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LAKE

4th Edition

March 2020

Hot summer days and long summer nights are just around the corner, I can feel it. The “weekenders” are starting to trickle in, opening up their lake homes and making honey-do list for all of the little (or big) property improvements they want to get done this year. My one piece of advice, TAKE TIME TO ENJOY YOUR VACATION HOME. Too many times I see folks get wrapped up in construction and they forget to HAVE FUN! Go boating, floating, kayaking or jump on your cart or UTV and go for a drive. Meet your neighbors and your neighbor’s neighbors. We’ve got a lot of great people out here and you never know who is going to be in party cove or when a random pop-up party will start in the middle of a road (usually around dusk).

There is something going on almost every weekend. There are a few bands that plan on playing in garages, patios and parks this summer. Just follow the music! Have grandkids? Great! The kid’s fishing tournament always has a great turn-out with plenty of prizes. Kid’s Cove events are a great way for the young ones to meet new friends. And I would be remiss if I did not mention Kent Chapel. Your religious preference doesn’t matter. Come as you are and open your heart to God Sunday mornings at 9am.

Our little slice of heaven has a lot of great things to offer. Please do your best to support local businesses while you are here. We’re here for the same reasons you are, because we Love it here! For official Lake Rules and Regulations, please contact your Unit Representative or call the office. For everything else, ask your neighbor or stop over at Gator Enterprise, LLC and we’ll do our best to direct you towards any service you may need. We’re here to help!



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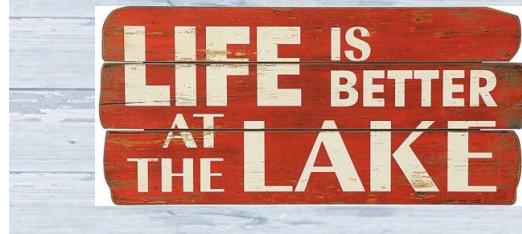
Be on the lookout for
More Smiles!



Rumor has it that the Smile Face fairy (or bandit) may be making more appearances this summer.

Growing up as a lake “weekender,” I missed hometown ball games, birthday parties and probably a ton of other stuff. But these things could not even begin to compete for my attention when my other option was to go to “the cabin”.

Every Friday, I begged my parents or grandparents to take me to the lake. I absolutely loved it here and still do. Waking up to the smells of fresh mown grass and 2-cycle gas from push mowers and fishing boats. Sparkling lake water that was cold during the hot summer days, turned to warm, smooth glass at night. House rules that seemed to disappear as the adults eased into their weekend calm. I bet I could list a hundred things that make Lake Life great! You’ll find just few scattered throughout all 3 issues this year!



What kind of fish do you see?

Lots and lots! I see many different kinds. The fish committee makes sure that there are lots of fish in this lake. I see bass, bluegill, catfish, walleye and many others.

Bluegill



Walleye



White Crappie



Largemouth Bass



Flathead Catfish



Yellow Perch



Crayfish



Snapping Turtle



Painted Turtle



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

or through the Holiday Lake website:
holidaylakeia.hoaspaces.com

Held at the Community Center on the following Saturdays from 6:30-7:30PM

March 21 • April 18 • May 2 • Oct. 3 • Nov. 7



Kid's Annual Fishing Tournament T-Shirt Design Contest!

Submit design ideas to the office or email to:

holidaykidsfishing@gmail.com

Please include the Artist Name and Age!

Deadline is May 1st



Third Annual Kid's Fishing Tournament

In Memory of Herb Richards

Saturday June 13th, 2019 7:30 am to Noon

Meet at the Community Center at 7:30 am

Boats will be supplied.
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Trophies will be awarded for:
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Registration is required by May 1st so that we can get a head count for food, goody bags and boats.

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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. 641-522-7686

Thursday, April 2

3:30-5:30PM Kid's Club, Community Center

Thursday, April 9

6:30PM Holiday Lake Board Meeting, Community Center

Saturday, April 11

1PM Easter Egg Hunt at Powell Park

Sponsored by Connie Sjerven and Holiday Realty



Saturday, April 18

6:30—7:30PM Kid's Cove, Community Center

Saturday, May 2 from 9 am-noon

SPRING HOME TOUR

See flier in this newsletter for details

Saturday, May 2

6:30—7:30PM Kid's Cove, Community Center

Wednesday, May 6

6:30PM RIZ Meeting at the Lake Office

Thursday, May 14

6:30PM Holiday Lake Board Meeting, Community Center



Saturday, May 23

8am—12pm...or until everything is gone...Bake Sale at the Community Center

If you would like to donate baked goods, please drop them off at the

Community Center on Friday, May, 23 between 3-7PM.
Contact: Katie Tomlinson 641-484-0127



Saturday, May 23 1-3PM, Powell Park

Holiday Lake Rocks Kickoff . See flier in this newsletter for details.

Wednesday, June 3

6:30PM RIZ Meeting at the Lake Office

Saturday, June 6

Lakewide Clean Up Days

Dumpster will be located at the North Entrance. Stop in at the office for information/cost of disposal of metal goods/appliances, tv's and electronics.



6PM Annual Holiday Lake Potluck at the Community Center. Please bring table service and a side dish to share. A grill will be available for use. Contact Kim Pendarvis at 641-522-6082 for more information.

Thursday, June 11

6:30PM Holiday Lake Board Meeting, Community Center



Saturday, June 13

Kid's fishing tournament.

See flier in this newsletter for details.



Friday & Saturday, June 19 & 20

Lakewide Garage Sales

Contact: Mary Little 641-522-4438

Saturday, June 27

Lakewide Clean Up Days

CASH FOR CORES!

Drop off your old Battery Cores at Gator Enterprise, llc during Holiday Lake Clean-Up Days and we will pay you CASH for your Cores!



The 2020 Holiday Lake Ice Fishing Derby

On Saturday, February 15th the 2020 Holiday Lake Ice Fishing Derby was held. This was the 6th year (year 3 was cancelled due to poor ice conditions) that The Holiday Lake Fish Committee has hosted this tournament. Committee members, along with several volunteers, put on this event to raise money for future re-stocking of fish and for artificial fish habitats in our lake. Donations were made by area businesses and individuals for raffle and door prizes helped to gain a \$10,600.00 profit! Profits go back into the lake with restocking fish and adding structures to enhance the quality of fishing.

There were 346 registrants. Awards were given out for the Biggest Fish for each of these species. The Biggest Fish, were determined by length:

Blue Gill 9.75" Cole Berger
Crappie 13.75" Caleb Kafer
Walleye 19.5" Josh Smith

Bass 16.25" Hunter Pidana
Perch 14" Reed Marion
Catfish 25.75" Jared Vandewall

Biggest Fish, Age 12 & Under was a Walleye at 19" caught by Max Paulin

All fish that were considered for awards were measured by fish committee members and many were dropped back through an ice hole to be caught again...hopefully this summer!



Photo submitted by Jeremy Mead:
His son Sam and Sam's girlfriend, Callie.



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#HLR Holiday Lake Rocks

Holiday Lake Rocks (#HLR) was created by Marissa & Lillian Rahe in the Summer of 2018 inspired by their love of art and nature. If you find a rock, please post a picture to the Holiday Lakes Rock Facebook page (link below), and then re-hide for the fun to continue. Want to create rocks? Decorate a rock, add #HLR, and hide! All ages are invited to participate in the fun. If you have any questions please reach out to Andrea Rahe at andrearrahe@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/194285784618604/>



The Holiday Lake Rocks Kickoff Powell Park Saturday, May 23 from 1—3PM



Bring your rocks, supplies, and come on down to the Park to enjoy the company of other rock enthusiast as we kick off the season! We will have a few spare supplies and clear sealant to keep those rocks shiny through the summer. Take your rocks with you to hide, or leave them behind and we will hide them for you!

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Holiday Lake Makes History

By Lot Owner, Blake Wilkinson

Yes, the rumors are true! There have been several attempts to run a profitable café here at Holiday Lake. The initial commercial rights were acquired by Chuck and Donna Doggett. They owned the Arrowhead Trading Post which was a combination lunch counter / grocery including a DX gas station. In July of 1963, his plan included the construction of supper club to be built on the dam, including dock rentals, a boat and outboard engine sales & repair shop.

Over the course of the 60's and 70's the operation changed hands several times.... 1965...1968...1974...

There were often times struggles to attract enough customers to ensure long term viability. 'Open to the public' was sometimes interpreted more wildly than intended.

Ultimately, the grand experiment met an untimely end when the location was destroyed by fire in 1975.



As a result of last week's advertisement of the Arrowhead Trading Post and Arrowhead Lounge located at Holiday Lake, several people have misinterpreted the phrasing. Although the Trading Post and the Lounge are open to the public, Holiday Lake now is, and always has been a private recreational area to be used only by lot owners and their guests.



BROOKLYN. All that remained of Pietro's Holiday lake restaurant was a pile of rubble following a fire early Saturday morning, Apr. 12. The building had already fallen into the basement when Brooklyn firemen arrived. The restaurant had been vacated last fall. The state fire marshall was called to the scene and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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Fun underwater find in 2019....



... an original coffee mug from the café that used to exist by the dam. Authenticated by vintage Holiday Lakers who used to work or dine there.

This was found during a dive about fifty feet from the north boat ramp in 20 feet deep water. It's amazing that it has survived fully intact with no chips or cracks!



The History Team is always looking for new material. Check your nooks and crannies for vintage pictures, slide and/or movies. We can digitally convert most media formats. Thank you to Ann Taylor for providing the following treasure trove!! Many high quality images of the lake were posted to the Holiday Lake-History Facebook page from this collection.

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