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David Bourgeois with the LSU Ag Center instructs a group of Pierre Part Middle School students on the proper method of removing a Cypress yearling from a holding tube. Mindy Hebert, Brittany Hebert, Jennifer Rodrigue, and Kayla Hebert were just some of the students who came to Belle River Landing, on their own personal time, to plant trees. The Bald Cypress yearlings were grown at Pierre Part Middle School by students in a participating science class as part of the "Coastal Roots" project being funded by the Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary Program. The program also operates through the LSU cooperative extension program and local agent Rick Louque was on hand to take part in the operations. The planting at Belle River Landing took place as a part of the Governor's "May Day" festivities and also coincided with the Atchafalaya Basin Program which was

the building block for refurbishing and improving the Belle River Landing.