ELMWOOD HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Celebrate the Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2026

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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 — Block Competition – Drop Off
- **Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center 221 South 4th Street**
- *Drop off your creations! Three age categories: 10 & under, 11–18, and adult. $20 prize for each age category.*

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 – 3:15 PM — Museum Display Open
- **Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center 221 South 4th Street**
- *Explore local history and special exhibits at the museum displays.*

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!*

AFTERNOON CELEBRATIONS

12:00 – 1:30 PM — Bird Feeder Activity
- **Elmwood-Murdock Elementary School – Craft Fair**
- *Conservation Nebraska: Turn a mug into a bird feeder! Free to participate. Bring your own mug or use one of theirs.*

12:30 – 2:30 PM — Block Competition – Public Voting
- **Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center – 221 South 4th Street**
- *Visitors can vote for their favorite display in each category.*

12:00 – 5:00 PM — 11th Annual Living Nativity
- **The 3B Homestead – 7603 298th Street, 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.*

3:00 PM — Block Competition – Winners Announced
- **Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center, 221 South 4th Street**
- *Winners will be announced at 3:00 PM. Competitions can pick up their displays following the announcements until 3:15 PM, unless other arrangements are made.*

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

EVENING TRADITIONS

4:00 – 6:30 PM — Soup Supper
- **Elmwood-Murdock Elementary School – Craft Fair**
- **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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