



March, 2019

**Friends of Lake Eau Claire
Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc.**
P.O. Box 229
Augusta, WI 54722
www.lakeeauclaire.org

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

By Lori Bechtel

What a winter Wisconsin has had! Crazy ice and snow storms to now melting and flooding. Since the first day of Spring has arrived, I sure hope things improve and we have a beautiful Spring season!

A new year brings new improvements, new ideas, new fundraising efforts, and new homeowners on the lake. If you recently purchased a property on Lake Eau Claire, I welcome you to our beautiful lake. My husband and I have owned on Lake Eau Claire for 16 years and we absolutely love it. I believe you will too.

Exciting news to start 2019 off is that the new sand trap on Hay Creek has finalized! The crew started digging on January 23rd. In total they removed an estimated 2,400 cubic yards of material. The total costs thus far have amounted to a bit over \$36,000 to prepare the land, install the trap, and remove the materials. We are excited that the Lake Association was able to pay for the bulk of these costs because of all the support we've had over the past few years at our fundraisers!

As we move into this new year, you will see some events and sponsorship changes. For the past 12 years, the Lake Association has had an annual Triathlon and Picnic fundraiser in June. Unfortunately, we won't be holding the event this year because we don't have a chairperson to organize the event. We do plan to replace the fundraising efforts of the event with some other fun events. Please see our Save the Date portion of the newsletter and add the event dates to your calendar.

All of the money raised by the "Friends of Lake Eau Claire" (the Lake Association) are put back into the lake on projects that are determined at our board meetings. We take our members suggestions and vote on them to ensure that the most important projects are completed. Our meetings are always open to the public so don't hesitate to attend and offer suggestions and opinions.

I look forward to seeing you all out on the water in no time!



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FRIENDS OF LAKE EAU CLAIRE RAFFLE

Drawing: Saturday, May 4th, 2019

2019 PRIZE:

Browning Model AB3 6.5 Creedmor - Composite stock - with scope



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FRIENDS OF LAKE EAU CLAIRE RAFFLE

Drawing: Saturday, May 4th, 2019

2019 PRIZE:

Remington Model 783 7mm - Wood stock - with scope



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Fireworks Fund

For years, Lake Eau Claire has always been a popular place to enjoy fireworks during the 4th of July celebration. The fireworks have been good, but now we want to make them **GREAT...even better than last year!**

With your help, we're hoping to make next year's fireworks show one of the best in the area.

Please consider making a donation to the Lake Eau Claire Association Fireworks Fund & then join us for a great show. Also encourage Friends and Family who attend our annual fireworks show to consider a donation as well!
Donate today: <http://www.lakeeauclaire.org/lec-association/fireworks-donations>



HOOK 'N LOOK by Fred Poss



THE ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST on Lake Eau Claire was held on Saturday, February 2nd. Organizer Dan Marcheske produced another resounding success. Fortunately, the weather really cooperated too this year. Dan and his compatriots drilled 500 ice holes in a large circle out from the North Boat Landing. Due to plenty of advertising and word of mouth support, all 500 holes were sold out this time. Marcheske also donated a top-of-the-line ice fishing fish finder to our Friends of Lake Eau Claire Association which helped improve our financial bottom line. Further help came in the form of more than 15 folks who came out to our tent in the center of the fishing circle and sold a record number of raffle tickets for us. We offered raffles for 50/50, the Vexilar fish finder, and for the new Calendar Raffle to be held in July. Last year we were

able to raise about \$2,500. This year, because of area support and lots of volunteers, we were able to raise \$4,000! And in terms of fish hooked, looked at and then released immediately after measurement, last year about 80 fish came in. This year about 250 were caught and live released. I believe this is just one more piece of concrete evidence to show our fish crib installation and aeration system are making major improvements. A special tip of the hat should go to Dale Zank for all of his hard work to get things set up too!

Hey, next winter consider doing some **Hookin' and Lookin'' yourself!**



Local Organizations Benefit from the Friends of Lake Eau Claire Holiday Gathering



At our annual holiday gathering, we solicited donations of non-perishable goods and money to support local organizations. Due to the overwhelming support from our “Friends”, we were able to make donations to both the Augusta Food Pantry and the Augusta School District Good Neighbor Fund.

Thanks to everyone who donated, both organizations were extremely appreciative of the donations.



Friends of Lake Eau Claire

has a NEW fundraiser and we NEED YOUR HELP! 2019 Calendar Raffle

Can you help us sell calendars? We need 200 people that are willing to sell only 10 calendars! If you are able to help, please stop by The Woodland to pick up some calendars or contact Lori at (612) 991-8331 or lbechtel@comcast.net to arrange a drop off.



Friends of Lake Eau Claire Calendar Raffle 2019

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* The Lake Eau Claire Association (PO Box 229, Augusta, WI 54722) is a non-profit organization dedicated to protect and improve the water quality and fishery of Lake Eau Claire.

* Winners will be posted daily on our Facebook page.

* Need not be present to win

* Checks will be mailed to winners.

\$10.00 each

July 2019

N° Sample

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 \$100	2 \$100	3 \$100	4 \$100 x 5	5 \$100	6 \$100 x 2
7 \$100 x 2	8 \$100	9 \$100	10 \$100	11 \$100	12 \$100	13 \$100 x 2
14 \$100 x 2	15 \$100	16 \$100	17 \$100	18 \$100	19 \$100	20 \$100 x 2
21 \$100 x 2	22 \$100	23 \$100	24 \$100	25 \$100	26 \$100	27 \$100 x 2
28 \$100 x 2	29 \$100	30 \$100	31 \$100			

Drawings will be held daily at The Woodland, S5340 State Hwy 27, Augusta, WI 54722 • 10:00 am

All proceeds go to The Lake Eau Claire Association. Winners will be notified by mail.

Thank you for your support!

Sample



\$10.00 each

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Friends of Lake Eau Claire
Calendar Raffle 2019

SAMPLE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you interested in being a Sponsor?



Muskies and Northerns and Walleyes...Oh My!

Ok, it may not be as catchy (no pun intended) as Lions and Tigers and Bears...Oh My, but it did get you to continue reading the article! Each year, the Friends of Lake Eau Claire is fortunate to have sponsorship from local and regional businesses. In 2018, we had over 30 sponsors (a complete list can be found here: <http://www.lakeeauclaire.org/news>) who donated money or goods in exchange for their sponsorship. Our 2019 sponsors can choose to be a Muskie, Northern, or Walleye sponsor; with each level offering different advertising opportunities. As an example, Muskie Sponsorship includes:

- Annual Golf Outing sponsor recognition on 1 hole
- Newsletter ads equal to ¼ page (our 2019 sponsors will be featured in our next newsletter for the following 12 months)
- Recognition on our website as a Muskie sponsor with a link to your website for one full year
- Logo displayed on large sponsor banner at The Woodland Store which is located next to Lake Eau Claire
- Annually featured on our Facebook page as a Muskie sponsor
- Logo displayed on our 2020 calendar raffle
- Cross promotion opportunities between your website/social media site through the year
- Annual picnic (August) – 2 entries

Along with the benefits listed, we also work with our sponsors to help cross promote events through our Facebook page, which is great way to grow Facebook followers and generate interest in events!

Sponsorship will run from June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020. Consider becoming a 2019 sponsor today...it's quick & easy!

Simply go to <https://www.memberplanet.com/s/lakeeauclaireassociation/sponsorship> or complete the form at end of the newsletter and mail it back with your payment. Questions about becoming a sponsor, send an email to LakeEauClaireAssociation@gmail.com.

The Lake Eau Claire Association thanks you for your support and for your consideration in supporting the water quality improvement projects that affect us all.

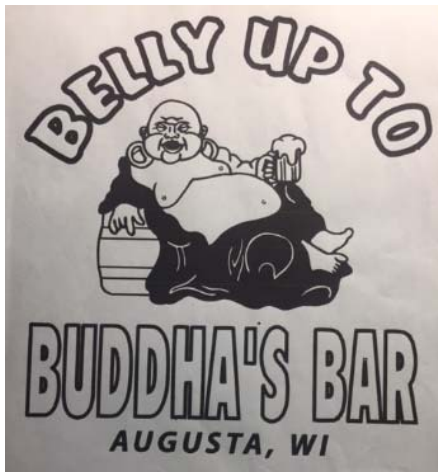
Save the Dates!

Fireworks over Lake Eau Claire – Tentative July 4, 2019

Boat Parade – Tentative 4:00 pm July 4, 2019

Golf Outing – Saturday, July 27, 2019 – **New Location!** Hickory Hills Golf Course, Eau Claire

Annual Meeting & Picnic – Saturday, August 17, 2019



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Protect our lake!

Understanding invasive species

Wisconsin Statute Section 23.22 (1) (c) officially defines invasive species as "nonindigenous species whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health."

Humans move organisms around all the time. Sometimes when we bring a non-native species into a new area the species will take over and spread rapidly and widely throughout the area. When this happens, the spread can cause major harm to the native ecosystem or humans. When non-native plants, animals, or pathogens rapidly takes over a new location and alter the ecosystem, we consider them **invasive species**.



One of the reasons that invasive species are able to succeed is that they often leave their predators and competitors behind in their native ecosystems. Without these natural checks and balances they are able to reproduce rapidly and out-compete native species. Invasive species can alter ecological relationships among native species and can affect ecosystem function, economic value of ecosystems, and human health. Humans have created conditions where plants and animals can aggressively invade and dominate natural areas and water bodies in three ways:

- introducing exotic species (from other regions or countries) who lack natural competitors and predators to keep them in check;
- disrupting the delicate balance of native ecosystems by changing environmental conditions -- e.g., stream sedimentation, ditching, building roads) or by restricting or eliminating natural processes (fire for example); in such instances, even some native plants and animals can become invasive; and
- spreading invasive species through various methods. Some examples:
 - moving watercrafts from waterbody to waterbody without removing invasive plants and animals;
 - carrying seeds of invasive plants on footwear or pet's fur;
 - mowing along roadsides;
 - importing firewood and leaving in campgrounds;
 - driving and biking with invasive seeds in tire treads.

The net result is a loss of diversity of our native plants and animals as invasive species rapidly multiply and take over. About 42 percent of the species on the federal Threatened or Endangered species lists are at risk primarily because of invasive species.

What can we do?

Take these steps to ensure that your actions are not part of the problem, but the solution!
Boaters, paddlers, and anglers

- INSPECT your boat, trailer, and equipment.
- REMOVE any attached aquatic plants or animals (before launching, after loading, and before transporting on a public highway)
- DRAIN all water from boats, motors and all equipment
- NEVER MOVE live fish away from a waterbody.
- DISPOSE of unwanted bait in the trash.
- BUY minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer. Use leftover minnows only under certain conditions*

*You may take leftover minnows away from any state water and use them again on that same water. You may use leftover minnows on other waters only if no lake or river water or other fish were added to their container.

DONATIONS

Did you know...

Donations to the Lake Eau Claire Association are Tax Deductible!!

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SAVE THE DATE! The 2019 Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention will be April 10-12, 2019 at the Stevens Point Holiday Inn Conference Center. Missed out on the 2018 Convention or looking for materials that you missed?

The WI Lakes Partnership Convention gathers citizens, agency staff, county officials and staff, and others interested in learning about lake science, policy, culture and more. For more information on the convention, for more information, visit: www.Wisconsinlakes.org or call Kristin Charlton at 920-918-3737

Membership for the Friends of Lake Eau Claire is only \$25 per year. As you can imagine, the Lake Association has many expenses during the year. Your membership fee helps pay for things like equipment repairs, website hosting and maintenance, postage and other mailing expenses, newsletter printing, and a host of other things. The dues received are put to good use and spent very wisely. In addition to all that the Lake Association provides today, Friends of Lake Eau Claire members will now have the opportunity to be enrolled in a texting service that we can utilize during emergency situations. Given the flooding that occurred in September 2016, we believe we need multiple options for notifying people of emergency situations and important announcements. This service will **ONLY** be available to members who are up-to-date on their membership dues. You can renew your membership or join today by going to the following link,

<https://www.memberplanet.com/lakeeauclaireassociation>, click the "Join our group" button and fill out the form to "Create an account". You can also join by mailing your payment to: Lake Eau Claire Association, PO Box 229, Augusta, WI 54722.





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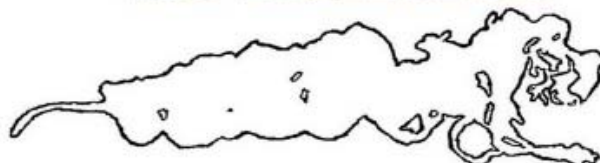
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Lake Eau Claire Ice Fisheree



Want to renew your membership early? It is only costs \$25 per year to be a Friends of Lake Eau Claire Member!

Lake Eau Claire Membership Dues Renewal/Application

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Annual Membership Dues:

One Year	\$ 25.00	Three Years	\$ 75.00
Two Years	\$ 50.00	Four Years	\$100.00

Membership Amount: \$.00

Additional Donation:

Fireworks \$

Lake Rehab \$

Other \$

Donation Amount: \$.00

Total \$.00

Are you interested in volunteering?

Fundraising _____ Grant Applications _____ Annual Picnic _____ Triathlon _____
 Other _____

Note: Donations to the LECA are tax deductible.

Payment options:

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Memberships: You can renew your membership or join today by going to the following link,

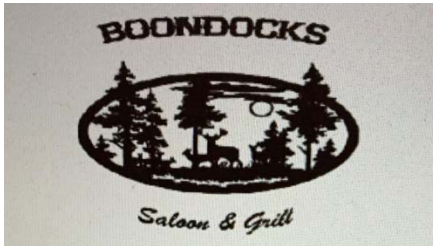
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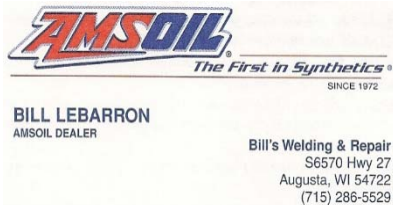


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Tasha Zeman
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Coming Soon



Acreage for sale in the Augusta area with ATV trails, buildable site, 48x56 Pole Shed with 200 amp service, 12x14 foot insulated door, cement foundation.