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Happy Easter! This month we celebrate Easter! Check out the flyers inside for when the Easter Egg Hunts will be happening around town. Spring is here and the nice warm sunshine feels 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 Josh Turner inside! The paper tickets for the concert are on sale now at the chamber office and KBRX Radio Station. They can be purchased online at www.oneillchamber.com. 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! So glad the parade was Saturday and not Sunday with the weather we had on Sunday! The street along the parade route was lined from buildings to curbs. There were many activities for everyone to enjoy throughout the week. See inside for the Irish Walk of Fame, Chamber Award and Parade Winners. Mark your calendars now for St. Pat's 2027. We will kick it off on Wednesday, March 17th! THANK YOU so much to everyone that had anything to do with the events and activities that made the whole St Patrick's Celebration week so successful. Most don't see what goes on behind the scenes to make all the events happen. Seeing all the smiles on everyone's faces as they enjoy all that goes on, makes it all worthwhile. WAY TO GO O'NEILL!!! I'm so proud of this community and how hard we work to make people want to come and celebrate with us. Another successful St. Pat's Celebration in the books. Thank you to my team members, Hannah Firley, Tammy Tienken and Shelly Campbell for all of your hard work keeping the chamber office going while I was all over the place during the celebration week.

You will find a 2026 Chamber of Commerce Scholarship application inside. Be sure to have your senior get it completed and returned to the chamber office by Friday, April 3rd. We will be awarding one \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from O'Neill Public High School, St. Mary's High School and the Cornerstone School. Good luck to all the applicants.

Be sure to check out the calendar of events as we have a ribbon cutting and grand opening for Elite Door on Friday, April 17th. Come out and see the new building, meet the staff and welcome this new business to our chamber family and the community!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The Party Trolley *** JCT Computers *** J&J Sanitation *** Mlnarik Cattle Co. *** CASA of Elkhorn Valley
Destiny'z Dreams *** The Evergreen ALF *** Blush Boutique and Tan *** Tri-County Bank
Wireless World/Verizon *** Quality Alignment *** O'Neill Lumber Inc.
Ally Counseling Services *** Megan Dempsey *** The Seed House

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



AMY SHANE



LAUREN HOEFER

HAPPY
St
PATRICKS
DAY



SCOTT POESE



PAULA HAVRANEK



LINDA HUBEL



RON MEJSTRIK

The 2026 Chamber of Commerce Award Winners

Community Service—Amy Shane and Lauren Hoefer

Customer Service—Linda Hubel of McIntosh Jewelry

Community Ambassador—Scott Poese

Retirees—Ron Mejstrik and Paula Havranek

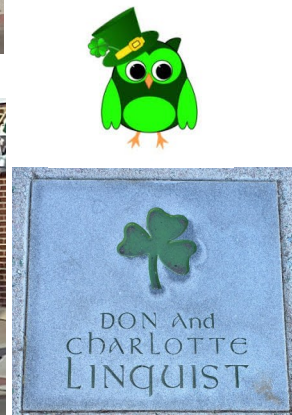
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2026
JACK & DONNA MCGINN



2026
DON & CHARLOTTE LINQUIST



SAVE THE DATE!

Did you see our announcement at the O'Neill St. Patrick's Day parade? We're bringing the beloved MARY POPPINS to the stage this summer! Auditions will be held at O'Neill Public High School on May 18th and 19th from 7pm to 8pm. There are roles for all ages, abilities, and availability and we would love to see you there! We will have character information, audition tips, the practice schedule, and more details coming soon! Performance dates are July 31st at 7:00pm and August 1st at 2:00pm!

OHS BOOSTER CLUB EVENT



Saturday, April 11th

Money Raised Will Go Towards:

- New Softball Scoreboard
- Football Field Grandstand Improvements
- New High Jump Mats
- Annual Hudl Subscription

Doors Open at 5:00 PM

O'Neill Community Center

▶ Cash Bar and Social Hour

▶ Meal from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos

Starting at 7:00 PM

21+ Event

Activities

- ▶ NCAA Squares
- ▶ Both Live and Silent Auctions
- ▶ Gun Raffles
- ▶ Live Music and Dancing



Tickets \$50 a person

or \$350 to Reserve a Table for 6

Get Entered into a Big Gift Raffle and Free Drink Tickets



Contact For Tickets

Jana: 402-525-2054
Tricia: 402-340-5735
Lori: 620-278-6243
Nate: 402-540-7310



@OHSEagleboosters

OHS BOOSTER EVENT

APRIL 11TH

Join us for Dueling Pianos auctions, food, and fun!

WANT TO DONATE AN ITEM FOR THE AUCTIONS-- CALL LORI OR KRISTIN!!



LORI- 620-278-6243

Kristin- 402-719-5372

2026 St. Patrick's Day

Parade Winners

BANDS

- 1st – Bishop Newman High School Band
- 2nd – O'Neill High School Band
- 3rd – O'Neill Junior High Band

YOUTH

- 1st – CLASS Home School Group
- 2nd – Christ Light from Christ Lutheran Church
- 3rd – LEAP Preschool

COMMERCIAL

- 1st – H&R Block
- 2nd – Shamrock Locker
- 3rd – D&D Septic Service

NON-COMMERCIAL

- 1st – North Central Nebraska Arts Council
- 2nd – Holt County Animal Shelter
- 3rd – Holt County Historical Society

HORSEMANSHIP

- 1st – Hannah Daniels and Yeller



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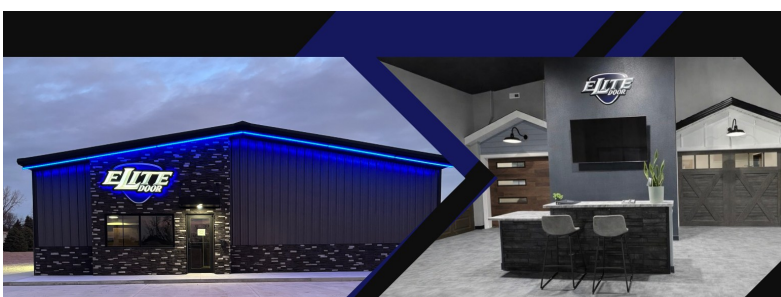
FREE WILL DONATION SHREDDING EVENT

APRIL 16, 2026

11AM–11:30AM

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

FOR RESIDENTS ONLY



GRAND OPENING!

APRIL 17th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



910 West Douglas/Hwy 20, O'Neill NE 68763
402-336-0100
www.EliteDoorNebraska.com

Elite Door - Now Servicing the O'Neill Area!
We're excited to announce the grand opening of our new location in O'Neill! Bringing fast, reliable garage door service and installation in the O'Neill area!

Stop by our Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting and enjoy some refreshments and meet our team!

(605) 550-1188

creativeadvantages.org

abbybirkel@creativeadvantages.org



ARE YOU AN **ENTREPRENEUR OR BUSINESS OWNER** WITH BIG DREAMS AND VISION, LOST IN THE MAZE OF MARKETING AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS? **WISHING YOU HAD A PARTNER WHO UNDERSTANDS YOUR VALUES, VISION, AND EXACTLY WHERE THE GAPS ARE?**

At Creative Advantages, we help entrepreneurs just like you find clarity, take control, and grow with purpose. We understand that your business isn't just a venture - it's a part of your family's legacy, a reflection of your hard work and dedication.



ABBY BIRKEL
Founder
Business & Marketing
Consulting Specialist



OLIVIA FOSTER
Web & Graphic Designer
Content Editor
SEO Specialist



HANNAH GREENE-GRETZINGER
Video Specialist
Media Specialist



ETHAN WIEKAMP
SEO & Marketing
Specialist

Our team combines strategy, creativity, and execution to help you get more done, without the stress or overhead of full-time hires. By leveraging our expertise, we help clients save money, streamline operations, and enhance digital performance in all the right places.

From the foundational structure to the cutting-edge digital edge, we bring all essential services under one roof. We start by establishing operational best practices, ensuring your daily business runs smoothly.

From stronger website security and faster load times to higher search engine rankings and better user experiences, we focus on what matters:

- MORE VISIBILITY
- MORE TRAFFIC
- MORE CONVERSIONS

We also provide ongoing performance insights, helping you reinvest wisely and keep your business moving forward.

We take a modern content approach, rooted in storytelling and customer connection. For one client, this led to a 263% increase in reach and a 200%+ boost in engagement on Facebook - results driven by a strategy built on trust, visibility, and brand loyalty.

We create content that works - like educational Reels, client spotlights, and videos that position your team as the experts - while keeping your brand personable and professional across platforms like Instagram, Facebook, Google, and more.

From foundational operations to expert SEO and GEO targeting, we help businesses show up where it counts. Need a powerful website or custom graphic design? We've got it handled. Looking to elevate your social media, launch Meta Ads, or optimize your Google presence? That's our specialty. We also offer professional video editing and support for nonprofit organizations.

At Creative Advantages, we bring all of these services together under one roof, delivering seamless, integrated solutions with the personalized, community-focused touch we're known for.

We're not just consultants, we're partners. We celebrate your wins, navigate the challenges, and help you build a business that reflects who you are.

We're INNOVATORS - moving business owners from passengers to conductors.

Visit CreativeAdvantages.org today to learn how a few smart adjustments can make all the difference.

LET'S BUILD SOMETHING GREAT TOGETHER!

SAVE THE DATE DALTON ALDER MEMORIAL WALK

Event Hosted by Mind Matters Saturday, June 6th, 2026

Located at O'Neill Public Track & Field

Join us for community building and mental health education.



Catering Services
Weddings, Graduations,
Company/Church/Family Events
Holiday Food Prep
Meal Prep/Special Orders
Take & Bake

Sherry ~ 402-340-7221

Tanner ~ 402-340-8686

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COINS

Silver & Gold Coins & Bullion
Collector Coins (Pennies to Silver Dollars, Proof Sets, Tokens, & More)
Paper Money • Foreign Money

JEWELRY

10K-14K-18K Gold Rings
Chains, Pins, Etc. • Dental Gold
Gold Watches • Pocket Watches
Black Hills Gold

ANYTHING STERLING

Sterlingware • Jewelry • Medals • Plates, Etc.

ESTATES PURCHASED

402-336-1240

KEN "The Coin Guy" • O'Neill, NE

MEMBER: O'NEILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SPRINGLAKE ANGUS *Where Gravel Roads Meet Great Music Every Saturday Night!* **APRIL** Saturday Nights Doors Open at 4 pm, Bands Take the Stage at 9 pm

16 North of O'Neill on Hwy. 281, 14 East on 887th Road **No Cover Charge**

STRUTTIN' INTO SPRING!

Starting at 6 pm Steaks & Full Menu Available High Intensity Country and Rock & Roll Band **MODERN KOWBOY** Saturday, April 4

Classic Rock & Multi Genre No Kitchen - BUT... Homemade Pizza's Always Available **SIDE POCKET** Saturday, April 11

This Party Band Plays it ALL! No Kitchen - BUT... Homemade Pizza's Always Available **NO BORELINE** Saturday, April 18

Belting Out the Hits You Know & Love! #FeelTheMusic No Kitchen - BUT... Homemade Pizza's Always Available **The Platinum Pearls** Saturday, April 25

Pool ~ Shuffleboard ~ Big Screen TVs ~ Cold Beer ~ Pizzas
Incredible Atmosphere - Off the Charts Entertainment!

HOLT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



"Tea, Tales & Traditions"

Join us for a traditional Tea Party celebrating Irish tea-time traditions. Discover the history and charm of this beloved custom—and learn about the benefits and fun of being a member of the Holt County Historical Society (HCHS).

At the Museum at 401 E. Douglas, O'Neill, NE
\$10.00/adult - \$5.00/12 and under (pay at door)
RSVP to 402-699-1424 (limited seating)
Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 PM

AseraCare HOSPICE
an Amedisys company

Calling You to Serve

Become a Hospice Volunteer – Make Moments Matter

Every day, hospice patients and families in the O'Neill and the surrounding regions face one of life's most tender chapters. At AseraCare Hospice, we believe no one should walk that journey alone. Volunteers are the heart of our mission—offering compassion, presence, and connection.

Why Volunteers Matter:

- Friendly visits & companionship
- Reading, talking, or simply sitting together
- Music, art, or other creative activities
- Veteran-to-Veteran support
- Caregiver respite
- Life-review & memory-keeping projects

Who Can Volunteer:
Retirees, students, professionals, service clubs, faith groups, veterans — anyone wanting to make a meaningful difference in their community.

What You Will Receive:

- Training and ongoing support
- Flexible scheduling options
- The opportunity to bring comfort and dignity to others

Join Us: AseraCare Hospice is welcoming new volunteers in the O'Neill and surrounding communities.

Contact:
Michelle Helm, Regional Volunteer Coordinator Email: michelle.helm@amedisys.com
Phone: 402-316-4884 or 605-941-6578

COMING SOON THIS FALL!

Branson Christmas EXTRAVAGANZA

COMING THIS FALL!

Get ready for a magical holiday getaway filled with dazzling lights, festive shows, and unforgettable memories!

- Spectacular Christmas Shows
- Holiday Shopping & Cheer
- Fun, Stress-Free Travel
- Twinkling Lights & Seasonal Magic!

Gather your friends, bring your holiday spirit, and prepare for a trip you'll never forget!

DETAILS COMING SOON!!! Stay tuned for dates, pricing, and exciting surprises!

Onell travelnow Full Service Travel Agency **402-336-2455**

Cat Nips from The Irish Capital Feline Foundation

Fosters Needed — Kitten Season Is HERE! Trapping season isn't coming... it's already here. And with it comes kittens. We need foster homes—even taking 1-2 kittens makes a difference. Every open home gives us the ability to help more.

Fostering is not permanent. It's simply a safe place for them to land while they grow and wait for adoption. We provide the vetting and support—you provide the space. Without available fosters, we don't have the option to hold them. That means they have to be returned, and for young kittens especially, that can significantly impact their chances of survival.

We currently cap fosters at 4 kittens per home, and those spots fill quickly. Once they're full, we are limited in what we can do. If you've ever thought about fostering, now is the time. Please reach out if you're willing to foster—even short-term. (402) 370-0432

The Irish Capital Feline Foundation will have a cat/kitten food & supply drive at Bomgaars April 1st through the 17th. There will be flyers in the pet aisle of items needed. There will be a donation tote to put your donated items in by the front door.

Irish Capital Feline Foundation (ICFF), 501(c)(3) TNR foundation, Foster-based only—no facility!

HELP WANTED

THE CITY OF O'NEILL IS LOOKING FOR SUMMER EMPLOYEES

POOL DEPARTMENT **CEMETERY DEPARTMENT** **BALLFIELD DEPARTMENT**

WAGES ARE BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL

FILE WITH THE CITY CLERK:
401 EAST FREMONT STREET
BY MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026.

STATE LAW REQUIRES: CEMETERY & PARK DEPARTMENTS EMPLOYEES MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE BY FIRST DAY OF EMPLOYMENT TO OPERATE EQUIPMENT.

ALL WANTING CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING FORMER EMPLOYEES, NEED TO APPLY THIS YEAR.

QUESTIONS? CALL 402-336-3640

THE CITY OF O'NEILL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

\$25 Shamrock Nursery Gift Cards for Sale!

Can be used at any location.

\$25 a piece

CASA Of Elkhorn Valley will receive \$5 from every card sold!

CASA Of Elkhorn Valley
Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children

Pick up cards at the O'Neill CASA office or can be mailed if requested.

MUSIC BINGO

APRIL 18TH
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

DIRTY HANDS TAP HOUSE & COFFEE

BH BrightHorizons

BINGO

1	16	40	47	72
12	18	●	50	74
●	22	●	46	64
8	17	32	●	68
6	28	37	54	61

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