



Village Voice

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Odell American Legion Chicken BBQ



Sunday,
April 8
11 am
—2 pm

\$12.00/Plate

Hunt Happens Before the Snow Flies

The local Easter Egg Hunts were chilly, but successful. Many kids enjoyed finding eggs in both the Odell and Diller Parks. Thank you to the Diller-Odell Spanish Club for taking care of the Odell Hunt with the Odell Legion Members. Photo at Right: Kenzie Wassenberg.



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Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 18—Diller-Odell High School Gym

1:00 pm—7:00 pm

Contact 402-766-4136 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter DillerOdellHHS to schedule an appointment

The more donors, the more it benefits the High School Scholarships.

Join Us! For Cards at the Diller Community Building

Tuesday, April 17th AND
Wednesday, April 25th @ 1:00 pm.
Everyone Welcome!

At the Trails Center:

Bingo: Wed., Apr. 11; 1-3
Cards: Sun., Apr. 8 @ 1:30 pm

April Events

- 8—Chicken BBQ @ Legion and Cards @ OWTC
- 11—Bingo
- 13—No School
- 17—Cards @ Diller
- 18—Blood Drive
- 25—Cards @ Diller
- May 6—St Mary's Spring Luncheon

Odell Public Library Hours

Tue: 4-6 pm
Wed: 6-8 pm
Thu: 2-4 pm
Fri: 9-11 am
Sat: 10-noon
Come in and make suggestion for books you would like the Library to have!

"A Flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms."



St. Mary's Catholic Church Odell Spring Luncheon
Sunday, May 6; 11 am—1 pm

Smoked Windsor Loin, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Roll, Dessert, Drinks

Spoiler Alert: Odell Area Community Enrichment to be "Revitalized" - watch for more on becoming involved with OACE and the Odell Community Events



More Egg Hunt Photos:
Left: kids race to the park to find eggs. Right: Deagan Andersen fills his Easter basket.



Rice Lodge & Conference Center, Odell, Nebraska

We sure welcome Spring with open arms here at the Rice Lodge & Conference Center in Odell! We are filling up for Summer and Fall, mainly week-ends. If you would like more information about the Rice Lodge or would like to have a tour, please contact us!

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Thank you to everyone who helping make the most recent Mercy Meals Packing Day a success! Thank you to all of the volunteers and to everyone who brought food.

Meal packing was done in a 12 hour period this time, from 8 am—8 pm. Total meals packed was 60,630. There were 156 volunteers who signed in that day. Please consider helping volunteer at the next event. This is a great opportunity for churches, organiza-

tions and school groups to help serve.



NOW ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATIONS TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR THE NEXT 60,000 MEALS! Please send to Mercy Meals—Blue River Area, PO Box A, Odell, NE 68415.



13th Year for Odell Run For Fun

Come to the Odell Park on Saturday, May 26 for the Odell Run for Fun. As usual, there will be a 1 Mile, 5K & 10K race starting at 8:00 am that morning. Registration opens at 7:00 am. Register online NOW @

www.getmeregistered/Run4FUNodell.

\$12/\$22 if you register by May 18. \$17/\$27 after.

Walk ins are welcome that day. T-Shirts (seen above) are included in entry fee. Prizes given that morning.

Entry forms are also available at the State Bank of Odell and the Odell Market

Is Your Filter On? What is a Filter? It used to be the thing you forgot to change in your furnace, or the thing in your vacuum that needs washed or changed. But, in the modern world a "filter" is what you use on SnapChat to alter a photo.....Are you aware that you have your own filter?

When you are having a conversation are you aware of who is around you and make adjustments as necessary? We have all "stuck our foot in our mouth" at least once in our lives because we did not check who was in the room with us.

The real question is what kind of an impression of yourself are you giving those around you? If you are having a conversation and there are kids around, do you alter your language a bit, or do you continue to

use cuss words and swear in front of them? If you are speaking to adults who have chosen not to use bad language or who have chosen not to gossip, are you aware of this? Do you consider this in your discussion?

If you are an adult who works with children, and you are in social settings, are you aware if there are kids around listening to you? Are you setting the example you need them to see? Are you being a good role model?

Take a second before you speak and act to be aware of where you are and who you are with. Take cues from the body language of those listening to you. Are you making them uncomfortable? Do you need to change the subject?

Is your filter on?

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April is Autism Awareness Month....What Can You Do?

Hopefully, you all have read facts regarding Autism so you are starting to understand what it is and how different each individual case is. Now, what exactly can you do?

1. **Be a Friend:** If you know a caregiver of someone with autism, just talk to them. Ask questions, or just simply give them an opportunity to talk about their day. Sometimes they don't have the chance to just have an adult conversation.
2. **Words from the Heart:** Tell a family who has an autistic child that they are a wonderful family and doing something amazing with their child.
3. **Be a Gracious Host:** Invite a person with autism over or a family with an autistic child over for a playdate.
4. **Be a Good Neighbor:** Maybe the family doesn't have time to work outside or run certain errands, lend a hand.
5. **Say a Prayer:** Pray for compassion and tolerance for individuals with autism and their caregivers. Then spend the rest of your day being a compassionate and tolerant person.
6. **Educate Yourself:** It is easy to change your Facebook photo to an Autism Theme for April or things of that sort...but do you really know why you are doing it? Educate yourself! There is so much information regarding Autism online. Get to know it so you can stand up for someone who is autistic, or talk to a teacher who works with autistic children.
7. **Speaking of teachers.....Thank them.** There are a lot out there who take care of autistic children in schools. They have a special job and are amazing people.
8. **Thank your school** for having programs and educators for children with autism. Schools and kids have changed so much regarding this.
9. **Thank a kid.** Kids are much more accepting and take care of their friends with autism. They protect them daily and make sure they are OK. If you know any kids who are friends with someone with autism. Thank them for being a good friend.



What is OACE? OACE is an organization that was started in 2007. At that time, there were 2 community groups running. The Odell Community Club and Odell Women for a Better Community (OWBC). Both groups had been running for years, but their numbers were dwindling. The two groups decided to join their efforts and start a new group together. So, OACE was formed.

The acronym stand for "ODELL AREA COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT".

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."—Margaret Mead

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Diller-Odell April Events**13—No School****14—Prom****30—High School Spring Concert & Art**

Spring School Concerts & Art Shows

High School: April 30 @ 6:30 pm

Elementary: May 8 @ 7:00 pm

Many Staff Changes at Diller-Odell

Diller-Odell Public Schools will have several changes next year. Justin Larsen will be moving to the Jr-Sr HS to teach Language Arts to grades 7-9 and other teaching assignments TBA. Abigail Kostal will be moving from 6th grade to teach Preschool. Eric McMurray will step away from coaching basketball after 28 years to assist with AD duties. Corinna Vrbka will be stepping away from her role as Assistant Volleyball Coach. With these changes, there are also 2 new teachers for 2018-19.

Reba Hesterman will be teaching 5th grade and will be the Assistant Volleyball Coach. Reba has been teaching 5th grade and coaching volleyball at Crofton HS. Reba is a native of Sterling, NE
Dylan Hinrichs will be teaching 6th grade and will be the Head Boys Basketball Coach and coaching JH Football. Dylan is a native of Giltner, NE. This will be Dylan's first teaching position.

Please make our new staff members feel welcome when you have a chance to meet them.

February Student of the Month

The Diller-Odell Elementary February Student of the Month is Madilyn Dendinger. Madilyn is an excellent student and works hard. She is very respectful and is kind to all of her classmates. She always wants to do her best! Maddy is in the 2nd grade and is the daughter of Heather and Colton Rupprecht & Jason Dendinger. Congratulations Madilyn!



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

Girl Scout Troop #20759 would like to thank the Odell & Diller Communities for supporting our cookie sales!

Rilee Dorn, Lainie Newby, Jayna Novotny, Braelyn Parkinson, Ella Parkinson & Noema Salcido.

We still have a few boxes of cookies left! If you missed out, or ran out, please contact us!*

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**Diller-Odell Board of Education
Minutes from 3/12/18**

**March 12, 2018—7:30 pm —Diller-Odell Board of Education
Regular Meeting**

High School Media Center—Odell

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

Motion to approve minutes of last meeting by Paul Kostal. Second Dean Engelman. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay.

Mr. Mezger reported on the External Team visit on February 28. The visit went very well and he was proud of the staff's efforts. He also reported on the recent Dr. Seuss week celebration at the elementary school, upcoming Kindergarten Round Up (May 3), and the Elementary Open House (August 14)

The seniors made a request to go to Branson, MO for their sneak trip. The Board does not want to send a school bus and our driver's that far. If the Seniors can come up with the funds to rent a charter bus, the Board will reconsider the request at the April Board meeting. If the Seniors do not have the funds for a charter bus, they will need to consider a trip closer to home.

Motion to approve the teaching contract for Reba Hestermann was made by Jill Scheele and seconded by Toni Landenberger. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay. Ms. Hestermann will teach 5th grade and be the assistant volleyball coach.

Motion to accept the resignation of Delaney Roberts was made by Toni Landenberger and seconded by Dean Engelman. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay. The Board thanks Mrs. Roberts for her two years of service to Diller-Odell Public Schools.

Motion to accept the teaching contract for Dylan Hinrichs was made by Paul Kostal and seconded by Dean Engelman. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay.

Mr. Hinrichs will teach 6th grade and coaches duties are TBD.

Mr. Mezger reported on the upcoming NETA convention April 19-20, Info Tech Night August 13, and the new design of

the school website.

Superintendent Meyerle noted that the PCD is looking at late March as the time for companies to visit the HS for a site visit as part of the Design-Build process. He also reported that he is exploring getting quotes on building a new press box at the football field in Diller. We would still utilize the one on the east side for radio, video and stat people. The new box would house clock, PA and coaches. The current press box is getting over crowded with the increased number of people that need access to such an area. He noted there were some donors that were anxious to donate to the project.

Superintendent Meyerle discussed some recent staff re-assignments. Justin Larsen will be moving from 5th grade to teach Language Arts in 7-9, and Abigail Kostal will be moving from 6th grade to PreK.

Superintendent Meyerle noted how well the External Visit went. He noted it is gratifying when outside professionals visit the district and are impressed with our school, students, staff and communities. A special thanks Marilyn Hein, Terry Arnold, Cathie Klecan, Amy Coufal and Matt Mezger for their efforts.

Motion to approve bills as presented made by Jill Scheele and seconded by Toni Landenberger. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay.

Motion to approve NASB membership made by Dean Engelman and seconded by Paul Kostal. Motion passed 5 yea, 0 nay
Motion made to approve new HS gym project and use of Special Building Fund pending the signing of a Design-Build Contract made by Toni Landenberger and seconded by Paul Kostal. Motion passed with 5 yea and 0 nay.

Gary Stohs and Paul Kostal plan to attend the upcoming NRCSA Convention.

It was noted that filing for School Board from Ward 1 is Toni Landenberger, Ethan Thorp, Adam Engelman and Angie Clifford.

Motion to enter Executive Session was made by Paul Kostal and seconded by Jill Scheele. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Toni Landenberger, second by Jill Scheele. Passed, 5 yea, 0 nay. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm. Next regular meeting is April 9, 2018



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 5—Larry Lawton & Bob Wellsandt
 6—Marlene Bures, Terri Kostal, Joseph Stuckwisch, Gwen Vitosh & Athena Wendland
 7—Jayna Novotny
 8—Mike Riggert
 11—Skylar Folkers
 14—Don Klecan, Braelyn Parkinson & Preston Stuckwisch
 15—Dianne Holst, Jim Stanosheck & Will Stanosheck
 17—Ethan Thorp, Kelly Vitosh & Neleigh Weers
 18—Mandy Barnts, Judy DeBoer & Shawna Barnts
 19—Janel Hynek, Dylan Oberembt & Gary Sunneberg
 20—Roger Barnts
 21—Karen Stohs
 22—Carly Meyerle
 23—Jeanne McIntyre & Xavier Zabokrtsky
 24—Larry Germer & Dustin Kenning
 25—Ed Hajek
 27—Mykal Folkers & Madeline Parde
 28—Darlene Keiten & Becky Saathoff
 29—Dave Henrichs, Justin Henrichs & Avery Logan
 30—Ryan Blake

95th Birthday Open House and Card Shower for Lois Bures
 May 9th, 2018 2-4pm in the Dining Room of The Villa at Flowing Springs
 2211 Sunset Drive, Beatrice, NE (just east of the Good Samaritan Home)
 Send Cards to:
 2211 Sunset Drive, Unit 212
 Beatrice, NE 68310

Happy Birthday to Brad Vitosh on April 2nd! Love, Amy

Happy Birthday to Kolin Kotas on April 2nd! Love, Brad and Amy

Happy Birthday to Krys Bures on April 6th and Happy Anniversary to Dave and Krys Bures on April 6th! Love, Dad and Mom

Happy Birthday to Velora Wieters on April 18th!
Love, Your Family

Happy Birthday to Courtney Scott on April 20th!
 Love, Grandpa and Grandma Bures

Happy 35th Anniversary to Brad Vitosh on April 22nd!
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Gage County Relay for Life Set for April 28

There’s still time to join the fight against cancer in Gage County and support the community of cancer patients and survivors.

After 20 years of relaying, the April 28 Relay for Life in Gage County is approaching the one million dollar milestone in donations for cancer research, patient services, and education for the American Cancer Society. The first Relay was held in Beatrice in 1998. This year’s theme is, “Strike Out Cancer - Hit a Home Run for a Cure,” with teams targeting a goal of \$59,000.

The 2018 event is scheduled for 1-10 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Gage County Fairgrounds in Beatrice. A final wrap-up meeting for Relay captains and committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the lower level dining room of Centenary United Methodist Church, Beatrice.

Walkers can still come on board anytime. Online registrations are encouraged at www.relayforlife.org/gagecove. Donations can also be made on that site. To support your favorite walker, visit the site and scroll through the participants.

A video tribute to honor cancer patients, both past

and present, will again be shown at the event. To add a photo and name to the video, contact Zach Coffin, 402-223-2341 (or email: zachcoffin@att.net). Cancer patients, as well as 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: wstierwalt@gmail.com. A live and silent auction will be held on April 28 and will include autographed Husker items along with other sports memorabilia.

To help with the Relay in any way, contact team lead Corinne Koch, 402-239-3904; Lorrie Stierwalt, survivors, 402-239-6073; Karie Jobman, sponsorships, 402-239-9403; Alisa Pesek, 402-239-7307; Mary Wieters, 402-520-0258; Verdella Vetrovsky, 402-223-4041; or Brian Saathoff, 402-223-5179.

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:800-227-2345).

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

The Odell Cookies 4-H Club met on Saturday, March 24th at the Diller-Odell High School Library. Roll Call was to an-

swer with your favorite thing about agriculture. We discussed enrolling for 4H, upcoming Speech activities and our Skill Building Lock In. Next meeting and Lock in will be Friday, April 13. Stuckwischs’ provided refreshments.



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