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**CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FORT WAYNE CHAPTER**



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Lest we Forget...

“We Are Not Just A Sports Shooting Chapter!”

We start each Chapter meeting with this pledge: *“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.”*

CHAPTER CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Our Fort Wayne Chapter was established on March 27th, 1924. As we begin our Chapter's 100th Anniversary in 2024, we are filled with pride for our heritage. In celebration of this milestone, we would like to invite you to share your personal photos of your family enjoying our Fort Wayne Chapter facilities. If you have any historic chapter photos, we would love to see those too. Please send us your photos along with a brief description and the names of the individuals in the photos to jaybutler1940@gmail.com.

We will feature them in one of our 2024 issues of the Fort Wayne Chapter NEWS.

IF YOU WANT PHOTOS RETURNED, INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS!

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A Letter From Our Chapter President



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The Izaak Walton League of America has been promoting environmental conservation and citizen science for more than a century, advocating strong state and federal policies to protect our natural resources, including the air, water and wildlife. Over the years, the League has played a key role in shaping fundamental laws and policies that help protect our natural resources for future generations.

Back in the 1920s, the Nation was faced with major challenges, including industrial pollution, raw sewage, and soil erosion that threatened our rivers, forests, and other natural areas. The Izaak Walton League has been working tirelessly to safeguard water resources and drinking water across the United States. On MARCH 27, 1924 our Chapter was chartered. In 1926, the League announced a campaign to address water pollution, and in 1927, President Calvin Coolidge commissioned the League to conduct the first national water pollution survey.

The League has also created successful volunteer science programs, such as Save Our Streams and Salt Watch, to monitor stream health and collect data on water quality. These programs provide valuable information for policymakers and scientists, and they serve as a basis for action to protect water quality.

The League's approach to conservation is deeply rooted in outdoor traditions such as hunting, fishing, canoeing, and camping, which our founders enjoyed. League chapters in communities across the country have been – and continue to be – a gateway to the outdoors where generations of Americans can experience nature and learn how to protect the environment.

As we gear up to celebrate our Chapter's 100th Anniversary in 2024, we invite you to be a part of this special occasion. If you have any recent photos that depict your family's enjoyment of our Fort Wayne Chapter facilities, please send them along with a brief description to jaybutler1940@gmail.com, and we'll feature it in one of our 2024 issues of the Fort Wayne Chapter NEWS. Additionally, we would be grateful if you could take some time to go through any old family photo albums and send us any old photos that would help us tell the story of our chapter.

Jay Butler

Jay L. Butler
President, Fort Wayne Chapter
National Director—IWLA

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WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE YEARS 1920 THRU 1924"

The early 1900s marked a time of significant change, with the end of World War I in 1918 accelerating the wide acceptance of the automobile. By 1921, owning a car had become the norm, but it did not come without challenges and concerns. In August of that year, the Journal Gazette reported that four new gas filling stations were being built in Fort Wayne, bringing the total number of gas stations in the city to 13. Some people had opposed the idea of the first gasoline filling station being erected in Fort Wayne years earlier, fearing it would lower the value of nearby properties.

Prohibition began in 1920, and in November of 1921, Catherine Dinklage became the first woman to be elected to any office in Indiana. She achieved this after the Indiana General Assembly ratified the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in January 1920, which granted women the right to vote. The Izaak Walton League of America was established in 1922, and the Fort Wayne Chapter was one of the first to be chartered two years later.

During that period, significant political and social changes affected Fort Wayne and all other major cities in the United States. In 1922, the International Harvester Company began constructing a truck factory in Fort Wayne, and truck production started the following year. On October 11, 1922, the Ft. Wayne Nickle Plate Railway was incorporated to serve the International Harvester plant on the east side of Fort Wayne.

During a short period of time, two significant developments occurred which greatly impacted families and the nation's waters. The automobile had become firmly established in the national psyche, and paved streets had already replaced muddy car ruts. The rapid increase in the number of family cars in the city led to the creation of a new department responsible for paving and maintaining all the streets. This, in turn, necessitated the development of a complex underground storm drain system to carry water from the streets to the rivers through pipes.

Another change was the introduction of indoor plumbing and indoor toilets replacing the outside privy. These two developments had a major impact on the pollution of the three rivers of Fort Wayne, which all come together at the city center. Indoor plumbing became popular in almost every home, leading to the generation of waste that needed to be managed. Like many other industrial cities, Fort Wayne chose to use the storm sewer system to carry raw sewage, which ultimately resulted in dumping it into three river of Fort Wayne after each heavy rainfall. It took years for urban sewage lines to be developed to handle sewage separately, making water pollution a national problem.

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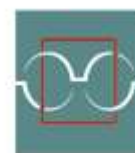
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On August 2, 1923, President Harding passed away suddenly due to a heart attack while on a speaking tour of the western United States. Vice President Calvin Coolidge was at his family home, which had neither electricity nor a telephone when a messenger arrived to inform him of Harding's death.

In 1924, the National Origins Act was passed by Congress, which established strict immigration quotas that prohibited Asians and limited Latin Americans from entering the United States. President Coolidge also signed the Indian Citizenship Act into law, which gave citizenship to Native Americans.

Also, in 1924, two people with Fort Wayne roots were making a name for themselves. Bob Juday participated in the Olympics held in Paris, France, as a high jumper, while Carol Lombard became a well-known movie star in Hollywood. Both were from Fort Wayne.

In 1924, the Fort Wayne chapter of the Izaak Walton League was established.

On the World scene, Hitler was released from prison in 1924 and had started rise to becoming Nazi Führer of Germany.

This was the United States during that era and Fort Wayne's place in it.

NOTE: Much of the above information was researched from two sources, the Allen County INGenWeb Project at www.acgsi.org/genweb/county/timeline/1920s-timeline-of-allen-county-indiana.html and the Izaak Walton website at www.IWLA.org

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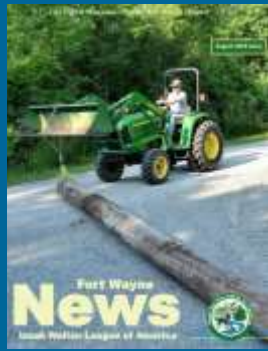
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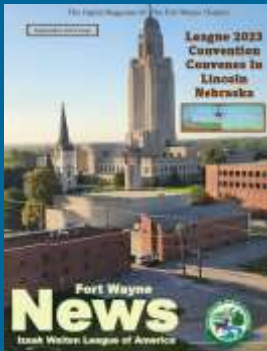
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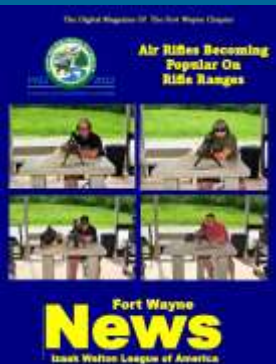
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Equipment Purchased:

- Chapter bought two new MEC trap machines for Skeet field.
- Skeet Range lighting installed.
- Bought a set of tractor forks for multi-use.
- Bought a lift dolly to move clay bird pallets.
- Donated PA system for Chapter House.

New Construction

- Installed wall at Rifle Range: Bulletin Board & 12x24 Ad panels.
- Removed excess utility poles at R&P Range
- We widened the parking area at R&P and added overflow parking space.
- Excess utility poles are now used as trail borders.
- Four Bat Boxes installed.

Chapter Marketing & Fund Raising

- Sold 24 12x24 Ad panels at \$150 each mounted on R&P wall & posted in Monthly NEWS
- Reclaimed Brass recovered from R&P Range and sold quarterly.
- Several Cash Donations were received.
- Solicitation for Member Donations.

Youth Activities

- BB/BS temporary paused due to reorganization
- Youth Trap Squad up and running.
- Chapter Youth Squad Member nationally recognized.
- Chapter Youth Member Receives Rifle Scholarship at Georgia Southern U.
- Boy Scout Camporee held on Chapter Grounds.

Chapter Outreach

- Hosted IN Division Convention

Chapter Shooting Sports

- 3D Archery re-introduced and has grown month over month.
- RSO Small Bore Competition (Test of concept)

Conservation

- Chapter Bee Hive and Bee colony approved. New Eagle Scout project may build the hive.
- Fire Rings added to primitive camping area.
- Native Wildflowers propagated.
- Walton Lake improvements planned for 2024

Finances

- The chapter remains solvent.
 - Zero based budget & tightening of belt.
 - Re-instituted QuickBooks form of accounting.
- Membership down
 - Economic impact on family discretionary funds.
 - Covid-19 readjustment
 - Greatest loss: Family members in 1st year of membership.
- On the Horizon
 - CHALLENGES
 - Hall roof 30+ years old.



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Chief Range Safety Officer James Ramsey, conducted a NRA Certification Class for Five new Range Safety Officers for the Chapter Rifle & Pistol Range.

Added to our staff of Volunteer Range Safety Officers were:

- ◆ Ernie Brashear
- ◆ Bryan Nelson
- ◆ Scott Passwater
- ◆ Joel Ruprecht
- ◆ Brian Thurber

This brings our NRA certified volunteer RSO Staff to 47 members, donating their time to the safety of our members and guests.

Chapter Board To Meet On Jan. 6th to Finalize 2024 Business Plan

The Chapter Board will be meeting on Saturday, July 6th for an all day planning session to finalize the core plan for 2024.

The agenda includes:

- Finalizing 2024 Balanced Budget
- Developing 3-5 Year Chapter Plan
- Committee Assignments
- Augmenting Meeting Coordinator Plan

REMEMBER IN 2024

- Your 2024 Membership Card must have the Range Fee Stamp for use of Rifle & Pistol Ranges.
- The lock Combination for the Griffin Road Pond appears on the back of your membership card!
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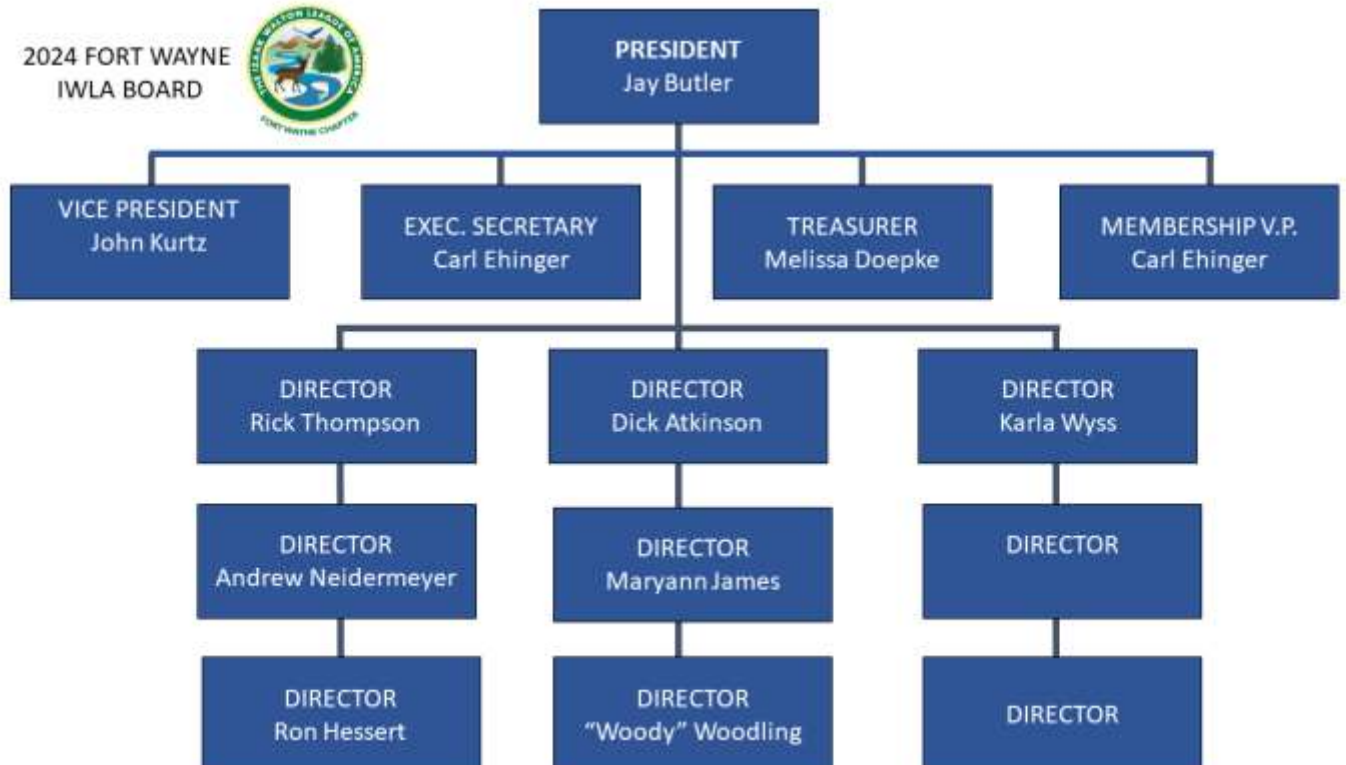


OH NO!!! I forgot to include the range fee with my renewal dues payment!!

Not a problem. Pay it at the range the next time you go. The RSO will be happy to help you out.

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Please list any changes from your previous membership (type, address, names, etc.) _____

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Type	National	Ind/Division	FW Chapter	Total Dues	% to Chapter	Range Fee
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Individual	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$42.00	\$102.00	41%	\$40.00*
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* To use the rifle/pistol ranges you must purchase range privileges. **If you choose to purchase range privileges, please remit the "Total Dues" amount plus the \$40.00 range fee.** Range fees are wholly retained by the Chapter and are necessary to help offset the operating and maintenance expenses that are specifically associated with the ranges.

**Thank you for your continued support
of our Chapter**