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19th Edition

April 2025

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**Boyd's**  
 Saturday May 17  
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**PHO WHEELS & SUSHI**  
 Friday May 30  
 4—8pm

**Lucky Wife**  
 Saturday May 24  
 10am—2pm

**CLARE'S TENDERLOINS**  
 Saturday May 24  
 11am—2pm

**Fire on Wheels**  
 Saturday May 24  
 4—7pm

**JANA'S SNACK SHACK**  
 Sunday May 25  
 11am-2pm

Spring is finally here and WE ARE READY! Food trucks are coming back in full force and all of our ice cream goodies will be back along with everyone's favorite beverage. Just like last year, we will be running the soft serve and slushie machines mainly during the weekends and holidays but will keep the freezer and coolers stocked.



Shane and I are excited to announce a new addition to the Gator compound. At the time of publication things are still in the works. We hope to open up a Putt-Putt Golf area in our big building by the lake lane this summer Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day weekend once the boats are back on the water. The plan is to run the course on an honor system, keeping costs down so everyone can enjoy this activity and we can continue to add fun things! We'll be sure to post more details on the Holiday Lake Facebook page when the course is ready to open!

Confection cards from last year will still be honored and are available to purchase again this year. They make a great gift for any laker! This is a great way to have "credit" on file for those times when you want ice cream, but don't have any \$\$\$ with you or to teach the kiddos a little about spending! The drawing winners from last season are Levi Brown & Peggy Davis!



I would be remiss if I forgot to mention our main business, which is the repair side. Shane will be working diligently to keep your toys in tip-top running order. That being said, we will be working to improve our scheduling and maximizing Shane's time in the shop by limiting interruptions. For the summer months, we will also be closed on Wednesdays. This will allow us time for personal business and maybe even a little R&R!

Here's to the start of another Sunny Season at Holiday Lake!  
 We can not wait to see everyone!

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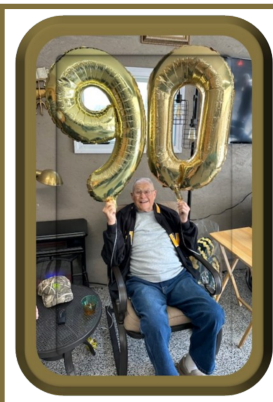
**Fire on Wheels**  
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**PITCHFORK**  
 Friday June 20  
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**KAASWAGEN**  
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 4—7pm

**PHO WHEELS & SUSHI**  
 Friday June 27  
 4—8pm

**CLARE'S TENDERLOINS**  
 Saturday June 28  
 4—7pm



## Kenny Krull Turned 90!!

By Brenda Varguson

Holiday Lake celebrated Kenny Krull's 90th birthday on Saturday March, 22 hosted by Marie Grabenbauer, his son Kreg and daughter-in-law Shari. There were cupcakes, punch and wonderful conversation. Special mention to Matt and Ronda Streit for all of their help with the celebration, including golf cart shuttle service!

I asked Kenny how long his family has been at Holiday Lake. Kenny said "It was in the early 1960's, there wasn't any water in the lake yet." Kenny and his family have been making memories here for MANY years! Kenny would like to thank everyone that stopped, sent a card, called or text for his birthday. Everyone made it very special! You will often see Kenny driving around the lake in his John Deere UTV with his dog Camo, so give him a wave. Kenny was also our Grand Marshall last 4th of July. There's no better person to recognize at our beautiful lake than one of the sweetest men that made Holiday Lake his home for decades! Happy Birthday Kenny Krull from all of us at Holiday Lake!

## Holiday Lake Lighting Committee Update

By September Sackett

The Holiday Lake Lighting Committee is pleased to welcome two new members, Monica Morrison and Devinn Clayton. We are excited to have them on board and look forward to their contributions as we continue to enhance the beauty of our community. This season, we introduced new decorations at the Community Center, adding even more festive charm to our holiday displays. Thanks to the generous support of our community, Sackett's Halloween Costume Party successfully raised enough funds to purchase solar lights that have been installed along the bottom of the dam. Additionally, our annual Cookies with Santa event raised \$274 for the Lighting Committee. A special thank you to ReMax Realty for sponsoring this year's event—we truly appreciate their support! As we look ahead to the next holiday season, we remain committed to making Holiday Lake even more magical. Donations to the Lighting Committee are accepted year-round and can be dropped off at the Holiday Lake Office. Please be sure to notify the office that your donation is designated for the Lighting Committee. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another bright and festive year!



Thank you, Holiday Lake residents, for sharing your beautiful Christmas lights with the residents of Highland Ridge. Your stunning displays brought so much joy and holiday cheer to our community during their festive bus trip to the lake. The twinkling lights, creative decorations, and warm holiday spirit created magical memories for the residents of Highland Ridge. We appreciate your effort in spreading the joy of the season and look forward to seeing the magic again next year!



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**WEATHER SIRENS**

Outdoor Warning Siren (OWS) monthly testing is on the First Saturday of the month at 10AM. During these monthly tests, the sirens will activate for a full 3-minute warning cycle. 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.



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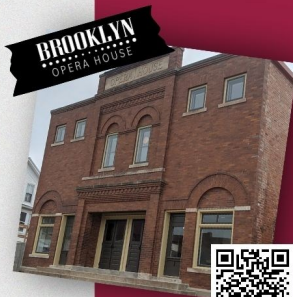
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**This one is from early 1964, unit 1 facing unit 5.**

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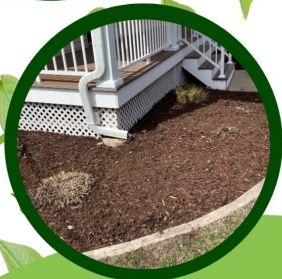
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Saturday July 26, 2025



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

Dennis Jones 319-533-1954

Jesse Khonke 515-313-3360

Casey Hoffsmitt 515-205-4914

## 2025 Holiday Lake Kite Festival

The annual Kite Festival was held on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>! Mother nature provided a stiff wind 20+ mph along with some frigid temperatures. Spirits were high, while kite altitude was challenged by the gusty conditions. New friends were made! All participants received a limited-edition Kite Festival pin for their efforts. It was a memorable event... thank you to all who attended!



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Dennis and Charlotte Jones kept the Holiday Lake Stray Cat warm all winter. Charlotte touched up all the nicks & chips. They will post a hint where the stray cat can be found on the Holiday Lake Facebook Page in April!





**Betterment Committee Update – March, April**

The Betterment Committee is excited to see a long-awaited dream come to fruition, this being the installation of a new Sun Shelter in Powell Park!



Our plan for the project is to be completed by Memorial Day weekend.

A thank you to the Board of Directors, who chose to commit \$1250 each, to both the Betterment and Lighting Committees. With the allocation of these funds, it allowed this project to move along more quickly, paying 1/2 of the prep, concrete, and construction.

Thank you to our fellow residents for supporting the 2 garage sales we held last year. All of the funds generated were dedicated to this project. Whether you donated items, made a purchase, or gave monetarily, you made our vision happen.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**GET INVOLVED! Meetings at the Community Center:**

**Rural Improvement Zone**  
First Wednesday of  
each month at 6PM

**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

## Compost Pile

Open Saturday, April 5 through November 8, 8AM—2PM

Materials accepted will be branches no larger than 4 inches in diameter and any biodegradable material (yard waste). **CLOSED DURING WET/MUDDY CONDITIONS**

### Saturday, April 19

1pm Easter Egg Hunt at Powell Park  
Contact: Holiday Realty, Heidi Sunkle 641-522-2300

### Saturday, May 17

9am—Noon Lake Wide Clean Up Day

### Saturday, May 24

8am—Noon Bake Sale at Community Center  
Community Center Fund Raiser  
Contact: Kim Pendarvis 641-990-9763

The Holiday Lake Homeowners Association and Clothes Bin® have partnered to collect and recycle old clothing, shoes and textiles! Just place the items in the green recycling bin near our parking lot. Every pound of recycled items supports the Holiday Lake Home Owners Association!



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**  
**April—October: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month**  
**November—March: 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of the month only**

**Join us for Monthly Planning Meetings/Work sessions after Coffee at 11AM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, April-October.**

### Saturday, June 7

8am—Noon Kid's Fishing Tournament  
See flier in this newsletter for details

6pm Lake Wide Pot Luck at the Community Center  
Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish/dessert to share, your own table service and beverage.  
Contact: Kin Pendarvis 641-990-9763

### Friday & Saturday, June 13-14

Lake Wide Garage Sales  
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### Saturday, June 14

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**Saturday & Sunday, July 5-6**

Independence Day Activities  
(complete details in the next newsletter)  
Fireworks off the dam on Saturday at dusk  
Volunteers needed! Contact the office to sign up.

**Saturday, July 12**

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

**Monday—Friday, July 14-18**

9—11:30am Bible School at the Community Center

**Saturday, July 26**

Poker Run Fish Committee Fund Raiser  
11am—1pm Registration at the Community Center  
1pm Run Begins!  
Contact: Dennis Jones 319-533-1954

**Saturday, August 16**

Annual Meeting at the Community Center  
8-9am Voting. 9am Meeting called to order/voting ends.



**HOLIDAY LAKE END OF THE SUMMER  
VENDOR/CRAFT SHOW**  
Saturday, August 30  
9am—3pm at the Community Center  
Contact: Monica Morrison 319-432-1880  
**Also: Pie Sales for Kent Chapel  
Get there early!!!!**

**Sunday, August 31**

7:30am—12:30pm Annual Pancake Breakfast  
Community Center Fund Raiser  
Contact: Kim Pendarvis 641-990-9763 with  
questions or to volunteer.



**Saturday, September 20**

10am at Powell Park, SxS Poker Run  
Contact: Lynn Parizek 319-558-8276

**Saturday, October 25**

3pm Trunk or Treat at the beach parking lot.  
Contact: Candace Brown 319-243-9075



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Costume Party**

6pm Doors open. 7—11pm “Last Call Party Band” Plays.  
Doors close at Midnight  
Contact: September Sackett

**Saturday, December 6**

Noon-2pm Cookies with Santa and Reindeer Games  
Community Center

*I have tried to cram as much information 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. -Jeni*

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*Mam & Sue Josh & Audrey  
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# Holiday Lake Rocks

By Andrea Rae



GET READY TO ROCK! Rock season is almost here! Starting May 1st, you can pick up fresh, unpainted rocks at Gator Enterprise, LLC. And don't forget—the highly anticipated Golden Rocks will be hidden just in time for Memorial Day weekend! Lucky finders can trade them in for a delicious soft-serve treat at Gator Enterprise. If you'd like to contribute to the Golden Rock fund, donations can be made at the HLR donation bucket located at Gator Enterprise, LLC. Looking for Hibernated Rocks? They'll be ready for pickup at the HLR Rock House on Sharon Drive, with everything set up by Memorial Day weekend. Rock Hunters, we need your help! Please remember to post your rock discoveries on the #HLR Holiday Lake Rocks Facebook page. Our talented rock artists put in a lot of effort, and they love seeing the joy their creations bring. A special thank you to Sara Eggland for all the time and effort she put in over the winter, creating such beautiful rocks for everyone to enjoy. Her hard work and creativity make rock hunting even more special for our community! Thank you to everyone who makes this tradition so much fun! Stay tuned for more updates, and don't forget to follow Holiday Lake Rocks on Facebook at #HLR Holiday Lake Rocks for all the latest event details!



We also encourage everyone to paint and hide rocks to keep the fun going! Whether you're a seasoned artist or just getting started, every rock adds to the excitement. Grab some paint, get creative, and help spread joy throughout the community. The more rocks out there, the more fun for everyone!



## Welcome to the Lake!

The Holiday Lake Welcome Committee would like to Welcome you! Contact one of these ladies or the lake office to schedule a time to hear about all of the great amenities and events that are included with lot owner membership!

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# Kid's Fishing Tournament

8th Annual

*Managed by Holiday Realty and Samantha DeBrower*

**Saturday June 7, 2025 8am—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](http://www.holidaylakekidsfishingtournament.com)

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# Fish Committee Update

By Committee Member Barry Knowles

## Heave-ho

Despite mother nature trying to stop our ice derby for a second year in row, we achieved success! Roughly 3-4 weeks out from the derby our lake experienced an ice heave, sweating the brows of our committee. We came together with a commitment to the safety of our invitees. Over the next several weeks the committee diligently monitored ice conditions and weather patterns in search of "red flags". With 10-12" of safe ice spanning the entirety of the lake, minus the heave, we ultimately came to the conclusion to barricade the heave and allow the ice derby to commence. 310 entry fees coupled with raffle sales, the Holiday Lake Fish committee profited \$12,169 to use solely for the purpose of stocking fish and habitat. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. The continued stocking of our fish ensures healthy populations and a limited stress test on the food chain. Without your continued support none of this would be possible. Despite there only being a handful of derby winners, the real winners are our community members. Thanks again!

## The Joy of Spring Fishing

Fishing during the change from winter to spring is a rewarding experience. The promise of warmer weather, longer days, and active fish makes it an exciting time for anglers. With the right techniques, gear, and patience, the transition from winter to spring offers a unique and successful fishing adventure.

Whether you're targeting pan fish, bass, walleye, or cats, understanding the shifts in fish behavior and adapting your approach will ensure you make the most of this exciting time of year. So, as the chill of winter melts away and the first signs of spring appear, grab your rod, pack your tackle box, and get ready to make some unforgettable memories on the water.

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## Scuba Club Update

By Blake Wilkinson

The first dives of 2025 are 'in the books'. Visibility is poor due to recent rains & runoff. We expect to complete about 100 dives this year, keeping pace with the past few. We are at over 400 successful dives since we started keeping count. We will continue to use the Scuba Duck surface marker to indicate Divers Down. If you are a certified diver and want to join in, contact Blake Wilkinson. Helpful hint for lost items: stop asap, triangulate by referencing two spots on land, estimate distance from shore and take a picture if possible. These steps greatly increase the likelihood of the recovery of an object.



## Proposed Dog Park *By Sandy Heck*

A poll was taken on the Holiday Lake Facebook page earlier in March to get a feel for lake residents support of a proposed Dog Park that would be located on Holiday Lake grounds. The park would be a full enclosed fenced in area, location to be determined. The results from this poll had a very positive response: 80% of lot owners voted YES - 8% Absolutely NO - 10% Didn't care

On March 27, 2025 at a work session, the Holiday Lake Board of Directors rejected the proposal for a dog park. Concerns sited for this decision were Location and Maintaining (keeping free from droppings) and having a supply of "poop bags" available. If you would like to be on the Pet Park Committee and believe that these are issues deserve more discussion, please reach out to either myself or your unit board representative. Let's make this potentially great asset happen for our furbabies!

Sandy Heck 641-990-6142

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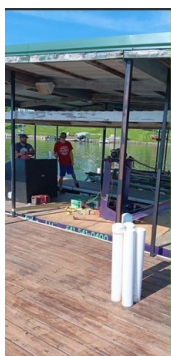
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Gary and I became members of the Independent Order of Foresters in 1998. This is a fraternal organization that offers members life insurance with headquarters in Canada. The organization is member owned. They have always had a variety of charity programs but is now offering grant money through the Forester Care grant program. The easiest grant is for \$200.00 to purchase items for a nonprofit organization. We each applied and were awarded the grant which totaled \$400.00. We chose to purchase dog and cat supplies for PALS out of Grinnell. We shopped around to get the best "bang for our buck" and landed on Menards with their 11% rebate, which we rolled back into the PALS donation. We asked the Lake community to add to this grant by donating dog or cat food and supplies. The animal rescue/shelters always seem to be full and there is no shortage of need. It is so important to help and more important to spay and neuter your pets. Please adopt, don't shop for your next pet. Lucky for us, Foresters offer this grant twice a year, so we are looking forward to continuing to help animal rescues over the next 4 yrs. This is the second year we have applied for these grants. They have other grants, larger grants but those grants are more labor intensive. *-Mary Little*



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## Holiday Lake History

**By Blake Wilkinson**

In August, 1968, the All-Iowa Amateur Rodeo Championship was held at the south entrance of Holiday Lake. The seven event rodeo included bareback riding, saddle bronc, calf roping, bull riding, steer wrestling, girls' barrel racing and a wild cow race. In conjunction with the rodeo, a cowboy parade was held in Brooklyn, along with a rodeo dance at the American Legion, headlined by the country singer Carol Lynn and the Chaperons.

All-Iowa Amateur Rodeo Assn. Championship

**RODEO**

**AUG.  
10-11**

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