

Hometown Holiday coming December 5

The Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce's Hometown Holiday returns on Friday, December 5th! This is a free family event that the entire North Scott Community is welcome to attend.

The event kicks off at 5:30pm in downtown Eldridge and will feature the following:

- Photos with Santa at the fire station!
- S'mores with the Lions Club! The Lions Club will be set up in Wiese Park providing free s'mores for roasting over an open fire.
- Free carriage rides! Take a ride in a horse-drawn carriage around downtown in true winter wonderland fashion! The line begins at the Gazebo across from 2 Sisters Resale Shop.
- Back this year--FolkInart Studio has invited the McCarty Farm Alpacas to her back garden! Stop over to pet them or feed them a holiday snack!
- Visit Downtown Businesses! Many downtown businesses will be open, sharing holiday cheer,

treats, and activities! Stop by and visit and see the wonderful shops that make up our downtown! Shop, browse and visit with our local entrepreneurs!

- Music and Caroling in the streets! From 5:30-6pm listen to the sweet sounds of the North Scott Junior High and Senior High Choirs as they wander the streets singing classic tunes for the season!
- The Ukuladies will be performing in Mike's FloorPro.
- The North Scott High School String Quartet will be performing in Meadows on 2nd.
- Dancing in the Streets! Weather permitting, at 6:30pm, Tina's Dance Studio will perform an excerpt from the Nutcracker and an excerpt from their Holiday Spectacular in front of the firestation! Come see some spectacular dancing and entertainment and support local artists!
- The 4th Annual Grinch Hunt is on! Kids can pick up a Grinch Hunt card, find seven grinch fac-

es around hometown holiday, and then submit the card at the B100 table or in FolkInart Studio for a chance to win a pair of ultimate experience tickets from the FunStation.

- Wreath Contest! The Annual Deck the Doors Wreath Decoration and Raffle kicks off! Local volunteers decorate beautiful wreaths and donate them to be raffled off at the Fire Station! View the wreaths and purchase raffle tickets during the Hometown Holiday. Simply put your raffle tickets in the bucket by your favorite wreaths and you might win that wreath to take home! Raffle winners will be contacted the following week. Call the Chamber if you wish to donate a decorated wreath!
- The North Scott's own Grinch will be wandering around the event, spreading holiday cheer! Be sure to say hello!

This winter event would not be possible without the help of the City of Eldridge, the Eldridge Volunteer Fire Department, the North Scott FFA, the Donahue Volunteer Fire Department, and the many generous local businesses that participate. Hometown Holiday is a great event and we invite you to come and bring the whole family!! For the most up-to-date information about this event, follow the North Scott Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

The Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce announces the return of the North Scott Experience Virtual Auction.

As a non-profit organization, the Eldridge-North Scott Chamber relies partly on fundraising events to help support their various community events, programs for member businesses, youth scholarships, as well as to support various other local non-profits. Some of the North Scott Chamber's notable events are: Free Summer Concerts, Hometown Holiday, Moonlight Chase, Eldridge Summer Festival, and more.



Hometown Holiday
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
5:30-7:30PM
DOWNTOWN ELDRIDGE
N. 2ND STREET

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

- MEET SANTA CLAUS IN THE FIRE STATION!
- CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!
- CARRIAGE RIDES
- WREATH RAFFLE
- REGISTER TO WIN GREAT PRIZES THROUGHOUT THE EVENT!
- CAROLERS AND LIVE MUSIC
- CHRISTMAS WALK
- HOT CHOCOLATE, S'MORES & OTHER TREATS!

Event Sponsors:

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	The FunStation
	Jansen Roofing
	Big Bear Insulation
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	Dominos
	Steve's AutoSales

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Online Auction!
Unique Local Experiences!
November 14-20!
Gift Local!

The 2025
NORTH SCOTT
Experience

Follow North Scott Chamber for more info!

Crandall Park restroom project is complete

Thanks to a 2024 fall grant from the Regional Development Authority a bathroom has been built in Crandall Park this year. This park is located at S. 2nd Street and Spring Street.

The City received a \$20,000 grant from the Regional Development Authority to help with this project. The Eldridge Park Board will be picking up the remainder of the cost.

The bathroom is handicapped accessible and can be reached from additional sidewalks com-

pleted by public works staff. In past years the City has had to use porta-potties to serve citizens at this location.

This is a welcome addition as the shelter at Crandall Park is a popular place to host birthday parties, anniversaries, family reunions and other events throughout the year. The shelter received a new roof this summer as well. The shelter can be reserved at <https://cityofeldridgeia.org/departments/parks-rec/>. The park is also the home to

many T-Ball games throughout the summer. The diamond there went through an extensive remodeling in 2023.

The bathroom features LED lighting, a water heater for the sink and a stool and urinal. It has a concrete slab outside of the door with a sidewalk connecting to the city walk.

Construction started this summer and was recently completed.



A permanent restroom is now complete in Crandall Park thanks to a grant from the Regional Development Authority. This project was recently completed along with a new roof at the shelter in this park. This shelter is available for event rental.

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On November 14, 2025 at 5pm, the North Scott Experience Virtual Auction fundraiser will go "live" online. In addition to being a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce, perhaps more importantly, this program will feature many unique and exciting "experiences" that our community and local businesses have to offer. The Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce constantly promotes the concept of "buying local" and this will reinforce that idea, just in time for the holidays. People will get to peruse these "experiences" for three days prior to the start of bidding. Browsing is easy, you only need to register if you want to bid for items. While on the North Scott Experi-

ence auction website, viewers can click links to learn more about the participating businesses and what they have to offer.

Bidding closes at 9pm on Thursday evening November 20.

Many of the "experiences" being offered will make extraordinary holiday gifts, allowing people to avoid long lines and "shipping delays." The North Scott Experience Virtual Auction offers "experiences" in all price ranges, for kids and kids-at-heart, experiences for everyone on your shopping list, even that person who already "has everything." While some of the "Experiences" are fan favorites from past years, the Chamber

of Commerce is excited to announce several new packages featuring products and services from local businesses. The following are just a sample of the experience packages you will find offered: Might As Well Jump, Give it Arrest, Every Bloomin' Thing, Slow Burn, Totally Improvable, UnFURgettable, Keep it Fluid, Grime Doesn't Pay, I Like Big Suds and I Cannot Lie, and many more.

Shoppers should follow the Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page for the link and the most up-to-date information regarding the auction.

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Workers stripe the roads and crosswalks at the 4th Avenue and E. LeClaire Road intersection in anticipation of the new light being installed in December. There was a national shortage on mast arms that delayed this part of the project by one month.

Meet your new City Clerk!

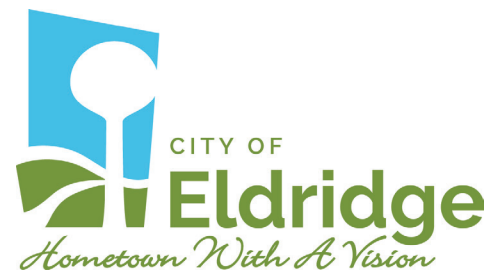
Tracy Northcutt



Finance Manager/City Clerk

I'm a life-long Quad Citizen and graduated from Moline High School and Western Illinois University. Between delivering newspapers as a kid, waiting tables at Village Inn, working for Fidlar Companies in their old Election Division and serving as a City Clerk in the Cities of Moline, IL and LeClaire, IA, I have worked with the public for my entire life. I particularly enjoy working in local government because of the teamwork required to execute all aspects of providing service, being able to see the positive impacts of infrastructure improvements and creating communities where people want to live, work and play.

I'm looking forward to getting to know the residents and businesses of Eldridge and working with the committed staff members in the City of Eldridge.



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JACOB ELDRIDGE

WOW! That was easy. I wish I signed up for this service years ago! I give it five stars, you should do it today!



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Eldridge Community Center & Skatepark!

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Saturday, Nov. 22 • 6-9
All Ages \$5 Admission

BLACK FRIDAY NOVEMBER
All Friday Night Open Skates
6-10 p.m. \$10 Admission
Includes Skate Rental

400 S. 16th Ave.
Eldridge, Iowa
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Caring for your Stormwater Pond: Tips for Businesses and HOAs

Stormwater ponds play a crucial role in managing runoff in our community, protecting neighborhoods from flooding while helping filter pollutants before water reaches our streams and rivers. For businesses and homeowners associations that own these ponds, proper maintenance isn't just about appearances. It's essential for function and may be required by city ordinances.

Many pond owners face common challenges that need ongoing attention. Excessive algae growth, often appearing as green scum on the water surface, typically results from nutrient-rich runoff containing lawn fertilizers. To combat this, consider fertilizing upstream lawns less frequently and using soil tests to apply only what's needed. Another frequent issue is geese congregation, which can lead to messy shorelines and poor water quality. Creating a buffer of taller native plants around the pond discourages geese, who prefer short turf grass and open sight lines. These native plantings also help filter pollutants and provide habitat for beneficial wildlife.

Regular maintenance ensures long-term pond

function. Schedule periodic inspections to check for trash accumulation, eroding banks, or clogged outlets. Many communities organize upstream cleanup events to prevent litter from reaching the pond. Remember that our city requires stormwater pond owners to conduct annual inspections and maintain proper function. Failure to do so could result in costly repairs or potential fines. For guidance on pond maintenance requirements or native plant selection, contact the city's stormwater department. With proper care, your pond can be both a community asset and an effective part of our stormwater management system.



**Report Illicit
Discharges
to City Hall:
563.285.4841**

Green pond problems? Rethink your fertilizer!



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**Algae in detention
ponds is often caused
by excess nutrients.
Reducing fertilizer
use helps keep ponds
clear and functional.**

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