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# CAPITAL IDEAS

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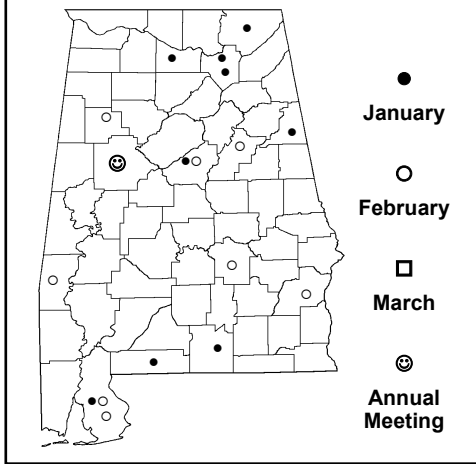
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### JANUARY 2020

January 1...Cleburne County 11 AM. **First Day Hike** at Cheaha State Park, LNT Bigfoot Trail Head (by the Hotel). Start the year off with a hike with Mandy Pearson, Park Naturalist. She will teach about plants, animals, native Americans, the Civilian Conservation Corp., ecosystems, Leave No Trace, and much more. Wear good shoes/boots and bring water. Contact [Mandy Pearson](mailto:Mandy.Pearson@al.gov) at (256) 412-9938.

January 1...Marshall County 10 AM. **First Day Hike** at Lake Guntersville State Park, 1157 Lodge Drive, Guntersville. Start the year off with a hike with Mike Ezell, Park Naturalist. Moderate difficulty so wear good shoes/boots and bring water. For more information call (256) 571-5444.

January 1...Shelby County 5:30 AM. **First Day Hike** at the North Trailhead for a pre-sunrise hike to King's Chair. Use Front Gate Entrance Only. This is considered an advanced hike for some. Wear good shoes/boots, bring water, bring snacks, and a flashlight as it will be dark. Call Oak Mountain State Park at (205) 620-2520.

☎ January 8...NATIONWIDE 10:00 AM Central Time. **CAPITAL IDEAS - LIVE! 15-minute Telephone News Conference for Alabama Forest Owners.** Listen on your phone or later on the web. Call AFOA to register: (205) 624-2225.

January 11-12...Morgan County. **Festival of the Cranes** at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), 3121 Visitors Center Road, Decatur. Over 14,000 Sandhill cranes along with several pairs of Whooping cranes spend the winter at Wheeler NWR. Events include viewing the cranes up close, birding workshops, nature walks, kid's activities, and live raptors. Call Wheeler NWR at (256)

350-6639.

January 14-16...Ridgeland, South Carolina. **Longleaf Academy: Longleaf 101** at the Blue Heron Nature Center. Topics include: History of longleaf, Use of fire, Artificial regeneration, Natural regeneration, Stand management, Diseases, Economics, and more. Fee: \$150; includes lunches. Contact [Karen](mailto:Karen@longleafacademy.com) at (414) 379-9697.

📍 January 17...Covington County, 9:30 AM. The **AFOA Forestry Field Day** will meet at David's Catfish in Andalusia. We will caravan to the property no later than 10 AM, take the tour, then return to David's Catfish for a Dutch Treat lunch. Come join **Consulting Forester John Loffin** as he talks to us about Forest Management for Small Landowners, including replanting, choosing the right species for the site, prescribed burning, and forming a co-op with neighboring landowners for more successful timber sales. RSVP to [Jessica Nelson](mailto:Jessica.Nelson@al.gov) at (205) 624-2225.

January 18-19...Escambia County. **Alabama Youth Trappers Education Workshop** in Atmore passes on the historical aspects of trapping, biological information concerning furbearers and furbearer management, and allows students to learn the proper techniques that include the use of trapping as a sound wildlife management tool. Recommended ages 7 and up. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$10. Contact [Mike Sievering](mailto:Mike.Sievering@al.gov) at (205) 339-5716.

January 21...Gulfport, Mississippi 5:30 PM. **Hancock/Harrison County Forestry & Wildlife Association Annual Meeting** at Lyman Community Center, 13742 Hwy. 49 North. Fee: \$10. Pre-registration required by January 17. Contact [Tim Ray](mailto:Tim.Ray@al.gov) at (228) 865-4227.

January 22...ChIPLEY, Florida 8 AM - 4 PM CT. **Learn & Burn Workshop** at 2706 Roche Road. This is an opportunity for private landowners to walk through the planning and burn prescription process for the burn that will be conducted that day. Cotton jeans / pants, long-sleeved cotton shirt, safety glasses, all leather hiking / work boots with heavy soles, and leather gloves are required to participate in the burn. Due to the need for good weather conditions alternative dates Jan. 23 through 25 may be used. Participants will be notified of any changes due to weather. Call Don Buchanan at (850) 381-3522.

January 23...Silver Springs, Florida 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM ET. **Longleaf Pine Forest Restoration & Management** at Silver Springs

State Park, 5656 Silver Springs Blvd. Topics: Why Longleaf, Establishing Longleaf, Prescribed Fire, Managing Wildlife in Longleaf, Pine Straw Harvesting, and Prescribed Fire Demonstration (weather permitting). Fee: \$15; lunch included. Contact [Chris Demers](mailto:Chris.Demers@al.gov) at (352) 846-2375.

January 24 - February 16...Marshall County. **Eagle Awareness Weekends** at Lake Guntersville State Park, 1155 Lodge Drive, Guntersville. This program runs each weekend. Watch Bald Eagles glide across the sky and view their nesting sites. Guided interpretive programs held each weekend will help you get in touch with one of America's greatest symbols. Call Lake Guntersville State Park for pricing at (256) 571-5440.

January 25-26...Jackson County. **Alabama Youth Trappers Education Workshop** in Scottsboro passes on the historical aspects of trapping, biological information concerning furbearers and furbearer management, and allows students to learn the proper techniques that include the use of trapping as a sound wildlife management tool. Recommended ages 7 and up. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$10. Contact [Mike Sievering](mailto:Mike.Sievering@al.gov) at (205) 339-5716.

January 27 or 28 or 29 or 30 or 31...Baldwin County. **Learn to Burn** will be held near Old Ganey Road and Highway 59 at the Big Tallawampa property. Experience a day-long "start to finish" learning opportunity. Actively participate with ignition patterns, holding techniques, and mop up. The prescribed burn will be conducted on the first available burn window between January 27-31. Depending on weather conditions, participants will be given 2 days advanced notice before the program is held. Limited to 20 participants. Contact [Ryan Mitchell](mailto:Ryan.Mitchell@al.gov) at (251) 937-7176.

January 28...Kissimmee, Florida 9 AM - 4 PM ET. **Herbicide Use for Natural Areas** at the Osceola County Extension Building, 1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane. Topics include: reading a label, herbicide safety, treatment recommendations, mixing math, decontamination, calibration, and integrating herbicide use with your management plan. Bring your own lunch. Call the Extension Office at (321) 697-3000.

January 30...Lakeland, Georgia 8:30 AM - 1 PM ET. **Feral Swine & Trapping Demonstration Workshop** at UGA Extension, Lanier County, 162 W Thigpen Avenue. Topics include: Disease Issues, Water Quality Is-

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STANDING TIMBER VALUES				
	Hardwood Pulpwood		Oak Sawtimber	
	\$ per ton		\$ per ton	
	3Q18	3Q19	3Q18	3Q19
<b>Alabama</b>	16.40	19.41	56.49	53.01
<b>North</b>	16.55	18.62	51.87	58.35
<b>South</b>	16.48	19.02	54.18	55.68
Hardwood Pulpwood — 5,800 lbs./cord Oak Sawtimber — 17,500 lbs./1000 Board Feet (Doyle)				
3rd Quarter, 2018 (3Q18) and 3rd Quarter, 2019 (3Q19) from Timber Mart-South, University of Georgia.				
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STOCK MARKET REPORT			
		Price Per Share	
Company or Fund Name		12/14/18	12/16/19
PotlatchDeltic Corp. (PCH)	REIT	33.87	43.10
Rayonier (RYN)	REIT	29.83	31.57
Weyerhaeuser Co. (WY)	REIT	24.03	29.65
Louisiana Pacific (LPX)		21.37	28.51
WestRock (WRK)		44.37	40.90
CUT	ETF	25.75	29.45
WOOD	ETF	59.41	66.67

Stock Market Report courtesy of Howard Sokol, Raymond James Financial Services, Birmingham, Alabama.

LUMBER PRICES		
Source: <i>Random Lengths Lumber Price Guide</i>		12/20/19
2 x 6 untreated framing lumber*		\$273
2 x 6 pressure treated lumber**		\$400
* 2x6 #2&Btr KD Central Southern Pine (f.o.b. mill) (per 1000 board feet) ** 2x6 #2 Pressure-Treated Southern Pine (f.o.b. mill) (per 1000 board feet)		
PLEASE NOTE: We are following 2x6 Southern Yellow Pine—Treated and Untreated as of October 2019.		

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- Dow-Jones Industrial Average: 28376.96
  - 10-year Treasury yield: 1.907%
  - Dollar: 109.37 Yen; Euro: \$1.1122
  - Oil: \$61.22/barrel
  - Gold: \$1,478.20/roy ounce
- Source: *The Wall Street Journal*, 12/20/19

**“SUNBELT FOREST VENTURES cuts ribbon on \$30 million sawmill.”** The Selma mill will produce lumber from Southern yellow pine to make pallets. “Pallets are an \$11 billion industry in the U.S. and it typically takes around five billion board feet of lumber to supply the nation’s pallet production.” Source: *The Selma Times-Journal*, 11/18/19.

**MARENGO COUNTY VOTERS approved a property tax increase on Dec. 10.** AFOA sent emails to members, but learned about the vote too late to send post cards.

**U.S. HOUSING STARTS RISE; permits at 2-1/2-year high.** Source: *Financial Post*, 12/17/19.

*On the other hand...*

**NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOME SIZE TRENDING LOWER.** Source: National Association of Home Builders, 11/21/19.

**HARDWOODS PART OF TRADE DEAL WITH CHINA.** US Trade Ambassador Robert Lighthizer told Maria Bartiromo in a December 17 Fox Business News interview that hardwood and forest products will be used to get to the \$50 billion per year of agricultural purchases that the President has been pushing for.

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sues, Control Techniques, Trapping, Regulations, and More. Lunch provided. Pre-registration required. For more information email [info@gacd.us](mailto:info@gacd.us). Register at [www.gacd.us/events](http://www.gacd.us/events)

January 30...Marianna, Florida 9 AM - 2 PM CT. **Tri-State Bobwhite Symposium** at the Jackson County Extension, 2741 Penn Avenue, Suite 3. Topics include: Bobwhite Biology and Ecology, Forestry in a Bobwhite Context, Northern Bobwhite & Prescribed Fire, Using Native Warm Season Grasses for Cattle and Bobwhites, and Landscape Scale Planning for Bobwhites. Pre-registration by January 23 is required. For registration details contact (617) 686-3012 or [jmcguire@quailforever.org](mailto:jmcguire@quailforever.org).

**FEBRUARY 2020**

February 5...Immokalee, Florida 8 AM - 4:30 PM ET. **Certified Pile Burner Course** at the Southwest Florida Research and Education Center, 2685 State Road 29 North. This course will show you how to burn piles legally, safely, and efficiently. Fee: \$50. For more information contact [Dr. Mongi Zekri](mailto:Dr. Mongi Zekri) at (239) 595-5494.

February 5-7...Baldwin County. **Alabama Recreational Trails Conference** at Gulf State Park and Lodge, 21196 E. Beach Blvd., Gulf Shores. This conference will present trends and ideas for creating recreational trails that are inclusive, accessible, and connected. Fee: \$195. Outdoor Mobile Workshops on February 5 are additional \$50. Call the University of Alabama Center for Economic Development at (205) 348-7058. *Editor's Note: Landowners should be aware of public trail creation plans and their potential impact on adjacent property. Public trails require land, and short-term and long-term funding (tax dollars). Should the state compete with private landowners in providing this recreation opportunity?*

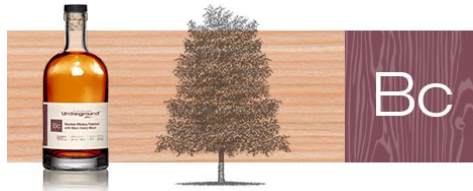
February 6...Tifton, Georgia 8:30 AM - 5 PM ET. **2020 Timber Taxation Workshop** at the Tifton Campus Conference Center, 15 RDC Road. Timber taxes are one of the major expenses every private forest landowner has. Federal and state incentives are available to provide tax relief to qualified forest landowners. However, many of them continue to pay more than their fair share due to lack of knowledge on timber taxation. The recent tax reform added more complexity to it. This course will provide basic information about forest-related federal income taxation and property taxes in Georgia. It will also give an update on the recent tax reform and how it affects your tax return for 2019. Instructor: Dr. Yanshu

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**THIS WOOD STOVE** could be heating your cabin during the next cold spell. \$199.99 at Tractor Supply. **Northern Tool** carries wood stoves, too.

**THE GOOD TIMES MAY NOT LAST FOREVER!** Aging whiskey in white oak barrels (and the associated high prices paid for white oak logs) may become just a fond memory, as distillers speed up the process, maturing whiskey in months - or weeks - or seconds. Cleveland Whiskey uses steel tanks to age their product. Source: *The Wall Street Journal*, 12/13/19.



From Cleveland Whiskey's website we read: "For generations, oak has been used to age spirits simply because it has the right pore structure to hold liquid. It's hard, if not impossible, to make a barrel out of black cherry, hickory, or honey locust that doesn't leak like a sieve. And yet there are so many untapped flavor profiles that can come from these woods. Our technology captures those flavors, letting creativity and innovation shine."

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**MORE SUCCESSFUL TIMBER SALES** through landowner co-ops will be discussed by Consulting Forester John Loflin on January 17 in Covington County. Co-ops are used by butter makers (**Land O' Lakes**) and honey producers (**Sioux Honey Association Co-op**) to gain stable prices and security, so why not a Timber Growers Co-op? See page 1, near the top of the middle column.

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**TRAVEL TO CHILE (April 18 - May 3) with the American Forest Foundation** on a 14-day forestry tour that will start in Santiago and travel south through the country to Puerto Montt. This tour will give participants the chance to: Experience the people and culture of Chile, See the diversity of Chilean forests and management regimes, Share the experience with fellow landowners and foresters, Explore Chilean beaches, mountains, and cities, and Enjoy Chilean dining and world class wines. There are about 10 slots open. Estimated total costs: \$6,750 per person. Contact [Beth Riley](mailto:Beth Riley) at (402) 983-0655. **DEADLINE: January 15.**



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**FOREST PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS**  
by Paige Townley

It's an understatement to say that **Cooper Marine & Timberlands** has a lot going on. The company buys land, procures timber from landowners, and then harvests and sells its products to sawmills and paper mills alike—and it's doing so all over Alabama.

A division of Cooper/T. Smith, Cooper Marine and Timberland is headquartered in Mobile, but its wood yards are scattered around Alabama. The company operates a wood yard in Aliceville, which is specifically set up for storing and selling timber to Georgia Pacific. In Creola, the company operates an International Paper wood yard, where they sell the company pine and hardwood. Cooper Marine and Timberland also operates wood yards in Jackson and Mobile. In addition to its heavy presence across Alabama, Cooper Marine and Timberland also has a procurement operation in northeast Mississippi, Texas and Florida. Recently, the company even acquired the Carrollton Sawmill in Carrollton, which is a pine mill that specializes in producing one-inch rough-cut lumber for domestic use as well as exporting. "We are really a big procurement organization from South Alabama all the way up to North Alabama," said Senior VP of Timber Operations Tom Bradley III. "We buy it all, from poles and logs to hardwood and pulpwood. If it's a tree, we're interested in buying it and producing something with it."

Excerpts from The Stelter Company's

## Personal Estate Planning Course Lesson Book

**AFOA was introduced** to a portion of The Stelter Company's *Personal Estate Planning Course Lesson Book* in the Fall 2019 issue of *Woodland* magazine and thought you might benefit from reading it. Nathan Stelter, who has [a wealth of information available for estate planners on his website](#), gave us permission to reprint the *Lesson Book*. Here are some brief excerpts.

### What Is Estate Planning?

If you have possessions, you have an estate. Their orderly care during your lifetime represents financial management. Their disposition after your lifetime is called estate settlement. Deciding in advance how this will be done is known as estate planning. Estate planning is that simple. You plan for the sake of the people in your life. Don't become so engrossed in the legal and tax complexities that you lose sight of the welfare and comfort of those you want to help. And while you are planning for the financial needs of others, your first concern should continue to be your own security and standard of living.

### 8 Ways to Establish Bequests

The gifts in your will can take various forms. They can be cash or personal and real property. They can be shares of the residue of your estate. They can be given outright or in trust. You can designate your gift for a specific purpose. A charitable gift can be unrestricted, restricted or contingent.

Here are eight generally accepted ways to make a bequest. Discuss them with your attorney as you prepare to plan or update your will.

1. **Specific bequest.** This is a gift of a specific item to a specific beneficiary. For example, "I give my golf clubs to my nephew John." If you no longer own the golf clubs at your death, the bequest fails and John cannot claim any other property. (In other words, John wouldn't receive cash for the value of the golf clubs instead.)
2. **General bequest.** This is usually a gift of a stated sum of money. It will not fail, even if there is not enough cash in your estate to pay this bequest. For example, "I give \$50,000 to my daughter, Mary." If there is only \$2,500 cash in the estate, other assets must be sold to pay the bequest.
3. **Contingent bequest.** This is a bequest made on condition that a certain event must occur before distribution to the beneficiary. For example, "I give \$50,000 to my son, Joe, provided he enrolls in college before age 21" A contingent bequest is specific in nature and fails if the condition is not met. (A contingent bequest is also appropriate if you want to name a secondary beneficiary, in case the primary beneficiary doesn't survive you. For example, "I give my stamp collection to my friend Susan, provided she survives me. Otherwise, I give my stamp collection to my friend Patty.")
4. **Residuary bequest.** This is a gift of all the "rest, residue and remainder" of your estate after all other debts, taxes and bequests have been paid. For example, let's say you own property worth \$500,000 and you intend to give a child \$50,000 by specific bequest and leave \$450,000 to your spouse through a residuary bequest. If the debts, taxes and expenses are



\$100,000, there would only be \$350,000 left for the surviving spouse. Therefore, most attorneys agree that the preferred method to ensure that your beneficiaries receive the proportions you desire is to divide your estate according to percentages of the residue (rather than specifying dollar amounts).

The previous four methods can apply to bequests for individuals or charitable organizations. The following four items are special considerations when you plan a charitable bequest.

5. **Unrestricted bequest.** This is a gift for the charitable organization's general purposes to be used at the discretion of its governing board. A gift like this—without conditions attached—is frequently the most useful because it allows the charity to determine the wisest and most pressing need for the funds at the time of receipt. Here is sample language that your attorney could include in your will when making this type of bequest: "I give to [legal name and address of charitable organization] [dollar amount, percentage of residuary estate or description of property] to be used as determined by its governing board."
6. **Restricted bequest.** This type of gift allows you to specify how the funds are to be used. Perhaps you have a special purpose or project in mind. If so, it's best to consult with the charitable organization when you make your will to be certain your intent can be carried out according to your wishes.
7. **Honorary or memorial bequest.** This is a gift given "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone. Charitable organizations normally have many ways to grant appropriate recognition.
8. **Endowed bequest.** This bequest allows you to restrict the principal of your gift, requiring the charity to hold the funds permanently and use only the annual investment income or a small percentage of the total fund each year. Creating an endowment in this manner means that your gift can continue giving indefinitely, and you can leave a lasting legacy.

### Watch Out!

Be very careful to accurately name your beneficiaries. No one receives anything from your will unless complete and accurate names are used.

# School TREASURE Forest Grows Good Stewards

By Marlee Moore

Laughter, squeals and questions echo through 10 acres of hardwood trees and winding nature trails as kids explore the grounds at McDavid-Jones Elementary School (MJES) in Citronelle.

The property, a certified TREASURE Forest, is a hotbed of learning for Mobile County pre-K through fifth-grade students, said teacher Joy Herring.

“I love seeing kids out in nature. More importantly, they love it,” said Herring, the science lab coordinator at MJES.

Over 20 years, Herring and scores of parent and community volunteers turned a former gully bordering school property into a TREASURE Forest with 11 learning stations, an amphitheater, arboretum, pavilion, walking trail, raised garden beds and wildflower field.

MJES is one of two Alabama schools to earn a stamp of approval from the program, which stands for Timber, Recreation, Environment, Aesthetics, Sustainable, Usable, Resources.

“Even though these kids live in a rural area, they don’t know much about the outdoors,” Herring said. “We do anything that will get them learning outside.”

Herring’s hard work supplementing in-class lessons with TREASURE Forest training is paying off for the 1,000 students at MJES.

Walking through the halls of MJES, one teacher thanked Herring for providing dirt for her classroom terrarium — a point one student quickly corrected.

“It’s not dirt; it’s soil!” he said.

An animal print identification course zeroes in on the differences in native wildlife. Students learn to identify trees, too, observing hickory, loblolly, longleaf, Southern magnolia, laurel oak, yaupon holly and more.

The TREASURE Forest, also an Alabama Outdoor Classroom, is mostly hardwoods, with just an acre of longleaf pine, the Alabama state tree. Retired MJES educator Mandy Meeks led the charge to establish the longleaf plantation in the early ‘90s, a task Herring was glad to pick up when she joined the staff in 1999.

“When you retire from a school, not everyone you leave behind has the same passion,” Meeks said. “But Joy had that passion, and the school leadership supports her.”

Herring’s zeal for TREASURE Forest started on her family land just across the Mississippi line.

“One of the reasons Robert (her husband) and I decided to certify our TREASURE Forest and hold Classroom in the Forest was so our kids could come to our homeplace, bring



Educator Joy Herring is growing good stewards at McDavid-Jones Elementary School in Citronelle. The school has a 10-acre TREASURE Forest, where students learn about trees, wildlife and the importance of Alabama’s natural resources.

their friends and be proud of it,” Herring said. “When I found out McDavid-Jones had 10 acres (the required minimum acreage) at the school, I said, ‘Oh yes, we have to do it.’”

MJES was recertified as a TREASURE Forest this year, concentrating on enhancing wildlife habitat and educating future stewards of the land.

In addition to exploring the MJES TREASURE Forest, pre-K through fifth-grade students annually attend Classroom in the Forest at Pratt Turner Conservation Center. They discover wildlife and forestry facts and learn the importance of private landownership.

Alabama TREASURE Forest Association (ATFA) Executive Director William Green applauded Herring for her work improving students’ knowledge of the outdoors. The ATFA is an affiliate of the Alabama Farmers Federation.

“Alabama is blessed with bountiful natural resources like those on display at McDavid-Jones Elementary School,” Green said. “From the walking trail to the pine plantation, students have ample opportunities to learn about their surroundings. We’re grateful for landowners like Mrs. Joy who see the value in natural resource education.”

Herring said her goals for the TREASURE Forest are simple — eradicate cogongrass in the wildflower field, extend the nature trail through the longleaf pine plantation, erect owl boxes and complete a controlled burn using Alabama Forestry Commission resources.

**“At the end of the day, our goal is to grow good stewards,” she said. “They’re the future of the world.”**

This article appeared first in [Neighbors, September/Fall 2019](#) and is reprinted here by permission of the Alabama Farmers Federation.

**QUESTION OF THE MONTH**


Would you anonymously report the presence of a plant or animal on your property if reporting might prevent the plant or animal from being listed as threatened or endangered?

Give your answer at  
<http://bit.ly/202001ee>

At the end of the year we'll give an AFOA cap to one participant from our 2020 Questions. You must submit your email on the online form in order to be eligible to win.

**THE QUESTION (ABOVE) IS NOT HYPOTHETICAL.** Forest Landowners Association has created a way to report the presence of Gopher Tortoises on your property to demonstrate that the tortoise is not rare or endangered. [Learn more on AFOA's News webpage.](#) Scroll down to 12/10/19.

**FOREST PROFILES:  
CONSULTING FORESTERS**  
by Paige Townley




**Pat Autrey** didn't grow up with an interest in forestry or watching a relative in the industry. He actually never even considered it as a potential career field until he was a couple of years into college at Auburn University. "I couldn't picture myself sitting in an office," he explained. "I wanted a job that would let me wear boots and blue jeans and be outside to enjoy God's creation."

That's when Autrey came across forestry. After earning a degree in forestry engineering, he went to work for a timberland management/papermill company in west Alabama, where he spent much of his time on capital engineering projects and then on timberland management, where he realized he found his niche.

With a passion for timberland management, Autrey eventually started **Mussel Creek Forest Services**, where he performs timber appraisals, timber sales, controlled burns, and other land management services for clients. He's also involved in real estate sales, specializing in rural land sales. And he does it all while still balancing family life, which includes coaching his son Max's sports teams—which over the years has included soccer, baseball, basketball and football—and making it to his daughter Ella's volleyball games. "I really enjoy what I do and working with my clients," he said. "I really like that I'm not doing the same thing every day, and that keeps it fresh and enjoyable."


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Li, University of Georgia. Fee: \$140; \$25 discount if paid by January 23. Lunch included. For more information contact [Ingvar Elle](#) at (706) 583-0566.


 February 7...Fayette County 9 AM. The AFOA **Forestry Field Day** will meet at the Fayette County Extension office at 650 McConnell Loop in Fayette. We will have an indoor demonstration on filing your chainsaw, enjoy a Dutch treat lunch at Lisa's Barbecue, and then caravan to the woods for a forest management discussion. Come meet **Greg West, Consulting Forester** and contract saw instructor for the US Forest Service. Topic: Becoming a Savvy Sawyer and Filing Phenom: Guide Bar Maintenance and Saw Chain Filing. RSVP to [Jessica Nelson](#) at (205) 624-2225.

February 10 - March 28...Online. **Forest Principles, Practices, and Stewardship for Landowners** is a 6-week online course that teaches forestry basics for landowners who want to start being more proactive with their forestland management. The course will include topics such as determining the best forest type for your property, locating boundary lines and map reading, forest tree measurements, forest thinning for timber and wildlife, and forest product markets. Learn at your own pace with the course wrapping up with an optional forestry field day at Mary Olive Thomas Demonstration Forest in Auburn. Fee: \$60. Contact [Adam Maggard](#) at (334) 844-2401.

February 11...Montgomery County 5 PM - 7 PM. **Alabama Agribusiness Council Legislative Reception** at RSA Plaza Terrace, 770 Washington Avenue, Montgomery. Great opportunity to meet state legislators interested in forestry & agriculture. Sponsored in part by AFOA along with several other organizations. Parking available in the RSA Plaza Terrace Parking Deck on Adams Avenue. Contact [Leigha Cauthen](#) at (334) 834-4006.

 February 12...NATIONWIDE 10:00 AM Central Time. **CAPITAL IDEAS - LIVE! 15-minute Telephone News Conference for Alabama Forest Owners.** Listen on your phone or later on the web. Call AFOA to register: (205) 624-2225.

February 12-16...Nashville, Tennessee. **Annual National Wild Turkey Federation National Convention** at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. Fee: \$20/day. Call Marsha at 1-800-843-6983.

 February 13...Shelby County 6 - 8 PM. **AFOA Dinner and Discussion** at **Nino's Italian Restaurant**, 2698 Pelham Parkway, Pelham. No-host dinner at 6 PM. Then listen to a 15 minute program, and talk about the issues with other forest landowners. Limited

Seating. To attend, RSVP [AFOA](#) at (205) 624-2225.

February 15-16...Baldwin County. **Alabama Youth Trappers Education Workshop** in Spanish Fort passes on the historical aspects of trapping, biological information concerning furbearers and furbearer management, and allows students to learn the proper techniques that include the use of trapping as a sound wildlife management tool. Recommended ages 7 and up. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$10. Contact [Mike Sievering](#) at (205) 339-5716.

February 18...Baker, Florida 8 AM - 4 PM CT. **Learn & Burn Workshop** at Gum Creek Lodge, 5741 Gum Creek Lodge Road. This is an opportunity for private landowners to walk through the planning and burn prescription process for the burn that will be conducted that day. Cotton jeans / pants, long-sleeved cotton shirt, safety glasses, all leather hiking / work boots with heavy soles, and leather gloves are required to participate in the burn. Due to the need for good weather conditions alternative dates Feb. 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 may be used. Participants will be notified of any changes due to weather. Call Don Buchanan at (850) 381-3522.

February 21-23...Barbour County. **Fins, Feathers and Flowers Weekend** at Lakepoint State Park Resort and nearby Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge. "...a weekend of observing migratory waterfowl, resident wildlife populations, wading and shore birds." Fee: \$202 single, \$262 double; includes Lodging, Social, Some Meals, Program, and Field trips. Call (334) 687-8011.

February 23-25...Panama City Beach, Florida. **Southeastern Society of American Foresters Annual Meeting** at the Edgewater Beach and Golf Resort. Theme: "Recovering From the Storm: Where We Have Been, and Where We Are Going". Topics may include: Assessment through remote sensing, Salvage, Tax implications, Impact to wood supply, Alternative silviculture, Policy concerns, Legislative concerns, and more. Professional foresters and landowners are welcome to attend to hear conference speakers address economic, environmental, and policy issues. Fee: \$405. For more information contact [Danielle Atkins](#) at (706)631-4440.

February 26...Milton, Florida 8 AM - 3 PM CT. **Forest Health Training** at the West Florida Research and Education Center, 5988 U.S. 90. The session will include presentations on: Invasive plant management, Hurricanes and bark and ambrosia beetles, Forest management post-disturbance, Insect and fungi management, and Single tree

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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management after the storm. Fee: \$20; lunch included. Contact [Chris Demers](#) at (352) 846-2375.

February 29...Talladega County 3 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at Talladega Superspeedway, 3366 Speedway Boulevard, Talladega. Attend the cook-off and enjoy live music, door prizes, youth activities, and sample wild game recipes. Fee: \$TBD; Youth 15 and under free. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at 1-800-822-9453.

February 29-March 1...Choctaw County. **Alabama Adult Trappers Education Workshop** at the Bent Creek Lodge in Jachin. The workshop will pass on the historical aspects of trapping, biological information concerning furbearers and furbearer management, and allows students to learn the proper techniques that include the use of trapping as a sound wildlife management tool. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$200; includes Saturday's night lodging, lunch, steak dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch. Contact [Mike Sievering](#) at (205) 339-5716.

#### MARCH 2020

March 10-11...New Orleans, Louisiana. The **Forest Economic Contributions Summit** will connect forestry economic contribution analysts, economic development specialists, & advocates to learn from each other. Fee:

\$220; \$60 discount if paid by January 15. Contact [Leslie Boby](#) at (706) 612-7875.

March 10-11...Atlanta, Georgia. **Wood Bio-energy Conference & Expo** at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center. The conference will address new projects, technologies, and markets in those industries. Fee: \$TBD. Contact [Dianne Sullivan](#) at (334) 834-1170.

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March 12-14...Athens, Georgia. **The White-tail Weekend** at the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) headquarters. This event is taking the place of the QDMA national convention. Activities include: classroom instruction, hands-on education, and sporting clays event. Fee: Variable. Call QDMA at 1-800-209-3337.

March 19...Atlanta, Georgia 7:45 AM - 3:30 PM ET. **Applied Forest Finance** at Georgia Tech Global Learning Center. This class details the step-by-step financial analysis required to answer key investment and forest management questions. Learn how to identify, value, and rank timber and forestry investments. Fee: \$680; \$100 discount if paid by March 5. Contact [Heather Clark](#) at (770) 725-8447.

#### APRIL 2020

📍 April 21-22...Tuscaloosa County. **2020 AFOA ANNUAL MEETING:**

◇ **Day one, Tuesday**, will be conducted on the Dorroh forest property in the Romulus Community. Field discussion topics will include: Hardwood Forest Management, Dr. Ed Loewenstein; Trapping as a Wildlife Management Tool, Mike Sievering; Oil & Gas Leasing; Pond Management, Greg Whitis. We'll gather in the evening at the Dorroh Trap Museum and Cabin for **AFOA's Annual Hot Dog Roast**.

◇ **Day two, Wednesday**, will be headquartered at Hotel Capstone, 320 Paul W. Bryant Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. Along with a full day forestland educational session, a SmartMaps class and a visit to the Oil & Gas Board/Alabama Geological Survey will be available to those interested.

**To reserve your room at the Hotel Capstone**, call (205) 343-1118. Use Group Code: Alabama Forest Owners Association or book online at <http://bit.ly/AM2020CAPSTONE> Room block will end March 22.

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**More Events can be found on AFOA's website at [www.AFOA.org/cal/cal.htm](http://www.AFOA.org/cal/cal.htm)**

**Always Call Ahead to Confirm Program Details**



**A LOGGER REPORTED:** “We had a lady drive up to the job one time and say, ‘I can’t believe you’re destroying these trees and all the wildlife,’ and she lived in phase one of the development that we had cleared two years ago.” Source: *Southern Loggin’ Times*, April 2019.

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**ROARING ENGINES AND LOUD MUSIC.** An AFOA member called the office a few weeks ago and reported that a new ATV Riding Park is ruining the peace and quiet he has enjoyed on his forestland in the past. He would like to know how he can stop the noise pollution. We didn’t have an answer for him. Do you? [Contact Lee](#) at 205-624-2225. Thanks.

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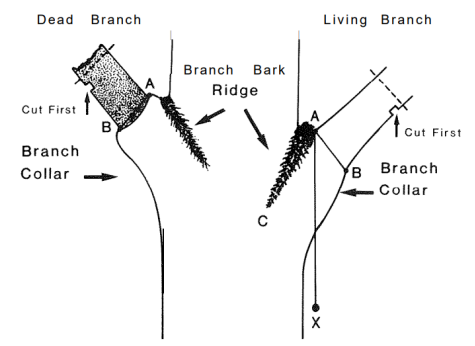
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**FERAL HOG CONTROL:** In 2020, a three-year pilot project for feral swine control will start in select watersheds around Alabama. U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services received \$3.7 million to combat feral swine damage in **Baldwin, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Sumter counties**. This translates to 14 full-time technicians who will work with landowners to remove feral pigs. For landowners outside of these pilot areas, assistance is still available through Wildlife Services’ normal operating budget. For more information, contact Wildlife Services at (334) 844-5670. Source: Alfa, 12/19/19.

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