

# IT'S ALL

# ABOUT THE

# LAKE

15th Edition

August 2023

*It has been yet another fun and busy summer and, like always, I'm sad to see it winding down. The many lake events kept us rocking and rolling right along and Shane and I have met so many new families! It must be the ice cream that is sending them to Gator's, sometime multiple times a day! (You know who you are!) When we're not working in the shop, you could find us boating, floating or taking our nightly golf cart cruise. It's all about balance and we Gator's try to stick to our family moto, "Work Hard, Play Hard" and that's exactly what we did! It was great to see so many other families doing the same!*

*The volunteers and dedicated lot owners of this lake are what make it such a great place to be! I have witnesses countless good deeds and selfless actions that remind me of what a wonderful place this is and how lucky we all are to be a part of such a great community. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I encourage you all to get involved in our lake community by attending monthly board meetings, popping in for coffee time, volunteering to help with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities or maybe pulling some weeds with the Betterment Committee!*

*Gator's will be running shorter hours during the winter months (see back page) so that we have a bit more time to spend with the kids but we will still be here, winterizing boats and fixing whatever needs fixing! The Ice Cream and Slushie machines will shut down after Labor Day weekend. I wonder what new and exciting things we will come up with over the winter!??*

*Wishing everyone a healthy and safe fall & winter!*

Jeni, Shane  
Danielle & Sylas



From the shoreline of Steve and Pat Link  
Photo credit: Tonya Gosselink



Turn in filled punch cards at Gator's to be entered into a prize drawing at the end of Summer! To be entered into the drawing, cards must be turned in no later than the end of Labor Day Weekend.

Shane and Jeni from Gator's are available to check on summer-only properties throughout the winter months. Property owners can schedule weekly, bi-weekly or monthly checks. We also get calls to check on things like thermostats, septic alarms and check for flooded basements after a big rain. We can even let repair people in or water your plants! If you find yourself in need of assistance this winter, please stop in or call Gator Enterprise, LLC. 641-522-7313 or stop in to discuss options.



# FREEDOM ROCK FINDERS!



## Holiday Lake Rocks

Another great summer is coming to an end at Holiday Lake! Thank you to ALL the sponsors that donated money to the 'Freedom Rock' fund! One last round of Freedom Rocks will be hidden over the Labor Day weekend. Don't forget to hibernate those rocks at either Gator Enterprise or the NEW ROCK HOUSE at the lake! The Rock House will be a place to either drop-off rocks before going home or stop by and take rocks to hide if you are out on your golf cart and would like to help hide. It will be located on Sharon Drive; I will post more on the #HLR Holiday Lake Rocks Facebook page when it is complete! Thank you to all who continue to paint, hide, and find rocks, see you in the spring!



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A couple of meetings were held to learn about the historical practice, then discuss and establish the current procedure for the Volunteer group. A member from both the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Department and True Security were present at the initial meetings, offering their individual insights and suggestions. A MOCK-RUN “trial-run” was held August 4 and went very well.

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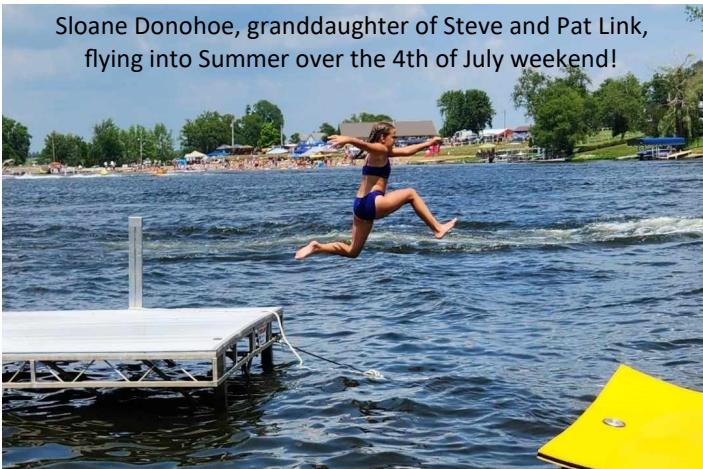
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# Fish Committee Update

By Committee Member Barry Knowles



Jamie Hasting won \$250 at the Poker Run. She kept \$100 and donated \$150 to the Kid's Fishing Tournament!

Thank you, Jamie!

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Poker Run! There were a total of 414 entries. We spent \$9,100.00 to put on the event and profited \$6,500.00. Yet another successful fundraiser to stock fish in our lake this fall. Stay tuned for stocking numbers this spring!

**Be a Master Angler!** The Iowa DNR has a Mast Angler Award Program. The Iowa Master Angler Award recognizes memorable-sized catches for more than 40 species of fish. Anglers who apply and qualify receive an official frameable certificate and decal. On top of the Master Angler Award, they also have Species Specialist, Silver Master Angler and Gold Master Angler awards for multiple master anglers or multiple masters of the same species. Fish must meet the minimum species length and verified by a witness. The fish can be released and still qualify for an award. Its easy and FREE! Here are some of the minimum lengths for the species in our lake for the program:



Large Mouth Bass.....	20"
Bullhead.....	15"
Blue Cat .....	40"
Channel Cat .....	30"
Crappie.....	14"
Muskie.....	45"
Perch.....	12"
Blue Gill.....	10"
Walleye.....	26"
Wiper .....	24"

There are plenty of Master Angler Fish in our lake to go around. Now get an award on the wall to show the memory forever. The same program also gives awards for your first ever catch! Check out iowadnr.gov to claim you awards now!



Take a kid fishing,

-Barry

The Brown's  
Hope to see you all  
next year!

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Rural Improvement Zone

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Board of Directors

Second Thursday  
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For additional information or inquiries on specific events, please contact the Holiday Lake Owner's Association Office.  
641-522-7686      Office Hours: Tues—Fri 8AM-3PM, Sat 8-Noon



**Friday Sept. 1**  
**5PM-Sold Out**



**Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 2 & 3**  
**Garage Sales!**

**Saturday, September 2 Fun Walk**

Powell Park

7:30-8AM Free Registration

8AM Start

3/4 mile or 4.5 miles

Sponsored by the Betterment Committee.



**HOLIDAY LAKE END OF THE SUMMER  
VENDOR/CRAFT SHOW**

**Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023**

**9am-3pm at the Community Center**

**Also: Pie Sales for Kent Chapel  
Get there early!!!!**

**Saturday  
Sept. 2  
5pm-Sold Out**



**Sunday, September 3**

**Annual Pancake Breakfast**

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**SAVE THE DATE: August 17, 2024**



A new Gaga Ball Pit was constructed just in time for the busy 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend at Powell Park! The pit, donated by Devin DeGeeter & family, was constructed with the help from Tim Morrison, Gary Edwards, and Rick Kriegel and sand for the pit was donated by Brian & Laura Manatt.



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## Holiday Lake Welcome to the Lake!

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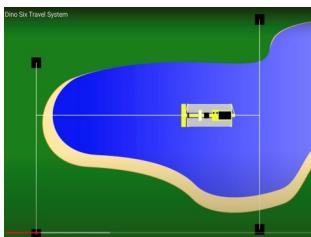
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# Holiday Lake RIZ Committee

By Committee Member Brad Storm



RIZ is looking forward to observing the DINO Six mini dredge removing sediment in the south 600 ft of Hap's Cove after Labor Day. Please note that when the dredging starts, there will be limited access for boats on lifts due to the dredge cable dissecting the cove. The project is targeted to be completed in November.



This dredge is a small trailerable dredge with a horizontal auger that is winched along cables set up in a "H" pattern. The cables will be secured with a metal stake/plate securement system or a nylon strap around a tree.



We have asked that lot owners remove their docks and boat lifts as this provides the best access to all of the sediment. However, when docks and boat lifts are left in the lake, the dredge will be pulled along the outside.



RIZ will make available our Piranha mini dredge to lot owners as a DIY project to remove sediment around docks and boat lifts not removed. RIZ is also looking to hire a contractor to operate the Piranha mini dredge. Please email [holidayriz@gmail.com](mailto:holidayriz@gmail.com) for questions or if you would like to use the Piranha mini dredge.

Committee Members: Tom Hinders, Tom Dvorsky, Todd Eiler, Rick Happe and Brad Storm.



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# Scuba News

Scuba Club has had an active summer & are happy to report lots of little Perch & Bluegill. Scuba Rick (Hudson) spent some time inspecting the swim area to ensure that the platforms are secured and the area is free of hidden obstacles. The project for the next couple of weeks is to clear the way for the Hap's Cove dredge project. The first few dives for this project have found several items to move / remove. Thank you to everyone 'avoiding the Duck' when out and about. We've heard that a prop to the face could ruin your whole day.



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Golf Cart  
2nd Place:  
Jennifer Duke



Betterment Committee. This Spring the Betterment Committee volunteers planted perennial grasses along the sidewalk at the beach and added solar lights to the existing poles. The Volunteers also watered, weeded, and trimmed plants as needed in the many flower beds on Lake Common Grounds.



In July, patriotic flags and banners were placed around the lake adding a beautiful element, as family and friends gathered and celebrated our nation's anniversary.



Happy Anniversary. This September the committee will be celebrating it's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary! Through the volunteer efforts of many women [and a few men] , many areas around the lake that had fallen by the wayside and were unkept, now have an element of beauty and are cared for. There have even been a few new additions added to the landscape. Aside from sprucing up the lake, new friendships have been formed. New members/friends are always welcomed.



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