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*To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources; to know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it, I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America.*

**President's Message** - Happy new year! We had a good 2019 and we are looking forward to a great 2020. The biggest news from the last meeting was the increase in the scholarship amount for our **MARSHALL COUNTY IZAAK WALTON PIPER SCHOLARSHIP**. We will be awarding up to two \$2,500 conservation scholarships this year. Watch the February newsletter for more details or contact **Pam Strobbe** at (641) 752-4175 for scholarship details. Entrants must be Marshall County residents pursuing a bachelors degree in a conservation field.

**Christmas Trees** We had a good if not great Christmas Tree Sales Season to end 2019. We sold 95 trees. This event has produced over \$20,000 for our organization in the last five years, but we need more volunteers and more leadership if we are to continue to raise and sell trees. If you can volunteer to help with planting, trimming or watering trees please call **Ed Moore** at (641)751-8381 or **Chuck Strobbe** at (641) 752-4175. This is still our biggest fundraising event of the year. If we have to discontinue it we will be forced to raise dues, and no one wants to see that happen.

**Meetings** Our January meeting will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> at Grimes Farm at 6 p.m.. This will be a board only meeting.

**Special Notice** The February 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 **Wild Game Feed** will also be held **at Grimes Farm** instead of at the Fisher Center. Members are invited to bring a wild game dish, a side dish or desert to share with everyone. This is a great time and a good way to introduce people to the Ikes, the outdoors and to the delights of wild fish and game. Tell your friends. There will be a great program after dinner. The public is invited.

#### Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 8	At Grimes Farm	Board only Meeting at 6 p.m.
February 12	At Grimes Farm	Annual Wild Game Feed 6 p. m.

**Clubhouse Rentals And Grounds** The clubhouse rentals ended after the workday in October. To make reservations for next season call **Ruth Dolash** at (641) 751-1121.

**Locks for the Gate** Keys to the gate are changed on March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Every year someone forgets to have their key updated and can't get in or, worse yet, gets locked in when the gate is shut on them. Don't be this person, get your key changed on time. Key recuts are available at TriState Lock.

**New Members** Please welcome new members; **Ben Reinert** sponsored by **Tom Ohlfest**; **Jimmy Richardson** sponsored by **Ed Moore**; **Jay Wyatt** and **Travis Peters** sponsored by **Bob Backes**. Welcome back to **Terry Pepper** and **Steve Davis**.

**Shooting Range** Safety and the prevention of range damage will be observed on the range. Our range rules are there for everyone's safety if you observe someone not following the rules or damaging the range, please report it. For immediate concerns, call **Dick Kelly** (641) 482-3000 or **Ed Moore** (641)751-8381 or **Chuck Strobbe** (641) 752-4175. If they are not available, and you feel threatened, call the Sheriff's Department at (641) 754-5725. Remember the Sheriff's department does not have a key to the gate and can't get in if it is locked.

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