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2025

# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAMBER CHATTER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS! Another year is almost gone. I don't know where the time goes! The shopping days from now till Christmas are limited! Please remember to SHOP LOCAL first this holiday season. Don't be afraid to ask for an item if you aren't seeing it! Don't know what to get? Purchase a gift card and let the recipient pick out what they want. There is always shamrock bucks too! They always fit, they don't sit on a shelf and collect dust and they fit right in a card. They make great gifts for the hard to buy for, your beautician, nail tech, snow removal person, lawn care person, mail delivery person or just the neighbor next door who is always willing to help you out! The shamrock bucks are used the same as cash in chamber member businesses. The nice thing about them is the money has to stay in town and boosts our economy.

There are a lot of fun things happening in town in December! Check out the jam packed calendar inside. Watch my emails for more events and happenings as they come up throughout the month! We have our Hometown Christmas coming up on December 5th. See the flyer inside for all the happenings that day and evening. There is also an entry form for the Lighted Parade that evening inside. We will have the live reindeer again, sponsored by Stacy Vandersnick at Little Tots Preschool and Daycare. Thank you Stacy for your generous donation. Everyone enjoys seeing what Santa's reindeer really look like!

There is the Tour of Homes, Chamber Sponsored Home Decorating Contest (entry form inside), You Got Elfed Promotion and of course, the Ugly Sweater Contest coming up on December 19th. It's always fun to have a day to make people laugh in the midst of the crazy holiday season. Get your ugly sweaters designed and be sure to get your entry in. More information inside. If you would like to be an elf for the "You Got Elfed" promotion, just get hold of me here at the chamber office and I will explain what you have to do. It's simple and easy and you make people's day when you hand them \$10 in shamrock bucks and thank them for shopping in O'Neill this holiday season.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you for your support in 2025. We look forward to serving you all in 2026!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Neu You Physical Therapy \*\*\*\* News Channel Nebraska \*\*\*\* Emme Construction

Grosch Irrigation \*\*\*\* Country Lane Retirement Village

McIntosh Jewelry \*\*\*\* KBRX Radio \*\*\*\* Good Timin' Bar

Transportation Partners & Logistics, LLC \*\*\*\* Springlake Angus \*\*\*\* Dejabrew

Duba Trailer Customizing and Sales \*\*\*\* Douglas Street Coffee

Creighton Auto \*\*\*\* Equus Workforce Services

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT





PHOTO CREDIT TO TERRY MILES—HOLT COUNTY INDEPENDENT

**Congratulations to Jacob and Tara Soukup, the new owners of Sunrise Floral! We are so excited to have you as a part of our Chamber of Commerce Family. Here is a little more about Tara and how she got involved in flower arranging:**

**A new business adventure begins for the Soukup family. Tara and Jacob Soukup are the new owners of long-time floral business Sunrise Floral in O'Neill. My creativity started in high school with my passion for arts and photography and my creativeness continued into floral design. I was hired at Sunrise 2 years ago as the general manager by Megan Mitchell, the previous owner. I grew to love designing and putting a smile on people's faces with flowers. When we were offered to purchase Sunrise, we couldn't refuse! We are so excited to own a small business on main street in O'Neill. We plan to continue to offer excellent service with gorgeous flowers and a smile to top it off! Sunrise Floral's business hours are Mon-Thurs 8:30-5, Fri 8:30-4 & Sat 9-12. You can reach them by phone at 402-336-1822 or just stop by the shop located at 408 E. Douglas Street here in O'Neill. Delivery available.**

**Sunrise Floral can help you with all your floral needs. If you want to just brighten someone's day, stop by and let them know what you are thinking and they can put it together for you. They have arrangements for every holiday, birthdays, just because, anniversaries, funerals, get well soon, candy bouquets and more. They will put their creativity to work and design a beautiful arrangement, no matter what the occasion may be. Be watching for more changes coming! They will be adding product lines and items that will enhance your shopping experience.**

*Secret Santa Giveaway!*

Clorox Classic Value Series - \$1400 Value!

**ELITE DOOR**  
NORFOLK, NE  
402-379-2468

**We are giving away a NEW, installed garage door!**  
To enter, email a picture of the current garage door to [Brice@EliteDoorNebraska.com](mailto:Brice@EliteDoorNebraska.com) with a description of why you, or someone you know should win!  
Our drawing will take place on December 22nd!

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## Shamrock Nursery Porch Pot Workshops

**Reserve your spot soon!  
Come create your holiday masterpiece!**

- Tuesday December 2nd @ 6
- Saturday December 6th @ 10 & 1
- Sunday December 7th @ 1
- Thursday December 11th @ 6
- Saturday December 13th @ 10 & 1
- Sunday December 14th @ 1

**There is no fee for the workshop. Porch pot cost is dependent on supplies used.**



**CHAPTER GT  
P.E.O.  
Tour of Homes**

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 7, 2025  
3:00 - 6:00 P.M.**

**Carol Jessen**  
1404 N. 9th Street

**Jenny & Aaron Troester**  
405 E. Londonderry Drive

**Sue Hoke**  
908 Fairway Drive

**Stephanie & Craig Druke**  
49178 Oliver Road  
3 miles north of Pump N Pantry on Hwy281

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:**  
Wakefield Insurance Agency, McIntosh Jewelry,  
or Sue Hoke at 402 340-7200  
\$20 in advance/\$25 at door

**Proceeds support college scholarships for local young women.**

*Christmas*

**CHAPTER GT  
P.E.O.  
CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES**

Come join us on Sunday  
December 7, 2025  
FROM 3-6 PM

Tickets: \$20 in advance | \$25 at the door  
Tour 4 beautifully decorated homes  
Located in O'Neill, Nebraska  
Meeting at the Evergreen  
\*Independant Living Center,  
300 Jeannette Way O'Neill NE  
at 3pm for refreshments.\*

**\*\*Tickets being sold at McIntosh Jewelry and Wakefield Insurance or call Sue Hoke to reserve your spot at 402-340-7200.**



**HOLT COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER**  
**20th Anniversary Celebration – 2026**  
**CHILI COOK OFF EVENT • FEBRUARY 2026 (tentative)**

To kick off our 20th anniversary celebration, HCAS will be hosting a community Chili Cook Off this February! They are seeking event sponsors to help provide prizes for our cooks and winners. Local businesses, organizations, and individuals are all welcome to participate. Want to support the shelter and be part of this milestone event? Reach out to us for sponsorship details!

Holt County Animal Shelter  
Melonie Bowling 402-340-6472 or Valerie Bridges 660-221-8049 or  
email [mgr@holtcountyanimalshelter.com](mailto:mgr@holtcountyanimalshelter.com)

**Funt Fact:** So far in 2025 we have adopted 30 dogs! We have been able to return several dogs to their owners, and placed a deaf dog with an amazing breed rescue. We had a 2024 adoption return in Oct. due to an acute knee injury. We are raising money so that we can finance her surgery.

We currently have two female dogs due to deliver puppies before you read this! It has been a busy year! We want to let our community know how grateful we are for your support. Without you, we would not be celebrating 20 years!

**ARE YOU OUR NEXT BENEFICIARY?**



Every year the Celtic Riders R&G choose a new beneficiary to support throughout our riding season. All funds raised from events that we host are donated to the beneficiary to use for whatever they need.

2025 - Funds were raised for the Carey family struggling with the aftermath of colon cancer in both the husband and wife, along with planning for their daughters to attend college.

2024 - Carter Brotsky, a teenager living with spina bifida was able to start the process of gaining a service dog with his funds raised.

2023 - Sidney Carlson, a young lady living with seizures used her funds for medical stays and transportation while they continue to learn what can be done for her.

2022 - Elizabeth Campbell was able to receive a kidney transplant and get the care she needed with the help of money raised for her.

You can also type in the link below to access the submission form.  
<https://form.jotform.com/230025937930050>



You can also print off the form and mail it to us!  
Celtic Riders R&G  
PO Box 21  
O'Neill NE 68763

Who will be our 2026 beneficiary?

Scan the QR Code to submit a form to be considered or nominate a friend or family member. Submission forms are accepted until December of 2025 when the Celtic Riders will consider and vote on who we believe we can help the most. For any questions, please email us at [celticridersrg@gmail.com](mailto:celticridersrg@gmail.com) or call or text our President, Josh Reagan, at 402-336-8557.



**LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE AT  
7PM IN DOWNTOWN O'NEILL**

**LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE END OF  
THE PARADE**



You're Invited  
**FIRST INTERSTATE BANK'S  
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE & CHAMBER COFFEE**

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

330 E Douglas Street

O'Neill, NE 68763

Please join us for Cider and Snacks

**THE O'NEILL VISIONARIES PRESENT  
HOMETOWN  
CHRISTMAS 2025**

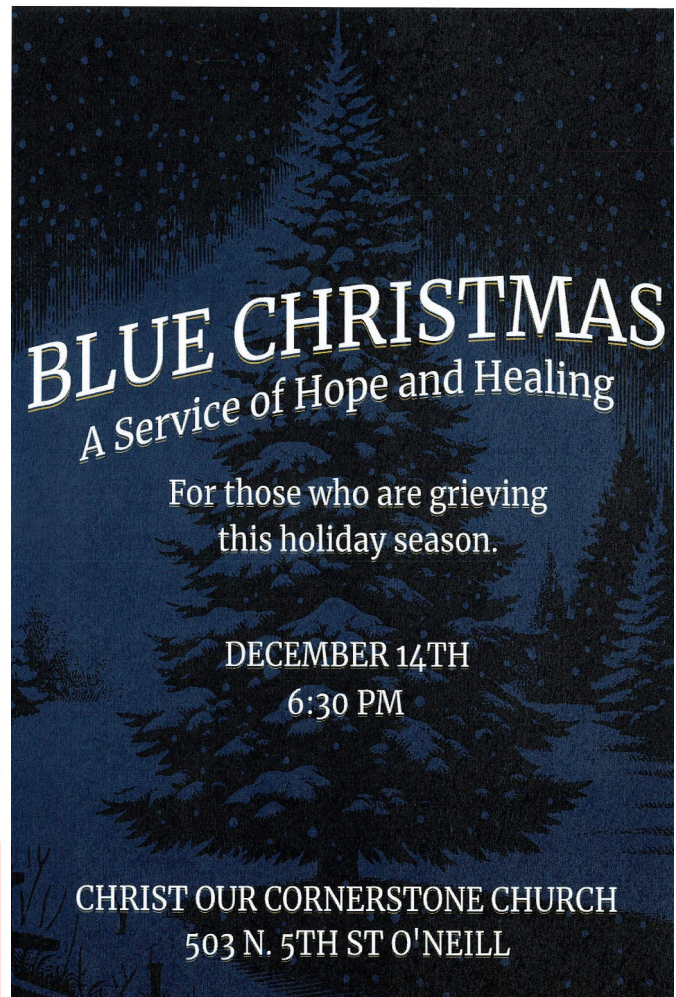
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025**  
**Join us in Downtown O'Neill for an  
Evening of Holiday Family Fun!**

**\*LIVE REINDEER\***  
**4PM TO 7PM**

**AT THE CORNER OF 3RD AND DOUGLAS STREETS**  
**SPONSORED BY LITTLE TOTS**  
**PRESCHOOL AND DAYCARE**

**ACTIVITIES FROM 4PM TO 6:30 PM**  
**Kloppenburg Hayrack Rides at the corner of 3rd and Douglas**  
**INSIDE DIRTY HANDS TAP HOUSE & COFFEE**

**Free Will Donation Soup Supper sponsored by the O'Neill**  
**Assembly of God Church, Crafts for Kids by AseraCare Hospice**  
**and Little Tots Preschool and Daycare, Bake Sale, Christmas**  
**Tattoos, Visit with Santa and More!**



**GPSbank**  
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**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**  
FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 12

**CHAMBER COFFEE**  
10:00 AM

**SANTA VISIT**  
SANTA IS STOPPING BY!  
SHARE YOUR WISH LIST  
AND TAKE A PHOTO!  
9:00 AM-11:00 AM

**DETAILS**  
8:30 AM-5:00 PM  
REFRESHMENTS,  
COOKIES, COFFEE  
AND GIVEAWAYS!

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Downtown O'Neill | 620 East Douglas Street  
(402) 336-1474

JOIN US AT TWIG FLOWER

AND GIFT FOR

*Christmas  
Centerpiece  
Class*

SATURDAY DEC 20<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 AM

11:30 AM

1:00 PM

SUNDAY DEC 21<sup>ST</sup>

1:00 PM

DIRTY HANDS BACK ROOM

215 E DOUGLAS ST

O'NEILL





Congratulations to the Ladies Night Out Winners! Left to right—Irene Kamphaus \$50 from Douglas Street Coffee, Angela Hawks \$50 from First Interstate Bank, Gail Ferguson \$50 from Little Tots Preschool and Daycare, Brezlyn Shields \$100 from the O’Neill Visionaries, Andrea Schmidt \$200 from the O’Neill Visionaries and Ellen Boshart \$300 from the O’Neill Visionaries. Ellen also won a one night stay at the Sandhills Guesthouse in Atkinson in the Honeymoon Suite, generously donated by O’Neill Chamber Member, Pam Winer, manager of the Sandhills Guesthouse. Thank you to Dirty Hands Tap House & Coffee for the use of the gathering space, Neko’s Pub for all the delicious food and Three River Communications and First Interstate Bank for helping sponsor the food. Thank you to all the participating chamber member businesses! The shoppers had a great time finding gifts for the holiday season and spending time with family and friends! A big special shout out THANK YOU to all the “celebrity flippers” we had throughout the evening!

Shamrock Nursery \*\*\* Dejabrew \*\*\* Bomgaars  
Blush Boutique and Tan \*\*\* McIntosh Jewelry  
Twig Flower and Gift \*\*\* O’Neill Family Pharmacy  
I Don’t Care Bar \*\*\* Wildflour Grocer \*\*\* First Interstate Bank  
Hooligan’s Pub \*\*\* Top O’ the Rock Designs \*\*\* Good Timin’ Bar  
Krotter Home Center \*\*\* Sunrise Floral \*\*\* Shamrock Locker  
Teal’s Westside Dining \*\*\* Douglas Street Coffee (Until 4pm)  
Holt County Historical Society at the Kinkaid Museum  
O’Neill Shopper | O’Neill Printing Co. | Boutique One29

## LADIES NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025



## EAGLE EYE BROADCASTING MERCH IS NOW ON SALE

Our EEB 2025-2026 merch is here and it's better than ever! This year, we've added lots of colors to our collection, so you can represent EEB in style. From cozy hoodies to sleek tees, we've got something for everyone. Perfect timing for those holiday gifts!

Order Deadline: December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Get Ready for Christmas Gifts! Here is your link to order - <https://eeb25.itemorder.com/shop/category/423425/>. Show your EEB pride and grab your merch now!

## Cat Nips from the Feline Foundation!

Wow! Where did this year go!!! We want to thank everyone who came out to our Soup 4 Paws event on Nov 15th. Your support was simply the highlight of the day!!

As many of you know, we are primarily a TNR non-profit charity, but when kittens come through our traps, we make sure they get the chance at the forever homes they deserve. Right now, every single one of our foster homes is completely full. With 16 kittens currently in our care, we are unable to take in any more at this time. Our foster families are doing everything they can — and we are so grateful for them. Fostering truly is one of the most rewarding ways to help vulnerable kittens, and if anyone is interested in becoming a foster home, please reach out to us via Facebook message. Even one new foster home makes a massive difference.

We also want to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated at Dollar General West. Your support helps us continue caring for these little ones. The donation tote will be available through the holiday season for those who want to support shop local.

With so many kittens, we are still in urgent need of kitten food and litter. If you’d like to help, donations are deeply appreciated and go directly to the kittens currently in foster. Thank you all for supporting our mission and helping us care for these babies. Keep an eye on our Facebook page as we are setting up a venmo link.

We also would like to mention that we have a Pet Blessing Box set up between Shamrock Vet Clinic and Lamberts in O’Neill. We are asking the community for support in donating cat food and dog food to the Blessing Box to ensure no pet goes hungry if their family has fallen on hard times.

You may drop in the deck box provided or reach out to Kendra at 402-370-0432.

We would like to mention that besides searching for foster families we are on the lookout out for volunteers to join us in our mission of serving the stray cats in O’Neill, Emmet, Inman, Page & Atkinson.

Again a BIG thank you for the support you have given throughout this year. May you have a wonderful holiday season filled with love and joy! The ICFF, Shari, Raylene, Val & Kendra.

Come and join the Irish Capital Feline Foundation at the Holiday Market on Saturday, December 13th at the Evergreen Assisted Living Facility from 10 to 4. Some “a-meow-zing” crafting ladies worked hard on several craft items for out booth! Bring the kids because Santa will be making a stop too!

THE O’NEILL MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE THIRD ANNUAL

## Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST @ 6:00 PM  
ST. PATRICK’S CATHOLIC CHURCH O’NEILL, NE

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FESTIVAL CHOIR?  
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR TEXT WILLIAM OTTE @ (402) 340-5490

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Serving God One Child at a Time

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- ✔ Part-time and Full-time Availability

CALL NOW TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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555 E John St  
O’Neill, NE 68763  
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- December 2—6pm—Porch Pot Class at Shamrock Nursery—call 402-336-3323 to sign up
- December 4—11am to 1pm—Basic Needs Food Pantry at the O'Neill Methodist Church
- December 5—4pm to 8pm—Hometown Christmas in O'Neill
- December 5—10am—Chamber Coffee/Holiday Open House at First Interstate Bank
- December 5—Retirement Celebration open house all day for Paula Havranek at Pinnacle Bank—Special Reception from 3pm to 4:30pm.
- December 5—Noon—Holt County Visitors Committee Meeting at the Holt County Tourism Office
- December 6—9am—Men's Bible Study at Teals Westside Dining—all men of the community are invited
- December 6—10am and 1pm—Porch Pot Classes at Shamrock Nursery—call 402-336-3323 to sign up
- December 7—1pm—Porch Pot Class at Shamrock Nursery—call 402-336-3323 to sign up
- December 7—3pm to 6pm—PEO Tour of Homes—See flyer inside for more information
- December 8—6:30pm—City Council Meeting at 401 E. Fremont Street
- December 9—8am—O'Neill Visionaries Meeting at Dirty Hands Coffee Shop
- December 10—Noon—Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting at the chamber office
- December 11—6pm—Porch Pot Class at Shamrock Nursery—call 402-336-3323 to sign up
- December 12—10am—Chamber Coffee and Holiday Open House at Great Plains State Bank—Santa will be Stopping by from 9am to 11am.
- December 13—2pm to 6pm—Celtic Riders Family Bowling Night at O'Neill Lanes
- December 14—1pm—Porch Pot Class at Shamrock Nursery—call 402-336-3323 to sign up
- December 14—6:30pm—Blue Christmas, A Service of Hope and Healing at the Christ Our Cornerstone Church  
Located at 503 N. 5th Street
- December 15—6pm—Christmas Closet at the O'Neill Community Center
- December 16—19—Goodwill Trailer will be at the O'Neill Community Center Parking Lot
- December 19—8am—Holt County Animal Shelter Bake Sale at Torpin's Rodeo Market
- December 19—10am—Chamber Coffee at McDonalds—Ugly Sweater Contest to celebrate National Ugly Sweater Day—Get your ugly sweater on and come get your photo taken to enter the contest!
- December 20—10am, 11:30am, 1pm—Christmas Centerpiece Classes at Twig Flower and Gift. Call 402-336-4497 to get signed up
- December 20—9pm—Karaoke at Neko's Pub
- December 21—1pm—Christmas Centerpiece Class at Twig Flower and Gift. Call 402-336-4497 to get signed up
- December 21—6pm—Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Patrick's Catholic Church
- December 24—Chamber office will close at noon.
- December 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS! Chamber office will be closed.
- January 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR! - The chamber office will be closed.



# COW CLINIC

Prepare your herd for a successful calving & breeding season

## CLINICS WILL COVER:

- Body condition scoring
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- Understand forage analysis
- Develop diets for last trimester

**Dec. 1 - Burwell** - Livestock Market, Burwell, NE  
Contact Bethany Johnston, at 402-336-2760 or bjohnston3@unl.edu

**Dec. 2 - Gordon** - Livestock Market, Gordon, NE  
Contact Brock Ortner, at 308-327-2312 or bortner2@unl.edu

**Dec. 9 - Beatrice** - 77 Livestock Sales, Beatrice, NE  
Contact Barry Weber, at 402-335-3669 or s-bweber12@unl.edu

The first ten that pre-register will receive a free NIR forage analysis complements of Ward Lab.

Clinics begin at 10 a.m. with registration and conclude at 2 p.m.  
The cost to register is \$20 per person.

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# Fit & Healthy Kids

Web-based sessions for **Early Childhood Professionals.**  
The webinars are offered once a month from now to March.

*register* → 

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# UGLY SWEATER




# \*\*\*CONTEST\*\*\*

**Friday, December 19, 2025**  
**Join us at the Chamber Coffee at 10am at McDonalds and get a photo of your sweater to get entered in the contest! OR**  
**Take a photo of your sweater and email it to lauri@oneillchamber.com**  
**Winners will be announced on Monday, December 22nd, 2025**  
**2 categories: Homemade and Store Purchased**  
**1st and 2nd place prizes in both categories**  
**SPONSORED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Put on your UGLY sweater and come have some fun with us on National Ugly Sweater Day!**

**O'NEILL**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT**  
**501 SOUTH 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 19 2025**

**Community Donation Trailer**  
**O'NEILL NE**

Your donated goods not only keep items out of landfills helping to reduce waste and the resell of donated items provide mental health, employment, developmental disability services, and more in local communities!





**WHAT ITEMS CAN I DONATE?**

Visit [www.goodwillne.org](http://www.goodwillne.org) to learn more



Trailer will be on site after 12:00 PM on the first day of the drive and will be picked up by 12:00 PM on the last day of the drive.

**DONATION DRIVES SUSTAIN FUTURES**  
**Goodwill**  
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Black Hills Gold

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MEMBER: O'NEILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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JOIN US FOR A  
**RETIREMENT  
CELEBRATION**

IN HONOR OF

**PAULA HAVRANEK**

FRIDAY

**DECEMBER 5**

OPEN HOUSE ALL DAY

**SPECIAL RECEPTION FROM 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

HELP US CELEBRATE PAULA AND HER 43 WONDERFUL YEARS  
OF SERVICE TO PINNACLE BANK!

We are incredibly grateful for Paula's leadership, dedication and integrity,  
which she has exemplified not only as our Market President but also as a  
steadfast supporter of the entire O'Neill community.

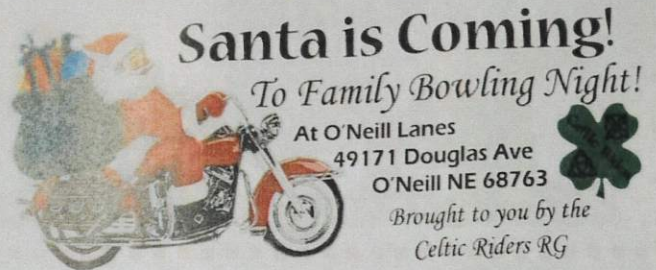
Please join us in wishing Paula all the best as she begins her next chapter!



**Pinnacle Bank**  
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O'NEILL 429 E. Douglas St.

No purchase necessary. Need not be a Pinnacle Bank customer to participate.



**Santa is Coming!**  
*To Family Bowling Night!*

At O'Neill Lanes  
49171 Douglas Ave  
O'Neill NE 68763

Brought to you by the  
Celtic Riders RG

**Saturday Dec 13, 2025**  
*from 2pm to 6pm*

Santa will be available for pictures and handing out gifts from 4 pm to 6 pm. Come  
on out and enjoy some free cookies, bowling, and of course Santa Claus, Mrs.  
Claus, and maybe even the Grinch! Prizes will be available for bowlers as well! For  
questions, call Josh Reagan (402) 336-7873.



**SHOP LOCAL  
HOLIDAYS**

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES







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## NEBRASKA EXTENSION - HOLT COUNTY Upcoming Workshops & Trainings

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### CEDAR WORKSHOP

**-Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** | Boyd County - 1:00-4:00PM CT  
Spencer Village Meeting Room (100 E. Main Street)



*What You Will Learn:*

- **Project Spotlights** – Real-life examples with before/after photos, costs, and cost-share info
- **Pasture Management** – How producers keep pastures cedar-free to maximize grass
- **Cedar Biology** – Understand how cedars grow/spread to choose the right control methods
- **Prescribed Burning Tips** – Keep your burn contained with guidance on slope, tree height, piles, weather, crew & equipment

To Register, call: 402-336-2760 or sign up using QR Code above



### LANDLORD/ TENANT CASH RENT WORKSHOP

*Financial Strategies for Effective Agricultural Land Leasing and Management*

**-Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** | O'Neill - Holt County Annex Building | 1 pm - 4 pm CT

- Nebraska cash rental rates and land values
- Best practices for ag leases and contract considerations
- Financial planning for farm succession and transition
- Q&A time for leasing and management questions



The meeting is free to attend, but **registration is required by Dec. 12 - sign up using the QR code or call Nebraska Extension in Holt County at 402-336-2760**



### BEEF PRODUCTION & PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR UPDATE

**-Jan 14<sup>th</sup>** – Valentine (Mid-Plains Community College)

**-Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** – Stuart (Auditorium- Southeast Rm.)

**-Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Brewster (Uncle Buck's)

**Cost:**

Private Pesticide Training - \$60.00

Beef Quality Assurance - \$20.00

**All Trainings - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM** Lunch is provided | **To register, call: 402-336-2760**

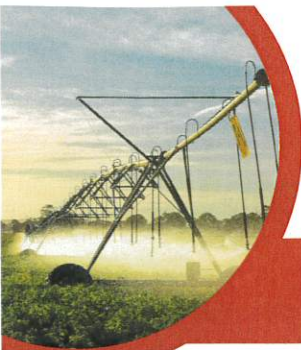
#### Beef Topics:

- Herbicide Strategies for Eastern Red Cedar Management
- The Value of Forbs and Plant Diversity in Pasture Management
- Beef Quality Assurance – Initial & Recertification

#### Private Pesticide Topics:

- Grasshopper population assessment
- Asian Longhorned Tick
- New World Screwworm





# NEBRASKA EXTENSION

## Upcoming Workshops & Trainings



## DECEMBER / JANUARY



### CONFRONTING CROPPING CHALLENGES

This workshop is an opportunity to learn from the challenges you might have faced this past growing season by going more in-depth on specific topics. Topics for this year include soybean defoliation, volunteer corn, palmer amaranth and white mold.

**All trainings are 1-5pm | Please arrive early - Registration starts at 12:30**

- **Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** | Osceola - the Polk County Fairgrounds
- **Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** | West Point - Nielsen Community Center
- **Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** | Albion - Casey's Building - Fairgrounds
- **Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** | Bloomfield - City Community Center

Attendance at Confronting Cropping Challenges will **recertify** your private pesticide applicator license.

Registration for the general meeting is **\$10 (no recertification)**.

Registration **with** recertification is additional **\$60 = (\$70 total)**



### NORTHEAST AG CONFERENCE

**-Dec. 16 at Northeast Community College in Norfolk (8am-5pm)** —an all-day event featuring expert speakers, producer panels, and breakout sessions on profitable, water-smart ag practices. Early-bird registration is \$20 through Dec. 9; lunch, CEUs, and Nitrogen Certification included.

Registration for the event is now open! Early Bird Registration tickets can be purchased until Dec. 9, for \$20. Late registrations and walk-ins will be \$50. A hot lunch will be provided. Nitrogen Certification and CEUs are also available for attendees.

Register now at: [bit.ly/NNAC2025](http://bit.ly/NNAC2025)



### UNIT COST OF PRODUCTION WORKSHOP

- **-Dec. 8-9** | Atkinson - Community Center (small room)
- **-Jan. 27-28** | Burwell - Legion Hall

Both days will run from 9 am - 4 pm CT

*Learn concepts to improve the bottom line of your farm or ranch.*

- Projecting cost for next year
- Identify ways to improve profit
- Make management & marketing decisions

Cost to attend: \$50  
(lunch included).  
Instructor: Aaron Berger

Register one week prior to Bethany Johnston at [bjohnston3@unl.edu](mailto:bjohnston3@unl.edu) or 402-336-2760





# MEALS ON WHEELS

## DECEMBER 2025 MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4	5
CHEESY HAM & CAULIFLOWER CASS. BRUSSEL SPROUTS TROPICAL FRUIT	ROAST BEEF MASHED POT. & GRAVY CARROTS PEARS	BAKED CHICKEN BREAST BAKED BEANS HASHBROWN CASS. COLESLAW CHERRY CRISP	LASAGNA SPINACH/LETTUCE SALAD GARLIC BREAD PEACHES COOKIE	PORK LOIN HASHBROWN BAKE PEAS & ONIONS PINEAPPLE CHOCOLATE PUDDING
8	8	10	11	12
BREADED PORK FRITTER BAKED POTATO GREEN BEANS STEWED TOMATOES APPLESAUCE	CHILI FRESH CARROTS PINEAPPLE TIDBITS CHERRY SALAD CINNAMON ROLL	TURKEY CLUB SAND. PASTA SALAD 3 BEAN SALAD FRUIT COCKTAIL COOKIE	BEEF TIPS MASHED POTATOES BROCCOLI TOMATO SLICE FRUIT CUP	GOULASH TRI-TATOR GREEN PEPPER CORN GARLIC BREAD PEARS
15	16	17	18	19
CREAMED CHICKEN & BISCUIT PEAS & CARROTS PEACHES BUTTERSCOTCH PUDDING	COUNTRY FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY CORN APPLE SLICES APRICOTS BUTTERSCOTCH PUDDING	MEATLOAF BABY BAKERS BAKED BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES APPLE CRISP	SALMON PATTY RICE PILAF ROASTED BRUSSEL SPROUTS TOMATO SLICE FRUIT SALAD	CHICKEN PARMESAN NOODLES BROCCOLI GARLIC STICK PINEAPPLE OATMEAL MUFFIN
22	23	24	25	26
PIZZA BOAT HARVARD BEETS PEARS TAPIOCA PUDDING	ROAST TURKEY MASHED POT. & GRAVY CARROTS CORN SALAD DINNER ROLL CRANBERRY SAUCE PUMPKIN BAR	ROAST BEEF SWEET POTATOES WINTER BLEND MANDARIN ORANGES	MERRY CHRISTMAS!  NO MEAL	STEAK FINGERS BAKED POTATO MIXED VEGETABLES FRUIT COCKTAIL SALAD
29	30	31		
BACON, EGG, & CHEESE BISCUIT TRI TATOR BANANA	LASAGNA GREEN BEANS LETTUCE SALAD GARLIC BREAD PEACHES	CHICKEN SALAD ON CROISSANT PEA SALAD TROPICAL FRUIT TOMATO SLICE COOKIE		

**PLEASE GIVE 24 HOUR NOTICE  
FOR RESERVATIONS OR CANCELLATIONS.  
(402) 340-5426**

ALL MEALS ARE SERVED WITH MILK, BREAD, AND BUTTER UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.  
60+ WE ASK FOR A SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION OF \$6.50. 59 UNDER PRICE IS \$8.50.



# December 2025

## THE EVERGREEN MEALS ON WHEELS

The Evergreen Meals on Wheels program offers home delivered 10-20 and dine in meal options. We are located at the south entrance on the independent side of the Evergreen Inn.

300 Kennedy Way, O'Neill, NH

You can reach us by phone at:

(203) 340-3426

Our hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except major holidays. Meals are delivered between 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dine in and 10-20 meals are available from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A 24-hour advance notice is required for delivery orders. The suggested contribution amount is \$10.00 for individuals over the age of 60 and seniors are \$8.50 for everyone age 50 and under.



Merry Christmas! We wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the joy the holidays bring. Winter is upon us, so let us do the cooking for you. We would be happy to add you to one of our home delivered meal routes, so you don't have to leave the house and can have a delicious and nutritious meal brought to you.

Please join us on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> at The Evergreen Independent Living for a free will donation soup luncheon including chicken noodle soup, chili, and hot dogs from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All proceeds from the soup luncheon will go to help fund the Meals on Wheels program. There will also be a Holiday Market taking place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Independent Living with a variety of vendors that you can browse.

Please note that there will be no meals served for Christmas Day on Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas to all!!

### Interesting Days in December

December 4: National Cookie Day

December 19: National Oatmeal Muffin Day

December 25: **Merry Christmas!**

December 26: National Candy Cane Day



## 2025 CHRISTMAS LIGHTED PARADE

The O'Neill Area Chamber of Commerce Visionaries invite your organization, business or individual from the community to participate in the 2025 Christmas Lighted Parade to be held on Friday, December 5, 2025, at 7pm in Downtown O'Neill.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

**Christmas Star Award** – Entry displaying the best overall creativity, appearance, and originality

**Elfin Magic Award** – Best entry featuring children

### Tin Soldier Award – Best marching or walking entry

**Santa's Sleigh Award** – Entry with the best theme in motion as float or other motorized vehicle

**Rudolph's Best Friend** – Best entry featuring animals

**Fruitcake Award** – Entry with the most humorous display

**Parade entries are not allowed to throw candy from the entry!!!** Someone must be walking on the street/sidewalk edge to pass out candy. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. In order to get first spots in the parade your entry must be received by **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd**. Any entries received after this date will be placed in order received. Please have a description of your float on the entry form as we will **not** add this to your entry after **December 3rd**. Thank you for your quick response.

## 2025 CHRISTMAS LIGHTED PARADE

### Parade Entry Form

**DATE: Friday, December 5, 2025    TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

**LINE UP: 6:30 going north from 6th and Douglas**

Name of Float or Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Include all names you wish to have announced: Driver, float riders, etc. You may attach separate sheet.)

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**Please return your completed entry to the chamber office by December 3, 2025 located at:**

**O'Neill Area Chamber of Commerce**

**125 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

**O'Neill, NE 68763**

**lauri@oneillchamber.com**



# Happy Holidays

## 2025 HOME DECORATING & LIGHTING CONTEST

Sponsored by  
O'Neill Area Chamber of Commerce

Homes must be within 3 miles of O'Neill  
And decorations visible from the Street

Enter by December 17th, 2025  
Voting from December 18<sup>th</sup> to December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Winners Announced: December 29th

### PRIZES:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$500.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$300

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$200

(Prizes awarded in Shamrock Dollars)

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Entry Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTIONS if located outside of O'Neill \_\_\_\_\_

Return entry form by December 17th to:  
O'Neill Area Chamber of Commerce  
125 South 4<sup>th</sup> St., O'Neill NE 68763  
Phone: 402-336-2355    [lauri@oneillchamber.com](mailto:lauri@oneillchamber.com)

Drive around town and check out all the pretty lights! Send your vote for your favorite location to [lauri@oneillchamber.com](mailto:lauri@oneillchamber.com)