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Fiddlers Convention takes a break
Old Mill Music Park halts annual event, upgrades facility

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Question by motorists traveling on SR. 91 in Laurel Bloomery about the recent construction at the Old Mill Music Park are much more than just the expected casual curiosity. And for a good reason.

For decades, the Old Mill Music Park has been the location for some of the most popular events promoting the Appu-Chian music scene, namely the Old Time Fiddlers Convention.

The main concern is whether or not the music convention will continue to be held in the idyllic setting of the music park.

According to the new property owner, Lisa Woodard, the event was not off the table but must be rescheduled. “There just wasn’t enough time to prepare and market the long annual event this year,” however, we are planning to host the Old Time Fiddlers Convention again this year. In August of 2019, the Old Time Fiddlers Convention celebrated its 94th anniversary, and had the See Music Park: Page A3

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INTERN

“It is our great pleasure to announce that the Beta Theta Women’s Club has selected Melissa Gentry of Rescue Dog & End of Life Sanctuary a plaque recognizing her many years of dedicated service to our community. See Beta Theta Page A4

CHAMBER PARK:
JCEAA seeks support for new arena

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It is no secret that kids have limited options for extracurricular activities in Johnson County. This one of many driving forces that formed the Johnson County Equine and Agriculture Association. JCEAA began with an idea for a permanent arena and an organization that would encourage the agronomy industry to benefit the whole county, specifically the youth.

“Growing up, I helped my grandpa, Danny Herman, on his

Johnson County Senior Center volunteers and staff, including Terry Hodge, Tonya Townsend, and Trist Eastridge (above), deliver flower arrangements from the center’s Crafts with Kay Class to all homebound seniors. Many were touched by the thoughtful gifts at Easter time. Photo submitted


caller local lawn, long Old Mill Music Park.