

# IT'S ALL

# ABOUT THE

# LAKE

5th Edition

June 2020

We definitely saw an earlier population increase with families seeking a "change of scenery". On warm spring days, everyone tried their best to Social Distance themselves with walks around the lake. All parks and common areas were shut down, leading to many more golf cart and UTV rides.

Events were postponed or canceled, like the annual Easter Egg Hunt. But Connie at Holiday Realty improvised and delivered 54 bags of Easter eggs and bunny ears to our lake kids! Neighbors helped neighbors. Homemade dog treats were traded for TP. (I can't make this stuff up!) And those with sewing talents made piles and piles of masks! A special thanks from our seamstresses for the many donations of fabric and the ever elusive elastic!



Looking forward, there are some exciting events happening here. The 4th of July Celebration looks to be a bit calmer with the lake board's decision to make the lake available to Lot Owner's and Guests only. Like many, I have mixed feeling on this. But with these uncertain times and ever changing mandates from our governor, the board was put in a very tough spot. Look for fliers for the Poker Run, Kid's Fishing Tournament, Rockin' on the Water and Halapalooza. All of these events are subject to date changes or even cancellation due to dreaded Covid outbreaks.

As we all continue to navigate through this interesting summer, I encourage you all to try your best to have a positive attitude and be kind to one another. We all love our little lake community and it's up to us to continue to make it the paradise it was always meant to be. If you are new to the lake or want to meet some fun people, join a committee or volunteer for something. Many hands make light work!



As always, Shane and I are available at Gator Enterprise, LLC to keep you going! Please use caution on our little path (Golf carts, ATV's and UTV's only, please) and take turns through the gate. We love having this safer access and are grateful to our kind neighbors for putting up with us!

Enjoy your summer and look for our next issue to come out right before Labor Day Weekend!



Shane & Jeni  
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## Kid's Annual Fishing Tournament T-Shirt Design Contest!

Submit design ideas to the  
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Please include the  
Artist Name and Age!

**NEW**Deadline is July 1st

**NEW  
DATE!**

# Third Annual Kid's Fishing Tournament

*In Memory of Herb Richards*

**Saturday August 1st, 2019 7:30 am to Noon**

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# Independence Day Celebration

## Saturday, July 4 Activities

- 9-9:30AM Yoga in Powell Park  
Maria Zeutenhorst 641-485-0632
- 10AM Paddle Boat Races at the South Dock  
Amelia Clark 641-485-7863
- 10AM Volley Ball at Powell Park
- 11AM The Classic Deli will be serving food at the Community Center
- 11AM Frank's Food Cart by the Beach
- 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 5



The Wild One's will be playing July 4 from 7 to midnight at 5169 Buena Vista Drive. Stopping for fireworks display.  
Free-will donation for the band. Hosted by Cody's Tree Service

## Sunday, July 5 Activities

Contact: Katie Tomlinson 641-485-0127

- 9-10:30AM Carnival Games at the Community Center
- 9-10AM ATV/Golf Cart Cruise Registration. Judging ends at 10:30AM
- 11AM ATV/Golf Cart Cruise leaves from the Beach area



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#### Thursday, July 2

Dueling Pianos at the Michael J Manatt Community Center.

#### Saturday, July 18

Tom Petty tribute concert performed by Good To Be King.

Continue to check Brooklyn Opera House and Michael J Manatt Community Centers websites and Facebook pages for up to date information on upcoming events and ticket information.

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

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First and foremost Sheri and I would like to say Thank you to everyone that helped with the raising of our "Gazebo".

Beyond that it's been so rewarding to know, from all of the positive remarks, that we have contributed an icon for everyone at the lake to be proud of.

As residents and visitors travel the great roads of Holiday Lake we welcome anyone to stop and visit and check out "The Gazebo".

Again THANK YOU all for oh so many waves, thumps up, and positive comments!

Gary and Sheri Edwards





On Sunday Morning, April 19, Brenda Johnson looked outside and saw what appeared to be a dead opossum. Her husband Pat was pretty sure it wasn't and after a call to Bruce Rhoads of Backwater Wildlife Solutions, it was confirmed: An Armadillo tried to cross the road....and failed.



#### Excerpt from a DNR New Release published on 9/26/18:

**Not just Texas.** You may think first of Texas when you hear "armadillo" – it's the Texas state (small) mammal, after all – but the nine-banded armadillo is just one of 20 armadillo species worldwide. The nine-banded armadillo ranges from Argentina and Uruguay to the United States. They've been expanding northward from Texas and Mexico for more than 100 years.

**High jump.** Sure, they have those handy armored plates to help protect them, but armadillos can also jump 3 to 4 feet straight up in the air to avoid or scare predators. However, this trait often leads to their demise on roadsides, where they jump to avoid the predator (vehicle), but end up crashing into the underside of the vehicle instead.

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2 (2½ oz. ea.) jars garlic salt

1 C. milk

Crush Wheaties fine. Add garlic salt. Add milk a little at a time until it gets sticky. Work with hands. Roll in balls size of a marble. Go fishing!!

*Ruth E. Robertson*





# #HLR Holiday Lake Rocks

Rock Hunting is FINALLY here! By Andrea Rahe

Who is ready to hunt? I know we are! Make sure when you find rocks you are posting a picture of your find on the Facebook page (#HLR Holiday Lake Rocks), it definitely makes the game more fun. Look out for some special rocks going out for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend! Send a picture of you and your favorite rock that you found over the Summer to [andrearrahe@gmail.com](mailto:andrearrahe@gmail.com) for a chance to have it featured in the next 'Our Lake' newsletter. Keep Rockin'



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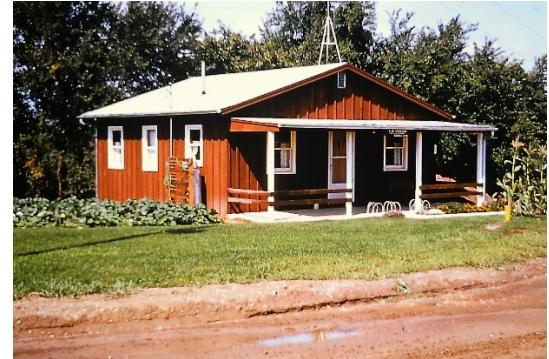


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# Holiday Lake Makes History

By Lot Owner, Blake Wilkinson

Have you ever stopped and looked at the individual houses, homes and cabins around the lake? There is some amazing architecture and creative designs. Stop, linger, & check out the details of the home on your street. They don't make 'em like this anymore!



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## Spring Fever

By Barry Knowles

As the ice cubes of the cold winter months begin to thaw, and spring starts to march forward, the warm sun penetrates the water's surface, activating life below. Spring Fever!!

For many anglers, spring is the sweet spot of the season, learning new patterns as fish move in from the deep. Taking advantage of the rising need to feed and spawn makes for a great time to catch big fish. So, if you're trying to hook your first fish or going after your personal best, get out there and catch some spring fever!



## 17th Annual Fish Committee Poker Run Fundraiser Saturday July 25th



**Registration at the  
Community Center**



Registration: 1-2pm  
Start: 2pm  
Entry Fee: \$20.00

There will be 5 Stops throughout the lake

### PAYOUTS TO TOP 3 HANDS

All participants start at the Community Center and caravan to each location via Golf Cart or ATV. Lots of great raffle prizes at the Community Center after the run.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!**

*The Fish Committee would like to THANK all of our past, present and future supporters. We appreciate your help and generosity in making Holiday Lake a great place to fish.*

If you have Questions, feel free to call a member of the Fish Committee

Dennis Jones 319-533-1954

Mike Ehrig 319-939-5718

Barry Knowles 515-681-7858



The Holiday Lake fish committee is proud to announce that after this spring's structure stocking, we have accomplished our goal of getting structure in all coves minus Ford's Cove. We have also added structure the length of the dam, the handicapped ramp and Bozo docks for bank fishing. This spring we also stocked crappie and red ears in the main lake and red ears in Bozo.

The fish committee would love to see everyone come out July 25<sup>th</sup> for our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run. Registration is from 1-2 pm, with cruise starting at 2pm. Entry fee is \$20. All proceeds go towards our fall stocking including walleye and perch. Thank you everyone for your continued support allowing us a successful fisheree.

Tight Lines

Holiday Lake Fish Committee

## Fishing Tip

By Barry Knowles

Slip bobbers offer a unique design allowing you to fish deeper than a standard bobber. The slip bobber utilizes a stopper that you set at the desired depth while allowing you to still reel up to your hook. This maintains your casting ability while fishing at greater depths. Try it out. See if it works for you!



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