



August 2014

Lake Eau Claire Association

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Lake Eau Claire Association Annual Membership Meeting & Picnic

Saturday, August 16th Lake Eau Claire County Park

4pm Social • Dinner 5pm • Meeting after

LAKE EAU CLAIRE ASSOCIATION, INC., ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC—TV DRAWING!

Attention Everyone—we have a great picnic lined up for you on Saturday, August 16. That morning you can attend the annual Lake District meeting in Augusta and vote. The Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc., Picnic will be held at the Lake Eau Claire County Park the same day starting with a social time at 4:00 PM and Dinner to begin at 5:00 PM. **PLUS, IF YOU STAY FOR A BRIEF LAKE INFORMATION UPDATE, DNR FIRE TALK, AND AWARD PRESENTATION AFTER DINNER, WE WILL HAVE A DRAWING FOR A LARGE SIZE TELEVISION.** We want to thank the Bob Buley family for the great donation of the television for the drawing. **Tickets for the television drawing will be sold for \$5 each or three for \$10. Winners do need to be present to win.** The menu for the picnic will be served up from Augusta Meats and includes roast pork, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, and veggies. Plates and silverware are provided, as are water and soft drinks. Tickets for the meal will be the same as last year -- \$8 for adults, grade school kids \$4, children five and under free. Tickets for beer will be on sale as usual at the stand outside the lodge. Don't miss this chance to share some food and talk with your lake neighbors, and maybe win a new large screen television.

Fred Poss, Lake Association President

Lake Eau Claire Protection and Rehabilitation District Voters Meeting

10:00 am Saturday, August 16th

Augusta Lions Hall, 200 East Lincoln Street, Augusta

PROGRESS UPDATE ON LAKE PROJECTS

In the summer of 2013 the Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc., our private non-profit organization, used funds from donations and grants to put its three-part Lake Management Plan into action. A major component was to install three sediment traps upriver of the lake. This was accomplished and the maintenance costs passed on to the Lake Eau Claire District government.

The design principle of the three traps is based on having the farthest one upriver, the Troubled Waters Bridge Trap, to be the first line of defense. This trap is in an ideal location because there are no alternative paths for the sediment to follow and the location is one the few places where machines can dig the trap deep and wide. The benefit of this trap is that the river can begin to scour itself out naturally and begin to recreate its original channel over the next several years, first down to the Gravel Pit Trap and later all the way down to the lake.

This year, 2014, has produced remarkable effects. As you probably know we have experienced an unusually long period of sustained high flow that has produced a sediment transport rate way above the 70 year average. The good news is that the trap design theory has been proven to be very successful and we are well on our way to achieving our goals for lake and river restoration. The river has been deepened by over 10,000 cubic yards of sediment which used to lie between Troubled Waters Bridge and the Gravel Pit. Much of this stretch is once again navigable by boating because the scouring has gone right down to bedrock in the river, and as long as the Troubled Waters Trap is maintained that sediment will not be replaced by new sand. Furthermore, over time the Gravel Pit Trap will require infrequent cleanouts and its maintenance costs will be reduced. The holding capacities of the traps at the Gravel Pit and just above Skid Row also have been largely filled up. Again, the same good news and bad news scenario is happening—we are permanently removing large amounts of sediment that did not carry into the lake this year, but the high amounts of sediment from the sustained high water levels challenges our first annual budget.

Please know that our lake association has signed on to a grant application made by the Lake District government requesting \$130,000 from Eau Claire County as a fifty-fifty matching grant. The requested funds and cost share will be dedicated to the maintenance of the three traps. Also know that other monies are also in the mix. With your support our LECA organization continues to raise funds that are paying for the installation of the aeration system and to date have covered the cost of installing 134 half-log fish structures. As we move into the future, LECA's role will continue to grow and develop in fundraising to help the Lake District. Also, Eau Claire County and the Wisconsin DNR have been strong financial partners in this effort and will continue to provide help and support as we continue to work to meet our goals. By working together we can and will protect property values and restore our lake.

Rod Zika, Lake Management Plan Director

Fred Poss, Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc., President

Marlo Orth, Lake Eau Claire Protection and Rehabilitation District Chairperson

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Please pay dues with this statement if you have not done so already.

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FISH CRIB INSTALLATION: Update

We installed 16 more fish cribs on June 28th. Thanks to all those who helped! We plan to install 16 more on Sept. 27th.

If you can help, please be at the north shore boat landing at 8:30 AM. We usually have the cribs constructed in a couple of hours.

The 134 cribs we have in the lake are already improving our fish habitat, our fish populations, and people are catching fish!

So that we know how many helpers are coming, contact me (see below) or Fred Poss, 715.286.9413.

Would you like a crib installed in front of your property?

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www.lakeeauclaire.org website to find the form, call me at 715-286-2848, or email me at jsselz@centurytel.net.

We must have a signed form prior to placing a crib in front of anyone's property.

Please get involved and help with this great project for our lake.

When: Saturday September 27th

Where: North Shore Boat Landing

Time: 8:30am

John Selz, Fisheries Chairman

Great News!

The Black Bear Supper Club has reopened!

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Lake District News

By: Marlo Orth

The annual meeting of the Lake Eau Claire Protection and Rehabilitation District will be held at the Augusta Lions Hall, 200 East Lincoln Street Augusta, starting at 10 AM. Sat. August 16th. I urge everyone to attend because collectively we will decide what projects we will do in the next year, review and adopt a budget for the next year and consider approval of a corresponding tax levy.

Three elected commissioners serve on the board. Mike O'Connor's one year term is up this year. We need to elect someone to a three-year term. (Note: There are no term limits.) Last year there was some confusion as to who was eligible to vote. Please know that every District resident eligible to vote in general elections shall be eligible to vote on District business at the Annual Meeting. Also every U.S. citizen, 18 years old or older who owns real property in the District shall be eligible to vote on District business at Annual Meeting. Any corporation, partnership, or association owning real property in the District may appoint an official representative who shall be an eligible Voter.

We will be mailing out a notice to everyone's address where you have your tax bill mailed to and it will include the time, date, place, agenda and a proposed budget. See you on August 16th.

I hope you have been out on the lake recently and noticed the nice new-handicapped fishing pier at Bed Post Wayside. In addition a bunch of trees and shrubs have been cleared out in the park area. New benches, picnic tables and upright cookers have been purchased and will be installed soon in this area. Steve and Bonnie Haug, long time lake residents, have paid for all of the above and are working with Eau Claire County Parks & Forest Department in getting everything installed. When you see Bonnie or Steve, be sure to thank them for their donation. Thank you Bonnie and Steve.

Longtime lake residents Chuck and Sue Cosgrove have offered to pay for a new six-foot wide 32-foot long pier at the south boat landing. They are offering to do this to honor Gene Cosgrove who died last fall at age 97. Gene's cottage was right next to the south boat landing. What a wonderful way to honor the memory of Gene who many of us knew personally. Be sure to thank Sue and Chuck when you see them for this gift, which will make it nicer and safer for everyone to enjoy our lake. Thank you Chuck and Sue.

Marlo Orth, Chairman

Lake Eau Claire Protection and Rehabilitation District

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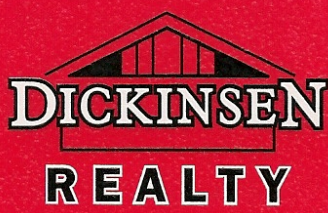


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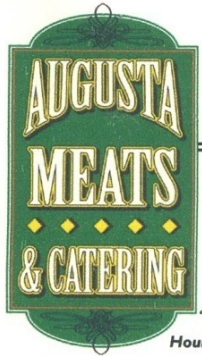
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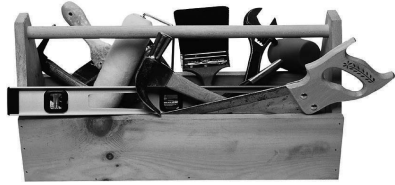
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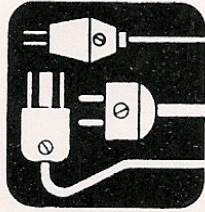
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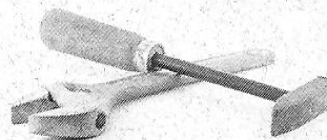


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