

Chamber meetings take place on the third Thursday of every month at noon at the Elwood Public Library. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Events at a glance >>>

- ⇒ May 13: Chamber Golf Tournament 10:30
- ⇒ May 13: Chamber Annual Banquet (see inside for times)
- ⇒ May 28: Start of Yard of the Week
- ⇒ June 3-4: Chamber sponsored City Wide Garage Sales
- ⇒ July 4: Elwood Firework Show
- ⇒ July 23: Johnson Lake Outdoor Concert Event
- ⇒ July 28-30: Gosper County Fair & Carnival
- ⇒ TBD: Chamber Sponsored Farmers Markets



Some Crafty Easter Fun in Elwood!

We added some fun to our annual Easter Egg Hunt by inviting the community to come for doughnuts and crafts prior to the hunt! Kids and adults alike made bunny masks and colored Easter cups while chowing down on an Easter breakfast. We are hoping to make this a new annual tradition!

Contact us at elwoodchamber@hotmail.com



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Upcoming Chamber Events

Elwood Chamber Golf Tournament

Friday, May 13th

Shotgun Start at 10:30 a.m.

2-Person Scramble-Lakeside Golf Course

\$70/person (cash or check only)

Includes: 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch during golf, flag prizes, cash payouts, plus a STEAK DINNER at the Elwood Chamber Banquet following golf.

To sign up: elwoodchamber@hotmail.com or Jennifer (308) 325-8447

Elwood Chamber Banquet

Open to everyone including golfers and non-golfers

4:30-5:30 p.m.-Social Hour

5:30 p.m.-Steak Dinner and Awards

-Door Prizes, Flag Prizes, & Chamber Awards

Split the pot—Bring Cash!

If you're not golfing, you must RSVP for this FREE banquet meal elwoodchamber@hotmail.com so that we have a meal for you

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Yard of the Week will run Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Community Wide Garage Sales will be June 3rd & 4th and will include a community sale behind the courthouse for those who live out of town or only have a few items. A free-will donation meal will also be available on Saturday for lunch. Goodwill Truck will be in town.

Forms available May 1st & due May 27th.

Maps will be available in the afternoon on June 2nd.

Email Ann Johnson at sabea68937@gmail.com regarding garage sales.

*Both events sponsored by the Elwood Chamber of Commerce



4th of July Fireworks Show at Dusk

Join us at the ball fields at sundown where the Elwood Volunteer Fire Department will be providing a fantastic display.

Thank you to The Home Agency, BHA Real Estate, and the Jim and Sharri Baldonado Family for their generous donation to help make this

Join the Johnson Lake Chamber for an Outdoor Concert Event, featuring Sweetwater Band!

Mark your calendars for July 23rd 8 pm. at Cottonwood Realty Office property (Dr 14A). All are welcome! Come and have some fun!

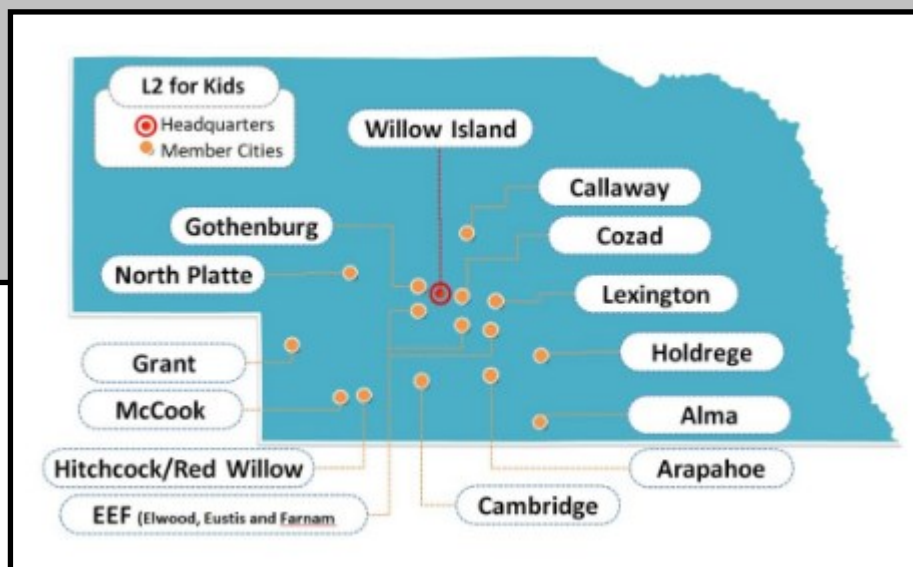
Non-Profit Spotlight.....



Henry and Pat Potter created L2 for Kids in 2011 with \$14,000 in seed money that initially was raised to start a home for troubled boys. When the State of Nebraska decided not to use such a home, the money was re-directed into what is now L2 for Kids. L2 for Kids each year helps cloth school age kids with new clothes to wear to school. This program was created so that all children can go to school with new clothes to help their self-esteem and to be just like everyone else. Today, L2 for Kids has councils overseeing 18 Communities. In, 2017 a L2 for Kids, Elwood, Eustis, Farnam council was created with 4 volunteers. Since that day we've helped an average of 15 kids a year.

We are always looking for volunteers to be on the Elwood, Eustis and Farnam Council. If you'd like to help school-age kids feel better about themselves, contact Ann Johnson at sabea68937@gmail.com or call 308.325.4548 or contact Leona Kranz at leonakranz@gmail.com. Donations can be made by mailing to: Ann Johnson, PO Box 223, Elwood NE 68937 or each year you can give during Give Big Elwood in November through the Elwood Community Foundation.

Thank you for supporting L2 for Kids, EEF.





Business Spotlight....

April was National Occupational Therapy Month What is Occupational Therapy?

Occupational therapy (OT) is a healthcare profession concerned with helping people of all ages to better perform those tasks that occupy their time.

Pediatric OT's work with children & their families to promote functional independence in all their "occupations" - providing carefully designed challenges that build on the child's unique strengths and interests to improve developmental skills such

Activities of daily living

Fine motor and gross motor skills

Handwriting

Sensory processing skills

Visual-perceptual skills

Attention span and readiness to learn

Do you have a child:

Who isn't interested in books or toys, fidgets constantly, or doesn't look at what they are doing? We can help you discover what motivates them and help their body be ready to learn.

Who refuses to touch, smell, taste, or look at toys or textures? We can help you create a sensory enriched day so your child can effectively learn to use all the senses that pick up information from the environment (vision, hearing, touch, smell, & taste) as well as from inside the body (movement, balance & internal body awareness) to help them function at their best.

Who has difficulty with drawing, using scissors, buttoning, or stringing beads? We use playful strategies to help develop their strength, coordination, or dexterity they will need for success.

Who needs help stacking blocks or doing puzzles? We can help with functional vision and perception to be able to perceive differences & relationships between objects in the environment.

Who needs help with coloring and/or handwriting skills? We use a fun multi-sensory approach to handwriting, from the basics of coloring inside simple shapes to letter formation.

Who struggles managing their emotions/behaviors? We can help you learn & apply practical parenting strategies to understand the challenge, handle the situation with confidence, & meet the underlying need.

Or do you have concerns with your child's:

school readiness skills daily mealtime battles

sleeping patterns

delayed milestones and worried they won't catch up

frequent and unmanageable meltdowns

ability to overcome effects from a traumatic experience

..... **Connecting Kidz can help**

We are excited to be offering summer camps in Elwood for the Summer of 2022. ...ALL children are welcome you do NOT have to be a Connecting Kidz family to join in. Camp size is limited to create a small group experience that allows for growth and attention for each child led by a pediatric Occupational Therapist.

Summer camps enrolling soon, email Amy Schnacker, OTR/L to get the link to join the waitlist for Priority Registration at amy@ckidz.net

Connecting Kidz is a mobile based practice and an educational trainer. We use a comprehensive, family centered approach to individualize the services and decide the best course of treatment; doing what it takes to achieve the goals of each family. This can include things like specific intervention programs, educational classes, enhancement activities, access for email/text support, coaching calls, consultation, problem solving, home programming & more. We believe pediatric therapy sessions should always actively involve the family and do not always need to take place in a clinic. We pride on our ability to empower and educate our families to help support their children thrive and grow. Reach out for more information.

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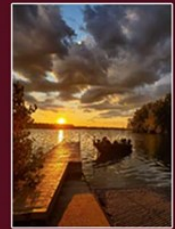
The Elwood Chamber Website recently got a new look!
If you haven't checked it out yet:

elwoodnebraska.com

We've added a lot of information and rearranged things to better help you and potential visitors to find what you're you need.



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VILLAGE INFORMATION

- VILLAGE OF ELWOOD
- RELOCATION/UTILITIES INFO
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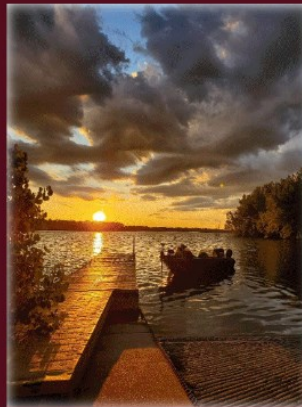
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- LIST OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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ANNUAL EVENTS

MARCH

ELWOOD FOUNDATION
SPRING GALA - MARCH 25, 2023

APRIL

EASTER EGG HUNT - APRIL 2023

MAY

CHAMBER GOLF OUTING/BANQUET
MAY 13, 2022
YARD OF THE WEEK
MEMORIAL DAY - LABOR DAY

JUNE

GARAGE SALES JUNE 3-4 2022

JULY

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS
GOSPER COUNTY FAIR
LIONS CLUB CARNIVAL JULY 28-30

AUGUST

FARMERS MARKET - SUNDAYS

SEPTEMBER

TEAM JACK RADIOTHON

NOVEMBER

CHILI COOKOFF - NOV 8
GIVE BIG ELWOOD - TBD

DECEMBER

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

CHAMBER MEETINGS

THIRD THURSDAY, 12:10
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at member businesses!

Thank you

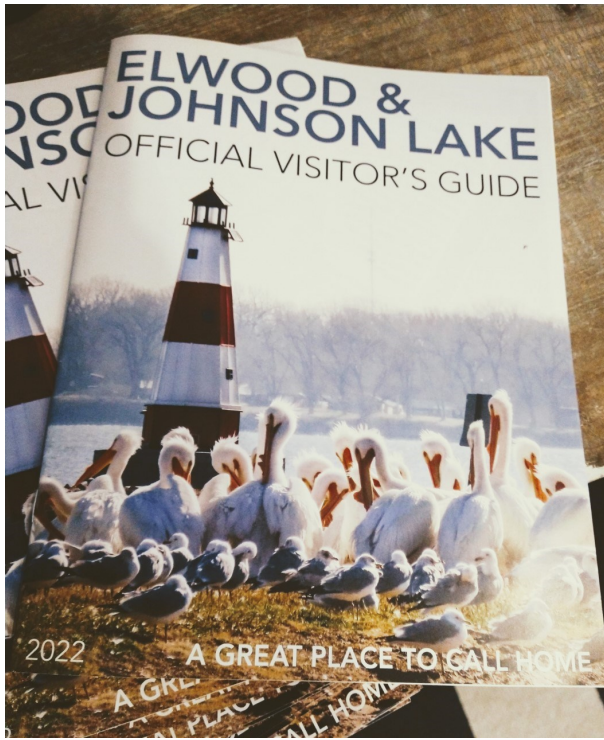
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Winners drawn every month!

Phone:



The new 2022 Elwood and Johnson Lake visitor's guides are out! If you want a copy they are available around town at many businesses such as Pinnacle Bank, Security First Bank, Elwood Post Office, and the Gosper County Courthouse. Lots of great info inside!

SAVE THE DATE:

The 7th Annual Elwood Holiday Shopping Extravaganza will be held Saturday, November 5th from 9am-2pm at the Elwood Civic Center.

This event in the past has had 40+ vendors from homemade items, repurposed items, crafts, home-made baked goods and direct sales vendors.

We'll also be serving homemade breakfast and lunch at this event.

Still looking for vendors for this show. If you're interested contact Ann Johnson @ sabe-a68937@gmail.com

HELP WANTED

Elwood Hometown Cooperative Market seeking self-motivated individual for **general manager**. Manager is responsible for overall management, including ordering, inventory control, marketing and promotion, merchandising, bookkeeping, and hiring, scheduling and supervision of personnel. Experience working with the public and solving customer service issues required. Good computer skills and a willingness to learn new software. Grocery store or other retail management experience required.

Please send a cover letter, resume and names of three references to:

LeahAnn Brell, Board Chair
 P.O. Box 46, Elwood, NE 68937 or
leahann@brellrealty.com

The Elwood Chamber will once again be sponsoring Farmer's Markets this fall. These will most likely be on Sunday evenings in August and/or September. Watch our Facebook page for





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Chamber Coordinator: Jennifer Edwards
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- Connecting Kidz Pediatric Therapy
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- Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living
- Elwood First United Methodist Church
- Elwood Funeral Home
- Elwood Hometown Cooperative Market
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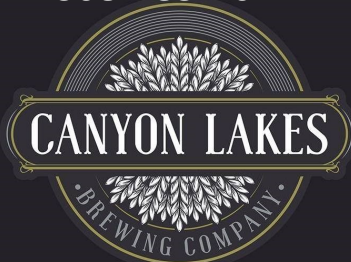
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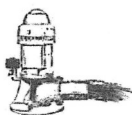


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