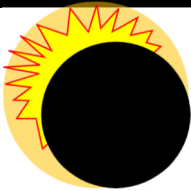




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ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT FOR NEBRASKANS!

Unless you were born before 1918, the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse will be the only time you will get to view this event in Nebraska. The eclipse will begin around 11:30 am on August 21 and will reach totality around 1:00 pm. Come to the Griffin Football Field in Diller or the Baseball Field in Odell to take part in this amazing occurrence! (See page 2 for more)

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ODELL DAY IS AUGUST 26th!

The Saturday following the Total Eclipse will be the Annual Odell Community Day. There is a fun-filled day planned by OACE and it's volunteers. This will include many FREE activities! Thank you to all of the sponsors and volunteers who make this day possible! It is events

like these that keep our small towns going. It brings people out to volunteer with each other...out to have fun with their families....out to support local groups and businesses. Please see pages 3 & 4 for the list of the days' activities!



Coming Soon! Turkey Run Farms
After a year of research and planning for a turkey breeding operation, Tim and Jill Scheele broke ground on July 28, 2017 along 89th Road in southern Gage County.
(See page 5 for more)

School is Just Around the Corner!

Seems like this time of year comes faster each summer! Please be aware that school starts for Diller-Odell students on Wednesday, August 16. This means there will be more kids out walking, biking and playing as activities resume. The School is expecting approximately 134 kids in Elementary 118 at the Jr/Sr High School. Everyone is looking forward to the 2017-18 School Year. Please support your schools and also feel free to ask student groups if you need their help with anything. See pages 6 & 7 for more School and Youth news, including

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

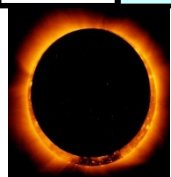


a note from Superintendent Mike Meyerle and a photo from the Diller Fitness Center Ribbon Cutting.

Community Blood Drive @ Odell Community Building August 30; 12:30-6:30 pm For Appts. Call Jacque @ 402-766-4136

August Events

- 6—Cards @ 1:30
- 16—Bingo; 1-3
- 21—Solar Eclipse
- 22—OACE mtg @ 7 pm
- 26—Odell Day
- 30—Blood Drive @ Odell; 12:30-6:30



ARE YOU READY? IT'S ALMOST HERE!

View the Solar Eclipse in Diller at the Griffin Football Field on Monday, August 21

FREE LUNCH—FREE Viewing Glasses

Many PRIZES to be given away! Music

Bring: Lawn Chair (Bleachers will be available), sunglasses, sunscreen flashlight. (Restrooms will be open.)

Sponsors—Diller Electric—Diller Foundation—

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Farmers Cooperative of Diller—

State Bank of Odell—Anonymous Donor

The Field will have "Enigma" playing music from 11:00-2:00

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

A total solar eclipse, or total eclipse of the sun, happens when the moon passes directly between the sun and the Earth and completely covers the entire face of the sun. The phenomenon typically only lasts for about two minutes for those standing within the eclipse's path of totality. However, a partial eclipse — which happens when the moon only blocks a portion of the sun — usually lasts about two to three hours.

The event is different from a lunar eclipse, which occurs when the Earth passes between the sun and moon and blocks sunlight from reaching the moon. Lunar eclipses are more common than solar eclipses, according to Dr. Noah Petro, NASA's lunar expert at the Goddard Space Flight Center.

During a total solar eclipse, the skies darken suddenly and the air gets noticeably colder, facing by about 10°F (5.5°C), says Fred Espenak, a famed eclipse expert and retired NASA astrophysicist. Espenak knows a thing or two about total solar eclipses, having experienced 27 of them in all seven continents over the course of his 65 years. "It's a visceral reaction. You feel something in the pit of your stomach like something is wrong in the day, something is not right," he said in a recent interview with TIME. "As totality begins, and the shadow sweeps over you, the hairs on the back of your neck and arms stand up. You just go, 'Wow.'"

Espenak said it doesn't become pitch-black outside; the sky looks more like it would in the evening, about 30 minutes before sunset. The sudden change confused an-

cient peoples and still throws animals and nature for a loop.

"Flowers tend to close up like it's nighttime.

Birds tend to stop singing. I've seen cows head back to barns. I've heard crickets," Es-

penak recalled. "All of a sudden now the sun, which was too bright to

look at seconds ago, is replaced by this black disk with this ghostly halo around it, which is just exquisitely beautiful."

The solar eclipse will spread across the U.S. from Madras, Ore., where a partial eclipse will begin at 9:06 a.m. PST on Aug. 21. The total solar eclipse will begin there at 10:19 a.m. The total eclipse will then move from the West Coast to the East Coast, ending near Columbia, S.C. at 2:44 p.m. EST. In all, the eclipse will take just about an hour and a half to traverse the country. In each place where the total solar eclipse can be viewed, it typically lasts no longer than two minutes and 40 seconds.

Nebraska residents and visitors will have plenty of places to view the phenomenon, which diagonally cuts across the heart of the Cornhusker State from the northwest to southeast. The eclipse hits Lincoln, Neb. at 11:37 a.m. local time and fully covers the sun at 1:02 p.m. The spectacle can be seen along Interstate 80 starting before North Platte to Lincoln.



FREE HOTDOG FEED

Odell Ball Diamond—

11:30 am

Concession Stand & Bathrooms Open

Bring Lawn Chairs & Sunscreen

Bleachers will also be available

Solar Glasses available at the event or pick up at State Bank of Odell or the Odell Community

Market the week of August 14th.

\$10 T-shirts will be available or pre-order

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It's safe to look at the sun with the naked eye and without any protection only during the totality phase of a total solar eclipse, but it's dangerous to stare directly at the sun at any other time, including during a partial solar eclipse. **Looking at the sun while wearing regular sunglasses during a partial solar eclipse is unsafe, and using binoculars or telescopes without the proper equipment, including solar filters, can severely damage your eyes.**

NASA says on its website that eclipse gazers should use special solar filters or "eclipse glasses," making sure that the glasses are not scratched or damaged.

The last total solar eclipse in America (approximately taking the same path) occurred on June 8, 1918. There will be other total eclipses viewed in other parts of the country and world and partial eclipses for us throughout the next decades. But, for most of us Nebraskans this is a once-in-a-lifetime event. (source: Time.com)

Morning and Afternoon Schedule



9 am—12 pm
Show & Shine
Car Show Registration
@ Sutton Repair

11:00 am—Odell
Community Market Food
stand opens



12 pm—
Sid & Kate's Lemonade
Stand Opens @ the Odell
Park



10 am—Odell American
Legion opens
with beer and
drink specials



10 am—7 pm
Stateline Promotions
Grand Opening
Celebration—
FREE POPCORN



2 pm—4 pm
Old West Trails
Center (OWTC)
- Gage County Tourism
Presentation & Scavenger
Hunt for all ages—**FREE** to
participants—OWTC
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10 am—3 pm
Our Savior Lutheran
Church Food Stand @
Fire Hall



12 pm—3 pm
6th Annual Show and
Shine Car Show
Sponsored by
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6TH ANNUAL SHOW & SHINE

Saturday, August 26th, 2017

Main Street in ODELL, NE

REGISTRATION 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

SHOW 12 P.M. - 3 P.M.

AWARDS 3:30 P.M.



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Afternoon and Evening Schedule

2 pm—6 pm
FREE Bounce
House in the
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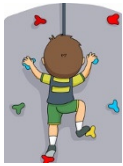


Sponsored by Wells Fargo

3 pm—6 pm
FREE Caricaturist Artist
Dirk Christensen in the
City Park—

Sponsored by Security First bank

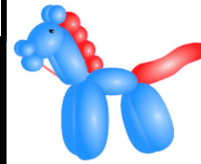
4:30 pm—
Sidewalk Chalk
Design Contest
in Park



2 pm—6 pm
FREE Rock
Climbing Wall in
the City Park—

Sponsored by State Bank of Odell

3 pm—6 pm
FREE Airbrush Tattoo
Artist in the City Park—
Sponsored by Farmer's Cooperative



5-8 pm—
Twist Balloon
Entertainment
by Happy D.

Klown—Magic Show @
5:00 pm Sponsored by Diode
Communications

2 pm—5:30 pm
Silent Auction in the
Community Building



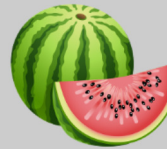
3 pm
Ice Cream
Social in the
Park by the
Diller-Odell Travel Club

3:30-5:30 pm—Van's
Chicken BBQ @
Community Building—
Sponsored by the Knights of
Columbus
Polka Music during this
time also

3 pm—4 pm
Ribbon Cuttings for New
Businesses throughout
Main Street



4:00 pm - Watermelon
Eating Contest
in City Park—
Sponsored by
Turkey Run Farms

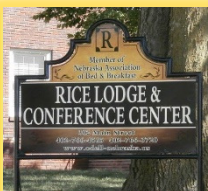


6 pm—Egg Toss on Main
Street

3 pm—6 pm - Classic Tractors & Engines on Display

6:30 pm —Omaha Street
Percussion Preview in front
of Community Building
8:00—OSP Performance
inside Community Building

Parade Information:
Check-In begins south of High School @ 6 pm.
Lineup for Kids parade @ 6:45 pm.
Parade begins @ 7:00 pm



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Area August Birthdays!

- 1—Cate Peterson, Dorothy Rockemann & Janet Vitosh
- 2—Sierra Maginnis & Hannah Penner
- 3—Steph Shelly
- 4—Dan Leseberg, Chad Lottman, Mike Meyerle,
Logan Penner, Dana Knabe & Tom Duis
- 5—Armando Jones
- 6—Deena Day
- 7—Joe Heble
- 8—Kelsay Hajek
- 9—Sandy Cumro, Hunter Heble & Teresa Koch
- 10—Lynette Duis & Sandy Vitosh
- 11—Ranay Knabe, Adrian Newby & Dennis Vitosh
- 13—Sandy Barnts, Andrew Klecan & Alisyn Wenzbauer
- 14—Eileen Kostal & Barb Sasse
- 15—Turner Faxon & Carmen Spitsnogle
- 16—Allen Klecan, Emma Peterson, & Melvin Weers
- 17—Jacob Penner & Nichole Thorp
- 18—Keith Bartlett & Judy Humphreys
- 19—Brandon Blake, Ron Spitsnogle & Tammy Zarybnicky
- 20—Jim Rupperecht, Billy Pipes & Linda Scheele
- 22—Mackenzie Gydesen
- 23—Linda Behrends
- 24—Jill Duis, Barb Zarybnicky & Lily Ebeling
- 26—Ashlen Vanover, Darin Weers & Jen Wendland
- 27—Janet Stuckwisch
- 28—Jean Weers
- 29—Austin Kostal, Preston Kostal & Jay Hemphill
- 30—Linda Stanosheck & Joely Weers
- 31—Patty Heble, Sharon Klecan & Hillary Kostal

**Happy Birthday to
Brooke Engelman on August 2 and
Allison Engelman on August 9th!
Love, Your Friends!**

**Happy 3rd Birthday to Chloe Jo
Rupperecht on August 7th!
Love, Mommy, Daddy, Grandma,
Grandpa & Uncle Pete**

**Happy 1st Wedding
Anniversary to
J.T. and Morgan Toensing!
from Mom & Dad V.,
Shane, Laine & Audrey, and
Kolin, Brittney,
Kyler and Kasen!**

**Happy 11th Anniversary on
August 5th to Shawn!
Love Always, Christie!**

**Happy Birthday to Kristie Sutton
on August 21! We hope you have
a very special day! Your Family
Loves you so much!**

The Odell Cemetery has a new Website!
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Turkey Farm, continued....

The Scheele’s are working with Hybrid Turkeys, a subsidiary of Hendrix Genetics, to become a producer of turkey eggs. “Turkey Run Farms” will be an egg laying enterprise and will have five full time people manage and operate the facility. Tim and Jill, along with their sons, nearby family, and hired hands, will be involved in day to day operations.

Frank Henderson, area production manager for Hybrid Turkeys, shared that Turkey Run Farms will be one of four production facilities of its size to raise turkey eggs for the hatchery in the Gage County Industrial Park. The eggs will be delivered to Beatrice once per

week. Midwest Livestock out of Beatrice will serve as the primary building contractor. Ben Harris and Steve Hays with Midwest Livestock have worked with Hybrid Turkeys in planning and design of the bio-secure facility. Plans include a tom barn and a brood grow barn with attached shower facilities and two lay barns with attached shower facilities. Midwest Livestock will work with area sub-contractors on the facility.

NGage and county officials welcome the new investment in Gage County. Construction of Turkey Run Farms is expected to be completed by the end of 2017.

ATTENTION!

The Old West Trails Center will be open on Saturdays and Sundays through the summer; 1:00—4:00 pm



At the Trails Center:

Cards: Sunday, Aug. 6 @ 1:30
Bingo: Wednesday, Aug. 9; 1-3

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8:00 am—8:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am—7:00 pm



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A Note From Mr. Meyerle....

I look forward to the coming of fall and the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. I said it last year, and will say it again..... Fall is a great time: kids back in a steady routine, cooler temps, harvest time and fall sports.

After a busy summer, I look forward to the buildings being full of staff and students again. For those of us that work with students, it is fulfilling to watch them grow into mature individuals that will soon be on their own, and take their place in society. I am confident that we assist shaping students in a positive way.

We look forward to a great year at school and our staff will be eager to begin 2017-18. We welcome back all returning staff and welcome a new Principal, Mr. Matt Mezger, and an additional Special Education Teacher at the high school, Mrs. Michelle Goeking. Please make them feel welcome at home at D-O.

We continue to work on facility upgrades to insure we can move into the future and maintain and improve the buildings we have. To be relevant in the future small communities need to continually look to improve and be attractive places to live, work, and have children attend school.

The Board is continuing to discuss the building a new competition gym. They have reviewed the results of the survey, yet welcome any input. From my perspective, I support the project. At some point in the coming years, a project will need to occur. With increasing building costs every year it is not done, it will only be more expensive.

By not continuing to improve our facilities, is not being realistic as we plan on maintaining a school far into the future. We are in a unique situation where we can pay for a gym project in a few number of years and not have a bond issue or

long term debt. I welcome anyone to stop by and visit with me about it. However, in the end, it is the Board's decision to decide if they want to pursue a gym project or not.

We are very proud of our students' achievements at school. The success is to be shared by all stakeholders. I firmly believe what makes our system so strong is the relationship between Teachers, Students, Parents, Administration, Board and Community.

We all need to make the most of our time and continue to make our small part of the world a better place for everyone.

I am looking forward to a terrific 2017-18. Our students and our staff have great things ahead this year!

Go Griffis!

Mike Meyerle, Superintendent



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Principal Mezger Joins Diller-Odell

Matthew Andrew Mezger has joined our District as our new Principal. Matt was born and raised in Table Rock and he loves small towns. Because his dad is from East Rutherford, NJ (right outside NYC and home of the NY Giants), he got the best of both worlds growing up. Mr. Mezger earned his Bachelor of Education in Special Education and his Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln. He has taught for 13 years, all in the Public School system. Matt's first 8 years were spent teaching and coaching in the Lincoln Public Schools, where he taught Special Education and coached basketball and track. His last 5 years have been at HTRS, where he was the Activities/Athletic Director and coached basketball and track. Matt has 2 children, son, Hudson(10) and daughter, Harper(5) and they are the love of his life. He is engaged to his best friend, Julie and loves spending his free time with his family doing all types of activities from sports to family game night. His family is his everything! Matt says "I am super excited to be a part of the Diller-Odell school system and community! Go Griffins!"



New DOPS Principal, Matt Mezger and his family: fiancé, Julie, son, Hudson and daughter, Harper.



A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on Friday, July 14 for the Diller Fitness Center. Please contact Mike Meyerle if you have any questions regarding the fitness center or would like to tour it or get a membership. Memberships are available to those who live in, work in, or opt their kids into the District. \$50 for Individual or \$80 per family per year.

Class Numbers for DOPS 2017-18	1st: 23	4th: 17	7th: 16	10th: 19
	2nd: 28	5th: 20	8th: 20	11th: 28
	3rd: 18	6th: 22	9th: 14	12th: 21
	K: 16			

Before you put away your summer sports gear, don't forget about the youth sports equipment sharing program! - Contact Janelle Gegg or Amanda McKinney



Pictured from left to right: Boys and Girls State Representatives: Shane Sutton, Sarah Stanosheck and Hayley Denner. Junior Law Cadet Program Representative: Faith Novotny and Memorial Day Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Representative: Abby Ware.



Abby placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Abby Ware participates in Washington DC trip and ceremony.

This summer Abby Ware, grand daughter of Wendell and Karen Lane went to Washington DC along with 78 other Beatrice Middle School students and parents. The students toured the city seeing many monuments, memorials and museums. They also went to Gettysburg and toured the famous battlefield. Abby was one of four BMS students that were honored to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Abby says the laying of the wreath is something that she'll never forget and felt very honored to recognize those fallen soldiers in such a special ceremony.

Sarah Stanosheck and Hayley Denner share their Girls State Experience

Girls State was an empowering experience. Going into Girls State I was really nervous, but by the end of the week I didn't want to leave. I met so many amazing girls on my floor that have turned into lifelong friends. Each day, I learned something new whether it was about the girls on my floor or about our government. I enjoyed listening to the various speakers we had throughout the week. While walking long distances in the heat was at times unbearable, the destination made the trip worth it. I had such an amazing time at Girls State that I want to encourage underclassmen to apply when given the chance to. I would like to thank The American Legion Women's Auxiliary for giving me this amazing opportunity. I was glad to be able to attend Girls State and represent the Odell Legion. Thanks again for allowing me the chance to attend Girls State. Hayley Denner

Girls State was an amazing opportunity and experience for me. I'm very glad that I was able to attend. At Girls State, I met some lifelong friends whom I plan to keep in touch with. I learned many new things about our government, and how it works.

One of my favorite things about Girls State, was listening to the motivational speakers at joint sessions with Boys State. Some of the speakers included: John Cook, Bob Diaco, and Amy Williams. I really enjoyed the Service Learning. During the three days of service learning I was able to volunteer at the Malone Center. I enjoyed reading to the children and playing dodgeball with them. I took a tour of Memorial Stadium. I made cards for the veterans, thanking the veterans for their service. If I was to recommend Girls State to underclassmen, I would tell them what a great experience it truly is. I would like to thank the Cortland Legion Auxiliary for the opportunity. Sarah Stanosheck

Odell Legion open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays 4:00 pm—Close

**OACE meeting:
TUESDAY, Aug. 22
@7:00 pm at the
Odell Legion**



**Corner Bar Open
Wednesdays
2:00 pm—Close**

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The CORNER BAR will be OPEN on Saturday, August 26 for Odell Day. The will open in the evening for Drinks and a DJ Karaoke (8:30-12:30)



BASEBALL SKILL BUILDING SESSIONS

Player/pitcher baseball skills sessions for Griffins who will play 12 and under or 14 and under next year will begin in July.

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jamierenshaw@yahoo.com for more information. No charge for these sessions.

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