



Photo courtesy of Ryan Neighbors

There's nothing like bone-chilling cold to make a mug of cocoa or a bowl of homemade soup or chili taste so good!

So enjoy that hot treat now because warmer weather will be here before we know it! **April 26th will be our annual clean-up day** at the Boat Launch and Swim Site . . . picking up debris left from winter and getting the sites ready for to enjoy in warmer weather. Please join us for an hour or two: bring your rake or blower and meet your neighbors.

May 24th brings our 3rd annual Golf Cart/ATV parade with food and fellowship following at the Boat Launch. Look for the May newsletter to provide more details.

And **July 5th is the date for the Boat Parade**. This year's theme is **TOYS** so get your thinking caps on and plan your entry.

The **Annual Meeting and Picnic is August 2nd**. Elections for new officers and board members will be held. Please consider that there are many opportunities to participate in ELCOA's direction and activities.

We'll wrap up the year with our **Hayride on October 12th**. . . Always a fun event for the whole family.

You Need to Know

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989-539-7145

Oxygen

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10385 N. Athey Ave.
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Emergency Walkie-Talkies

Oxygen and AED

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Elbow Lake Chatter is the official voice of ELCOA. We invite you to send comments, ideas, or photos to:
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ELCOA's Facebook page is:
Elbow Lake community page

ELCOA webpage:
www.elbowlakeinfo.wordpress.com

COMMUNITY NEWS



Our Condolences

Stephanie Wood passed away in October, following the death of her husband, Ruey, who passed in May. The long-time residents of Elbow Lake will be missed.

Kristy Tesch passed away after a short illness in December. In January, we lost Carolyn Brinkman; also, Michael Wood, dear son of Mary Ann. Our hearts go out to the families they have left behind.



Boat Parade is July 5

The theme this year is *TOYS*, and there are so many ways to represent this. Start thinking about how you will decorate your boat. Cash prizes for the top four entries. And always, something patriotic is required.

Again, more information will follow in next newsletter.

And, as always, 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.

2025 Dates to Remember:

April 26: 10am Area Clean-up

April 27: 10am Board Meeting

May 24: ATV/Golf Cart Parade

May 25: 10am Board Meeting

July 5: Flare Sale and Boat Parade

July 6: 10am Board Meeting

Aug. 2: Annual Meeting/Picnic & Elections

Aug. 3: 10am Board Meeting

Aug. 31: 10am Board Meeting

Oct. 11: Hayride

Oct. 12: 10am Board Meeting at Mary Ann Wood's home

10385 N. Athey Ave.

All are welcome to attend Board Meetings

Thank you,
Hunters Paradise!
Your generous donations to ELCOA events in this, and past years, are greatly appreciated.



Golf Cart/ATV Parade on Memorial Weekend



Anything with wheels, other than cars or trucks, is eligible to enter the parade on May 24. Beginning at the Boat Launch, the parade will circle the lake, then return to the Boat Launch for a picnic. Patriotic decorations are a must and prizes will be awarded.

Look for more details regarding this event in the May newsletter.

2025 Dates for ROAD DUST CONTROL

May 20th
July 9th
August 29th

Safe Ice Thickness*

Ice Thickness Permissible Load

3 inches	Single person on foot
4 inches	Group in single file
7½ inches	Passenger car (2-ton gross)
8 inches	Light truck (2½-ton gross)
10 inches	Medium truck (3½-ton gross)

Ice Thickness Permissible Load

12 inches	Heavy truck (8-ton gross)
15 inches	10 tons
20 inches	25 tons
30 inches	70 tons
36 inches	110 tons

***Solid, clear, blue/black pond and lake ice**

Slush ice has only half the strength of blue ice. The strength value of river ice is 15 percent less.

HAYRIDE

ELCOA's Fall Hayride had it all!

Thanks to Lisa Wick and her helpers for a fantastic afternoon! Donnie and Tonya Patterson organized the Chili and Soup Cook-off, Joel Maes provided the hayride and Marty Neighbors was the DJ, among many other volunteers. Thank you to all who donated, especially the Wright family. Donnie Patterson won the Chili division. Hunters Paradise was recognized with a plaque for their donations for ELCOA events. There were great raffle prizes and a bonfire . . . a good time to see old friends, meet new ones or bring your best one!



Stephanie Wood won 1st prize for her soup . . . RIP Stephanie.



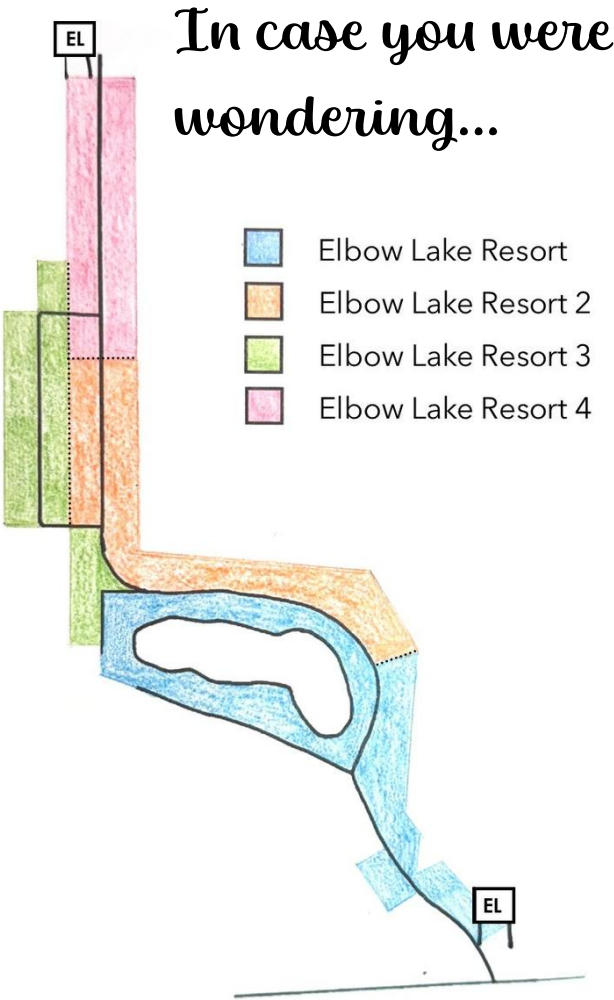
ACTIVITIES—continued



Trunk or Treat, activities for kids and Costume Contests for all ages.



WINTER TIME FUN



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