

A Little Slice of Heaven

June 2024



Elbow Lake Chatter

1st place winner Roger Sylvester leads the parade.

Summer at Elbow Lake is Under Way!

The Memorial Day weekend was a great kick-off to summer fun! The 30 vehicles entered in the Golf Cart/ATV Parade were decorated with red, white and blue. Pictures of the winning vehicles are on page 3, but Roger Sylvester took 1st place with a towering Uncle Sam watching over the whole procession. 2nd place honors went to Joel Maes, and Jake Madill took 3rd place. Back at the Boat Launch, President Mark Scott and his crew were cooking up burgers and hot dogs for all the participants and their guests. Membership dues were also collected and all ELCOA members who had paid their dues for the current year were entered into a drawing. Dick Bison was the lucky winner of a drone and a "GoPro"-type camera.

Interested in learning CPR? Donna Militello is willing to teach CPR classes on June 22 and June 24 at 9am. The cost is \$18 for the book and \$6 for the card; no more than 9 people in a class. Training will be in Deb Smith's barn upstairs. Contact Deb to enroll & pay by 6/16/24: 989-560-5811.(3 hour class.)

A Chairman is needed for the Annual Picnic. You do not need to be on the Board to organize this event. Volunteers have already committed to assist you. Please consider volunteering.

You Need to Know

Sheriff

989-539-7166

Fire Department

989-539-7145

Oxygen

Mary Ann Wood
10385 N. Athey Ave.
989-274-4315

Frank DeVuono
9982 South Shore
586-482-0907

Emergency Walkie-Talkies

Oxygen and AED

Charlie & Deb Smith
9895 Toohy Trail
989-560-5811 or 989-424-8633

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dates to Remember:

July 6: Flare Sale and Boat Parade
July 7: 10am Board Meeting
Aug. 3: Annual Meeting & Elections
Aug. 4: 10am Board Meeting
Sep. 1: 10am Board Meeting
Oct. 12: Hayride
Oct. 13: 10am Board Meeting at Mary Ann Wood's home
10385 N. Athey Ave.
All are welcome to attend Board Meetings

Date Changes for Weed Control for 2024

Lake Spraying is re-scheduled as follows:

May 29, 2024
June 26, 2024
July 24, 2024
August 21, 2024

The August spraying will include those that want lily pads, etc. sprayed. Get your orders in prior to this date.

September will not be sprayed unless there is a flood of algae or invasive emergent.

The green algae that many have noticed was treated on April 30th, 2024, and it was determined that the treatment dates needed to be changed.

Questions? Contact Mary Ann Wood at 989-274-4315 or woodmaryann46@gmail.com

Reminder: On treatment days, DO NOT SWIM or BOAT for 24 hours. This allows the sprayed chemicals used to sink around the problem areas and be most effective.

ROAD DUST CONTROL

DATES for 2024

July 9th
August 27

Condolences

Sincere condolences to the Van-DeKerkhove, Wood, and Heil families who have lost a dear loved one in the past several weeks. May the memories of the joy they shared with you comfort you in your sorrow. Rest in peace.

Now Taking Donations for Fish Stocking
Small-Mouth Bass & Bluegill are suggested

Road Issues

If you have any problems with the roads you should contact the Clare County Road Commission. ELCOA cannot slow down traffic, pave roads or repair them. Please address all of your concerns to the Road Commission at: www.clarecrc.com/contact/



All Sports Hours Reminder

Elbow Lake is ALL SPORTS between the hours of 11am and 5pm. **On all weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day, it is extended to 6pm.**

No Wake times are before 11am and after 5/6pm.

Remember to travel counter-clockwise, and stay 100 feet away from docks and stationary watercraft. Thank you.

Quiet Heroes!

Thank you to whoever mowed the Boat Launch and swim site in May. It sure was nice of you and much appreciated!

And a big THANK YOU to Jake Madill & Eric Rouse who placed the new buoys in the water at the Swim Site.

Final plans for the Annual Meeting & Picnic will be announced soon!

4 Ways to Buy Flares & Register for the Boat Parade

- Flares will be sold at the Boat Launch on July 6th between 10am and noon.
- Frank and Marty will be selling them door-to-door on Toohy
- Buy them at 9952 S Shore.
- Pre-order them at elbowlakecoa@gmail.com and they will be delivered to you.

3 for \$10

5 for \$15

7 for \$20

10 for \$30

14 for \$40

Let's light up the shoreline at dusk to announce the fireworks!

Elbow Lake Chatter is the official voice of ELCOA. We invite you to send comments, ideas, or photos to: elbowlakecoa@gmail.com

ELCOA's Facebook page is: **Elbow Lake community page**

ELCOA webpage: www.elbowlakeinfo.wordpress.com

ACTIVITIES

2nd Annual Memorial weekend Golf Cart/ATV Parade kicked off summer season at Elbow Lake!

There were 30 entries this year, with the Roger Sylvester family claiming 1st place, Joel Maes taking 2nd place and Jake Madill garnering 3rd. All vehicles returned to the Boat Launch where everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch provided by ELCOA and President Mark Scott. Veteran Charlie Smith was honored as Grand Marshall.



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***The Boat Parade
theme this year is***

DECADES

8pm, Saturday, July 6

Start thinking about how you will decorate your boat. Cash prizes for the top four entries. And always, something patriotic is required.

It's free to enter and you do not have to be a member of ELCOA to participate and win in ANY of ELCOA-sponsored events.

Register where the Flares are sold (previous page) and get a number to post on your boat.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday May 26, 2024

Location: Mary Ann Wood's House

Present: Mark Scott, Rick Elenbaas, Deb Smith, Mary Ann Wood, Susan Neighbors, Frank DeVuono, Marty Neighbors, Shirley Miller, John Krieger, and Fred VanDeKerkhove.

Absent: Ed Henri.

Guests: Erie High, Eric Rouse, Kevin Rouse, Ken Scott and Brett Pacek.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by President Mark Scott.

Minutes: The April 21, 2024 minutes were read by secretary Mary Ann Wood. Corrections were Rick Elenbaas was absent and not present as shown in the minutes. Also it should be the "next meeting" and not "Annual" under discussions. Marty does not have a key to the shed and it is #11 not #10. Further corrections were: The Meredith Grade project is a projected project and not voted on as of yet by the township board. Deb Smith made a motion to accept the minutes, and it was seconded by Shirley Miller. Motion carried. President Scott announced an agen-

da change to hear a report from Shirley Miller.

Weed/muck Assessment by the boat launch. ELCOA paid for the initial assessment of the DNR to evaluate possibilities of improving the shoreline west of the dock. Shirley reported that the DNR has declared that area as wetlands with only alternative options available and those options would be difficult to get permits for. (See report). The DNR stated, if anyone tries to improve this area without a permit, "you are breaking the law". Also, the deed states the boat access is a drop-off and pick up area only and boats should not stay parked. President Scott feels a proper survey will be needed if off-lake property owners want to continue looking into this, but that ELCOA paid for the initial evaluation as courtesy to them. President Scott thanked Shirley for her work on this inquiry. He suggests she share the contact information with interested parties and stresses that this is NOT an EL-

COA concern. The property owners will have to fund any further pursuits there. He suggests Shirley get her receipts to Deb Smith for reimbursement.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Smith the balance is \$3871.44 without fish money. Marty Neighbors made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Frank DeVuono seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Sue Neighbors reported a membership of 45 as of today with a goal of 100 members. There are 161 property owners. She also plans on a June newsletter so it can be advertised about the July 4th parade (held on July 6, 2024 at 8:00 pm) and the annual picnic. Yesterday brought in \$700 in early membership sign up at the parade.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: Rick Elenbaas said there have been trees down from the storm and are now cleared. He also said the old Elbow Lake Bar (now a residence) is for sale. There was also mention of the bar/restaurant happening at Meredith

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grade and M-18 and whether a liquor license has been obtained.

Community News: Richard Heil passed Friday night. Ruey Wood passed Thursday, and Mary VanDeKerkhove passed 4-28-2024. Prayers and thoughts to those families. Marty Neighbors asked for a moment of silence in memory of them as 2 were past or current board members. Possible home sales were announced. One is across from the beach and is \$80,000. Another with 3200 square feet of home and storage and garage for \$300,000.

Facebook: Deb Smith reported the Facebook group has 276 members. She said the site is for announcing events, not for calling of names or causing trouble or you will be blocked. She said there is a non-censored group for speaking your mind, and Elbow Lake information page for information on area events and happenings. All 3 are different in their purpose. There was a suggestion to advertise the 3 different types of FB pages.

Webpage/Newsletter: Susan Neighbors reported she plans on a June newsletter so it can be advertised about the July 4th parade (held on July 6, 2024 at 8:00 pm) and also the annual picnic.

Township Meeting: Erie High reported on the meetings that issues with northwest Franklin township has someone raising horses and pigs (Right to Farm Act) and the state of Michigan will legally defend the township if sued. All this is still under investigation. He said the Meredith Grade widening project will be spread over 2 years as 2 years of funding can be obtained. He said the logging trucks and side-by-sides have caused road/shoulder damage. The general consensus at the last meeting was no millage would be raised. He also suggested inviting the township supervisor and/or the road commission as speakers at the annual meeting/

picnic.

Fish Planting: Deb Smith reported we currently have \$690 of the \$1000 goal. With the ELCOA donation of \$500, it now is at \$1190. One source contacted was Imlay City but they do not want to drive that far. Stoney Creek is who we used before. Frank DeVuono and or Mark Scott will report back at the next meeting after making contacts. It was decided to have no hybrids and have blue gill and bass planted or find out what is available.

Lake Spraying: Mary Ann Wood reported the 2024 spray date changes for the lake. They are: May 29, June 26, July 24, August 21. The August spraying will include those that want lily pads sprayed. Get your orders in prior to that date. She also reported Jeff Benjamin has not been paid by the township for over 3 months. He and myself have contacted the township with no resolution yet.

Buoys and Docks: President Scott announced someone needs to put in the buoys. Eric Rouse said he would handle this.

Memorial Day Weekend: Marty Neighbors thanked everyone that helped or participated in the parade yesterday. President Scott reported food was over bought. Dick Bison won the drone and camera prize. Winners of the parade were: 1st place Roger Sylvester, 2nd place Joel Maes, 3rd place Jake Madill.

Hayride: It was mentioned that Sally Rouse will possibly co-chair the hayride again. It was suggested to ask April Corrias to help out.

Old Business: Marty Neighbors said storage will cost the association \$240/year as it is being split with John Krieger. Deb Smith will pay for 1 year today so we are paid through October. The Clare County Ambulance meeting at Court House in Harrison on May 2, 2024 at 2 pm. was reported on by a message sent to the

President by Blaire Embrey. The real issue for ambulance service is staffing. MMR needs staff too. It was reported that in 2023 response time for Priority 1 was 12 minutes.

The CPR class to be offered in the community has been confirmed with Donna Militello. Books are \$18.00 and cards are \$6.00. It is an American Heart Association certification and will include both adult and kids. She will need to know the number attending. Deb Smith will put on FB as the number is limited to 9.

Rick Elenbaas reported that the address has been established for the old business of the garbage can. Erie High has installed a reflective address sign at this site.

New Business: Sue Neighbors will chair the Fourth of July parade.

The annual picnic in need of a chair. John Krieger said he would help. Deb Smith said she could help get prizes for the games, and we're still in need of someone to run the games. President Scott will post on FB seeking a volunteer for the chair. President Scott announced the need for new board members due to Mary VanDeKerkhove's passing. Deb Smith nominated Eric Rouse. He accepted and President Scott appointed him to this position. Kevin Rouse was also nominated and he will think about it and report back to us. It was announced that the Pillon's son-in-law Brandon, donated 2 cases of flares; they also donated a folding white table to the association. Frank DeVuono brought up that the level of fire danger signs are not being posted. Rick Elenbaas said he can not take on any more (a duty of neighborhood watch). Frank DeVuono said he will handle this.

Discussions: President Scott announced the next board meeting is July 7, 2024 at 10:00 am at Mary Ann Wood's house. The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood

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