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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAMBER CHATTER



Happy Easter! This month we celebrate Easter! Spring is here and the nice warm sunshine will feel so good on our faces. The spring sports are getting into full swing which means Prom, Graduation, Mother's Day, First Communions, Confirmations and more will be happening! Be sure to SHOP LOCAL for all your gift giving needs this spring. Needing a real cool gift for those cards? Put some Summerfest Concert tickets to see Sam Barber inside! A great way to give memories to be cherished for many years to come.

Congratulations O'Neill on another successful St. Patrick's Day Celebration! The weather tried to get us down on Saturday, but once again we prevailed. The parade crowd was mostly on the north side of the street. Thank you to all the folks that braved the cold to watch the parade entries go by. More information and photos inside. Congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce Award Winners! The Community Service Award went to Deb Kelly, the Customer Service Award went to Kelli Eilers at Shamrock Nursery and the Community Ambassador went to Riley Wakefield. Riley had quite the week as he was also crowned Mr. Irish on Sunday to kick off the week!

The O'Neill Chamber of Commerce wants to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every one of you that helped with the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Celebration in any way. It takes all the city departments, businesses that hold special events, organizations that do activities and many volunteers helping out with the parade and behind the scenes to make all the events successful. Thank you to Cheri McConnell, Shelly Campbell and Tammy Tienken for all your help in the chamber office while I am busy with preparations both in and out of the office. To make the celebration a success, it takes the whole community working together and I'm so proud of this community as we didn't let Mother Nature get us down once again! Thank you O'Neill for a wonderfully successful 2025 St. Patrick's Day Celebration!

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to the St. Mary's Cardinals on their Boys' Basketball State Championship!
What a great accomplishment! All of their determination and grit paid off on the court when they won the
trophy. Thank you for representing O'Neill in Lincoln.

You will find a 2025 Chamber of Commerce Scholarship application inside. Be sure to have your senior get it completed and returned to the chamber office by Friday, April 4th. We will be awarding one \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from O'Neill Public High School and St. Mary's High School. Good luck to all the applicants.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Twig Flower and Gift **** O'Neill Chapter GT PEO Special T's and More **** American Legion Baseball Quality Alignment and Repair **** The Evergreen ALF Fox's Food Plaza/Taco Johns **** O'Neill Car Wash One Office Solutions **** Mlnarik Cattle Co.

Megan Dempsey, RD LMNT IBCLC
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CASA of Northcentral Nebraska **** Branding Barn
Tri County Bank **** O'Neill Lumber, Inc.
Building Blocks for Community Enrichment
Torpin's Rodeo Market **** Wireless World/Verizon
Arbor Care Center **** Grande Prairie Wind, LLC
JCT Computers

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

AC POWERSPORTS





Congratulations to Great Plains State Bank on their Relocation Ribbon Cutting on March 14th. The bank is now located in their brand new building at the corner of 7th and Douglas Streets. They still offer all their services and more, just like they did in their previous location. Stop by and take a tour of the new facility. You can reach the bank at 402-336-1474.

From Jacey Napier, O'Neill Market President: Great Plains State Bank in O'Neill broke ground on March 27th, 2024, and hosted our grand opening celebration on March 14th, 2025. We are very grateful to have received community support to make the dream of a new building possible. Our grand opening was hosted by the following O'Neill staff members: Jacey Napier, Jacque Murray, Chasity Shoemaker, Alyssa Oligmueller, and April Burival.













The North Central Nebraska Arts Council kicked off our St. Patrick's Celebration week with the 2025 Mr. Irish Contest. There were 4 participants in the contest. Thank you to Michael Poese for being the emcee for the event! The judges had a very tough decision to make as the contestants competed in 4 events. In the end, Riley Wakefield was selected as the 2025 Mr. Irish. Riley will represent the Irish Capital for the next year making appearances all over the country. Thank you to everyone involved in this event!





Come help HCAS celebrate

National Adopt A Shelter Pet Day!

Come to Subway in ONeill

on April 30th from 5pm-8pm where 20% of sales will be donated to the dogs of





Interested in fresh, local produce?

- Our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) offers weekly shares of organically-grown produce from our awesome local growers.
- Receive \$12 worth of the best fresh & seasonal produce every week for 22 weeks, from May 19 -October 16. \$264 for the season.
- One- or two-payment options available. www.wildflourgrocer.com ~ 402-336-8988

HOLT COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

AND EASTER EGG HUNT WITH PRIZES IN EACH AGE GROUP



Pets are welcomed in photos

April 6th

12-2

HandleBend

\$20 sitting fee with full rights to photos













2ND ANNUAL

OHS BOOSTER CLUB EVENT

21 + EVENT



O'NEILL

COMMUNITY CENTER

SUPPORT OHS ATHLETICS

CONTACT

INCLUDES MEAL
NCAA BASKETBALL SQUARES
CASH BAR

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

TEMS INCLUDE: GUNS, CABIN STAY, COWBO EXPRESS BUS TRIP AND MUCH MORE!

L I V E ENTERTAINMENT

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INCLUDES A MEAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

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Jana: 402-525-2054 Tricia: 402-340-5735 Shalane: 402-610-2875 Rachael: 402-750-3232





O'Neill Travelnow has moved! They are now located at 403 E Clay Street, in O'Neill, just across the street south of the court house. They can still be reached at 402-336 -2455, or visit their website: www.oneilltravelnow.com. Stop by and check out their new space!





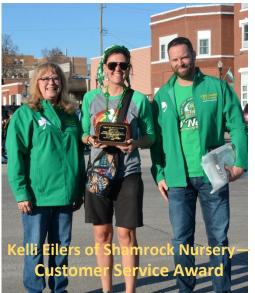
FREE WILL
DONATION
SHREDDING
EVENT
APRIL 17, 2025
11AM—11:30AM

AT THE CORNER OF 4TH AND EVERETT STREETS O'NEILL, NE



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS











CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 IRISH WALK OF FAME INDUCTEES SCOTT POESE AND TOM ALLAN







Photos Courtesy of Terry Miles of the Holt County Independent

From the Irish Walk of Fame

Thank you for your
Generosity!
HandleBend
Christensen Farms
McDonalds
Fox's Food Plaza
The Tom Earley Family
Spencer Wagenaar
Hooligan's
KBRX

O'Neill Chamber of Commerce And to all who have so generously donated to the Walk of Fame over the past 10 years.

2025 St. Patrick's Day **Parade Winners**

COMMERCIAL

1st Place—Tri— County Bank

2nd Place—Avera St. Anthony's

3rd place—Shamrock Locker

NON-COMMERCIAL

1st Place—St. Patrick's/St. Mary's

2nd Pace—Holt County Historical Society

3rd Place—O'Neill Assembly of God Church

YOUTH

1st Place—Shining Stars 4H Club

2nd Place—C.L.A.S.S. Home Education Group

BANDS

1st Place—O'Neill High School Band

2nd Place—O'Neill Junior High Band

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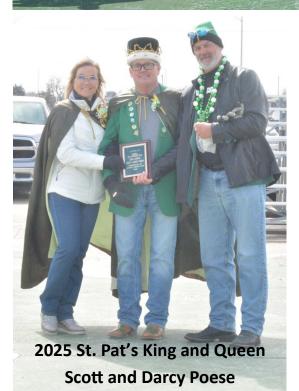


















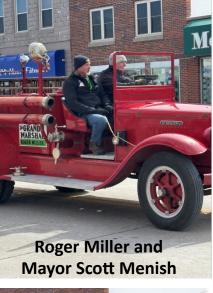




2025 St. Pat's Parade **Grand Marshal Roger Miller**

Thank you for your Generosity! HandleBend Christensen Farms McDonalds Fox's Food Plaza The Tom Earley Family Spencer Wagenaar Hooligan's **KBRX**

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April 3—11am to 1pm—Basic Needs Pantry at the O'Neill Methodist Church

April 4—10am—Chamber Coffee at Avera St. Anthony's

April 4—Noon—Holt County Visitors Committee at the Holt County Tourism Office

April 4—5pm-7pm - O'Neill KC Fish Fry at the KC Hall. They will be serving Baked Fish, Fried Fish, French Fries, Baked Potato, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll. Dine-In, Drive-Thru and Carry-Out. Adults: \$13, Kids: \$8, 5 & Under: Free

April 4—5pm—Doors open at the Community Center for the OHS Booster Club Event featuring Dueling

April 4-7pm-Pitch Night at Hooligan's Pub

April 5—Men's Bible Study at Teal's Westside Dining—All men are welcome

April 6—Noon to 2pm—Family Photo Session and Easter Egg Hunt with prizes in each age group at Handlebend, Sponsored by the Holt County Animal Shelter

April 6—7pm—Beginnings Fundraiser featuring Alan & Lisa Robertson at the Community Center—Doors open at 6:30

April 8—8am—O'Neill Visionaries Meeting at Handlebend

April 8th through 11th—Goodwill Trailer will be at the Community Center Parking Lot

April 9—Noon—Chamber Board Meeting at the chamber office

April 11—5pm-7pm - O'Neill KC Fish Fry at the KC Hall. They will be serving Baked Fish, Fried Fish, French Fries, Baked Potato, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll. Dine-In, Drive-Thru and Carry-Out. Adults: \$13, Kids: \$8, 5 & Under: Free

April 11—9pm—Comedy Night at Neko's Pub featuring Layton Flatt and Levi Light

April 17—11am to 1pm—Basic Needs Pantry at the O'Neill Methodist Church

April 17—11am to 11:30am—Security Shredding Truck at the corner of 4th and Everett Streets for a f free will Shredding event

April 18—3pm—Easter Egg Hunt at the Evergreen Assisted Living Facility

April 18-9pm-Ren and Red at Neko's Pub

April 19— 11am—The Great Easter Egg Hunt at Schaffer Baseball Fields in north O'Neill, sponsored by O'Neill Assembly of God Church

April 19—9pm Karaoke at Neko's Pub

April 23—Noon—Summerfest Rodeo Committee meeting at noon at the chamber office

April 25—10am—Chamber Coffee at Northeast Community College

April 30—5pm—8pm—Come help Holt County Animal Shelter celebrate National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day! 20% off all sales will be doated to the dogs of Holt County Animal Shelter.

****YOU ARE INVITED****

Avera St. Anthony's Hospital was recently recognized as a Top 100 critical access hospital in the U.S. Since there are 1,371 critical access hospitals in the country, we are fortunate to have one of the best right here in O'Neill. Please join us for the Chamber Coffee on Friday, April 4, at 10am in the Hospital Lobby to celebrate this accomplishment.

The Great Easter Egg Hunt

Gold & Silver Egg Prize Winners in each age group

Saturday April 19 | 11am

Meet The Easter Bunny Schaffer Ball Fields
North O'Neill, NE
Over 5000 Eggs
Filled with candy & prizes

First 10 kids in the 3 - 10 age group to tell a volunteer in an orange vest at their age group area the Easter Story receives a free ice cream at Dairy Queen.

Download Free Easter coloring pages at www.oneillag.org, have your child color the picture and return day of hunt. Pictures will be judged and winners of each age group will be announced on O'Neill Assembly of God's Facebook and KBRX. Please write the child's name and age along with a parent's phone number on the back.



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Age Groups Ages 0 - 2; 3 - 4; 5 - 7; 8 - 10





O'Neill Public Schools has 70 kids entered in this art show! Take some time to stop by and admire their hard work!

Cat Nips from ICFF

Spring is here and you know what that means? Yup it's kitten season. Our first Spring TNR will take place April 3rd. We will be out live trapping on Wednesday April 2nd. Locations include the 200 block of South Harrison, the Shelhamer building, 500 block of East Kildare & 2nd & Adam's Streets by Chiropractic office. As a reminder please keep your inside/outside kitties inside on these days as not to be caught in our live traps.

We will be holding a garage sale over city wide weekend, if you have any gently used items

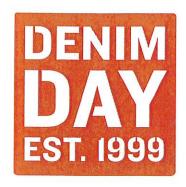
We will be holding a garage sale over city wide weekend, if you have any gently used items you would like to donate, please reach out to Teresa & Kendra. No clothes please.

Also....a quick shout out to everyone who donated towards our sick Kitty Opie's vet bills who was found out by Big Red Motor Sports. We are very humbled by your generosity. That's it for now! Don't forget to spay & neuter your pets as it cost less than them having a litter of pups or kittens!

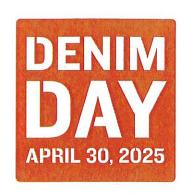












ITALY, 1992 An 18-year old girl is picked up by her married 45-year old driving instructor for her very first lesson. He takes her to an isolated road, pulls her out of the car, wrestles her out of one leg of her jeans and forcefully rapes her. Threatened with death if she tells anyone, he makes her drive the car home. Later that night she tells her parents, and they help and support her to press charges. The perpetrator gets arrested and is prosecuted. He is convicted of rape and sentenced to jail. He appeals the sentence. The case makes it all the way to the Italian Supreme Court. Within a matter of days the case against the driving instructor is overturned, dismissed, and the perpetrator is released. In a statement by the Chief Judge, he argued, "because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex."

Enraged by the verdict, within a matter of hours the women in the Italian Parliament launched into immediate action and protested by wearing jeans to work. This call to action motivated and emboldened the California Senate and Assembly to do the same, which in turn spread to Patricia Giggans, Executive Director of Peace Over Violence, and Denim Day in LA was born. The first Denim Day in LA was in April 1999, and has continued every year since.

DENIM DAY is a rape prevention education campaign, where we ask community members, elected officials, businesses and students to make a social statement with their fashion statement and wear jeans as a visible means of protest against misconceptions that surround sexual assault.





SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

SEXUAL VIOLENCE IS SEXUAL ACTIVITY WHEN CONSENT IS NOT OBTAINED OR NOT FREELY GIVEN.

It is estimated that nearly 734,630 people were raped in the U.S. in 2018

Sexual Violence can occur in person, online, or through technology.

One in five women in the United States experience completed or attempted rape during their lifetime.

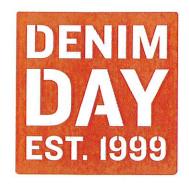
Nearly a quarter of men in the United States experience sexual violence in their lifetime.

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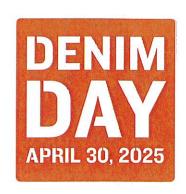
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ITALIA, 1992.

Una chica de 18 años es recogida por su instructor de manejo, un hombre casado de 45 años, para su primera lección. La lleva a una carretera aislada, la saca del auto, le quita una pernera de sus jeans y la viola a la fuerza. Amenazada de muerte si se lo cuenta a alguien, la obliga a conducir el auto de regreso a casa. Más tarde esa noche, ella se lo cuenta a sus padres, quienes la ayudan y apoyan para presentar cargos. El perpetrador es arrestado y procesado. Es declarado culpable de violación y sentenciado a prisión. Apela la sentencia. El caso llega hasta el Tribunal Supremo italiano. En cuestión de días, el caso contra el instructor de manejo es anulado y desestimado, y el perpetrador es liberado. En una declaración del juez presidente, se argumentó: "Como la víctima usaba jeans muy, muy ajustados, tuvo que ayudarlo a quitárselos, y al quitárselos ya no fue violación, sino sexo consentido."

Enfurecidas por el veredicto, en cuestión de horas, las mujeres del Parlamento italiano se movilizaron y protestaron vistiendo vaqueros para ir a trabajar. Este llamado a la acción motivó y animó al Senado y a la Asamblea de California a hacer lo mismo, lo que a su vez inspiró a Patricia Giggans, directora ejecutiva de Peace Over Violence, y así nació el Día del Mezclilla en Los Ángeles. El primer Día del Mezclilla en Los Ángeles se celebró en abril de 1999 y se ha conmemorado cada año desde entonces.

DENIM DAY es una campaña educativa para la prevención de la violación, en la que pedimos a los miembros de la comunidad, funcionarios electos, empresas y estudiantes que hagan una declaración social a través de su declaración de moda, usando jeans como un medio visible de protesta contra los conceptos erróneos que rodean la agresión sexual.



CONCIENCIA SOBRE LA AGRESIÓN SEXUAL

¿QUÉ ES LA VIOLENCIA SEXUAL?

LA VIOLENCIA SEXUAL OCURRE CUANDO HAY

ACTIVIDAD SEXUAL SIN CONSENTIMIENTO O CUANDO

ESTE NO SE DA DE MANERA LIBRE Y VOLUNTARIA.

Se estima que casi 734,630 personas fueron violadas en Estados Unidos en 2018.

La violencia sexual puede ocurrir en persona, en línea o a través de la tecnología.

Una de cada cinco mujeres en Estados Unidos ha sufrido una violación o un intento de violación durante su vida.

Casi una cuarta parte de los hombres en Estados Unidos ha experimentado alguna forma de violencia sexual con contacto físico en su vida.

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O'NEILL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Instruction Page

For 2025, the O'Neill Area Chamber of Commerce will be awarding two \$500.00 scholarships. One will be awarded to a graduating senior from St. Mary's High School and one to a graduating senior from O'Neill Public High School. The recipients are selected by a committee from the O'Neill Area Chamber of Commerce. Checks are made payable to the college and will be mailed to the college financial aid office when the college of choice has been determined.

CRITERIA:

- The applicant must be a 2025 graduating senior of St. Mary's High School or O'Neill Public High School
- The applications must be filled out and submitted to the O'Neill Area Chamber of Commerce, 125 S. 4th Street, by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, April 4, 2025.
- A parent must have an individual or business membership in the O'Neill Area Chamber of Commerce, or be an employee of a business having a membership in the O'Neill Area Chamber of Commerce

OR:

• The applicant must be an employee of a business having a membership in the O'Neill Area Chamber of Commerce

2025 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PAGE

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PARENT'S NAME			
MEMBERSHIP BUSI	NESS		
HIGH SCHOOL		graduation date	
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COLLEGE OF CHOIC	CE OR APPLICATIONS MADE:		
1. NAME			
ADDRESS			
2. NAME			
ADDRESS			
3. NAME			<u> </u>
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PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Section I: Extracurricular Activities
Section II: Community Activities
Section III: Honors received
Section IV: Educational Goals

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Section V: How do you plan to finance your education?

Section VI: As a business community, what can we do to attract youth back to the area?

Section VII: What are your future career plans, and include if your intentions are to return to the area?

SUBMIT BY APRIL 4, 2025

O'Neill Area Chamber of Commerce 125 S. 4TH Street O'Neill, NE 68763 lauri@oneillchamber.com

MEALS ON WHEELS APRIL 2025 MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
	1	2	3	4	
	SWEDISH MEATBALLS EGG NOODLES		HOT BEEF SANDWICH C MASHED POT. & GRAVY	PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH	
	BRUSSEL SPROUTS	PEAS	GREEN BEANS	BROCCOLI SALAD	
	MIXED FRUIT CUP	DICED PEARS	BANANA	MACARONI SALAD	
	CHOCOLATE CAKE		COOKIE	COTTAGE CHEESE	
				ORANGE	
7	8 %	9	10	11	
SAUSAGE PATTY	MEATLOAF	CHICKEN PARMESAN	PORK FRITTER	CHICKEN & RICE	
CREAM GRAVY	BAKED POTATO	PASTA	ROASTED RED POTATOE	GARLIC BREAD	
FRIED POTATOES	STEAMED BROCCOLI	BEETS	MIXED VEGGIES	CORN	
BISCUIT	SLICED TOMATO	BABY CARROTS	ORANGE	PEARS	
TROPICAL FRUIT	PEACHES	FRUIT COCKTAIL			
	CAKE				
14	15	16	17	18	
BBQ RIBS	COUNTRY FRIED STEAK		HAM	FISH STICKS	
HASH BROWN BAKE	MASHED POT. & GRAVY		SCALLOPED POTATOES	POTATO WEDGES	
CHEESY CAULIFLOWER	CARROTS	BROCCOLI SALAD	GREEN BEANS	CREAMED PEAS	
MANDARIN ORANGES	PEARS	JELLO WITH FRUIT	APRICOTS	BISCUIT	
	APPLE CRISP		ANGEL FOOD CAKE	PINEAPPLE	
			WITH STRAWBERRIES		
21	22	23	24	25	
SLOPPY JOE	LASAGNA	PORK ROAST	BEEF STROGANOFF	OVEN FRIED CHICKEN	
MACARONI & CHEESE	WAX BEANS	SWEET POTATOES	NOODLES	MASHED POT. & GRAVY	
BAKED BEANS	LETTUCE SALAD	BRUSSEL SPROUTS	CALIFORNIA BLEND	CORN	
SLICED TOMATO	GARLIC BREAD	APPLES	TROPICAL FRUIT	DINNER ROLL	
APPLESAUCE	FRUIT COCKTAIL CAKE	BUTTERSCOTCH PUDDIN		PEACHES	
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SPAGHETTI WITH	HAM	CHICKEN LEGS			
MEATBALLS	SCALLOPED POTATOES	MASHED POT. & GRAVY			
CORN	GLAZED CARROTS	BROCCOLI			
GARLIC BREAD	DINNER ROLL	GRAPES	PLEASE GIVE 24	HOUR NOTICE	
VANILLA FRUIT SALAD	APPLE CRISP		FOR RESERVATION	ONS OR CANCELLA	ATIONS.
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THE EVERGREEN MEALS ON WHEELS

The Evergreen Meals on Wheels program offers home delivered, to-go, and dine in meal options. We are located at the south entrance on the independent side of the Evergreen at:

300 Jeanette Way O'Neill, NE

You can reach us by phone at:

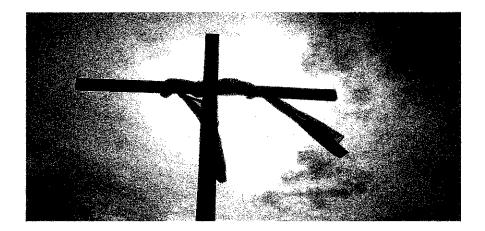
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Meals are available Monday-Friday except major holidays.

A 24-hour advance notice is requested for reservations.

The suggested contribution amount is \$6.50 for individuals over 60 years of age and \$8.50 for individuals under the age of 60.

April 2025



It's Spring!! April showers bring May flowers. This is a great time of year with the green grass and flowers starting to grow. New life with baby calves and baby chicks and the weather getting warmer. Please take advantage of the warmer weather and sunny skies to get out and enjoy a meal with us. We would love to have you! There will be a free Blood Pressure Clinic on Wednesday April 9th from 10:30-11:30 am in the Community Room at The Evergreen Independent Living.

Interesting Days in April

April 1: April Fool's Day-Don't get fooled! 😉

April 2: National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

April 7: World Health Day

April 10: National Siblings Day

April 13: Palm Sunday

April 18: Good Friday

April 20: Easter Sunday-Happy Easter!

April 22: National Jellybean Day and Earth Day

April 29: International Dance Day

