



Last game...for now

The Southern Choctaw High School Lady Indians faced Fruitdale on the diamond last Monday afternoon -- two days before schools were officially closed by state order. SCHS senior Brianna Mazingo is pictured denying a Fruitdale base runner a double last Monday as the Lady Indians took a 15-4 win. (Photo by Clint Franks)

Mazingo shines in what could be her final high school softball game

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GILBERTOWN -- With the suspension of all spring sports by the AHSAA and the possibility of the season being ultimately cancelled, the Southern Choctaw High School Lady Indians hosted senior day and honored their lone senior, Brianna Mazingo.

To cap off Mazingo's recognition, the Lady Indians (3-7) routed Fruitdale 15-4 in four innings. Mazingo made her day a memorable one, going two for three with a double and an RBI and would also tag out a Fruitdale base runner trying to stretch a single into a double. Lauren Womack would hit three RBI triple into left field and go one for three

on the day. Alyssa Mazingo would pick up the win. The Alabama High School Athletic Association has tentatively scheduled April 6th resumption to the season and is currently reviewing contingency plans, while officials are speculating that there may not be a return to high school sports this spring.

SUMMER LEAGUES Baseball, softball seasons postponed

GILBERTOWN, BUTLER -- Starting dates and schedules for summer league baseball/softball leagues have been postponed due to efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. Butler Youth Baseball has announced that the season has been delayed and Opening Day, which had been set for April 4, will be rescheduled at a later date. Gilbertown USSSA Softball has postponed the beginning of their season and will make further announcements at a later date. Practices and games for the Gilbertown Youth Baseball league have also been postponed until a later date, and opening day has been pushed back to a time to be announced later.

Spring turkey season began last Saturday ■ Harvest reporting still mandatory

(From Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources)

Spring turkey season opened March 21 and will close May 3, 2020, for most Alabama counties. The season has been delayed for research purposes on the following Wildlife Management Areas: Barbour, J.D. Martin-Skyline, Hollins, Oakmulgee, Lowndes, Choccolocco, and Perdido River. The delayed season will run March 28 to May 3.

Special youth turkey hunts are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday the week prior to the opening of spring season. For more information about Alabama's spring turkey season, including a hunting zone map, visit www.outdooralabama.com/turkey-season.

Hunters are also reminded that all turkey harvests must be

reported through Alabama's Game Check system. The data collected through Game Check is used by Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) biologists to better understand harvest trends and set seasons and bag limits. "It is very important that hunters understand how harvest reporting has the potential to affect turkey management decisions," said Chuck Sykes, WFF Director. "Turkey harvests have been consistently underreported. If that trend continues it could alter season dates and bag limits. We strongly encourage hunters to report their turkey harvests during this year's spring and fall seasons." Turkey harvests can be reported online at www.outdooralabama.com or through the Outdoor AL mobile app. The mobile app is available from the Apple and Android app stores or www.outdooralabama.com/contact-us/mobile-apps.

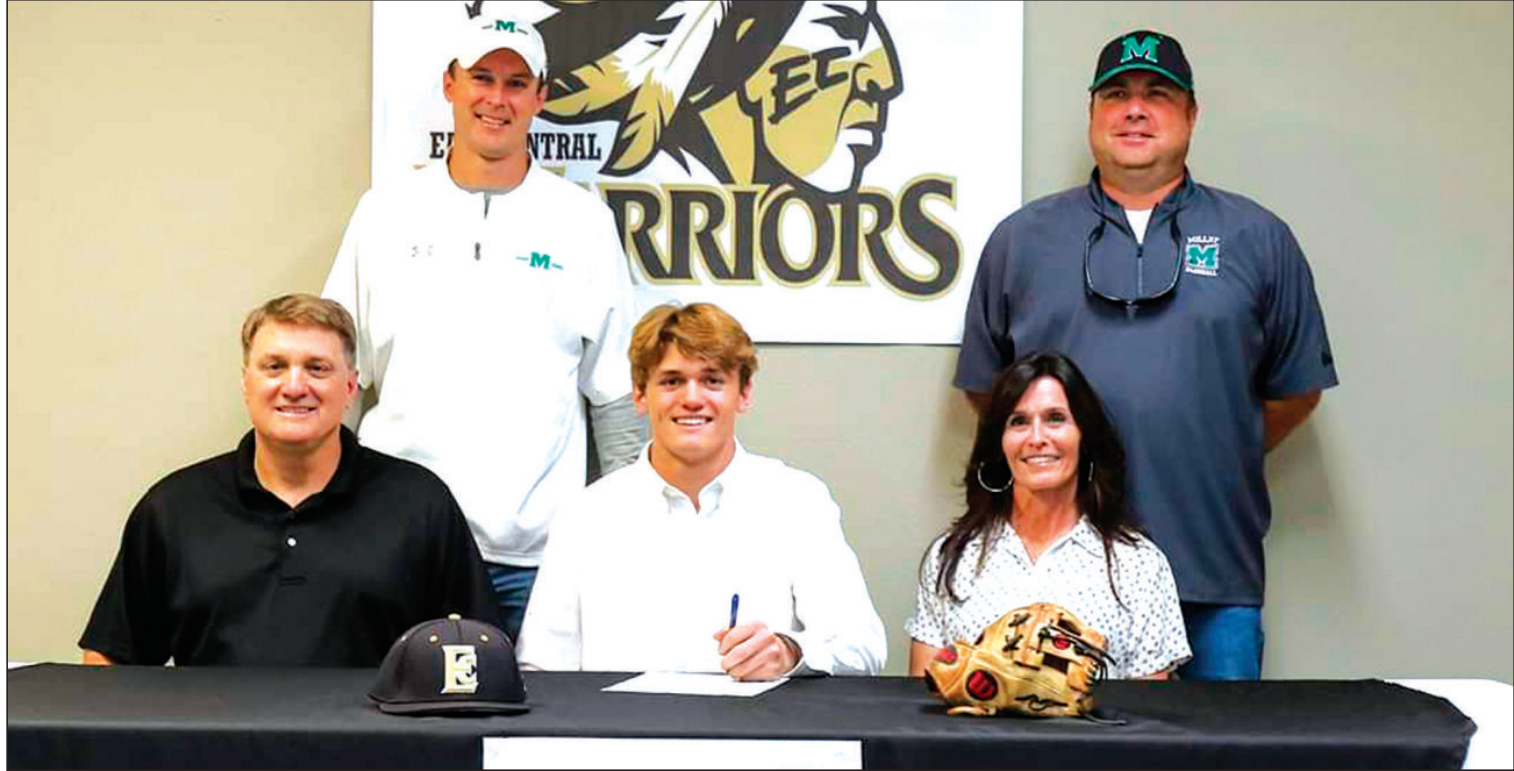
Hunters can take part in state survey

Do you spend 10 or more days each spring turkey hunting in Alabama? If so, your observations in the field can provide valuable information toward the conservation and management of eastern wild turkey. The Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (WFF) is asking turkey hunters who hunt for at least 10 days during turkey season to participate in the Avid Turkey Hunter Survey. Participants will receive a copy of the state's annual turkey report, Full Fans & Sharp Spurs, and will be automatically entered to win a new shotgun donated by the Alabama Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf). To be eligible for the NWTf shotgun drawing, survey participants must provide their season hunting information by May 10, 2020.

Participation in the Avid Turkey Hunter Survey provides WFF biologists with valuable information on statewide and regional trends in gobbling activity, hunter effort, harvest rates, age structure and sex ratios. This knowledge ultimately helps WFF make management decisions that link the interests of sportsmen with the wise use of the state's turkey resource.

To sign up to participate in the Avid Turkey Hunter Survey, email your Conservation ID number and email address to Steven.Mitchell@dcnr.alabama.gov. Hunters may also contact the WFF Wildlife Section at (334) 242-3469 to sign up for the survey. When calling please be prepared to provide your Conservation ID number and email address. Once you have been signed up to participate in the survey, you will receive an email with the survey instructions and a link to the survey.

Hunters who participated in last year's survey and do not receive instructions for the 2020 spring season should contact WFF via the phone number or email listed above. For information about Alabama's spring turkey hunting season, visit www.outdooralabama.com/wild-turkey.



Lewis signs with Warriors

Trey Lewis, seated in center, a three sport star at Millry High School signed a Letter of Intent to play baseball for the East Central Community College Warriors in Decatur Mississippi at a formal ceremony held at Millry Baptist Church last Friday Afternoon. Lewis played football and basketball for the Wildcats and is in the middle of his senior season in baseball where Millry is ranked #2 in the state in Class 1A. Pictured with Lewis are his parents, Stan Lewis and Joy Lewis, and Athletic Director Greg Crager, along with baseball coach Ed Warrick.