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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAMBER CHATTER

Hello October! Happy Autumn! The days are getting shorter and the weather is getting cooler. Time to get out those sweaters, hoodies, shoes and socks for attending the outdoor activities. Happy Halloween! Do you have your costumes figured out yet? Check out the Halloween events inside that will be coming up. The kids can wear their costumes more than once.

Thank you to everyone that sponsored, worked and attended the Irish 'Toberfest Bags, Brew and BBQ! The weather was beautiful for an outside event. Next year, on September 12, 2026 this event will move back to the community center. Christensen Farms provided the Prairie Fresh ribs that were prepared by 22 teams. Attendees had 22 different flavors of ribs to choose from! Wm. Krotter Co., donated the Pit Boss Grill that was won by Mark May of Plainview. Mark was one of the registered teams in the rib contest. The Home Brewers provided different flavors of their beer for the public to taste. There were fall flavors, regular flavors and even fruit flavors! See photos of all the winners inside.

Congratulations to the Summerfest Rodeo Committee on winning the 2025 Mid-States Small Purse Rodeo of the Year! This award is voted on by the rodeo contestants. They like our facility, how our rodeo is ran and how they are treated while they are in O'Neill. Thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers, city departments and EVERYONE who helps to make this event so successful year after year! This is our 10th of these awards. Keep up the good work everyone!

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 14th and Friday, December 5th. Friday, November 14th will be our Annual Ladies Night Out. This is the event where the shoppers visit the participating businesses to shop and pick up playing cards. The Finale Party will be at the Handlebend Building with Neko's Pub catering delicious appetizers for everyone to enjoy. December 5th will be the Hometown Christmas event. Start now thinking of how you are going to design your lighted Christmas parade entry! We will have Santa Claus in the back of the Handlebend Building for the kids to visit with. The Kloppenborgs will be doing the hayrack rides too. We will have the reindeer back for everyone to see. Be sure to thank Stacy Vandersnick from Little Tots Preschool and Daycare for her generous donation sponsoring the reindeer. More information to come as the event gets closer. This is such a fun family event in our community to kick off the holiday season.

The Chamber is going to all paperless billing on January 1, 2026. You will only receive your invoices through email after that date. For the months finishing out 2025, you will get a paper invoice as well as an email invoice. You can also pay the email invoices online, saving you writing a check and mailing it! Please be sure the chamber office has your correct email address. Please send it to lauri@oneillchamber.com, if you aren't sure what we have on file. All of the membership fees have been frozen for 2026. Your membership will remain the same amount in 2026 that it was in 2025.

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2025 Judge's Choice Rib Cookoff Winners

Judges Choice — 1st Place — J&S TV & Electroncis

Judge's Choice — 2nd Place — Kickin' Bull BBQ

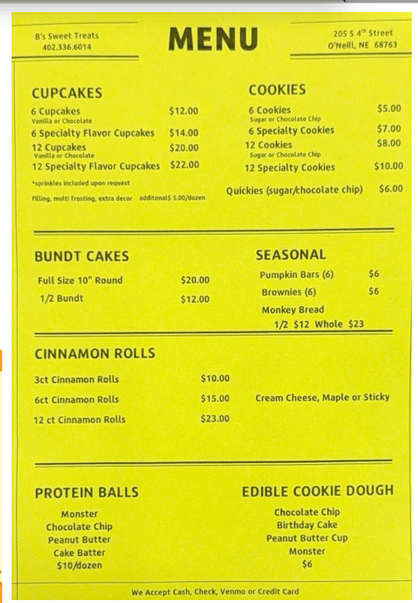
Judge's Choice—4th Place - Saucy Porkers

Thank you to Krich Stokke of Christensen Farms for helping present the prizes!

Judges Choice - 5th Place - Sandhills Grillers

Judge's Choice - 3rd Place - Very Good BBQ

CONGRATULATIONS TO B'S SWEET TREATS! Welcome to the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce Family! B's Sweet Treats is a micro-bakery located at 205 South 4th Street, right here in O'Neill! Their phone number is 402-336-6014. Bobbi and Brooke are baking up delicious cookies, cupcakes, cinnamon rolls, bundt cakes, monkey bread, protein balls and so much more. Check out their menu for a better list of what they have available. They will take orders for baked goods for special occasions as well as their weekly treats. Go to their Facebook page and "like" it so you can see on Monday, what is available to order that week. Give them your order and when you can pick it up on Wednesday or Thursday between 1pm and 5pm. New things are coming all the time. You can now do a monthly subscription for cookies and protein balls! They will also have a limited number of treats available for same day pick up. They will post that availability on their Facebook page each day. Their phone hours are Monday—Thursday 8am to 5pm. Please leave a message as sometimes they are unable to answer! Order your treats soon!



2025 People's Choice Rib Cookoff Winners

People's Choice 1st Place—S.M.O.K.E

People's Choice - 2nd Place - Pork Swords

People's Choice - Third Place - Weekend Bum BBQ

Judge's Choice—4th Place - Saucy Porkers

People's Choice - 5th Place — 22BBQ

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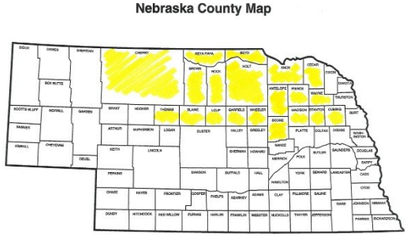

O'Neill, NE — The Norfolk Area United Way (NAUW) celebrated its official membership with the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce on Friday, September 5th, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and community coffee call.

Chamber members, community leaders, and supporters gathered to welcome NAUW and recognize the organization's milestone 60th annual campaign.

NAUW supports 24 local non-profit agencies across its 20-county service area, including four agencies directly impacting the O'Neill community - Bright Horizons, CASA of Elkhorn Valley, Holt/Boyd County Community Connections Collaborative, and TeamMates of Holt County. Many of the other partner agencies also provide resources and services that benefit residents in the O'Neill area.

"We are excited to be part of the O'Neill Chamber and to continue building strong community connections", said Morgan Cleveland, Executive Director. "Our 60th campaign is a celebration of the generosity and support that fuels United Way's mission."

NAUW is also proud to note that 99 cents of every dollar donated stays local, ensuring contributions directly impact area communities. Donors may designate their gifts to a particular agency or area of choice. In addition, employers who want to give back can run an employee campaign, offering payroll deduction as a convenient way for staff to participate.

By joining the O'Neill Chamber, NAUW looks forward to strengthening partnerships and engaging more community members in its work to improve education, financial stability, and health throughout northeast Nebraska.

For more information about NAUW's 60th campaign or how to get involved, visit www.norfolkareaunitedway.com or contact Morgan at norfolkareaunitedway@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS County 36 Feed and Supply on your ribbon cutting! We are excited that you are part of our Chamber of Commerce Family here in O'Neill.

County 36 Feed and Supply, located at 410 South 10th Street, owned by Jim and Shawntelle Peter, is your feed and supply one stop shop. They carry feed for pets, small animals and large animals. Need a special blend? They can do that for you too. Here is a list of some of the products available: calf creep feed & creep feeder rental (bagged available), sheep mineral & creep (bulk or bagged), horse feed, Omolene, & senior or junior equine feeds, dog foods - variety of protein & natural options, cat food, milk replacer, colostrum replacer, & calf supplements, deer mineral, pellets, & blocks, rabbit food, show animal feed options, salt - cobalt, iodized, white - bags & blocks, mineral - blocks, bags, tubs, tubs - protein & mineral varieties, hog feed - bulk or bagged, chicken layer feed - bulk or bagged, goat creep (bagged or bulk), lamb milk replacer, trace minerals - bags & blocks and more!

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2025 BAGS, BREW & BBQ RESULTS

The 2025 Irish 'Toberfest Bags, Brew and BBQ was held on Saturday, September 13th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. 22 BBQ teams cooked and smoked their finest recipes for the spectators to try. Home brewers brought in their best brews for everyone to sample with many flavors and types of beer available. Inside the KC Hall was the cornhole tournament. There were lots of things happening all day long for the public to enjoy.

The Home Brew Contest was one of the best ones yet. ALL of the beers were very good. We are blessed to have these people live in our county and share their talents with us. There were 3 categories this year; Saisons, IPAs, and People's Choice. See the winners below.

The Irish 'Toberfest Committee sends a big THANK YOU out to Christensen Farms for their generous donation of the Prairie Fresh ribs for the contestants to cook, Wm. Krotter Co. for the donation of the Pit Boss Smoker for the grill raffle and the Holt County Visitors Committee for the grant to help put on the event and the sponsors who donate funds to purchase supplies needed. The generosity of these businesses and organizations help make the event a great success every year.

JUDGE'S CHOICE RIBS

1st—J&S TV and Electronics
2nd—Kickin' Bull BBQ
3rd—Very Good BBQ
4th—Saucy Porkers
5th—Sandhills Grillers

PEOPLE'S CHOICE RIBS

1st—S. M. O. K. E.
2nd—Pork Swords
3rd—Weekend Bum BBQ
4th—Saucy Porkers
5th—22 BBQ

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT WINNERS

1st—Drake Berg and Xavier Parks
2nd—Max Berg and Logan Brabec
3rd—Austin Vogt and Cameron Vogt

HOME BREW CONTEST WINNERS

Tyler Hilger—Saison category with his Spelt Saison.
Rancher Belly Brewery—IPA category with his Raspberry Milkshake IPA.
Tim Gleason of Shamrock Brewery—People's Choice with his Elderberry Wheat Beer

Irish Toberfest BBQ & Brew O'Neill, Nebraska

Christensen Farms

Where Service is a Family Tradition KROTTERS HOME & AUTO CENTERS

Holt County Visitor's Committee

Winner of the Pit Boss Grill from Krotters Home and Auto Center—Mark May of Plainview

Tyler Hilger
Saison Category

Mark May of Plainview was a big winner! He won second place in the Judge's Choice in the rib cookoff. His team name is Kickin' Bull BBQ AND he won the smoker from Wm. Krotter Co. Congratulations Mark!

Rancher Belly Brewery
IPA Category with Raspberry Milkshake IPA

Tim Gleason
Shamrock Brewery—People's Choice

NOTES FROM ST. MARYS SCHOOL AND ST. PATRICKS CHURCH

St. Mary's Catholic School thanks all of the businesses and community members who have been so generous this fall. We appreciate your advertisements, donations to the wish list & classroom partners, Booster Club memberships, and support of our dance team, football team, cheerleader, and Booster Club fundraisers, as well as the many other ways so many people step up to help! We are so grateful to all of you!

The work on St. Patrick Catholic in O'Neill Church continues and even looks to be on schedule, so with any luck we will return to St. Patrick for masses in mid to late November!

Presently, our church has scaffolding from stem to stern, which limits our ability to appreciate the wonderful work being done there. All the plaster repair is finished. The broad painting of the walls is completed. The lion's share of the stenciling is complete also. Our columns now have a "Carrara Marble" look. The column capitals, and arches between the columns are done being painted with skillful detail. In the sanctuary, the stenciling of the walls and the mural of Christ's ascension is well underway. It looks amazing! There is still much to be done but we are grateful for the hard work and attention to detail that has been put into each step of the project. We are anxiously awaiting the new flooring and pews as well!

If you are curious, we have pictures posted on our website of the project at https://www.stpatoneill.org/st-patrick-restoration-project.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30 - Catholic Mass on Ch 305 10:00- Christian Worship on Ch 305 10:00 - Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Ch 313 10:30 - St Paul's Lutheran Worship on Ch 310	10:30 - Chair Exercises 3:00 - BINGO Sukkot Begins	10:30 - Chair Exercises Monica will be off site	10:30 - Chair Exercises 1:30 - Bible Study 3:00 - BINGO Yom Kippur Begins	10:30 - Chair Exercises 3:00 - Crafts	10:30 - Chair Exercises 3:00 - Memory Care Games/Crafts World Smile Day	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30 - Catholic Mass on Ch 305 10:00- Christian Worship on Ch 305 10:00 - Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Ch 313 10:30 - St Paul's Lutheran Worship on Ch 310	10:30 - Chair Exercises 3:00 - Crafts	10:30 - Chair Exercises 2:30 - Movie & Popcorn 3:00 - Memory Care Games/Crafts	10:30 - Chair Exercises 3:00 - Happy Hour			
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** COUNTRY LANE RETIREMENT VILLAGE - ASST LIVING & MEMORY CARE - 402-961-1358 **

All activities are subject to change

NEWS FROM THE HOLT COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

The Holt County Animal Shelter would like to thank everyone who donated to our recent online auction. It was a great success! Your support means the world to us!

In October we will be offering T-Shirts for sale, made by Special Ts! Watch our Facebook page for ordering information.

We will be sending off our collected shoes in Oct. We could really use help loading the truck when it gets scheduled to arrive!!

In December we will be holding a bake sale at Torpins! If anyone would like to donate something, call and ask for Valerie.

As a reminder, we do offer dog boarding to the public! Drop off and pick up times are the same as our business hours. Monday & Tuesday 8:30am – 11:00am and 1:00pm-4:30pm Weds – Sunday 8am-10am and 2-5pm. Give us a call or visit our website for rates!

I found the following quote in some old HCAS documents. It still holds true!

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For more info, contact Holt County Extension: 402-336-2760

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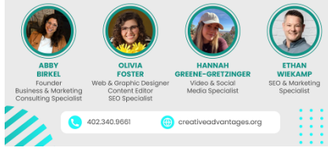

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North Central District Health Department
Vaccination Clinic

Every Thursday in **O'Neill**,
422 E. Douglas St.
9 am to 4 pm
in October, 7 am to 5:30 pm

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NCDHD offers these vaccinations without an appointment:

- Flu (Sept-April)
- COVID-19
- Tdap (Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria)
- Pneumonia
- Shingles
- RSV
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Meningitis
- HPV
- All in stock vaccinations!

Visit our website, www.ncdhd.ne.org or scan the QR code to preregister!

NCDHD North Central District Health Department

Please bring your insurance card (or a copy) with you.
NCDHD also accepts donations for Flu vaccinations for those persons without insurance or whose insurance does not cover vaccinations.

Call 402-336-2406 if you have questions

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Let's Paint the Shamrock Purple!

Join Bright Horizons on October 3rd @ 5:30 pm

Food Trucks
Vendors
Family Fun

We will be painting the Shamrock, downtown O'Neill, PURPLE in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

BASIC LIFE SAVING

NCDHD North Central District Health Department

FIRST AID AND CPR

TRAINING INCLUDES:

- CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)
- AED Use
- Choking Relief
- Basic First Aid

NOVEMBER 4TH AND MARCH 26TH
5:30PM-9:30PM

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CONTACT US:

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SAT. OCT 4th @ 09:00

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O'Neill Methodist Church Potato Gleaning

When: Saturdays September 27th & October 4th

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

October 1-3—Lauri out of the office attending the Chamber Executive Conference in Kearney

October 2—7am to 5:30pm—NCDHD Vaccination Clinic at their office located at 422 E. Douglas Street

October 3—5:30—Come help Bright Horizons paint the outline of the shamrock purple for Domestic Violence Month—Food Trucks, Vendors and Family Fun

October 4—9am—Men's Bible Study at Teal's Westside Diner. All men of the community are invited!

October 4—8:30am—Meet at the O'Neill Methodist Church to go to the potato gleaning! Will leave for the field at 9am

October 4—9pm—Ren and Red Show at Neko's Pub

October 6—6:30pm—City Council meeting at 401 E. Fremont Street

October 8—Noon—Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting at the Chamber Office

October 9—7am to 5:30pm—NCDHD Vaccination Clinic at their office located at 422 E. Douglas Street

October 9—Noon—Holt County Visitors Committee meeting at the Holt County Tourism Office

October 10—Ribbon Cutting at Dirty Hands Tap House and Coffee - formerly Handlebend

October 14—8am—Visionaries meeting at the chamber office—bring your coffee and breakfast!

October 16—11am—Security Shredding will be at the corner of 4th and Everett Streets for a free will donation shredding event

October 18—8:30am—Avera Clean Up Day—Meet at the hospital to get your assignments

October 18—8pm—Teammates Mentoring of Holt County presents Voice Finalist Bryan Olesen and Emma Sue at the Atkinson Community Center for a free concert

October 18—9pm—Karaoke at Neko's Pub

October 21 through 24—The Goodwill Trailer will be in the Community Center Parking Lot

October 25—2pm to 4pm—Assembly of God Trunk or Treat at the O'Neill Elementary School Parking Lot

October 25—3pm to 5pm—Annual Library Trick or Treat at O'Neill Public Library

October 25—Karaoke at Neko's Pub

October 31—HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

NEKO'S PUB SPECIALS FOR OCTOBER

Wednesdays—5pm—5 wings for $5—Dine in only

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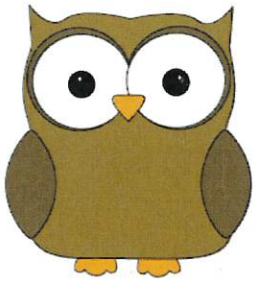

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AND EMMA SUE

Free Concert

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

8:00 PM

ATKINSON COMMUNITY CENTER

CHRISTMAS CLOSET TO RETURN FOR IT'S 14TH YEAR

We are excited to announce that the Christmas Closet will be held once again this year on Monday December 15. Set-up will be Sunday December 14th.

This annual event, in its 14th year will be run by Anna Otte, a Senior at St. Mary's, Ranell Otte, and Chrisy Yates.

There are many opportunities to be a part of this community event, such as putting out donation totes and picking them up from churches in O'Neill, sorting through donations, as well as helping set up on Sunday, and work at the event Monday evening. It will again be held in the O'Neill Community Center, and the storing and sorting of the donations will be in the west end of the Depot building.

The Chamber newsletter and emails will provide updates over the next few months. Please be thinking of ways you and your business would be willing to donate time, talent, or treasure before and during this worthy event.

Thank you to those who have helped in the past! We are excited to work with you again, and we welcome anyone who hasn't been a part of the Christmas Closet before!

If you have any questions, you may call or text: Anna Otte at 402-340-7712, Ranell Otte at 402-340-1751 or Chrisy Yates at 402-340-6202.

The Goodwill Trailer will be in the O'Neill Community Center Parking Lot on October 21st— 24th

Goodwill

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Save the Date: November 16, 2025 (Sunday)

for Dinner & the Arts - sponsored by the Friends of the O'Neill Library

Enjoy traditional Western songs and skits with a beef brisket meal

Cat Nips from The Irish Capital Feline Foundation

Soup season is upon us! What is your favorite cozy, comfort soup? SAVE THE DATE! "SOUP 4 PAWS" will be held November 15th @ Hooligans Pub along with a silent auction. We are asking the public to give us suggestions on what they would like to have served at our event. We will have 5 or 6 different kinds to warm your tummy, plus DESSERTS!!! Stay tuned for more details to come!

Kitten season has hit us hard this past month with several calls asking for help. If you would like to help foster PLEASE reach out to us as we are begging for help. We would like to help everyone but we just do not have the manpower needed.

October will possibly be our last trapping month this year depending on what Mother Nature has in store for us. This year we have so far changed the lives of 57 cats who no will no longer reproduce litters on our streets. We have fostered 33 kittens thus far since May and 24 of them have been adopted into loving homes.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support! You are helping us make a difference in the stray/feral feline community.

Enjoy the cooler weather & Go Huskers!!!!

VICTORY STRIDES

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

RUN/WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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VIRTUAL RACE

Where:
Anywhere

When:
10/01 - 10/31/2025

REGISER NOW

***FEE:**
$20

***Must register by 9/30/2025 in order to receive a T-shirt.**

https://www.raceentry.com/victory-strides/race-information

JOIN BRIGHT HORIZONS
OCTOBER 3RD @ 5:30

IN ACCENTING
THE SHAMROCK IN RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FOOD TRUCKS
SLUSHIES
ARTS AND CRAFTS
RING TOSS
& MORE!!

Stella's FLORAL & SWEETS

WE'RE EXCITED TO BE JOINED BY OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

CASA
HEATLAND COUNSELLING SERVICES INC
BE SALTY
A BETTER SPIRIT
HOLT/BOYD SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE
HOLT/BOYD CCC
TEAMMATES

Donut NV
Hot Donuts • Fresh Lemonade

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News from Accura Healthcare of O'Neill

Employee of the Month

Goes to Nikie Dye--Congratulations

Nikie has been with the facility for 11 years. She is an incredible asset to our team. She exemplifies our Accura values of trust, integrity, accountability, commitment, and most of all kindness in all her job responsibilities. One nomination stated: " Nikie cares about the residents as if they were her own family. She cares about her job, so kind to everyone, and treats them like family."

A few words from our Executive Director- Tammy Boettcher

July was a very busy month. The facility went through many changes that will help us bring quality care to our residents. This included upgrading our electronic medical record system, enhancing our resident assessments, preparing for our pharmacy integration program, implementing new payroll processes and hiring processes, as well as the implantation of new policies and procedures. We thank all the employees that have patiently worked through the growing pains of integrating into our Accura Family and we appreciate all the love and support our residents, and resident families have provided during these challenging changes. We continue to deliver on our mission by adhering to our company values as we develop our community relationships to be partners in care and family for life!

Meet our Director of Nurses- Pam Taylor

I am Pamela Taylor, RN, the DNS here at Accura Healthcare. I have been working in the Senior living industry since I was eighteen, I like to refer myself as to "growing up with Seniors." Obviously, my passion and where I plan to spend the remainder of my career. My husband Ray and I live on the family ranch. Taylor Land and Cattle south of Chambers, just over the Holt County Line. We have raised our family alongside his grandparents and parents; nothing beats the freedom and open space of country living. We have three children Gideon, Tracy, and Emilee. They have added to our family with their spouses and our five grandkids. Now that we are "empty nesters" we keep ourselves occupied with our two dachshunds Sage and Nutmeg. We enjoy family time and grandkid sleepovers. I appreciate the opportunity to work alongside the Accura Team! We are making a difference daily!

Fun Fact- We also own Larry's Package here in town, have been running the store for a little over a year now.

Join Our Accura HealthcareTeam!

Start your journey: Scan the QR code to explore our career opportunities.

www.accura.hcshiring.com

SHARE YOUR SKILLS FOR CARE

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ST. PATRICK
Fall Auction

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND
O'NEILL COMMUNITY CENTER

Family Friendly

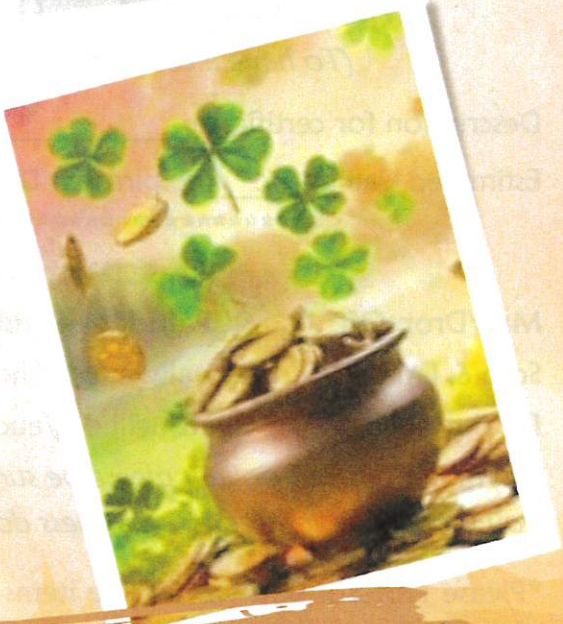
Bounce Houses. ***(Supervision not provided for Bounce Houses)*** Kids Grab Bags. Free childcare for ages 4 and under.

Delicious Lunch

Brisket sandwiches, chips, salad, and homemade desserts. Knights of Columbus will have a bar available for drinks.

Auction Items

Household items, gift certficates, farm items, seed, gift baskets and handmade items from St. Mary's Classes, art, furniture, baked goods, canned items, home decor, tools, and so much more! Online, silent, and live auction!



Raffles $10 each or 6/$50

Half a Beef, processing included
Up to $1000 in Shamrock Bucks
(prizes of $1000, $500, and $250)
75" LG Class $K UHD Smart TV

Schedule

11:30 am Lunch begins
12:30 pm Auction begins
2:00 pm St. Mary's Class Items raffled off
3:00 pm Farm & Ag Hour
4:00 pm Raffle Items Drawn

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE FOR RAFFLE TICKETS
402-336-1602, 313 E HWY 20, O'NEILL

Online Auction goes live on October 24 at
www.stpatoneill.org/auction

2025 St. Patrick's Fall Auction Pledge Form

Name _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

My item may be used for ☐*in person auction only* ☐*whatever the committee feels is best*

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CASH GIFT: $1,000___ $500___ $300___ $200___ $100___ Other $_____

OR

AUCTION ITEM AND DESCRIPTION: _____

_____ Value:$_____

Please circle one:

I will drop off at Parish Center before 10/30 *(between 8 am & 4 pm, Monday-Friday)*

I will drop off at Community Center on weekend of the auction

Friday Oct. 31, 9 am to 3 pm,

Saturday, Nov. 1, 8 am to 2 pm,

Sunday Nov. 2, 10 am to 1 pm

Please contact me to arrange pick up

OR

Gift Certificate - *Please circle one:*

Certificate Enclosed OR I will bring a certificate OR Please make a certificate

(To have a certificate made, request must be in to Parish Office by 10/30/2025)

Description for certificate _____

Estimated Value: $_____ Expiration Date (if one)_____Contact Phone # for Cert.: _____

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Please return completed donation forms or cash donations:

Mail/Drop Off: St. Patrick's—Parish Auction, 313 E Hwy 20, O'Neill, NE 68763

Scan & Email: jmwallwey@archomaha.org

Fill out online: stpatoneill.org/auction

(If you fill this out online, please be sure to include your business name in the donation information if you would like it listed as a business donation)

*Please Note: if you would like items included on the sale bill, please turn in your pledge form by the end of the day 10/16. All contributors that would like their names on the program need to turn in their items/pledge forms by the end of the day 10/29.

*All gifts are tax-deductible, and you will receive a letter/receipt for your records following the auction.

Contact Jennifer at 402-336-1602 or email jmwallwey@archomaha.org with questions, or if you need some ideas!

News from Accura Healthcare of O'Neill

Employee of the Month- September

Goes to Anita Wright--Congratulations

Anita has been with the facility for 23 years. She has demonstrated all our Accura Values of Trust, Integrity, Accountability, Commitment, and Kindness. Staff comments: "She is very caring, and she gets her job done. Everyone loves and trusts her because she cares for all the residents and meets their needs." "She develops genuine and strong connections with both residents and staff,"

A few words from our Executive Director- Tammy Boettcher

August and September moved by very quickly. Staff continue to strive to learn many new policies and procedures for us to provide quality care. The staff and leadership at Accura Healthcare of O'Neill learn more every day how much caring for others truly means to this community and feel blessed that we can provide this much needed service.

With October upon us we are looking forward to participating in the "Trunk or Treat" on October 25th and seeing all the young kids in costume. This brings much excitement and joy to our residents and staff.

Accura HealthCare of O'Neill is welcoming **individuals** to join our team! If you are a caring and compassionate person who is focused on elevating the quality of life of others through the care or services you can provide, we'd love an opportunity to work with you. Information on how to apply is on the back of this flyer.

A Message from our Director of Nurses- Pam Taylor

Happy Fall! As we go into the cold and flu season, we would like to remind our community that when you are not feeling well, please refrain from visiting your friends and loved ones as we advocate keeping our residents healthy. Our annual flu vaccination clinic for our associates and residents will be held on October 17th, 2025.

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MEALS ON WHEELS
OCTOBER 2025 MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 SLICED PORK LOIN MASHED SWEET POT. HARVARD BEETS CORNBREAD TROPICAL FRUIT SALAD COOKIE	2 TURKEY TETRAZZINI BREADSTICK CALIFORNIA BLEND DICED PEARS VANILLA PUDDING	3 HOT BEEF SANDWICH WHIPPED POTATOES GRILLED VEGETABLES BANANAS
6 PORK FRITTER ROASTED RED POT. MIXED VEGGIES ORANGE	7 TACO PIE SANTA FE VEGETABLES REFRIED BEANS GLAZED GRAPES	8 MEATLOAF MASHED POT. & GRAVY STEAMED BROCCOLI PEACHES	9 CHICKEN SALAD CROISSANT POTATO SALAD PICKLED BEETS JELLO WITH FRUIT PINEAPPLE	10 SWISS STEAK BAKED POTATO CASS. PEAS & CARROTS APRICOTS ANGEL FOOD CAKE
13 HOT DOG ON A BUN TATOR TOTS BAKED BEANS BANANA	14 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK POTATOES CORN SLICED PEARS BANANA BAR	15 SWEDISH MEATBALLS EGG NOODLES BRUSSEL SPROUTS APPLE CRISP APRICOTS	16 POT ROAST MASHED POTATOES ROAST VEGGIES ORANGE	17 TURKEY CLUB SAND. PASTA SALAD 3 BEAN SALAD BROCCOLI BLUSHIING APPLESAUCE
20 CHICKEN & RICE GARLIC BREAD SWEET POTATOES BROCCOLI & CHEESE PINEAPPLE	21 BREADED CHICKEN BREAST MASHED POT. & GRAVY CORN BISCUIT PEACHES CHOCOLATE CAKE	22 BBQ CHICKEN SAND. MACARONI & CHEESE BAKED BEANS TROPICAL FRUIT POKE CAKE	23 SALMON PATTY RICE PILAF ROASTED BRUSSEL SPROUTS CITRUS SALAD	24 SMOTHERED PORK CHOP SWEET POTATO CALIFORNIA BLEND PINEAPPLE
27 PARMESAN CHICKEN SPIRAL PASTA BEETS TOMATO SLICE FRUIT COCKTAIL	28 SLICED ROAST BEEF HASH BROWN CASS. GREEN BEANS APRICOTS FRUIT PARFAIT	29 REUBEN CASSEROLE SWEET POTATOES MIXED VEGETABLES TROPICAL FRUIT	30 HAM SCALLOPED POTATOES GLAZED CARROTS DINNER ROLL BERRY CRISP	31 TURKEY & SWISS ON RYE POTATO SALAD BROCCOLI / CAULIFLOWER SALAD PEACHES HALLOWEEN TREAT

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.

October 2025

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:

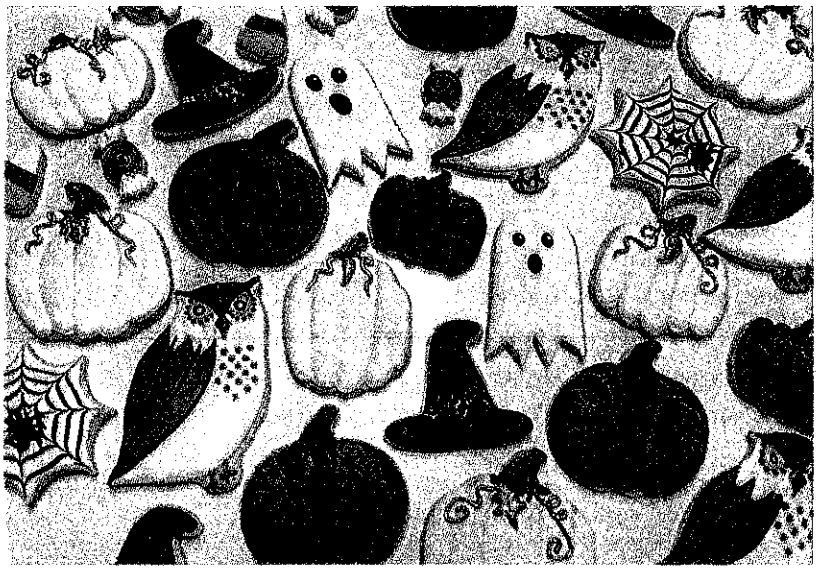
300 Jeanette Way O'Neill, NE

You can reach us by phone at:

(402) 340-5426

Our hours of operation are 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Monday-Friday except major holidays. Meals are delivered between 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Dine in and to-go meals are available from 11:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

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.



Happy Halloween!! October is known to be the scariest month of the year. Did you know pumpkins were thought to be a remedy for snake bites? It was once thought that pumpkin seeds had medicinal purposes to treat poisonous snake bites.

Please join us on Wednesday October 22nd for a free blood pressure clinic from 10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. with Emily Pongratz from AseraCare Hospice.

Interesting Days in October

October 1: National Homemade Cookie Day and National "Jiffy Mix" Day

October 5: National Do Something Nice Day

October 7: National Taco Day

October 10: National Angel Food Cake Day

October 13: Columbus Day

October 14: National Dessert Day

October 17: National Pasta Day

October 24: United Nations Day

October 31: Happy Halloween!

Night at the Museum

Tales of Halloween & Hauntings of Holt County, NE

Saturday, October 25
7:00 pm
4th and Douglas St.,
O'Neill, NE

Event is free-donations always appreciated
refreshments provided.
All ages welcome but some stories may be disturbing
for younger children
event made possible with grant from
Nebraska State Historical Foundation

NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD WEBINARS!

Fit & Healthy Kids — Early Childhood Education

2025-2026

ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

For Early Childhood Professionals and Caregivers

Complimentary continuing education hours? Don't want to travel? Pull up a comfortable chair and join us on the web! Attend the live session or watch a recording up to one week later.

Learn more and register at: go.unl.edu/fhkonehour

Safe Food Safe Kids ..... Oct 6

This session highlights the vital role early childhood professionals play in protecting young children—who are especially vulnerable to food-borne illnesses—by using safe food storage, preparation, and serving practices.

Instructors: Cami Wells & Cindy Brison, Nebraska Extension Educators

I Build Brains! ..... Nov 3

When someone asks what you do for a living, don't just say you take care of kids—tell them the truth: as an early childhood educator, you build brains by creating safe, healthy, and engaging environments that support lifelong learning.

Instructor: Jodi Nerren, Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist - Early Childhood at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Creating Literacy Rich Experiences in Early Childhood Programs ..... Dec 1

This session invites participants to explore open-ended literacy experiences and strategies that support children's growth and development across multiple content areas.

Instructor: Tristen Cope, Family and Youth Development Agent - Kansas State University

Inquiring Minds Want to Know: Science for Young Children .... Jan 12

This program shows how early science experiences foster child development by building confidence, curiosity, language skills, and a foundation for future learning

Instructor: Courtney Aldrich Program Instructor, Child and Family Development, Michigan State University Extension

Lights & Shadows ..... Feb 2

This hands-on session helps early childhood educators explore the many ways children learn through light and shadow play, and how to use it to extend and enhance their learning.

Instructors: LaDonna Werth, Lisa Poppe & Tasha Wulf, Nebraska Early Childhood Extension Educators

Kindness Counts: Teaching Children Prosocial Skills that Stick .... Mar 2

This research-based session offers practical strategies for promoting prosocial behavior and guiding young children in child care settings to foster kindness, cooperation, and emotional growth.

Instructor: Aileen Garcia, Assistant Professor State Specialist for Early Childhood Education, Development, and Care for Health & Human Sciences Extension - Univ. of Missouri

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HELP SHAPE THE 2026 NEBRASKA CUSTOM RATES REPORT:

REGISTER FOR THE SURVEY TODAY!

It's that time again! The University of Nebraska–Lincoln is gathering information for the **2026 Nebraska Custom Rates Survey**, and we need your input.

If you provide custom services in Nebraska – **whether it's planting, harvesting, spraying, hauling, or other custom operations** – your participation is vital.

The data you share becomes part of the biennial Nebraska Custom Rates Report, a trusted resource that farmers, ranchers, and service providers across the state use to set fair rates and make informed decisions.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Ensure your operation's rates are represented.
- Contribute to one of the most widely used decision-making resources in Nebraska agriculture.
- Help create a clearer picture of Nebraska's custom service economy.

HOW TO JOIN

Sign up now at go.unl.edu/cr26 or the QR code above.

You will receive the online survey by email or to request a paper copy. The more responses we receive, the more valuable and accurate the report will be.

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