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OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Welcome Amber Ross – CNEDD Community Development Specialist



Amber Ross started working as a Community Development Specialist on Friday, October 1st. She brings her passion about community development and bridging people to resources. Be sure to give her a huge welcome to the team when you see her!

"I am looking forward to working with and learning from the communities in CNEDD's district. Growing up in rural Nebraska taught me the importance of rural communities and I can't wait to continue serving Nebraska in this new role," states Amber.

You can reach her by phone or email at: **(402) 394-1026** and amber.ross@cnedd.org



"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." - Albert Camus

Ribbon Cutting for Workforce Housing in O'Neill



October 8th was a big celebration for O'Neill. A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the newest housing development took place with special guest Lt. Governor Mike Foley in attendance. A new single-family home, along with a rental duplex have been added to the housing market, **totaling 3 new housing units** in O'Neill. The house has been sold to a wonderful family who are so happy to have a new home to call their own in O'Neill. Both duplex units are now occupied by new residents.

After an opening speech by Mayor Scott Menish, Lt. Governor Mike Foley spoke on **how important housing is to our small communities**, especially for bringing in new families. Lauri from the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce also spoke, **"Alone we are strong, but together we are stronger. Working together we can bring in the people we need by providing the housing they need."**



Funding for these housing units included **Rural Workforce Housing Funds (Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED)), Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA), and the City of O'Neill**. Sheryl Hiatt represented NDED, and Elizabeth Fimbres represented NIFA at the event. Also in attendance were Shelby

Regan (Holt County Economic Development), Judy Petersen (CNEDD Executive Director), along with several city officials and Chamber members.

