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ABOUT THE

LAKE

21st Edition

August 2025

Gator's Parking Lot



**Saturday
August 30
10am—2pm**



**Saturday
August 30
11—2pm**

**Saturday
August 30
4—7pm**



**Sunday, August 31
7:30am—12:30**



Annual Pancake Breakfast at
the Community Center



**Sunday
August 31
11am—7pm
or Sold Out**



**Sunday
August 31
4—7pm**

**Monday
Sept. 1
11-2pm**



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Gator Golf was a lot of fun this year, once we got the kinks worked out! Sadly, it will be put away after Labor Day weekend to make room for boat storage. At this time, it is undecided if we will be opening it up again next year or if we'll come up with something different. Please use up all of your tokens this month so we can maybe have a fresh start next year!



It's been yet another amazing summer here at Holiday Lake, filled with great events, family time, floating, boating, fishing, and doing all of the fun things that we get to do here at our little slice of heaven. And don't know about you, but I'm already planning for next year. You will find tentative dates for most of the lake events for 2026 on the calendar section of this edition.

Shane and I would like to thank all our loyal customers for supporting our business and the food trucks that we bring in to feed the lake. Being an entrepreneur isn't a glamorous life, especially in this economy, but it is a business plan that works well for our family and lake life! We could not have done it without the support of our family and friends, who helped fill in the gaps! You know what they say, "It takes a village"!

Every year, we try to add something new. This year was mini-golf, which had a rough start but seems to be catching on. Look for more improvements and maybe some new obstacles next spring. Labor Day weekend will be the last weekend for golf, as we will have to put it away to make room for boats. Suggestions for what we should add next year? What amenities would you like to have available to you? We're always open to suggestions!

As always, we wish you all a healthy, happy fall and a warm and cozy winter. Don't forget to stop in and see us for all of your repair needs and your fishing bait and tackle! The next edition of the newsletter will be next spring.

Jeni & Shane

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Shane and Jeni from Gator's are available to check on summer-only properties throughout the winter months. Property owners can schedule weekly, bi-weekly or monthly checks. We also get calls to check on things like thermostats, septic alarms and check for flooded basements after a big rain. We can even let repair people in or water your plants! If you find yourself in need of assistance this winter, please stop in or call Gator Enterprise, LLC. 641-522-7313 or stop in to discuss options.

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Fourth of July Home Run Derby!

Joel Storm, son of Brad and Judy Storm, organized the first-ever Fourth of July Home Run Derby on our newly renovated baseball field. There were 75 participants, with all ages showing up to show off their baseball and softball skills! A special Thank You goes out to Kristi Creeden Bean, Nicole Blair, Gary Edwards, Alexis Wilson, and the many volunteers who were out there, shagging balls!



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Holiday Lake Lighting Committee Update

Shining Bright at Holiday Lake – Thanks to You! The Holiday Lake Lighting Committee would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the residents and supporters who have contributed to our efforts over the years. Your kindness and generosity have helped transform our community into a beautifully lit and festive place that brings joy to all who visit and live here. As we continue to plan for future projects and maintain the lights that make our lake so special, we'd like to remind everyone that donations to the Lighting Committee are welcome year-round. Every contribution, big or small, helps us purchase new decorations, enhance existing displays, and improve the lighting throughout our shared spaces. If you're interested in supporting our efforts, donations can be made through the Holiday Lake Office. Please include a note indicating that your gift is for the Lighting Committee so it's properly allocated. Together, we can continue to brighten Holiday Lake and create a warm, welcoming atmosphere throughout the seasons. Thank you for helping us light the way! Holiday Lake Lighting Committee Chairperson, September Sackett

Holiday Lake History

An affordable lunch at the Arrowhead Cave, formerly located by the beach.



Hap's Cove around 1963

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The lake now has two AED devices in service. The first is located at the Community Center entrance, and the second is located at the south boat ramp. These secured enclosures also contain Narcan, a narcotic reversal agent. Thank you to Kim Pendarvis for the donation of the AED at the south boat ramp, donated in memory of her late husband, Larry Pendarvis.



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!

Scuba Club Update

By Blake Wilkinson



Many Happy Returns! The temporary lost & found station at the beach parking lot has been a great success.

A couple dozen items have been re-

turned. Note: Any prescription glasses or high-value items are still taken to the office for safe-keeping, pending return. Thank you to all who have taken a look. Cheers!



Holiday Lake

Photography Facebook Page

The group was created several years ago and is alive and well!! Lots of great pics from the lake and surrounding areas.

Holiday Lake

Specialty Facebook groups...join today!



Holiday Lake - Photography

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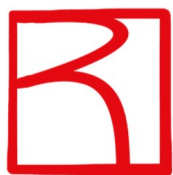
Welcome to the Lake!

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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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**
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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: 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month
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but everyone ROCKED it!! We are already planning
Holipalooza for next year!!

Thank you everyone for your generous donations to support next year's
Holipalooza event! Scan the Venmo link if you would like to contribute.

Christina Sorensen
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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!!!!

Mente's Annual Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, August 30 from 8-11pm

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Kick-Off 5PM



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

SxS Poker Run, starting at Powell Park

Registration begins at 9am

Ride starts at 10am.

Registration fee is \$20 per person,
with 50% going back to riders with the 3 best top hands, and
the other 50% going back into the lake. The route will be an-
nounced on the day of the ride. So grab your bestie for a fun
day of riding. And no, you don't have to be a member of HL to
join us. Hope to see ya all on Sept 20.

Contact: Lynn Parizek 319-558-8276



Saturday, October 18

3rd Annual Soup Cook-off at the Community
Center. Sponsored by the Betterment Com-
mittee.

Saturday, October 25

3pm Trunk or Treat at the beach parking lot.

Contact: Candace Brown 319-243-9075

2nd 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 Rein-
deer Games at the Community Center



Holiday Lake Ice Fishing Tournament

Saturday, February 7, 2026

*Sponsored by the
Holiday Lake Fish Committee*

**SAVE
the
DATE**

Mark your calendars!

Here are some of the Tentative Event dates for 2026

Saturday, June 6

Kid's Fishing Tournament

Friday-Sunday, June 12-14

Lakewide Garage Sales

Bob's Frybread Tacos

Saturday, June 20

Rockin' on the Water

Saturday, July 4

Fireworks!

Monday-Friday, July 20-24

Bible school at the Community Center

Saturday, July 25

Poker Run

Saturday, August 15

Holipalooza

Saturday, September 5

Vendor Craft Show at the Community Center

Saturday, September 19

SxS Poker Run

Holiday Lake Rocks

By Andrea Rahe

Another fun-filled summer at Holiday Lake is wrapping up! A huge thank you to ALL the amazing sponsors who helped keep the "Rock" fund rolling this year! The final Golden Rocks of the season will be hidden over Labor Day weekend—don't miss your chance to join the hunt! Keep an eye on the #HLR Holiday Lake Rocks Facebook page for updates on when rocks are hidden and clues to help you track down those treasured Golden Rocks. Remember to "hibernate" your finds at the ROCK HOUSE on Sharon Drive between Bozo and the Campground. The Rock House will be taken down at the end of September for the winter, so make sure your rocks are tucked in by then. Thank you to everyone who painted, hid, searched for, and enjoyed rocks this season. Your creativity and excitement make this one of the best traditions at the lake. See you in the spring for another year of Holiday Lake Rocks fun!



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Holiday Lake RIZ Committee Update

Holiday Lake – Rural Improvement Zone 2025 Dredging Projects. The following information is provided for your planning purposes.

Order of Work:

2025: Dredge Ford's and Don's Coves using a silt basin at the ends of each cove.

Dredger will commence at the NE shoreline of Ford's Cove, continuing S, then up the W side of Ford's Cove, then to the E shore of Don's Cove, then N along the W side of Don's Cove.

2026: Dredge Ike's Cove using the silt basin north of Andy's pond.

Dredger will commence on the NW Shoreline of Ike's Cove, continuing S to the S boat dock, then N along the W shoreline.

Scheduling:

Contractor will have access to lake property for tube assembly after August 18th.

Dredging to begin after Labor Day (September 1st)

Launching the dredger will occur from the north boat ramp adjacent to the beach.

Dredger will operate Monday through Thursday (4 days per week)

The Lake will provide silt basins at the ends of Ford's and Don's coves for the silt.

Docks and boatlifts:

Removal is optional, but the RIZ recommends getting them out of the way if you want the silt removed underneath.

If the dock and lifts are out of the way, the dredger can get within approximately 4 ft of the shoreline.

RIZ trustees are aware of at least one service that can assist in moving docks/lifts.

Family Marine 515-322-1462 Jeff Delvaux (this is at lot owner's cost)

Mini-Dredge:

Silt closer to shore (or under your docks and lifts) can be removed prior September 1st

RIZ has a min-dredge available, first-come-first-served basis.

Only labor cost to the lot owner

Priority use for Ford's and Don's Cove owners.

Complete mini-dredging before September 1st.

So the large dredge can clean up the silt as it passes by your property

Big dredge's path is behind lifts (20+ ft. from shoreline)

Safety: Dredge tube will be in use while dredging **CAUTION IS REQUIRED.** Dredging tube will be marked with orange buoys or flashing lights. You can expect tube running from dredge to the end of the cove being dredged.

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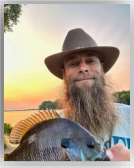
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Fish Committee Update

By Holiday Lake Fish Committee Member
Barry Knowles

Fall Fishing in Iowa: A Season of Color and Catch

As the leaves turn vibrant shades of red and gold, fall in Iowa offers anglers a peaceful and productive time to fish. Cooler temperatures and fewer crowds make this season ideal for enjoying our slice of paradise, enjoying Iowa's over 160 fishing lakes, or 18,000 miles of fishable streams and rivers. Fishing in Iowa isn't just relaxing; it's also surprisingly rich in variety. This state is home to over 148 species of fish. One fun fact: Iowa holds the world record for the largest freshwater drum ever caught—an impressive 54-pound fish from the Mississippi River. Fall in Iowa delivers not only beautiful scenery but also some of the best fishing action of the year. Popular species such as Walleye, Crappie, Bluegill and Channel Catfish become more active in cooler waters, making them easier to catch.

Get out there and catch the perfect blend of crisp air, watch the vibrant foliage, and most importantly, **CATCH SOME FISH!!!!**

Poker Run Results

Thank you to all who participated in this year's annual Holiday Lake Poker Run. We received a little over 400 entries this year and profited \$11,243.00. This was an increase of \$3,189 over last year's number, all of which will be used to stock our lake! Again, Thank You. We honestly couldn't do it without you. Our success lies within all of you!

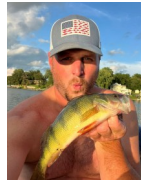
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This is Bob, or as we at Gator's call him, Bob the Bait Guy. Bob owns Murray's Outdoor Store in Guttenberg, Iowa and is also our live bait supplier. Bob is also a lot owner and an avid fisherman. Bob takes time out of his busy work schedule to relax and fish. We should all be more like Bob.

This is Mike. Mike is a lot owner and loves making improvements to his camper lot. Mike also loves catching big Bass and hand lures....ouch!



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Emergency Preparedness Update

A suggestion offered at the Emergency Preparedness Event held on May 31 and discussed at the Emergency Volunteer Responders meeting on June 6, will now be implemented.

Should there be an emergency on the lake/water [medical issue, boating, swimming accident, etc] where 911 has been called, the Dispatcher will ask you for your location. Many folks will not be able to respond with a specific location, name of a cove, or what boat ramp they are near. Being able to visualize a Unit number and Lot on the end of a near-by dock, will assist the Volunteers and EMS responders to the ramp nearest the incident.

Residents living on the shoreline may volunteer to post a metal sign on the end of their dock, with their respective unit and lot number. [i.e. My address is: 5019] The sign will mimic that of a 911 sign. It will be blue with REFLECTIVE white/silver numbers. The cost is \$28 [4.5" x 17"] and can be ordered at AMAYzing Signs. [formerly Signs by Fisher] Call Thom May today to order yours! 641-522-7850.



HOLIDAY LAKE
BETTERMENT
COMMITTEE

Betterment Committee Update



Project Update: Our latest project was completed in July with the installation of a Large Adirondack Chair in Powell Park. We hope it brings an element of FUN for families and friends who visit the Park or those who are simply driving by and swing in to take a photo.

Fundraiser: We will be having a Fall Fundraiser over the Labor Day Weekend. All items are donated by our committee members and resident donors. The Sale is FREE Will Offering [with an exception of a "high-dollar" item...which may be priced.

And again, 100% of ALL funds collected will be donated back to the Lake in landscaping or a specific project. Our next goal is to purchase a Sunshade[s] for the Beach area. The style is yet to be determined AND needs Board of Directors approval.

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- Marine
- Golf Carts
- Power Sports
- Welding



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2025 Marine Winterizing Prices

Basic Outboard 2 or 4 cycle.....\$95
Fogging Oil, Anti-freeze, Fuel Stabilizer, Gear Lube

Basic Inboard (V-drive, Direct-drive, etc).....\$225
Fogging Oil, Anti-freeze, Fuel Stabilizer, Check Drive Fluid

Service+ Outboard 4 cycle.....\$175-\$275
Basic Outboard PLUS Oil Change w/ New Filter, Grease

Service+ Inboard (V-drive, Direct-drive, etc).....\$390
Basic Inboard PLUS Oil Change w/ New Filter. Grease Drive Shaft

Basic I/O Stern Drive.....\$175*
Fogging Oil, Anti-freeze, Fuel Stabilizer, Gear Lube

Jet Ski 2-stroke.....\$75
Fogging Oil, Anti-freeze,
Fuel Stabilizer

Jet Ski 4-stroke.....\$185
Oil Change, Fogging Oil,
Anti-freeze, Fuel Stabilizer

Service+ I/O Stern Drive.....\$250-\$325*
Basic I/O PLUS Oil Change w/ New Filter, Grease

*Volvo and Similar larger Outdrives + \$25

Stop in or Call to set up an appointment and we can winterize your boat while you close up your lake property for the season!

**Price does not include tax.*

Both the Repair Shop and the Bait Shop will
be open through the winter months!



Indoor Storage is Full, Some Outdoor Spots Available

ATV/UTV's

Boats

Golf Carts

**Lawn & Garden
Equipment**