



January, 2019

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

P.O. Box 229

Augusta, WI 54722

[www.lakeeauclaire.org](http://www.lakeeauclaire.org)

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

By Lori Bechtel

Happy New Year! I hope you had a happy holiday season. December seemed to slip by quickly and now we are in the middle of winter even though it isn't very white outside. I'm sure snow will be in the forecast soon and the landscape will change yet again.

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our Holiday Party on January 12<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turnout and many new faces which is just fantastic. It is exciting to find new people that want to get involved and help our lake prosper.

I wanted to recap a few great things that happened in 2018. First, I think our greatest accomplishment last year was our continued partnership with the Lake Eau Claire District. As you know, we are two very separate entities but we work very well together, especially since we have the same goals in mind. We had some very successful fundraisers last year including our annual golf event in July, our annual triathlon and picnic in June, our sponsor program, the gun raffles, and our fundraising efforts at the annual Ice Fisheree contest. The money raised at these fundraisers in the past year and prior years allowed us to make a donation to the Lake Eau Claire District of \$25k to fund a new sand trap on Hay Creek and \$40k to fund a new sand trap on Muskrat Creek. None of this would have been possible without all the volunteers, workers, organizers, attendees, basket donators, and of course, those individuals spending money. Thank you to everyone involved!

I am anxious to look ahead now and see what 2019 will bring. I am positive that we will once again accomplish great things! I look forward to seeing you all on or around the lake this year.



# What is a Rain Garden?

By definition, a rain garden is a shallow depression that is planted with deep-rooted native plants and grasses. The garden should be positioned near a runoff source like a downspout, driveway or sump pump to capture rainwater runoff and stop the water from reaching the sewer system.

But rain gardens are much more than their physical and biological structure.

By installing a rain garden on your property or even using the principles of a rain garden in your landscaping, you can greatly increase your contribution to preserving clean rainwater, creating habitat and preventing local flooding and water pollution.



## Preserving clean rainwater

On the next rainy day look out the window or even better, get an umbrella and go outside and look at the movement of the rainwater that falls on your property. Look at the flow of the water, where it pools and where it flows off your property to the sewer or local rivers.

By collecting that clean rainwater in your rain garden's shallow depression, you will make a contribution to preserving and conserving rainwater. Instead of sending clean rainwater to the sewer the water can then be soaked into the ground and possibly even help to recharge local groundwater systems.



Diverting large quantities of stormwater after our ever-larger rainfalls to a safe location and not into your basement can help to reduce potential home flooding. If your area encounters a dry or drought situation your garden will support itself. The deep roots of the plants will reach down toward the water in the soil that is not near the surface.

## Creating habitat

One of the three requirements for a properly installed rain garden is the use of deep-rooted plants that are native to your area. Native plants are adapted to the local soil, climate and wildlife. They often are sturdy, colorful to attract insects to their nectar and birds to their seeds. But planting native plants in any form you will help to improve the survival of bees, butterflies and local and migrating birds.

By working to increase these beneficial insects and birds you can also naturally eliminate insect pests such as mosquitoes. When it comes to mosquito control rain garden are a natural and proven way to remove standing water and reduce mosquito breeding areas. By moving water downward into the ground through the deep roots of native plants, the plant's uptake of water and their transpiration or evaporation of the water.

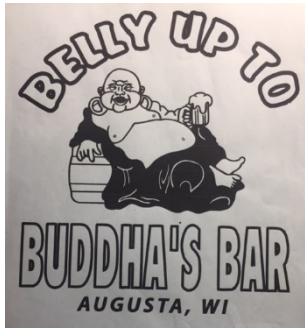
## Prevent local flooding and pollution

Rain gardens are a form of "bioretention" system. You can see large version of these systems in the parking lots of nature centers and state parks. These human-made systems temporarily store rainwater and runoff and clean the water of hydrocarbons, oil, heavy metals, phosphorous, fertilizers and other pollutants that would normally find their way to the sewer and perhaps our rivers and waterways.

Localized rain gardens do much the same thing. Relatively clean rainwater might flow across your roof, driveway or chemically treated lawn and pick up pollutants. Instead of moving these pollutants to the street the rain garden will intercept and naturally clean and infiltrate the water. In some area this reduces large quantities of water and contaminants from reaching the treatment plant and in others locals it prevents stormwater from running directly into rivers and streams.

**Other benefits include:**

- Reduce or eliminate the need to water with municipal water
- Reduce garden maintenance
- Increase garden enjoyment
- Sustainability and urban enhancement
- Enhance sidewalk appeal



## *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](mailto: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.

## 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



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Update from Marlo Orth

Great news to share with everyone. On Monday, January 21, 2019 Haas Sons Inc. started on the NEW Hay Creek sediment trap. They were the low bid at \$7.11 a cubic yard. Eau Claire County constructed a road from County NL to Hay Creek sediment trap and another road from County NL to deposit site. The only thing we paid for on the two roads was for a mat and crushed rock to stabilize the road bed on a hill accessing Hay Creek trap. The Hay Creek trap is about 450 feet long. The bank of the creek needed to be cleared and prepared so the excavator can operate. The bid for this is \$3,000. In addition, we had engineering expense of \$11,206.

Many thanks to the Lake Association for paying for most of the expenses associated with construction of this new trap on Hay Creek, so be sure to support the Lake Association when they hold fund raisers, raffles, etc. as they continue to do projects to protect and improve our lake. (Please know the Lake District did not have the revenue to do this project.)

Currently Troubled Waters Bridge Trap (TWBT) is being cleaned by Krueger. This is the fifth time as we have had to do it every year. This is the first year Gravel Pit Trap (GPT) is not full enough to require cleaning. What this demonstrates is that our system of a series of traps is working. Depending on the number and severity of high-water flood events, it determines how often we need to clean the traps.

The Eau Claire River Watershed group is working to educate farmers of the advantage of using no-till and cover crops to reduce water, nutrients and sediment run off, thereby increasing their bottom line, and lesson Eau Claire River flood events. Eau Claire County is getting a \$248,000 grant and Clark County is getting a \$171,000 grant for this project.

Many thanks to Eau Claire County, DNR and the many volunteers working together. You are making a difference.

Marlo Orth, Chairman  
Lake Eau Claire Protection & Rehabilitation District



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# DONATIONS

*Did you know...*

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

**Consider making a donation today! 100% of all donations go directly to the improvements of the lake.**

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The logo for The Woodland, featuring a stylized landscape with a tree, a deer, and a bird, with the text "THE WOODLAND" in a banner below.

**Belle Vinez**  
THE ZIMMERMAN FAMILY WINERY

The logo for Belle Vinez, featuring a bunch of purple grapes hanging from a vine with green leaves.

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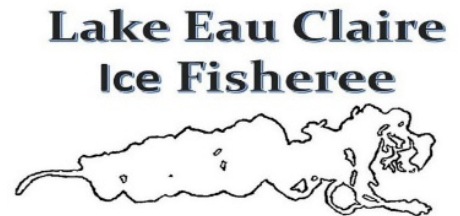
# Save the Dates!

Lake Eau Claire Ice Fisheree – Saturday, February 2, 2019  
Clearwater Triathlon & Picnic – Saturday, June 8, 2019  
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!  
Annual Meeting & Picnic – Saturday, August 17, 2019

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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/lakeeauclaireaassociation>, 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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## Friends of Lake Eau Claire Holiday Party Recap

A large number of Lake Eau Claire enthusiasts and friends gathered at the Augusta Lion's Hall on Saturday, January 12 to celebrate another successful year for the Friends of Lake Eau Claire organization. We enjoyed an evening of great company among old and new friends. The Lion's Hall was beautifully decorated for the holidays and provided a cozy setting to gather.

Board members and a few generous members supplied festive baskets to raffle. By night's end, the revelers made a strong showing on both the raffle and the charity donations. Two charities were selected to receive donations from the *Friends* Board for the holiday event. The Augusta Food Pantry came away with \$200 and 3 large tubs of nonperishable food items, supplies, and pet food. The \$200 donation will translate to approximately \$1600 worth of food from the Feed My People Food Bank. The Augusta School District Good Neighbor Fund came away with a \$500 donation, with a last-minute generous donation from one of our members! This money will help support approximately 30 students' breakfast and full lunch in 2019 if their fund balance falls below the minimum amount.

President Lori Bechtel and Vice-President Duane Ives gave brief updates on the progress towards new sand traps on the northeast end of the Lake and gave updates about fundraisers planned for 2019. New members, guests and neighbors had a chance to introduce themselves.

A special thanks to those who donated prize baskets for the drawing and who purchased raffle tickets! The Board would also like to thank Tugger's Restaurant & Catering for providing a delicious meal and dessert menu and the Lion's Club for providing such a beautiful setting. A special thanks also goes out to Carroll and Roger Carlson for their donation of wine, which was given away as part of the door prizes.

If you missed your chance to attend this year's event, watch the newsletter and emails from the Friends of Lake Eau Claire for next year's event in January 2020.

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## Lake Eau Claire Association Gun Raffle

Coming Soon! Two more Gun Raffles:

Browning Model AB3 6.5 Creedmoor - Composite stock - with scope  
Remington Model 783 7mm - Wood stock - with scope

**Drawing to be held Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tickets on sale soon at The Woodland**



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## Save the date!

The Lake Eau Claire Ice Fisheree is a family fun event where entrants participate in a 3 hour catch and release fishing tournament. Fish registration will be among game fish (must be legal length) and panfish, both based on length.

The 5th annual Lake Eau Claire Ice Fisheree will be held February 2nd, 2019 from 9 am to noon at the North boat ramp on County Road ND Circle.

Only 500 lines will be sold! Pre-registration will begin in December exclusively at The Woodland! Register early, as we expect to sell out!

Each year the Ice Fisheree has made donations to the Lake Eau Claire Association to help support, protect, and improve the water quality and fishery on the lake. This benefits all that that enjoy the recreational use of Lake Eau Claire!

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### Drillin' Down! By Fred "Splash" Poss

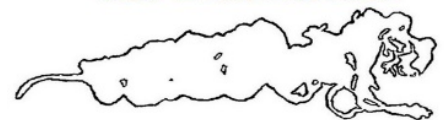
Saturday morning, February 2, is a date for your calendar! It will be time for the next Lake Eau Claire Ice Fishing Contest. And speaking of ice fishing...just a couple of reminders to keep you safe when "Drillin' Down" season begins for you. Thickness is important. Three inches is generally considered the minimum depth for walking around on a frozen pond. Twelve to fifteen inches is thought of the minimum depth of ice for driving vehicles. But here is the thing: Ponds and lakes do not freeze evenly. Just because you can walk on the ice by the boat landing doesn't mean the lake is safe all the way around.

You may ask: How do I know? The answer is I had a friend who ignored this advice. He broke through in the middle of a big farm pond, and I went in to save him. The problem for me was he was twice my size. The long and short of it was that I was able to push him up on enough ice to keep him above water. A farmer came and rescued him.

But I didn't make it. The Rice Lake Fire Department arrived later to pull me out and apply a jump start. I still remember waking up in the ER and spending several hours watching ice come out every time I breathed. That is what happens when your body temp drops far below what it needs to stay alive.

So, if you ever hear my wife use her favorite name for me, you will understand why she still calls me "Splash!" Please make sure I am the only one who retains that nickname the next time you head out to do some "Drillin' Down."

## Lake Eau Claire Ice Fisheree



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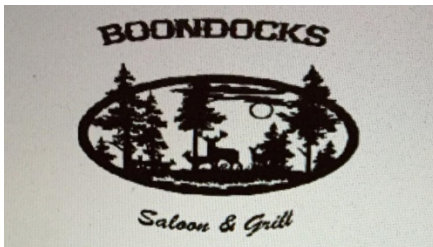
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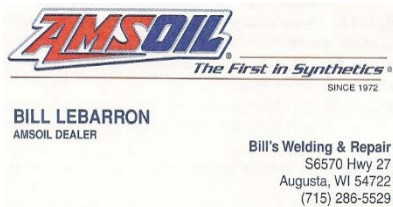
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