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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAMBER CHATTER

May is here already! It is so wonderful to see the grass greening up, the flowers poking through the soil and the early blooms of the tulips and daffodils. The lilacs will be blooming about mid month. They always smell so good! School will be out soon and it's time to transition from the spring schedule to the summer schedule. The next couple of weeks are going to be crazy busy with finishing up the school year. Track meets, golf meets, concerts and more before graduation. The soccer season is in full swing and it won't be long until softball and baseball kick off.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the graduates from O'Neill Public and St. Mary's High Schools. Our community is proud of you! As you spread your wings and find yourselves, remember, we would love to have you come back to your hometown to live, work and raise your family. And congratulations to all the parents that have raised these fine young men and women. Also congratulations to our Chamber of Commerce Scholarship winners, Alana Hoefer from O'Neill Public Schools and Adilyn Shald from St. Mary's High School.

We are going full steam ahead on the preparations for the Summerfest Celebration coming up on Thursday, July 17th and running through the third weekend in July, the 18th through 20th. We are going to need many volunteers to help with the celebration activities, especially the rodeo and concert. You should have already received your sponsorship letters for both events. Please take a look at those advertising opportunities at the biggest event in our area! You can return your sponsorships in the self addressed envelopes that are included with the sponsorship letters. Be watching for Sign-up Geniuses coming out for your opportunity to sign up to help with the events. This weekend is going to be HUGE in our community with all we have going on! In addition to the above events, there will be Sidewalk Sales Downtown on Saturday, Vendor Fair and Car Show Saturday in Ford Park, Church in the Park on Sunday ■ Morning, and more. We have added "Joseph Hall, Elvis Tribute Artist on Thursday night at the community center. Tickets are on sale now at the chamber office and KBRX Radio Station. Tickets will be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. The tickets for the Sunset Sinners opening for Sam Barber are on sale on our website, www.oneillchamber.com. These tickets would make great Graduation and Mother's Day gifts! If your business or organization is planning something for the weekend, please send it to the chamber office so it can get on the poster. I like to get the posters out six weeks prior to the event to attract more people to come!

Would your business like to host a chamber coffee? Contact the chamber office to find a date that would work best for you. Take the opportunity to get people into your business to see what you have going on for summer!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

O'Neill Electric Motor Service ** Holt County Historical Society
Ally Counseling Services, LLC ** Hair Junction
Destiny's Dreamz ** Reimans Body Shop
Irish Spirits ** Shad's Electric
Top O' The Rock Designs ** O'Neill Golf Course
Sandhills Guest House Motel

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

O'NEILL POST OFFICE

NEW MEMBERS

AC POWERSPORTS

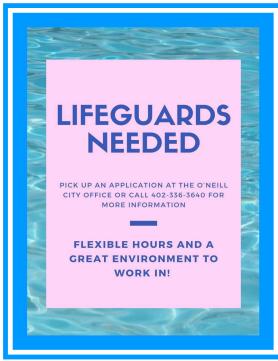
WAGGIN' WHEELS MOBILE GROOMING



CONGRATULATIONS to Davidson Guns on your ribbon cutting! Welcome to the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce Family. They are located at 520 North 5th Street, here in O'Neill. The are a full service gun shop, also carrying ammo and anything gun related. Would you like to visit with them about purchasing a new gun, have them look at one you already have or just need some ammo? Tom and Thomas are your guys! You can reach them at their business phone—402-336-1937 or their cell phones. Tom's cell is 402-336-6169 or Thomas's is 402-336-7854. Davidson Guns held a gun raffle to benefit the O'Neill Police Department K9 Unit Fundraiser and are active with the Gun of the Month drawings on KBRX. Give them a call and stop by and pay them a visit!



The community has asked why we haven't been able to get a carnival on a weekend. Well, this year we are able to get DC Lynch Shows on the weekend of May 30, 31 and June1. With the way the dates fall this year, other communities have changed their schedules accordingly. So for 2025, we have the carnival on a weekend the end of May! Don't get used to it though, as next year it will go back to being in the middle of the week again.



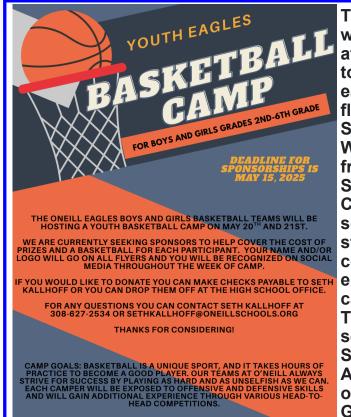




shoes to the chamber office

Goodwill Trailer!!

and take everything else to the



The O'Neill Eagles Boys and Girls Basketball teams will host a youth basketball camp on May 20th & 21st at O'Neill High School. We are looking for sponsors to help cover the cost of prizes and a basketball for each camper. Your name and/or logo will go on our fliers and we will post several times on Social Media with our sponsors highlighted. We generally get sponsorships that range from \$50 to \$250. Please make checks to Seth Kallhoff, and put in the memo: BBall Camp Sponsorship. You can drop it off at the high school front office, or I would be more than happy to stop by your place of business. You can always

contact me, Seth Kallhoff, at the school, email <u>sethkallhoff@oneillschools.org</u>, or my cell call/text 308-627-2534.

Thanks for considering. Below is information we send home to each student in the O'Neill Public School system.

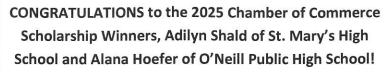
All girls and boys entering 2nd - 6th grade in the fall of 2025 are welcome to attend.

<u>Girls</u>: 9:00 am - 11:00 am both days Boys: 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm both days

Camp Goals: Basketball is a unique sport, and it takes hours of practice to become a good player. Our teams at O'Neill always strive for success by playing as hard and as unselfish as we can. Each camper will be exposed to offensive and defensive skills and will gain additional experience through various head-to-head competitions.



Adilyn Shald, 2025 Graduate of O'Neill St. Mary's High School, daughter of Bob and Nicole Shald.



Adilyn plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study emerging media arts to receive a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. Adilyn says, "I was fortunate to be accepted into this selective program, and my goal is to fully immerse myself in my studies and take advantage of every learning opportunity in the program. I am passionate for the future to learn about innovative media strategies and being able to use them to help others.

Alana Hoefer plans to attend Northeast Community College in Norfolk as she has been accepted into Northeast's Nursing Program that will start in the fall, to become a registered nurse. She is on track to have 80% of her Associates Degree completed when she graduates from OHS. After Northeast, Alana plans to attend UNMC online to achieve her BSN.



Alana Hoefer, 2025 Graduate of O'Neill High School, daughter of Bryan and Lauren Hoefer.





2025 SUMMERFEST ENTERTAINMENT

Sam Barber, singer and songwriter from Southeast Missouri has seen his career skyrocket over the last couple of years. He had a very busy 2024 touring schedule, and is excited to be out on his jam packed 2025 North American Tour. In October of 2024, Barber released his Restless Mind album. The album's title track is one that Barber holds dearest to his heart and believes fans will feel the same way about it. It's his personal favorite song and means the most to him.

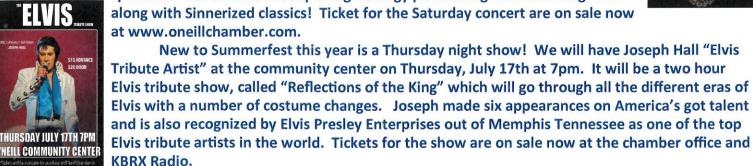
He began releasing original music in 2022, including "Straight and Narrow", a bedroom recording of a song he'd written when we was just 16. A powerful acoustic track about overcoming life's countless hurdles, "Straight and Narrow" proved to be an RIAA PLATINUM-

certified sensation, reaching #1 on viral charts worldwide while landing on such multi-format Billboard Charts as "Hot Rock Songs", "Hot Rock Alternative Songs" and "Hot Country Songs".

Barber just missed the cut for the 20th season of American Idol in early 2022. He made his live debut in June 2023 at the Basement in Nashville—which sold out. Three months later, he made his Grand Ole Opry debut.

Sunset Sinners will be opening for Sam Barber. The Sunset Sinners describe their genre of music as "Whiskey Barrel Rock", which is a fusion of Southern & 70's Rock blended with Red Dirt Country. The Sunset Sinners have a huge passion for all active Military, Veterans & First Re-

> sponders. The Sinners are super high energy performing their own originals along with Sinnerized classics! Ticket for the Saturday concert are on sale now at www.oneillchamber.com.







- May 1—9am to 4pm—NCDHD Vaccination Clinics at their office at 422 E. Douglas Street
- May 1—11am to 1pm—Basic Needs Pantry at the O'Neill Methodist Church
- May 2—10am—Chamber Coffee at the O'Neill Methodist Church
- May 2—Noon—Holt County Visitors Committee Meeting at the Holt County Tourism Office
- May 2—7pm—Pitch Night at Hooligan's Pub
- May 3—9am—Men's Bible Study at Teal's Westside Dining—All men of the community are invited to attend
- May 3—6pm—Doors open at SpringLake Angus Center featuring "BJ Jamison" at 9pm—Come early and enjoy dinner and drinks before the show!
- May 3—6pm—Come celebrate Shirley and Jim Cobb's 30th Anniversary at Neko's Pub—Ren and Red will take the stage at 7—No gifts, just come and have fun!
- May 5—6:30pm—City Council Meeting at 401 E. Fremont
- May 7—Noon—Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting at the Chamber Office
- May 8—9am to 4pm—NCDHD Vaccination Clinics at their office at 422 E. Douglas Street
- May 10—2pm—Graduation at O'Neill High School
- May 10—Doors open at SpringLake Angus Center featuring "The Kyle Sayler" Band at 9pm—Come early and enjoy dinner and drinks before the show!
- May 11—1pm—Graduation at St. Mary's High School
- May 11—HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- May 12—6pm to 7:30pm—Leprechaun Youth Football Sign up at the O'Neill High School Commons Area
- May 13—8am—O'Neill Visionaries Meeting at Handlebend
- May 13 through 16—Goodwill Trailer in the Community Center Parking Lot
- May 15—9am to 4pm—NCDHD Vaccination Clinics at their office at 422 E. Douglas Street
- May 15—6pm to 7:30pm—Leprechaun Youth Football Sign up at the O'Neill High School Commons Area
- May 17—9am to 11am—Registration open for the Bikers Breakfast Show at Teal's Westside Dining
- May 17—6pm Doors open at SpringLake Angus Center featuring the band "Hockney" at 9pm. Come early and enjoy dinner and drinks before the show!
- May 17—9pm—Karaoke at Neko's Pub
- May 20 and 21—Girls and Boys Basketball Camps at O'Neill High School
- May 22—9am to 4pm—NCDHD Vaccination Clinics at their office at 422 E. Douglas Street
- May 24—6pm—6pm Doors open at SpringLake Angus Center featuring the band "Platinum Pearls" at 9pm. Come early and enjoy dinner and drinks before the show!
- May 26—The Chamber Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day
- May 29—9am to 4pm—NCDHD Vaccination Clinics at their office at 422 E. Douglas Street
- May 30, 31 and June—DC Lynch Carnival in Carney Park
- May 31—SpringLake Angus Center will be closed for a private event.

NEKO'S PUB MONTHLY SPECIALS

Every Wednesday is 5 wings for \$5, dine in only. Thursday night—10% off all combo meals and Friday night is \$20 cash large pizzas! Dine in and carry out.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT O'NEILL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL









- 1. Steel awning over home and visitor bleachers
 - 2. New scoreboard
 - 3. Netting over the press box bleachers



These improvements will help grow our program and allow us to host area and state tournaments in the future! Sponsors over \$500 will be

Sponsors over \$500 will be recognized by name at the baseball facility!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO O'NEILL AMERICAL LEGION BASEBALL

TO DONATE PLEASE MAIL TO:

Janice Vosler 48640 879th Rd Atkinson, NE 68713

OR CALL Ryan Parks – 402-340-4624 Ryan Berg – 402-340-7051 Joel Steinhauser – 402-760-0622

DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE TRI-COUNTY BANK IN O'NEILL





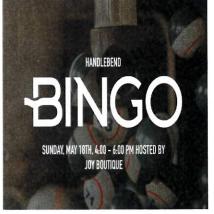


Interested in fresh, local produce?

- 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



GUEST HOST—GARY HOSTERT







Cat Nips from the Feline Foundation

Happy Mothers Day to all including those with fur babies! May 30th is International Hug Your Cat Day, so don't forget to show your favorite Feline some extra luvins on this day. Our TNR is in full swing as we were able to help prevent 5 female and 3 male stray cats from reproducing on our city streets. Just as a reminder our TNR trap days take place on the 1st Wednesday of the month in Spring until early Fall with Dr. Kelly performing the spay/neuter on that Thursday.

The Feline Foundation will be joining in the city wide garage sales this coming June. For those of you who come across items you are wanting to "rehome" during your spring cleaning we will gladly accept the donations for our garage sale to help raise funds for our TNR program. We will accept home decor, books, toys, kitchen items, small appliances, yard items, plants, bedding, curtains, baby items you name it! Although we will not accept any clothing items this year. Please reach out to Kendra at 402-370-0432 or Teresa at 402-340-7052 if you have items to donate. Thank you for your continued support and remember to please Spay and Neuter your pets!



Need a gift for that graduate or Mom? Not sure what to get? Shamrock Bucks always make wonderful gifts for any occasion! The recipient can purchase what they want! Clothes, plants, pampering, jewelry and more! They tuck nicely in a card, always fit, don't get laid on a shelf where they have to be dusted and can be carried easily in a pocket or purse. They are available in increments of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20. They can be spent same as cash in chamber member businesses.

MEALS ON WHEELS MAY 2025 MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			SWEET POTATOES MIXED VEGGIES TROPICAL FRUIT	2 Cheeseburger Potato Wedges BBQ Green Beans Strawberries Cookie
5 CRISPY CHICKEN SAND. HASH BROWN BAKE CALIFORNIA BLEND ORANGE JUICE	6 TURKEY MASHED POT. & GRAVY CORN PEARS GERMAN CHOC. CAKE	7 BAKED PORK CUTLET MASHED SWEET POT. ROASTED CAULIFLOWER LEMON FRUIT SALAD	RICE PILAF	9 TURKEY CLUB SAND. POTATO SALAD TOMATO SALAD BLUSHING PEARS PUDDING
12 TATOR TOT CASSEROLE GREEN BEANS FRUIT COCKTAIL	13 ROAST BEEF MASHED POT. & GRAVY CORN PEARS APPLE PIE BAR	14 PORK LOIN BABY BAKERS HARVARD BEETS CORNBREAD PINEAPPLE	15 BBQ RIB ON A BUN TATOR TOTS MACARONI SALAD FRUIT JELLO	16 BEEF TIPS & GRAVY MASHED POTATOES STEAMED BROCCOLI APRICOTS PUDDING
19 SWEET & SOUR CHICKER STEAMED RICE STIR FRY VEGGIES TROPICAL FRUIT BROCCOLI	20 N MEATLOAF BABY BAKERS CALIFORNIA BLEND APPLESAUCE ANGEL FOOD CAKE WITH STRAWBERRIES	21 PULLED PORK SAND. POTATO WEDGES MIXED VEGGIES TOMATO SLICES PEACHES	22 SALISBURY STEAK MASHED POT. & GRAVY CARROTS PEARS VANILLA PUDDING	23 GRILLED BRAT FRIED POTATOES BBQ GREEN BEANS FRUIT SALAD FROSTED BANANA BAR
26 MEMORIAL DAY NO MEALS	27 PORCUPINE MEAT BALL MACARONI & CHEESE BROCCOLI GRAPES	28 HAM HASH BROWN BAKE CARROTS DINNER ROLL CHERRY CRISP	29 ROAST BEEF MASHED POT. & GRAVY ASPARAGUS PEARS BANANA	30 SUB SANDWICH MACARONI SALAD FRUIT SALAD CHIPS DILLY BEAN SALAD CANTALOUPE

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.

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

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 a individuals over 60 years of age and \$8.50 for individuals under the age of 60.



May 2025

Happy Mother's Day!

Here are some fun facts about Mother's Day:

- ~President Woodrow Wilson made it a National Holiday in 1914
- \sim It is the $3^{\rm rd}$ most popular holiday in the world besides Christmas and Easter
- ~ The word "Mother" starts with the Letter "M" in most languages throughout the world
- ~ Americans will spend over \$30 Billion on Mother's Day gifts
- ~ More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year

Interesting Days in May

May 1: May Day

May 4: National Orange Juice Day

May 5: Cinco De Mayo

May 11: Happy Mother's Day

May 16: National BBQ Day. We will celebrate on May $15^{\rm th}$ with BBQ Rib on a Bun

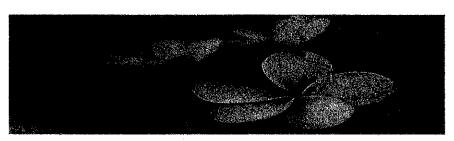
May 17: Armed Forces Day

May 21: National Strawberries and Cream Day. We will celebrate on May 20th with Angel Food Cake with Strawberries and Whipped Cream

May 22: National Vanilla Pudding Day

May 26: Happy Memorial Day

May 27: National Grape Day



2025 LYS FOOTBALL SIGN UPS



Monday, May 12th 6-7:30pm

Thursday, May 15th 6-7:30pm

O'Neill High School Commons

Leprechaun Youth Sports will again be offering youth contact football for 3rd-6th grades. Practices are held twice a week beginning in mid-August when school begins. Games will be played on Sundays in September and October.

Coaching Opportunities available: Contact Chad Mathews chad@herdco.net

If you are unable to make it to sign up, contact Bryan Hoefer (402)340-4685

Your child MUST attend sign up or make other arrangements before May 15

Cost: \$100 per player

\$150 equipment deposit per player

*PLEASE BRING 2 SEPARATE CHECKS

**Do not the let cost prevent your child from participating. Contact Lauren for assistance (402)340-5161

Remember to bring the following to registration:

- 1. Your Child-dressed appropriately to run agility drills
- 2. Two Checks
- 3. Proof of Health Insurance

SUMMERFEST VENDOR FAIR

July 19, 2025 at Ford Park, O'Neill, NE—9am to 4pm

\$30 per space before July 1st. \$40 after July 1st No cost to O'Neill Chamber of Commerce Members

This is an outdoor event. You will be responsible for bringing your own table, chairs and tent if you would like protection from the elements. Booth spaces will be 12x12. Only one direct sales company consultant will be allowed. These will be filled on a first application and payment received basis. Spots will be NOT be guaranteed until payment and application is received. This is a rain or shine event. No refunds will be given. Vendors are responsible for any taxes to be paid, licenses needed, or any liability insurance coverage. Please check in at the gazebo to find your assigned booth. Set up will begin at 7am on Saturday, July 19th. You are responsible for picking up your area after the event. We will do our best to fulfill all special requests. Thank you for participating in this event and making it a success! Please email lauri@oneillchamber.com with any questions!

Name:
Business Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Please list a description of your items:
I will be bringing a tent: " YES " NO
Special Requests:
ALL VENDORS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE
(All food trucks must provide a copy of their state certification.)
I understand and agree that O'Neill Area Chamber of commerce, along with its employees, volunteers, and board members, are not responsible to me for any damage or loss that may occur to any of my property, crafts, art, etc., and I release each of them from any liability for such damage or loss. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, along with its employees, volunteers, and board members, from and against all claims, damages, loss and expenses caused in whole or in part or arising out of, my participation in the craft fail
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