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### Menus and Programs

**March 7, 2017:** Cod Fish

**Ticket Sellers:** Mike O'Deay and Bud Hartley

**March 14, 2017:** Corned Beef and Cabbage

Alternatives to the main entrée will be available such as Chef Salad, a fish entrée, and usually one other entrée.

**Ticket Sellers:** Bruce Skidmore and Denny Reynolds

**March 21, 2017:** Pork Flat Irons

**Ticket Sellers:** Kerry Petersen and Bryan Glider

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**March 27, 2017: Board Meeting at 6 p.m. All are welcome!**

**March 28, 2017:** Prime Rib

**Ticket Sellers:** Bill Gay and Joe Gavin

There are alternatives to the main entrée available such as Chef Salad, a fish entrée, and usually one other entrée. Dinner is served from 6 to 7:00 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m.

**Tour the Des Moines Izaak Walton Education Center!**

This is a great preview and I highly recommend you give it a watch! Special thanks to Bryce Jarret and Mike O'Deay for writing and production!

**[START THE TOUR](#)**

**Nature Center Ground Breaking Set for March 29**

The Jester Park Nature Center ground breaking has been set for Wednesday, March 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the future site of the building. Brief remarks, followed by an informal celebration with refreshments and activities will be taking place that afternoon. The public is invited to attend.

For more information about the Jester Park Nature Center visit [www.jesterparknaturecenter.com](http://www.jesterparknaturecenter.com)

**CARFest Tournament  
June 3, 2017 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Gray's Lake, Des Moines - Swimming area parking lot  
Registration at 8:00 a.m. - Door prizes and Prize for largest fish

Bait and limited number of loaner poles will be available. Door prizes and prizes for largest carp. Volunteers will be on hand to help if you have never fished for carp, but would like to try.

Fish caught will be donated to [SOAR \(Saving Our Avian Resources\)](#) to help support raptor rehabilitation.

**Have an Idea for a Future Program?**

If have suggestions for future programs please text them to Mike O'Deay at 515-249-6854.

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**Ikes Remember: In Memorial**

**Eugene "Gene" Jaschke**

November 9, 1930 – February 14, 2017



Gene was a proud veteran of the [United States Marine Corps](#) where he served during the [Korean War](#). He was a route salesman for 35 years. Gene was a member of Teamsters Union and the Izaak Walton League. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and time spent with his family.

**Thomas "Ted" Boudewyns**

June 20, 1936 – February 6, 2017

**Outdoors Woman Spring Workshop Set for Honey Creek Resort**

The 2017 spring Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) workshop will be held April 28-30 at Honey Creek Resort State Park, in Moravia.

Celebrate spring and join other women interested in getting outdoors!

Enrollment is limited, so register early!

Classes will focus on fishing; camping and backpacking; firearms; and boating; plus other fun options, like nature photography and foraging! Get the full class schedule and information at [iowadnr.gov/bow](http://iowadnr.gov/bow).

Early registration ends March 26!

**Learn Geocache Basics**

March 25, 2017, 1 p.m. at Fort Des Moines Park, Shelter #3 ([Map & Park Information](#)), presented by Polk County Conservation.

Learn the basics of geocaching and try finding several geocaches hidden just for you in Fort Des Moines Park. Pre-registration required; deadline is March 13. Fee: \$5. To register, [click here](#).

**IWLA National Clean Water Director to Speak at the RRWA's Life in the Raccoon River Event**



Ted enjoyed the automobile business along with camping, motorcycling, snowmobiling, being with family and friends and having a Bud Light. He also was a member of the Izaak Walton League. Ted is survived by his wife, Dee, of 59 years.

**Annual Spring Trip to Lake Taneycomo  
April 19-23, 2017**

Join us for our annual trip to Lake Taneycomo in Branson, MO!

We'll be staying at the Cooper Creek Resort and Campground at 471 Cooper Creek Road, Branson, MO 65616. **Make your reservations NOW by calling 417-334-4971!**

Join us for a steak fry Saturday night, and the big fish contest including prizes!

There are 22 1, 2 and 3 bedroom cabins from \$81 to \$179 a night along with 75 full hook-up camping sites. Plus 24 boat and fishing docks for \$13-15 a day, with access to a double boat ramp nearby.

Lake Taneycomo provides some of the finest trout fishing available anywhere in the world.

**Cabins are very limited so hurry! We need your friends and any other fishermen you know.**

**2017 94<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
April 28-30, 2017**

Hosted by the Red Cedar Chapter of the IWLA at the Vinton Country Club, 314 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vinton, IA 52349.

Red Cedar Chapter has invited Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey's office to address the convention.

The Awards Banquet will be held Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club, with beginning at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30.

To learn more and for registration information refer to the [Winter 2016 Iowa Waltonian](#).

**March 4, 2017**

**[Hotel Pattee](#), 1112 Willis Ave., Perry IA 50320,  
515-465-3511**

**Dannielle Donkersloot**, the National Izaak Walton League's Clean Water Director will speak at **11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 4** at the [Raccoon River Watershed Association's](#) Life in the Raccoon River event at the Hotel Pattee in Perry. Admission is free! ([Click here to learn more](#))

**Hunter Education Course**

Friday, March 10, 2017 - 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 11, 2017 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Izaak Walton League - Des Moines**

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Hunter education is a mandatory program that is designed to introduce students to several life-long skills that are important to many different types of outdoor recreational opportunities. The course teaches students basic survival and first aid skills, water safety, wildlife identification, and the basics of wildlife management, hunting laws, and firearm/archery safety. Hunter education also stresses the importance of individual responsibility and outdoor ethics.

Iowa law requires that anyone born after January 1, 1972 must be certified in hunter education before they are eligible to purchase an Iowa hunting license. All registrants for this event must be 11 years of age by March 10, 2017.

[Click here to Register](#)

**Urban Trout Stocking & Family Fishing Event  
April 8, 2017 - Noon - 1 p.m.**

Summerset State Park, Indianola, IA

Warren County Izaak Walton League to provide food & drinks from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. For more information go to [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov)

**IWLA Volunteers In Action: Fisherman's Swap Meet, February 25 & 26, 2017**

I would like to thank the Des Moines and Warren County Ike members (**Brian G., Joe G., Bruce H., Dale S., Bud H., Craig R., Casey K., Steve D., Mike R., Rick C., Ernie and Barb W.**) for volunteering their time and sharing the message of the Izaak Walton League to all the participants of the swap meet. We had 3 tables set up this year and were quite busy on Saturday. Sunday was a light crowd, but still had good conversations with the folks there about the league and our spring events coming up. We handed out around 150 coloring books that promoted the April 8<sup>th</sup> Urban Trout Stocking & Family Fishing event at Summerset Park, June 2nd Learn How to Fish at Gray's Lake, June 3rd CARPfest at Gray's Lake, and the Iowa Outdoor Expo on September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. We also handed out 150+ posters to kids on "Aquatic Life & Stream Life".

Of course this all could not have happened without support and donations from all our partners of the outdoors; DNR Hunter Education, DNR Fisheries, DNR Youth Outreach for many handout materials. For the kids that attended the Kid's Fishing seminar on Sunday, they received a free fishing pole from Mid-Iowa Bass Masters and a goody bag from the Iowa DNR and us (IWLA). We had 36 new families register for the "E-mail outdoor activity

blast" which shares upcoming events with the families. The sale of Hunting and Fishing licenses in two days totaled over \$4,500 sold by the DNR officers and staff at the Fisherman's Swap Meet.

Thank you all for a successful public outreach event! – Lisa McIntyre

### **New Study Shows 27% Decrease in Area Occupied by Monarch Butterflies**

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The latest survey of monarch butterfly's winter habitat in Mexico is a stark reminder that these butterflies are in need of protection: The area occupied by the butterfly colonies has decreased 27% compared to last year's survey, which is conducted every winter at the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve.

The forest area occupied by these butterflies is an indirect indicator of the number of migratory monarchs that arrive to Mexico for the winter. Each year, these butterflies migrate between 1,200 to 2,800 miles from Southeast Canada and Northeast United States to establish colonies in temperate forests in the mountains located at the border of Michoacán and the State of Mexico.

The monarch butterfly migration is a natural phenomenon like no other. But across their migratory routes, monarchs face multiple threats to their survival. Milkweed, the only plant monarchs use to lay eggs and the main source of food for baby caterpillars is disappearing due to herbicide use and land conversion. The forests in Mexico where monarchs spend their winters are under threat from illegal logging. Extreme weather conditions, from warmer climate to winter storms are an additional threat.

"The reduction in the area of forest they occupied this year - most probably due to the high mortality caused by storms and cold weather last year - is a clear reminder for the three countries, Canada, United States, and Mexico, that they must step up actions to protect breeding, feeding and migratory habitat," says Omar Vidal, CEO of WWF Mexico.

"We cannot control the climate, but we can do much better in eradicating illegal logging in the reserve and tackling habitat loss in the U.S. and Canada. But, even if Mexico's overwintering sites never lose another tree, without food and habitat along the migration routes the forests will soon bid farewell to their final orange and black-winged tenant."

[Read WWF's complete statement](#)

### **Is Iowa a Sacrifice Zone?**

*A letter to the editor from Mike Delaney*

I don't think Iowa should have to sacrifice its wildlife, air and water quality to counter the trade imbalance with China. Our grain and meat exports are good for the big players in our food system (nitrate producers, seed companies, equipment manufacturers, grain companies, meat packers and exporters).

However, family farmers are not doing great at the moment and our "natural capital" is being squandered. I have heard Iowa called, "A sacrifice zone." My family has deep roots in Iowa. We do not like the idea of destroying the place so a few can get really rich. Why not give back a little land to Mother Nature to benefit all Iowans.

Why not restore wetlands and build new ones to: reduce flooding and bank erosion, eliminate the nitrate problem and create habitat for ducks, pheasants and other wildlife all over the state?

Governor Vilsack was trying to give Iowa conservation money to help us out. But, Big Ag said, "No thanks, we want all of Iowa plowed. That is where our money comes from." Most Iowans know that BIG AG runs Iowa. But, should it?

### **IWLA History – Jay N. "Ding" Darling, Part 1**

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One of the greatest leaders in the endeavor to establish a Conservation Commission was the late great Jay N. "Ding" Darling. Ding passed away at age 85 in Des Moines on February 2, 1962, ending his dynamic career as a newspaper cartoonist and powerful leader in the battle for conservation of natural resources.

He had been a longtime member of the League. Ding served terms as National director, and for many years was Honorary President of the Iowa Division. In 1947 he donated 30 years of what he considered his best cartoons in a portfolio called "Our Great Outdoors" to the Iowa Division for fundraising.



To outdoorsmen worldwide he was the symbol of modern conservation. To the hunter he was the man who saved the ducks. To the fisherman he was the greatest foe of pollution.

To Iowans Ding was the father of the non-political form of fish and game administration. He was also responsible for the "25 Year Iowa Conservation Plan, since used as the model for many states.

According to and John Madson and Ed Kozicky in "Game, Gunners and Biology" during the late 1920's Ding was a powerful voice and pen in Midwestern conservation. In 1931 he led Iowa sportsmen in backing a new law that took the Iowa Game and Fish Department out of politics and set it up under a bipartisan Conservation Commission. The law was the first of its kind in the United States.

The key to Iowa's game management hopes was this new law. The Conservation Commission was designated as the sole agency to determine whether or not a biological balance existed. This meant trained professionals in the field working to find out if new and better ways to inventory game and fish, and to increase harvestable surpluses, were needed.

Ding was a member of the new commission. One of the board's first acts was to sponsor a state survey that would be the basis of the 25-Year Conservation Plan for Iowa. The Game advisor for the survey was Iowan Aldo Leopold. It was soon apparent to Darling, Leopold and other members of the commission that the goals of the 25-year Iowa Conservation plan, and the whole concept never be achieved without trained men. These, as late as 1931, were extremely rare.

It was proposed that a fish and game management training program be set up at Iowa State College (now Iowa State University) in Ames. The program's costs for the first year were to be split three ways: The Iowa Fish and Game Commission would pay one third from hunting and fishing fees; The college would provide the same amount in services and materials; and Ding Darling volunteered the remainder from his own pocket!

The training program, after considerable work by Ding and others, expanded to other states and was known as the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit program. Each was run by its coordinating committee/representatives of the state land grant college, the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Wildlife Management Institute, and the respective state Conservation Commissions.

In 1934-35, Ding pushed aside his drawing board and a \$100,000 annual income as cartoonist for the *Des Moines Register*, a job he had held since 1906, and the *New York Herald-Tribune Syndicate*, to accept \$8,000 as Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey under Franklin D. Roosevelt.

*Stay tuned for more on Ding Darling in future issues!*

### **Support the Chickadee Checkoff**

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What do butterflies, chickadees and eagles all have in common? Iowans help them thrive through donations on their Iowa state tax forms. Yep, you can make a big difference.

Last year, roughly 7,500 of 1.6 million Iowa taxpayers supported conservation with donations they gave while preparing their taxes. That's great, but we need more people to help! By doing so, you can help support thousands of vulnerable wildlife species through research, habitat development and education. Here's some examples of wildlife that are being assisted:

- Prairie chickens in southwest Iowa through restoration projects and habitat development
- Monarch butterflies and bees in Iowa through pollinator research
- Endangered and threatened species through surveys and monitoring
- And much more!

Look for the Checkoff on the Iowa State Tax Form.

We know taxes aren't a lot of fun, but taking a little extra time with a small donation can make a big difference.

It's easy to do: Look for the Fish and Wildlife Fund, line 57 on Form 1040. As with all charitable contributions, the amount is deductible from next year's taxes. If you use a tax preparer, be sure and ask about the Fish and Wildlife Fund! They may overlook it.

You can make a difference for Iowa's butterflies, chickadees, eagles and many other creatures in 2017. Thanks for your support!

## **Take Action! - A Setback for Defenders of Clean Water**

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Hunters and anglers need clean water to ensure healthy fish and wildlife populations. Farmers need clean water for livestock and crops. And every American needs clean water to drink, swim in, boat on, and enjoy.

Fighting for clean water and healthy wetlands has been a part of the Izaak Walton League mission since day one. Since 2001, that fight has focused on restoring Clean Water Act protections to streams and wetlands in our communities. This effort received a major boost in 2015 when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the Clean Water Rule. The Rule restores protections for many small streams and wetlands that are vital to safe drinking water and outdoor recreation across America.

Unfortunately, the Trump Administration took a tremendous step backward today by announcing it is directing the EPA and Corps of Engineers to revise or rescind the existing Clean Water Rule. Specifically, the administration is looking to a minority opinion from the Supreme Court, authored by the late Justice Antonin Scalia, to define what waters will be protected under the Clean Water Act. The policy set forth in Justice Scalia's opinion has never been adopted by any court and has been rejected by Republican and Democratic administrations because it would dramatically reduce the waters that fall under the Act's jurisdiction. Many smaller streams, as well as many wetlands, especially those critical to migratory waterfowl and other wildlife, would lose protection from pollution and drainage.

The League believes the Clean Water Rule is fundamentally sound and further delay in restoring protections for streams and wetlands risks long-term damage to water quality, habitat for fish and wildlife, and the outdoor recreation economy. Unfortunately, the administration has set a different course.

To protect our nation's drinking water resources and economy, revisions to the Clean Water Rule must not rely on Justice Scalia's opinion to define waters protected by the Clean Water Act. Furthermore, any new policy must:

- Be grounded in the clear and overwhelming science on the interconnected system of waters. The protections in the existing rule are supported by more than 1,200 scientific studies demonstrating the connections between and effects of tributary streams and other upstream waters on larger downstream waters such as rivers and lakes;
- Effectively safeguard streams, wetlands, and other waters as required by the Clean Water Act. The purpose of the Clean Water Act is to improve water quality nationwide – it is impossible to achieve that goal without protecting waters covered by the existing Clean Water Rule, including tributary streams and small wetlands; and
- Give hunters and anglers confidence that streams and wetlands will be healthy to ensure our outdoor traditions thrive for generations to come. Clean water and abundant wetlands are essential to hunting and angling nationwide. If this critical habitat is degraded, our hunting and angling traditions - and the \$646 billion outdoor recreation economy - will suffer.

### **How you can get involved:**

The process initiated by the administration today is likely to take years to complete. There will be multiple opportunities for the League and our members to engage in that process. Here are some steps you can take now and in the future to share your views about the importance of clean water and healthy wetlands:

#### **Now:**

- Contact the White House and EPA and urge the President and EPA Administrator Pruitt to ensure any new policy meets the League's fundamental criteria. [Visit the League's online Advocacy Center today for a draft message that can be easily sent to the White House.](#)
- Highlight the importance of healthy streams and wetlands in your community with local media and decision makers.

#### **Longer-term:**

If the administration follows the same process used to develop the Clean Water Rule, there should be multiple opportunities for public participation including:

- Public hearings or meetings. You can attend one of these meetings.
- Public comment periods. You can comment in writing on proposed policies.

With the action today, we face another hurdle in our fight for clean water, but it is a fight we can win together.

#### **What's at risk?**

Longstanding protections for millions of wetlands and headwater streams that contribute to the drinking water of one in three Americans, protects communities from flooding, and provides essential fish and wildlife habitat that supports a robust outdoor recreation economy worth \$646 billion.

- A sport fishing industry, which accounts for 828,000 jobs, nearly \$50 billion annually in retail sales, and an economic impact of about \$115 billion every year that relies on access to clean water.

- Duck hunting in the U.S. for 1.5 million duck hunters whose expenditures invest more than \$3 billion into our economy.
- The aspirations of 83 percent of American sportsmen and women, from across the political spectrum, who believe the Clean Water Act should apply to smaller streams and wetlands, as the 2015 rule directed.

### **Slow Cooked Baked Beans**

*Bud Hartley tested and recommended!*

- 1 pound bacon, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 16 oz. can lima beans, drained and rinsed
- **Note:** Rinsing the beans in a colander removes the sugars that cause "unfortunate" side effects ;-)
- 1 16 oz. can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 16 oz. can great northern beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 16 oz. can jalapeno pinto beans, drained, but not rinsed
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup catsup
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp. vinegar

Sauté bacon and onion in skillet. Combine bacon mixture with rinsed beans and all ingredients in a crock pot. Cook on low for 6 hours, stirring occasionally. Enjoy!