

"Change your thoughts and you will change your world."



Rice Lodge & Conference Center, Odell, Nebraska

Happy New Year from the Rice Lodge & Conference Center, Bed & Breakfast, in Odell, Nebraska. The

Lodge continues to be a popular place for visitors. We had 470 rooms rented this year. That is up from 398 last year. We have 363 booked for 2019 as of now. Since we have opened in August 2012, visitors have used 2,257 rooms. From August 2012 to May 2015, we had 6 bedrooms. In May 2015, we opened the south wing and added 4 more rooms. This year, the Lodge has been home to quilting groups from Beatrice, Crete and York. The Ladies Retreat group from Lincoln made a couple repeat visits. There were also many families in for weddings, funerals, baptisms, birthdays, confirmations & graduations in the area. There were quite a lot of family reunions held at the Lodge. The Catfish Expo group returned for a couple visits this year. The hunting trio returned for their 6th year. A couple attorneys from New York City came for the night to do depositions. A group of scrap bookers came in for 3 days. They did amazing things.

This success would not be possible without the help of a few people: Daniel Craven and Hailey Rogers do all the cleaning between guests. Daniel also handles any bigger projects needing done at the Lodge. He built the display for the hidden stairway and its treasures. It is wonderful and gets many compliments. They also do check-ins and whatever else needs to be done. Janice Duntz does fantastic artwork

on the landscaping of the Lodge. Her expert horticultural knowledge is all volunteered and we love what she does. Larry Stanosheck does all the mowing and scooping snow. Nicole Vater mowed the lawn when Larry couldn't. Larry has been mowing this lawn since he was 10 years old. Dr. Rice paid him to do it way back when, but he has volunteered his time to do it ever since Dr. Rice left in the 1960s. Bonnie Kaller jumps when needed. She has helped clean and does a lot of the check-ins. Robin Stanosheck will do checkins if needed. Shelly Eisele keeps the website in great order. Mark Billesbach is our go-to for electric issues such as fire detectors beeping or falling. He also helps when we have issues with any of the keys. Adams Plumbing has been great at keeping the heating and air going efficiently, and has also watched the water softener salt supply. Mary Jo (Gary) Bures does all the seasonal decorating. Zach Heble of Heble Spray Coatings stopped the water leaks by spray foam coating the entire roof. John Novotny finished the Skrabal Garden Wall and put in the white fence on the north side of the building this year. Bruce Vitosh and Gary Bures, the other two board members, help with anything whenever asked.

THANK YOU to all of you and all our guests and bless you all for The Rice Lodge success! For tours or reservations or just ask a question, call 402-806-2174, email: <u>ricelodge@diodecom.net</u> or check out our website: ricelodge.odell-nebraska.us. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Rice Lodge & Conference Bed & Breakfast; 302 Main St web: odell-Nebraska.us. Email: ricelodge@diodecom.net Phone: 402-806-2174.



INSULATION, ROOF COATINGS & MORE! Contact us 2 402-414-7052; Zach Heble & Joe Heble



Pg. 2

"If you don't want anybody to find out, don't do it."-Chinese Proverb

\$2,000 Needed for Mural Refresh

The mural on the north side of The Corner's building needs to be refreshed! This is a project that will begin in April 2019. In order to make this happen, they need to raise approximately \$2,000. So far, \$400 has been raised. Can you help with this? Please contact Robin Stanosheck @ 402-766-3725 or 402-520-1661 if you have questions, can donate or can offer your



talents and help with the painting! Checks can be made out to "Odell Community Foundation" and are tax deductible. Donations can be sent to Odell

Community Foundation in care of Larry Stanosheck (Treasurer), Odell, NE or dropped off at the State Bank of Odell.



New Years Resolution to lose weight? Try TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

This years theme is "Seeds of Change". TOPS meet on Tuesday mornings at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 114 Lavelle St., Diller. Weigh in is from 9:00 to 9:15, with program following. For more information contact Barbara Zarybnicky, 402-766-3780 or Marla Weichel 402-793-5545.



HAIR DIMENSIONS

209 Main St—Odell;

402-766-4140 or Text 402-520-1028

*Haircuts * Color * Highlights * Perms* *Pedicures * Manicures * Ear Piercing * *Tanning * Facial Waxing * *Eyebrow/Lash Coloring *

Full line of hair care products. AVON available. Scrapbooking supplies.

Call Cathy for an appointment today!

Check us out on Facebook for special offers!

NEWS FROM THE ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

KNITTING For BEGINNERS:

Join Catherine Renshaw as she teaches you how to knit! Come every other Wednesday (Jan. 16 & 30)



PRESCHOL ST?RY H?UR:

Fridays: 10:00-10:45 am (come check out our new floor cushions!)

B@K CLUB:

Monthly-watch for details on Facebook and our website! Jan, discussion will be Thursday, January 24 @ 6 pm "Exit West"

AFTER SCHOL PR°GRAMS:

Coming soon! Watch for Details! -Reading Incentives coming soon also!

The Library is now open after school on

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays! Come on in! The Volunteer that is at the Library after school is generally someone who can help your children with any homework, so send them in if they need help! Relax and read!

after School hours!

Come use your LIBRARY! We need you!

odellnebraskapubliclbrary.weebly.com

School/Youth News

Diller-Odell January Events

15—Little Griffin Cheer Camp FFA Alumni Pancake Feed

21—JHGBBall Home Game @ 1 pm 25—Home BBall @ 4 pm

Our Savior Soup Supper, Post Prom Cake Raffle

27—Elementary Carnival 3-5 pm

30—JHGBBall Home Game @ 12:30 pm

Birthday Calendars are Here!

Available at the State Bank of Odell—Odell and Diller Branches. OR Contact a 2nd Grader! **ONLY \$2.00**



FFA Alumni Pancake 🏅 Feed



Tuesday, January 15th

During the Home BBall game vs. Southern

Our Savior Lutheran Church Soup Supper

Friday, January 25—Serving begins @ 5 pm High School Cafeteria during the Home game vs. Freeman



POST PROM CAKE RAFFLE Friday, January 25th During the Home BBall game

vs. Freeman

Last Home Game in the 1959 Gym!

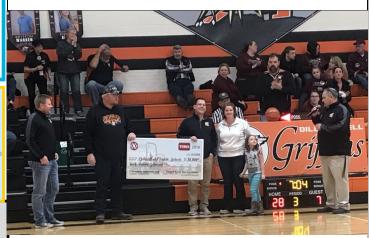
Join together as Diller-Odell hosts their last regular season basketball game in our current gym on February 5th!! The new gym will begin being used next fall. The hope is to bring as many people together this evening! FREE ENTRY INTO THIS GAME! Spread the word!

November Student of the Month The Diller-Odell Elementary November Student of the Month was Aidan McKinney. Aidan is a student who always gives 100% and puts a smile on your face. She is always encouraging and pushes others to do their best. She is very respectful to adults and her

peers. Aiden is the 5th grade daughter of Patrick and Amanda



McKinney. Congratulations Aidan!



Grant Received for New Gym Landscaping

Exmark Mfg. presented Diller-Odell Schools with a check for \$20,000 to use for the Landscaping around the new gym and areas that were changed during construction. This check was presented to Paul Kostal and Mike Meyerle by Casey McLaughlin, John Swanson & Maggie Pryor on December 14, 2018 during the Home basketball games. Exmark's parent company, Toro, and its foundation provided this opportunity for 501c3 organizations which included state/city park and recreation divisions, conservation divisions, public educational entities and other organizations to apply for The Toro Company's Green Space Enhancement Program. The response to the Land, Water, Thrive initiative and the grant program was strong and the need for revitalizing community parks and green spaces and enriching the outdoor environments is high.

Pg. 4

"Don't be ashamed of your story. It will inspire others."-Unknown

DILLER DELL CARNIVAL

Sunday, January 27

3:00-5:00 pm Diller-Odell Elementary in Diller \$5.00 Admission

Sweet Treat Walk, Inflatable, Games, Basket Raffle, Concessions, Face Painting

Watch the school website for details on Basket Raffle Themes

For a Happier and Healthier Life, Stop Judging Others

(this article is a good follow up to last month's on being open minded)

I have wasted plenty of time and energy judging others. It has NEV-ER gotten me anywhere What it has done is alter my own life and positivity. It made me irritable and angry, and jealous. It disturbed my focus. It took my peace away. If I had taken all my "judging" energy and put it into my life in a positive way, it would have done me some good.

Judging others, especially for things that do not concern you, only ever makes things worse. But how do you avoid judging? It just comes so naturally to us. We judge everyone, from a stranger we pass on the street, to a co-worker, to our political leaders, and usually we don't have much info on them before we judge. Here are some steps you can take to avoid judging others and bring more positivity to your life:

- Judging others makes you lose friends: if you are a friend or have a friend who judges others around you without knowing them, soon you will find yourself without that friend. No one wants to be around someone who is always negative and complaining about something in their lives.
- 2. When you judge others, you can't learn from them. We often judge others to make ourselves feel better. Is that good for you? NO. It is better to acknowledge someone else's strengths, rather than their weaknesses. If you can see those strengths, you can learn from them. Everyone has something they do better than you (and vice versa), so see what that is and learn. Don't compare yourself. You won't gain any points when you "prove" yourself better than

someone, but you can better your life by learning from them. We tend to believe we know everything just after a couple experiences. We believe what we experienced has to be the same thing for everyone else. We believe we have earned the right to judge. There is a phenomena called the "Dunning-Kruger Effect", where you develop an illusory superiority in your mind. You become overconfident in your abilities and think lowly of others. The important part of this is to remember to be humble. If you have learned so much from your own experiences, just imagine how much more you can learn from others!

3. Judging others damages your health and happiness. A study from UNL supports the belief that negative perceptions of others can boost narcissism and antisocial behavior. (page 8) Pg. 6

"| want to inspire others to their potential of greatness."-Kim Butler

Diller-Odell Board of Ed Minutes Elementary Media Center Diller Monday, December 10, 2018 7:30 pm—Regular Board Mtg.

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

Motion to approve minutes of last meeting was made by Paul Kostal and seconded by Jill Scheele. Motion passed

with 6 yea and 0 nay.

Korey Theye gave a report to the

Board on recent student activities

Principal Mezger reported on the November 2 regional in-service, the State Principal's Conference, MAP Assessments, and the status of the 2017-18

Annual Report

Principal Mezger reported on the Civil Rights Data Collection, the Hour of Code at the elementary and plans for the Info Tech Night in August.

Superintendent Meyerle gave a report on the monthly meeting held with Caspers/Sampson personnel on the new gym construction. Despite the wet weather that we did have, the builders feel good about their time table. The frame of the building will be going up on Dec. 5.

Superintendent Meyerle noted that the 2017-18 Annual Report should be ready by the end of the semester. He reminded the Board that the teacher's contract is settled for 2019-20. The base will increase from \$35,400 to \$35,950. The Board's negotiation team will meet in the fall to negotiate a contract for 2020-21. He also noted that he would like to discuss Mr. Mezger's salary in March. Motion to approve bills as presented made by Jill Scheele and seconded by Toni Landenberger. Passed with 6 yea, 0 nay

Superintendent Meyerle's contract was reviewed. The contract runs until July 30, 2021. By not taking action to not renew the contract, the contract automatically rolls over for another year and will run until June 30, 2022.

Gary Stohs & Paul Kostal gave a report

on the recent NASB Conference in Omaha

Board Committee recommendations for 2019 were reviewed.

Superintendent Meyerle presented a plaque to Chad Lottman and Dean Engelman for their dedicated service to the Board. Chad has served on the Board since January 2003 and Dean since January 2007. Their service to the school district was very much appreciated. Angie Clifford and Adam Engelman will be sworn in as new Board members

at the January Meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Chad Lottman and seconded by Dean Engelman. Motion passed with 6 yea and 0 nay.

Meeting adjourned by President Stohs at 8:03 pm

Next regular meeting is January 14, 2018 @ 7:30 pm at the High School Media Center in Odell.



"Judging a person does not define who they are, it defines who you are."-Earl Nightingale

Winners of Turkey/Ham Drawing at Odell Community Christmas

Donating Business	Winner	Donating Business	Winner
State Bank of Odell	Linda Scheele	Dave Bures Auction Service	Olivia Klaus
Rice Lodge & Conference Center	Gwen Vitosh	OACE	Barb Beekman
American Legion Auxiliary	Arlin Koch	Hajek Enterprises LLC, Ted Hajek	Carly Minge
OACE	Greg Stuckwisch	State Bank of Odell	Sue Goman
Kostal Seeds, Don Kostal	Merlin Scheele	Odell Community Market	Angie McMurray
Vance Gerdes Funeral Home	Bill Behrends	Penner Ag., Sid & Tom Penner	Heather Barr
OACE	Kathy Adam	Beran Insurance Agency, Dale Beran	Travis Robeson
Beran Insurance Agency, Dale Beran	Todd Gehring	OACE	Josie Vitosh
Homestead Land Co., Inc. , John Zarybnicky	Connie Navacek	Koch Trucking	Ed Hajek
Stateline Digging, Alan & Sheryl Adam	Mary Jo Bures	Diode Communications	Christina Newman
Ed Hajek Construction	Shannon Novotny	Stateline Digging, Alan & Sheryl Adam	Alissa Andersen
Penner Ag, Sid & Tom Penner	Joy Scheele	Diller Telephone	Marge Wollenburg
Lynn & Geri Ann Henrichs	Rick Buresh	American Legion Post #231	Heather Heble
Vitosh Construction, Brad Vitosh	Rick Wallinger	Vance Gerdes Funeral Home	Kolin Kotas
Anderson Seed & Supply, Dave Anderson	Gerald Penner	Old West Trails Museum	Laurie Stierwalt
Koch Trucking	Chris Thomas	Theye Construction, Daylon Theye	Jason Dendinger
Stanosheck Agency	Abigail Kostal	JDN Construction, John Novotny	Darrell Vitosh
Farmers Coop	Heather Rupprecht	Stateline Promotions	Jim Bures
Turkey Run Farms	Laura Grone	Vitosh Ag Agronomy Services, Brock & Blake Vitosh	Judy Humphreys
American Legion Post #231	Carolyn Vitosh		
	·		



Corn Soybeans Sorghum Alfalfa

Penner Ag

45207 SW 61st Rd Odell, Nebraska Sid - (402)766-4268 Tom - (402)766-4444



Kristie Sutton Independent Scentsy Director http://odellsutton.scentsy.us 402-806-2468

Page 7

"Don't judge others on their past....they don't live there anymore."

Your tendency to see people negatively gives you a greater likelihood of depression and personality disorders.

Replace Judgement with Inspiration. When you feel that "judgy" feeling entering your mind, stop it. Is there a way you inspire this person? Or better yet, is there a way you can find inspiration from them? Look at each person you meet with that open mind you have been working on. See past any faults or annoyances that are jumping out at you and find the good and positive. Put a smile on your face for every person you see, instead of a scowl. Don't instantly look to complain about everyone and everything around you. If someone else is complaining about something don't join in. Look for something good in the situation and give your positive remark.

When we constantly complain and judge others, soon we will see this rubbing off on our kids and they develop these same traits and it effects their lives. So, if you aren't going to do it for yourself, do it for your kids or your friends. We go through life trying to keep our kids safe and give them all the good in life, then we must remember our actions are part of what we are giving them. If the actions you have are negative, then you aren't giving them the best.

Be the adult that inspires those

around you. Be the adult that talks positively about those around them. Be the adult that inspires others. Be the adult that knows there are consequences to your words and actions, so you choose to make your words and actions positive.

It isn't easy to chuck what has been ingrained is us all at once. Do it slowly. Make a point to think at least once before forming an opinion of someone. Don't give up. Soon, after a lot of practice, you will find it will come naturally. If you have read this article this far, that means you may be craving some sort of transformation in your life. So just do it, a little at a time.

All this work, change and transformation will lead you to be happy and you will find happiness everywhere you look.

Join the Our Savior LYF (Youth Group) as they Present: d Formal Valentine's Meal for Couples of all ages!

Saturday, February 16. 2019

3 serving shifts: 4:45, 6:00 & 7:15 \$40.00/Couple

At Our Savior Lutheran Church Odell Watch Facebook and February Village Voice for Menu. Proceeds go toward Youth Activities and Events including National Youth Gathering in July

Contact Joyce Kostal or an LYF member for Reservations



Pg. 9 "If you judge a book by its cover you may miss an amazing story!"			
Area January Birthdays! 1—Sherilyn Fritzen & Darlene Balderson 2—Erin Blake, Quinn Logan & Diane Wells	Happy 11th Birthday to Kailyn Dendinger on January 2nd! Love, Your Family		
3—Trey Koch 4—Neil Brauch & Deb Penner	Happy Birthday on January 2nd Swanny! Love,Your Family & Friends		
5—Jenna Hennerberg, Orv Klecan & Leola Weers G—Dean Lottman 7—Berkelee Beekman 8—Rich Behrends, Ashley Duis, Judy Garton,	Happy Birthday to PeeWee Scheele on January 6th! Love you, Shirley, Robin, Parker, Bridgett & Joe, Justin & Brooke, Elliot, Collins & Rooney and Bo!		
Shelly Klecan, Steve Manley & Bailey Schroeder 9—Abby Kostal	Happy 11th Birthday to Berkelee Beekman on January 7th! Love, Mom & Dad		
10—Elexi Cuevas, Carla Jones & Barb Vitosh 11—Rosemary Heble & Dennis Koch 12—Hannah Ebeling, Jason Logan, Sue Novotny &	Happy Birthday to Adam Engelman on January 9th! Love, Your Family & Friends		
Tripp Sunneberg 13—Matti Barnts & Christie Morgan 14—Nic Engelman, Trever Roberts, Dorothy Scheele & Ryleigh Vilda	Happy Birthday to Kyler Kotas on January 10th! Love, Dad, Mom, Kasen & Saylor!		
15—Mallory Denner, Camaryn Gydesen & Cass Gydesen 16—Barb Beekman, Laura Mae Grone & Pam O'Neil 17—Drake Day & Rachel Stanosheck	Happy Birthday to Jen Warren on January IIth! Love, Your Family & Friends		
19—Lyle Probst, Doug Schnuelle & Shane Sutton 20—Rilee Dorn, Eric Engelman & Rachel Theye 21—Jamie Renshaw, Doug Schmidt & Wilbur Stohs	Happy 25th Birthday to Parker Jones on January 14th! Love, Grandma & Grandpa, mom, Bridgett & Joe, Justin & Brooke, Elliot, Collins & Rooney		
22—Eliana Cuevas 23—Dave Schramm & Daylon Theye 24—Janet Chambers, Sondra Germer, Cody Scheele & Gary Schramm	HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ABBY VATER ON JANUARY 25TH! LOVE, YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS		
25—Jacque Probst 27—Elizabeth Bedeaux 28—Fred Hagemeier, Don Kostal, Gary Vitosh	Congratulations to Bridgett Jones & Joe Smith on their engagement and upcoming wedding in December 2019!		
& Ellie Weers 29—Annette Garton, Hannah Oberembt & Jill Zabokrtsky	KOTAS		
31—Jim Wenzbauer	(402) 297-9273		

Don't Forget! Keep your green light bulbs in and visible to show your support! Take a photo and post to #greenlightavet



"Who am | to judge another, when | walk imperfectly."

