where these birds are and what they are doing. Reports from the public will help us in our work now and for the future with this project.”

Eighteen trumpeter swans, each about nine months old, were brought to Arkansas by a team of Iowa Department of Natural Resources personnel and Iowa volunteers. Five swans were released at Boxley Valley in western Newton County and 13 were released on Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge southeast of Dardanelle. The swans were family groups – young males and females born in Iowa’s ongoing trumpeter swan program.



Two of the Boxley Valley swans were found dead a few days later, apparently killed by coyotes. The other three remain in the area. The Holla Bend swans have been seen in small groups, some several miles away from the refuge.

This relocation of young trumpeters is an experiment that could have major implications in the wildlife world. The objective for the release is called “reverse migration imprinting.” The aim is to have birds adapt to new territory in the

south, young birds that never have migrated, and let them use their instincts to return to Iowa. When warm weather arrives, hopefully they will return to Arkansas next fall or winter and bring others with them, away from northern frozen environments.

The Iowa swans released in Arkansas each have bright green neck collars with white lettering. This lettering identifies each bird, and it is needed in reports of their sightings.

Rowe urged anyone seeing some of the young trumpeters to report it on the AGFC's website at: www.agfc.com/wildlife-conservation/birds/trumpeter_survey.aspx. Collar markings are desired if these can be obtained with the use of binoculars or spotting scopes. Also needed is date, time, exact location and any other details observed. Citizens that observe the swans and do not have access to the Internet can call Rowe's office and leave a message at (877) 873-4651 detailing their sightings.

Corps to open Arkansas campgrounds on March 1

HOT SPRINGS - All U.S. Army Corps of Engineers campgrounds at lakes Ouachita, Greeson and DeGray will open March 1 with modified services. This cooperative agreement is a result of meetings between the Corps' Vicksburg District and federal, state and local interests.

Modified services include less frequent trash pick up, janitorial services, and grass mowing.

The plan provides an opportunity for campers and visitors to have a direct impact on the future of the campgrounds by volunteering to supplement the modified services. Those interested in volunteering can go to www.mvk.usace.army.mil and click on Hot Topics: Arkansas Lakes Campgrounds or email LakeOuachita@usace.army.mil. More information about state and local volunteer programs will be published in the near future.

Campers interested in visiting these campgrounds may make reservations now through the National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS) website www.recreation.gov.



The Corps will monitor campgrounds to determine the success of the modified services and volunteerism. The monitoring will assess the quality of service vs. the quantity of open campgrounds. Public safety remains a top priority.

The Vicksburg District had cut back on campground schedules due to flat budgets and increasing costs for operation and maintenance of facilities. The missions of the Vicksburg District at Ouachita, Greeson and DeGray are to provide flood control, hydropower generation, recreation, environmental stewardship and water supply. The Corps has also made cutbacks in an attempt to stretch funding to fulfill current missions to the maximum amount possible. Leasing is being considered to sustain future campground availability.

The partnering effort came as a result of concerns expressed by local businesses and congressional, state and local officials. Those included Senator Blanche Lincoln, Senator Mark Pryor, Congressman Mike Ross, Governor Mike Beebe, the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, concessions on the lakes, Lake Ouachita Citizens Focus Committee and the Arkansas Hospitality Association.

Over 69,000 pounds of fish stocked in state's waters

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission crews stocked over 207,000 fish in Arkansas lakes and rivers during January, according to Mike Armstrong, chief of fisheries. The total stocking of fish weighed in excess of 69,000 pounds.

January stockings:



Amon's Lake, Baxter County, 600 catchable rainbow trout
Atlanta Lake, Baxter County, 3,400 catchable rainbow trout
Barnett Lake, White County, 27,300 yearling white crappie
Bobcat Pond, Prairie County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Bobs Pond, Prairie County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Boyle Park Pond, Pulaski County, 400 catchable rainbow trout
Bradley County Lake, Bradley County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Bragg Lake, Ouachita County, 1,215 yearling grass carp
Brown Pool, St. Francis County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Cabot Community Pond, Lonoke County, 700 catchable rainbow trout
Calion Lake, Union County, 1,230 yearling grass carp
Cane Creek Lake, Lincoln County, 866 catchable channel catfish
Cargile Lake, Conway County, 5,120 yearling white crappie
Cargile Lake, Conway County, 11,004 yearling bluegill
Catherine Lake, Garland County, 9,092 catchable rainbow trout
Cherrywood Lake, Pulaski County, 500 catchable rainbow trout
Cox Cypress Lake, Arkansas County, 227 catchable channel catfish
Cypress Bayou Pond, Lonoke County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Devils Den State Park, Washington County, 500 catchable rainbow trout
Dewitt City Lake (Mitchell Lake), Arkansas County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Doe Pond, Prairie County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Entergy Park Lake, Garland County, 408 catchable rainbow trout
Family Park Lake, Garland County, 408 catchable rainbow trout
Field Trial Pond, Prairie County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Flowers Lake, St. Francis County, 160 catchable channel catfish
FmHA Lake, Woodruff County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Forrest City Sports Complex Pond, St. Francis County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Greers Ferry Lake, Van Buren County, 5,040 yearling blue catfish
Greers Ferry Lake, Cleburne County, 4,935 yearling blue catfish
Greeson Lake, Pike County, 10,045 yearling blue catfish
Hamilton Lake, Garland County, 10,467 catchable rainbow trout
Harris Brake Lake, Perry County, 8,466 yearling blue catfish
Hickson Lake, Monroe County, 150 catchable channel catfish
Interstate Pond #2, Monroe County, 200 catchable channel catfish
Interstate Pond #4, Monroe County, 150 catchable channel catfish
Kiwanis Park, Pulaski County, 500 catchable rainbow trout
Little Missouri River, Montgomery County, 1,997 catchable rainbow trout
Little Red River, White County, 1,500 catchable channel catfish
Little Rock AFC Lake, Pulaski County, 608 catchable rainbow trout
MacArthur Park Lake, Pulaski County, 500 catchable rainbow trout
Mamas Pond, Prairie County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Mammoth Pond, Prairie County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Martin Luther King Park, Jefferson County, 500 catchable rainbow trout
Mike and Janet Huckabee Lake/ Hope City Lake, Hempstead County 600 catchable rainbow trout
Mike and Janet Huckabee Kids Pond, Hempstead County, 200 catchable rainbow trout
Miller Pond, Woodruff County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Mirror Lake, Stone County, 1,000 catchable rainbow trout
Murphy Park Pond, Washington County, 400 catchable rainbow trout
Narrows Dam Tailwater, Pike County, 34,285 catchable rainbow trout
Narrows Dam Tailwater, Pike County, 600 yearling rainbow trout
Otter Creek Park Pond, Pulaski County, 500 catchable rainbow trout
Ouachita Lake, Garland County, 6,300 yearling white crappie
Ouachita Lake, Montgomery County, 8,246 yearling striped bass
Ouachita River, Hot Spring County, 1,618 catchable rainbow trout
Pheasant Pond, Prairie County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Pickthorne Lake, Lonoke County, 533 catchable channel catfish
Pine Tree Station, St. Francis County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Pleasant View Park Pond, Pope County, 400 catchable rainbow trout
Pond F-1, St. Francis County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Quail Pond, Prairie County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Rabbit Pond, Prairie County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Rattlesnake Pond, Prairie County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Rich Mountain Community College Pond, Polk County, 300 catchable rainbow trout
Robe Bayou, Monroe County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Rock Creek, Pulaski County, 1,358 catchable rainbow trout
Salem City Lake, Fulton County, 800 catchable rainbow trout
Sherwood City Pond, Pulaski County, 400 catchable rainbow trout

Spring River, Fulton County, 4,950 catchable rainbow trout
War Memorial Park, Pulaski County, 400 catchable rainbow trout
Ward City Lake, Lonoke County, 160 catchable channel catfish
Wells Lake, Sebastian County, 1,700 catchable rainbow trout
Wilkins Pond, St. Francis County, 160 catchable channel catfish
White Oak Lake (Upper), Ouachita County, 1,550 yearling grass carp
White River, Baxter County, 19,622 catchable rainbow trout
White River, Izard County, 2,285 catchable rainbow trout
White River, Marion County, 3,754 catchable rainbow trout
White River, Stone County, 3,405 catchable rainbow trout
Wrape Plantation Lake, Arkansas County, 160 catchable channel catfish

Boating education class schedule

Click here for boating education information: <http://www.agfc.com/education-class/boating-education.aspx>

Hunter education class schedule

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What's open for hunting

Current and approaching seasons in Arkansas:

Squirrel:

Statewide – Sept. 8-Feb. 29.

Rabbit:

Statewide – Sept. 1-Feb. 29.

Spotted Skunk, Weasel Hunting: Closed.

Snow Goose Conservation Order: Feb. 4-April 27

Statewide Falconry: Jan. 28-Feb. 17

Common Snipe:

Nov. 1, 2007 to Feb. 15, 2008

Deer Archery: Oct. 1-Feb. 29 statewide.

Turkey Archery: Oct. 1-Feb. 29 statewide.

Quail:

Nov. 1-Feb. 10 statewide.

Crow:

Sept. 1-Feb. 17 Thursdays thru Mondays only statewide.

Furbearers:

Furbearer trapping Nov. 17-Feb. 17 excluding coyote, beaver, muskrat and nutria.

Coyote trapping Aug. 1-March 31.

Beaver, muskrat, nutria trapping Nov. 17-March 31.

Gray fox, mink, opossum, red fox, striped skunk hunting Sept. 1-Feb. 29.

Raccoon day or night hunting Sept. 1-March 31.

Raccoon night hunting July 1-Aug. 31.

Bobcat and coyote hunting Oct. 1-Feb. 29.

River otter hunting Nov. 17-Feb. 29.

Muskrat, nutria and beaver hunting Sept. 1-March 31.

Badger, spotted skunk and weasel hunting is closed.

Projected deer season dates for the 2008-09 hunting season.

Archery - Oct. 1

Muzzleloader - Oct. 18

Modern Gun - Nov. 8

Coming up in the outdoors

Feb. 15 – South Central Arkansas Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Sahara Center in Pine Bluff. For more information contact: Sam McBryde at (870) 535-7920.

Feb. 15-17 - Arkansas State Boat Show, Little Rock's Statehouse Convention Center. The show times are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Feb. 16 – Cleveland County Cutters and Strutters Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Rison school cafeteria. For more information contact: Terry Thompson at (870) 357-8346 or by email at tcat01@tds.net.

Feb. 16 - Arkansas Catfishing Association meeting, 2 p.m. at the AGFC West Central Regional Office at 1266 Lock and Dam Road located between Russellville and Dardanelle.

Feb. 16 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Snow Goose Hunting."

Feb. 16 – Crawford County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Alma high school cafeteria. For more information contact: Roger Atwell at (479) 369-2055 or by email at ratwell@thermatru.com.

Feb. 16 – Northwest Arkansas Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Springdale Rodeo Grounds. For more information contact: Gary Cobb at (479) 659-3018 or by email at qt_cobb@msn.com.

Feb. 16 – Southeast Arkansas Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Lakewood Inn in Crossett. For more information contact: Mickey Pennington at (870) 364-9061 or by email at mpennington@alltel.net.

Feb. 16 – Sugarloaf Wild Turkey Hunters Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Cleburne County Fairgrounds in Heber Springs. For more information contact: Don Melton at (501) 362-5555.

Feb. 21 - AGFC Commission monthly meeting, Dumas.

Feb. 23 – Four Rivers Limbhangers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Arkadelphia National Guard Armory. For more information contact: Teena Bebee at (870) 245-6594 or by email at tbebee@summitinsurancedirect.com.

Feb. 23 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Late Season Squirrel Hunting."

Feb. 23 – Lafayette County Strutters Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Lewisville Middle School. For more information contact: Tony Wheelington at (870) 533-1349 or by email at wheel02@earthlink.net.

Feb. 23 – Lawrence County Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Hoxie Community Center. For more information contact: Bobby Tedder at (870) 892-3007.

Feb. 23 – Lower White River Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Arkansas County Fairgrounds in DeWitt. For more information contact: Walter Jones at (870) 282-8009 or by email at wjones011@centurytel.net.

Feb. 23 – Palarm Creek Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Sherwood Forest in Sherwood. For more information contact: Keith Brown at (501) 835-9546 or by email at brownkk@sbcglobal.net.

Feb. 24 – Tightlines Flyfishers outing, Beaver Tailwaters, 12 noon. For more information contact Ken Richards at (479) 531-5741.

Feb. 26 – Billy Mitchell Sr. Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall in Wynne. For more information contact: Robert Bassham at (870) 238-7570.

Feb. 26 – Spa City Spurs Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Elk's Lodge in Hot Springs. For more information contact: Darrel Sulton at (501) 844-7705.

Feb. 28 – East Arkansas Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Phillips Community College in West Helena. For more information contact: Terry Grubbs at (870) 995-2985 or by email at tgrubbs@cox-internet.com.

Feb. 29-Mar. 2 - Hot Springs Boat Tackle and RV Show, Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs. For more information, contact: Denton and Griffey Attractions, Ken Griffey, (501) 225-6177 or (501) 765-1423.

Feb. 29 – Buffalo Island Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Cowboy Grill in Caraway. For more information contact: Billy Vanderbilt at (870) 273-8056 or by email at weatherlyburk@hotmail.com.

Feb. 29 – Tri-County Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Fordyce Armory Building. For more information contact: Burk Weatherly at (870) 687-3118 or by email at tcat01@tds.net.

Mar. 1 – Independence County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Independence Hall UACCB in Batesville. For more information contact: Gary Stroud at (870) 307-3802 or by email at garystroud@netrider.net.

Mar. 1 – Ozark Foothills Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting in Clarksville. For more information contact: Terry Pelts at (479) 754-1168.

Mar. 1 – Southwest Arkansas Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Reynolds Center in Magnolia. For more information contact: Corky Thornton at (870) 234-4825.

Mar. 3 – Foothills Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Searcy High School Cafetorium. For more information contact: Wade Smalley at (501) 279-0499 or by email at smalley@cablelynx.com.

Mar. 6 – Crowley's Ridge Longbeard Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, District Fairgrounds in Jonesboro. For more information contact: Kimberly McDaniel at (870) 935-9852 or by email at kmcdaniel@riceland.com.

Mar. 7 – Annual Spring Conservation Banquet and Fundraiser, Fayetteville Town Center, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information contact Keri Russell at (479) 640-8319.

Mar. 7 – Hempstead County Sharp Spurs Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Hope Fair Park Coliseum in Hope. For more information contact: Paul Chambless at (870) 777-0770.

Mar. 7 – Southern Mississippi County Strutters Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Riverlawn Country Club in Osceola. For more information contact: Stanley McPherson at (870) 563-5762.

Mar. 7 – Spring River Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Omaha Center in Cherokee Village. For more information contact: Chris Jones at (870) 625-1415 or by email at cttjones@tek-web.com.

Mar. 8 – Benton County Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Quail Unlimited Barn in Bentonville. For more information contact: Tim Wise at (479) 631-4140 or by email at

timwise@lakeland.com.

Mar. 8 – Caddo River Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Center Point School in Glenwood. For more information contact: Leah Davidson at (870) 246-1575 or by email at lsdavidson@hotmail.com.

Mar. 8 – Quail Unlimited banquet at Sherwood Forest in Sherwood. For more information call (501) 223-3725 or (501) 231-4930.

Mar. 8 – Desha County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Dumas Community Center. For more information contact: G. Lynn Weatherford at (870) 382-2984.

Mar. 8 – Poteau Mountain Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Waldron High School Cafeteria. For more information contact: Mark Bailey at (479) 637-2735 or by email at rmbailey@ipa.net.

Feb. 28 – Cache/White River Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Woodruff County Fairgrounds in McCrory. For more information contact: Bruce Golden at (870) 919-6494 or by email at bkgolden@aglcstabear.us.

Mar. 13 – Seven Devils Limb Hangers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Drew County Fairgrounds in Monticello. For more information contact: Angela Simmons at (870) 460-0070.

Mar. 14 – Holland Bottoms Limbhangers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, First Baptist Church in Cabo. For more information contact: Jack Young at (501) 680-6028 or by email at hjyoung66@aol.com.

Mar. 15 – Petit Jean Valley Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation meeting, Sacred Heart School gym in Morrilton. For more information contact: Pat Jackson at (501) 354-4521 or by email at bjackson@ccrwwd.com.

Mar. 20 - AGFC Commission monthly meeting, 2 Natural Resources Dr., Little Rock, 9 a.m.

April 17 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting, 2 Natural Resources Dr., Little Rock, 9 a.m.

May 2 – Scout Night at the Travelers game at Dickey-Stephens Park in Little Rock. AGFC fish tank and Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs truck will be on display at the game. The first 500 kids will get a free keychain light. For more information, contact the Traveler's office at (501) 664-1555 or email at travs@travs.com.

May 22 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting, 2 Natural Resources Dr., Little Rock, 9 a.m.

June 19 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting.

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