

# IT'S ALL

# ABOUT THE

# LAKE

10th Edition

April 2022



We get asked weekly in the summer months, "Why don't you put up a restaurant"? The answer is always the same, "Oh heck no!" Shane and I have no desire to get into the food industry. Or the Bar industry. Or any industry at all that involves us working all day AND night. We gotta sleep sometime! HAHA! I get it, Lake People are Hungry people. To help alleviate this, we have booked Fire on Wheels Pizza to come and offer their delicious Wood Fired Pizzas on Saturday, May 28. Also, Center Ground Coffee is going to set up shop for a couple Saturday mornings! I have contacted a couple other food trucks and hope to be able to offer some fine street cuisine in the coming months. But in the meantime, WE HAVE SNACKS! The ICE CREAM Cooler and candy section are fully stocked, along with meat sticks from Dayton's Meat locker and then there are the cold beverages!

There will hopefully be some construction going on and we plan to be able to offer both indoor boat storage and outdoor storage come fall. As a Thank-You and to keep things fair, existing Winterization customers will get first pick of the indoor storage. Your loyalty and continuing patronage is truly appreciated.

I hope you enjoy the Spring Edition of It's All About the Lake and, as always, if you have ideas, suggestions of maybe even a picture that you would like included in a future edition, please email me at [jenidegeeter@netins.net](mailto:jenidegeeter@netins.net).

Spring has Sprung and it's time for some fun! We can't wait to see everyone.

Jeni & Shane



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Saturday, May 28



## Holiday Lake Rocks



Holiday Lake Rocks needs YOUR help! The Kid's Fishing Tournament is right around the corner, and we need rocks to hand out to all participants! To make this possible, we need around 175 'fishing theme' rocks. Rocks for painting are available at Gator Enterprise, LLC and once complete can be dropped off there as well. Hibernated rocks are available at Gator's and the Rock Bucket will be there for rock hunters to drop off/pick up extra/left over rocks to hide.

Saturday, April 16, there will be a rock painting station set up before/after the Easter Egg hunt at Powell Park! (pending good weather!)



On Memorial Day weekend there will be 'new' rocks available for you to pick up and paint at home (while supplies last). For more information on future events please follow the group on Facebook at #HLR Holiday Lake Rocks



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, April 16** Powell Park   
1PM Easter Egg hunt.  
Sponsored by Holiday Realty-Connie Sjerven

**Thursday, April 21** Community Center  
6:30PM Betterment Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, May 4** Community Center  
6PM RIZ Meeting

**Thursday, May 19** Community Center  
6:30PM Betterment Committee Meeting

**Saturday, May 21**  
9AM-1PM Lake-wide 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.

## 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!

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**Saturday, May 28** Community Center

Annual Bake Sale 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 27 between 3-7pm.  
Contact: Katie Tomlinson 641-484-0127





## Spring Home Tour

**Saturday, May 21 starting at 9 AM**

Start the morning with mimosas, coffee and Danish Aebleskiver at 5280 Buena Vista Dr.

There will be 6 or 7 homes to tour. It will be staggered so only 7 or 8 people are in one home at a time.

Holiday Lake residents and their guests only.

Fundraiser for Holiday Lake Betterment Committee (\$15 donation, must register in advance!)

Call 641-990-4149 to register (required), for more info or if you want to be involved.



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**Wednesday, June 1 Community Center 6PM RIZ Meeting**

**Friday & Saturday, June 3-4**

Lakewide Garage Sales

Contact: Kelly Stoos 641-260-3000



### **Bobi's Fry Bread Tacos**

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June 3 & 4

Friday 9am-8pm

Saturday 9am-5pm

**Thursday, June 16 Community Center**

6:30PM Betterment Committee Meeting

**Saturday, June 18**

9AM-1PM Lake-wide Clean-Up days

Same info as May 21 date.



**Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 3-5 PM**

**Performing Live on the Patio at 5034 N Lakeshore**

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### **3rd Annual Hog Roast**

Saturday, June 4 Noon until the food runs out!

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**Saturday, June 4 Community Center**  
6PM Annual Potluck. Grill will be available to use.  
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### **Compost Pile**

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### **5th Annual Kid's Fishing Tournament**

*Managed by Holiday Realty and Samantha DeBrower*

**Saturday June 11, 2022**

**7:30am to Noon**

**Check in at the Community Center at 7:30 am**

#### **Registration Deadline is June 1**

To ensure that each kiddo gets a T-shirt,  
Please use a separate form for each child.

**Register online at**

[www.holidaylakekidsfishingtournament.com](http://www.holidaylakekidsfishingtournament.com)

### **Kids Fishing Tournament Tshirt design contest**

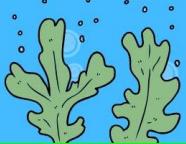
Have an idea for this years tshirt???

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**Submit your entry before April 30th**

**Entries can be turned into:**

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## RIZ Projects planned for 2022

Submitted by Riz Member, Brad Storm

**Dredging:** Removing sediment from the north shoreline (Unit 5 lots 1 - 41). This area has not been dredged since the construction of the lake and averages 17 inches of sediment. Dredging is planned to start after Labor Day. We would ask that lot owners voluntarily remove their docks and boat lifts in order to remove a maximum amount of silt. More information will be available later this year.

**Water Quality:** Allocated \$19,000 (50% of the total cost) for our aquatic vegetation / chemical treatment program with Aquatic AEC . In addition, test the water at the swimming beach for E.coli and microcystins on a monthly basis using the DNR's beach testing protocol.

**Erosion Control:** RIZ has reached out to French-Renenker-Associates, Engineers & Surveyors to inspect our concrete spillway and to make a recommendation as to repairing cracks or any other repair that may be needed for continued operation for the next 50 years.



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# Looking Ahead....

Saturday, July 2 Fireworks!

Sunday, July 3 Kid's Carnival and Cruise

Wednesday, July 6 Community Center  
6PM RIZ Meeting

Thursday, July 21 Community Center  
6:30PM Betterment Committee Meeting

Saturday, July 30  
Annual Poker Run!



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A Big Thanks to all who Donated to  
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We were small this year but plan to  
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The 3rd Annual Holiday Lake Kite Festival was held February 3, 2022. The event has grown each year. Winds were a bit of a challenge this year however a good time was had by all. The most success was had by Team Goldfish (aka the Storm family). Poor 'Steve' the 25 foot Purple Squid had a distinct pull to the left & spent the day in the no-fly sag wagon. The red 3-D bi-plane had a wild ride and dazzled with some wild acrobatics. Looking forward to a breezy spring on the dam for more aerial shenanigans!



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## An Update from the Holiday Lake - Betterment Committee

A small group of individuals gathered on September 9, 2021. Discussion was centered around the hope of interested like-minded residents of our lake, form a group to help "better" our common spaces, while building friendships. A formal request was made to the Lake Board Members asking to be recognized as a Commissioned Committee of the Lake, and thus granted.

Strangers came together. Much work was accomplished for the common good, while new friendships made.

All residents are welcome to attend the meetings and work activities. We call them "work sessions".

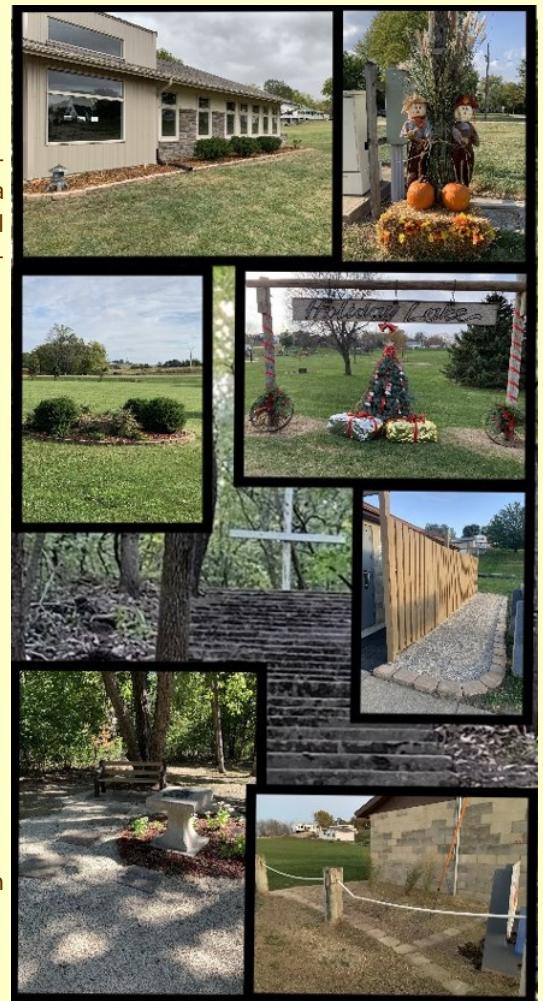
Regular attendance is NOT a requirement. Come when your schedule allows!!

Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, at 6:30 pm, at the Community Center, lasting 1 hour.

Please join our FB Group: [Holiday Lake Betterment Committee](#).

**In just 2 short months [Sept - Nov] much ground work had already been accomplished.**

- \*Reclaiming of BOZO Park and Monument
- \*Pressure sprayed the Holiday Lake sign [North Entrance]
- \*Established a Butterfly garden in the circle flower beds at Powell Park
- \*Landscaping initiated in front of the Community Center
- \*Historic Stairway reclaimed leading to the "original park"
- \*The Beach House and Fence were high-pressure sprayed; Landscaping begun around the structure
- \* Christmas decorations were placed at both North and South entrances
- \*Young trees [1-2 y.o.] were pruned and watered routinely



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15 individuals gathered for the 1st BUNCO NIGHT on March 1. We hope to have many more in future months join when able! What a great way to have some fun and meet neighbors and new friends.



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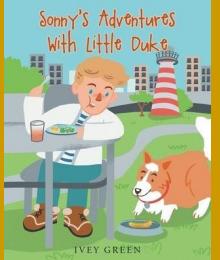
**Bring snack to share (optional)**

*All are Welcome!  
Regular attendance not required.  
Meet new friends.  
Have FUN.*

Full-time lake resident Ann Spinler goes by the pen name Ivey Green. She has written a couple children's books that are published by Newman Springs Publishing. Her most recent book, Sonny's Adventures with Little Duke, is available online at Amazon and other retailers.

Please check the little libraries around the lake, a copy of this book just might show up in one!

Coming in May from Page Publishing, an addition to Sonny's Adventures: "Sonny Meets Clyde the Pony".



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**Bags, Cornhole, Bean Bag Toss, Tailgate Bags, whatever you call it, it's FUN!!!** Thanks to a group of Lakers about 8 years ago, who were sitting around bored, came up with the idea of using our Community Center to play bags every other Friday evening through the winter months.

The results of these open-minded individuals have been a great way to get together and Friday Nights to start off the weekend. The camaraderie amongst players and the opportunity to meet so many lake friends has been such a big bonus.

As things changed around the world with covid, so did the set-up of our "Bag Leagues", going from a Team format to a drop-in "Blind draw" format. The majority of participants enjoy this much more as it brought the fun back without the competitive aspect. As we go forward, this format seems to be what we'll stick with but I would really like more participation. Going from 36 team players to an average of 16 players has been a little disappointing, but always fun with a great group. Please join us in the future. In bag ling, "send em"!

Submitted by Gary Edwards



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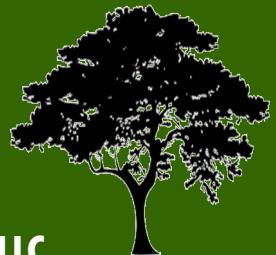


### **From the Poweshiek County Sheriff's office:**

As we start getting back into warmer weather, we will begin our weekly routine of testing the OWS system on Thursday's at 9 AM during good weather days. We will begin the weekly tests on March 10. As a reminder, if there are any active watches, warnings (other than tornado), or other inclement weather at the time of the test, the test will not occur. This is to avoid any confusion or panic from the public thinking they need to take immediate action.



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By Barry Knowles

- ◆ Most fish have tastebuds all over their body.
- ◆ The oldest fish hook ever found dates back to about 42,000 years ago.
- ◆ Most fish can see in color. Fish have the best possible eyesight for their habitat and can most certainly see you peering at them in a fish tank. Some fish can see polarized and ultra violet light.
- ◆ Fish use a variety of low-pitched sounds to convey messages to each other. They moan, grunt, croak, boom, hiss, whistle, creak shriek and wail. They rattle their bones and gnash their teeth. However, fish do not have vocal cords. They use other parts of their bodies to make noises, such as vibrating muscles against their swim bladder.

## Fish Stocking done on September 28, 2021

500 hybrid bluegills were released into both Andy's and Bozo Lakes. Hybrid bluegills grow faster than standard bluegills and are very aggressive to catch and will give the kids lots of fun in the future.

2,500 walleye and 2,500 largemouth bass were released into the main lake.

This spring, the Fish Committee plans to stock 1,500 Crappie.



Tate Matson caught the First muskie at Holiday Lake on October 9, 2021

Tate's family recently sold their lake property but what a great memory!

## Looking for people to Host Stops at the 19th Annual Fish Committee Poker Run Fundraiser Saturday July 30, 2022

Interested parties, please contact a  
**Fish Committee Member**

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# 2022 Ice Fishing Tournament

by Barry Knowles

First and foremost, the fish committee would like to thank everyone for a safe and successful Ice Season! As in recent years, the ice came a little late, but once it was here, it stayed hard and safe all year. Thanks, Mother Nature! This year's ice fishing tournament was beyond a success. Around 500 fishermen participated which gave us a net profit of \$13,000. While many fishermen didn't catch any fish at all, others were lucky enough to hook up and weigh in. This year's tournament was extra special for one young boy who hooked up to a fish of a lifetime, a state record. A 10", 1.01lb. pumpkinseed. I witnessed the whole thing, the joy in his eyes told the fishermen's dream. Goes to show, you just never know what's on the other end of a tight line. The fish is currently at ISU being studied.

Afterwards, the cleanup was a breeze thanks to everyone who picked up after themselves. We drove the ice for an hour and all we could muster up was a handful of cigarette butts, which were properly disposed of. I'm impressed! Again, thanks to all of our community members who participated, and invited family, friends and co-workers. We truly couldn't do it without your support. \$13,000 will stock the fish in our lake that will provide food and fun for many years to come.

To some, fishing has become lost. To some, fishing is brand new. Whether you're dusting off old poles or buying a brand new one, spring can offer some of the best fishing of the year. Take advantage of this time. The fish are shallow, hungry and ready to spawn. It's the perfect time to spark an old flame, or dive deeper into your passion. You never know, there could be a state record on the other end of your line!

*Tight lines, everyone, and take a kid fishing!*

Dayce Gute with State Record Pumpkin Seed



Bluegill and pumpkinseed are different species of fish although they are from the same family. Bluegill is the *L. macrochirus* species and pumpkinseed is the *L. gibbosus* species. Bluegill grow longer and weigh almost double the pounds. Pumpkinseed's body has more color than bluegills.



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BETTER  
AT THE  
LAKE

Walleye Winner, Seth York

## Tournament Results

Perch	12 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	TJ Reese
Walleye	23"	Seth York
Crappie	14"	Corbyn Tietje
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Catfish	27"	Conner Crozier
Bluegill	10"	Dace Gute (State Record)

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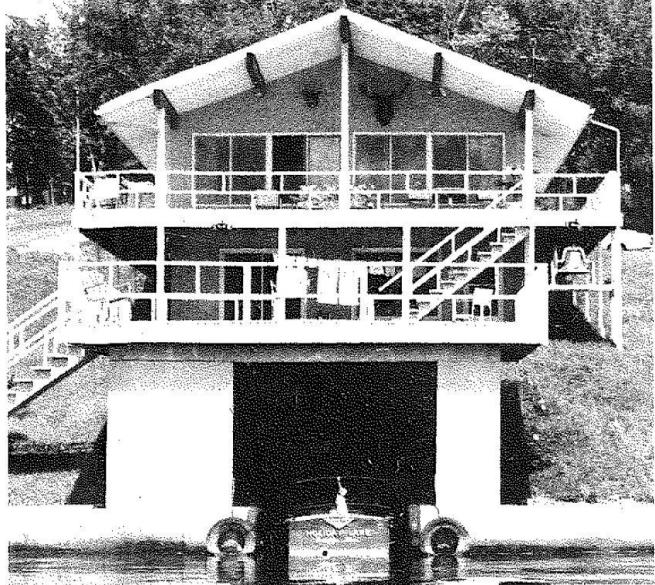
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# happy **60** birthday Holiday Lake!

Special birthday greetings to A.N. Wilson, D.A. Wilson, Belle Plane, L. H. Wilson, Trenton, Mo, and Jack A. Clark of Des Moines, for getting the lake construction off the ground in the early 1960's. Further best wishes to Dan Mason from Brooklyn, IA, a state senator, who proposed the building of a lake here in 1932. A lot as changed here (no pun intended) over the years, and the Holiday Lake spirit is alive and well!



**RUSH COMPLETION OF DAM**—Planned water level in Holiday Lake near Brooklyn will be approximately at the top of the dam as shown in this composite picture. Water will reach the tree beyond the road on the far side of the lake, upper right. The tree on the point at right will be close to the water's edge. The sloping area at the far end of the dam, upper left, has been graded and will be sanded to provide a bathing beach. Walnut creek runs in an easterly direction beyond the road at the extreme upper left. This picture was made from two photographs taken from the top of the hill at the west end of the dam.

Landscape History of Holiday Lake  
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Most of the Holiday Lake area north of Brooklyn may be seen in this recent aerial view, taken looking southeast. A maze of surfaced roads makes all the area accessible, and the many cottages springing up may be seen as dots in the picture.

The lake was a beehive of activity over the weekend as swimmers, boaters, picnickers and other pleasure seekers flocked to the site. Rains are needed to raise the water level in the lake, but lot owners are making good use of facilities which are available.

**Below:** two views of the lake under construction:  
(Top) Unidentified clipping, ca. 1962. (Bottom)  
Newspaper image of lake from July 8, 1962, issue of the Cedar Rapids Gazette. The dam is to the left and the lake, in the process of filling, is to the right.



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