

The Big Wheel

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Events

January 30th
Jonesboro Club Meeting Jan 30 -Ronnie Sturch, E-911 Director

February 6th
Jonesboro Club Meeting Feb 6 -Dr. Glen Hoffsis, Founding Dean

February 13th
Jonesboro Club Meeting Feb 13 -Dr. Evette Allen Moore, NYIT

February 20th
Jonesboro Club Meeting Feb 20- Phil Shupe, Shupe & Assoc.

Birthdays

Amy Hughes
February 3rd



Joe Turney
February 6th



Mickey Latour
February 11th



Robert L. Warner Jr.
February 12th



Mark Alan Morrow
February 12th

This Week's Program -- January 30, 2024

E-911 Center

The Jonesboro E-911 center, as public safety servants, is comprised of people dedicated to preserving the value of life of all citizens and visitors in our diverse community.

The E-911 Center, under the leadership of Ronnie Sturch, responds to emergency and non-emergency situations with professionalism, empathy, and accuracy to provide the vital link between public safety and the citizens who need assistance.

Their goal is to increase public awareness through community involvement and public education. The center strives to continuously improve through training, public feedback, and teamwork. By utilizing technology and experience, they work hard to fulfill the needs of our expanding community and all who pass through it.

Our program speaker is Ronnie Sturch, Director of Jonesboro E-911. Come and hear about this vital center. Don't forget to invite a friend.



Peanut Butter Service Project

Our service project for January was to bring peanut butter which would be donated to the A-State Food Bank. It was a success.



Save the Date

February 23 -- Rotary Foundation Gala



A night to celebrate The Rotary Foundation

Friday, February 23, 2024 at 6 pm

Arkansas State University, Woodard McAlister Family Club

Special recognition of the Foundation Ambassadors

Entertainment by Thump Daddy of Memphis, TN

Opportunities for sponsorships are available.

Get your tickets today!



Gary Clark
February 19th



Robert C. Green
February 21st



Jeremy Todd Watson
February 24th

Good News â€” January 23, 2024

John Deacon carried the mic for Good News. **Shaila Creekmore** took notes.

Club President **Erika Chudy** received a laminated card in the mail from Mayor Harold Copenhaver.

Norman Stafford's pipes didn't freeze.

Sam Hummelstein was glad he could feel his fingers and toes and **John Deacon** also pointed out that he and Marilyn had traveled more than 4,000 miles recently.

Bonnie May expressed her appreciation to our madam president and all she does for our club.

Brock Wooldridge was happy he made it after going to the wrong place.

Last Weekâ€™s Program â€” January 23, 2024

By Shaila Creekmore

Judd Hill's Farmers Market and A-State College of Agriculture

Dr. Mickey LaTour, Dean of the College of Agriculture, joined the A-State staff in March 2020 and quickly began looking at the challenges facing the university and how to make the college stand out among other agricultural schools in the area. His approach is "to create unique experiences for our students and distinguish us from the competition."



Among those approaches is a newly approved school of veterinary medicine. While much of the focus is now turned to the vet school, LaTour said he must also ensure the other programs of the college of agriculture are not lost or overshadowed in the process.

Another exciting launch recently announced is the joint effort of the colleges of agriculture and business to have students work with faculty on stocks and commodities to define investment goals, set risk parameters, and make recommendations on those funds where the investment should be made, defining investment goals, setting risk parameters, and presenting their ideas and results.

This past August, the new building opened at the Judd Hill Farmers' Market on the A-State campus. The building has classroom space, a kitchen with five cooking stations, a conference room, a room for meat sales and space for markets to run during the winter time. Other things to note going on at the Farmers' Market are the strawberry crops being grown just outside the market that will be ready in the spring for "you pick" fields. Students are also going to work on products they can make and sell at the market with the strawberries. Meat is also being grown, processed and sold at the market currently. You can follow what is available on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/astatemeat> and pickup is available biweekly currently.

A few other things to note going on in the College of Agriculture:

- Greenway Scholars: Greenway Equipment is creating opportunities for students to work in their dealerships.
- Snack Stick Project - Feeding the Hungry: A-State and Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry (AHFH) have partnered to produce and distribute shelf snack sticks for school children across the state in efforts to battle food insecurity. They are set to produce 80,000-100,000 a year.
- The 30th annual Arkansas State University Agribusiness Conference will be held in person on Wednesday, February 7, 2024.
- The College of Agriculture held their 3rd annual Furry 5K this past October to benefit Ag for Autism.
- Certified Crop Advisor Training allows students to finish their degree with credentials at graduation.
- The College of Agriculture will be holding an Agricultural Academy on March 28 to train their students in leadership, executive experiences and professional development.

Report Card -- January 23, 2024

Total Active Members - 109
 Active members - 61
 Active-Service - 16
 Active-Partner - 4
 Active-Modem - 3
 Active-LOA - 1
 â€œActive Rule of 85â€ members - 18
 Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 55
 Active Members - 41
 Friends of Rotary - 0
 Honorary members - 0
 Proposed - 1
 Guests - 13 [Read More](#)