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Future Volunteers Take A Ride Down Main Street Odell



A group of boys enjoyed the view of the Odell Day Parade from atop a fire truck as they rode down Main Street. From left: Hunter Heble, Austin Kostal, Jack Duis, Braeden Humphreys, Devin Andersen, Preston Kostal, Kasen Kotas & Kyler Kotas

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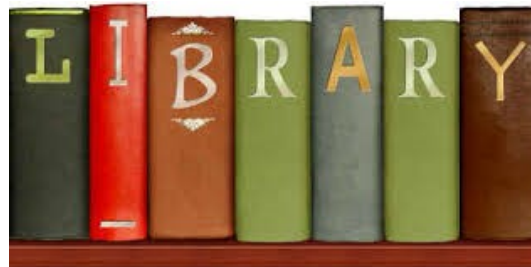
Coming Soon!

Odell Public Library!

Pending the Village Board Approval we will have a new public library in the near future! Our plans are to Co-op with the Old West Trails Center and the library will reside in their old bank building on Main Street. To begin, the Library Board hopes to have the library open 8 hours a week.

Funds will need to be raised to help in this effort!

Please see page 8 for more!



Odell Corner Bar will be re-opening on Friday, September 15th!

Come in and check it out!

The Meals-on-Wheels Program in Odell is looking for volunteers or subs to deliver meals once a week. Meals are delivered 11:15-11:30 and are delivered to 4 people, at the present time. If interested or need more info, contact Barb Zarybnicky @ 766-3780 or bzary@diodecom.net

September

Events

- 3—Cards @ 1:30 in OWTC
- 4—NO SCHOOL
- 13—Bingo 1-3 pm @ OWTC
- 15—Corner Bar Re-opens
- 21-21—NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 16—OACE
- Oct. 31—Trunk or Treat
- Nov. 20—OACE
- Nov. 25—Odell Craft Show

Part-Time Help Wanted at the Odell Market.

6th Annual Show and Shine

Sutton Repair was the sponsor of the Annual Show on Saturday, August 26. Kristie and Spencer had over 50 entries on a beautiful day.

BEST OF SHOW: Bill & Donna Pemberten of Independence, MO with their 1972 Oldsmobile Hurst 442. (Donna is in photo at left with Kristie Sutton)



Odell Day Watermelon Eating Contest (Sponsored by Turkey Run Farms) winners were: Age 10&U: 1st Izzy Barkoudah, 2nd: Jaden Harness & 3rd: Rilee Dorn. Age 11-18: 1st: Hunter Harness (above photo), 2nd: David Parde & 3rd: Evan Harness. Age 18&up: 1st: Jason Dendinger, 2nd: Josh Novotny & 3rd: Stony Keeran. Photo above, left: Baileigh Vilda and Jaden Hajek.

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Creativity on the Court

The Diller-Odell Art Club (sponsored by Mrs. Klecan) hosted the Chalk Art Contest on the basketball court for Odell Day.

They had 23 entries! Art Club helpers for the day were: Mahalia Engelman, Sierra Maginnis, Hollie Crawford and Madison Vater.

Winners of the Chalk Art Contest at Odell Day were: PreK: Micah & Victoria Barkouduh of Brookline, MA, K-3: Madilyn Dendinger, 4-6: Kailyn Dendinger & Erin Gegg (Above Photo), 7-12: Sidney Gegg and Adult: Kendra K Weers.



Fun in the Park: At left: a FREE rock wall was available to kids and adults. Above: Happy D. Clown held a Magic Show and did Balloon Twisting. Other free activities included a bounce house, caricature artist and airbrush tattoo artist.





NEW ADDITION TO ODELL!

Several people worked VERY hard prior to Odell Community Day to make these 2 super sand volleyball courts in Odell. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making this possible! The proceeds from the Sand Volleyball Tournament held on Odell Day will go to the Volunteer Firefighters. All ages from 1

to 100 can and will enjoy this great addition to Odell, Nebraska. They plan to have league sand volleyball next summer in Odell. Please contact a firefighter if you would like to use the courts! The Courts are located on the block that the Odell Elementary Building use to be on. (on a personal note—a perfect location since kids used to recess in this exact spot!)

4 Local Ribbon Cuttings Held on Odell Day



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Odell Community Market

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Fri. & Sat.: 8 am—8 pm, Sunday: 10 am—7 pm



Odell Day Parade Grand Marshalls: Larry & Joanne Genrich

Larry and Joanne Genrich have been married for 41 years. Larry & Jo have lived in Odell for over 38 years. They bought the Krotz house knowing that it would take a long time to spruce up a 1908 house that a bachelor lived in. Their son Jeff Lisec, wife Lisa and their two boys Grant 15 & Gage 11 live in Grain Valley Missouri along with grandpuppy Scout. Joanne was Human Resources Manager for Petersen Mfg (home of the VISEGRIP) American Tool for 33 years. Larry & Jo's first venture into the Odell business district Started with the Larry's Corner Bar where pool, darts and a

few cool ones were enjoyed by all They owned & operated the bar for 3 years. Larry returned to trucking. In 1978 the Genrich's purchased the Tiger's Den from Vernon & Marcel-la Duis. It was a great opportunity for Larry not to be gone all the time. However, it was a challenge because Larry wasn't the greatest of cooks. Meaning he had very little experience in the kitchen. But it was a challenge that he was able to overcome. Larry's Prime rib on Sat nights was his specialty along with his delicious fried chicken on Sunday buffets. We were very fortunate to have a core group of loyal employees that could cook, clean, serve customers plus maybe party a little The Tiger's Den provided breakfast, lunch & dinner menus, Sunday buffets, catering, barbequing, whatever and whenever the community required. In addition to the pool, darts , dances & cool ones, Odell continued to have a family restaurant The Genrich's also owned the Odell Market for a couple of years during this time. After 22 years operating the Tiger's Den, Larry & Jo decided to retire. Larry & Jo definitely miss the customers, but not the long hours and 7 days a week. Today, they still remember loyal customers, maybe not their names, but by their drink or extra lemon with the fish. Some things are hard to forget!



More from Odell Day.....Above Left: kids enjoy the parade. Above right: Parade watchers were plentiful! Left. Egg Toss Action. Right: Egg Toss winners: Schyler Sutton & with a throw of approximately 50 feet!



Eclipse Wrap Up!



Photo by: Randy Gottula

THANK YOU to the Odell eclipse committee for putting on a fabulous eclipse event on 8/21/17 at the Odell Ball field. The event included free hotdogs, moon pies, chips & bottled water; informational fans and eclipse glasses. The weather was perfect and watching the eclipse from Odell was amazing. It is estimated 300 people showed up at the ball field which included the Jr & Sr High school students. Thank you FFA members for dishing out the hotdogs. Sponsors who paid for this event were: State Bank of Odell, Stateline Promotions, Sutton Repair, Still Life Taxidermy, Colgrove Land Improvement, O.A.C.E., Turkey Run Farms, Rice Lodge & Conference Center, Kotas Construction, Theye Construction, and Vitosh Ag Sales. Please thank them if you see them! The committee members included: Brenda Miller, Peggy Colgrove, Bonnie Kaller, Kay Theye, Sharon Gydesen and Gwen Vitosh.

The solar eclipse event was a success in Diller with about 100 people attending. Thanks to Judy DeBoer, Glenda Spilker, Scott Beran, and Keith Craig for their help. A big thanks also goes out to our sponsors: Diller Electric, Diller Foundation, Diller Telephone, Diode Communications, Farmers' Cooperative of Diller, State Bank of Odell, Fun Raisers Club, and an anonymous donor. Committee members were Linda Beran, Joyce Craig, Lana Hemphill, Cleo Perkins, and Marla Weichel.



Odell’s Rice Lodge had a very busy August. We were honored to host guests from all over the nation for the Total eclipse. We had guests from NASA, ABC News and from Washington DC, Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa and Albuquerque NM. The Eastern Wyoming College volleyball team filled the whole house in August. That team includes Paige Vitosh. We had a full house 2 nights with a wedding party. We also had a family reunion in for the Odell Community Day. In all we had 69 rooms rented in August. Contact us for tours, reunions, or any gathering you might have. ricelodge@diodecom.net; 402-806-2174 or Ricelodge.odell-nebraska.us

Lancer Volleyball would like to thank the Vitosh family, Diller-Odell High School, Coach Jurgens, and the Diller-Odell community for their hospitality!! Good luck to the Lady Griffins in your 2017 season!

The Old West Trails Center will continue to be open on Saturdays and Sundays 1:00—4:00 pm

At the Trails Center:
Cards: Sun, Sep. 3 @ 1:30
Bingo: Wed., Sep 13; 1-3

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Diller-Odell September Events

(home games listed only)

4—NO SCHOOL;

homecoming bonfire in evening

5-8—Homecoming week

5—Home Softball @ 6 pm;

Home Vball @ 5:30

7—Home Softball @ 5:00 pm;

Home Vball @ 7:00

8—Home Football @ 7:00 pm;

Post Prom Tailgate; Homecoming Dance

12—Picture Day

14—Home Softball @ 6:30 pm

20-21—Parent-Teachers Conferences

21—Home Vball game @ 6:30

21-22—NO SCHOOL

22—Home Football game @ 7:00 pm

28—Home Vball Triangular @ 5:30 pm

(Home Softball Games are @ Blue Springs)

Spotlight on D-O Staff

Judy (Holst) Krause just began her 29th year as Elementary Resource Paraprofessional at Diller-Odell Schools. Judy, and her husband, Steve, live on an acreage southeast of Odell. Their children Robin Klaus and Colin Krause are both married. The Krause's have been



blessed with 6 grandchildren ranging in age from Kindergarten to a Senior in High School. Judy's husband, Steve, has been happily retired for 2 1/2 years. Since he has made retirement look like so much fun, Judy has decided to join in the fun and just retired from Diller-Odell on August 31, 2017. Mrs. Krause has loved being a part of the Diller-Odell School system. She says, "I have loved being a part of our next generation's learning experiences, and will always cherish the many memorable moments that I've shared with all ages while at Diller-Odell. However, I am also looking forward to spending more time with family and friends, biking the area rail trails, gardening, leisurely reading and traveling!"

One of Judy's favorite quotes: "Do a little more than you're paid to. Try a little harder than you want to. Aim a little higher than you think possible, and give a lot of thanks to God for health, family and friends." —Art Linkletter

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Odell Public Library in the Works

A group of community-minded women has formed a Library Board and have been in discussion on how to bring a Public Library to Odell. The details have been worked out, and pending Village Board Approval on September 13, plans will move forward. It is the Board's intention to co-op with the Old West Trails Center and offer a library in their existing building and within their existing space.

The library plans to be open the following hours:

Tuesdays: 4-6 pm (after school hours)

Wednesdays: 6-8 pm (evening hours)

Fridays: 9-11 am (story hour)

Saturdays: 10-12 am (morning hours)

It is hoped that the Library will provide a space to borrow books, make use of public computers, and offer fax/printer/copier service.

As with any undertaking like this, monetary donations

are needed and appreciated. (purchase new computers, shelving, etc.) Book donations are also needed—with the understanding that book donations may be used within the library, used on book sale or discarded if necessary.

The library will also take offers to “borrow” your books if it is something you wish to loan to the library, so they can loan it to the public (associated risk with this).

Please contact any of the following Library Board members if you wish to donate or have any questions, OR wish to volunteer your time!

Janelle Gegg: 402-297-1677

Amanda McKinney: 402-239-8596

Catherine Renshaw: 402-239-8490

Shannon Novotny: 402-310-9104

Joyce Kostal: 402-239-5810

Technological Etiquette: Note from the Editor: Back in the early days of the telephone people truly did not know what to say when they picked up the phone. Alexander Graham Bell lobbied for the use of the word “Ahoy”, while Thomas Edison’s choice of “Hello” won out. This is back when we had no idea who was on the other end of the phone. Now days, we know who is calling or texting even before we say a word and the greetings have changed dramatically, sometimes being a casual “Sup”.

Are the old ways of using the words “please” and “thank you” history when it comes to texting? The younger generation, it seems, have gotten to the point that use of these types of words are “unnecessary” and “old”. I (being of the “older” generation), personally like it. I love when I get a text with the word “please” in it. It gives me a sense that the person texting is genuinely thinking about what they are saying. To me, a simple “thanks” or even the “thumbs up” emoji lets the other person know you got their text.

It seems today’s teens can’t be bothered by any “unnecessary” texting, but if you are one of these teens, please consider

who the person on the other end is. If it is a friend who has the same way of thinking as you, then that’s OK. BUT, if it is your parent or an adult, perhaps consider they don’t feel the same as your generation and send them a reply. When you receive a text from your parent or adult that is more than a sentence long, don’t get annoyed and ignore it, consider where it is coming from and the fact that they may think differently that you do.

This is yet another way of teaching yourself to be aware of other people’s feelings and different way of doing things.

PARENTS; talk to your kids about this. It is just one more way for you to let them know that you are watching. Remind them adults notice “little things” like using the words “please and thank you” while texting or simply sending a one word response. The “older” generation may perhaps form an opinion about a younger individual based on how they react to texts and emails.

Now, we older adults sometimes need to be reminded of texting etiquette also. Sometimes we do read a text and we are busy, so we just simply forget to answer. But, in general, send a reply to every text you receive. (yes, at some point the back-

and-forth needs to end!)

I know when you are involved in a “group text” it can be annoying to read everyone else’s response, so you might just not respond. This may leave the sender questioning whether you received the information. So, instead just respond in a separate text. (pertains to emails also!)

It’s just the right thing to do and people notice.

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Area September Birthdays!

- 1—Dorian Ficke & John Knabe
- 2—Dusty Duis & Cooper Ebeling
- 3—Dawn Ebeling, Josh Novotny & Randy Sandman
- 4—Jennifer Rupprecht
- 7—Karen Probst, Jamie Schultis & Katie Zarybnicky
- 9—Joyce Craig, Betty Damrow & Mark Weers
- 10—Jeff Humphreys & Randy Saathoff
- 11—Shawn Lottman
- 13—Julie Klecan & Richard Schnuelle
- 14—Arnold Vitosh & Norman Balderson
- 15—Charlene Barnard
- 16—Charles Barber Jr., Cheryl Denner, Jacob Ficke & Madison Hajek
- 17—Cindy Bartlett, Rita Becker, Shannon Stein & BJ Stein
- 18—Fern Kostal & Robbyn Roelfs
- 19—Kelsay Schlichtman
- 20—Holle Crawford, Kathy Hill, Irene Gibson & TJ Vitosh
- 21—Alissa Andersen, Angie Clifford, Mary Kostal, Robin Stanosheck & Melvin Vitosh
- 22—Wayne Adam & Kevin Duis
- 24—Amy Vitosh
- 25—Gene Humphreys, Tori Smith & Misty Rupprecht
- 26—Matt Nippert, Kay Taylor, Ron Schroeder & Milford Smith
- 27—Paul Stanosheck, Casey McLaughlin & Eleanor Zarybnicky
- 28—Tracie Novotny
- 29—Karen Lane & Don Zarybnicky
- 30—Ty Becker, Mary Jo Bures, Kannen Eggerling & Eric McMurray



**Happy "Sweet 16" to Mackenzie Vitosh on Sept. 1st and Melina Kostal on Sep. 10!
Love, Your Families**

**Happy Birthday to Jane Briggs and Meeghan Bogart on September 10th!
Love, Your Family**

**Congratulations on your Retirement Judy Krause and Happy Birthday (Sep. 1) too!
From your children and grandchildren.
We all LOVE YOU!"**

**Happy 20th anniversary wishes on Sept. 6 to Spencer & Kristie!
We love you bunches! Your Family**

Happy Anniversary to Ron & Cathy Bures on Sep. 1. Love Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday to Ron Bures on Sep. 7. From Mom and Dad

Happy Anniversary to Marvin Bures on Sep. 17. Love You, Marlene

Happy Birthday to Dave Bures on Sep. 22 From Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday to Whitney Meyer on Sep. 24. From Grandpa & Grandma B

CHECK IT OUT!

Upcoming OACE-Sponsored Activities:

- ***Tuesday, October 31—Trunk-or-treat in Odell—5:30—6:30 pm
- ***Saturday, November 25th—Odell Craft Show—9 am—3 pm
- ***Saturday, December 9—Odell's Community Christmas—starts at 11 am

ALL OF THESE EVENTS NEED VOLUNTEERS!

CONTACT JOYCE KOSTAL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN ANY WAY!

UPCOMING OACE meetings:

Monday, October 16 &

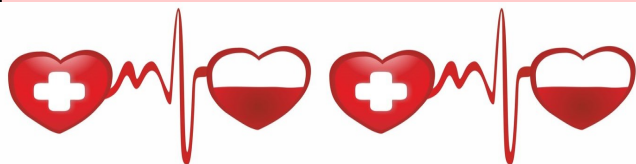
Monday, November 20, 7 pm @

Odell Legion

Thank you to those who came and gave blood at the Community Blood Drive in Odell on August 30th! The goal was 45 units, and 55 were collected!

Thank you to those who donated food and also to the following volunteers who worked that day:

- Jacque Probst, Jill Scheele, Sharon Gydesen, Nancy Bertram, Marilyn Antons, Ann Parde, Dawn Carpenter, & Mallory Helton



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