

Our next Elwood Chamber meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th at 6:15 pm at the Elwood Public Library. The community is invited to join us!

You can always check our Facebook page or contact us at elwoodchamber@hotmail.com



Upcoming Events at a glance...

- >>>May 2nd-Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony
- >>>May 17th-Elwood Chamber 4-Person Scramble
- >>>May 17th-Elwood Community Banquet following golf tournament
- >>>May 27th-Yard of the Week begins
- >>>May 31st/June 1st-Elwood City Wide Garage Sales
- >>>June 14th-Flag Day (Flag Burning Ceremony 7:00 at the Legion)

Elwood Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony

Thursday, May 2nd
7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a special Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony to honor the recently installed memorial. This ceremony is for all who would like to attend and honor those who served and/or gave their lives for this country.

The Elwood Chamber will be providing refreshments following the ceremony at the Gosper County Senior Center.

The Veterans Memorial is located at:
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Wagyu beef is a type of beef that originates from Japan and comes from a specific breed of cattle with unique genetic qualities. The name “Wagyu” translates to “Japanese cow” in English. The breed was originally used as draft animals in agriculture and was selected for their physical endurance. Over time, farmers began to notice that the animals with more intramuscular fat cells, or marbling, had a richer flavor and were more tender. This led to the selective breeding of Wagyu cattle for their marbling qualities.

In addition to genetics, modern Japanese Wagyu farmers finish their cattle a high-energy diet that further supports the development of intramuscular fat cells. This diet encourages the growth of more fat cells, resulting in a higher fat content in the meat.

But not all fat cells are created equal. The fat found in Wagyu beef is primarily monounsaturated fat (MUFA), which is considered “good fat.” MUFA is used by the body for energy and to support cell growth.

Furthermore, Wagyu beef has lower cholesterol levels than other meats, including fish and chicken. This is due to its high percentage of monounsaturated fat, which helps to lower cholesterol levels in the body.

Wagyu beef also contains essential fatty acids such as omega-3 and omega-6, which are believed to lower the risk of cardiovascular disease, cancer, Alzheimer’s, and other conditions. The fatty acid profile of Wagyu beef contributes to its signature buttery flavor.

The difference between Wagyu and American Wagyu comes down to taste profile.

Wagyu (Japanese) beef has extremely high levels of fat marbling, leading to a very rich flavor best enjoyed in small portions. Japanese Wagyu is often thinly sliced and mostly served Rare to Medium Rare.

American Wagyu beef is the result of crossbreeding traditional American beef cattle such as Angus with purebred Wagyu. The result is a blend of famous Wagyu buttery marbling and the robust beef flavor the American beef is known for.

Find your Wagyu beef at 007ranch.com and now sold at the Elwood Hometown Cooperative Market as well for your steaks, roasts, burgers, hot dogs, snack sticks and jerky.



Wagyu steer

Business of the Year & Volunteer of the Year

Our annual Community Banquet is coming up in May and that means it is time to recognize businesses and individuals in our community who continually work to make Elwood THRIVE.

If you have a business or individual you would like to nominate for their outstanding work in 2023 please consider making a nomination. Nominations should include a brief summary explaining why you think they stand out above the rest and what they have done to make Elwood a better community.

**Nominations should be sent to:
elwoodchamber@hotmail.com**



For all your insurance needs, contact:

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Our Community of Elwood has been accepted into a program that is helping us find ways to **Support** the childcare providers we **currently** have and **PLAN** for the future of our Childcare.

According to a study with the Nebraska Step up to Quality program “Nebraska is facing an Early Childhood Care CRISIS. In almost every county in this state **91%** of Licensed Programs do not have enough available spots to meet the demand needed to support their community.” This the Problem in ELWOOD as well.

Due to this shortage Nebraska’s childcare crisis IS hurting employers and the state revenues. Nebraska businesses are report losses of \$745 Million due to this CRISIS.

To stop our community from losing the possibility of new and current employers we need to do something. This is were C4K, a program geared towards helping us find a solution that works for this community, is going to be crucial to averting more hardships on this community.

Our first couple steps will be to find more members of the community that want to help. We need not just parents but business leaders, school members, retiree’s and parents to join us as we look for a solution. We have a start but to tackle this issue with their support we need more volunteers. We also need EVERYONE whether you have children or not to complete a survey for this program. We are looking at wanting to get 400 surveys in.

We are offering 4 \$25.00 Chamber bucks in a drawing to encourage everyone to take the survey.

Use this Q R code to access the survey



If you need assistance, we have some community members that are here to help. Just call and we can get someone to you to help you take this survey.

Please reach out to ZoBeth Potter at 308-325-3178 or email her at zpotter81@gmail.com

Elwood Garage Sales

Community Garage Sales will take place on Friday and Saturday, May 31st and June 1st. If you wish to participate please fill out a garage sale form and return to us by May 28th. Forms are available at the Elwood Post Office, on the Elwood Chamber Facebook page and website (elwoodnebraska.com) or you can email us to ask for a copy: elwoodchamber@hotmail.com

Garage Sale maps will be available around town on Thursday, May 30th. They will mainly be available at the Elwood Post Office and at The Press.

The lawn behind the courthouse will also be available for use Friday after 5:00 and all day Saturday for anyone needing a space. There is NO PARKING in the courthouse employee parking lot behind the courthouse.

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Shotgun Start at 11 a.m.

4-Person Scramble-Lakeside Golf Course

\$75/player or \$300/team (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 Community Banquet following golf.

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

Elwood Chamber Community Banquet

Open to everyone including golfers and non-golfers

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

5:30 p.m.-Steak Dinner

-Door Prizes, Tournament Flag Prizes, & Split the Pot (bring cash)

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

FREE for golfers and Chamber Members---\$20 for non-Chamber Members

Legion Baseball Schedule

May 22nd Minden @ Bulls 5:30/8:00
May 23rd Bulls @ Loomis 5:30/8:00
May 25th Bulls @ Cambridge 1:00/3:30
June 2nd Bulls @ Lincoln Pius 12:00/2:30
June 7th Loomis@ Bulls 5:30/8:00
June 9th Bulls @ Lexington 1:00/3:30
June 10th Bulls @ Cozad 7:00
June 12th Overton @ Bulls 5:30/8:00
June 19th Cambridge @ Bulls 5:30/8:00
June 25th Bulls @ Overton 5:30/8:00
June 26th Bulls @ Minden 5:30/8:00
July 6th Bulls @ Loomis 1:00/3:00
July 8th Bulls @ Cambridge 5:30/8:00
July 10th Bulls @ Wood River 7:00
July 22nd Bulls @ McCook 5:30/8:00

Jr. Districts-July 12th-17th
Sr. Districts: July 26th-31st

Elwood Graduation is May 11th at 2:00

Congratulations

**to all the graduates from the
 Elwood Chamber of Commerce!**

Drew Knoerzer
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Delaney Collins
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Ryker Evans
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Get your card punched every time you spend \$5 or more at a participating Elwood Chamber Business.

Drop off fully punched cards at Chamber Businesses for a chance to win \$25 in Elwood Chamber Bucks each month.

Congrats to our winners so far this year:

January– Brenna Fong
February– Brenda Mahlberg
March– Kathy Weisman

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