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*Friends of Lake Eau Claire
Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc.*

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

By Lori Bechtel

Happy Summer (or almost) to everyone! Summer is my favorite time of year and I'm excited to spend it on Lake Eau Claire! It's nice to see everyone returning to their cabins and getting ready for a beautiful Wisconsin summer.

The Friends of Lake Eau Claire board members have been busy planning and pursuing our annual fundraisers. Currently we have our sponsorship program wrapping up it's final push to secure business sponsors (please note some new Muskie sponsor logos throughout the newsletter). We need about 5 more to beat last years total. (If you know of a business that would like an inexpensive way to advertise their business to 100's of followers, send us an email).

Our annual August calendar sale is underway, and we only have about 45 days before the drawings to begin. If you would like to help us sell a few, please reach out. Calendars are available at many local businesses so stop by one of the locations and purchase a few!

Our 10th annual golf fundraiser is set for July 13th at Hickory Hills, see our ad later in the newsletter. It looks like it is going to be another great event!

Deep water fish cribs will be dropped in this coming Saturday.

We are just a few weeks away from all the 4th of July local activities. If you haven't donated to the fireworks show yet, please see link later in this newsletter for all the details.

We have started planning our annual picnic and meeting to be held August 17th. See those details later!

Wow, a lot is going on and we are excited about it all. Again, as always, we truly appreciate all of the support you give to us. We couldn't do all of this without you.

I hope to see you around the lake soon!



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ATTENTION FISH CRIB BUILDING VOLUNTEERS!

WHO? MEN OR WOMEN OR TEENS WHO HAVE SOME CARPENTRY SKILLS AND ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO HELP PUSH CRIBS OFF PONTOON.

WHAT? FISH CRIB BUILDING AND INSTALLATION: ABOUT 8 DEEP WATER CRIBS AND 8 SHALLOW WATER CRIBS

WHEN? JUNE 22 AT 8:30 AM TO ABOUT NOON

WHERE: NORTH BOAT LANDING OF LAKE EAU CLAIRE

WHY? OUR LAKE LACKS NATURAL WEEDS, ROCK, AND WOOD THAT CREATE SPAWNING AND PROTECTION AREAS FOR FISH. THE CRIBS THAT WE INSTALLED BEGINNING IN 2012 ARE NOW DETERIORATING AND NEED REPLACEMENT.

HOW? EMAIL fredposs@gmail.com to volunteer OR PHONE 715.286.9413. BRING A HAMMER, WORK BOOTS, GLOVES, AND A LIFE JACKET. SIGN A VOLUNTEER WAIVER WHEN YOU ARRIVE.

**** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE OR TWO FISH SHALLOW WATER CRIBS PLACED OUT IN FRONT OF YOUR LAKE PROPERTY, PLEASE KNOW THE CRIBS ARE PLACED SO THAT THERE IS FIVE FEET OF WATER ABOVE THEM, AND THEY ARE AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED FEET APART. THE SHALLOW WATER CRIB ITSELF IS SIMPLY A HALF-LOG ABOUT EIGHT FEET LONG, TIED TO TWO CONCRETE BLOCKS THAT ARE FILLED WITH BRANCHES TO ATTRACT AND PROTECT MINNOWS AND FISH.**

IF YOU WANT A SHALLOW WATER CRIB, YOU MUST COMPLETE A REQUIRED CONSENT FORM BEFORE INSTALLATION. ELECTRONIC FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM FRED POSS (fredposs@gmail.com) OR DAVID CLAUDE (buddyclaude@comcast.net) OR SIMPLY OPEN THE ATTACHED FORM AND RETURN IT ELECTRONICALLY NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK BEFORE INSTALLATIONS.





Lake District Update

Lake District vs Lake Association - What's the difference?

Mike Lea - District Chairman

I am often asked about the difference between the Lake District and the Associations that cooperate to improve our lake. This seems like a good time to share the unique aspects of these important organizations.

Lake Eau Claire Protection and Rehabilitation District

The District is the official governmental unit that encompasses a specified boundary on or near Lake Eau Claire. Anyone who owns shoreline is automatically included in the district since its formation in 2013. Landowners near the lake have the option to be included as well. The district has a 5-member board, 3 of which are lake residents elected to serve 3-year staggered terms (1 elected each year). Additional members include representatives from the Eau Claire County Board and Town of Bridge Creek. Positions include chair, vice-chair, treasurer, and secretary. The District Board meets quarterly. The main tasks assigned to this board include implementing the Lake Eau Claire Management Plan, which encompasses sediment removal, improving fish habitat, and addressing water quality issues such as aeration and monitoring.

Property-owners in the district are taxed at a rate which is set by landowners at the District's Annual Meeting held in August. The taxation rate can range from 0-2.5 mill, which is 0 - 2.5 dollars for every 1,000 dollars of assessed property value. State law dictates the structure and activities allowed by this organization and creates formal authority to collect and spend taxes in the district. This special tax may only be used for projects and expenses within the district boundaries. The current tax rate is 1.75 mill and has not changed for several years.

The benefit of having a District is to provide reliable revenue to execute the Lake Eau Claire Management Plan. Formal authority creates the ability of other governmental agencies to legally interact with and provide resources for projects. Many grants and budget allocations require a Lake District to create a pathway for funding. The best example of this is the yearly allocation of funds from the Eau Claire County Lake Rehabilitation Fund, which is voted on by the County Board each year during the budgeting process. The funding from this must be requested by the District and matched by their own funds. This is the main use of the 1.75 mill Lake Eau Claire Protection and Rehabilitation District tax levy.

The Friends of Lake Eau Claire (a/k/a Lake Eau Claire Association)

The Friends of Lake Eau Claire is a 501(c)3 charitable organization that is the social and fundraising arm for Lake Eau Claire enthusiasts. The Friends organization has a 12-15 person board, which includes a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. The Friends organization meets approximately 5 times each year and elects the board members to 3-year staggered terms in August at the Annual Meeting and Picnic. Anyone can be a member of the Friends organization by paying an annual fee. Participation is voluntary and is a great way to meet friends and neighbors on the lake.

This organization, which is supported by members and business sponsors, plans activities to connect enthusiasts to social, volunteer, and fundraising events. Money raised by this organization is used to match funding for Lake District and Lake Association Grants, and for larger projects that would not be possible with just Lake District Funds collected through the levy. One of their best-known ventures is the annual July 4th Fireworks show, which is wholly supported by Friends donations. Some of their fundraising events include the Annual Golf Outing, the Calendar Raffle and the basket raffles at the Annual Meeting and Picnic.

The Friends organization has a close working relationship with the District and collaborates frequently to accomplish major goals. Recent notable partnerships include:

- Skid Row Cleanout and Connectivity Project
- Lost Lake Rip Rap Project
- Special Dredging at Muskrat, Hay Creek and Skid Row
- Aerator Walkway Repair
- Eau Claire County Budget hearings advocacy

Projects unique to the Friends organization include building and placing Fish Cribs and Fish Sticks for habitat, Bed Post and Beach Creek dredging, Wildlands School student projects, and donations to local community initiatives such as the Food Pantry, Good Neighbor Fund, and the School Backpack Program.

Eau Claire River Watershed Association (ECRWA)

The ECRWA is a new 501(c)3 charitable organization formed to address issues in the entire Eau Claire River Watershed that covers 900+ square miles in 5 counties. This organization has a volunteer board that includes a chair, vice chair, treasurer, and secretary. It has representatives from Lake Eau Claire, Lake Altoona, Mead Lake, Fall Creek Pond and the Stanley area.

This new organization was formed to allow for larger projects encompassing the entire watershed. Many of the issues that affect our lake begin miles away and are outside our district boundaries. Focusing on problems at the source improves water quality for all the water bodies downstream. This large-scale approach also makes it possible to apply for much bigger grants. The ECRWA has a broader donor base, volunteers, and expertise to draw from.

Other Lake Districts in the watershed include Lake Altoona Protection and Rehabilitation District, Fall Creek Pond District, and Mead Lake District.

Work at the County Park on South Shore Drive Continues By Josh Pedersen

Work has begun on the final phase of the clubhouse project. Excavation work started last week and there should be crews working on the project continuously until completion. Completion should be the end of July. This phase of work will include sidewalk work, retaining wall, new railing, concrete grinding, sandblasting of trusses, painting of trusses, electrical work, asphalt, and masonry patching on chimney.





Severe Weather Blasts Historic Skid Row

Cathy Lea, Lake Eau Claire Association Board Member

The forecast warned of potential severe weather, and the residents of southeastern Lake Eau Claire became unfortunate victims of such in the early evening hours of Tuesday, May 21, 2024. An EF1 tornado with winds of 86-110 miles per hour moving at a speed of approximately 80 miles per hour, tore a path from the northeast side of the city of Augusta, Wisconsin, north and then east all the way to the Wilson area. The historic neighborhood of Lake Eau Claire, affectionately known as Skid Row, suffered catastrophic tree losses in yards, along the shoreline, at the boat landing, along the road, and in the Eau Claire County Forest plantation across the road from the neighborhood. Remarkably, no one was injured, and no structures were

destroyed, although many suffered roof damage from trees.

The Skid Row area of Lake Eau Claire is a mix of permanent houses and cabins and includes the recently dredged Skid Row boat landing. Nestled below a natural ridge of county forest land, it makes up the last quarter mile of County Highway SD. Many of the cabins appeared in the 1940's and most remain in their historic form. A building boom in the 1990s added a few year-round homes. This area of the lake was nicknamed Skid Row after a night of carousing at the Black Bear Supper Club. Local legend has it that the Lake Association members were meeting, and the night ended with a statement about returning home to "Skid Row", jokingly referring to their less affluent southside neighborhood of Lake Eau Claire. A short time later, a sign bearing the nickname appeared at the top of the hill and has remained since. The post storm footage was somewhat disorienting. The power was out and there were damaged power lines near or on the ground creating a dangerous situation. Random items were flung from miles away, including a truck topper, shingles, and one very disoriented turkey. Trees were leveled across roads and driveways in a crisscross pattern, like toothpicks dropped from above. Most of the trees in this area were now on the ground.

Residents quickly checked in with each other and notified friends and family of their fate. It did not take long for word to spread that help was needed. In a matter of minutes, pickup trucks, four-wheelers, tractors, chainsaws and volunteers arrived to tackle the arduous task of cutting open the driveways of permanent residents. Many of the residents were still in shock, although immediately identified ways that volunteers could help. In just over 3 hours, the permanent driveways were passable, and the power company restored power to the section of the neighborhood that had undamaged lines.

Over the course of the next two days, Eau Claire Energy Cooperative, Eau Claire County Emergency Management, Eau Claire County Highway Department, Eau Claire County Parks and Forest, Town of Bridge Creek Board supervisors and staff, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) assessed the damage and activated local resources. Several area businesses and organizations pitched in by providing in-kind services, equipment, volunteers, food and water. Eau Claire Energy Cooperative quickly replaced poles, lines and transformers. The Friends of Lake Eau Claire organized messaging and volunteers. Several area businesses even provided volunteer labor and equipment throughout the Memorial Day Weekend to assist landowners with clean up.

The Eau Claire County Forest sustained significant damage with this storm and the difficult, but necessary decision to clear cut several acres of downed Red Pines was made to salvage the wood and minimize a Bark Beetle infestation. As this article goes to print, logging trucks are actively hauling away loads of pine pulp. You can see the effort from the Forest Connector Road that runs between County Highway SD and County Highway G. This area will be prepped and replanted with Red Pine again.

The most impactful cleanup effort came from coordination of local officials and volunteers who rapidly identified equipment, provided staff, and located areas for damaged trees to be disposed of that would not create a fire hazard. Residents and neighbors provided strong backs, equipment and food to assist volunteers. This significant effort did not go unnoticed by the landowners impacted by the storm. They are grateful for the kindness and assistance. Work will continue throughout the summer and fall, and it will be many years before the neighborhood has shade again.



The Skidsteer Guy



10th Annual Golf Event!

This year's golf event is going to be a BIG DEAL! Make plans to join us at the 10th Annual - 2024 Friends of Lake Eau Claire Golf Outing on Saturday, July 13th at Hickory Hills Golf Course in Eau Claire. The tournament is an 18-hole scramble.

Highlights include:

- Shotgun start at 1pm
- Dinner after golf
- Live Music by Bonafide starting around 4:30pm
- Fireworks at dusk



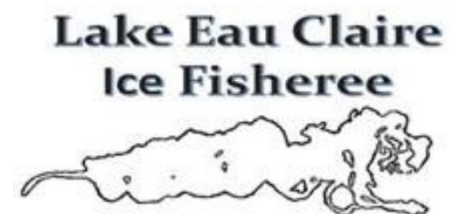
Contact Leann Balliett by call or text with your team's names at 715-286-4111. Spots are filling up fast so don't miss out, get your team registered today. This is a fun event. You don't have to golf to get involved. Come to the event and participate in the meal, raffles, music and fireworks. If you are interested in volunteering or donating a basket or prize, contact Leann.

Preparing for wildfire: what you can do in a weekend!

While we see most Wisconsin wildfire activity in the spring, fires can occur any time of the year when snow is not on the ground. We see spikes in occurrence in summer during dry spells and again in autumn when the leaves fall and the ground vegetation dries. All this dry material can become fuel for a wildfire. Removing this debris is particularly important if you live or own property in a community at risk (areas where sandy soils, oaks and pine trees are abundant). This definitely includes the Lake Eau Claire Area.



What can you do? Start with the area immediately around your home and work outwards from there. Cut back the flowering plants that have faded and compost the debris. Remove any dead trees, branches or shrubs. If you have evergreens around your home, look at how close they are to one another. Evergreens are especially flammable; consider removing any trees necessary to keep at least 10 feet between the branches of neighboring trees. Prune lower branches up and away from the ground. Also, be sure your address number is visible from the road for Fire & EMS personnel and ensure your driveway is accessible for a fire truck or ambulance. If not, consider doing some pruning of overhanging branches to improve access. For more info on ways to prepare your home for wildfire, check out more information on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website at dnr.wi.gov, keyword "Firewise"



EARTH DAY VOLUNTEERS HIT THE ROAD

We have the BEST members! The *Friends of Lake Eau Claire* in partnership with Town of Bridge Creek sponsored an Earth Day Roadside Clean Up in the month of April. In just 48 hours 16 teams of volunteers formed, and selected roads and trails in their neighborhood to pick up trash. The *Friends* distributed 53 prepaid garbage bags donated by the township that allowed collectors to dispose of litter for free at the Town of Bridge Creek Recycling Center. Nearly 14 miles of roads and trails around Lake Eau Claire were cleared in celebration of Earth Day. The results were astounding, and we can't thank you enough for tackling the job!

Many volunteers committed to picking up trash throughout the year and mentioned the challenges of keeping their neighborhood tidy. Alcoholic beverage bottles and cans were frequent items left behind on roads and trails, most of which were fully recyclable. Residents noted the summer recreational boating season, the winter ice fishing season, and the weekly trash pick-up day were challenging times to keep the areas clean. Others remarked that certain areas have a perennial problem with specific brands of bottles and cans repeatedly being tossed out, raising concerns that people have developed a bad habit of tossing garbage out of vehicles.

Eau Claire County Parks and Forest provide small garbage cans at boat landings and parking lots to dispose of loose and empty items as users come off the trails or lake. All landowners in the Lake Eau Claire area have access to FREE recycling

services and low-cost garbage services at conveniently located centers if not signed up for curbside garbage service. For larger items, contact the local *Recycling Center* to ask about options. Many bulk items are disposable for a small fee (e.g. tires, furniture, mattresses and box springs, appliances, and truck/trailer loads). For electronics, *First Choice Recycling* in Eau Claire offers free and low-cost options for numerous items.

Help us keep our Lake Eau Claire neighborhood clean. Be sure to secure loose items when setting out on the lake or trails. Take a small garbage bag along to collect trash as you go and be sure to collect garbage from your watercraft or recreational vehicle before loading back on the trailer.

A special thank you to the many volunteers who took part in this event. The roadsides and trails look amazing!

Recycling and Disposal Options

- Town of Ludington Recycling and Garbage - N956 Town Shop Rd, Fall Creek
- Town of Bridge Creek Recycling Center - S9515 State Road 27, Augusta
- First Choice - 525 Park Ridge Court, Eau Claire (www.firstchoicerecycling.com)





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The Crucial Role of Rip Rapping

Protecting shorelines from erosion is crucial; shoreline erosion can damage and destroy sensitive ecosystems, and lead to loss of valuable land over time. One of the most effective and commonly used shoreline protection techniques is rip rapping.

What is Rip Rap? Rip rap refers to layers of large, angular rock or concrete pieces placed along a shoreline slope or embankment. The large rocks help absorb and deflect the energy from waves, currents, and storm surges that would otherwise erode soil and sediment from the shoreline. Properly installed rip rap forms a flexible, permeable barrier that prevents erosion while still allowing some natural water flow.

Benefits of Rip Rapping

- Flexible and Resilient - Rip rap can shift and settle without completely failing, adapting to changes from storms, currents, etc.
- Permeable - It allows water, sediment, nutrients, and organisms to filter through, maintaining a more natural shoreline environment.
- Effective Energy Dissipation - The angular rocks are very effective at absorbing and deflecting wave and current energy.
- Long-Lasting - With proper installation and maintenance, rip rap can provide decades of effective shoreline protection.
- Protection - Protecting shorelines from erosion is critical, and rip rap remains one of the most versatile and effective methods available. By absorbing destructive wave and current energy, these layers of rock armor shorelines against the persistent threat of erosion.

Rip Rapping on Lake Eau Claire

As you enjoy a ride around Lake Eau Claire, you'll notice many properties have rip rapped their shore. Some properties have been rip rapped during the winter months when the shoreline can be accessed by ice and others have been rip rapped during warmer months because the shoreline can be accessed by land. If you decide that your shoreline needs riprapping, check with the county to see if you require a permit.

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Friends of Lake Eau Claire Board of Directors

Did you know that the Friends of Lake Eau Claire board is made up of 12-15 directors from the surrounding lake and local community? We thought it might be nice to introduce you to our board of directors over the course of the year in our newsletters. Each newsletter will feature some of our directors. Currently we have 13 directors. We appreciate all of the time and effort each director puts into different aspects of the managing of our association. A lot of the work that is done goes unseen but can be quite substantial. We thank them all for their efforts!

My name is Josh Zimmerman, and I live in River Falls with my wife Mandy and our three girls (Taylor, Addalyn and Harper). I am originally from the Lake Eau Claire area, and love returning to spend time at my family's lake home. The lake was a big part of my life growing up. My parents as well as multiple grandparents owned property on the lake and we'd spend countless days enjoying LEC, whether that be boating or fishing. With our girls getting older my wife and I have loved watching them grow up on the water. We love LEC and want to ensure this wonderful resource continues to thrive, the lake association has done an outstanding job, and I was thrilled to join the board and help with that continued success.

- June 22nd – Fish crib installation on Lake Eau Claire
- 4th of July parade – Thursday, July 4th – 4pm
- 4th of July fireworks – Thursday, July 4th at dusk over Lake Eau Claire
- Augusta fireworks – Saturday, July 6th, downtown Augusta
- Bean & Bacon Days – activities in and around Augusta July 2-7, 2024
- 10th Annual Golf Outing – Saturday, July 13th at Hickory Hills Golf Course, Eau Claire
- Calendar winners – drawn every day throughout August.
- Lake District Annual Meeting – 2:00 pm Saturday, August 17, 2024
- Friends of Lake Eau Claire Annual Meeting & Picnic – Immediately following Lake District meeting Saturday, August 17, 2024



Boat Parade Reminder!

Ahoy, all you Lake Eau Claire scallywags, buccaneers and mariners! Come join the 36th Annual Lake Eau Claire Boat Parade – hosted by the Pirates Club

When: Thursday, July 4th, 4 pm

Where: The Fresh Water High Seas of Lake Eau Claire.

It starts – where else – at Pirates Island, the one closest to the south shore boat landing. It ends there too! We've got to give away the awards and booty. And there'll be plenty of grog and refreshments to enjoy while you're getting your awards.



There are 2 divisions: Schooners (boats) and Frigates (pontoons). There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in both divisions. Make your LEC neighbors green with envy when you win a handsome first place plaque – there's one for each division – and it'll give you bragging rights for years to come.

All winners get winners Proclamation, scrawled by hand by one of your favorite LEC pirates. Properly displayed, you and your descendants can boast! Last year, we had 21 entries! Let's turn out more this year. After all, it's more fun to win than watch.

As a reminder, there are small children and other folks riding in the parade or sitting along the shorelines that may not want to be bombarded with water balloons. Please keep this in mind and keep the fun rolling!

For more information, call Chris Nelson (Capt. Howell Davis) @ 715.497.9939 or Mike O'Connor (Capt. Blackbeard) @ 715.577.2269.

2024 ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual picnic will coincide with the annual Lake District meeting.

We really hope to see you there!

WHAT: Lake Eau Claire District Meeting starting at 2:00pm followed by the Lake Association Social, Picnic & Annual Meeting

WHERE: The Pavilion at the County Park on SD (clubhouse is under renovations)

WHEN: Saturday, August 17th –

- 2:00PM Lake District Annual Meeting
- Social time – Immediately following district meeting (approx. 3pm)
- Picnic Dinner – 5:00 pm
- Lake Association Annual Meeting

COST: TBD Adults \$12-\$15 and Kids eat free

RESERVATIONS: None needed.

MENU: Summer Taco Bar being catered by Tugger's Brian's & Trisha's Café & Catering





Augusta Lions Club Presents **AUGUSTA BEAN & BACON DAYS** day, July 2 - Sunday, July 7, 2024

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024

6:00 PM AHS Girls Legion Softball Post 291 vs Colfax
Varsity Softball Field | Augusta Elementary School



WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024

**7:00 PM Augusta Royalty Pageant
Mr. Bean & Miss Beanette Contest**

Main Street Gym | 601 Main St
Admission \$3, Kids 12 & Under FREE | Concessions available



THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024

10:00 AM Horse Pull Competition

Lions Field

10:00 AM Stagecoach Rides

Lions Field

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Food Stand

Charcoal Chicken (til gone), Brats, BBQs & Hot Dogs
Lions Field

DUSK Lake Eau Claire Fireworks

Lake Eau Claire



FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024

4:00 PM Food Trucks

Hudson St North of Parking Lot

4:00 - 7:00 PM Used Book, Craft & Vendor Sale

Friends of Library | Main Str Gym | 601 Main St |

6:00 PM Burnout Competition

North Business Parking Lot | Behind Mulligans
Registration at 5:00pm with \$10 fee per class

7:00 PM Augusta Athletics vs Abbotsford Merchants

Memorial Field

8:00 PM Bean Wrestling

North Business Parking Lot | Behind Mulligans

9:00 PM - 12:00 AM Live Music: Sage

North Business Parking Lot | Behind Mulligans



SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024

9:00 AM Volleyball Tournament

Mike's Buckhorn Bar | Registration 8:30am | \$120 fee / Team

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Used Book, Craft & Vendor Sale

Friends of Library | Main Str Gym | 601 Main St

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Food Stand Open

Lions Field | Brats, BBQs, & Hot Dogs

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Outlaw Farms Petting Zoo

Lions Field | FREE Event | Donations Appreciated

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Kids Games, Inflatables, Face Painting

Lions Field | FREE Event | Donations Appreciated

10:30 AM Treasure Hunt Sawdust Pile

Augusta Lion's Field | 4 Age groups | start w/ youngest @ 10:30am

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024 (cont.)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Bean Cook-Off

\$25 Entry Fee | Lion's Field

12:00 PM Bean Bag Toss Tourney (11:30am Registration)

Lions Field | \$30/2-person team | Double Elimination | 100% Payback

12:00 PM Dart Tournament

Mulligans | Luck of the draw teams | \$30 / Person | \$1,500 for 1st

1:00 PM Duck Race

Stone Street Bridge | Proceeds benefiting The Community Cupboard

1:00 PM Augusta Legion & VFW Flag Retirement

Lions Field | Demo Derby Pit

4:00 PM Demo Derby

Lions Field | Registration 1-3pm | Gates Open at 3pm

Pit Passes: 14+ (\$20) | Admission: 13+ (\$15), 6-12 (\$5), 5 & under (FREE)

DUSK Fireworks

Lions Field

AFTER FIREWORKS Live Music: Shirts & Skins

North Business Parking Lot | Behind Mulligans



SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

9AM - 3PM Bean & Bacon Days Car, Truck, & Tractor Show
Memorial Field

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Food Stands Open

Charcoal Chicken, Brats, BBQs, & Hot Dogs
Augusta Lions Hall & Event Center | 200 E Lincoln St
Downtown | Corner of S Spring St and HWY 12

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Face Painting

Downtown on S Spring St Near Parade Route

11:00 AM until Gone Pie & Ice Cream Social

Augusta Lion's Hall | Benefitting Augusta Historical Society, Augusta
United Methodist Church, and Community Cupboard

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Vendor & Craft Fair

Downtown on S Spring St Near Parade Route

12:00-1:00 PM Meet & Greet w/ Duke & Jay Bush

Downtown on S Spring St Near Parade Route

1:30 PM Lion's Grand Parade

Downtown Augusta

AFTER PARADE Echoes of Camp Randall 5th Qtr Perform

Intersection of Lincoln and Spring Streets

AFTER PARADE Zip Line Barrel Water Fights Competition

North Business Parking Lot

AFTER PARADE Live Music:

North Business Parking Lot




**All events are subject to change
with little or no notice**

Question? Please contact:
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Have you been to an Athletics baseball game yet?

2024 **AUGUSTA ATHLETICS** SCHEDULE

APRIL 20	3:30 PM	JIM FALLS STURGEONS	CASPER PARK, CHIPPEWA FALLS
APRIL 21	9:30 AM	BEEF RIVER BULLDOGS	CASPER PARK, CHIPPEWA FALLS
APRIL 27	1:00 PM	BLUE HILLS BEASTS	VILLAGE PARK, BRUCE
APRIL 28	12:30 PM	EAU CLAIRE RIVERMEN	FAIRFAX PARK, EAU CLAIRE
MAY 5	12:30 PM	BEEF RIVER BULLDOGS	SPANGBERG FIELD, STRUM
MAY 12	12:30/2:30 PM	CADOTT RED SOX	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
MAY 15	7:00 PM	EAU CLAIRE BEARS	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
MAY 19	3:00 PM	EAU CLAIRE RIVERMEN	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
MAY 29	7:00 PM	CADOTT RED SOX	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
JUNE 2	12:30/2:30 PM	BLOOMER WOODTICKS	BLOOMER FIELD, BLOOMER
JUNE 5	7:00 PM	EAU CLAIRE CAVALIERS	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
JUNE 9	12:30/2:30 PM	CF LUMBERJACKS	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
JUNE 12	7:00 PM	EAU CLAIRE BEARS	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
JUNE 16	12:30/2:30 PM	VIROQUA SOX	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
JUNE 19	7:00 PM	BLUE HILLS BEASTS	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
JUNE 21	7:00 PM	MENOMONIE EAGLES	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
JUNE 23	12:30/2:30 PM	JIM FALLS STURGEONS	GRUEM FIELD, JIM FALLS
JUNE 26	7:00 PM	OSSEO MERCHANTS	MERCHANT PARK, OSSEO
JULY 3	7:00 PM	EAU CLAIRE CAVALIERS	CARSON PARK, EAU CLAIRE
JULY 5	7:00 PM	ABBOTSFORD MERCHANTS	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
JULY 7	12:00 PM	ALL STAR GAME	GRUEM FIELD, JIM FALLS
JULY 10	7:00 PM	EAU CLAIRE RIVERMEN	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
JULY 17	7:00 PM	EAU CLAIRE BEARS	CINDER CITY PARK, ALTOONA
JULY 19	7:00 PM	ABBOTSFORD MERCHANTS	RED ARROW FIELD, ABBOTSFORD
JULY 21	12:30/2:30 PM	TILDEN TIGERS	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
JULY 24	7:00 PM	BEEF RIVER BULLFROGS	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
JULY 28	12:30 PM	OSSEO MERCHANTS	MEMORIAL PARK, AUGUSTA
JULY 31	TBD	CRBL WILDCARD	TBD
AUGUST 3	TBD	CRBL CHAMPIONSHIP	TBD
AUGUST 9-11	TBD	WBA REGIONALS	TBD
AUGUST 16-18	TBD	WBA FINALS	TBD

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4th of July Fireworks!

Mark your calendars!

The fireworks over Lake Eau Claire will be held at dusk on Thursday, July 4th (weather permitting)

As you know, the fireworks show is 100% funded by your donations only! We are now accepting donations for the 2025 fireworks show. All money donated to the show in 2024 will be used for the 2025 show.

Please consider making a donation to the Lake Eau Claire Association Fireworks Fund and then join us for a great show. Please encourage Friends and Family who attend our annual fireworks show to consider a donation as well!

Donate today at: www.memberplanet.com/campaign/lakeeauclaireassociation/fireworks2025

CLOTHING STORE HAS LAUNCHED!

- New online store
- New logo options
- New clothing options
- Order any time

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/leca-feb-2024>



Note: The options are limited to what you see (color, style, logo), but we can add in the future if the demand is high enough. Also, you'll see we've included new logos, which offer people a choice for their clothing!

BECOME A SPONSOR

Sponsor Recruiting is happening! Do you know someone that might be interested this year?



Drop us an email at lakeecassociation@gmail.com and we will reach out to the potential sponsor.

Sponsorship will run from June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025, so please consider becoming a 2024 sponsor.

Current sponsors can be found throughout this newsletter and at:

<https://www.lakeeauclaire.org/sponsors>

Membership

By Lori Bechtel

One of the biggest challenges most lake organizations have is attracting and keeping membership numbers high. Studies show that reaching all potential members can be a large feat. We are thinking about what might work well and are considering having different people take ownership of tasks in the membership recruiting process. Some ideas that might work well:

1. Divide into neighborhoods – divide our lake and local community into segments and recruit a volunteer to lead each area’s membership separately. This would allow multiple people to be involved and lessen the load on each person.
2. Welcome committee – introduce new lake property or community owners to our organization by sending a Welcome Kit.
3. Surveys – This would be a way for members to provide feedback anonymously if they choose.
4. Recruit an overall membership coordinator.

We are always open to suggestions and looking for help. If this is an area that might interest you, please reach out to us. We could use your help & suggestions!



CHALLENGE

Are you ready for an easy Challenge?!?!

As a non-profit organization, we are membership driven and rely on those who love Lake Eau Claire to make our lake better! We know there are many who use Lake Eau Claire for various reasons and we believe they would benefit from becoming members!

So, our challenge to you... recruit at least **one** new member to join the Friends of Lake Eau Claire. In 2023 we had 127 paid members which equaled \$3,175. We could double our membership if each current member recruited one new member. It might be a family member, friend, local resident, fishing buddy, hunting partner or anyone who’s interested in helping join our efforts to continually improve Lake Eau Claire! Everyone is welcome, you don’t need to own a property on the lake to be a member!! Join today: <https://www.memberplanet.com/lakeeauclaireassociation>



Did you know 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.

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.

Lake Eau Claire Membership Dues Renewal/Application

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Annual Membership Dues: circle one

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

Additional Donation:

Fireworks \$

Lake Rehab \$

Other Donation \$

Total \$

Note: Donations to the LECA are tax deductible.

Mail completed form with check made out to Lake Eau Claire Association to the following address:

Lake Eau Claire Association

Attn: Jill Weisenbeck

PO Box 229

Augusta, Wisconsin 54722 – 0229

Thank You Northern Level (\$200) Sponsors!



Thank You Walleye Level (\$100) Sponsors!

