

Elbow Lake Chatter

Long Exposure Photograph of the Milky Way Above Elbow Lake, Courtesy of Kate Hay

ELBOW LAKE HAYRIDE

Saturday, October 11th

- Board Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m
- Festivities begin at 2:00 p.m
 - Hayride
 - Chili & Soup Cook-Off
 - Costume Contests
 - Yard Decoration Contest
 - Trunk-Or-Treat
 - Games, Prizes, Raffles, 50/50



You Need to Know

Sherriff

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 and Deb Smith
9895 Toohy Trail
989-560-5811 || 989-424-8633

People's Choice for the cook-off is \$1 per vote. You can vote as many times as you'd like. The chili or soup that takes in the most money will win the People's Choice Trophy (and bragging rights!) **This year's registration form to compete is on the final page of this newsletter.**

Volunteers and Raffle Prizes for the event are still needed. Please reach out to Tonya Cunnings if you'd like to assist.

The Chatter's Future

After many years of informing our community on important events through this newsletter and the ELCOA website, Susan Neighbors has stepped down from her role. However, that doesn't spell out the end for The Chatter!

Hey folks, my name is Tyler Hay, and I have stepped up to continue the effort of providing an informative newsletter to this amazing community. I will also be updating and maintaining the ELCOA website. Susan's service to the community has left big shoes to fill, so please bear with me while I acclimate as The Chatter's new author.

A little about me: I am a Senior Software Engineer and work around the Grand Rapids area. In other words, I'm kind of a computer nerd. Though when I'm not glued to my desk or tinkering with technology, I love to fish, and travel the world. My wife Kate and I are the quiet owners of the blue cottage next to the boat launch. Stop by and say hello if you see us around!

Want to help me out? Please forward any local news, or important dates and events that need to be shared by emailing elbowlakecoa@gmail.com so that I may better serve.

Winter is Coming..

It's that time of the year where the days are getting shorter, and the air is becoming crisp in the early hours. Autumn is nearly here, and that means ol' Winter is close behind.

Please consider the following before the cold season comes:

- Change your furnace filters, then fire it up to verify it's working properly.
- Check your propane levels,
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Prepare extra blankets, warm clothes, drinking water, and flashlights in the event of a power outage.
- Clean out gutters to prevent ice dams on your roof.
- Stay up to date with local weather.

Staying prepared for poor weather will help avoid emergencies. Visit www.michigan.gov/miready to read more on how you can plan ahead.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Future ELCOA Board meetings have been planned to take place on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the board meetings at their leisure. These are the upcoming board meeting dates, which are still subject rescheduling in the future:

- Oct. 11, 2025
- Apr. 25, 2026
- May. 23, 2026
- July. 4, 2026
- Sept. 5, 2026
- Oct. 10, 2026

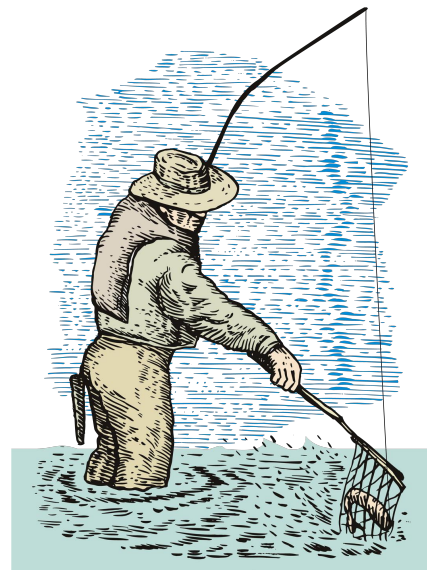
2025/26 Deer Hunting Season

Best of luck to our fellow hunters in the area. Here are the official deer season dates from the Michigan.gov calendar:

- Liberty (youth) hunt: Sept. 13-14.
- Early Antlerless Firearm: Sept. 20-21
- Independence Hunt: Oct. 16-19
- Archery: Oct. 1 - Nov. 14 & Dec. 1 - Jan. 1, 2026
- Regular Firearm: Nov. 15-30
- Muzzleloading: Dec. 5-14

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/



ACTIVITIES

Scenes from the 2025 Annual Picnic

There was a great turnout at this year's Annual Picnic. We even had a friendly visit from the Department of Natural Resources and our local Sheriff's office to discuss ORV and Water Vehicle Safety. A big thanks to our community leaders for organizing a great time for everyone to get together.



*Pictured Left: Youth Cornhole Tournament Winners Tanner and TJ
Pictured Right: Adult Cornhole Tournament Winners Joel and Eric*



ACTIVITIES



SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday May 25, 2025

Location: Mary Ann Wood's House

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

Absent: Eric Rouse

Guests: Jacob Scott, Henry Scott, Erie High, and Tonya Patterson.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by President Mark Scott.

Minutes: Deb Smith made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Sue Neighbors.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Smith reported a balance of \$4,942.65 with a separate line item of \$95.00 for fish donations. Shirley Miller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Rick Elenbaas seconded.

Motion carried.

Membership Report: Sue Neighbors reported a membership of 35 as of today. A total of 13 signed up at the parade yesterday. The prizes for early sign-up at this point were a zero-gravity chair that Mike DeSloover won and a neck massager won by Ben Shock for second place. Sue also reported comments by Dave Hoffmeyer who is willing to donate for a new dock for fishing, and James Lapinsky wanting speed limit signs placed near him.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: Frank DeVuono reported Dick Bison passed away. He was a key player in the flare boat of the Fourth of July parade.

Community News: It was announced that Ken VanRiper's house should be for sale in two weeks.

Facebook: President Scott said we have 350 members on Facebook.

Webpage/Newsletter: Susan Neighbors said a newsletter will be put out in June.

Township Meeting: Marty Neighbors said the SAD (Special Allowance District) had their first meeting and it was announced in the Harrison paper. He also said Ed Erksine related that the township does not contract for the lake associations. They must do it themselves. The trash cans need an address for boat launch and beach. Currently the address is tied to Erie High. Ed also said the ELBOW lake addresses are registered to Elbow Lake Resort and therefore the lots are spelled out specifically, so no new addresses can be listed or added. Marty said his opinion is outside parameters with the deed restricted then we cannot have buildings etc. added to resort properties of beach and boat launch. Erie High said it is too expensive to change deeds. The boat launch and beach are not currently being assessed for trash pick up, but Erie High said the beach can is already being picked up. There is the option to reassess the off-lakers for the \$160.00 for trash pickup at the boat launch (about an additional \$1.20 per property). Deb Smith made a motion for ELCOA to pay for trash pickup at the boat launch at \$160.00 per year.

Seconded by Shirley Miller. Motion passed. The trash cans will be stenciled.

Fish Planting: Not applicable for 2025.

Clean up Report: Marty Neighbors reported he replaced the rotten fence post. He also said Mike DeSloover will repair the cabinets at the beach and boat launch.

Lake Spraying: Mary Ann reported that Jeff Benjamin still has not been paid by the township since March. There was discussion that the township board has had someone resign and a new phone system has been installed. All has caused some confusion.

Memorial Parade: Fred VanDeKerkhove said he was unable to be the Grand Marshall of the Memorial parade this year due to unforeseen circumstances. President Scott said he will have the position for the parade next year. Many positive comments were reviewed by the board. Donna Militello said it was a great parade and suggested a donation jar to cover costs of food and other expenses. The first place winner – Linda Gojcaj - donated her award back to the association and added \$50.00 more. There was a suggestion to have a \$5.00 entry fee. No action taken. Marty Neighbors thanked President Scott for his efforts for organizing this event.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - *continued*

Fourth of July: Sue Neighbors said all is moving along for the Fourth of July boat parade. Someone suggested hot dogs at boat launch at noon. Discussion that no one would attend with families all up. It was decided to bring it up at the annual meeting to see if there is an interest. Marty Neighbors reported flares ordered—20 minute ones for flare boat and a gross of 30 minute ones. He feels that will get us through.

Annual Meeting/Picnic: President Scott announced that Blaire Embrey can help out as needed but she cannot co-chair the event. Because no one else volunteered, Shirley Miller and Mary Ann Wood will cochair the event. Deb Smith said she will handle getting the chicken and picking up. Rick Elenbaas said he will handle the games for kids with help. Deb will get with Randy and Georgia Wilson to handle the Cornhole bean bag tournament. John Krieger made a motion to allow up to \$700.00 for the budget for the picnic. Marty Neighbors seconded. Motion passed.

Hayride: Lisa Wick reported she and Tanya Patterson will handle the chili/soup cook off. Discussion held on the overage of the 2024 hayride. Deb Smith reported it was \$582.00 over budget. She said since there was trunk or treat, there was no need to purchase additional candy. Rick Elenbaas said it was discussed at the last meeting to increase the budget for the hayride. He made a motion to increase hayride budget to no more than \$700.00. Ed Henri seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: Gravel is still needed at boat launch. John Krieger will check with Bob Bates. President Scott said the dock is in and has some busted parts which his son welded. The approach was also tore up and consequently fixed.

New Business: President Scott gave a report on the rusted and rotting boards on the dock. Jacob Scott (his son) has made a list of needed parts to the sum of \$550.00 before tax. John Krieger asked if it is worth repairing. President Scott said a new dock is at least \$1500-\$2000 and that is for a 20 ft dock. We are in need of a 30 ft dock. We have one dock in the woods requiring repairs also, but no one wants to put it in water for us. Comments included selling the part of the old dock and/or repurposed for barge. Question was will the barge need to be taken out every year also? Jacob Scott said he will donate the labor. Deb Smith made a motion to allow up to \$700.00 to repair the dock. Seconded by John Krieger. Motion passed. Discussion held on second dock be attached to barge. Marty doesn't think extra money to do this to weld together is sufficient. He also brought up that a tree is across the driveway of the people whom let us use their power for events. He did some work but needs help. Rick Elenbaas will go after the meeting and finish it up. Lisa Wick brought up there are little kids on 2-4 wheelers whipping around tearing up roads and boat launch. She suggested someone talk with the parents. Discussion followed that there are many speeding and probably do not have an ORV certificate. Parents are to be supervising. Someone mentioned a dad was ticketed after the DNR followed some kids. The DNR is getting more proactive. Frank DeVuono also mentioned that the 10 p.m. noise ordinance (10 p.m.-10 a.m.) needs to be followed and that string lights around the lake should also be turned off at 10 p.m.

Marty Neighbors volunteered to be the election chair for August annual meeting.

Discussions: President Scott announced the next board meeting is 7-6-2025 at 10:00 am at Mary Ann Wood's house.

Deb Smith made motion to adjourn, seconded by Shirley Miller. Motion passed. Adjourned at 11:23am.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday July 6, 2025

Location: Mary Ann Wood's House

Present: Mark Scott, Mary Ann Wood, Susan Neighbors, Marty Neighbors, Deb Smith, Shirley Miller, Fred VanDeKerkhove, John Krieger, Ed Henri, Eric Rouse, and Lisa Wick.

Absent: Rick Elenbaas and Frank DeVuono

Guests: Don and Tonya Patterson.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Mark Scott.

Minutes: John Krieger made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Deb Smith. After a correction that it was Sue Neighbors that handled the Memorial Day Parade. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Smith reported a balance of \$4,817.09. Ed Henri made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Sue Neighbors seconded. Motion carried.

BUDGET: Deb Smith presented for the remainder of 2025 and 2026. See handout. It had income at \$3320.00 and planned expenses of \$4878.00. Discussion followed around the needs on the spur of the moment need to be carefully considered. The thoughts were to decrease spending or raise the dues. It was brought up that on lake people don't like dues going for improvements of properties owned by off lake people. President Scott recommended \$5.00 per month or \$ 60.00 per year. Ed Henri suggested (his other association does this) pay by a certain date you get dues for \$75.00 otherwise, if miss date they re \$100.00. Fred VanderKerhove suggested cutting back on expenses. Shirley Miller said it needs to be brought up at annual meeting and voted on. Donnie Patterson said dues are low and should be raised and to invite people to annual meeting with signs at all entry sites inviting to meeting. Tonya Patterson said they should be raised to at least \$50.00. Other suggestions included: charge for using the lake (non-property owners of non members). Motion by Mary Ann Wood to raise dues t \$60.00 per year and present at annual meeting for voting. Seconded by Shirley Miller. Discussion followed. Ed Henri made addendum to motion to raise dues to \$100.00 per year with a certain early time pay of \$75.00. Motion to call for the vote by Marty Neighbors. Vote taken—4 favored, 4 opposed. President Scott broke the tie with a negative vote. Motion passed to stay at \$60.00 and presented at annual meeting for the vote. Deb Smith also stated that we no longer pay electricity for light at bar.

Membership Report: Sue Neighbors reported a membership of 58 as of today. Sue said Richard Reichart donated 72 flares yesterday and should receive a free membership. She made a motion to give him a free membership (he has not joined in several years). Seconded by Deb Smith. Motion passed.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: Frank DuVuono absent. A motorcycle accident and a side by side snd pickup truck happened at Dale and Northwoods Trail.

Community News: Deb Smith brought up that a young driver, age 7, was driving a golf cart and is not certified to do so. Discussion followed. On 4x4s and don't have certificates. John Krieger said kids are speeding. It was also reported that Chad Monika's mother passed away. Also, both of Kay Pickett's dogs have passed away.

Facebook: Deb Smith reported she took off an inappropriate comment.

Webpage/Newsletter: Susan Neighbors said nothing to report. Marty Neighbors applauded Sue on the wonderful newsletters. He also suggested it be posted in newsletter about the budget versus dues.

Township Meeting: Marty Neighbors reported that Destiny (doing recreational days for children and adults at township hall) presented a controversy regarding hall rental. Trustees felt they can't offer hall at a discount (Destiny currently pays \$25 rental fee instead of the \$50.00 fee). She said she has 50 plus kids at times, but trustees say the floors get damaged. President Scott asked the relevance to ELCOA? Marty Neighbors said Ed Erskine said hall is for all residents. Marty then said the township is having 3 SAD meetings. One is regarding the 3 year renewal for lake spraying and it is on August 2 (same day as our picnic). He also reported the Harrison airport will remain opened and an airport director will be hired. The airport received a \$275,000 grant from Michigan and it was stated the airport will not forget about the northern part of the county. Marty also said he will attend the July meeting.

Fish Planting: Not applicable for 2025.

Lake Spraying: Mary Ann reported that Jeff Benjamin has turned in a signed contract. President Scott signed today and it next goes to Ed Erskine.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - *continued*

Fourth of July: Sue Neighbors said we had 5 entries for boat parade. First place was Thomas the Train with real smoke by the Neighbors. Second place went to the Tanks and third place went to VanVyve's. Fourth place went both to Jay Smith's and Miller's. Fred Vanderkerhove suggested having one or two places to buy flares. Sue Neighbors said we had a table at boat launch and only four people showed up to buy to buy flares. Ed Henri volunteered to go around next year to sell flares. Discussion followed and it was agreed upon to table the flare issue until next year. Marty Neighbors brought up this was their last year doing the flare boat. He said despite it being in newsletter and on FB, someone was shooting off rockets and or fireworks prior to the flare boat going around. He refuses to put the lives of his grandchildren in danger. Shirley Miller will talk to her family about doing the flare boat next year. Ed Henri asked about flare types, that they had spikes on them this year. Fred Vanderkerhove said they are doing away with the spike flares. Marty said he had 2 gross ordered and sold all. There was \$800.00 collected.

Annual Meeting/Picnic: Shirley Miller and Mary Ann Wood reported things are on track for the picnic. They have about 25 prizes. All donated by residents/membership. They have added Bingo to adult games. They are looking for any volunteers to help with games and raffles.

Hayride: Lisa Wick reported nothing new. Tonya Patterson held a bake sale on Saturday of Fourth of July weekend to raise money for hayride/chili cookout prizes. It was at the boat launch. She was able to raise \$318.00. She had taken a six foot table and was soon overwhelm with donations from residents. She indicated that signs everywhere really helped big time. The board applauded her for her success..

Old Business: Gravel is still needed at boat launch. John Krieger said he has a quote for \$1000.00 for crushed limestone which includes spreading. He did not get a quote for gravel. Don Patterson said he could spread it. And he suggested a go fund me page or Venmo. Deb Smith said this would effect our taxes and the IRS. Then, he suggests doing a donation jar at picnic and annual meeting. President Scott said the dock has been repaired with new hardware and wood. Sue Neighbors suggested a donation jar at annual picnic for the fishing dock repair. It is missing drain plugs plus needs other updated items. Marty Neighbors reported on fire pit to be built at boat launch. He explained we may need to do a donation for Kevin Pellon. He said the fire pit needs to be double ringed and filled with gravel. Then let Kevin add niceties. He also suggested concrete so no one will steal the rings. He said a 4 foot or 5 foot ring would work. Marty made a motion to allow up to \$300.00 for the building of there rings. Seconded by Deb Smith. Discussion followed. John Krieger suggested a donation jar at the annual picnic. Motion carried.

New Business: Election chair, Marty Neighbors, reported on the elections. He said they will be on FB page and website. He indicated Mike DeSloover may run for an office. Brett and Ed Henri may run for Treasurer. Deb Smith suggested maybe we could do meetings on line freeing up the board to enjoy their company on holidays. Lisa Wick asked if no one runs, what happens with ELCOA? Deb Smith said all monies must be used by 8-31 and any remainder goes to the township.

Deb Smith said she was called to Lapinski's for oxygen. Afterwards, she found we cannot an get our tanks filled if the tanks don't belong to the oxygen supply company. She recommends we look at small battery operated oxygen concentrators. She said they run about \$300.00. We would need 3 but could start with one and add on as money available. Shirley Miller made a motion to buy an oxygen concentrator with monies up to \$350.00. Seconded by Lisa Wick. Motion carried.

Discussions: President Scott announced the next board meeting is 8-3-2025 at 10:00 am.

Deb Smith made motion to adjourn, seconded by Fred Vanderkerhove. Motion passed. Adjourned at 11:40am.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Location: Boat Launch under the tents.

Present: Mark Scott, Rick Elenbaas, Mary Ann Wood, Frank DeVuono, John , Eric Rouse, Ed Henri, and Shirley Miller,.

Absent: Fred VanderKerkHove, Deb Smith, Sue and Marty Neighbors,

Guests: See sign in sheet. Stephanie Wood, Nick Vanchina, Dave and Connie Hoffmeyer, Lisa Wick, Erie High, Fred Stutzman, Tonya and Donnie Patterson, Chris Henri, Kendra Koman, Brett Pacek, Mike and Kathy DeSloover, Georgia Wilson, and Ron Strickler.

The meeting was called to order at 10:08a.m. by President Mark Scott. President Scott welcomed everyone to the annual meeting and picnic and explained the purpose of the annual meeting.

Minutes: The minutes from the August 5, 2023 meeting were read by Mary Ann Wood. There was a motion to accept the minutes by Shirley Miller and seconded by Stephanie Wood. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was read by Mary Ann Wood in Deb Smith's absence. There is an ending balance of \$5956.13 after expenses of \$965.00. President Scott explained the line item of \$550.00 to him was actually \$300.00 for the golf cart parade and \$250.00 for the EGLE report. Rick Elenbaas made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with the correction, and seconded by Stephanie Wood. Motion carried. Ed Henri asked if we could have a second signer on the bank accounts to get access to monies when Deb Smith not available. President Scott said we actually have 3 signers on the account.

Membership Secretary: Mary Ann Wood reported 68 members in Sue Neighbors absence. There was a reminder to get your membership form and dues in today if possible.

Neighborhood Watch: Frank DuVuono reported vandalism on 7-27-2024 along Toohy and South Shore. It started at the Grade by knocking over a split rail fence and 4 wood posts. A garbage was hit where the lid even snapped off. Mailboxes were rammed down and it concluded by driving over some boats stored at the boat launch. Erie High filed a police report and encourages anyone with damage to also file a report. He thinks he has located some video and is seeking release to turn over to the police. Frank then reported that the fire signs are back ups and offered thanks to Rick Tank for making 2 of them. He also got a sign that says stay off the lake for 24 hours when it is sprayed. He also reported that some packages were stolen off Wilson's porch after delivery. He spoke of a 100 year old log that was pulled out of the lake by the spillway. Thank you to Mark Witt for getting it out of the lake and it can be viewed at Mark's beach. He reported on complaints of loud noises coming from an on the lake AirBnB. He said the occupants also walked all around the lake across shoreline properties. He said there is a Michigan House Bill that requires a local agent for AirBnB's if the owners do not reside locally. And lastly, Frank said the McCraes' Air BnB is available for residents families at a reduced rate. You must contact him directly.

Community News:

Facebook: Mark Scott reported there are currently 315 registered FB members. He also said if you have a problem go directly to the source and have a conversation. It does not belong on the FB page.

Water Testing: President Scott gave the water testing levels in Charlie Smith's absence. President Scott read the water testing levels for 2024. They are: 8.6 in front of old bar and 1 at the swim area. A level is only abnormal if above 300. Compared to 2023, the levels were 6.3 in front of old bar and 5.2 at swim area.

Franklin Township Liaison: Erie High brought up the EGLE is getting rid of brining. Next year we will only have 2 brining and it will be eliminated the following year. Solutions are being investigated but no answers are in sight. He said there is one product that is white powder/flakes but the expense is great. He reported also on the events on Woods Road. Last month the county widened the road from 6 feet to 12 feet. The county driver (new) had his windshield shot out by someone hiding in the woods. The controversy continues for that seasonal road.

Summer Picnic: President Scott announced the community's appreciation to Stephanie Wood and her crew for a fantastic picnic.

Hayride: Sally Rouse revealed she cannot chair the hayride this year Lisa Wick volunteered.

Old Business: President Scott reported no outstanding old business.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - *continued*

The Election of Officers was then handled by John Krieger.

John Krieger announced that the following positions are available and if the current officer accepts the position there is no need for a vote:

Director: Fred VanDerkerKhome wants to stay on as director. No vote needed

Director: Marty Neighbors wants to stay on as director. No vote needed.

Director: Ed Henri wants to stay on as director. No vote needed.

Director: Eric Rouse wants to stay on as director. No vote needed.

Director: Ed Henri nominated Lisa Wick as director. Seconded by John Krieger. Vote taken and Lisa Wick now a director.

This concluded the election of officers with President Scott announcing the new board will meet Sunday, August 4, 2024 at Mary Ann Wood's house at 10:00 am.

President Scott thanked John Krieger for running the elections.

By-laws: Mary Ann Wood reported her committee met and updates will be provided. She relayed most changes are grammatical updates. She also thanked her committee for their work. She then presented all the changes at once. Rick Elenbaas made a motion to accept all changes and be put into effect. Seconded by Shirley Miller.

Motion approved. (Please see new bylaws and changes on the ELCOA website under the tab bylaws).

Boat Launch Improvements: Erie High reported crushed limestone is the best product. The front of the boat launch pad and the uphill grade is deteriorating. He asked for donations previously and has collected \$310.00. He will have enough if ELCOA donates \$100.00. John Krieger asked for the cost and Erie High said it is \$760.00 for 12 yards. John said to call Bob Bates as they only charged him \$580.00. Erie High said he will check into it and get back to the board.

New Business: Georgia Wilson said there are only 2 people signed up for the corn-hole tournament. She encourages everyone to participate

President Mark Scott announced 2025 dates for events and board meetings.

Events: Clean up April 26, Golf Cart parade May 24, Boat Parade and Fireworks July 5, Annual Meeting/picnic August 2, and Hayride October 11.

Board Meetings: April 27, May 25, July 6, August 3, August 31, October 12.

Motion to adjourn by Shirley Miller and seconded by Rick Elenbaas. Motion passed. Adjourned at 11:32am

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood.

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ELCOA CHILI & SOUP COOK -OFF

OCTOBER 11, 2025

ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FORMS DUE BY 10/1/2025



1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for CHILI

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for SOUP

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for BEST DECORATED table space

JUDGES SCORE ON

Taste and presentation

PEOPLE'S CHOICE TROPHY

JUDGING IS AT 1:30p.m

YOU WILL NEED

Minimum 7 quarts * Serving utensils* Condiments* Festive décor

CONTENSTANT NAME: _____

NAME OF CHILI: _____

NAME OF SOUP: _____

Questions reach out to Tonya Patterson
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