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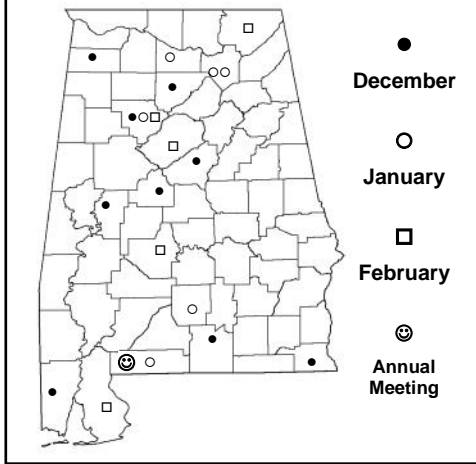
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DECEMBER 2018

December 1...Jasper, Arkansas 9 AM - 4 PM. **Ozark Chinquapin Foundation Annual Meeting** at the Caroll Electric Coop, 511 Court Street. Topics include a history of the trees, their importance to humans and wildlife, and announcements on work being done to restore this species to our forests. Fee: \$10; lunch included. For more information email ozarkchinquapin-info@gmail.com.

December 2...Shelby County 2 - 4 PM. **Eagles 101** at Oak Mountain State Park Interpretive Center, 200 Terrace Drive, Pelham. Learn all about eagles with Lake Guntersville State Park's Park Naturalist, Mike Ezell. Call Oak Mountain State Park at (205) 620-2520.

December 4...Wiggins, Mississippi Noon 12 PM. **Pearl River-Stone County Forestry Association (CFA) Meeting** at The Sawmill Restaurant, 2205 US 49, Wiggins. Dutch treat lunch. For more information call Pearl River CFA at (601) 928-5286.

December 4-6...Georgetown, South Carolina. **Longleaf Academy: Longleaf 101** at the Hobcaw Barony, 22 Hobcaw Road, Clemson Lab, Building B. Topics include: History of longleaf, Use of fire, Artificial regeneration, Natural regeneration, Stand management, Diseases, Economics, Groundcover, Wildlife Habitat, and more. Fee: \$150; includes lunches. Contact Ryan Mitchell at (334) 427-1029.

December 5-6...Athens, Georgia. **Deer Ecology & Management** at Flinchum's Phoenix, Whitehall Forest, 650 Phoenix Drive. This course will benefit those interested in wildlife management on their land, especially deer enthusiasts. Fee: \$325. Lunch provided on day 1. Contact [Ingvar Elle](mailto:Ingvar.Elle@flinchum.com) at (706) 583-0566.

December 6...Walker County 9 - 10:30 AM. **Forestry Planning Committee Meeting** at 1501 North Airport Road, Jasper. Forest landowners are welcome to attend and participate. Contact [Andrew Baril](mailto:Andrew.Baril@alabamaforestowners.org) at (205) 388-6893.

December 6...Grenada, Mississippi 6 PM. **Grenada County Forestry Association (CFA) Meeting** at the Grenada Lake Conference Center. Topic: Estate Planning. Speaker: David Bean. For more information call (662) 509-0139.

December 7...Covington County 11 AM - 1 PM. **Covington County Forestry Committee Meeting** at the Covington County Ag Center, 23952 Alabama Highway 55, Andalusia. For more information contact [Charles Simon](mailto:Charles.Simon@alabamaforestowners.org) at (334) 222-1125.

December 7...Teleconference Noon CT. **First Fridays Forestry Update** hosted by the American Forest Foundation is a conference call briefing on Washington, D.C. happenings. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions and share important policy issues. Dial-in number: 1-866-299-7945 and Participant code: 2594#

December 7...Online 12 Noon CT. **Casualty Loss and Income Tax Deductions Related to Timber and Landscape Trees** webinar will focus on the new tax law changes that Congress passed in 2017 that affect the casualty loss deductions starting in the 2018 tax year. Presenter: Dr. Linda Wang, National Timber Tax Specialist, USDA Forest Service. Call Bill Hubbard at (706) 340-5070.

December 8-9...Mobile County. **Alabama Youth Trappers Education Workshop** in Citronelle passes on the historical aspects of trapping, biological information concerning furbearers and furbearer management, and allows students to learn the proper techniques that include the use of trapping as a sound wildlife management tool. Recommended ages 7 and up. Pre-registration is required. A conservation ID (CID) is required to submit your registration. Contact [Mike Sievering](mailto:Mike.Sievering@alabamaforestowners.org) at (205) 339-5716.

December 10...Quincy, Florida 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM EST. **Certified Pile Burner Course** at the North Florida Research & Education Center, 155 Research Road. This course will show you how to burn piles legally, safely, and efficiently. There will be a test at the end of the session and you must receive a grade of 70% or higher on the exam to pass the course. For more information contact [Sabrina Willey](mailto:Sabrina.Willey@alabamaforestowners.org) at (850) 681-5900.

December 11...Bibb County 8 AM - 2 PM. **Professional Logging Manager (PLM) Seminar** at the Sawmeel Restaurant, 6880 Alabama Highway 5, Brent. Topics include: New tax law, Choice of business entity, Best Management Practices (BMPs), and more. Landowners welcome to attend. CEUs available. Lunch provided. Pre-registration required. Contact [Matt Hartzell](mailto:Matt.Hartzell@alabamaforestowners.org) at (205) 926-4310.

December 12...Crossville, Tennessee 5 PM. **Regional Meeting of Tennessee Forestry Association** at Cumberland Mountain State Park Lodge. Topics: Legislative Session Wrap-up and State Lands Management. Fee: \$20 at the door. Please RSVP to [Dana Howard](mailto:Dana.Howard@alabamaforestowners.org) at (615) 883-3832.

December 13...Atlanta, Georgia 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM EST. **Wood Flows & Cash Flows** at Georgia Tech Global Learning Center. This class details research and insights for analysis supporting investments in the forest industry. Fee: \$850; \$100 discount if paid by November 30. Contact [Heather Clark](mailto:Heather.Clark@alabamaforestowners.org) at (770) 725-8447.

December 13...Houston County 6 - 8 PM. **Post-Hurricane Michael: Assessing and Managing Storm Damaged Timber** at Houston County Extension Office, 1699 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan. Topics include: Tree classification, Salvage, Timber markets after hurricane Michael, Tax implications, and updates on federal programs. Contact [Bence Carter](mailto:Bence.Carter@alabamaforestowners.org) at (334) 389-4055.

December 15-16...Franklin County. **Alabama Youth Trappers Education Workshop** in Red Bay. See December 8-9, this page, for details.

December 16...Cullman County 6:30 AM. **Audubon Christmas Bird Count** will meet at Culpepper Real Estate, 601 7th Ave SW, Cullman to assign areas to be covered. You can help for all or part of the day morning or afternoon. This count is frequently short-handed. Contact [Vince Meleski](mailto:Vince.Meleski@alabamaforestowners.org) at (256) 739-4589.

Editor's Note: Will birding groups be interested in leasing forestland at some point? Do public land purchase programs such as Forever Wild make this possibility less likely?

December 29-30...Hale County. **Alabama Youth Trappers Education Workshop** in Greensboro. See December 8-9, this page, for details.

JANUARY 2019

January 1...Marshall County 10 AM. **First Day Hike** at Lake Guntersville State Park, 1157 Lodge Drive, Guntersville. Start the year off with a hike with Mike Ezell, Park Naturalist. Moderate difficulty so wear good shoes/boots and bring water. For more information call (256) 571-5444.

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January 7-9...Tallahassee, Florida. **Florida Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Training** at the Tallahassee Forestry Center, 865 Geddie Road. Fee: \$175. Must register by December 7. Contact [John Saddler](mailto:John.Saddler@alabamaforestowners.org) at (850) 681-5928. Ask about other session dates and locations.

January 12-13...Escambia County. **Alabama Youth Trappers Education Workshop** in Atmore. See December 8-9, this page, for details.

January 12-13...Morgan County. **Festival of the Cranes** at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), 3121 Visitors Center Road, Decatur. Over 14,000 Sandhill cranes along with several pairs of Whooping cranes spend the winter at Wheeler NWR. Events include viewing the cranes up close, birding workshops, nature walks, kid's activities, and live raptors. Call Wheeler NWR at (256) 350-6639.

January 25 - February 17...Marshall County. **Eagle Awareness Weekends** at Lake Guntersville State Park, 1155 Lodge Drive, Guntersville. This program runs each weekend. Watch Bald Eagles glide across the sky and view their nesting sites. Guided interpretive programs held each weekend will help you get in touch with one of America's greatest symbols. Call Lake Guntersville State Park for pricing at (256) 571-5445.

January 26...Gainesville, Florida 10 AM - 3 PM EST. **Flatwoods Fire & Nature Festival** at Austin Cary Memorial Forest, 10625 NE Waldo Road. This event is a celebration of Florida's forests and the role of fire in maintaining and enhancing their beauty, diversity, and habitat value. Activities include: Educational exhibits, Live animals, Prescribed burn demonstrations, Food trucks, Live music, and more. Alternate rain date February 2. For more information contact [Chris Demers](mailto:Chris.Demers@alabamaforestowners.org) at (352) 846-2375.

January 29...Butler County. **Property Tax Vote** - Butler County voters will decide on an 6 mill property tax increase. View sample ballot at http://www.afoa.org/PDF/cal20190129_Sampleballot.pdf or see page 4.

STANDING TIMBER VALUES				
PINE	Sawtimber		Power Poles	
	\$ per ton		\$ per ton	
Alabama	3Q17	3Q18	3Q17	3Q18
North	22.47	23.91	46.57	42.48
South	23.15	23.91	48.06	47.97
Average	22.81	23.91	47.32	45.23

Pine Sawtimber — 15,000 lbs./1000 Board Feet (Scribner)
 3rd Quarter, 2017 (3Q17) and 3rd Quarter, 2018 (3Q18)
 from Timber Mart-South, University of Georgia.
 ★ For subscription details: call (706) 247-7660 or visit www.timbermart-south.com M3 12/2018

STOCK MARKET REPORT			
Company or Fund Name		Price Per Share	
		11/15/17	11/15/18
PotlatchDeltic Corp. (PCH)	REIT	53.45	36.76
Rayonier (RYN)	REIT	31.28	31.46
Weyerhaeuser Co. (WY)	REIT	36.55	26.61
Louisiana Pacific (LPX)		26.16	22.96
WestRock (WRK)		58.76	45.43
CUT	ETF	30.60	27.78
WOOD	ETF	69.21	64.93

Stock Market Report courtesy of Howard Sokol, Raymond James Financial Services, Birmingham, Alabama.

LUMBER & SHEATHING PRICES		
Source: Random Lengths	11/15/17	11/14/18
MidWeek Market Report		
2 x 4 lumber *	\$494	\$332
7/16" Oriented Strand Board **	\$395	\$245

* 2x4 #2&Btr KD Western S-P-F (mill base price) (per 1000 board feet)
 ** 7/16" OSB (North Central) (f.o.b. mill prices) (per 1000 square feet)

- Dow-Jones Industrial Average: 24464.69
 - 10-year Treasury yield: 3.061%
 - Dollar: 112.94 Yen; Euro: \$1.1404
 - Oil: \$54.63/barrel
 - Gold: \$1,225.80/roy ounce
- Source: *The Wall Street Journal*, 11/23/18

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“U.S. SOFTWOOD LUMBER DEMAND is expected to continue its upward trajectory from the lows of the global financial crisis of 2008-2009, reaching an all-time high by mid 2020s.” Source: Wood Resources International, LLC, 11/8/18.

BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, our ability to produce softwood lumber falls far behind the demand. Forisk Consulting projects U.S. softwood lumber consumption in 2018 at 50.3 billion board feet (BBFT), but U.S. production is only 37.4 BBFT. 11/8/18.

THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH small trees of quality hardwood species like white and red oaks and poplar in the U.S. Central Hardwood Region to resupply the demand. “Challenges” are predicted for the hardwood industry. Source: Lupold & Bumgardner reporting in the *Journal of Forestry*, 9/18.

“THE HARDWOOD INDUSTRY relies on export markets for its survival. In 2017, U.S. hardwood producers shipped \$4.04 billion worth of U.S. products to global markets; \$2.09 billion to Greater China. China, the NAFTA countries and the E.U. make up 82 percent of hardwood exports.” Source: *Crossties*, Sept/Oct 2018.

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An article in this space in the hard copy version and earlier electronic versions of this newsletter was misleading in that it referred to “commodity” gifts to children—grain for example. We'll make a full correction in the January newsletter.

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suitable for planting and the seeds of many other trees, shrubs and vines are available from **Sheffield's Seed Company**. Check out their website at sheffields.com or call them at (315) 497-1058.



Louisiana Forest Seed Company reports over 200 species of seed available. Go to LFSCO.com or call (318)443-5026.

“OFFERING SOMEONE A JOB— creating opportunity for other people—is one of the most socially-responsible things you can do,” [British Prime Minister] Theresa May said [in October]. “It is an act of public service as noble as any other.” Source: **FEE**, 10/4/18

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“A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT may be needed to rein-in out-of-control rural fire districts.” That was one of the suggestions made at AFOA's November Dinner & Discussion when landowners described the high fire dues they are being charged in some areas. One receipt we saw from 2017 charged **\$8.33 per acre for vacant land** fire dues. The Alabama Forestry Commission does a pretty good job of fire control for 10 cents per acre so it's hard to imagine how much better the fire suppression work must be from a fire district that charges 83 times as much as the Commission. **The state legislature needs to fix this problem that they created.**

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“LOSSES to fusiform rust on loblolly pine and slash pine in the South amount to 35 million dollars a year from the death of infected trees and from its degrading effect on products cut from the tree.” Source: *The Journal of Forestry*, 9/18. Tree seedlings resistant to fusiform rust are available. Ask your nurseryman.

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FOREST PROFILES: CONSULTING FORESTERS
 by **Paige Townley**

Growing up, **Peter Frankowski** would make frequent trips to visit his grandmother, who lived on Mobile Bay. “Her hobby was plants, so as a kid I spent a lot of time in her greenhouse, taking cuttings and growing things from seeds,” Peter said. “I practically spent all of my summers there with her.”

That exposure to seedlings led to a lifelong horticulture interest for Peter. He graduated from Auburn University with degrees in both horticulture and forestry. From there, he worked for a consulting forester and an international forest company for a while, and a few years later he made the leap to start his own business—a business focused on what he enjoyed most: seedlings.

Since 2001, through his company, **Advantage Forestry Container Pines**, Peter has been all about helping landowners with reforestation by providing containerized longleaf, loblolly and slash pine seedlings. His seedlings are grown at a greenhouse in Tifton, Georgia, and shipped all over the southeast. “I enjoy consulting with customers and vendors on what type of trees would work best. It lets me focus in on what I have always enjoyed: trees and the environment.”

FOREST PROFILES: FOREST PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS
 by **Paige Townley**

Rodney Driskill logged in northeast Alabama his entire life. So when he saw a need in the area to stockpile wood, he—along with friend Greg Yarbrough—sought to meet it. Yarbrough had worked as a forest supervisor for Bowater prior to that, so with a combined 50-plus years of experience in timber management, logging and woodland operations, the two bought 12 acres of land and established **DeKalb Forest Products**.

From high grade hardwood logs to biomass, DeKalb Forest Products has relationships with a number of forest product companies, and for many years they stockpiled wood for all of the major paper mills. While much of that has phased out, the company has adapted right along with the changes in the industry. Today, they provide all of the raw material for Mohegan Renewable Energy's wood pellet plant that is also located in Crossville, and they are always looking for ways to provide their clients with the products they need. “We deal in all kinds of wood, and we look for smaller diameter timber,” said Rodney. “We chip almost everything that isn't usable for a higher use, and merchandise the other to achieve the greatest return for the landowner.”

“WE HOPE YOU DON’T VOTE ON JANUARY 29 IN BUTLER COUNTY.”

That’s the message delivered by county officials who have scheduled a vote on a 50% increase in property taxes on a date when they hope no one will vote. All of us have seen this happen in our counties, too, and it makes us really angry. Voting “NO” on January 29 will be Butler County residents’ chance to send a message to their elected officials: *“Spending \$60,000 to conduct a special election (printing, poll workers, etc.) that could have been included at no cost on the November 6 ballot is not appreciated.”*

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX ELECTION BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA

A SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX B BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA C JANUARY 29, 2019

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL (●) COMPLETELY! DO NOT MAKE AN X OR ✓.
IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.

BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE LEVY OF A 3 MILL COUNTY SCHOOL TAX

(Amendment No. 3, Section 1, Constitution of Alabama of 1901;
Article XIV, Section 269.01, Official Recompilation of Alabama Constitution of 1901)

Shall the governing body of Butler County, Alabama, be authorized to levy annually, in addition to all other taxes now or hereafter authorized, a special countywide tax of thirty cents on each hundred dollars (equal to three mills on each dollar) of the assessed value of taxable property located in said Butler County for public school purposes in said County for a period of thirty (30) consecutive years commencing with the levy for the tax year that began on October 1, 2018 (for which tax year taxes will become due and payable on October 1, 2019)?

- FOR proposed taxation
- AGAINST proposed taxation

BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA

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- AGAINST proposed taxation

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBER SERVICE REQUESTS

- I own 40 or more acres of forestland in Alabama and would like, at no cost to me, an Initial Consultation with a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters.*
- I am enclosing \$15 for a Timber Buyer List for _____ County.
- Guidelines for Hunting Lease Agreement
- Model for a Timber Sale Contract
- Application for Hunting Lease Liability Insurance Coverage *
- Application for Timberland Liability Insurance Coverage *
- _____ 8" x 10" Posted Signs. Enclosed is 45¢ per sign plus \$4.50 S & H ("No Trespassing Hunt Club" - yellow) ("No Trespassing—Period" - orange) circle one
- AFOA T-Shirt — Short Sleeve, \$11 (call for colors and sizes)
- AFOA Ball Cap: Send me AFOA Ball Cap: Black, Camo with dark or light logo, Hunter Orange, and Royal Blue. Circle one. \$13 each.

* This service is for landowners only. Hunters may only use the hunting lease liability

(Mr.)(Mrs.)(Ms.) _____

Name of Landowner (person, family, partnership, corporation, LLC, etc.)* _____

(Mr.)(Mrs.)(Ms.) _____

Name of Person Representing Landowner (optional)* _____

Mailing Address _____

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State(s) and County(ies) Where Forestland Is Located — Please List. _____

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1 YEAR

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2 YEARS

- Regular Member - Bulk Rate Postage \$31
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- Sustaining Member - 1st Class Postage \$320

3 YEARS

- Regular Member - Bulk Rate Postage \$46
- Regular Member - 1st Class Postage \$82
- Sustaining Member - 1st Class Postage \$480

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FEBRUARY 2019

February 1...Teleconference Noon CT. **First Fridays Forestry Update** hosted by the American Forest Foundation is a conference call briefing on Washington, D.C. happenings. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions and share important policy issues. Dial-in number: 1-866-299-7945 and Participant code: 2594#

February 7...Walker County 9 - 10:30 AM. **Forestry Planning Committee Meeting** at 1501 North Airport Road, Jasper. Forest landowners are welcome to attend and participate. Contact [Andrew Baril](#) at (205) 388-6893.

February 9-10...Jackson County. **Alabama Youth Trappers Education Workshop** in Scottsboro. See December 8-9, page 1, for details.

February 11 - March 30...Online. **Forest Principles, Practices, and Stewardship for Landowners** is a 6-week online course for landowners who want to be more proactive with their forest management. Topics will include: Best forest type for your property, Locating boundary lines, Map reading, Forest tree measurements, Forest thinning, and Forest product markets. The course wraps up with an optional forestry field day at the Mary Olive Thomas Demonstration Forest

in Auburn, AL. Fee: \$50. Contact [Adam Maggard](#) at (334) 844-2401.

February 13-17...Nashville, Tennessee. **Annual National Wild Turkey Federation National Convention** at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. Fee: \$TBD. Email Zayna Holmes for more information at convention@nwtf.net.

February 16-17...Baldwin County. **Alabama Youth Trappers Education Workshop** in Spanish Fort. See December 8-9, page 1, for details.

February 19...Atlanta, Georgia 7:45 AM - 3:30 PM EST. **Applied Forest Finance** at Georgia Tech Global Learning Center. This class details the step-by-step financial analysis required to answer key investment and forest management questions. Learn how to identify, value, and rank timber and forestry investments. Fee: \$TBD. Contact [Heather Clark](#) at (770) 725-8447.

February 21...Knoxville, Tennessee 5:30 PM ET. **Tennessee Forestry Association (TFA) Regional Meeting** at Calhoun's on the River, 400 Neyland Drive. Fee: \$TBD. Contact [Dana Howard](#) at (615) 883-3832.

February 21...Jefferson County 6 - 8 PM. **AFOA Dinner and Discussion** at Landry's Seafood, 139 State Farm Parkway, Birmingham. Come enjoy dinner and talk about the issues with other forest landowners. Dutch Treat dinner at 6 PM. **Limited seating. No walk-ins.** To attend, RSVP **AFOA** at (205) 624-2225.

February 23...Titusville, Florida 10 AM - 3:30 PM EST. **Florida Scrub-Jay Festival** at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). For more information contact Merritt Island NWR at (321) 861-5601.

February 23-24...Dallas County. **Alabama Adult Trappers Education Workshop** in Minter (Portland Landing Special Opportunity Area). This workshop passes on the historical aspects of trapping, biological information concerning furbearers and furbearer manage-

ment, and allows students to learn the proper techniques that include the use of trapping as a sound wildlife management tool. A conservation ID (CID) is required to submit your registration. Contact [Mike Sievering](#) at (205) 339-5716.

APRIL 2019

April 26-27...Escambia County. **2019 AFOA ANNUAL MEETING:** Headquartered at Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, 303 Poarch Road, Atmore, AL 36502. **For Room Reservations** call 866-946-3360. The **Group Code** is **AFOA**. Room rate is \$159 per night plus tax. We are planning two or more tours for Friday along with an indoor workshop. The Saturday program will feature a wide variety of educational presentations on forestry and wildlife.

More Events can be found on AFOA's website at www.AFOA.org/cal/cal.htm

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