

A Little Slice of Heaven

June 2025



Congratulations to our winners in the ATV/Golf Cart Parade: 1st place—Linda Gojcaj; 2nd place—Libby Tank; 3rd place—Sally Rouse

ATV/Golf Cart Parade had 32 entries!

32 vehicles registered for the parade on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and were decked out in red, white and blue. President Mark Scott reminded drivers and gave tribute to those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and then launched the parade. The parade proceeded around the lake and up and down N. Athey and Northwoods Trail so almost the entire resort area got to participate. Following the parade, residents enjoyed a hot dog lunch and parade prizes were awarded. In the Early Membership Drawing for those 34 members who had paid their '25-'26 dues by the parade date, Mike and Kathy DeSloover won a lounge chair and Ben and Julie Schock won a neck massager. Their names will be entered in the Early Bird Drawing, awarded on the day of the Annual Meeting/Picnic. You can be eligible to win \$100, too, if your membership dues are received by July 15, 2025.

Independence Day celebrations are Saturday, July 5th

10am to Noon at Boat Launch: Flare sales and pre-registration for Boat Parade; stop and get a number for your boat. Also, Marty, Frank and Fred will be going door to door selling flares. Prices are the same as last year (see page 5 for price list). We sell them basically at cost...it is not a fund-raising event.

Noon to 2pm: Bake Sale at Boat Launch (please donate baked goods!)

8pm Boat Parade: Be sure your boat has received a number.

9:45-10pm Flare Boat: The Flare Boat will circle the lake twice at dusk.

Please refrain from setting off fireworks until the flare boat has docked to avoid injury to the driver.

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dates to Remember:

**July 5: Flare Sale, Boat Parade
& Bake Sale**

July 6: 10am Board Meeting

**Aug. 2: Annual Meeting, Elec-
tions & Picnic**

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*

Weed Control for 2025

Lake Spraying is scheduled as fol-
lows: **July 9, 2025**

August 13, 2025

September 10, 2025

The above dates are all Wednesdays
but in case of weather, spraying will
be postponed to Thursdays.

The September spraying will include
those that want lily pads, etc. sprayed.
A payment of \$100 should accompany
your request for lily pad treatment.
Get your orders in prior to this date.

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 2025

JULY 9TH

AUGUST 29TH



We're sad to report that Richard Bison passed away this past February. Dick was a valued member of this community. For years on the Fourth of July celebration, he drove the flare boat around the lake, signaling residents to light their flares. Then he would proceed to put on quite a fireworks show. Also passing recently, Chad Modica's mom and Annette Pilon's dad. Our condolences to all who grieve.

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/

***Fish will be restocked
in 2026.***

All Sports Hours Reminder

Elbow Lake is ALL SPORTS be-
tween the hours of 11am and 5pm.

**On all weekends from Memorial
Day to Labor Day, it is extended to
6pm.**

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



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

Lawn Mowing

Thank you, Mark Scott, for mowing
the Boat Launch and Swim Site in
May. If you see the grass getting too
long there, just mow it, please, while
you are mowing your own. We would
all appreciate it!

Pop & Beer Can Collection Containers



Look for containers specifically
marked for can & bot-
tle recycling at the
Boat Launch and
along N. Athey. Pro-
ceeds will go back to
our community, thanks
to the Koman family.



Reminders:

Township Noise Ordinance

Quiet Times are from 10pm to 7am
per township regulations.

Do you have 2025 ORV stickers for your vehicles?

You don't want to risk getting ticket-
ed . . . Stop by **Hunters Paradise** or
wherever they are sold and pick them
up. It will set you back about \$37.

Bake Sale on July 5th at Boat Launch

Sale is Noon to 2pm. Proceeds go to
purchase of Hayride prizes.

Fishing dock to be added to Boat Launch Area, hopefully!

We heard your requests and are try-
ing to make it happen. It will take
money for repairs....but we'll try!

"We can't see the stars!"

This is another complaint from mem-
bers...bright outdoor lights that are
left on all night long. How about tim-
ers that shut them off at 11:00pm?
What do YOU think?

ACTIVITIES

Scenes from Memorial Day weekend Golf Cart/ATV Parade & Picnic

We had a great turn-out at this year's parade and picnic even if it was a bit chilly for the end of May.

Thank you, Mike Corrias, for being our grill master, Mark Scott and Susan Neighbors for organizing the event, Marty Neighbors for providing the tunes and many others who stepped up and helped make it a success.



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The Boat Parade is 8pm Saturday, July 5

The theme this year is

TOYS

**What was your favorite toy growing up:
Matchbox Cars? Barbie's Dream Boat?
Legos? Alphabet blocks?**

Cash prizes for the top four entries.

Something patriotic is required.

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.

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



Who will lead ELCOA into the future?

The offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and membership are open for nominations. The incumbents will not be seeking reelection...they still want to be involved but are unable to make the commitment due to work schedules, family commitments, and just plain exhaustion. (Did you know that our secretary has held that office for the last 20-plus years?) **Be assured, "drama" is not the reason they are stepping down.** It is time for new blood so please consider donating some of your time to help lead this organization. If no one volunteers for these positions, ELCOA will be dissolved. All monies left in our treasury will be taken over by the township. There will no longer be: a porta-potty at the swim site; lighting and trash pickup at the boat launch; first aid oxygen, AED and annual lake water testing; money for sand, gravel, tree trimming, fence and dock repair at these two sites as well as fish stocking and all the fun activities we enjoy such as the golf cart and boat parades, the picnic in August, and the hayride in October. These will cease to exist.

The board of directors still have at least another year in their terms and are more than willing to assist and help any new officers. But a new board of officers is needed, as well as volunteers for lake weed treatment liaison, updating the webpage and creating at least one newsletter a year — the May edition. Won't you please step up and take your turn?

4 Ways to Buy Flares & Register for the Boat Parade

- Flares will be sold at the Boat Launch on July 5th between 10am and noon.
- Frank, Fred & Marty will be selling them door-to-door on Toohy
- Buy them at 9952 S Shore.
- Pre-order them at elbowlake-coa@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!*

And check out the Bake Sale at Noon

Elections for ELCOA Board will be held at the Annual Meeting on Aug. 2

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership person will have to be nominated and voted on. Newsletter and web-page volunteers are also needed, along with lake weed treatment liaison.

If you haven't gotten involved before but appreciate what ELCOA provides with events and information, please consider becoming a board member and helping direct ELCOA's future. Thank you.

ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC

ELCOA **Annual Meeting & Picnic/Potluck**

Saturday, August 2nd
at the Boat Launch

Annual Meeting at 10am
Elections for Executive Board

Picnic/Potluck at 12 noon

We'll provide chicken, pop and Water. A dish to pass—large enough to share—is your ticket into the picnic.
Bring your own table service and BYOB.

**Corn Hole Tournament * Adult & Children's
Games * 50/50 Raffles & More**

**You must PRE-REGISTER your 2-man team
For the Corn Hole Tournament by July 29th
with Randy Wilson at 231-493-5856**
so a schedule can be set up with assigned times.

**Senior Division: ages 16 & up:
\$10/team
Junior Division: ages 5-15,
\$5/team**

Cash prizes based on number of participants

Mary Ann Wood and Shirley Miller are planning the Annual Picnic and
need some volunteers to help in planning and implementing.

They need help: Setting up tables and tents on Friday, August 1st
Someone to pick up Ice, Pop and Water
Raffle Ticket Sellers
Bingo Caller
Assist with Kids' Games

VOLUNTEERS ARE WHAT MAKES THIS ORGANIZATION WORK!

Can You Donate a Prize?

We need raffle prizes! Maybe outdoor games, but anything will be considered.

Contact Mary Ann or Shirley

See their contact information on last page.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR 2023-2024

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	Hayride		
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	Facebook Administrator		
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	Newsletter/Website/Boat Parade		elbowlakecoa@gmail.com
	Susan Neighbors	810-599-3366	susan4neighbors@gmail.com
	Water Testing		
	Charlie Smith	989-424-8633	kai538@yahoo.com
	Facebook Administrator		
	Mark Scott	586-496-3800	mascott7676@gmail.com
	Lake Weeds Treatment		
	Mary Ann Wood	989-274-4315	woodmaryann46@gmail.com
	Fish Planting/Neighborhood Watch		
	Frank DeVuono	586-482-0907	fjdevuono@gmail.com

ELCOA Membership for 2025-2026

(Yearly Membership runs from August 2025 through July 2026)

Please fill out and send with check to address below:

Name _____

Elbow Lake Address _____

Home Address, if different _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone(s) _____ ☐ cell ☐ landline

Elbow Lake Phone _____ (Lot Number) _____

Email address _____

Suggestions or concerns _____

Membership dues must be paid before or at the time of the Annual Meeting/ Picnic, scheduled for August 2, 2025 in order to vote.

Dues received by July 15, 2025 qualify for the "EARLY BIRD DRAWING" prize of \$100. (The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting.)

Please send this membership form and a **\$40.00** check, payable to **ELCOA** to:

**Susan Neighbors
10760 Oakhill St.
Fenton, MI 48430**

If you don't have a printer, just send the above information by mail or email and forward a check.

Any other questions? Contact Sue at susan4neighbors@gmail.com

or elbowlakecoa@gmail.com or 810-599-3366

Interested in volunteering for:

☐ Board Member or Officer ☐ Annual Picnic ☐ Hayride
☐ Other _____

For Office Use Only:	NW
# or \$: _____	☐
Amount: _____	☐
Date Rec.: _____	