ELMWOOD

Holiday Extravaganza

NOVEMBER 28 SATURDAY

If 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 is "Celebrate the Family."

Start your day with pancakes at the Fire Hall then make your way to the Boutique and Craft Fair at the elementary school. Bring the kids to see Santa at the Firehall! The library will have some crafts and coloring. Don't forget to stop by Candy Cane Lane and fill a plate (or two) with holiday goodies. The Aldrich House will be open to showcase their Journey into Christmas and the Living Nativity is a wonderful way to start the holiday season. There's a Lego exhibit at the Cultural Arts and Learning Center that might interest kids and adults alike. The late afternoon includes the Community Center soup supper and Memorial Recognition. Enter the corn hole tournament at the Quonset to end the day.

Be sure to participate in the Holiday Drawing. **Bring the Holiday Extravaganza postcard you received in the mail, sign your name and phone number and enter the drawing for the $100 Elmwood Meat Plant gift card.** To enter this drawing, you **MUST** use the postcard. You can drop your card in the appropriate box at the Community Center. Drawing for the winner will be after the soup supper.

Additional drawings will be for an $80 C-Store gas card and three separate $15 drawings for EMMA bucks. Tickets for these drawings can be picked up at each event you attend and brought to the Community Center where you can drop them in the box of the item(s) you'd like to enter. You do not use the postcard to enter these drawings. Drawing for winners will be after the soup supper.

Please check out the complete event schedule found in this newsletter.

Happy Holidays from the Elmwood Murdock Merchants' Association!

ELMWOOD MURDOCK MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

Kris Shrader, President

ELMWOOD
HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Celebrate the Family

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – PAGE 1 OF 2

MORNING FESTIVITIES

7:00 AM

Pancakes with Santa
Elmwood Fire Hall – 601 N 4th Street
Enjoy a hearty breakfast with Santa! Free-will donation to the Elmwood Rural Fire Department.

9:00 AM – Noon

Candy Cane Lane
Elmwood Community Center
Hosted by Elmwood St. Paul UMC. Proceeds support Bess Streeter Aldrich summer programs.

9:00 AM – Noon

Building Block Competition – Drop Off
Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center
Sponsored by the Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center. Drop off creations from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

PTO Holiday Craft Fair
Elmwood-Murdock Elementary School
Shop craft and baked goods vendors. Grab a holiday drink! Chili and potato soup by Classen Concessions & Catering.

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Elmwood G.A.R. Hall Veterans Museum
Elmwood G.A.R. Hall
Explore local military history and honors.

9:00 AM – 3:15 PM

Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center
221 South 4th Street
See the museum displays.

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Elmwood Dance Academy – Free Classes
Elmwood Dance Academy
111 W D Street

9:00 – 9:30 AM	Ages 2–3 years
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Ages 4–6 years
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Ages 7–10 years

10:00 AM

Santa
Elmwood Fire Hall – 601 N 4th Street
Visit with Santa and share your Christmas wishes!

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Holiday Extravaganza Activities
Elmwood Library
Crafting fun, coloring activities, and holiday cartoons! Meet Cass County Queen Marissa Oehlerking and Cass County Princess Annie Backemeyer for pictures and autographs!

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AFTERNOON CELEBRATIONS

12:00 – 2:00 PM
Balloon Artist at Burrow Tacts
Burrow Tacts
Stop by for fun balloon creations for all ages!

12:30 – 2:30 PM
Building Block Competition – Public Voting
Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center – 221 South 4th
Vote for your favorite display in each category.

12:00 – 5:00 PM
11th Annual Living Nativity
The 3B Homestead – 7603 298th St., Murdock, NE 68407
Drive-thru Living Nativity, open to the public. Free, donations appreciated.

1:00 – 4:00 PM
Journey into Christmas
Bess Streeter Aldrich House
Step back in time and experience the magic of the season. Free admission courtesy of American Exchange Bank.

2:00 – 2:30 PM
Stretching for Female Athletes
Elmwood Dance Academy – 111 W D St.

2:30 – 3:00 PM
Stretching for Male Athletes
Elmwood Dance Academy – 111 W D St.

3:00 – 3:15 PM
Building Block Competition – Winner Announcements
Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center
Winners will be announced at 3:00 PM.

3:00 – 4:00 PM
Fitness Sampler
Elmwood Dance Academy – 111 W D St.

3:30 PM
Southeast Nebraska Community Band (SNCB)
Elmwood-Murdock Elementary School
Following the Craft Fair at the Elementary School.

EVENING TRADITIONS

4:00 – 5:00 PM
Kids Snowball Fight & Hot Chocolate
Elmwood Park
The Elmwood-Murdock Community Association will have a kids snowball fight and serve hot chocolate.

4:00 – 6:30 PM
Soup Supper
Elmwood Community Center
- **Soups:** *chili, chicken noodle, cheesy vegetable ham & potato*
- **Sandwiches:** *ham salad or cheese*
- **Dessert:** *cookies or brownies*

5:00 PM
Memorial Recognition
Main Street – across from Bits & Pieces
The Merchants' Association will honor residents who have passed away during the past year. Family members are invited to come and light their loved one's ornament.

Following Memorial Recognition
Proclamation in the Park
Elmwood Park – Gazebo
Join us as we officially kick off the holiday season in Elmwood!

6:00 PM (Doors Open) 7:00 PM
Cornhole Tournament
Quonset
Doors open at 6:00 PM with food menu and specialty drinks. Cornhole Tournament begins at 7:00 PM.

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Memorial Recognition Service

During the Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, November 28, the Merchants' Association (EMMA) will honor residents who have passed away during the past year. There will be a recognition service at 5 p.m. on Main Street at the fence in front of Bill and Sue Connour's apartments. Family members are invited to come and light their loved one's ornament. To include a name(s) in the service, email your information to shrader1957@hotmail.com by November 24.

Joel Bornemeier
Frances Buell
Ronald Isaacson
Lonnie Nicholson
Walter "Jr" Oehlerking
Linda Pauli
Gary Reiners
Albert Ropers
Joyce Stander
Dorothy Stock
Jean Thiel
Dan Timm
Marilyn Timm
Dawn Tyrell

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EMMA EVENT SPONSORS

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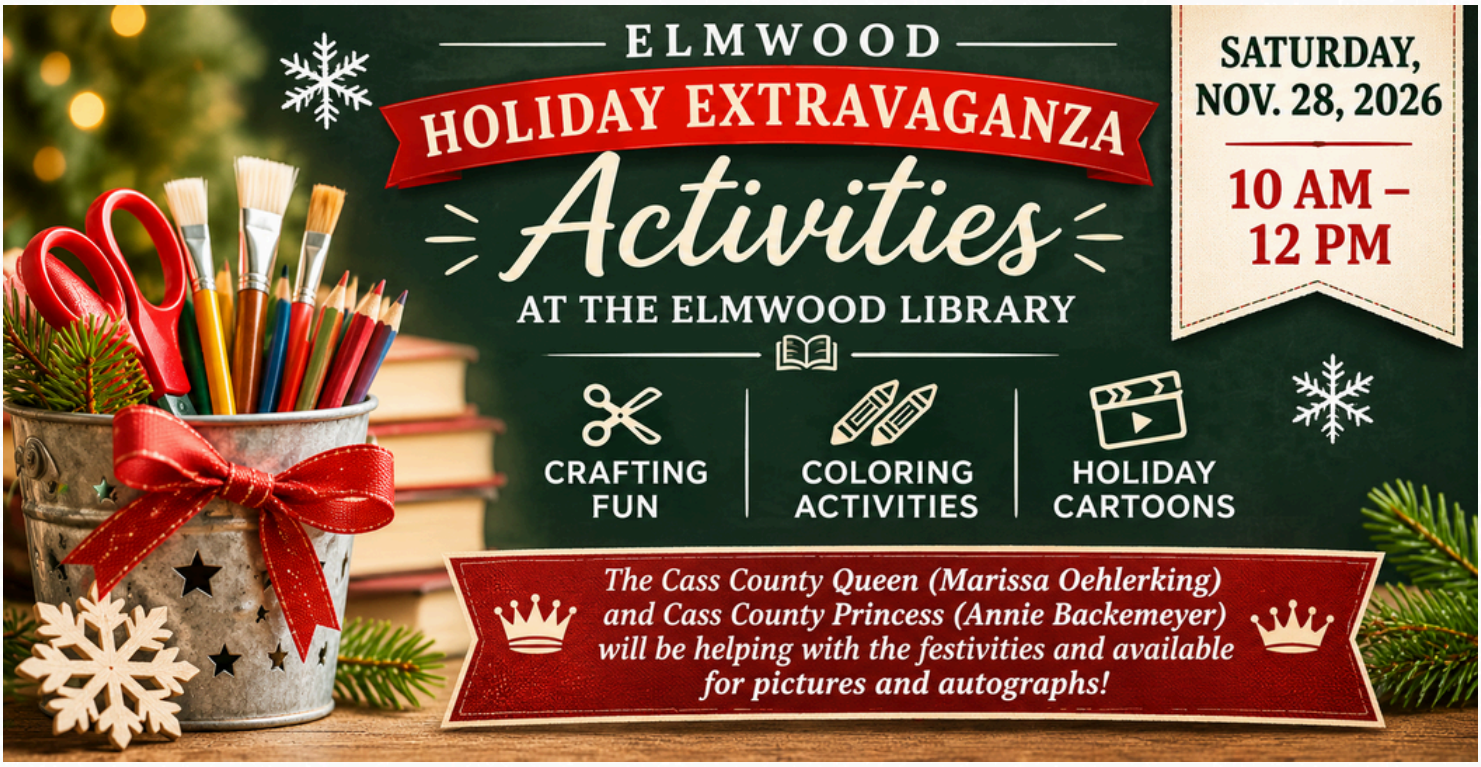
ELMWOOD
HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA
Activities
AT THE ELMWOOD LIBRARY
SATURDAY, NOV. 28, 2026
10 AM – 12 PM
CRAFTING FUN
COLORING ACTIVITIES
HOLIDAY CARTOONS
The Cass County Queen (Marissa Oehlerking) and Cass County Princess (Annie Backemeyer) will be helping with the festivities and available for pictures and autographs!

Southeast Nebraska
COMMUNITY BAND
Holiday Concert

A mix of musical selections as well as seasonal music



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
3:30 P.M.

E-M Elementary School Gym
400 West F Street • Elmwood, Nebraska

Part of the
Elmwood Holiday Extravaganza
An all-day event to kick off the holiday season!

FREE CONCERT

Sponsored by
ELMWOOD
Community Foundation

For information: (402) 540-1662

Visit the ELMWOOD G.A.R. HALL VETERANS MUSEUM during the Elmwood Holiday EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, November 28, 2026

Open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Built by Civil War Veterans in 1885, a year before Elmwood became a village, the G.A.R. Hall is a special piece of Elmwood's history. It is one of only two remaining G.A.R. Halls in Nebraska.

The museum is **owned and operated by Elmwood American Legion Post 247,** and is filled with many uniforms, pictures, and military items from local veterans.

Come visit, explore, and learn more about Elmwood's veterans contributions to our freedom.



"Preserving and honoring the memories of our veterans, one story at a time."

Elmwood Rural Fire

PANCAKES *Santa* AND HOLIDAY CHEER









Come join us for a pancake and sausage breakfast! There will be family fun, holiday cheer, and later in the morning Santa will be here!

At the Elmwood Fire Station 7AM | 601 N 4th St., Elmwood

Free will donation at the door

All donations go towards Elmwood Rural Fire Department

Elmwood-Murdock's

P.T.O. Holiday

BOUTIQUE & CRAFT FAIR

TOGETHER, WE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

WHEN
SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 28, 2026
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

ADMISSION
FREE
for everyone!

LOCATION
ELMWOOD-MURDOCK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
400 West F Street
Elmwood, NE 68349

SHOP & SUPPORT:
Unique Vendors &
Handmade Goods

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL:
Your purchases help fund programs and activities for our students!

FUN FOR EVERYONE!
Find the perfect gifts and support our amazing school community!

REGISTER ONLINE!

Click the link below to register and complete payment:

https://forms.gle/4VAa9AHP9XeoZSVa7

Thank you!

Your support makes a difference!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!
sos.elmur@gmail.com | Elmwood-Murdock PTO

Together We Can!

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HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA
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PRIZE DRAWINGS & CONTESTS

Join the holiday fun for a chance to win great prizes!



ELMWOOD MEAT PLANT DRAWING

WIN A GIFT CERTIFICATE
to the Elmwood Meat Plant!

Fill out the prize drawing section on your Holiday Extravaganza postcard and drop it off at the Elmwood Community Center during:

Candy Cane Lane
9:00 AM – Noon

Soup Supper
4:00 – 6:30 PM

The winner is expected to be announced during the Soup Supper.

EVENT TICKETS

EVENT TICKET DRAWINGS

MORE CHANCES TO WIN!

Collect entry tickets at participating event locations and bring them to the Elmwood Community Center to enter for these prizes:

- **$80 C STORE GIFT CERTIFICATE**
- **$15 EMMA BUCKS BUNDLES**



COLORING CONTEST

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Win $5 in EMMA Bucks!

A $5 EMMA Bucks prize will be awarded in all age categories.

COLORING CONTEST DEADLINE

All completed coloring sheets must be turned in to the Elmwood Community Center by **NOON on Saturday, November 28, 2026,** *to be eligible for the prize drawing.*

Give that lonely mug a new job!

Join us to turn a lonely mug into a brand new bird feeder! Bring your own mug or use one of ours!

When: Saturday, November, 28th
Where: Elmwood-Murdock Elementary School Craft Fair
Time: 12-1:30PM
Cost: Free!



CONSERVATION NEBRASKA

Learn more about Conservation Nebraska at: neconserve.org

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

400 West G Street, Elmwood, NE 68349
402-994-6735

Also the Home of the
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402-994-2384

PLEASE COME JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FOR:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Worship Services

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES



Sunday, Dec. 13, 2026, 10:35 a.m.
Children's Christmas Program



Sunday, Dec. 21, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
Blue Christmas Service



Thursday, Dec. 24, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Friday, December 25, 2026
The Light of the World Has Arrived

As The Windmill Turns

WOODTURNING

Enjoy refreshments while learning woodworking techniques and discover new hats, tables, and wall hangings.



Meet woodturning artisan Elmer H. Miller and mingle with local enthusiasts. Make sure to invite your friends for a memorable time!

OPEN SHOP *from 9 AM - 5 PM*

Saturday, December 5

7702 286th St, Murdock, NE 68407
www.AsTheWindmillTurns.com
402-525-2785

Quonset Bar and Grill

Extravaganza Night

November 28

Doors open at 6pm
Bags tournament Starts at 7pm

Food Options

Sloppy Joe, BBQ Chicken or Hotdog with chips and a cookie

Ask About our Quonset Bucket Drink



BESS STREETER ALDRICH FOUNDATION

PRESENTS

JOURNEY INTO CHRISTMAS

Celebrating: The Family



WEEKENDS: SATURDAY, NOV. 28, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, DEC. 27, 2026 OR BY APPOINTMENT.

FREE ADMISSION
COURTESY OF AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK

HOURS: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
BESS STREETER ALDRICH HOUSE
204 EAST F STREET
ELMWOOD, NE

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR CONTACT:KURK SHRADER 402-867-4233 KURKSHRADER@GMAIL.COM PUBLICITY IS FUNDED IN PART BY CASS COUNTY TOURISM, VISITCASSCOUNTY.COM

Holiday EXTRAVAGANZA

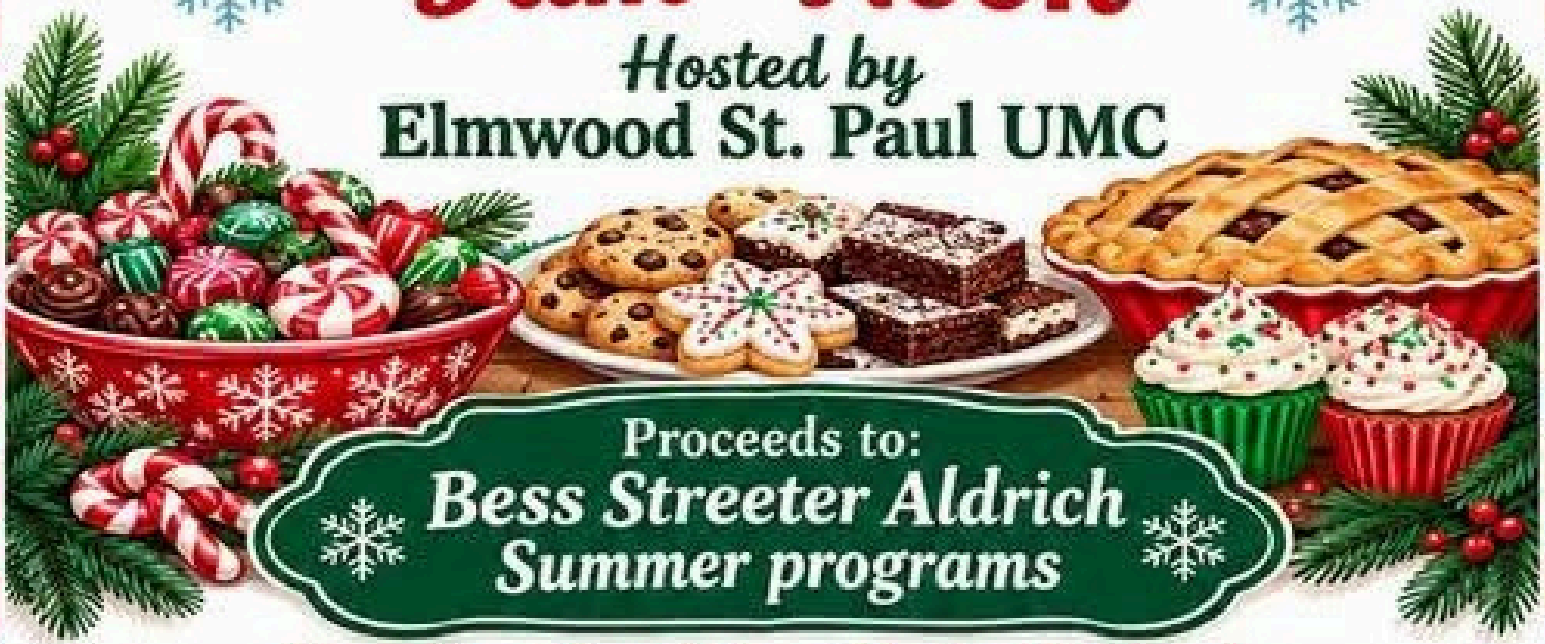
Candy Cane Lane

Saturday
November 28, 2026

Elmwood Community Center

9am - Noon

Hosted by
Elmwood St. Paul UMC



Proceeds to:
Bess Streeter Aldrich Summer programs

Candy, Cookies, Baked Goods

THE 3B HOMESTEAD

INVITES YOU TO THE

11TH ANNUAL

Living Nativity



A Christmas tradition for the whole family! It isn't just a nativity scene. The Living Nativity brings The Story of Luke 2 to life with real farm animals, agricultural items, and volunteers in a beautiful 1888 barn. Experiencing "A-Way in the Manger" will bring delight and wonderful memories to all.

LIVE MUSIC | COCOA | THE MANGER | GIFT SHOP

OPTION 1: IN-THE-BARN EVENTS

Open to the public.

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

November 29,
December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20

OPTION 2: DRIVE-THRU EVENTS

Open to the public.

Noon – 5:00 PM

November 28,
December 23, 24

OPTION 3: PRIVATE GROUP EVENTS

Held on weekdays in December.

Call Sondra at **402-867-1802** to schedule a date and time.

NO TICKETS ARE NEEDED, ALL EVENTS ARE FREE.
Donations are appreciated.



LOCATED AT
7603 298th Street, Murdock, NE 68407
Located on Highway 1 between Murdock and Elmwood, Nebraska

More information at
www.3BHomestead.com





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COLORING CONTEST

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age/Grade: _____

Drop off at

ELMWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

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BUILDING BLOCK COMPETITION

Saturday, November 28, 2026







DROP OFF CREATIONS
9:00 a.m. to Noon

Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center
221 South 4th Street

Bring your creation along with a brief description. Each display is limited in size to fit a 20" x 20" area, on a sturdy base if needed. **One entry per competitor.**

THREE AGE CATEGORIES

- Age 10 and under
- Age 11 - 18
- Adult

$20 prize money for each age category

Viewer's choice

PUBLIC VOTING
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Visitors will be able to vote for their favorite display in each age category.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED
3:00 p.m.

Competitors can pick up their displays following the announcement of winners until 3:15 p.m. unless other arrangements are made.

ELMWOOD
CULTURAL ARTS & LEARNING CENTER

MUSEUM DISPLAYS OPEN

The Learning Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. for viewing the museum displays.

For information: (402) 540-1662

Sponsored by the Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center

2026 EMMA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations to

Brooke Goudie

The recipient of our $500 scholarship.

For more information about this scholarship opportunity, please contact **Heather Bornemeier** at Elmwood-Murdock High School.

MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION GRANTS 2026

Merchants' 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 January 2026 recipient was the Elmwood Community Foundation for a display case. The July 2026 recipient was the Elmwood Public Library for new shelving.



Enjoy free classes at
Elmwood Dance Academy





Comfortable clothes and bare feet or tennis shoes are appropriate to try any class. Wear dance gear if you have it! Yoga mats and blocks are available to borrow.

CLASSES FOR AGES 2-18

9:00-9:30	Ages 2-3 yrs
9:30-11:00	Ages 4-6 yrs
11:00-12:30	Ages 7-10 yrs
12:30-2:00	Ages 11-15yrs





NUTCRACKER THEME

Classes for ages 4-15yrs will be a sample of all of our styles offered--Ballet, Tap, Clogging, Tumbling, Cheer, Dance Team, Lyrical, & Hip Hop. Participants will learn fun routines with a Nutcracker Theme!

ADULT FITNESS

We offer Yoga, Aerobics, & Barre/Pilates

3:00-4:00 Fitness Sampler





STRETCHING FOR ATHLETES

For Jr/Sr high school students in sports

2:00-2:30	Female Athletes
2:30-3:00	Male Athletes







ELMWOOD DANCE ACADEMY
111 W D STREET, ELMWOOD
www.ElmwoodDanceAcademy.com

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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR 2026 EMMA MEMBERS

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3B Homestead
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Against the Grain Design
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American Legion Post 247
As the Windmill Turns
Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation
Bits & Pieces & More Thrift Store
Burrows Tracts Real Estate
Cass County Tourism
Clements and Drevo Attys & Tax Prep
Clements Insurance Agency
Connour Sixplex Apartments
Conservation Nebraska
Cooper Gordon
Corn Growers State Bank
Elmwood Christian Church
Elmwood-Murdock Community Association (EMCA)
Elmwood Community Center
Elmwood Convenience Store
Elmwood Meat Plant
Elmwood-Murdock High School Alumni
Elmwood-Murdock Public School FBLA
Elmwood Public Library
Elmwood Rescue
Frontier Cooperative
Fusselman-Allen-Harvey Funeral Home
Grandpa's Woods Golf Course
Hammons Family Funeral Service
Keep Cass County Beautiful
MiWay Enterprises LLC
Murdock Historical Society
Nebraska Trails Foundation
Oxbow Farms
Quonset Bar & Grill
Quad State Motor Company
Romero's Drywall
St. Paul United Methodist Church
Stock Seed Farms, Inc.
Syracuse Area Health
The Lofte Community Theatre

Community Leader:
Julie Anderson

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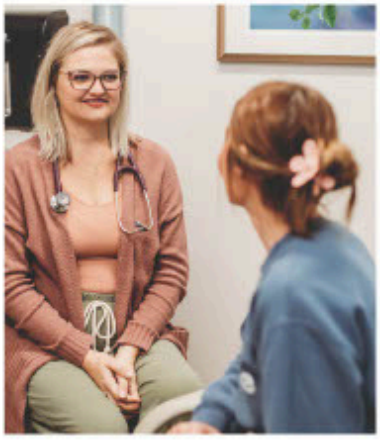

State-of-the-art facilities and advanced services at Syracuse Area Health.

Access the personalized care you need where it's closer for you and your family. From wellness visits and preventative screenings to finding help to navigate an illness or injury, find comprehensive care from providers who partner with you throughout every age and life stage—right here at Syracuse Area Health.

Services Include:

- Primary Care
- Chronic Care Management
- Diabetes Group Classes
- Emergency Services
- Inpatient Care
- Skilled Rehab/Swing Bed
- Surgical Services
- Cardiac Rehab
- Pulmonary Rehab
- Lab Services
- Nephrology
- Radiology (MRI, CT, 3D Mammography)
- Rehabilitation (Physical, Occupational, Speech, and Lymphedema Therapy)
- Sleep Studies
- Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine

Family practice services at two locations:

Syracuse Clinic
2731 Healthcare Drive
Syracuse, NE 68446
402-269-2411

Clinic Hours:
Mon – Thurs: 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

North Campus Clinic & Pharmacy
7512 Highway 50
Weeping Water, NE 68463

Clinic Hours:
Mon – Thurs: 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
402-267-5330

Pharmacy Hours:
Mon – Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
402-258-2311

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AREA HEALTH

Find a full list of services at **syracuseareahealth.com**
or call **402-269-2011** to schedule an appointment.

PERSONALIZED CARE THAT EXTENDS *far beyond what the doctor ordered*



Close. Convenient. North Campus Retail Pharmacy.

At Syracuse Area Health North Campus Pharmacy, our community's health is always our top priority. Our pharmacist-led team takes time to get to know you—and your family—to provide the expert services you need and personalized care you can trust. Always.

THE NORTH CAMPUS PHARMACY OFFERS:

- Convenient drive-through
- Free prescription mailouts
- Easy prescription transfers
- Over-the-counter medications
- Diabetic testing supplies
- Flavoring (from FlavoRx) for pediatric liquid medications
- Drop off unwanted or expired medications for safe disposal

OUR PHARMACY TEAM:



Stephanie Blair, PharmD
Director of Retail Pharmacy



Sean Tolstedt, PharmD
Retail Pharmacist

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AREA HEALTH

North Campus Clinic and Pharmacy

Visit the North Campus Pharmacy or use our convenient drive-through service today!
Learn more at **syracuseareahealth.com** or call **402-258-2311** with questions.

Pharmacy Hours:
Monday – Friday:
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday:
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location:
North Campus Retail Pharmacy
7512 Highway 50
Weeping Water, NE 68463

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