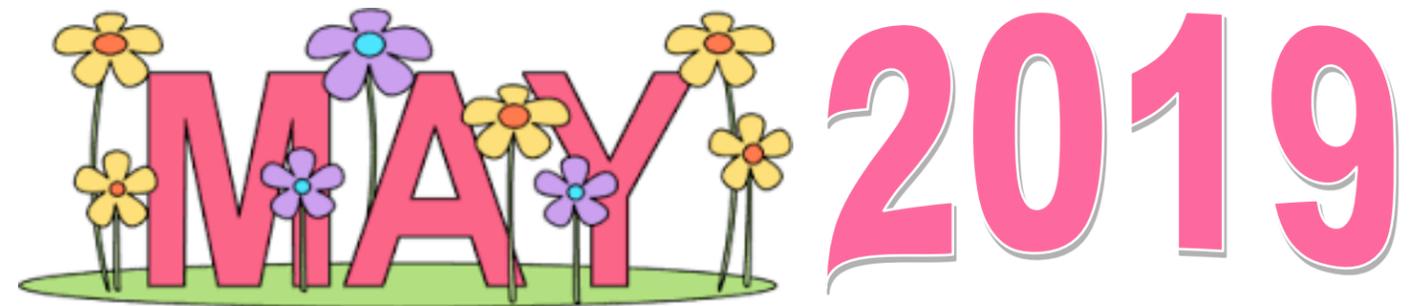


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O'NEILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAMBER CHATTER

May is here! With this month comes many celebrations and transitions. We celebrate May Day, Graduations, Mother's Day, the end of the school year and Memorial Day. That takes up most of weekends of this month! I am quietly celebrating the end of the snow for Winter/Spring 2019, but don't want Mother Nature to find out and throw down one last storm on us! Now we need some nice warm sunny weather to dry things out and help us with our mental health. The warm sunshine on my face feels so good!

May is the end of the school schedule and the beginning of the summer schedule. Baseball, softball and T-ball will be in full swing very soon. Get out those stadium seats and lawn chairs and get ready for nights going from ball field to ball field so you don't miss any games. Campers will come out of storage for fun filled weekends at the lake. It's time for Family Time!

Congratulations to all the Graduating Seniors and their families! What an amazing accomplishment for all of these students and parents. For some, it's your first one leaving the nest, for others, it's the last one. The next few weeks will mean getting things ready for heading off to college, a big step in the journey to "adulthood". Parents, pat yourselves on the back for the wonderful kids you have raised and prepared for this step. Teachers, thank you for all you have taught these students from pre-school through their senior years. They will be ready for college life in the fall!



Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms out there! Take some time to pamper yourself! Spend your special day being spoiled by your families! Go out to eat, sit outside on the patio and read a book, spend the day doing fun things with those most special to you.

Towards the end of the month, we will have our first holiday weekend of the summer. Remember when you are planning your Memorial Day weekend, take the time to visit the graves of those we have lost. Remember them with some beautiful flowers or other memorials. Spend time with family and friends sharing the special memories you have of those loved ones. They are watching over us all the time.

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NEW MEMBER

STADIUM SPORTS





AMBASSADOR'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

It's that time of year again! Time for the Ambassador's Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament has been changed up a bit this year. It is NOT on a Monday night! It's on **FRIDAY NIGHT!** Yes, that's right! The tournament will be held on Friday, July 12th, the night before the O'Neill 4-Man Scramble Tournament. This will give the guys an

opportunity to play a practice round while having loads of fun with everyone else! AseraCare Hospice has added \$250 in shamrock bucks to the winning team this year. There is even more at stake than just bragging rights! Get the enclosed entry form filled out and returned to the chamber office to get your team entered. If your business would like to be a hole sponsor, contact me at 402-336-2355 or lauri@oneillchamber.com.



With graduation right around the corner, the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate all of the seniors on this milestone in their lives. We are proud of your accomplishments! As you plan your future, we hope you will consider returning to our community once your college career is finished. O'Neill is a great place to live, work and play!



Top 10 Soft Skills for Customer Service Jobs



Clear Communication



Listening Skills



Self-Control



Positive attitude



Assertiveness



Conflict Resolution



Empathy



Depersonalization



Taking Responsibility



A sense of humor

the balance



My Mother

My Mother, *my friend* so dear
Throughout my life you're always near.
A tender smile to guide my way
You're the *sunshine* to light my day.

Author Unknown



LOCAL

NEW BUSINES BOOSTERS PROMOTION

Has your business got signed up to be part of the new promotion starting May 1st? If not, there is still time!

Just contact the Chamber Office. See the flyer enclosed for more information. Let's give shoppers more reason to Shop Local on Saturdays! Shop Local and win Bookoo Bucks in the Shamrock City!



NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PRESENT "ENGAGING AND MOTIVATING OTHERS" CLASS

It's no surprise. Employees who feel they are valued and recognized for their contributions are more motivated and productive at their jobs. In this program, learn how to promote and grow a more dynamic, engaged and positive workforce. Understand what elements contribute to a positive work environment and set the stage for individuals to meet their goals and experience professional success. Tuesday May 7th from 9am to noon. Contact Merri or Kathy at 402-336-3590 to get signed up!

BRAN

Bike Ride Across Nebraska will be going through O'Neill on Thursday, June 6th on their way from Atkinson to Neligh. By the time they have ridden 20 miles they may be ready for a little break? Let's be sure to give them a big Irish Welcome and encourage them to stop by, rest for a while and spend a few dollars while they are here!

SUMMERFEST

Summerfest is July 19th, 20th and 21st. We will be needing volunteers to help with all of the activities we will have going on that weekend. Be sure to save the dates now!

HEADS UP!!

I have been contacted by a Senior Legion Baseball Coach with some great news for our community. O'Neill will be the host site for the Senior Area Legion Tournament August 19th through 23rd. This means we will see an influx of people visiting our community throughout the days of the tournament. We want to welcome these people and help them to enjoy their stay in our community. Please note, this is Summerfest Weekend so there will be things going on for them to do between games. Hopefully we are notifying everyone far enough ahead that additional staffing and ordering can be done to accommodate the extra people in addition to Summerfest. Please mark these dates on your calendar now! The Summerfest Dates are July 19, 20 and 21.



WHAT IS MEMORIAL DAY?

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering and honoring persons who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, will be observed on May 27, 2019.

CHAMBER COFFEE

Have you scheduled your Summer Chamber Coffee? If not, contact the chamber office to get on the schedule. This is a great way to celebrate business milestones, introduce new employees or show off any new goods or services you have added. Call 402-336-2355 or email lauri@oneillchamber.com to reserve your date today!

