

Elwood Chamber Of Commerce

Summer 2026 Newsletter

Check our Facebook page for meeting dates or contact us at elwoodchamber@hotmail.com
Elwood Chamber, PO Box 92, Elwood NE 68937 or visit www.elwoodnebraska.com



May
June 5 & 6
July 21-25
November
November
December
December

Yard of the week May through Labor Day
Community-Wide Garage Sales
Gosper County Fair
Give Big Elwood hosted by Elwood Foundation
Chili Cookoff
Old Fashioned Christmas
Light Contest

Spring brings reorganization and revitalization for the Elwood Chamber of Commerce

The Elwood Chamber of Commerce has faced a few challenges in the first part of 2026. From January through April, we found ourselves without an active chamber. In April a meeting was held at the Gosper County Senior Center with a positive turnout and attitude about continuing the organization.

Currently we have five nominees for the board of directors and are still taking nominations. New board members and officers will be voted on at the June meeting. Meetings are being held the third Thursday of the month at the Gosper County Senior Center at noon. The next meeting is May 21st.

Volunteers have stepped up to send out membership letters, organize the city wide garage sales and write this newsletter. We are going to be discussing the Farmer's Market and future activities for the year at our May meeting.

Our community is strongest when our businesses are working together and have a place to regularly come together to share thoughts and ideas. Thank you to everyone who gives their time and talent to strengthen this organization. If you have questions prior to the board being formally put into place, please contact LeahAnn Brell at 308-325-4952 or lwbrell@gmail.com.

**'The strength of the team is each individual member.
The strength of each member is the team.' - Phil Jackson**

Benefits of Being An Elwood Chamber of Commerce Member

- * Listing in the Elwood Chamber Book Directory
- * Chamber of Commerce Website Advertising
- * Use of Chamber Bucks at your Business
- * Chamber Drawing at your business for Old Fashioned Christmas
- * Use of the Chamber's Bulk Mailing Permit
- * Advertisement in Gosper County newsletter (twice a year)
- * Punch Card promotion for your business

.....DID YOU KNOW, THE ELWOOD CHAMBER

1. Funds the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** held at the Elwood Park each spring
2. Coordinates an **Annual Chamber Event & Appreciation Dinner**
3. Coordinates the **Annual Elwood Community Garage Sales**
4. Promotes **Yard of the Week** (May thru Labor Day)
5. Coordinates the **Elwood Chili Cook-Off**
6. Coordinates the **Annual Old Fashioned Christmas** event
7. Publishes the bi-annual **Gosper County Newsletter**, advertising Chamber members and community events. The newsletter is mailed to every house in the 68937 zip code.
8. Participates in publishing a promotional magazine featuring Chamber Businesses and Community amenities. Can be picked up at local realtors and others businesses.

Your Chamber memberships and donations help us make great things happen in Elwood. Thank you for supporting the Elwood Chamber of Commerce

Thank You to our Elwood Chamber Members

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Elwood Funeral Home
Elwood Lions Club
Elwood Public Library
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Ed Houlden
Kent & Ginger Holl
Scott & Ann Johnson

Brell Realty & Auction is back to business — and grateful to be here.

After taking time away from real estate over the past three years to focus on family and their farm operation, LeahAnn Brell is excited to officially return and continue serving clients and communities across south-central Nebraska.

LeahAnn opened Brell Realty & Auction in June 2008 and has maintained an active real estate license and membership with the National and Nebraska Realtors Associations for the past 18 years.

Joining her in the business are Katelyn Ropers, Sales Agent; William Brell, Auctioneer; and Ellie Studer, summer office intern. Real estate and auctions run deep in the family — LeahAnn represents the third generation in her family to sell real estate, while her husband, William, is a third-generation auctioneer.

Located at 305 Smith Avenue in Elwood, Nebraska, Brell Realty & Auction proudly serves Gosper, Furnas, Phelps, Dawson, and Frontier counties in residential, commercial, and agricultural real estate, along with live and online auctions.

“The market may have shifted, but our commitment to professionalism, local knowledge, and results has not,” LeahAnn shared. “If you’re considering buying, selling, or investing, we would be honored to guide you through your next move with clarity and confidence. We look forward to growing our team and being a part of the community for years to come.”

To learn more, call 308-785-2093 or visit www.brellrealty.com.

Elwood Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Upcoming Events

May 17-23—**NATIONAL EMS WEEK**– This Year’s theme is “Improving Outcomes Together” the department will be at the Elwood School on the 15th for “High 5 Friday” in honor of EMS week.

July—The Fire Department will on standby for the 4th of July Fireworks at Johnson Lake

August—Election of Officers

September—Annual Elwood Volunteer Fire & Rescue, 3 Person Golf Scramble



Elwood Nursing Home-Assisted Living- Rehabilitation

May 10-16– National Nursing Home week

June 11-17—National CNA Week

July 22-25 —Participate in the World’s Fair, we’ll be baking, making projects to enter into the fair. The residents have so much fun and take pride in their projects. Stop by the Civic Center to see all their entries.

Monthly performance by “Merrymaker’s” These performances are open to the public. Dates can be found on the Elwood Center & Assisted Living Facebook Page.

We are also looking for Volunteer’s to visit our residents. This can be going for a walk, playing cards or board game, putting together a puzzle or help them make crafts. **To volunteer contact Life Enrichment Coordinator: Kasey Rushton, 308.785.3302 or just stop by the care center.**

ELWOOD COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES



Friday June 5 & Saturday June 6, 2026

Sponsored by Elwood Chamber of Commerce

Deadline Tuesday, June 2nd for Map

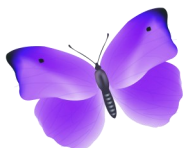
Maps available Thursday June 4th

Forms available by contacting
Ann Johnson, sabea68937@gmail.com
or Alexis Barnes, abarnes@thehomeagency.com
or pickup at the Village Office, 304 Calvert



YARD OF THE WEEK

Sponsored by the Elwood Chamber of Commerce



MAY THRU LABOR DAY



Gosper County Fair July 21 - 25, 2026

Tuesday, July 22—4-H Static Entry Day

1:00 p.m.—4-H project interview judging begins at the Civic Center. Call Gosper Extension Office for appointment in 4-H Foods, Photography, Home Environment, Clothing, 785-2390

1:00 p.m.—4-H Rocket Interviews & Launch

1:00 p.m.—4-H Favorite Food Show Contest at Civic Center

1- 4 p.m.—Entry for 4-H Ag related projects, Civic Center (no interview with judge)

1-3 p.m.—4-H Clover Kid project and interview judging with 4-H Teens in Civic Center

Wednesday, July 23

10 a.m.—Lions Club Golf Tournament

3-6 p.m.—4-H Beef Weigh In (including Clover Kid, 8-11 Bucket Calves & 2nd year Bucket Calves) 4-H Feeder Calves do not need weighed. CK and 8-11 Bucket Calf record books should be turned into the Ag Office.

3-4 p.m.—4-H Sheep/Goat weigh in

4-6 p.m.—4-H Rabbits and Poultry Entry

4-6 p.m.—4-H Hog weigh in

7 p.m.—Livestock Judging Contest



Thursday, July 24

8 a.m.—9 p.m. —Legion/Auxiliary Food Stand Open

8:30—11:30 a.m.—Open Class and Floral entries due in Civic Center. Civic Center will be closed for judging beginning at 11:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.—4-H Hog Show at Ag Barn

11 a.m.—4-H Sheep Show, followed by 4-H Goat Show at the Ag Barn

3:00 p.m.—4-H Companion Animal and Poultry Show in Ag Arena (Cat, Rabbit, Pet & Poultry).

7:00 p.m. —Elwood Rodeo Begins. Crowning of Elwood Rodeo Queen, Kids Events.

7-12 p.m.—Elwood Lions/Gosper County Carnival opens with rides and games

Friday, July 25

8 a.m.—9 p.m.—Legion/Auxiliary Food Stand Open

8 a.m.-9 p.m. —Civic Center open for viewing 4-H and Open Class entries

9 a.m.—4-H Clover Kids, Bucket Calf and 2nd Year Bucket Calf Show; 4-H Beef Show follows immediately.

8 a.m.-9 p.m.—American Legion Food Stand open.

7-12 p.m.—Elwood Lions/Gosper Co. Carnival opens with rides and games.

7:00 p.m.—Elwood Rodeo

* 4-H Bucket Calves and Stocker Feeders will be released to go home following their shows.

* Animals not in the 4-H Auction will be released to go home on Saturday morning.

Saturday, July 26

8 a.m. to NOON p.m.—Civic Center open for viewing 4-H, FFA and Open Class entries

8 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. American Legion Food Stand open (north side of Civic Center)

1:00 p.m.—Elwood Lions Horseshoe Tournament

1:30 p.m.—Gosper 4-H Livestock Auction

12:00 Noon—ALL 4-H and Open Class exhibits in the Civic Center are released. Open Class entries will be issued their premium money at the time of pick up.


7—12 p.m.—Elwood Lions/Gosper Co. Carnival rides and games open

Check the county fair bill for more activities!

Chili Cookoff 2025



ELWOOD



class of 2026

Chase Donavon Beitler-Razo
 Brody Dee Diefenbaugh
 Conner Ray Edwards
 Maria Guadalupe Flores-Ulloa
 Zailey Love Moler
 Aniston Icole Peterson
 Collin Theodore Shutts

Noah Daniel Rand
 Jakob Michael Redwine
 Sergio Ruben Rivera
 Simon Scharf
 Grady Duane Schutz
 Parker Henry Schutz

Easter Egg Hunt 2026



Old Fashioned Christmas 2025





GOSPER COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

Our Center is a community facility designed to support older adults by providing social, recreational, educational, and health-related services.

All ages are welcome to join us for lunch and daily activities. Please call to reserve your meal by 10am at (308) 785-2500. Suggested prices are \$8.00 for 60 and above and \$9.00 for under 60 years of age.

You may rent the Center for family functions or other events.

Center Activities Include:

Daily Coffee Groups

Puzzles and Cards

Weekday Noon Meals

Daily Exercise Groups

Pool & Snooker Tables

Social Time

406 Ripley Street
Elwood, NE 68937



Welcome to Elwood

Welcome New Chamber Member

We are pleased to welcome The Chip as our newest Chamber member. Owner Jennifer Edwards recently purchased 404 Ripley Street in Elwood and plans to open a bakery and snack shop. The business will offer coffee, smoothies, milkshakes, dirty sodas, energy drinks, breakfast items, and more. Community members can follow The Chip on Facebook to keep up with their progress and upcoming opening information.


We are excited to support this new business as they begin a new chapter in Elwood.

Join Us
**VACATION
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Location: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Dates: June 9-11
Time: 1:00 pm– 3:30 pm
Ages: PreK-6th Grade
Registration: online at <https://www.myvbs.org/our-redeemer-vbs-2026>
or pick up a paper form at the church or post office.

**Meeting
Reminder**

**Elwood Chamber
Meeting 3rd
Thursday of Each
Month Gosper
County Senior
Center
Noon– 1:00 p.m.**




L2 for Kids

New Clothes. New Confidence.
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L2 for Kids aims to increase a child's self-esteem and sense of well-being by providing new school clothes for the first day of school.

Children who feel good about themselves and their appearance exude confidence, which promotes success and accomplishment.


We see success in the happy faces of children and the grateful hearts of parents.




With the help of local churches, counselors, and school personnel, applications are given to parents of children needing school clothes.




Based on a family's application of need received by L2 for Kids, Inc., each child in grades K-12 is approved for assistance.



Each approved child receives a one-time shopping trip to purchase new school clothes.






11,128 kids have received new clothes since 2012—thanks to your generous support!

WHY IT MATTERS


- ♥ Children start school with confidence
- ♥ They feel equal, included, and proud
- ♥ They participate more and believe in themselves
- ♥ Families experience relief and hope

100% VOLUNTEER RUN



Everyone associated with L2 for Kids is a volunteer and does not draw a salary from the funds donated. Every dollar goes directly to helping kids!

Together, we can help more kids walk into school with pride. ♥



For questions you may call on of the following L2 For Kids EEF Committee Members.

Ann Johnson, Chairman	308.325.4548
Leona Kranz, Secretary	308.325.4445
Pat Potter, Treasurer	308.530.1104
Regina Lauby, Committee Member	308.325.5944
Henry Potter, Founder	308.325.5900




Gosper County FOOD PANTRY

Christian Outreach Program

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Distribution Center
United Methodist Church
601 Rush Street— Elwood

2nd Friday of each month—10:00 am-12 pm
4th Friday of each month—10:00 am—12 pm

For more Information:
gospercountyfoodpantry@yahoo.com



Gosper County Food Pantry

Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska

RYDE Transit - Gosper County - Elwood
507 Smith Ave, P.O. Box 101 - Elwood, NE 68937

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