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Upcoming Events at a glance...

- >>Oct. 19 Senior Center Fundraiser 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- >>Oct. 31 Trick or Treat at Elwood Care Center 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- >>Nov. 1 Elwood Holiday Shopping Extravaganza
- >>Nov. 6 Give Big Elwood hosted by the Elwood Area Foundation
- >>Nov. 6 Chili Cookoff and Soup Contest hosted by the Elwood Chamber
- >>Nov. 9 Gosper County 4-H Achievement Banquet, 5:30 p.m.
- >>Dec. 8 Old Fashioned Christmas
- >> **July 21-25 2026, Gosper County Fair and Rodeo**

Upcoming Events

The Gosper County Senior Center is hosting a **Sunday Dinner fundraiser** on October 19th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Serving a roast beef dinner with a pie contest beforehand, bring your best pie for all to try and see who will be awarded "County's Best Pie Baker." Contact the Senior Center at 308-785-2500 for info on entering the contest.

Be sure to stop by the Elwood Care Center with your trick or treaters on **Halloween** between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. The residents and staff love seeing all the costumes and giving out lots and lots of candy.

On November 1st the 10th Annual **Holiday Extravaganza** is happening at the Elwood Civic Center, see page two for details!

Give BIG Elwood takes place November 6th! Early giving is encouraged; donate online now through Nov. 6th at www.givebiglexington.org/community/Givebigelwood; in person at the Elwood Area Foundation Office, by mail to PO Box 303, Elwood NE, and be sure to come celebrate the causes at the Great Chili Cook-off and Soup Contest at the Elwood Civic Center on November 6th!

The Great Chili Cook-off and Soup Contest November 6th from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Elwood Civic Center!

All cooks are welcome, all types of soup are welcome. To sign up: Email elwoodaf@gmail.com or call/text Melissa: 308-440-4404. The Chamber provides cups/bowls/spoons and drinks. Participants should bring their soup, décor for their table, an extension cord if possible, and any toppings or additional items wanted including crackers.

All-you-can-eat soup (free will donation at the door) with prized awarded for Best Chili; Best Soup; Best Presentation. Awards announced at 6:45 so be sure to get your voting done in time.

Old Fashioned Christmas is MONDAY December 8th! More information to come.

The Elwood Chamber is looking for volunteers to help with our membership drive in November and to put together the newsletters in 2026. To volunteer please contact Melissa at 308-440-4404.



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3rd Place, Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living

Church, Clubs, Organizations, and Bands

1st Place, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

2nd Place, American Legion Post 290

3rd Place, Tri-County Shriners

Kids & Youth

1st Place, Devin Gall

2nd Place, Elwood Lion's Club

Miscellaneous

1st Place, Gosper County Ag Society

2nd Place, Scott Weissert

3rd Place, Class of 1975

Antique Cars

1st Place, Bev Bogle Louthan & Maggie Louthan

2nd Place, Jerry Remmenga

3rd Place, Bellamy Family

Antique Tractors

1st Place, Dean Wolf

2nd Place, Tyler Houser

It was a great year!

Thank you to all those who participated!

And a huge thank you to our judges,
announcers, our coordinator Michelle Wilken,
and everyone who helped with the parade.

We will see you all in 2027!

Be sure to check out our website
www.elwoodnebraska.com
to see our Chamber businesses listings.

Thank You To Our 2025 Business Members!

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2026 Fair Dates - Mark your Calendars!

2026 Save the Dates

- 4-H Enrollment Due: June 15
- Phelps/Gosper 4-H Fashion Show: July 13
- Phelps County Aerospace Launch: July 13
- Gosper County 4-H Fair: July 21- 25
- Phelps County 4-H Fair: July 26 - 30
- Phelps/Gosper 4-H Horse Show: Proposed August 1
- Nebraska State Fair: August 28 - September 7

CELEBRATE!!

All 4-H Families and Volunteers are encouraged to enjoy your county's special evening of celebration! Awards will be presented along with your 4-H premium checks

Phelps County November 2 at 5:30 PM

Gosper County November 9 at 5:30 PM

GOSPER COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

Information

Meals

All ages are welcome to enjoy a meal from the Senior Center! Call by 9 a.m. to reserve your meal, dine in or carry out. Delivered meals are also available, call for details.

Harvest Meals

Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Sweet Treat and Bottled Water for \$10 Call by 10 to pick up between 11:30 and 12:30.

Fall and Winter Meal Deals will be announced soon!

Staff

Liza Spivey, Director
Head Cook, Sharon Oelkers
Cook, Katrina Oaklund
Baker, Rose Mary Debban

Contact Info

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Upcoming events at Elwood Care Center and Assisted Living and monthly recognitions:



October



National Physical Therapy Month - we say a special thank you to our PT Cindy Hobelman, & PT assistant, Abby Davis.

8th-12th is National Health Information Management & technology week - we want to thank our medical records gal, Lyndsey Nieman

20th-26th is National Pharmacy week

21st - Merrymaker's Association presents Mark Irvin at 2:00pm in the ECC dining room

27th-31st - Fun new event for residents, staff & visitors! We will be hosting a "Halloween Clue" week. Watch our Facebook page for more details on this fun new event!

31st - Our Annual Trick or Treaters open house from 4:00-6:00pm



November



1st - "Light the World in Teal" day in honor of those who are or have been affected by Alzheimer's disease

5th - Merrymaker's Association presents Tim Javorsky at 3:30pm in the ECC dining room

We celebrate Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, & the beginning of Advent. November is national Gratitude month, Family Caregivers month, and Home Health & Hospice month. We will celebrate Gratitude month with a gratitude tree and a Gratitude Gathering with our staff!

27th - Special Thanksgiving Dinner

29th - Small Business Saturday



December



ECC will be celebrating **53 years** of serving the Elwood & surrounding areas!

The month of December is quit busy for ECC! We try and bring as much happiness as possible to our residents to help with any holiday blues they may be feeling as well as help them in celebrating this special time of year!

On the 12th we will start our Annual 12 days of Christmas, with daily themes for staff & residents to participate in.

23rd - Merrymaker's Association presents Mike McCracken at 10:00am in the ECC dining room

25th - Special Christmas Dinner

ECC Extras!

Care Center Opportunities: we are always looking for volunteers of any age! We also enjoy visits from all kinds of pets, school &/or daycare children, choirs & bands, One-Acts, church & bible study groups, men or women's groups/organizations

Holidays at ECC: did you know that you can join our residents for meals? This can be any day or time, even for the holidays.

We just ask that you call ahead and make a reservation. Other community opportunities to give back to our elderly for the holidays are gift giving, caroling, holiday crafting, ect. Contact our Life Enrichment Coordinator, Kasey Rushton for more info!

Fire & Rescue Department News

-The department currently has 24 members on the department. This is a combination of firemen & EMTs

-With the support of the community, in the past 6 months the department has been able to successfully respond to 157 EMS/Rescue calls and 10 Fire calls for the Elwood, Smithfield, and Johnson Lake areas.

The department is excited to announce that with the help of a grant we were awarded, with help from the Rural Fireboard, and some generous private donations, we will be receiving a new ambulance within the next month. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this possible!

October 5th-11th in National Fire Prevention Week - several firemen will be at the school on Thursday during Fire Prevention education & then on Friday several members of the department will be doing the High Five Friday with all of the students first thing in the morning!

Some News from the Village of Elwood

If you haven't met them, here are your Village employees: Kirk Corder, Laurie Jauken, Coleen Wiesmann, Shane Schutz.

Kirk has been with the Village for almost 15 years, Laurie for 10 years, Coleen for 1, Shane for 6 years.

Some projects the Village is working on:

Paving West Rush Street north of the school will be complete by the spring of 2026. Please be aware of this future short-term road closure. It will be nice when it is done! Future street projects include improvements to Orange Avenue and North Calvert Avenue. The water meter project is on hold pending federal grant applications.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the Village, please contact the office anytime. The phone number is 308-785-2480, or email VillageofElwood73@gmail.com.





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