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Greetings from the President

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My name is Jason Adams. I am the current President of the Lauderdale County Forestry Association. I would like to thank you for your past and/or present participation in our association.

We have some exciting news and events scheduled in the upcoming months. We will have a speaker from the new lumber mill in Newton, MS coming to speak, a landowner short course, awarding of the Betty Lacy Scholarship, and a benefit sporting clays tournament for the Betty Lacy Scholarship Fund.

Also, we will be starting a Facebook page and updating the website. This will be a busy time in the Association

and in the Lauderdale County area. I hope you will consider joining us for the following events.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Biewer Lumber

Biewer Lumber has begun construction of the new sawmill in Newton, MS, with mill production expected to begin in early 2017. The new mill will make a corporate investment of \$85 million and create roughly 125 new job opportunities for the area.

Information Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2016, we will host a luncheon at Union

Station, Front Street, Meridian, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Dan Bowens with Biewer Lumber in Newton, MS.

The cost will be \$10.00 and will include lunch and a membership into the association, if you are not currently a member. We hope to have private landowners, elected officials, business people, foresters, and anyone else interested in the changes coming to this area.

We are working to get 1 hour of continuing education for Registered Foresters. Please RSVP by April 8, 2016 at (601)482-9764.

“Can I Make Money Growing Trees?”

MSU - Extension Service along with the Lauderdale County Forestry Association will be hosting a short course titled, “Can I Make Money Growing Trees?”

Glen Hughes, Area Forester, with MSU Extension Service and James Henderson, Forestry Economics Specialist, will be the speakers at this event on May 10, 2016 at the EMEPA auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

This will have 2-3 hours of continuing education for Registered Foresters. The cost for the workshop will be \$10 and will include educational material and meal. Please RSVP at (601)482-9764 by May 5, 2016.



We will be starting a Facebook page and updating the website. The website will have a calendar of events, information about the scholarship, Board members, interesting news and events related to Forest Industry, and much more.

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BETTY LACY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Betty Lacy Scholarship will be awarded to a local student majoring in Forestry. The scholarship goes to a student from Lauderdale County that is/will be majoring in Forestry. The school counselors should have the applications. If you are having trouble finding the application, please call Bob Walker at (601)527-1881.

Betty Lacy Sporting Clays Tournament

On May 20, 2016, we will have a sporting clays tournament to benefit the Betty Lacy Scholarship. The shoot will start at 9:00 a.m. at Camp Binachi with registration at 8:15 a.m.

The shoot will cost \$100 per person for a 4 person team. Lunch will be provided.

If you don't have a 4 person team, no problem, we can

team you up with another group. If you would like to shoot or sponsor a station please call Joey Smith at (601)480-5271 or Jason Adams at (601)481-9014 by May 12, 2016.



