ELMWOOD'S JOURNEY INTO CHRISTMAS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023 • ELMWOOD, NEBRASKA



Elmwood Murdock Merchants' Association P.O. Box 258 Elmwood, NE 68349

2023-24 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 25, 2023

November 25 - 26, December 2 - 3, 9 - 10, 16 - 17, 23, 2023

Friday, April 26, 2024 Saturday, May 4, 2024 Monday, May 27, 2024 June 7 - 8, 2024 Sunday, June 9, 2024 Thursday, July 4, 2024 August 7 - 10, 2024 Sunday, August 18, 2024

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Saturday, November 30, 2024

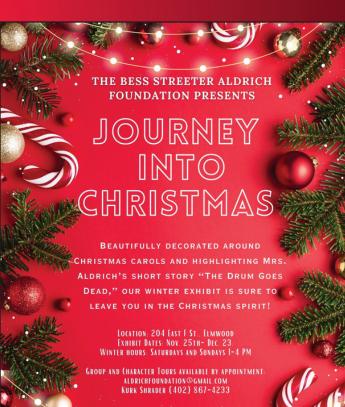
Holiday Extravaganza, Elmwood, NE

Bess Streeter Aldrich House, Journey Into Christmas

Aldrich Spring Tea

Aldrich Plant Exchange Memorial Day Services, Elmwood Cemetery Community Garage Sales Aldrich Foundation Summer Social 4th of July Parade & Events, Murdock, NE Cass County Fair 21st Annual Ice Cream Social, Elmwood G.A.R. Hall Veterans Museum American Legion Post 247 Veterans' Day Pancakes & More! Elmwood Fire Hall

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023, ELMWOOD, NEBRASKA

7:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.	PANCAKE FEED	FIRE HALL
9:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.	HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & CRAFT FAIR 50 + Vendors. Lunch served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	E-M ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
9:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.	GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING STATION Have kids (and adults too) decorate a make and take gingerbread house while you shop. Cost: \$5 per house with proceeds to the Elmwood-Murdock Post Prom Committee.	E-M ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR
9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	FOR THE LOVE OF JUNK OPEN	317 4TH STREET, MURDOCK, NE
9:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.	BITS & PIECES (Antiques, Collectibles, & Thrift)	BITS & PIECES
9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	CANDY CANE LANE Buy some homemade goodies. Proceeds to go to the Elmwood Cemetery	COMMUNITY CENTER
9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	ELMWOOD G.A.R. HALL VETERANS MUSEUM OPEN	124 EAST D STREET
10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.	SANTA COMES TO TOWN	FIRE HALL
10:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	4 DIFFERENT HOLIDAY STATIONS FOR KIDS! * FREE This year the library will have take-home crafts, holiday stories, coloring pages and holiday videos. Plus Christmas cookies and apple juice. Drop-in anytime between 10:00 and Noon.	ELMWOOD LIBRARY
11:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	JOURNEY INTO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PREVIEW The Aldrich House, a 1922 Prairie Mansion, has beautifully decorated trees honoring the decorators' favorite Christmas carol or song. Mrs. Aldrich's featured story is "The Drum Goes Dead". \$5 admission.	ALDRICH HOUSE
12:00 p.m.	COLORING PAGE DRAWING Submit to Elmwood Convenience by noon. Coloring page is available at elmwoodmurdock.com.	ELMWOOD CONVENIENCE STORE
12:00p.m 2:00 p.m.	BALLOON ARTIST Bring the kids in anytime during the 2 hours of balloon fun! Enjoy free balloons made into animals, superheroes, and more. Sponsored by Burrows Tracts	BURROWS TRACTS REAL ESTATE
12:00 p.m 2:00 p.m.	FREE CRAFT FOR KIDS Join Massage By Jolean in making a fun holiday craft!	MASSAGE BY JOLEAN, 104 S. 4th
2:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.	LIVING NATIVITY Experience the Christmas story as you walk through the barn or drive through the Homestead, Interact with the nativity animals and learn more about the baby who was laid in a manger.	3B HOMESTEAD, LLC 7603 298th (4 miles north on highway 1)
3:30 p.m 5:30 p.m.	ECA'S ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK Enjoy multiple crafts, hot cocoa station, and other fun activities!	ALDRICH PARK
3:30 p.m 5:30 p.m.	BEAN BOX COFFEE TRAILER Enjoy a variety of coffee flavor drinks, hot and cold, to sip on as you walk around the park.	ALDRICH PARK
4:30 p.m 7:00 p.m.	SOUP SUPPER Benefit for the Community Center. Your "free-will offering" is appreciated.	COMMUNITY CENTER
5:00 p.m.	COMMUNITY MEMORIAL RECOGNITION Let's recognize those Elmwood supporters who passed away this past year. Send your nominee's name to shrader 1957@hotmail.com.	ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER
5:30 p.m.	FESTIVE LIGHTS IN THE PARK Proclamation at the gazebo, Christmas Tree Trail, and fun activities in the park!	ALDRICH PARK
6:00 p.m.	QUONSET BAR & GRILL Finish the day's festivities celebrating the Holiday Season with friends;	126 SOUTH 4TH STREET Open Tuesday-Friday 11am-9pm - Daily Specials - 402-994-2020

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Holiday Extravaganza Saturday November 25, 2023. The Candy Cane Lane at the Elmwood Community Center From

9:00am – Noon.

Bring your Family and Friends to Candy Cane Lane to make a container of delicious treats for the holiday season to enjoy. All proceeds will be donated to the **Elmwood Cemetery.**

St. Paul United Methodist Church and Friends

ELMWOOD'S JOURNEY INTO CHRISTMAS

you're looking for something to add to your yearly holiday traditions or just simply something to do after so much wonderful Thanksgiving food, the Elmwood Murdock Merchants' Association encourages you to enjoy this year's Holiday Extravaganza. The theme this year is "Holiday Extravaganza: Elmwood's Journey into Christmas".

Start your day with pancakes at the Fire Hall then make your way to the Boutique and Craft Fair at the elementary school. Don't forget to stop by Candy Cane Lane and fill a plate (or two) with holiday goodies. Bring your kids to the library for holiday stories and cookies, then on to Burrows Tracts and Massage by Jolean for more fun kids' activities! The Aldrich House will be open to showcase their Journey into Christmas event and the Living Nativity is a wonderful way to start the holiday season.

The late afternoon includes the Community Center soup supper and Memorial Recognition. The Elmwood Community Association has decorated the gazebo and park for the holidays and will have activities for the family to enjoy.

Happy Holidays from the Elmwood Murdock Merchants' Association!

Kris Shrader, President

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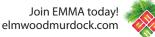
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ELMWOOD Murdock Merchants' Association

EMMA Scholarships

Congratulations to our 2023 \$500 scholarship winners: Cade Hosier, attending UNL with a major in accounting, and Rylan Kastens, attending Southwest Community College for welding. Seniors should contact Ms. Bornemeier for more information about applying for these scholarships.

Merchants' Association Grants, 2023

Merchant Association members and nonprofit organizations who are seeking funds to promote the communities of Elmwood and Murdock are eligible to apply for the Elmwood Murdock Merchants' Association Community Betterment Grant. The grants (up to \$500 with a 50/50 match) are designed to improve the local communities. The grant details are posted on elmwoodmurdock.com and are due January 10 and July 10. The July 2023 recipient was Keep Cass County Beautiful which will be hosting an electronics recycling event in the spring of 2024.



For The Love of Junk

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317 4th St. - Murdock, Ne



Sat. Nov. 25th OPEN 9 - 4 pm

Memorial Recognition Service

At the Holiday Extravaganza, the Merchants' Association will honor residents who have passed away during the past year. There will be a recognition service at 5:00 p.m. on Main Street at the fence in front of Bill and Sue Connour's apartments.

To include a name(s) in the service, email your information to shrader1957@hotmail.com by November 19.

What's new in Murdock?

Sign up to receive the Murdock newsletter! Send in your news! Check it out at www.murdocknebraska.com

Keep Up With Elmwood's news!

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ELMWOOD MURDOCK MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION			Age/Grade: Pre-K and K Ist Grade 2nd Grade Srd Grade 4th Grade & Up Adult

Turn into the C-Store by noon on Sat. Nov. 25, 2023 to enter Prize Drawing for \$5.00 in EMMA Bucks. Non-winners, please pick up your coloring sheet by December 24, 2023 and receive a small ice cream cone. See more at elmwoodmurdock.com

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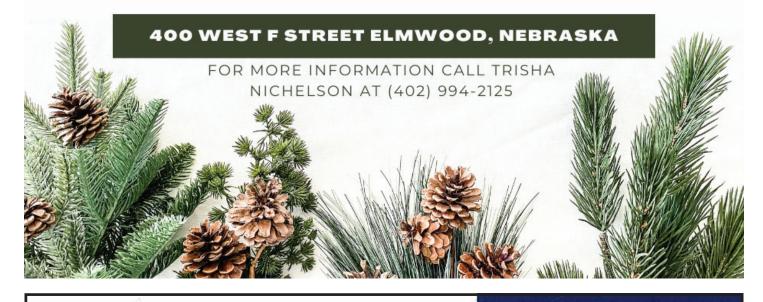
SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM FREE

ADMISSION

50 LOCAL VENDORS LUNCH FROM 11:00AM- 1:00PM

LOCATION

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Clinic:

Phone: 402.267.5330 Monday – Thursday: 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Retail Pharmacy:

Phone: 402.258.2311 Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Elmwood Volunteer Rescue

Since 1979 Elmwood Volunteer Rescue has provided Emergency Medical Services to the Elmwood, Murdock, and Wabash communities as well as other Cass County communities when needed. Elmwood Rescue is currently in the process of raising funds to purchase 2 Monitors/ Defibrillators in our 2 ambulances to replace current obsolete equipment. As the years pass, we must continue to evolve so we can provide the best care for our patients. We must purchase this new equipment before our current monitors no longer work as the parts and supplies are not available. Our deadline for purchase is February 29, 2024. We began our fundraising during the 2023 year with our annual Fall Fun Run, Fall Waffleman, Raffle, and a silent auction. Our members have been hard at work applying for grants through foundations and government entities to support us in our endeavor. In the last 11 months we have been able to earn \$50,100 towards our \$80,000 goal. We are endlessly thankful for our AMAZING community supporting us so we can provide for them if they are ever in need.





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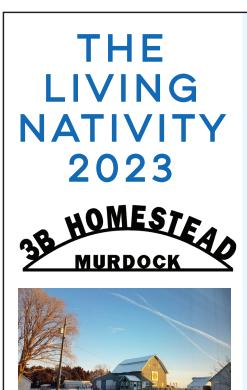


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You are invited to **The Living Nativity 2023** at the 3B Homestead, Murdock, NE. In a fun, untraditional and refreshingly educational way, real stable animals help tell the beautiful Christmas Story from Luke 2.

Many families and friends make this event a yearly Christmas tradition!

Dates and Times:

Open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays.

• Nov. 25, 26 and Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 anytime from 2:00 - 5:00 pm..

Open for private visits on weekdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas. (Groups of home schoolers, preschoolers, assisted living folks, 4-H clubs, church groups, friends, etc.)

• Call 402-867-1802 and leave a message to schedule a date and time.

Open as a drive-through tour on December 23 & 24, anytime from 1 to 4:30 pm.

• Stay in your car and listen to a podcast while viewing the animals.

This Christmastime event is not a nativity "scene", but a unique presentation of the stable animals and the real reason we celebrate Christmas. Plan about 1-1/2 hours for the event. The Living Nativity is a free community outreach of the 3B Homestead, LLC. Donations are accepted to help defray expenses.

Mark and Sondra Buell | 7603 298th St, Murdock, NE Located on Highway 1 between Murdock and Elmwood, Nebraska www.3BHomestead.com | 3BHomestead@gmail.com | 402-867-1802 Facebook: 3B Homestead | VENMO: @ThreeB-Homestead



The Elmwood Public Library



The Elmwood Public Library is a proud member of EMMA. Library Director Anne Pope said, "Our organization works hard to improve our community in one way, and we appreciate that other EMMA members work hard to improve it in others. I grew up with the saying, 'Many hands make light work,' and that's exactly what EMMA tries to do!" The library's mission is to encourage lifelong learning and be an educational resource for the community, but books are just one part of the many goods and services that you can find available! The Elmwood Library has free Wifi, printing, faxing and scanning services, public computers, a new telescope that can be checked out, interlibrary loan services, materials for the visually impaired, access to audio books for the blind, cake pans, electrical wattage testers, book clubs, preschool story times and so much more!

An active participant in the Holiday Extravaganza for many years, this year the library will be hosting some fun activities for kids from 10am-12pm! We'll have a take-home craft station, holiday books to read, lots of coloring pages and Christmas videos running too! To top it all off, your child is welcome to partake in some Christmas cookies and juice. Parents are welcome to leave older children with us, but the little ones will probably need parents to help.



We hope to see you all at the library very soon!

Anne Pope

Director - Elmwood Public Library 124 West D St. Elmwood, NE 68349 402-994-4125 elmwoodlibrary@outlook.com

NexTrex Recycling Program

EMMA in partnership with KCCB has a goal to collect 1,000lbs of plastic films to receive a free 100% recycled park bench for Elmwood Park through the NexTrex recycling program. Collection boxes have been placed at Elmwood-Murdock elementary and High School and Bits and pieces. Conestoga schools are also helping to collect plastics as well as several churches in Cass County! Items that qualify as "plastic films" include bread bags, plastic bags, plastic packaging envelopes and bubble wrap. Check out nextrex. com/view/recyclingchallenge for more info! Currently, we have collected 100lbs! Individuals that want to donate their plastics to the program can also drop plastics films directly off at Hy-Vee, Bakers, Family Fare, Fresh Thyme, Gary's Super Food, Kohl's, Safeway or SpartanNash. Please email us the date, drop off location and lbs donated each time though so we can count it for our totals. Please feel free to reach out to Dana Stahl

with more questions: director@ keepcasscountybeautiful.com or call/text 231-878-7999. Thanks and happy recycling!







NexTrex Recycling Challenge

How does the challenge work?

- Register on NexTrex.com to
 obtain access to the Trex Portal
- Determine a 12-month collection time period
- Collect a minimum of 1,000 lbs.
- Report recycling totals
 at my.trex.com

- Weigh, record and attached pictures
- Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer see list) for recycling

Stores prefer smaller and more frequent amounts in the provided bin. Please contact store ahead of time with larger amounts.

What does Trex provide?

- Up to three
 recycling bins
- Posters

What can I win?



Trex Bench

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread

bags

Bubble wrap

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Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



bags

Wood pellet bags

Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal

bags

Case



Salt



Pallet wrap &

stretch film



Produce bags

Register on the website NexTrex.com







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SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES



Sunday, December 3, 2023, Advent Season Beains

Sunday, December 17th, 10:35 a.m. Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 24th, 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25th, 2023 The Light of the World Has Arrived

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Extravaganza Night Doors Open at 6pm **Food Menu Sloppy Joe or Smoked Pork Sandwichs Served with Chips Choice of Potato Salad or Coleslaw** and A Dessert

Open Tuesday-Friday 11am-9pm **Daily Food Specials** 402-994-2020 Follow us on Facebook for Events 126 S 4th Street, Elmwood, NE



ELMWOOD MURDOCK MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

Elmwood Meat Plant Butchery and Smokehouse

This Holiday Season, we are pleased to introduce you to Ben Wessling, the new owner and operator of featured EMMA member, Elmwood Meat Plant Butchery and Smokehouse. The Elmwood Meat Plant is a business with deep roots all throughout Nebraska. Under new ownership in 2022, they are striving to continue producing high-quality, award-winning meats while also increasing retail availability for their customers. Elmwood Meat Plant plans to grow their operation with a goal to be a fully USDA-inspected facility by 2025.





You can visit Elmwood Meat Plant at 144 1/2 N. 4th Street in Elmwood, off the alley behind Bits & Pieces Thrift Store. You may also learn more about them at their website www.elmwoodmeatplant.net or on their facebook page at www.facebook.com/emlwoodmeatplant.

Please stop in to meet Ben and browse their amazing selection of pre-packaged meats and many flavor varieties of summer sausage and beef jerky!



Open Shop and Sale

Saturday, December 2, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

> At 7702 286th Street Murdock, Nebraska

Join me at my wood shop/studio where I design and create wood art on lathes

> Enjoy refreshments! Bring your friends!

Elmer H. Miller 402.525.2785