Baldwin County Director of Archives Felisha Anderson has been appointed to the Alabama Bicentennial Commission as an Ambassador. Ambassadors are advocates for the state’s 200th anniversary by speaking to groups about the upcoming anniversary and encouraging communities to become involved. Baldwin County leads the way in the state’s celebration with 14 local committees, the most in any county. Anderson said she is humbled by the appointment.

“I’m a little shocked,” she said. “It’s something I’ve been doing all along. It’s an honor and a privilege to be named. The Alabama Bicentennial Commemoration officially launched on May 5, 2017 and will conclude on December 14, 2019. Since its inception Anderson has been one of the celebration’s most vociferous cheerleaders and has helped to plan and produce several anniversary events, including the recent History Fair at Daphne High School and production of the Baldwin County Book of Legends.

By ALLISON MARLOW

EMA officials host hurricane simulation exercise

Baldwin County EMA Director Zachary Hood addresses officials before Hurricane Simulation Training held Tuesday, May 9 at the EMA central command office in Robertsdale.

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Baldwin County Public Schools’ Class of 2019 graduates record number of students

Tuesday, Aug. 27 and Hur-...
About 30 forest landowners and property managers attended the meeting. Pictured is Mike Shelton, training program coordinator for the Weeks Bay Reserve and Pat Richison with the Alabama Forest Owners Association.

Certified Wildlife Biologist J.J. McCool addresses forest landowners and property managers on the topic of managing property to increase wildlife habitat quality May 17 at the Weeks Bay Reserve in Fairhope.

**COMBINED REPORT**

FAIRHOPE — Wildlife biologist J.J. McCool touched on a wide variety of topics in front of about 30 forest landowners and property managers Friday, May 17 at the Weeks Bay Reserve in Fairhope.

His presentation, “How to manage property to increase wildlife habitat quality while increasing timber stand production,” focused primarily on exotic plant and animal control with a significant amount of the lecture focusing on controlling wild hogs.

“I hesitate to call them intrusive, but these animals are smart and highly adaptable to their environment,” he said.

“They are intelligent. They have good memory and are good at finding food. They are an attractive target for predators,” McCool said.

The presentation also focused on dealing with a variety of other invasive animals, such as beavers, coyotes, armadillos, raccoons, foxes, snakes and alligators.

“An area of particular concern here has been a potential for the outbreak of rabid animals in the area,” he said.

“We went from having none over a long period of time to three in less than two years in the Fairhope area, two gray foxes and one raccoon. It’s something we all need to keep an eye on,” McCool said.

McCool also touched on dealing with invasive plant species. He also discussed wetlands and wetland management during the presentation, which was followed by a trip to the Weeks Bay Wildflower Bog. This forestry field visit was sponsored by the Bradley/Murphy Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Trust.

Pitcher plants are in full bloom at the Weeks Bay Wildflower Bog.

“The trust was established in 1992 by an initial gift from forestry consultant, Harry Murphy. Its mission is to encourage, promote, and develop through education and the free market system the stewardship of forest and related natural resources in the private sector,” McCool said.

The Alabama Forest Owners’ Association is a non-profit, self-supporting association, dedicated to providing management and owner-ship assistance to current and future owners of forested land. Forests cover 71 percent of Alabama, producing clean water, clean air, diverse wildlife habitat, and raw materials for thousands of jobs. Most forestland in Alabama is privately owned by individuals and families.

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