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Bees do more than harvest nectar from plants to make honey. They also are important to agriculture because of their role in plant pollination. Unknown enemies, however, are attacking bee populations in several areas of the nation. The story is on page 6. (Photo by Jim Lytle)

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Mississippi State University Extension specialists and wheat growers from throughout northwest Mississippi gathered at the edge of a freeze-damaged wheat field on April 13 near Vance. The growers were given information and a hands-on demonstration on recognizing the damage from freezing temperatures on the mornings of April 7 and 8. (Photo by Jim Lytle)

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