



***HOGBACK LAKE  
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION  
JULY 5, 2025***

**Welcome to another year of fun for 2025**

Due to the tariffs this year all monies from last year went directly to the fireworks. We need help with the poker run prizes. I will be spending most of my time in Houghton Lake as we are getting ready to welcome another member to our family soon with the birth of a grand-daughter. :) Thank you for your support! Let's make this year's event safe and fun for our family and friends. We always need a couple of "Celebration" helpers as the committee is down to 1 person. We need volunteers for the following:

**Volunteers needed for:**

Raffle prizes by individuals or businesses

Walkers to get donations, this is important to keep our events happening every year.

Someone to contact local businesses if they would like to donate.

(Nikki has the list of past businesses that have donated)

A few volunteers to help out with the kids activities in my yard

We will be hosting kids in our yard for a field/game day with prizes during the poker run. If your child is under the age of 5 or needs supervision please have someone stay there with them. You must pick up your child(ren) right after you finish the poker run. This is in my yard and all children need to stay away from the fireworks and the pontoons.

Again lets make this a safe and fun day and do not drink and drive. I cannot stress enough that we want to keep our lake, family, friends and guests safe during the holiday so please refrain from drinking if operating any motor vehicle/boat/jet ski, etc.

The Poker Run stops are still being secured. If you would like to be a stop please send me a message with your address. I will come around with all the supplies and instructions.

You can contact me on Facebook, cell/text 989-710-7448 or email: flutterbug4@hotmail.com if you are interested in volunteering this year. Send me your email address to be added to an email blast instead of a paper letter to help save some trees.

Thank you,  
Nikki Szymkowski

**Fireworks by Eric S. & Eric H. at dusk:** We ask for your cooperation during the fireworks to stay a safe distance from the docks anchored in the middle of the lake (near the shoreline is a safe distance). Again, “please” share this information with everyone. Safety is our primary concern. Thanks to Eric S., Eric H., and all of you who contribute.

**Luminaries/Candles:** Sales begin now! The cost is \$3.00 per lot; the lot includes 6 bags and 6 candles. These are to be spaced at 10 feet intervals on your beach and they will be lit at dusk. You can purchase your luminaries from the Szymkowski’s at the North side of the lake at the end of Pine View Rd. Look for the gray barndominium. Volunteers will also be going around selling them.

**Karaoke** - Friday, July 4th at 8pm. Location is Dave and Cathy at the west end of the lake. Weather permitting.

**Kiddie Game Day:** Saturday, July 6th from Noon to 3pm. Paddle, walk, ride to the north end of the lake by the canal to the Szymkowski’s property. Look for the Giant Pig Flag in our yard. Each participant will collect a gift bag. There will be games and prizes. Ages 6 to 12 preferably. Anyone younger must have a guardian present. Kids may get wet so have a towel if needed. Light snacks and drink boxes or water will be available. Please let me know ASAP of any food allergies.

**Piggy Poker Run:** Saturday, July 6th (12:00 pm - 3:00 pm) \$1.00 per hand. The Poker Run starts at the Stop 1 listed below. There are flags at each stop. All proceeds of the Piggy Poker Run go to the cost of next year’s fireworks show.

**Stop 1 and Purchase Tickets:** Becky Kottong, 14324 Beatrice Lane

**Stop 2:** Jay Moyer, 318 Eastland

**Stop 3:** Sally Freeman, 131 N. Lake Street

**Stop 4:** Gabe Lopez, 104 Pine View Dr., North side cove

**Stop 5:** Max & Linda Lopez, 111 Pine View Dr., North side

**Drop off Cards:** Dave & Cathy Riemersma, 17499 W. Pine View Road

**Raffle:** You can buy raffle and 50/50 tickets at the Szymkowski’s at the end of Pine View Rd. on the North side. Price is \$1.00 per ticket. All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets go to the cost of next year’s fireworks. The tickets will also be available at all Poker stops.

***First Prize: Member’s Mark Pro Series Gas Assist Charcoal Grill***



***Second Prize:  
Backyard  
Creations  
Outdoor Patio  
Heater***



***Third Prize:  
All Terrain  
Folding Wagon***

