



April 2016

**Lake Eau Claire Association**  
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### The President's View

As I sit on my deck, I see the water finally receding around the edges of the island in front of our home. A 25 mph north wind is shrieking across the lake, and the white caps are tumbling over like long rows of cotton in a storm. Spring is a lion this year, roaring its arrival. Here is my news:

- Our association just completed dredging **Beach Creek and Bed Post Creek**. We also dug out **Hay Creek** as best we could and firmed up the shoreline. High water was a problem, so we may try doing this work in the fall instead.
- Our association is working with the lake district and DNR to find new spoils sites for dredged sediment because **the Gravel Pit** is nearly full.
- We have a new committee headed up by Kristin Charleton to use a **\$1,000 grant** from the county to create lake-healthy plantings near the aeration site. Contact me if you are interested in helping out at [fredposs@gmail.com](mailto:fredposs@gmail.com).

### Donations

Please consider including our Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc., in a tax free donation or in a portion of your will. Upcoming projects include the handicap dock.

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### Association Board Openings

We will have four positions open on our board in August. Please consider joining up. Positions are for three years.

Contact me if you are interested at **715.286.9413** or Ed Henry at [clearviewwh@hotmail.com](mailto:clearviewwh@hotmail.com).


## Muskie, Northern, Walleye & Panfish

With a new year comes new ideas and this year we're excited to announce our new fish themed sponsorship program. This sponsorship program gives businesses more options and a greater view into what you are getting for your donation to the Lake Eau Claire Association. As of April, we have 26 sponsors and you will see Muskie level sponsor ads throughout our newsletter and the Northern, Walleye and Panfish listed at the end.. You can also view a list of them on our website, <http://www.lakeeauclaire.org/lec-association/our-sponsors-for-2016>. We encourage you to patronize these businesses and thank them for their support of the Lake Eau Claire Association! **Thank You Sponsors!!**

If you're interested in becoming a sponsor, visit <http://www.lakeeauclaire.org/events/sponsorship-opportunities> for more information.

**Attention Anglers**

**Lake Eau Claire**




**Special Panfish Regulations In Effect**

Panfish species include bluegill, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, white and black crappie

**Daily Bag Limit**  
A total of 25 panfish but no more than 10 of any one species  
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**Fish Crib Forms:** Please remember that lake property owners have the opportunity to have both fish cribs and/or tree drops installed by our association/lake district at no cost. The proper form can be downloaded from our association [website](#) and sent to Fred.

**Fish Crib Dates:** We will be installing fish cribs on **Saturday, July 9 and Saturday, September 17.** Contact Fred at [fredposs@gmail.com](mailto:fredposs@gmail.com) to have cribs or tree drops installed.

### PRESIDENT'S PLEA

I need a few strong men to help with lifting and cleaning the aerators on May 2 and 3. Contact Fred at [fredposs@gmail.com](mailto:fredposs@gmail.com) or 715.286.9413.

# Belle Vinez

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## Lake District News

By: Marlo Orth

As everyone knows we had a high water event that lasted several days the first part of September. The trap at Troubled Waters Bridge did its job and took out a lot of sand. That's good and bad! Its good it took out all that sand but bad - now we have to clean it out again. The last time we cleaned it, it was during the winter when the ground was frozen. This provided several advantages:

1. Low water flow
2. Don't expect a flood event
3. Provide winter work for contractor
4. Don't tear up the dirt roads

Regarding the Gravel Pit Trap. As I write this, it is undecided whether we need to clean it, modify it or just wait and see what nature does. Now this winter we plan to clean the Troubled Waters Bridge trap for sure, what else, has not been determined.

Thanks to Kelly Jacobs, Eau Claire County Land Conservation Director, she secured a grant to do a study on the Eau Claire River Watershed. Our watershed is 565,000 acres and encompasses parts of five counties. Chris Straight from Fairchild, WI is coordinating the Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition study. They are using GIS and on the ground information to identify sources of nutrients (phosphorus) and sediment (sand and silt) that impact our lake.

Thus far three meetings have been held and another is planned for early December. Exact date is not set yet. This is a study and the best way to influence the outcome is to be involved in the process. Sign up for coalition email list: <http://eepurl.com/bk7Rn5>. Then come to meetings, make your voice heard so we get what is best, best for total watershed. Your Lake Association and Lake District leaders have been at these meetings and I can assure you have been very active in the process. But we also need you. We need your input. If you know of existing or proposed best management practices or projects that will reduce phosphorus and sediment loading to the water shed, please let Mr. Straight or myself know. Remember what happens in the watershed ends up in Lake Eau Claire.

To make improvements in the watershed involves dollars and labor. As an example, a farmer has a barn yard and the waste drains into a creek or stream. For him to fix this is very costly and he really has no incentive to do it. We have to convince him it would be healthier for his cows, a benefit for landscape and here's some money to help him. (This is only one example.)

With an Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition we would be eligible for larger and other grants that as a Lake District we would not be eligible for. That's a big reason for the Eau Claire Watershed Coalition. I encourage you to sign up and become active in the Watershed Coalition.

Sincerely,

Marlo Orth, Chairman

Lake Eau Claire Protection & Rehabilitation District



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**June 11, 2016, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Lake Eau Claire Fundraiser  
and Triathlon**



Hi! This is our chance to celebrate the accomplishments of the water quality and fish habitat improvement projects that have been put into place, to learn what's next, and how we can all help to make Lake Eau Claire a thriving, healthy, body of water for all to enjoy.

This year's event will again take place at the Hide Away and will kick off with the triathlon at 1:30 pm. Join the fun for a beautiful walk/run, and invigorating paddle, and a leisurely bike ride. This is an event for people of all ages and abilities. Triathlon and fundraiser details are on our website at [www.lakeeauclaire.org](http://www.lakeeauclaire.org). **HTC, Home Grown Tomatoes**, the popular band from last year is back and so is the food catered by **Tugger's of Augusta**.

**Fundraising Activities include:**

**Silent Auction** - Bring a gift basket to the Hide Away on or before June 11. People have a chance to bid on your basket at the fundraiser/dinner. Contact Lori Bechtel at [lbechtel@comcast.net](mailto:lbechtel@comcast.net)

**Wall of Beer and Wine**- Bring as many bottles of wine or 12 packs of beer as you want. You can purchase tickets for the drawing to win one of the walls. Let the party begin! For information, contact Al Hendricks at [diversifiedprofits@comcast.net](mailto:diversifiedprofits@comcast.net).

**Raffle:** Tickets will be available to purchase at the event or from any board member or many local businesses. Prizes include four Packer tickets to a single game, a kayak and paddle, and a guided fishing trip on Lake Eau Claire.





**Triathlon Registration:** Available on our website or at the event from 12:00 to 1:15 PM. **START TIME: 1:30 PM.** Kids under 12 are \$20, Adults are \$30 until June 6 then \$35 (includes triathlon, t-shirt, food, music, and beverages).

**Dinner Entry:** \$15 for food, music & beer; \$10 music & food; \$5 food & music for children under 12

**Silent Auction and Beverages begin at 2:00 PM, Music 3:00-7:00PM, Food 4:00-6:00PM**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!** VICKI REED – 715.286.2040 or [reedvf@uwec.edu](mailto:reedvf@uwec.edu) or JOE BECHTEL - 612.812.0451 or [jbechtel8043@gmail.com](mailto:jbechtel8043@gmail.com)



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## LAKE EAU CLAIRE TRIATHALON RAFFLE TICKETS!

We are no longer allowed to mail tickets to you. However, there are two ways to get your Raffle tickets to sell to others or to buy for yourself:

1. Go to the following businesses and buy either one ticket for \$5 or a pack of three tickets for \$10. Businesses are the Woodlands Gas Station, Hide Away Bar, Sandy Hill Campground, the Black Bear Supper Club, Trails Edge Campground and Come to the Woodlands Gas Station on Saturday, May 14, from 9 AM to 5 PM and pick up tickets to sell to others or to buy for your own use.
2. Come to the Woodlands Gas Station on Saturday, May 14, from 9 AM to 5 PM and pick up tickets to sell to others or to buy for your own use.



# Walters Buildings

## Lake Eau Claire window decals now available!



Window Decals are a simple and visible way to show your support for Lake Eau Claire. They look great on vehicles, boats or anywhere stickers can be applied! They can be ordered online, [https://memberplanet.com/s/lakeeauclaireassociation/window\\_decal](https://memberplanet.com/s/lakeeauclaireassociation/window_decal) or purchased from The Woodland for just \$5.



### Save The Date!



**FORE!!** After a very successful inaugural Lake Eau Claire Golf Outing, the LECA board of directors is happy to announce that the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lake Eau Claire Golf Outing will be held on Saturday July 30, 2016 at the Oseo Golf Course.

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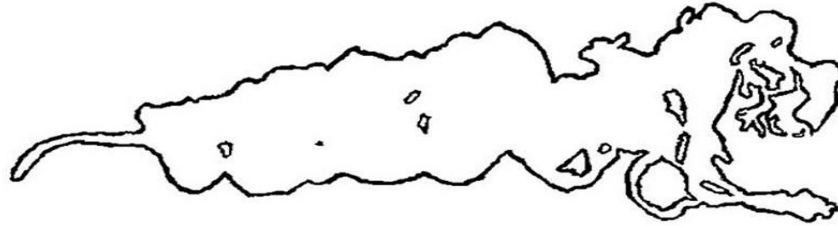
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\*A portion of each sale will go the  
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# Have you paid for your LECA membership?

## Lake Eau Claire Association Membership

**\*\* Complete the form below and mail it back with your payment \*\***

**\* Membership dues are \$20.00 per year, per address \***

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Address:

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Lake Eau Claire Fire # (if applicable):

**If you are interested in making an additional donation\* to one of the activities below, please specify which activity:**

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