



Village Voice

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Blue Rivers Area

1 Day Packing Event!

Monday, March 19th

Odell Community Building

Call Gwen or Deb at the State Bank of Odell: 402-766-3720 to sign up for a shift .

Shifts: 8-10 am, 10am-12pm, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm, 6-8pm, & Clean up Shift

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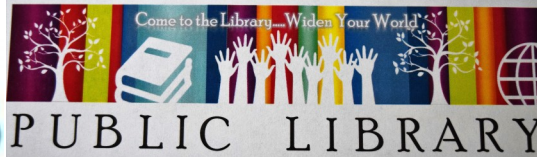
World Day of Prayer
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Friday, March 2 @ 7 pm
Refreshments following Program

Join Us! For Cards at the Diller Community Building
Tuesday, March 20th @ 1:00 pm.
Everyone Welcome!

At the Trails Center:

Bingo: Wed., Mar 14; 1-3
Cards: Sun., Mar. 4 &
Wed. Mar 28 @ 1:30 pm

O D E L L



Official Opening

Saturday, March 3rd @ 10:00 am
Come join us to browse the collection, make suggestions, sign up to volunteer, get your virtual library card and enjoy refreshments!



**SATURDAY,
MARCH 3, 2018:
10 AM - 2 PM**

FREE WILL DONATION

BOOK SALE

Odell Public Library - Old Limestone Bank on Main Street of Odell (Old West Trails Center)

Library Hours (to start!)

Tuesday: 4-6 pm
Wednesday: 6-8 pm
Thursday: 2-4 pm
Friday: 9-11 am
Saturday: 10-noon

Odell American Legion Fish Fry Saturday, March 10

5:30-8:00 pm—\$11.50/Adult
All the Fish you can eat! Ham, Sides, and Salad Bar!

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March Events

- 2—World Day of Prayer
- 3—Library Opening
- 4—Odell Cards
- 8 & 9—NO SCHOOL
- 10—Fish Fry
- 14—Bingo
- 19—Mercy Meals
- 20—Diller Cards
- 28—Odell Cards
- 30 & Apr 2—NO SCHOOL

“An inability to tolerate feedback is an inability to allow yourself personal growth.”



It’s a Small World Out There!

A group of quilters had their semi annual retreat at the Rice Lodge in Odell in January. These ladies are so talented! On Saturday night, there were some other guests check in. It turns out that they had something in common with one of the quilters. Julie Keefover and her husband have stayed at the Rice Lodge a few times. They are from Broken Arrow, OK. They were bringing their mother, Margery Keefover back home to Diller and stayed in Odell before traveling back to OK. On the way to Diller, from Oklahoma, they stopped at Margery's sister's house in St. Joe, MO. Margery's sister gave them this quilt because it was so cold out and said to keep it. Julie had it with

her when they went down for breakfast in the wing with the quilters. The ladies all wanted to see the quilt. There was names embroidered in the quilt on each flower petal. One of the names was Dorothy Stephens. Dorothy Jurgens (Dottie) happened to be standing right there. Closer inspection of the quilt showed many names of Dottie's family members and others from Diller. Some investigating found that the Methodist Church in Diller had this quilt made as a fund raiser. Each person paid 10 cents to get their name on the quilt. The dollars raised went to the church. The quilt is approximately 100 years old.

“You can ‘rewire’ your brain to be happy simply by recalling 3 things you are grateful for every day for 21 days.”

For reservations, tours, and information about the Rice Lodge & Conference Center, please email: ricelodge@diodecom.net, call 402-806-2174 or check us out online at www.odell-nebraska.us and use "places" tab.



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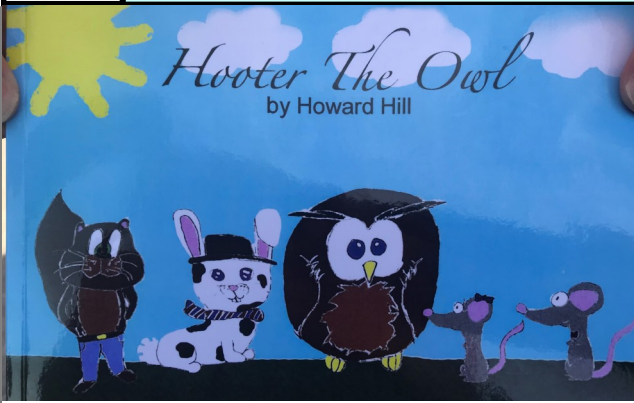
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“Encourage instead of complain”



Hill's Children's Book Gets Published

Years ago, Howard Hill would tell his 4 year old son, Matt, a story that he had made up about “Hooter the Owl”. Now, 30 years later, that imaginary story, is a published children's book. (seen at left)

The process for Howard to get his book published was a long one. It started with Matt (when he was 12) asking his dad if he remembered the story and if he had ever tried to get it published. So Howard wrote it down.

Howard showed the story to local teachers, Maureen Pavlik, Sharon Gydesen & Marj Witulski. He also showed it to an Auburn High School teacher (Howard graduated from Auburn). She told Howard it would make a good book. Howard approached Cathie Klecan (our local Art Teacher) about illustrating the book. Cathie was able to work on it, but was slowed due to her illness. 2 and a half years go, Howard talked to 2 Art Students, Blaine Fisser & Christian Edmond (Juniors at the time) They were able to take on the job of completing the illustrations. The boys asked Howard if he ever thought about getting it published. Howard then researched some children's publishing companies online and made contact with Dorrance Publishing Company. In December 2016 his book was accepted for publication. Howard received 10 copies of the book in early December 2017. They were given to his family, Auburn Public Schools and the Library. Howard also presented a copy to Cathie Klecan (photo at left).



“Hooter the Owl” is a book that has a target audience of preschoolers-2nd graders. “The animals live in the forest with their friends. At night Hooter sits in the tree going ‘Hoot-Hoot-Hoot-Hooter-Hoot-Hoot-Hoot.’ It keeps the animals awake. They're so tired they can't do their jobs. The animals decide to have a meeting one day. Mrs. Mouse speaks up saying ‘Why don't we make so much noise during the day so Hooter can't sleep?’ After a few days, Hooter asks Mr. Rabbit why they are making so much noise. Mr. Rabbit just smiles, The next day, Hooter gets the idea. He agrees to stay up during the day and sing a song. The song is identical to the noise Hooter makes at night,” Hill says the focus of the story is “Teamwork”, He also told Mrs. Klecan, Fisser and Edmond, “If I make money, I'll split it with them. Without them it would have been impossible!”

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Sunday: 2:00 am—7:00 pm

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To place an order!



SBO State Bank of Odell
Odell, Nebraska

Diller-Odell March Events

8-9—NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

15—FBLA Staff Appreciation Breakfast

16—8th Grade Dance

29—Early Dismissal

30 & April 2—NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)



It's Time for
Kindergarten Round Up!

Thursday, May 3

9:00—11:15 am

Kids who will be 5 years
old on or before July 31

are eligible to attend.

(Little Griffin Preschoolers may follow their regular preschool routine for coming to and leaving school.

They will attend the round up and then finish their day in their classroom.)

**Call the Elementary Office for
more information: 402-793-5570**

Little Griffins
Preschool

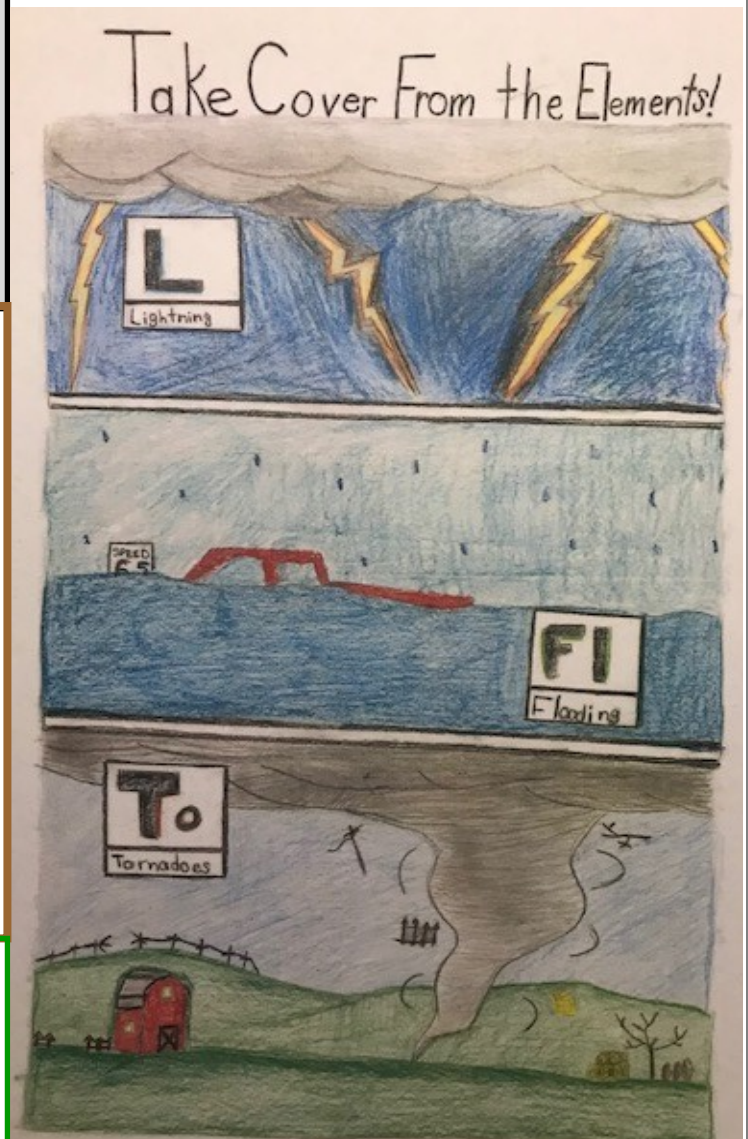
Now Accepting
Applications
for the 2018-19
School Year!



If you have a child
that will turn 4 by

July 31st or a 5 year old that would like to attend preschool, please see the school website (dillerodell.org) for an application, contact Delaney Roberts at droberts@dillerodell.org or call 402-793-5570.

Acceptance letters will be sent out at the end of March.

D-O 4th Grader Weather Poster Takes 2nd!

4th Grader, Erin Gegg, created the above poster and entered it in the Nebraska Severe Weather Poster Contest. Her amazing illustration took 2nd Place at the Contest! Erin, her family, teachers and staff are invited to attend the ceremony where she will be recognized. It will be on Monday, March 5 at the State Capital with Lt. Governor Foley. (certificate signed by Governor Ricketts).

This is an annual contest for all 4th graders and is sponsored by the Nebraska Assoc. of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, the Nebraska National Guard and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. It is part of the annual Severe Weather Awareness Week. Erin will receive a \$100 Gift Card for her 2nd place win! Congratulations Erin!

Local Cub Scout Troop Hosts Their Own Pinewood Derby

Local Club Scout Troop 222 is up and running! They have 8 members and are led by Anthony Landon & Rob Schlichtman.

The boys recently hosted their very own Pinewood Derby on Saturday, February 24! Scouts, with the help of parents, build their own cars from wood, usually from kits containing a block of wood, plastic wheels and metal axles. They can also paint and decorate their car.

Pinewood Derbies originated in 1953 and were started by Don Murphy, a California Cub Scout Leader. The Pinewood Derby is a Scout Car Race where 7 inch wooden cars are raced down a sloped track.

Following the Derby, the boys enjoyed snacks together.



Local Cub Scouts: Back row l to r: Richard Colgrove, Mason Schlichtman, Jace Dorn & Josh Landon. Front row, l to r: Jack Duis, Joseph Parkinson & Zach Schnuelle. Not pictured: David McCown.



Pinewood Derby Winners: Left: Mason Schlichtman (2nd Place in Race & 2nd Place Best of Show), Middle: Zach Schnuelle (1st Place Race), Right: Richard Colgrove (1st Place Best of Show).

Photo to far right shows the race track.



Diller-Odell Public Schools has chartered a FFA Alumni Chapter, open to anyone who supports Agriculture Education and FFA.

The next Alumni meeting will be held at the high school March 15th at 7:00 pm.

If you would like more information please reach out to Ms. Husman at khusman@dillerodell.org or by phone at (402) 766-4210.



**Diller-Odell Board of Education
Minutes from 2/12/18**

**February 12, 2018—7:30 pm —
Diller-Odell Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Elementary Media Center—
Diller**

Members Present: Dean Engelman, Paul Kostal, Toni Landenberger, Chad Lottman & Gary Stohs. Jill Scheele (excused absence)

Motion to approve minutes of last meeting by Paul Kostal. Second Dean Engelman. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay. Korey Theye provided a report of recent student activities.

Mr. Mezger reported on the upcoming School Improvement Visit, ACT, the 8 period day schedule and Career Academy Students.

Motion to adopt the school calendar for 2018-2019 was made by Paul Kostal. Second Dean Engelman. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay.

Motion to accept resignation of Janelle Gegg and thank her for her 6 years of service by Dean Engelman. Second by Chad Lottman. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay.

Superintendent Meyerle reported that Design Build Procure were preparing letters of interest to be mailed to prospective contractors. He also reported that Al Klecan was willing to donate a 15 x 150 foot piece of property to assist in parting in the east lot. He would just request a fence to border his property and proper curbing. Superintendent Meyerle reported on some legislative issues that would seem to limit local control of School Boards. He noted LB 778 and his rationale to opposing it. He also reported on the financial outlook for 2018-19. Motion to approve bills as presented made by Toni Landenberger. Second: Dean Engelman. Passed with 5 yea and 0 nay.

Approve Teacher Negotiation Agreement for 2018-19 and 2019-2020 to approve contract with DOEA for 2018-19 and 2019-2020. Passed with a motion by Toni Landenberger and

second by Paul Kostal.; 5 yea, 0 nay. The base teacher salary for 2018-19 will be \$35,400 and for 2019-20 will be \$35,950. Vision Insurance will be made available to employees at their cost. Teachers that teach dual credit classes will be paid \$500 per semester for dual credit work.

Set administrative salaries for 2018-19 to set administrative salaries of a 2.5% increase. Motion by Paul Kostal and second by Chad Lottman. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay.

For the 2018-19 school year, Superintendent Meyerle will have a salary of \$124,679 and Mr. Mezger \$95,838.

The Board discussed NASB concerns and upcoming NRCSA conference.

The Board discussed the timetable of the Design-Build system. Gary Stohs, Toni Landenberger and Paul Kostal will serve on the Board Committee for the Design-Build process. Mr. Meyerle, Mr. Mezger, Jim Duval and a community member will also be on the committee.

Executive Session

Motion to adjourn meeting by Toni Landenberger, second by Paul Kostal. Passed, 5 yea, 0 nay. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. Next regular meeting is March 12, 2018

**Odell Cookies 4-H Club News Report by
Kate Kostal, News Reporter**

The Odell Cookies 4-H Club met on Saturday, February 17th at the Diller-Odell High School Library. Roll Call was to answer with your favorite Valentine Candy. We discussed having a “Skill Building” Lock In. We had our Sweetheart Gift Exchange. We finished the meeting by making “Parliamentary Procedure” Trail Mix. Next meeting is March 24 @ 1 pm Our Lock in will be Friday, April 13.

“Being humble means recognizing that we are on earth not to see how important we can become, but to see how much difference we can make in the lives of others.”



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Area March Birthdays!

1—Eva Renz

2—Karli Heidemann

3—Delaney Roberts & Corinna Vrbka

4—Tyler Klecan, Sherry Henrichs & Steve Krause

5—Janice Duntz, Lana Hemphill & Mason Troxel

6—Austin Hood & Peggy Hemphill

7—Ben Sohl

10—Kaden Rupprecht & Kyle Stohs

12—Franklin Damrow, Jim Bures, Darnelle McCown,
Hannah Oltmans & Doyle Wolken

13—Jeff Barnts & Brian Weers

14—Mark Billesbach, Loreene Stein &
Michael Stuckwisch

15—Ann Hajek, Brian Hennerberg, Tim Hynek, &
Jennifer McLaughlin

16—Adrien Ficke, Wendell Lane, Sam Scheele &
Judy Weers

17—Jaedyn Hajek

19—Peyton Denner, Michelle Penner, Ron Weers &
Marlene Wolken

20—Jeanette Bangert, Ronda Duis & Robert Newby

22—Zach Heble & Norma Banahan

23—Becky Bellin & Brett Landenberger

24—Joyce Carpenter & Larry Engelman

26—Evan Harness & Carolyn Vitosh

28—Kennedy Belknap, Kate Hynek & Bill Shoff

30—Terry Arnold & Susan Bauer

31—Lisa Bohling & Tom Penner

Happy Birthday to Madeline Swanson on March 1st! We love you! Dad, Mom, Emily and Lilly

Happy Birthday Grandma Carolyn on March 26th! Love, Your Grandkids!

Happy Birthday to Lilly Swanson on March 27th! Love, Dad, Mom, Emily & Madeline!

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Sweet

Happy "Sweet 16" to Ashtyn Humphreys on March 25th! We Love You! Your Family & Friends!

Happy Birthday to Colton Rupprecht on March 30th! Love, Heather, Dylan, Kailyn, Madiyn & Chloe

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Gage County Relay for Life Set for April 28



The Relay for Life in Gage County is targeting a one million dollar milestone for the American Cancer Society this year.

That's the total the Gage County community will have provided to fund the American Cancer Society for research and patient assistance since the first Relay was held in Beatrice in 1998. Teams are well on their way of reaching the 2018 goal of \$59,000.

The 2018 event is scheduled for 1-10 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Gage County Fairgrounds in Beatrice.

Twelve teams have registered as of the February meeting, and participants are soliciting for the fight against cancer through research and patient education. Corinne Koch, team lead, said additional teams and individuals are encouraged to join the fight. Online registrations are encouraged at www.relayforlife.org/gagecove. Donations can also be made on that site. The deadline for registering on paper forms is March 6.

This year's theme is, "Strike Out Cancer - Hit a Home

Run for a Cure."

Cancer patients, and persons who have battled cancer in the past, are again invited to the noon luncheon provided by Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center. To sign up or to check if a name is on the invitation list, contact Lorrie Stierwalt, 402-239-6073, or email: wsti-erwalt@gmail.com.

A live and silent auction will be held on April 28 and will include autographed sports memorabilia. ACS, the largest non-government, not-for-profit funding source of cancer research in the U.S., approved funding for 78 research and training grants in 2018. Cancer information, hope and answers are available every minute of every day at [800-227-2345](tel:8002272345).

To help with the Relay, contact Corinne Koch, 402-239-3904, or stop by the next team meeting on Tuesday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church, Sixth and Elk, Beatrice.

Upcoming Fundraisers & Events for Relay for Life

Pizza Nights



5:30-7:30 pm

March 6 & 20,

and April 10

Beatrice Pizza Hut

Percentage of proceeds benefit ACS Gage County Relay for Life (Hosted by Hippie Hobos Team)

Beatrice Community Hospital
Relay for Life Fundraiser
T-Shirts \$15.00 each
Contact a team member or
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To Register for the Relay, Make a Donation or ask questions, please contact

Corinne Koch @ 402-239-3904, visit www.relayforlife.org/gagecove or visit Realy for Life Gage County on Facebook

Gage County Relay for Life Team Captain Meetings—
5:30 pm
March 6 & April 3
Centenary Methodist Church—
Beatrice.

