

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LAKE

22nd Edition

April 2026



This is the 10th Anniversary year for Gator's, and wow, has the time flown by! What started as a simple business plan, to "fix lake toys", with a work ethic of "Work Hard, Play Hard", We have grown so much. We have accomplished what we set out to do, and more! Every year, we face new challenges and do our best to balance work, lake life, and family, as I'm sure a lot of you can relate to! We are more than blessed with such an amazing community, and we are grateful for every one of you!

This year, we have a great Food Truck schedule, Mini Golf, Ice Cream, and other goodies, oh, yeah, Shane fixes stuff and keeps everyone's lake toys running! For faster turn-around on repair work, please schedule in advance. Jeni will try to keep everyone up to date on things via the Holiday Lake Facebook page and be sure to check out our new Message board at the end of our lane for food truck menus and soft-serve flavors!

Confection cards are available to purchase again this year and are a great way to have "credit" on files for those times when you want ice cream, but don't have any \$\$\$ with you or you want to teach the kiddos about spending! The winners from last season's drawing are Natalie Stocks and Scott Blaha!

As always, there are a ton of activities going on at our beautiful lake! There are rocks to be hunted, disc golf at "Moon Pond", Thirsty Thursdays at the beach, ball games to be played at the park, bands to entertain, secret stairs to be explored, and many other activities. Pickleball has been all the rage, and the lake is here to help! Check out the pickleball clinics being offered this spring!

Warm Spring wishes to you all!
Jeni and Shane
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BOYD'S
BBQ &
Cheese Curds
Saturday
May 16
11am-7pm

Fire on Wheels
Saturday
May 22
4-7pm

JANA'S SNACK SHACK
Saturday
May 23
9am-7pm

Lucky Wife
Wine Slushies
Saturday
May 23
10am-3pm

CLARE'S
TENDERLOINS
Saturday
May 23
11am - 2pm

JANA'S SNACK SHACK
Sunday
May 24
9am-7pm

JANA'S SNACK SHACK
Monday
May 25
9am-2pm

Follow us on Facebook or check our website gatorenterprise.com each week to see what Food Trucks we have booked for the summer!

Paparoni's
Friday
June 5
4 - 7pm

THAT'S SO GIGGSY
Saturday
June 6
11a - 2p

Saturday, June 6
6pm Lake Wide Pot Luck at the Community Center

Bobi's Fry Bread Tacos
June 12 & 13
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Paparoni's
Saturday
June 13
4 - 7pm

Most Wanted
COFFEE
Saturday
June 20
8a - Noon

Kaaswagen
Saturday
June 20
11a-2p

SMOKE'N ZBQ
Saturday
June 20
4-7pm

Fire on Wheels
Saturday
June 26
4-7pm

Dr. Spud's
GOURMET POTATOES
Saturday
June 27
11am - 7pm



Mini Golf Open Sunrise—Sunset

Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend.

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 JANA'S SNACK SHACK	Friday July 3 9am-5pm
TACO SHACK	Friday July 3 10a-7p
 Paparoni's	Friday July 3 4-7pm
 Most Wanted COFFEE	Saturday July 4 8a - Noon
 Lucky Wife Wine Slushies	Saturday July 4 10am-4pm
 JANA'S SNACK SHACK	Saturday July 4 9am-5pm
TACO SHACK	Saturday July 4 10a-7p
 CLARE'S TENDERLOINS	Saturday July 4 4am - 7pm
 JANA'S SNACK SHACK	Sunday July 5 9am-2pm

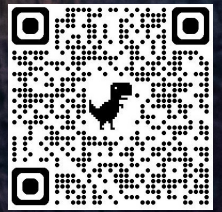
	Saturday July 18 11-2pm
 Paparoni's	Friday July 24 4 - 7pm
 Most Wanted COFFEE	Saturday July 25 8a - Noon
 Pho Wheels & Subs	Saturday July 25 Noon - 6pm
 CLARE'S TENDERLOINS	Saturday Aug. 1 11am - 2pm
SMOKE'N ZBQ	Saturday August 1 4-7pm
	Saturday August, 15 11-2pm
 Paparoni's	Saturday August 15 4 - 7pm
 FIRE ON WHEELS	Friday August 21 4-7pm



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Your input is needed to help shape a Proposed Dog Park at Holiday Lake!

A group of dedicated dog owners is seeking community feedback to guide planning and ensure transparency. To review the project road map, share your thoughts, and stay informed about upcoming town halls and future updates, please scan the QR code with your phone and clicking on the website that pops up at the bottom of your screen or visit <https://forms.gle/5Rnxz57TdoMLN1YP6>. Thank you for your support an insight!



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Holiday Lake Fish Committee

Love is in the air! Spring features the greatest match-making show in freshwater TV, the Spawn! While all of our lake's water inhabitants fall in love during the spring, it doesn't all happen at once. Factors like sunshine, stable weather, and moon phases may heavily influence when fish move. Water temperature is their universal "green light". Anglers often target these times and temps for incredible opportunities to set the hook.

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Walleye: 46-52°F | Perch: 44-54°F |
| Largemouth Bass: 55-75°F | White Crappie: 58-65°F |
| Black Crappie: 62-68°F | Bluegill: 70-80°F |
| Channel Catfish: 70-80°F | |

Catch and release during these times is of the utmost importance to ensure successful repopulation and healthy growth of our existing population. That being said, it's time to turn on your thermometers and let your line find a match made in heaven!

Speaking of fish population, thanks to all who came out to support the Holiday Lake Ice Fishing Tournament. With right around 400 entries, our lake fish numbers will be getting a large boost this spring and fall. The Fish Committee's success is solely determined by your support, and the benefits belong to all. Thanks again!

Take a kid fishing, Barry Knowles



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2026 Holiday Lake Ice Fishing Tournament Winners

- Bluegill- Scott Drape 9 3/4 in
Crappie- Mark Bjelland 13 in.
Catfish- Channa Chhouy 25 3/4 in.
Walleye- Matt Keepe 23 in.
Perch- Jay Jensen 15 3/4 in.

Kid Winners:

- 1st place- Emmett Vest 25 3/4 in Catfish
2nd place- Jaeger (no last name given) 23 1/2 in Walleye
3rd place- Chase Pfalzgraff 11 3/4 in Crappie



KID'S FISHING TOURNAMENT - 9TH ANNUAL

Managed by Holiday Realty Inc & Samantha DeBrower

Saturday, June 6th 2026 8am - Noon

Age Groups:
5 & under,
6-10,
11-14 &
15-17

Registration Deadline is May 15th to ensure each kiddo gets a T-shirt.

Register online at: www.HolidayLakeKidsFishingTournament.com

(Please use a separate entry form for each child)



Raffles: (2 to choose from)

Sand Box Bundle and/or Outdoor Game Bundle

\$5/ticket or 5 tickets for \$20

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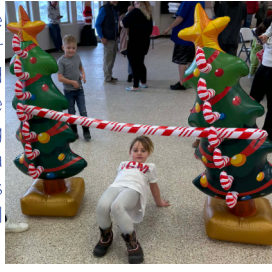
2026 Holiday Lake Kite Festival

Wow! We had amazing weather for the festival.... 30 degrees and a 12 mph wind from the south. It was a beautiful day. About 30 flyers showed up to ride the wind. There were some amazing kites this year. We would like to thank the Fish Committee for allowing us to tag onto the end of their event. It's never too early to get your kite for the 2027 event! Thank you for all who braved the amazing weather to join in the fun!



Holiday Lake Lighting Committee

Santa and Mrs. Clause were busy at the Cookies with Santa event! There were over 30 kids in attendance with their parents and grandparents. They had a great time decorating cookies, making crafts, playing reindeer games, and of course visiting Santa and Mrs. Clause. The lighting committee runs this event each year, free of charge to all (donations accepted).



Thank you to Cheri Garcia, Remax Realty, for sponsoring the event. Without the help of the lighting committee members and several lake friends, it would not be possible. Diane Morrero baked her famous cookies for the kids to decorate, and the committee sold them as well. If you've never had her cookies, be sure to plan on attending next year!!



A big shout out to September Sackett for her past leadership with the lighting committee. She stepped down as chair in October. She will continue to be part of the committee.

The Lighting Committee will continue to work on making the lake a beautifully lit and festive place at Christmas time and create a warm, welcoming atmosphere throughout the seasons. If you are interested in supporting the committee's 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.

Holiday Lake Lighting Committee Chairperson, Ronda Streit

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Holiday Lake

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!

- Chair- Pat Link 641-891-1046
- Co-Chair Shannon Schmit 319-213-4613
- Co-Chair Joy Krull 319-350-2543
- Co-Chair Geri Franklin 319-404-8992
- Lake Office 641-522-7686

Upcoming Events

GET INVOLVED! Meetings at the Community Center:

Board of Directors

Second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM

Rural Improvement Zone

First Wednesday of each month at 6PM

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 16 9am—Noon Lake Wide Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 23 8am—Noon

Bake Sale at the Community Center for a Community Center Fundraiser

Contact: Kim Pendarvis 641-990-9763

Saturday, June 6 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: Kim Pendarvis (641) 990-9763

Friday & Saturday, June 12-13

Lake Wide Garage Sales. Contact: Pam Klemz: 515-202-1383

Compost Pile

Open April 5 through November 14
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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 Friday of the month

November—March
1st Friday of the month only

Join us for Monthly Planning Meetings/Work sessions after Coffee at 10:45AM on the 3rd Friday of the month, April-October.

Rockin' on the Water

Saturday, June 20 from 1-4 PM

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Friday, July 3

Volleyball Tournament: Powell Park. Time TBA.

Contact: Kristi Bean 319-330-5463

Saturday, July 4

9-9:30am Yoga in the Park: Powell Park

Contact: Maria Zeutenhorst 641-485-0632

2pm Pet Costume Parade: Powell Park Shelter

Contact: Sandy Heck 641-990-6142

Around 7pm Skydive Iowa Patriotic skydivers: Ball Diamond

8pm Boat Parade begins at Beach Boat Ramp

Dusk Fireworks off the dam. Rain date of Sunday, July 5

Sunday, July 5

9-10:30am. Kid's Carnival Games at the Community Center for children 12 and under.

9-10am Register for the ATV/Golf Cart Cruise. Judging ends at 10:30am. Cruise begins at 11am.

Contact: Katie Tomlinson (641) 485-0127



Saturday, July 11

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

Monday, July 20—Friday, July 24 9-11:30am

Bible School at the Community Center

23rd Annual Fish Committee

Poker Run Fundraiser

Saturday, July 25

11am—1pm Registration at the Community Center

1pm Run Begins!

Contact: Dennis Jones (319) 533-1954

Saturday, August 15

Annual Meeting at the Community Center:

8-9am Voting. 9am Meeting called to order/voting ends..



Music Festival
on the
Community Center Lawn
HOLIDPALOOZA

Saturday August 15th!

We are looking forward to another fun event. We are accepting donations if you would like to support this amazing event.



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Saturday, August 22

9am—Noon

Lake Wide Clean Up Day

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HOLIDAY LAKE END OF THE SUMMER VENDOR & CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, September 5

9-3pm at the Community Center

Contact: Monica Morrison 319-432-1880

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

Sunday, September 6

7:30am-12:30pm Annual Pancake Breakfast -
Comm. Center Fundraiser

Contact: Kim Pendarvis at (641) 990-9763

Saturday, September 26

10am SxS Poker Run starts at Powell Park

Contact: Lynn Parizek (319)558-8276



Saturday, October 31

3pm Annual Trunk/Treat at the Beach parking lot with a free meal for the whole family at the Community Center

Contact: Candace Brown (319) 243-9075

3rd Annual Halloween Costume Party at the Community Center

Doors open at 6 p.m. Band will be playing from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.



Saturday, December 5

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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The first dive of 2026 is 'in the book'. Visibility was about 6 feet with water temp around 40 degrees. As we enter the 10th year of diving Holiday Lake, our logged dive count stands at 483. We should hit 500 in a few weeks!

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.

As always, if you happen to see 'scuba duck', note that there is a diver close by.



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BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

Update – March 2026

Project Update: [1] The Board of Directors have approved one of our Spring project requests! We will be placing a large “Boulder Signage” for the Stairway to Heaven on the berm of the retention basin across from Don’s Cove, along Lakeshore Drive. Two generous Holiday Lake Owners [Alan Faas and Deb Howard] have donated goods and services. Alan has donated 2 boulders. One of them will be used for the signage and one will be placed at Pete’s Pond, replacing a previous boulder that was pushed into the pond by an automobile last winter. Not only has Alan donated, but delivered the stones as well!! Deb has volunteered to donate her time to paint the signage once the boulder has been set. We will be working with our Maintenance crew in placing the stone in an area they feel best for mowing. We hope this natural and unique signage will help our neighbors with their WAY-FINDING the historic STAIRWAY!!

[2] Another BIG project we are have long talked about [approx. 2 years] and have worked to raise money for, is to establishing an element of Sun-Shading at the Beach. We have presented the proposal to the Board of Directors and are still working through some details with them. We look forward to finding a suitable compromise and site bringing a reprieve from the heat of the summer sun while still having fun at the Beach.

Fundraiser: We will be holding a Garage Sale Fundraiser again this year during the Lake Wide 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. Please contact any Betterment Committee member if you have a donation, big or small. We will make arrangements to pick it up. Thank you in advance!

And again, 100% of ALL funds collected will be donated back to the Lake. 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.

Sponsored FUN NIGHT: We will be holding our 1st Spring into Summer evening event!! We WELCOME BACK summer activities at our Lake, along with WELCOMING many of our part-time neighbors BACK!! Mark your calendars! Friday evening – May 29th! Plans are still underway. Watch for more information as time gets closer.



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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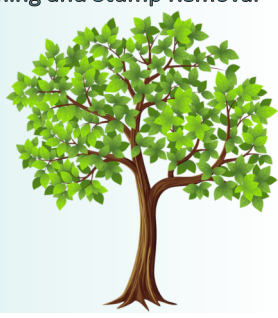
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Holiday Lake History

Parks, Playgrounds Are Lake's Bonus Features

Several nicely wooded parks, supplied with picnic tables, wood, stoves, restroom facilities and garbage cans plus a large recreation area north of the dam, are bonus attractions to lot owners at Holiday Lake.

Like the lake and beach, use of the parks and recreation area are privileges that go along with the purchase of a lot. Some people must wonder, "Isn't the lake enough?"

"We want to provide recreational opportunities for everyone who will come out here," L.H. (Ike) Wilson, Iowa Recreational Development co-owner, said. "If someone is not a real water sport fan, we want him to have something to do," he added.

He said the parks have been situated so that they will be convenient to all lot owners. Also, if people want to hold family reunions, they will be sure of being able to find a place to hold them, he added.

A more important reason for the parks, Wilson said, is that Iowa Recreation Development Co. owners believe that Iowans would rather stay in Iowa for their fun. They believe that more important than the drive to bring tourists to Iowa is the effort being made to keep Iowans in their home state where they can be with their friends.

"We think Iowans would rather enjoy the natural resources and beauty of the home state than drive 500 miles for the same recreational opportunities, and we've invested a lot of money to prove our theory," Wilson declared.

In addition to clearing the

park land, setting up picnic and restroom facilities and building large adjoining parking lots he pointed out, Holiday Lake developers have installed Miracle playground equipment, which is built in Grinnell. "We've installed Miracle equipment in other states," he added. The object is to provide a large variety of equipment which will provide safe, wholesome activity to all age groups with maximum safety, he said.

A baseball diamond and other playground facilities for the large recreational area north of the Holiday Lake dam are still in the planning stages.

Finance Plan Eases

Lot Owners' Payments

One of the most unusual facets of the Holiday Lake project is that many lots have been sold on time payments without interest or carrying charges.

D.A. Wilson, co-owner of the Iowa Recreational Development Co., private developers of Holiday Lake, explained that the company has great flexibility in establishing a person's credit and financing lots without interest charges for three reasons.

First, none of the contracts are sold to banks or insurance companies; second, lot owners make their payments promptly, or early; and, third, past experience has shown that the lots are continually going up in value. Since the lots are the developers' only security, their security goes up as the value of the lots goes up.

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Holiday Lake Rocks

By Andrea Rae

Rock season is right around the corner and we're excited to kick things off again! Searching for Hibernated Rocks? Good news—they'll be back at the HLR Rock House on Sharon Drive, all set and ready to go at the beginning of May. Be sure to stop by and see what treasures have been tucked away over the winter! Also beginning May 1st, fresh, unpainted rocks will be available for pickup at the HLR Rock House on Sharon Drive. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just getting started, it's the perfect time to stock up and get creative.

The fan-favorite Golden Rocks will be making their return just in time for Memorial Day weekend! If you're lucky enough to find one, you can redeem it for a frozen treat at Gator Enterprise, LLC. Want to help keep the fun going? Donations to support the Golden Rock fund can be made at Gator's.

Rock Hunters, we need your help to keep the excitement going! When you find a rock, don't forget to share it on the #HLR Holiday Lake Rocks Facebook page so artists can see their creations being found and enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who helps make this tradition so much fun.



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