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16th Edition **April** 2024



Happy Spring and Welcome Back to all of the snow birds and fairweather weekenders! Whatever you want to call yourselves....we can't wait to see you! After a busy 2023, Shane and I were able to take a vacation to Isla Mujeres, Mexico. My parents agreed to put up with us for a week of fun and sun at what I now refer to as Tropical Holiday Lake. While there, Shane decided that the only way to sit and relax is with a cold beverage in your hand while sitting on a swing. With this inspiration and adding an Iowa twist, we are in the process of creating the area's first Binzebo Swings! This area will be open to the public for everyone to enjoy during business hours. Also in the works is another building which we hope will be up by the end of summer. This one will be for indoor Boat storage. If you would like to get on the list for fall, please contact us soon.

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Saturday **May 25** 10am—Sold Out ANTONIO'S





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Saturday **May 25** 5—Sold Out

Sunday **May 26** pm—Out of Dough

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ICE CREAM and Slushies were a hit last year and we will continue to stock all of vour favorite treats and beverages. The ice cream machine will run Fridays thru Sundays during the summer months. And yes, last year's punch cards are still good for this year and we will continue to offer the cards! Last year's winners were Kaiden Keller and Mark Bjelland!

FOOD TRUCKS! I have a great selection of food trucks lined up for this season and will do my best to post on Facebook and keep the sign on the lane current with times and menus. We offer our parking lot to food trucks at no charge. Please keep that in mind and support local small businesses like ours so we can continue to grow and support our families.

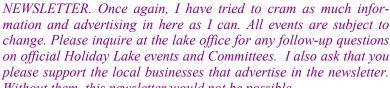
mation and advertising in here as I can. All events are subject to change. Please inquire at the lake office for any follow-up questions on official Holiday Lake events and Committees. I also ask that you please support the local businesses that advertise in the newsletter. Without them, this newsletter would not be possible.

> We can't wait to see everyone! Jeni & Shane

(yes, we're playing around with a new logo!)



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10am—Sold Out

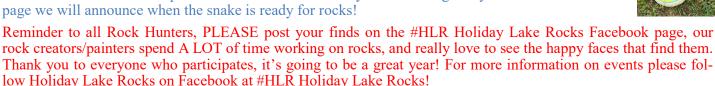
THE **Lake** is calling & I MUST GO!



Holiday Lake Rocks

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO ROCK Rock Season is upon us! New unpainted rocks will be available at Gator Enterprise, LLC starting May 1st. The Golden Rocks will be out for the Memorial Day weekend and soft serve at Gator's will be the prize for those who find them! If you would like to donate to the Golden Rock fund, please stop by and donate to the HLR at Gator's. Hibernated Rocks will be available to be picked up at the HLR Rock House, located on Sharon Drive. The house will be up by Memorial Day weekend.

We will be creating a HLR snake this year! Take a painted rock to Gator Enterprise and add it to the snake that will be curled up around the new Gazebo they are installing! Stay tuned to our Facebook page we will announce when the snake is ready for rocks!



Some of last year's ROCK FINDERS!





















The Holiday Lake Homeowners Association and Clothes Bin® have partnered to collect and recycle old clothing, shoes and textiles!

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The 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off was held on October 21, 2023 at the Community Center. Organized by Amber Kloster and Crew, this event was a HIT and I think it is safe to say that we are all looking forward to an even bigger and better cook-off this fall!

1st place: Darrell Gardner 2nd place: Bryan Jorgenson!







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Powell Park Improvements

Double (2) Pickleball courts were added early this spring to Powell Park due to generous donations from Jasper Construction and Manatt's, Inc. along with other private donors. This project was spear-headed by Gary Edwards, our local pickleball enthusiast! Many hands make light work and it was great to see so many working together to complete this project. Painted boundary lines will be added once the concrete has had time to cure, along with more activities painted on the court such as 4 square and hopscotch.

Other projects are being planned for Powell Park include a new slide along with a landscaping project from our Betterment Committee which will highlight the Powell Park sign. Thanks to a very generous donation there will be 2 new high quality Goal Setter basketball goals installed on the basketball court.

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In a small town nestled by the serene waters of Holiday Lake, Adam and September Sackett sparked a tradition that has brought smiles to the faces of residents and visitors alike for years. Their charming lakeside house, adorned with festive decorations, has become a beacon of holiday cheer, drawing admiration from all who pass by.

Adam and September's dedication to spreading joy doesn't stop at their doorstep. September, a compassionate soul who works at a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), saw an opportunity to share the magic of the season with even more people. With the support of their community, she organized a special outing, inviting residents from the CCRC to experience the enchantment of Holiday Lake.

Thanks to the generosity of neighbors who shared their addresses, September arranged for a bus full of excited residents to embark on a journey to Holiday Lake. As the bus rolled into the neighborhood, adorned with twinkling lights and festive decor, the anticipation among the passengers was palpable.



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the beauty of our lakefront during the holiday season is inspiring, and we are excited to collaborate with her to create magical experiences for Holiday Lake.

In addition to welcoming September, we want to remind everyone that donations to support our lighting efforts are accepted year-round. Whether it's a small contribution or a larger donation, every bit helps us continue to brighten up our lakefront and make our community shine.

To make a donation, simply visit the office and specify that your contribution is for the holiday lighting committee. Your generosity ensures that we can continue to create stunning displays that bring joy to all who visit Holiday Lake during the holiday season and beyond. With September's leadership and the ongoing support of our community, we look forward to making this holiday season the most memorable one yet. Thank you for your continued support, and let's light up Holiday Laketogether!



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GET INVOLVED! Meetings at the Community Center:

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Board of Directors Second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM

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

Saturday, May 18 9am-Noon Lake Wide Clean-Up Days

Saturday, May 25 8am-Noon Bake Sale at the Community
Center .Fundraiser for the Community Center
Contact: Kim Pendarvis 641-990-9763

Saturday, June 1 8am-Noon. See Flier for details.

Kid's Fishing Yournament



6pm Lake Wide Pot Luck at the Community Center. Bring side dish/desert to share and table service. Contact: Kim Pendarvis 641-990-9763

Friday-Saturday, June 7 & 8 Lake-Wide Garage Sales Contact: Pam Klemz 515-202-1383



Bobi's Fry Bread Tacos

June 7 & 8 at 6102 N Lakeshore Fri. 9am-8pm • Sat. 9am-5pm

Saturday, June 15 9am-Noon Lake Wide Clean-Up Days



The Betterment Committee Welcomes you to Community Coffee

Open to all Holiday Lake Property Owners! Stop in for coffee, tea, sweet treats and conversation!



Join us at the Community Center

1st Tuesday and 3rd Friday
of the Month from 9AM-10:30AM

Join us for Monthly Planning Meetings Work sessions after Coffee at 11AM on the 3rd Friday of the month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AT THE BROOKLYN OPERA HOUSE

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Compost Pile

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Saturday, July 6

Independence Day Celebration FIREWORKS! A more detailed schedule will be in the next newsletter.

Sunday, July 7

Carnival Games. ATV/Golf Cart Cruise

Saturday, July 13

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



July 15-19

Kid's Vacation Bible School hosted by Kent Chapel Bible School 9-11:30am at the Community Center

Saturday, July 27

Poker Run - Fish Committee Fundraiser 11am-1pm Registration Contacts: Mike Ehrig 319-939-5718 Dennis Jones 319-533-1954



Saturday, August 10

Annual Meeting at the Community Center 8-9am Voting. 9m Meeting



Saturday August 24 from 3-5 PM

Hosted by Dave & Denise Link at

6090 Capitol Drive

All Holiday Lake Friends are welcome to float or boat and listen to live 70's Classic Rock!



HOLIDAY LAKE END OF THE SUMMER VENDOR/CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, August 31, 2024 9am-3pm at the Community Center

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

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Sunday, September 1

Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Community Center 7:30am - 12:30pm at the Community Center Contact: Kim Pendarvis 641-990-9763





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Fish Committee Update

By Committee Member Barry Knowles

Structure, Structure, Structure...

Imagine a house with no walls. Nowhere to rest in peace, nowhere to take cover, zero privacy. Imagine all your favorite campsites or parks with no shade to get out of the sun for relief. Imagine being an animal and trying to catch food, or not to get caught, with no trees, no bushes, no cover at all. The balance of predator versus prey would be non-existent.

Life as a fish with a desert landscape for a bottom is no different. Structure in a body of water benefits every stage of the fish. Some species of fish, like perch, lay their eggs draped across structure rather than building beds. Fry, baby fish, need structure in order to survive. Without a place to hide they are sure to be gobbled up by any species passing by. Juvenile fish need this structure as an advantage to hunt. These fish are not yet large enough to dominate their territory, so hiding will be just as important as the hunt. The surviving elders use this structure to settle in and claim. Knowledge and wisdom of their survival has taught them structure is life! Another added benefit to structure is the increase surface area for algae to grow on, which in return feed the macro invertebrates, which in return feeds the fry. The shade produced by structure also plays an important role by allowing cover from the sun on those hot blue sky days of summer.

So you see, a body of water can have the perfect water quality, perfect water clarity, and yet never reach the perfect balance of fish life. It's a fish eat fish world, they just need somewhere to go!

The Holiday Lake Fish Committee has been hard at work gathering cedar trees to add to existing artificial habitat while creating new honey holes. New residential real estate is hitting the market!



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THE Annual The Annual Samantha DeBrower

Saturday June 1, 2024 8am to Noon

Check in at the Community Center at 8am

Registration Deadline is May 15 To ensure that each kiddo gets a T-shirt.

Please use a separate form for each child.

Register online at www.holidaylakekidsfishingtournament.com

Donations for this and future Kid's Fishing Tournaments can be made at the Lake Office, Gator's or Holiday Realty.

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Sirens at Holiday lake are activated for Tornado Warnings, Wind Events greater than 70mph, hail 1+ inch in diameter or greater and Severe Thunderstorm Warnings.



The Betterment Committee is excited for this Spring Season! Three projects were presented and approved by the Board of Directors last month. Committee members will be beginning work very soon.



1. Landscaping in front of the Office.

 Landscaping around the Powell Park sign in the Park.

3. Build a "Holiday Lake" sign at the South Entrance on Holiday Lane.

Monthly planning meetings are scheduled the 3rd Friday after Community Coffee @ 11AM. [March-September] These meetings may also be work-sessions. Anyone is welcome to JOIN!!

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 - Co-Chair Joy Krull 319-350-2543
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