



***HOGBACK LAKE  
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION  
JULY 1, 2023***

**Welcome to another year of fun for 2023.**

Its time for another year of activities for our Independence Day Celebration at Hogback Lake. This year we will be hosting kids in our yard again for a field day with prizes during the poker run. If your child is under the age of 4 or needs supervision please have someone stay there with them. You must pick up your child(ren) right after you finish the poker run.

Again lets make this a safe and fun day and do not drink and drive.

The Poker Run stops are listed on the back of this newsletter. If you would like to be a stop next year please send me a message to be added to the list.

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 to help out with the kids activities I plan on having this year in my yard

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.

Verified events are listed on the back of this letter.

Also, this year our Eric's will be putting on the 50th Anniversary of Razzaque Days fireworks on Friday, July 8th.

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 black trailer or visit us on the hill with the 2 barns.

**Karaoke** - Friday, June 30th at 8pm. Location is Dave and Cathy at the west end of the lake.

**Cornhole at the Keelean’s Beach:** Get your 2 man teams together for some fun. Saturday, July 1st at 4:00 pm. Music, hot dogs and chips provided. Cost is \$5.00 per person. First & second place win cash prize. 3rd place gets a consolation prize. Pre-registration is required. Contact Judy, 123 North Lake Road, with your Team Name, Players Names and Contact at 616-443-9417 or facebook. Check the Hogback Lake facebook page for the flyer.

**Kiddie Game Day:** Saturday, July 1st 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 participate will collect a gift bag. There will be an obstacle course, games, water balloon toss, and more. Ages 4 to 12 preferably. Anyone younger must have a guardian present. Kids may get wet so have a towel if needed. (Dogs will be in a pen so please do not go near it or try to pet the dogs.)

**Piggy Poker Run:** Saturday, July 1st (12:00 pm - 3:00 pm) \$1.00 per hand. The Poker Run starts at the Szymkowski’s on the North End at the end of Pine View. First place prize receives a Pork Sampler basket and last place receives a pound of bacon. All proceeds of the Piggy Poker Run go to the cost of next years fireworks show.

**Stop 1 and Purchase Tickets:** Mike & Kelly Bassett, 322 East Land Dr.

**Stop 2:** Joni Hinton, 112 Horseshoe Drive

**Stop 3:** Sally Freeman, 111 N. Lake Street

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

**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 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 years fireworks. There will also be a 50/50 raffle this year. Tickets available from Nikki.

**First Prize: Member’s Mark  
4-Burner Gas Griddle**



**Second Prize: Fishing Package**  
including rod & reel, tackle box  
with all the supplies.



**Third Prize:  
Keter Bevy Bar**

