

IT'S ALL

ABOUT THE

LAKE

2nd Edition

June 2019

I'm excited to bring you the second edition of It's All About the Lake. I received a fantastic response from the first edition and couldn't be more pleased with the positivity and appreciation from our lot owners. I'm always looking for things to include, so please don't hesitate to bring something to my attention or even submit short articles and pictures. I'll try to cram as much as I can into each issue. There will be one more edition coming out at the end of the summer and then I will more than likely start up again next spring—if there is still a need.

SUMMER is finally here and our Lake has gone from a quiet little ghost town to a weekender's Paradise and I love every minute of it. There is so much to do, so many people to catch up with and new friends to be made. Whether you like to boat, float, do hot laps around the lake or just do nothing at all but enjoy some time away from the Real World, we all have one thing in common: WE LOVE OUR LAKE! So let's make it a safe and fun summer for everyone.



Make it a Great Day!

Jeni DeGeeter

Kid's Cove Annual Golf Cart Wash

Saturday, July 13
1—2:30PM

In front of the
Community Center



Benefit for Mike Brown

Mike Brown is a long time Holiday Lake lot owner who was involved a severe tractor accident at the lake while mowing there August 18th 2018.

He is still hospitalized at the Veterans Administration hospital in Minneapolis on the Poly Trauma unit. After 6 months of hospitalization the medical bills are mounting. He will also require specialized services when he does return back to Our Lake.

Please come and enjoy lunch with the family and hopefully Mike himself!

Saturday, June 29 from
11AM—2PM
at the Community Center

Free will donation lunch,
and raffle. All Holiday Lot
owners & their guests are
welcome!



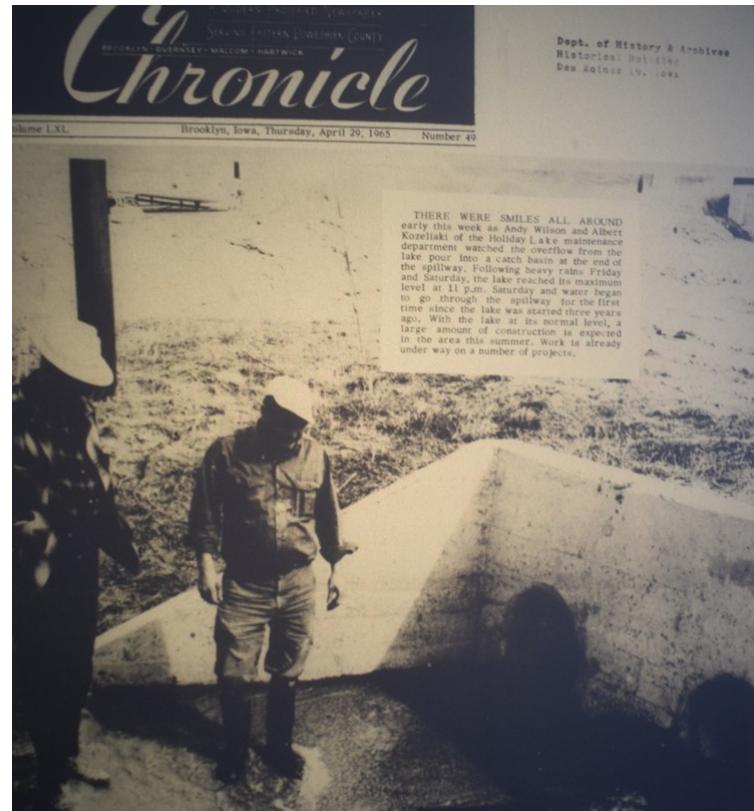
Holiday Lake Makes History

By Lot Owner, Blake Wilkinson

Given all of the rain over this past Memorial Day weekend and the volume of water flowing over the spillway system, it is hard to imagine the anticipation of the first time it happened. The following story appeared on page one of the Brooklyn Chronicle on April 25, 1965:

"THERE WERE SMILES ALL AROUND early this week as Andy Wilson and Albert Kozeliski of the Holiday Lake maintenance department watched the outflow from the lake pour into the catch basin at the end of the spillway. Following heavy rains Friday and Saturday, the lake reached its maximum level at 11 p.m. Saturday and water began to go through the spillway for the first time since the lake started three years ago. With the lake at its normal level, a large amount of construction is expected in the area this summer. Work is already underway on a number of projects."

Thank you for being part of the Holiday Lake Family! Be sure to share your memories with Holiday Lake – History Facebook group!



Lake Fact: The beach area was billed as "Brooklyn's Coney Island" by the Brooklyn Chronicle newspaper.



Vacation Bible School

hosted by Kent Union Chapel Church

July 15-19, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

at the Holiday Lake Community Center

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or Zelda Kramer, 641-522-5523 or 319-290-2090

or pickup form at the Holiday Lake office.

Come join us for

Kids Cove!

Kids Cove is held once per month from February through November depending on the weather and attendance. These events allow kids of Holiday Lake, ages 7-14, to get together and play games, do crafts and make new friends! We post updates and scheduled events on the "Our Lake" Facebook page or you can also reach our website directly at

<https://chrisdinaso.wixsite.com/kidscove>

or through the Holiday Lake page at

www.holidaylakebrooklynia.com

(click "kids cove" on the left hand corner).

Saturdays at 6-7:30PM at the Community Center
9/21, 10/12, 11/16

Independence Day Celebration!



Friday, July 5 Activities

DARK Kid's Movie at Powell Park

Saturday, July 6 Activities

9-9:30AM Yoga in Powell Park

10AM Paddle Boat Races 10AM at the South Dock

10AM Volley Ball – 10AM at Powell Park

11AM—Dark Walking Tacos/Hot Dogs/Brats at the Community Center

7PM Sky Divers landing in ball field at North Entrance

8PM Boat Parade starting at South Dock

DARK Fireworks off the dam with rain date Sunday, July 7

Sunday, July 7 Activities

9-10:30AM Carnival Games at the Community Center

9-10AM ATV/Golf Cart Cruise Registration. Judging at 10AM

11AM ATV/Golf Cart Cruise

Upcoming Events—Holiday Lake Owners' Association, Inc.

All Dates and Times are Subject to Change. For additional information or inquiries on specific events, please contact the Holiday Lake Owner's Association Office.

Saturday, July 13

Meet the Candidates for Board of Directors
10AM—11AM at the Community Center

Kid's Cove Annual Golf Cart Wash

1—2:30PM in front of the Community Center

Saturday, July 27

Poker Run, starting at the Community Center
Registration 1pm, Cruise at 2PM

Sunday, July 28

Breakfast, Fish Committee Fundraiser
8AM—Noon at the Community Center

Saturday, August 10

Annual Meeting
9AM—Noon at the Community Center

Saturday, August 25

Holapalooza, See flier for details

Saturday, August 31

Vendor Fair at the Community Center

Sunday, September 1

Annual Pancake Breakfast
7:30AM—12:30PM at the Community Center

The Lost Child First Response

Program is a group of volunteer lake property owners whom are on a paging group at the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Office. In the event that a call comes into dispatch of a lost child, this group will receive a page on their cellular phone of the last known location of the child and description of the child. Each volunteer will quickly assess the information and will respond to the Holiday Lake entry way that they are nearest to. If they are in close proximity to the child's last location they respond to that location. Ideally, each entrance to Holiday Lake would end up with a group of volunteers documenting all vehicles leaving the lake, in the event that the incident is something other than a lost child. If the worst case scenario is discovered to have taken place, the volunteers will be able to turn over to police a complete list of potential witnesses or possibly suspect vehicles that may have left the lake during the time frame of the child's disappearance. Holiday Lake residents can respond much quicker than law enforcement, and can monitor the comings and goings from the lake while law enforcement is assessing the situation. These volunteers know that they are not police officers but have an important role in supplementing law enforcement and assuring the safety of children at the Lake.

The Water First Responder

Program is a group of boat-owning volunteers whom are on a page out list for the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Office. In the event of a serious water incident at Holiday Lake, they will receive on their cell phones a page notifying them of the water emergency. If volunteers are home, they are to proceed with caution to the area of the emergency with their boat to see if they can render assistance. This was set up recognizing that no agency can respond faster than a Holiday lake resident who has a boat. While most times there are multiple boats on the water, sometimes, especially in the spring and fall there are only one or two. The first responder quickly going there could be the difference between life and death. Another role of the first responder would be to meet law enforcement and rescue personnel at the boat ramp they respond to in the event that they need a ride out to the scene. The fire and rescue will still be called in these incidents. This response team is no replacement for our trained rescue crews. However the volunteers offer a very valuable service to the lake as they are the fastest available response units until Fire and rescue can get here from Brooklyn.

To find out more about these programs or to get involved, please contact Holiday Lake Security member Bruce Rhoads directly at 641-990-5790 or stop in at the Holiday Lake Office. Do NOT contact the Sheriff's Office. Since this is kid-based, etc., Bruce reserves the ability to reject any volunteer without explanation. In Bruce's words, "We do not want cop or hero wannabes who are there for the wrong reasons."

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Holiday Lake Rocks held its first annual Rock the Lake Event on Saturday May 25 at Powell Park. Kids and young and old enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of painting rocks, socializing, and enjoying delicious Ice Cream! A BIG THANK YOU to Heather Jones for helping arrange the event, Tom & Teresa Dvorsky for donating and serving ice cream (and Bobby Schmitz for serving too!), and Gary Edwards for donating the ROCKS! It was a great turnout and I really appreciate everyone who participates in our rock community! -Andrea Rahe

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Community Center at Holiday Lake

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Lake Life



Last weekend I took a pretty random jump into the lake late at night losing my wedding ring... I was totally heartbroken and devastated. I Went back twice myself looking for it with no luck. We found a nice fellow (Blake Wilkinson) that was willing to come look with his scuba gear and metal detector. Just as he was getting in there looking around and my husband was just hanging out on the boat ramp looking himself and by the grace of god he was like "I found it!" It was just laying there on the ramp just under where we wouldn't have been able to see it. I am so blessed.

-Tabitha Davis



Mike Stoos (Engine), Shane DeGeeter (Coal & Tank Cars) & Paul Brown (Caboose)

Some of you may have noticed that areas of our lake are looking shiny and new this spring. Volunteers have been painting up the existing playground equipment at both the park and playground. The play structure in Powell Park has been completed by Rick Kriegel, Tom Dvorsky and numerous volunteers. The original train, built by J.C. Miller, Francis McAtee and Bob Vileta has been repaired and moved to the campground and a new train was built by volunteers suffering from Cabin Fever over the winter. A few weeks ago, a couple a volunteers were caught in the act of painting at Powell Park and this is the "Short version of the story", as told by Gary Edwards:

My Son in Law, Jon, had been down to the park about a month ago and he came back simply said "we need to do a project" that's what started it. He suggested that we repaint the swing sets as a family project. With time running short we picked June 1st. Unfortunately Sheri and Melissa had a wedding in Michigan so Jon, My brother Steve and I took on the task. Oh yea and Jon's daughter Emma helped scrape. Anyway mission accomplished. It was unexpected but appreciated, all of the positive comments and likes.



Also, the turtle at the park is rumored to have a new super-power. Deb Mills gave the big guy (or gal) and new paint job that includes a glow-in-the dark top-coat!



Holiday Lake Makes History

By Lot Owner, Blake Wilkinson

One of the most popular features of life at Holiday Lake is the fishing. The Fish Committee has long been a cornerstone of the efforts to make this a great place to live and relax.

Shortly after the lake began to fill, the lake developers stocked the lake several times. The following is an excerpt from an article in the Brooklyn Chronicle published in November, 1962:

"Stocking of the lake areas started last May when about 2,500 bullheads of catchable size and about 500 large-mouth bass were dumped in the completed fishing lake, at the same time about 6,000 were put in the large lake.

About a month ago, stocking of the big lake got under way in earnest. At that time 10,000 bluegills and a lake number of crappies were added to the stock, and a few days later 8,000 channel cat were dumped in the lake.

Last weekend about 10,000 bullheads, most of them good eating size, were added to the lake supply. Plans call for stocking the lake with a good supply of walleyes next spring.

To add the proper atmosphere to the lake area, about 1,500 large bullfrogs were released around the lake last summer.

Fish for Holiday Lake are provided by North Star Fish Hatchery at Montour. Hatchery owner, Otto Hiner-gardner, said he expected the fish he has stocked here to come thought the winter in good shape without any special care. He said care has been exercised in maintaining the proper balance of the various kinds of fish, and sportsmen should be assured of excellent fishing next year."

Thank you to the Fish Committee for keeping us well stocked, and thank you for being part of the Holiday Lake Family! Be sure to share your memories with Holiday Lake – History Facebook group!



Stocking Report from the Fish Committee

In the Fall of 2018, the following fish were stocked in the Main Lake:
1,978 Walleye • 750 Perch • 750 Crappie • 10 Gallons of Minnows

In the Spring of 2019, the following were stocked in the Main Lake:
750 Crappie • 750 Catfish • 1,500 Red Ears

As of this report on May 30, the committee was still waiting on Bass and Grass Carp from the fish Hatchery.

Fish stocking for the Fall in 2019 is still TBD (to be determined), depending on stock from the supplier. But there are plans for Walleye, Perch and Small Mouth Bass. Fish Committee member Pat Beatty informed me that there will be some fish put into Bozo Pond but the fish population in this pond is doing quite well. No fish will be stocked Andy's due to the anticipated dredging of the pond in the near future.

Other projects by the Fish Committee include the Artificial Structure Program in the main lake, which is about halfway done, and an Aerator for Bozo Pond, which will be installed yet this summer.



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Shane DeGeeter, Owner

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