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Students Attend BioBlitz

Beritage Farms, near Cherry Valley, hosted the 4th annual Arkansas Center for Biodiversity Collections (ACBC) BioBlitz on Oct 5. Scientists, trained volunteers and with citizens worked together to identify as many plant and animal species as possible. [Use this link to discover some of their finds.](#)



CoSM News

Transcription Blitz Held

The Arkansas Center for Biodiversity Collections (ACBC) hosted its 4th annual Transcription Blitz on Oct. 18. Everyone was welcome to participate in the Worldwide Digitization of Biocollections (WeDIGBio) annual blitz to [transcribe as many biodiversity specimens as possible](#).

CoSM News

A-State Hosts STEM Fest

Approximately 800 children attended this year's [Stem Fest event](#), held Oct. 25 at A-State, and learned about science, technology, engineering and math.



CoSM Faculty Spotlight

Zhou Research Identifies Cell Signals

A research article co-authored by Dr. Guolei (Jason) Zhou, associate professor of cell and cancer biology, was published in the international journal [Molecular and Cellular Biology](#).

CoSM Faculty Spotlight

Izadyar, Hood and Seok Develop Biosensor

Dr. Anahita Izadyar (right), associate professor of chemistry, is the corresponding author of an article published in the peer-reviewed journal [ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering](#). Her research group, in collaboration with Dr. Elizabeth Hood, Lipscomb Distinguished Professor of Agriculture, and Dr. Ilwoo Seok, associate professor of mechanical engineering, was able to use an enzyme extracted from corn grain to fabricate a facile, fast and cost-beneficial novel biosensor for electrochemical detection of hydrogen peroxide.



CoSM Student Spotlight

Trusty Elected Representative

The Central Plains Society of Mammalogists has [elected Michael Trusty](#) as their representative for the state of Arkansas. Michael is a sophomore majoring in WFC/Wildlife.



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