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Our Mission . . .

To encourage through education and demonstration the sound management and appreciation of woodlands, wildlife, soil and water resources. To provide information and technical assistance to members interested in the planning, management, and the use of forestry resources for economic and recreational purposes.

Hello all!

We held our annual Christmas party this month at the Pike Fish & Game Club House. It is a beautiful venue. It had been beautifully decorated for Christmas for a previous party. All we had to do was enjoy! Thanks folks!

There were 32 members in attendance including our new members, Brent and Kelly. Welcome aboard!

Our caterers, Seven Mile Smokehouse, did a fabulous job providing a Sumptuous meal. Thanks to Jenny Kaldmo for leading us in some fun games. After she got us going, we moved on to a very amusing gift exchange. Great fun was had by all. We all went home with some useful, and some not so useful, gifts. Haha

We did have a brief meeting led by our chairperson Betsy Pierson. Our officers for next year are as follows:

Chairperson - Julie Duchene

Co-chair - Rick Wright

Treasurer - Jim Meacham

Secretary - Fern Beathard

Newsletter - Tim Shoemaker

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We look forward to an interesting and informative New Year. Our next meeting will be February 13 at the OSU South Center, Piketon.

See you all in 2020!

Happy trails, Fern

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Southern Ohio Forestland Association

SOFA schedule for 2019

January-no meeting. Relax after holiday shenanigans!!

February - Mark Rickey and Jim Savage / Timber theft and Trespass

March - Donald Althoff / flying squirrels

April – Bob Reckers / Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship-what it is about!

May - Brad Wireman / Forest Health Demystified

June - **Saturday** Farm Tour / Ben Robinson / Management plan and inventory

July - Monarch butterflies with Jane Wiggins Shaw

August - Planning meeting / vote on location and time at Sept. 2019 meeting

September - **Saturday** / Deschene Farm Tour / Forest mgm't plan, tree planting, invasives

October - Dave Apsley and Jamie Dahl / Estate Planning and Generational Transfer

November - Open mic., auction for Camp Canopy, and Photo share

December - Christmas party / catered / Pike Co. Fish and Game Club



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Next meeting at OSU South Center Piketon
FEBRUARY 13th

**Mark Rickey and Jim Savage will discuss:
“Timber theft and Trespass”**

This is a topic we all need to know more about,
so don't miss this important event!



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* Unless otherwise noted, monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the OSU South Center, 1864 Shyville Road, Piketon, OH. Meetings are held in the Endeavor Center

This Pinecone-Shaped Mass On Your Ohio Christmas Tree Could Be Home To Hundreds Of Praying Mantis Eggs

If you enjoy picking out the picture perfect Christmas tree at the local tree farm with your family every holiday season, there's a little-known feature you'll want to keep an eye out for. Hiding beneath the vibrant green needles, shiny garland and festive ornaments might be a piece of nature seeking to run its course in your home—something neither you nor nature would appreciate. This Christmas, keep your eyes peeled for a praying mantis egg sack.