

JOHNSON LAKE NEWS

SPRING 2023

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2023 EVENTS AT THE LAKE

**MAY 27 & 28, 2023- MEMORIAL
WEEKEND GARAGE SALES!!!**
COME OUT TO THE GARAGE/YARD SALES
AT JOHNSON LAKE!

**MAY 27, 2023- JOHNSON LAKE EMS
5-K WALK/RUN**
10:00 A.M. CHECK-IN AT 9AM
FREE WILL DONATION LUNCH
TO THE PUBLIC 11 AM

**JUNE 10, 2023 - JUNEBORE
CRAFT FAIR**
10 AM TO 2 PM AT CANYON LAKES BREWING CO.

**JULY 3, 2023 - "LIGHT UP THE LAKE"
FIREWORKS**
STARTS AT 10 PM AT THE SOUTH END OF THE LAKE

JULY 4, 2023 – BOAT PARADE
REGISTRATION AT NAUTICAL ROSE BOAT DOCK
FROM 9AM-10AM

**JULY 22, 2023 – JOHNSON LAKE
CHAMBER MEMBER APPRECIATION
CONCERT EVENT**
FEATURING: "SWEETWATER"
7-10 PM AT COTTONWOOD REALTY
PROPERTY DR 14A

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2023- FALL MINGLE
CRAFT FAIR**
10AM-2PM LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

**DECEMBER 2, 2023- JINGLE N MINGLE
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11AM-3PM- NAUTICAL ROSE
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2023 JLDI MONTHLY MEETINGS

Leaseholders are encouraged to attend Monthly meetings, held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. April through October at 7:00 pm at the EMS Building

To place your ad or an article in the 2024 JLDI Newsletter, Please contact Kathy Larson 402-631-8496
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JOHNSON LAKE GRASS & LEAF DUMP 2023

PERMITTED ITEMS

Grass - not in bags
Leaves - not in bags
Garden plants - not in pots
Tree limbs - not to exceed 10"

NON-PERMITTED ITEMS

Smoldering Embers / Leaves
Trash or Construction material
Appliances
Dead Fish

Dumping items not permitted will result in loss of dump privileges

Provided as a service for leased lake lot owners. Permits may be purchased for owners of deeded property. For more information: www.jldi.org

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The Off Course Lake House, established in 2022, is located at 74857 US-283, Johnson Lake, NE. Sit back and relax at our spacious Lake House that has a picturesque view of the Lakeside Golf Club and Johnson Lake. Sitting on 1.1 acres of land, there is a lot of yard area to enjoy, fenced in back patio area with a grill, balcony off of each bedroom and a large deck to enjoy the beautiful sunsets over the lake. Head inside to try your luck at the 8 person poker table, located in the sunroom with a view of the golf course and the lake. Go downstairs to the game room for a game of pool or foosball. Enjoy the HomeTheatre room with a 6 piece power reclining sectional and 70" smartTV with surround sound. Please ask about our VIP Golf Experience with Lakeside Golf Club when booking with us! We can have your golf cart delivered right up to the front door ahead of your tee time and enjoy discounts at the clubhouse.

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2023 CHAPEL OF THE LAKE SCHEDULE

DATE	MINISTERS, Layperson and Special Music	
May 28	REV. ROBERT C. KUEFNER.....	LEXINGTON
	Dan Thayer	<i>"Cabriolet"</i>
June 4	REV. DAN ZITTERKOPF.....	LEXINGTON
	Dan Thayer	<i>Judy LaBrune</i>
June 11	REV. SYLVIA KARLSSON	BERTRAND
	Rick Bergman	<i>"Habital 4 Harmony"</i>
June 18	REV. JAMES GARFIELD	CENTRAL CITY
	Monty Vonasek	<i>Robin & James Morton</i>
June 25	REV. EDDIE MARIEL	LEXINGTON
	Nancy Harms	<i>Deb & Roger Wells</i>
July 2	REV. REX ADAMS	LEXINGTON
	Nancy Harms	<i>Betty Erickson</i>
July 9	REV. JEAN CLAYTON	HOLDREGE
	Dan Thayer	<i>Holly Rickertsen</i>
July 16	PASTOR SARAH NEBEN.....	ELWOOD
	Rick Bergman	<i>Pam Trampe</i>
July 23	REV. DOUG CLINE.....	SHELTON
	Dave Stoddard	<i>Kearney Area Barbershoppers</i>
July 30	REV. DR. CHARLES OLSEN	JOHNSON LAKE
	Rick Bergman	<i>Jeff Cox</i>
August 6	BISHOP WILLIAM J. DENDINGER.....	GR. ISLAND
	Nancy Harms	<i>Jeannie Homan</i>
August 13	REV. DR. KIRWIN STEWART.....	HOLDREGE
	Pam Sandy	<i>NE Pride Chorus</i>
August 20	REV. CHAD ANDERSON	KEARNEY
	Dave Stoddard	<i>Courtney Litzenberger</i>
August 27	REV. DAVID LERAAEN	LEXINGTON
	Rick Bergman	<i>"Chordhuskers"</i>
September 3	REV. DR. LUKE BIGGS	GR. ISLAND
	Dan Thayer	<i>Jackie Henderson</i>



CHAPEL OF THE LAKE 60TH SEASON

**Emma Mayer
by her painting**

The bell tower will ring May 28th on Memorial weekend at 7:45 A.M. with the message to come and worship for another season! The 8:30 A.M. bell tells that the worship service is ready to begin! Last season our attendance was 1,039 bringing the total to 143,919 who have worshipped at the Chapel.

Several new clergy join us this season. Long-time individuals and groups will be sharing their musical talents during special music, a favorite part of the services. The committee asks you to be understanding if the schedule in the bulletin has changed from what is printed or announced.

Last season a new wall addition was painted on the East Wall, by Emma Mayer. She is the daughter of Amy and Chad Mayer of Lincoln and granddaughter of Rhea and Tom Musil, Johnson Lake residents. Emma attends Northwest Missouri State, majoring in elementary education. Her love of art allows her to use a variety of materials on many different projects, some of which she has sold. Be sure you take a closer look at the new addition.

Last season Jill Williams accompanied us at the organ for a season. Thank you, Jill for helping out! Jeannie Homan will return to play with Connie Jackson and Rhonda Hammond as accompanists. On the July 4th weekend, former Chapel accompanist for years, Betty Erickson will play and will provide the special music. Betty now lives in Phoenix, AZ.

A Chapel of the Lake long time committee member, Dan Niemoth entered into Eternal Life on October 6, 2022 at the age of 99. He joined the committee in 2001 until moving to Grand Island in 2018. He was active in every Chapel project from power washing the building to weekly cleaning with wife Lois.

Sunday worship services begin Memorial weekend and end Labor Day weekend. However, the Chapel is open mid-May through mid-September for weddings, funerals, and numerous lake related meetings. Contact Chapel Chairman Judy Wixson at 308-785-2287 for further information or any volunteer committee member: Dick Bullis, Bob Cummins, Rhea and Tom Musil, or Wally and Kenny Fox. This special ministry would not be possible without all those who give of their gifts, time, talents, and offerings. A special THANKS goes to anyone who has helped usher, all lay persons, accompanists and those providing special music each Sunday.

Hope to see you May 28th for worship and renewing or meeting new friends!

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8:00AM- 6:00PM**

The JLDI grass and leaf waste site is located south of Johnson Lake, ¾ mile west of the intersection of Highway 283 and Road 748 on the north side of the road, west of the E65 canal. JLDI manages this site as a service to the residents of leased lots from CNPPD. An electronic gate system with cameras, provides the ability to monitor the site and provide information necessary to identify individuals who commit violations. Please be respectful of this benefit and adhere to the allowed items: grass and leaves-not in bags, garden plants-not in pots, and tree limbs not to exceed 10" in diameter. No other items may be dumped, and abuse of the site will result in loss of privileges.

Persons who dump non-permitted items will be fined \$250.00 on the first offense, and their privilege to use the dump will be revoked upon second offense.

Annual permits may be purchased by residents of deeded lake properties, including Lakeview Acres, Merriweather, Plum Creek Canyon, and Pelican Bay, for \$50.00 per year. Deeded lot payments must be paid by May 1 of each year, or current cards will be deactivated at that time. Please contact Doug Thompson 402-461-6206 to arrange to make your payment.

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Nebraska law stipulates you must cover your load on your trip to dispose of the waste to prevent the contents from blowing out of your vehicle or trailer.

We encourage everyone to mulch grass whenever possible to reduce the amount of grass accumulation at the dump site. Also, if you can use firewood, you are welcome to cut and remove wood from the branch pile at the dump site.

Thank you to everyone for putting forward extra effort in sorting your loads, dumping in the designated piles, and making the site the success it has been for 3 years.

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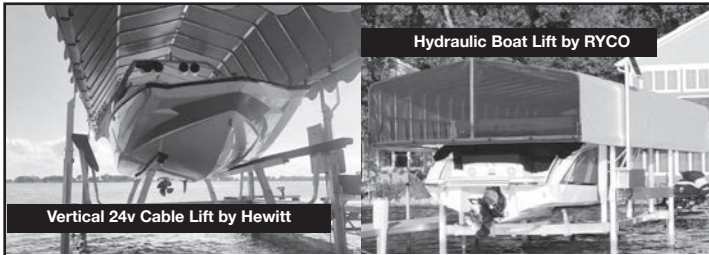
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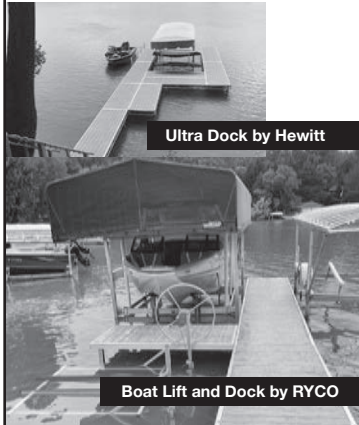
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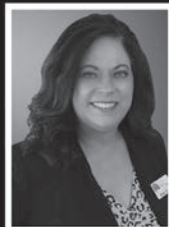
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The Johnson Lake EMS will host their Annual Open House at their building on Saturday, May 27 of Memorial weekend. 5K Run/Walk is at 10am and Lunch served at 11am with free-will donation. They will have a bouncy house and snow cone machine, and plan to have the AirCare Flight for Life fly in upon availability.



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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JOHNSON LAKE SID

By Larry Ossenkop, Clerk

The Johnson Lake SID Board has been very pleased with the performance of the Central Sewer Collection and Treatment System; however the warm weather and winds last summer rapidly increased the lagoon evaporation requiring the addition of well water. We are going on 15 operating years, so there continues a need for upgrading and/or replacing related equipment. Following are several items of interest that are being repeated for the benefit of both our old and new customers, who we welcome to Johnson Lake.

A. "Can we throw anything down the sewer???" "NO, Regulatory agencies advise that the following items should not be introduced into any sewer line and/or grinder pump, either directly or through a kitchen sink garbage disposal: Glass, Metal, Seafood shells, Goldfish stones, Diapers, socks, rags or cloth, Plastic Objects (toys, utensils, etc), Kitty litter, Sanitary napkins, tampons or condoms, Grease, gasoline, oil, paint and other such chemicals, Explosives, Fireworks and/or Flammable material

B. What should be done when I close down my home/cabin? It is suggested that you flush your stool 6-8 times to insure that your service line is clean. Also, be sure to fill all of your sink and floor drain "P" traps with water or better yet, RV anti-freeze; including the air conditioner drain trap. If your home has a grinder pump, flushing should total about 70 gallons, to insure the holding tank is clean while not in use.

C. Who do I call if my sewer line appears to be plugged? The home/cabin owner is responsible for maintaining the

service line connection as well as access to all installed clean outs. A local plumber should be called if necessary to clean your service connection line.

D. When do I pay the User Fee Bill and my Assessment?

The Utility User Fee Bill is sent out annually on May 1st and is payable to the SID upon receipt. It becomes delinquent on June 1st and then accrues 12% interest. The Service Connection Assessment, if not already fully paid, is to be paid to your respective County Treasurer before August 12th each year and includes interest from the date of the last payment, obtained from the respective treasurer's office. The Annual Property Tax Levy has decreased from an initially planned \$550.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value to only \$15.20 per \$100,000 of assessed value, which should remain similar for the future years.

E. When do I need a SID permit and inspection?

A SID permit and related fee is required in advance for any type of construction that might involve your sewer service connection and will require an inspection upon completion. Please contact Travis at

308-746-3169 to obtain a permit form & connection drawing and for the inspection when work is done. This is required before obtaining Central's or the Counties construction permit.

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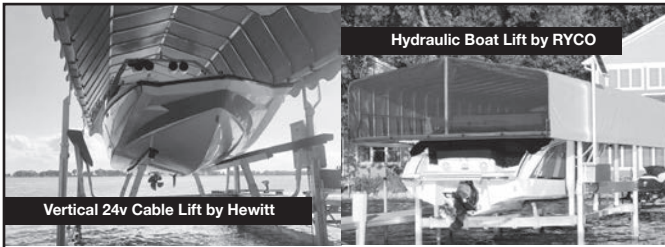


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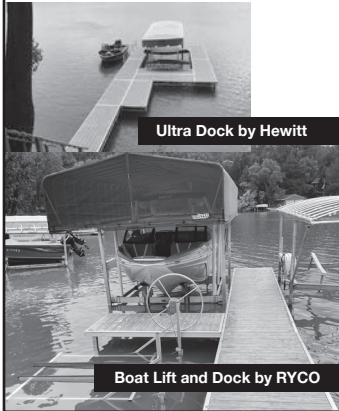
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JOHNSON LAKE ARBORETUM NEWS



Wow – how wonderful it was to see the beautiful fall colors of the trees last year. The brilliant yellow of the cottonwoods contrasted with the red maples and oaks. The trees add to the beauty all year long at the lake and this is one of the reasons the

Johnson Lake Trail and Johnson Lake Game and Parks, along with approval of CNPPID decided to become a Nebraska Arboretum site in 2020. Establishing membership with the state arboretum provides training and information to aid in site and species selection as well as planting information to assure a healthy outcome.

Last fall, 20 trees were planted at the new playground area near East Shore. These diverse trees include varieties of maples, oaks, lindens, crab apple, birch, sycamore and zelkova. Memorial trees were planted by trail committee members near Bass Bay, Crappie Corner and south of the Cosmo Arch near East Shore. Nebraska Game & Parks has planted various species of trees along the trail that passes through the campground areas. A special thanks to Jackie Berke, Becky Crawford and the playground committee, Jeremy Koch of Natural Escapes, Chas Berke of SunValley Landscaping Jennifer Bose of Nebraska Game & Parks, and the lake volunteers who assisted. Many hands made the work lighter.

Projects lined up for the spring of 2023 include planting memorial trees near the Bass Bay gazebo and near Mallard Beach on the Matson trail. Mary Bergstrom, a trail committee member, is designing and planting a perennial pollinator garden near the Matson trail on the west side of the lake.

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Thousands have grown to love and appreciate the "Light Up the Lake" fireworks display. It has become part of their holiday traditions. **Be sure to tune in to KAMI 100.1 FM or 1580 AM, as they will play patriotic music along with the 25-minute fireworks display.**

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The Johnson Lake Community Playground Committee is excited to announce that our playground equipment has arrived. Thank you to everyone that has helped make this project a success. As the ground warms up this spring, we will pour concrete and install the playground equipment.

We are also excited to announce the secured lead gift to complete the Picnic Shelter area. **Please help us thank the Jim & Sharri Baldonado families, The Home Agency, and BHA Real Estate.** The covered picnic shelter will include four picnic tables and is scheduled for a summer 2023 completion.

When you drive by East Shore, Drive 1, you will notice the trees planted at the site this fall. The Johnson Lake Community Playground project received ten trees from the Free Trees for Fall Planting program, an effort by the Nebraska Forest Service and the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. Community volunteers worked with Jeremy Koch of Natural Escapes of Cozad to plant twenty-two trees in this area. The playground project is a collaborative effort between lake community members, Lexington Community Foundation, Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation, Johnson Lake Development, Inc., and Crouch Recreation.

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This step, along with the required pre-construction meeting helps ensure that projects are constructed in accordance with Central's permitting procedures and helps avoid costly issues that can result from violations.

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Bowfishers of Nebraska (BON) will again host their annual carp tournament on Johnson Lake and the surrounding canals on June 10, 2023. We will start Friday night, June 9 with a Calcutta at the Nautical Rose at 7pm, with the action starting at 9pm. Anyone is welcome to join and encouraged to bid on some teams. There will be free pizza.

You will still be able to sign up before the action until 6:30am, Saturday, June 10. The launch will be a shotgun start from the Nautical Rose, sharply at 7am.

For further details, contact Ryan Reynolds 308-325-0605

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CARP REMOVAL AT JOHNSON LAKE

Carp are fish native to Asia that are excellent fighters and great table fare, when prepared properly. They were introduced to the US into the Missouri river system in 1879, and by 1895 they had spread through the entire river system, as well as into the Mississippi River system. It was later recognized as a huge mistake, but the damage had already been done, and continues to be a problem today.

Carp are omnivorous and bottom feeders. The habit of their feeding style constantly stirs the silt on the bottom of lakes and stream, causing the water to be cloudy and dingy looking. At the same time, they are eating the good aquatic plants so vital to a good fishery. Eggs and small fish are tops on the carps' favorite table fare. This is what is happening in Johnson Lake and all

other lakes where the carp reside. Our goal is to remove a large population of carp and restore clean water and excellent fishing to Johnson Lake.

What do we do about this problem? First, I have assembled a like-minded committee to assist me in this endeavor. Our committee includes me Ron Pickel, Ron Fowler, Jim Hahn, Marv Cochrane, Jim Mosely, Doug Cochrane and Dave Melliger.

Second is seining the lake. Basically, this means removing as many carp as possible to protect the good fish and our water clarity.

I have been in touch with one of the best in the business. Jeff Radamaker is a professional rough fish removal specialist. Jeff and his crew travel the US and contract to seine lakes

to remove unwanted species of fish and leave the good fish, so that we can enjoy fishing at its best. Johnson Lake has had several seining operations in the past with great results. After the carp are removed, the population of good fish re-bound and we can all share in the bounty.

The last seining resulted in the removal of 71,000 pounds of carp. That is obviously a lot of fish, but in reality, is only a small amount that is replaced by the next years annual hatch. To really make a difference, we need to move 500,000 pounds of carp from Johnson Lake, which I have set as my long-range goal.

We have scheduled our next seining sometime in May, with the date to be announced as soon as the temperature is at an optimal level. Right after that, we will start the push on obtaining grant money to assist our efforts. The next step is to continue on and include Sutherland Reservoir, Lake Maloney, Jeffrey Lake, and the canal system all the way to Kingsley Dam. Will we eliminate the carp? NO!! But our efforts and your help will get the carp back to a level where the good fish can compete and regain an even ground to compete with the dastardly carp.

Bottom line, we need your help. Please donate to the Lexington Community Foundation and mark the memo CARP REMOVAL. We appreciate your assistance in the endeavor. Together we can make a difference. Let's all pitch in from Johnson Lake.



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