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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAMBER CHATTER



HAPPY JULY! Happy 250th Birthday America! It's Summerfest Month! Look at the schedule inside for all of the events and activities going on Wednesday through Sunday, July 15th through the 19th. There is something for everyone to enjoy. Would you like to help out with Summerfest? We are in need of volunteers to help out with the rodeo both nights and the concert on Saturday. If you sign up to help with the concert, be sure to stop by the chamber office and get your free t-shirt and pass to get in. Here is the sign up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E48A4AB2FA4F85-64534024-oneill#/> We have the official 2026 t-shirts available at the chamber office. We have sizes 4T through Youth Large—\$15, Adult Small through XL -\$20 and 2XL through 5XL are \$25. We also have advance rodeo tickets—\$4 for kids and \$8 for adults, Joseph Hall, Elvis Im-personator tickets—\$15 and Tegan Nissen opening for Josh Turner tickets—\$35. Get yours before they sell out.



We are doing something new on Wednesday night of Summerfest Week this year. We will have "Family Night at the Shamrock" from 5pm to 7pm. The streets will be shut down for the painting of the shamrock as well as a bounce house, a fire truck block party, vendors on the sidewalks and the downtown businesses will stay open till 7pm that night. Come out and enjoy all the family fun!

Thursday morning, we will do the duck hunt again. **ONE DUCK PER HOUSEHOLD!** Start hunting now for your turtles for the Turtle Races on Saturday at noon on the basketball court in Ford Park. Registration will open at 11:30, with the races starting at noon! There will be Mutton Busting on Saturday at 5:30, prior to the rodeo at 6pm. Kids 60 pounds and under can ride the sheep. Sign up on Saturday night prior to the event at the rodeo grounds. Yes, there will be Weiner Dog Races again! They are on Friday night this year. Get your dog signed up! You can start training them now so they will run like wildfire! We will be doing the O'Neill Hall of Fame presentation around 7:30 on Friday evening at the rodeo. Come help celebrate the newest inductees. We hope to see you out and about during the big celebration!

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Holiday Inn Express **** Spacewalk of Holt County *** North Park Homes
Norfolk Area United Way *** Knights of Columbus *** OPTK Networks
O'Neill Community Foundation *** Sandhills Guest House Motel
Wakefield State Farm Insurance *** WJAG, 97.5, 106 KIX Radio Stations
North Park Homes *** Grand Prairie Wind, LLC
Security Shredding Services *** Car Quest/Ranchland Auto

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

**Elevation
Marketing LLC**



PHOTO CREDIT TO TERRY MILES OF THE HOLT COUNTY INDEPENDENT

AKRS Equipment recently celebrated the ribbon cutting for its new O'Neill facility with the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, Holt County Economic Development, and many members of the public in attendance. The event gave community members a chance to tour the new location, connect with the AKRS team, and celebrate the continued growth of the O'Neill store. AKRS is grateful for the strong local support and looks forward to continuing to serve customers, employees, and the broader O'Neill community from this new facility. Congratulations AKRS Equipment!

customer appreciation **O'Neill Vet**
OPEN house
 (402) 336-3883

Thursday July 30th
O'Neill Community Center

6 - 9 PM

5% off cattle vaccine, wormers, pour ons, & implants

July 30th - August 8th

Drug reps from multiple companies in attendance!!

DOES YOUR PET HAVE A FEAR OF FIREWORKS?

GIVE US A CALL FOR STRESS RELIEF MEDICATIONS BEFORE THE 4TH!!

July SPECIAL

10% OFF DENTAL CLEANINGS



O'Neill Methodist Church
 Invites you to a
4th of July Ice Cream Social
Saturday, July 4, 2026
At 7 PM
 Come enjoy ice cream, brownies, outdoor games, music & fellowship!
 Kevin & Heidi Cheng, will be playing Patriotic music!
Bring your chairs!

BOARDMAN'S Furniture & Pawn
In Our New Location!
Come Check It Out!
1305 East Douglas, O'Neill
Incredible Selection
 *Federal Firearms License Dealer *Brand New & Gently Used ~ Fun To Shop!*
BUY SELL TRADE PAWN
Most Anything of Value!
Tom Boardman
402-336-4734

FARMERS MARKET
FRESH. LOCAL. COMMUNITY.
EVERY WEDNESDAY 5-7P
 GOOD FOOD ♥ STRONG COMMUNITY

BIPOC MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
July 2026
Mental health matters for everyone.

BIPOC Mental Health Awareness Month is observed each July to raise awareness about the unique mental health challenges faced by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities while promoting education, support, healing, and access to resources.

- ♥ You Are Not Alone
- ♥ Seeking Help Is a Sign of Strength
- ♥ Every Story Matters
- ♥ Every Life Has Value

Together, we can reduce stigma, encourage conversations, and build stronger, healthier communities.



Holt Boyd Suicide Awareness & Prevention Collaborative

Raising awareness, providing education, and connecting individuals and families with mental health and suicide prevention resources throughout our communities.

The Irish Walk of Fame is looking for the public's input on possible nominees. Please keep in mind that this is not the same as the City of O'Neill Hall of Fame. The Irish Walk of Fame honours those, passed or present that have been an integral part of our long tradition of celebrating St. Patrick's Day. If you would like to nominate someone for consideration please send the following:

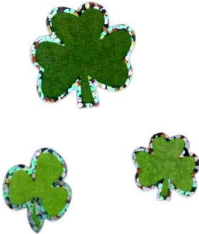
At least a one page biography of the person, or couple, you would like to nominate. Biography MUST include how this person has dedicated their time and talent in helping to establish O'Neill as the Irish Capital of Nebraska and/or working to maintain and build the St. Pat's celebration success each and every year.

Please include as much information as possible and you may include pictures! Biographies due by July 15, 2026.

Biographies may be mailed or emailed to Lauri at the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce office.

O'Neill Chamber of Commerce
125 S. 4th Street
O'Neill, NE 68763

Or email to: lauri@oneillchamber.com



OHS BOOSTER EVENT UPDATE 2026

ATTENDANCE- 200

FELIX AND FINGERS DUALING
PIANOS

RAISED-\$75, 211.35 EVENT EXPENSES---\$13, 505.75

PROFIT-
\$61,705

FUNDS
WERE USED
TO
PURCHASE:

- ATHLETIC BANQUET- \$5350
- SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD CONTRIBUTION--\$10, 000
- YEARLY HUDL SUBSCRIPTION-\$9000
- LAUNCH MONITORS FOR GOLF- \$2400
- STARTING BLOCKS FOR TRACK-\$4600
- TACKLING WHEELS FOR FOOTBALL-\$1600
- QTR BACK THROWING NET- \$1000
- GOAL BOARDS FOR GIRLS BBALL- \$1500
- SOFT PLYO BOXES FOR VBALL- \$4500
- HIGH JUMP MAT CONTRIBUTION- \$6000
- SENIOR STATUETTES- \$900
- EAGLE COATS FOR ALL COACHES- \$4500
- THROWING CAGES/NET FOR TRACK CONTRIBUTION-- \$9500
- REPAIR OF END ZONE CLOCKS

THANKS TO ALL THAT DONATED, HELPED IN ANYWAY,
ATTENDED THE EVENT, OR CHEERED IN THE BLEACHERS

DATE FOR
NEXT YEAR--
APRIL 2,2027

Cat Nips from the Feline Foundation

Tips for 4th of July and cats: Create a quiet safe space for your kitty to relax, play calming music or white noise, keep doors and windows shut so they do not try to escape. Microchip your kitty. Make sure they have their ID tag and collar on. If you care for community cats, keep a head count. They may hide for a while after the festivities. Pick up firework debris and other trash that may have floated to your yard.

****SAVE THE DATE****

July 17th we will be outside Shamrock Vet Clinic with a pop up bake sale, adoption event & grilling hot dogs! Bake sale and adoption event starts at 10 and goes till 2:30. Join us for a \$5 lunch of grilled hotdogs fresh off the grill, chips, bottled water or a pop. Lunch will be served in to-go boxes 11-2!

We currently have 17 kittens looking for their forever homes. Each kittens' adoption fee is \$30 OR two fluff balls for \$50! Each kitten comes with a voucher to get spayed/neutered and a rabies shot to be done by Dr Kelly @ Shamrock Vet Clinic. Voucher must be present at time of service or you will be responsible for their vetting. We need the vouchers for our records.

We also would like to remind the community that we are a TNR program. We are not a rescue, nor do we have a facility. We are a group of volunteers who have full time jobs. We can not go out and watch for a lost kitty. We can however post pictures along with information where last seen, name and description then ask our community to keep an eye out.

At this time we also do not have a low cost spay/neuter program. We are in need of fosters and volunteers. Our next TNR will be on July 9th, with trapping on July 8th.



PHOTO CREDIT TO TERRY MILES OF THE HOLT COUNTY INDEPENDENT

Congratulations Holt Boyd Suicide Awareness and Prevention Collaborative on your ribbon cutting! Welcome to the Chamber of Commerce Family! Thank you Amy Wells for the following article on your organization.

"Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the ribbon cutting for the Holt Boyd Suicide Awareness and Prevention Collaborative. The Collaborative was created to bring individuals, organizations, schools, businesses, and our community together around a common goal: preventing suicide and supporting mental wellness in our community. Through education, awareness campaigns, training opportunities, resource connection, advocacy, and community partnerships, we work to reduce stigma, encourage conversations about mental health, and help ensure that people know where to turn when they or a loved one are struggling. We believe suicide prevention is everyone's responsibility, and that by working together, we can create a community where people feel seen, supported, and connected to hope. Today's ribbon cutting marks the continued growth of a movement dedicated to saving lives and strengthening our community. Thank you for being here and for supporting this important mission".

Members of the collaborate are April Burival, Shae Olberding, Marti Ohara, Kathy Miller, Tonya Hytrek, Lisa Milner, Jenny Babl, Kayli Dobias and Tara Lorenson.

NCDHD
Health Bite
JULY

Beat the heat! Drink water and snack on cucumbers or watermelon.

ncdhd.ne.gov



NCDHD
North Central District
Health Department
402.336.2406 | ncdhd.ne.gov

FAMILY Night AT THE
SHAMROCK

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

TIME: 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 4th & Douglas O'Neill, NE

ACTIVITIES TO DO:

- PAINT THE SHAMROCK
- BOUNCE HOUSE
- FIRE DEPARTMENT BLOCK PARTY
- VENDORS ON THE SIDEWALKS
- BUSINESSES STAY OPEN UNTIL 7PM

BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS FOR AN EVENING OF COMMUNITY FUN, ACTIVITIES, SHOPPING, AND ENTERTAINMENT IN DOWNTOWN O'NEILL!

Everyone Welcome!

SEE YOU AT THE SHAMROCK!



CONGRATULATIONS to our 2026 O'Neill Summerfest Rodeo Queen, Kinley Miller of Elgin. Kinley is the 15 year old daughter of Brandon and Bethany Miller. Kinley has participated in barrel racing and pole bending jackpots. She also enjoys softball and basketball as well. She is a past recipient of the Kalin Henn Memorial Award at the Antelope County Fair. The award is given to a youth with proven character and goes above and beyond during the fair.

We are excited to have Kinley represent our O'Neill Summerfest Rodeo throughout the next year. Be sure to come and meet her at the rodeo here in O'Neill on Friday, July 17th and Saturday, July 18th. She will also be signing autographs at Ford Park during the vendor fair on Saturday.

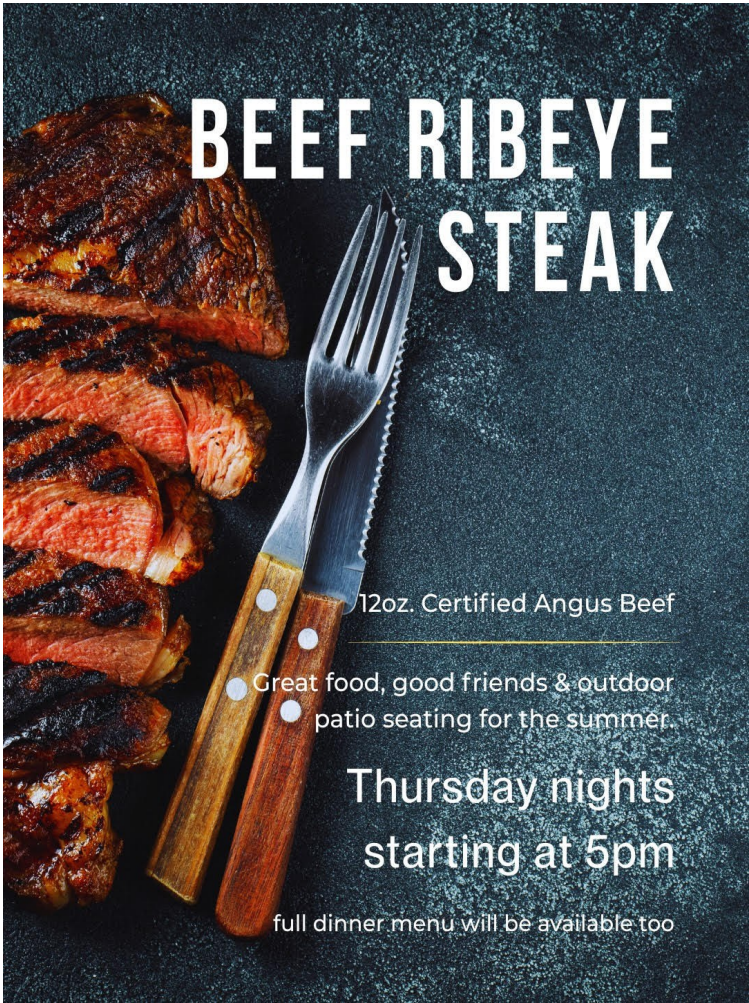
BEEF RIBEYE STEAK

12oz. Certified Angus Beef

Great food, good friends & outdoor patio seating for the summer.

Thursday nights starting at 5pm

full dinner menu will be available too



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE CLUB

starting at 5pm

12oz. Certified Angus Beef Ribeye and full dinner menu will be available too

Great food, good friends & outdoor patio seating for the summer



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director@littlediscipleschildcare.com

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Paper Money • Foreign Money

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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

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THE CHAMBER OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY