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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAMBER CHATTER

Hello October! Autumn has arrived! The days are shorter, the air is cooler and the fall sports seasons are in full swing! Time to get out the sweaters, hoodies and warmer coats. The leaves on the trees are changing and the fall colors are going to be vibrant very soon. Have you got your Halloween costumes figured out yet? This is always a fun time of the year for the kids and lots of adults too! There will be multiple Halloween events to give your kids the chance to wear their costumes more than once. There will be a new thrill in town this year. GPS Bank is sponsoring the Trailer of Terror for two nights! A great way to get your scare on!

We had another successful Irish 'Toberfest Bags Brew & BBQ this year. Check out the page inside with the list of all the winners and photos of the top finishers. Mark your calendars for September 11, 2027. You have a whole year to fine tune your rib recipes.

Two dates for you to mark on your calendars. Thursday, November 12th will be Ladies Night Out. That is the night the shoppers collect the playing cards and then go to Dirty Hands Tap House & Coffee for the Finale Party. Prizes will be given away there. Be watching your email and social media for the poster for the event when the time gets closer. If your business would like to participate in the Ladies Night Out, and hand out the playing cards, contact the chamber office to get on the list. You can hand out cards during your regular business hours that day! It's not just for the retail businesses.

The other date to put down is Friday, December 4th. We will have our Hometown Christmas that day. We will have the live reindeer, Santa Claus, the Lighted Parade and much more! Again, be watching for the poster and more information as the time gets closer.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

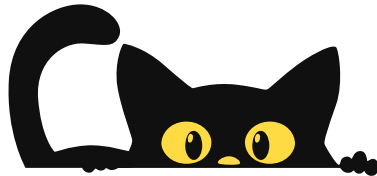
Little Disciples Child Development Center
Celtic Riders
Carhart Lumber
Little Tot's Preschool & Daycare
Good Timin' Bar
Love Signs

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!



Bronz Auto Repair





CONGRATULATIONS to the Greater Good O'Neill Course, disc golf course, on their ribbon cutting on Wednesday, September 16th. Ross Dolittle had a dream, a passion and the drive to make a disc golf course a reality in O'Neill. He went to the city to get permission to put it in, he went to course designers and contractors, he went to a couple places looking for financial resources. He put in the work, and two and a half years later, the course became a reality. This is a great example of someone with the drive to see a project through. He didn't sit behind a computer screen and complain about all the things our community doesn't have. He worked hard to bring in something new for families to enjoy! The course is open to everyone, and free to play. Check out the map below of the course. Stadium Sports is going to carry the discs so you don't have to even leave town to get the equipment you need to play!



Here is the map of the Greater Good O'Neill Course. This can be found by driving in to Carney Park in South O'Neill, and it is on the north side of the road. This will help you know how the course is laid out.

MESSAGE REGARDING THE CHRISTMAS CLOSET

My name is Bob Wynn and I am Pastor of the O'Neill Methodist Church and Co-Chair of the Christmas Closet.

For the past several years the Christmas Closet Organization has brought Christmas joy to dozens of under-privileged residents in Holt County. With the national trend of inflation, especially in gas and food, we are seeing resources stretched even thinner.

Last year, the closet ran short of needed gifts and had to use the resources of the O'Neill Ministerial association as well as several individuals and businesses to make sure we had enough gifts to go around. As we approach this year's Christmas Closet gather on December 14th we are praying we have enough gifts to help, but we also want to be ready in case we don't.

The Closet is asking local businesses if they would be interested in financially helping us out by sending a check with funds to be used only if we come up short again. If we do, those monies will be used locally as much as we can to provide the needed gifts.

In the four years that I have lived here, I have seen this community really come together in times of need. We pray we will be bursting with gifts this year from our placement of totes, but we really want to make sure each family can have a good Christmas this year.

If your business is willing to help please contact me at 402-340-2447. I would be happy to speak with you about our need.

Thank you
Pastor Bob Wynn and all the volunteers of the Christmas Closet.

O'NEILL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 701

FALL GUN RAFFLES

BERGARA B-14 RIDGE RIFLE
BOLT ACTION 6.5 PRC
Valued at \$999.99
Thank you to Reiser Insurance for providing the prize,
and to J & S Outdoor for their discount pricing.

SIG SAUER 9 MM
XMACRO TACOPS P365
Valued at \$999.99
Thank you to Ron & Barb Mejsstrik for providing the prize,
and to J & S Outdoor for their discount pricing.

TICKETS \$50 EACH
ONLY 100 SOLD FOR EACH GUN

Contact any O'Neill KC Member to purchase your ticket
or call Ben at 402-336-6335 before they are sold out!
You can also stop by the St. Patrick Parish Office.

DRAWING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY NOV. 1ST.
WINNER WILL BE CONTACTED BY PHONE.

TRICK
OR
TREAT



FREE WILL DONATION

SHREDDING EVENT
OCTOBER 15, 2026
11AM - TO 11:30AM
AT THE CORNER OF
4TH AND EVERETT STREETS
O'NEILL, NE
**FOR AREA RESIDENTS
ONLY**

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
A VICTORIAN FUNERAL
Mourning Customs ~ Superstitions ~ Stories of the Dead

Step into the past...

Discover how Victorians prepared for death, mourned their loved ones, and lived with the superstitions surrounding the dead — and hear some chilling stories from our past.

HISTORY
PEOPLE
PLACES
STORIES
THAT REFUSE
TO DIE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
HOLT COUNTY MUSEUM
Moses P. Kinkaid Building
401 E. Douglas St., O'Neill, Nebraska
DOORS OPEN: 6:30 PM ~ PROGRAM BEGINS: 7:00 PM

Presented by
THE HOLT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
and
NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION

Every old house has a story. And sometimes... the stories refuse to die.

OCTOBER 30 & 31

TRAILER OF TERROR
MOBILE HAUNTED HOUSE

WARNING
DO NOT ENTER
IF YOU SUFFER FROM
• CONTAGIOUS FEAR
• FRAME ANCE PAIN DEAM
• DEADLY NIGHTS IN
• CHINTZIES FR EREDS TTA

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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE
GATE OR SAVE \$1 WITH
ADVANCE ONLINE PURCHASE
(UP TO ONE DAY PRIOR TO PERFORMANCE)

LOCATION SPONSOR:
GREAT PLAINS STATE BANK 620 E DOUGLAS ST. - O'NEILL, NE.
7PM-11PM BOTH NIGHTS
PERCENTAGE OF ALL TICKET SALES TO BENEFIT THE O'NEILL & WEST HOLT FCCLA CHAPTERS

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LEAP PRESCHOOL
FALL FESTIVAL
Sunday October 4th
11:00am - 1:00pm

FREE WILL DONATION LUNCH,
BOUNCE HOUSE,
MUM AND PRODUCE SALE

Christ Lutheran Church
129 N. 7th Street O'Neill

LEAP PRESCHOOL
FALL festival
RAFFLE

Two-Three Night Stay
Nelson's Lake House
Lewis & Clark State Recreation
in Yankton, South Dakota
Donated by
Pastor John and Joanna Nelson

Don't miss your chance to stay at this cozy lake house for a weekend get-a-way! This charming cabin has a full indoor kitchen, outdoor BBQ & fire pit, four bedrooms, sleeps up to 10-12 people and is perfectly located within walking distance to Lewis & Clark State Recreation Area & Lake near Yankton.

Tickets:
\$25 each or
5 for \$100

ONLY 200 tickets will be sold! Drawing held on October 4th at our Fall Festival. Need not be present to win.
Questions? - Contact Angie Ehlers
402-340-3259

LEAP Preschool
@LEAP-Preschool

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O'Neill Methodist Church Potato Gleaning



When: Saturdays September 26th & October 3rd
Time: 8:30 AM meet in Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Junior will take everyone out to the field.
Just let us know by email how many pounds you glean & where they are going by...
Email: oneillmethodist@gmail.com or
Phone: 402-336-1883



O'Neill Methodist Church Fall Luncheon and Bake Sale

When: Thurs., October 22nd
Time: 11 AM – 2 PM
Where: Fellowship Hall
Menu: Soups: Chicken Noodle
Hamburger Vegetable

Sandwich: Homemade Cheese Spread
Chicken Salad

Dessert: \$2.00

For Sale:
Walnuts, Pecans,
& Cashews

\$6.00

\$4.00

Get your favorite goodies
at the Bake Sale!



Cat Nips from The Feline Foundation

Happy CAT-ober!!!!

A big THANK YOU to Douglas Street Coffee for hosting our Cookie event Sept 24th. It was a wonderful time had by all young and old.

Join us Oct 24th for a fun time at O'Neill Lanes from 5pm-8pm for Pins for Purrs! \$5/game (includes shoe rentals) and \$1 of every game is donated to ICCFF. Kids fun begins at 5pm with a costume contest, food, and bowling! Every child dressed in costume/face painted will receive a bucket of candy. Adults we didn't forget about you! Adult beverages will be available for purchase at the bar. If people are still coming at 8pm, Cheryl will stay open later and our event will continue. T-shirt deadline is Sunday, October 11th and orders will be sent off on October 12th. Cost of the t-shirt is \$20 with \$5 being donated back to ICFF. Please contact Stephanie at 605-218-2130 to place your order. You do not need to order a shirt to attend the event. For more info check out our Facebook page or the Pins for Purrs flyer in this newsletter!

October 16th is Global Cat Day. Created by Alley Cat Allies to advocate for humane, non-lethal community cat programs such as TNR (Trap Neuter Return)

October 27th is NATIONAL BLACK CAT DAY! This day celebrates black cats and challenges old superstitions right before Halloween.

Thank you for your continued support and hope to see you Oct 24th!



O'NEILL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY DINNER WITH THE STARS



The Friends of the O'Neill Library will reward the best talent in the area with prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$100. We will be taking virtual auditions to select 10 performers for Dinner with the Stars!

We welcome all dancers, singers, musicians, magicians, standup comedians, and acrobatic daredevils to submit a brief video of their talent to see if they make the cut! The more unique, the better your odds!

Send talent videos to ncnartscouncil@gmail.com; the top 10 acts will get to perform! (one performance per person/group, limit to 10 minutes). Submissions are due October 12.

Guests at the annual Dinner and the Arts program will choose the top talent with their ratings. The program will be on Sunday, November 15, 2026 at the O'Neill Community Center. A roast beef and mashed potato meal will be catered by BK Caterers. Tickets for the event are \$30 and must be purchased in advance from the following businesses/people: The O'Neill Library, KBRX radio, The O'Neill Shopper, and board members: Keith Willis, Mark Urwiller, Nathan Wabs, Marilyn Rabe, Kendra Vanderbeek, Chase Harrison, Ann Wrede, and Lisa Connot. The program begins at 6 p.m. and doors open at 5:30 p.m. A cash bar will be manned by the O'Neill Knights of Columbus.

Beginnings

Pregnancy Resource Center

It's true! We're changing our annual fundraisers around! The Baby Bottle Fundraiser will take place in April/May, and our fundraising EVENT is scheduled for next year on Sunday October 17th 2027 at the O'Neill Community Center -- stay tuned for exciting details!!

While there isn't a baby bottle fundraiser this year, we still need your help and would be so blessed by your support!



Mail to PO Box 821 in O'Neill, or scan the code to give online!



Thank you so much for praying and giving!

Baby Bottle Fundraiser
is changing from the Fall to the...
SPRING!

