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TODAY: Tim Gothard, Alabama Wildlife Federation

Tim L. Gothard has been Executive Director of the Alabama Wildlife Federation (AWF) since 1998. Prior to that he was the state Forestry Commission Forest Management Chief and served for five years before that as Reforestation/Threatened and Endangered Species Specialist for the Alabama Forestry Commission. He also worked as Forest Technician, F&W Forestry Services in Albany, GA

He earned his B.S. in the Forest Management Honors Program at Auburn University in 1993 after earning an Associate's degree in Forest Technology at Patrick Henry State Junior College, where he was admitted to the PHI THETA KAPPA Honor Society and nominated for the 1985 Lee Award for Outstanding Academic/Civic/Social Achievement. At Auburn, he won the MacMillan Bloedel Forest Economics Award in 1991 and the U.S. Forest Service Forest Science Award in 1993. He was named AU Forestry Alumni Association Outstanding Senior for Academics in 1993, and he joined PHI KAPPA PHI, Auburn University's highest Honor Society.

He is Immediate Past President of the Alabama Sportsmen's Foundation, serves on the Alabama Forest Resources Center's Board of Directors, is Vice Chair of Alabama Clean Water Partnership, and Past Chair of Alabama Forestry Council. He is on the Coordinating Council for Alabama Natural Resources, and was a member of Alabama Agriculture and Forestry LEADERS Class VI.

June Programs

4 Ronny Johnston, Easter Seals
11 Chief Steve Anderson, Tuscaloosa Police Dept.
18 Foundation Awards
25 Derek Osborn, PRIDE

Tim is involved in Alabama TREASURE Forest Association, AWF Managing Wildlife Author Selection Committee, AWF Managing Wildlife Technical Review Committee, Southeastern Forestry and Wildlife Farm Bill Working Group, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, and Program Development Committee for the U.S. Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, Threatened and Endangered Species Working Group. He is an Honorary Member of the Wildlife Society; Vice Chair of the Millbrook Commercial Development Authority; a member of the Elmore County Economic Development Authority Board of Directors; and a Deacon at Coosada Baptist Church. At his church he has served as Capital Campaign director and director of the Royal Ambassadors. He also coached in the Millbrook Boys Youth Baseball League. 2000-2008.

Tim and his wife, April, are parents to Brooke, 25, and Trey, 18.



Joyce Tate donned a traditional hat in honor of the Kentucky Derby. Bill surmises she was texting her prediction of the race winner as he captured her in this photo.

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Curtis Baggett
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Thanks to Sam Gambrell for the birthday list

Million of Birds Killed Annually in U.S. Window Collisions

365-988 million birds are killed in the U.S. each year in collisions with buildings, estimates a review published in the journal *The Condor: Ornithological Applications*.

The research, based on some 92,869 records across 23 studies, finds that low-rise buildings (56 percent) and residences (44 percent) rather than skyscrapers (1 percent) are responsible for most of the toll.

The results suggest that collisions with buildings are the second largest cause of death from anthropogenic sources in the United States after domesticated and feral cats, which kill 1.4 to 3.7 billion birds a year according to a study published last year.

The study also identified species that are most prone to building collisions — the White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Ovenbird, and Song Sparrow — as well as birds that are most vulnerable relative to their population size: Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Brown Creeper, Ovenbird, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Gray Catbird, and Black-and-white Warbler.

“Our analysis indicates that building collisions are among the top [manmade] threats to birds and, furthermore, that the several bird species that are disproportionately vulnerable to building collisions may be experiencing significant population impacts from this anthropogenic threat,” write the authors — Scott R. Loss, Sara S. Loss, and Peter P. Marra of Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and Tom Will of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

“Building-owners and residents can make window glass more apparent to birds,” according to Christine Sheppard, who runs the American Bird Conservancy collisions campaign. “Affixing a pattern of tapes or other materials to windows can help make the glass visible to birds. Most birds will avoid windows with vertical stripes spaced 4 inches apart, or horizontal stripes spaced two inches apart.”

Unique Reading Program Helps Kids and Shelter Cats

Book Buddies in Berks County, Pa., is a program for children and shelter cats. Children in grades 1-8 who are able to read at any level are invited to the shelter to read to the cats. The program helps children improve their reading skills while also helping the shelter animals by providing socialization and human interaction. Cats find rhythmic sounds of a voice very soothing.

The Book Buddies Program was begun by Kristi Rodriguez. Her son, Sean, who’s a 10-year-old 5th grader, was inspiration for the program. He struggled with reading at school so she brought him in to read to the cats and he loved it so much, he asked to come back. She knew if he liked reading to the cats, then other children would as well. The program became official in August 2013 and since then Sean has shown remarkable improvement in his reading and now often reads to their dogs at home.

Sean’s story is similar to those of many other children who have participated in Book Buddies. The program has grown and now involves home-schooled children, Brownie Troops, parents who want to expose their children to animals, autistic children, and many more. Studies by researchers at Tufts



University show that pets can be a source of support; animals can be a “non-evaluative” presence that can provide support and comfort to participants without judging them; the interaction can make the learning process more comfortable and enjoyable for a child; autistic children put in contact with an animal demonstrated increased use of language, sustained focus, and improved social interactions while with the animal.

Questions about the program can be directed to Program Coordinator Hope Poliansky at (610) 373-8830, ext. 120. See more pictures at: <https://www.berksarl.org/programs/book-buddies/>

The New Senior Citizen Retirement Plan sent by Tennis

If you're a sick senior citizen and the government says there is no nursing home care available for you, what do you do? Our plan gives anyone 65 years, or older, a gun (G) and 4 bullets. You are allowed to shoot four Politicians. Of course, this means you'll be sent to prison, where you will receive three meals a day, a roof over your head, central heating and air conditioning and all the health care you need. Need new teeth? No problem. Need

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