



MARCH 2023 ISSUE 173

Newsletter for the Odell and Diller Communities

Celebration of Life

Please join us to remember and celebrate the lives of

Carl & Marilyn Lytle

Sunday, March 19, 2023

1:00-3:00 pm Community Open House (Coffee & Dessert)

Odell Legion Hall - Odell, NE

December 8, 1931-February 12, 2022

Carl Sampson Lytle Marilyn Harriet White Lytle July 26, 1939-November 14, 2022

Origins of St. Patrick's Day

Green clothes, green beer, leprechauns, parades, bagpipes, marching bands, loud celebrations, and even dying a river green....all these things might make you think of St. Patrick's Day. However, this is our American version of the Holiday, not Ireland's. These traditions weren't imported from Ireland, but originated in the USA.

Since 1631, St. Patrick's Day, in Ireland, was a religious feast day that commemorated the anniversary of the death of St. Patrick in the 5th century. St. Patrick was a missionary credited with spreading Christianity into Ireland. For several centuries, in Ireland, March 17 was a day to attend church service in (cntd, pg. 4)





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March 2023

6 - Speech Night @ the High School

8 - Bingo @ Odell Market Coffee Shop

9-10 - No School

II - Diller Fire Pancake Feed

II - Fish Fry @ the Legion

19- Legion Baseball Pancake Feed

19 - Celebration of Life - Lytle's

20 - OACE Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Apr. I - Health Fair in Hanover





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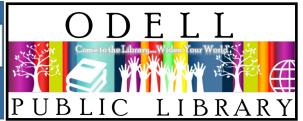
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"March is a month of expectation"—Emily Dickinson

Signs of Spring

I remember well an exercise that our kindergarten class did many years ago. As the weather became warmer, we took a walking field trip to the local park. Along the way, we were supposed to look for signs of spring. I don't remember the details, but I imagine we looked at trees putting out new buds or perennial flowers coming back to life. Perhaps birds were chirping their beautiful symphony and the blue sky had a few clouds with the warmth of the high sun coming down upon us.

Lent is a time to look for signs of spring in our interior lives. Just as trees and flowers and birds start to come back from their wintry hibernation, so Lent gives us to a chance to return to God after having lived a life of sin. The word "Lent" is from an old English word which means to lengthen. This is why Lent is in the spring out of all the four seasons, because it is now that the days are getting longer with more sunlight.

The signs of spring in our hearts can bring forth great fruit during the Lenten season. To experience Lent in the fullest way possible, we must have hearts willing to repent and be converted.

At the core of Jesus' teachings was conversion and repentance. A foremost example of this teaching is the parable of the prodigal son. The critical character in the story is the merciful father who had two sons. The younger son treats his father cruelly, as if he were dead. He abandons his father's house and receives his inheritance. This son then squanders the entire fortune given by his father, leaving him homeless and hungry. In desperation, he seeks to eat the husks of the swine which he tended.

The son comes to his senses and realizes that his father is his only way out of the mess he has brought upon himself. He starts back home, rehearsing how he will ask his father to treat him only as a servant in the household. Imagine his shock when his father comes running toward him and welcomes him back with jubilation. The younger son is given the gifts of new life: a robe, a ring, and a festive banquet.

The prodigal son had a conversion of heart. And his merciful father accepted him back into the full grace of being his child. The older son, however, did not have a conversion of heart and was upset at the outpouring of his father's mercy to the younger son. We need to be like the prodigal son, realizing we too have a merciful Father in heaven whose mercy seeks out our conversion of heart so that we can convert from sinful ways and live the freedom of the children of God. Lent is a time of conversion and renewal. All the days of March are in the Lenten season this year. Let's not miss the opportunity to seek out interior signs of spring so that Lent will bring us a springtime of conversion and renewal within our hearts.

Father Loras Grell, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Odell

THE SEASON OF LENT Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday - Our Savior Odell Meal @ 6 pm; Service @ 7 pm, Refreshments Following

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

St. Peter's Wymore

Service @ 7 pm, Refreshments Following

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 Zion Harbine

Service @ 7 pm, Refreshments following Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Our Savior Odell Meal @ 6 pm, Service @ 7 pm, Refreshments Following

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 St. Peter's Wymore

Service @ 7 pm, Refreshments Following Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Zion Harbine Service @ 7 pm, Refreshments following

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Holy Thursday - Our Savior Odell, St. Peter's Wymore, Zion Harbine -Service @ each church - 7 pm

Friday, April 7, 2023 Good Friday - Our Savior Odell Service @ 7 pm

ALL WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH

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"March 4th. The only day that is also a sentence."

(contd from cover) the morn-they clung to their Irish idening, and have modest feasts in the afternoons. There were no parades, and certainly no green tinted food, particularly retort to the local bigotry. since blue, not green, was the American attitudes toward traditional color associated with Ireland's Patron saint. It was actually a band of Redcoats who started the green tradition of America's St. Patricks' Day parade in 1792, when Irish-born soldiers serv- also American, but for sure, ing in the British Army marched through lower Manhattan to breakfast at a local tavern.

When Irish Catholics flooded to America after the failure of their potato crop in 1845,

tities and took to the streets to show they had strength in their numbers as a political the Irish did soften after the Civil War, because so many Irish served.

The meal that has become a St. Patrick's Day staple corned beef and cabbage— is had roots in Ireland. Ham and cabbage was the Ireland meal, but because corned beef was a much cheaper substitute, impoverished immigrants in the slums of Manhattan used it instead.

In the 20th century, St. Patrick's Day evolved into a party day for Americans of all ethnicities. However, the celebration in Ireland still remained solemn. In 1952, a newspaper reported, "In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is like any other day, only duller.". Most pubs were even closed on March 17 in Ireland. Today, modern Ireland has adapted many American traditions of St. Patrick's Day, thanks to television, social media, and Irish cultural ambassadors such as U2 and Guinness Beer.



"Well done is better than well said."—Benjamin Franklin

February 2023- OACE Minutes

Meeting: February 20, 7 pm –Corner Bar Present: Kolin & Brittney Kotas, Blake & Carly Vitosh, Brenda Miller, Pam Dorn, Caleb Billesbach, Orv Klecan, & Josie Vitosh

Secretary Minutes: Previous meeting was discussed. Treasurer's Report; \$14,614.70 in checking. \$7,425.61 in savings. CD1: \$5,095.60. CD2: \$5,613.35

Unfinished Business:

* AED: The AED has arrived—Where do we put it? We have received the AED that we ordered in Feb. 2022 for the Odell ballfield. The goal is to have available for summer games, football, and track practices. We would like to have it be put outside of the concession stand for easy use, but there is concern it would be damaged. Koin & Brittney will do some work on the best place for it and will update those that need to know where it is.

New Business:

- Odell Community Day— Date is now JUNE 24th. If anyone has any interest in helping or has ideas for events, please reach out to Blake or Carly Vitosh
- Park Restrooms: OACE will head up getting new bathrooms for the park—Kolin and Blake are working with the Odell Foundation to put a new bathroom shelter in the park. The village also agrees this will be beneficial especially with all the pipeline workers that are utilizing the camper pads this spring and summer. Lynn Henrichs found a USDA grant that if is built under 24' x 36' shelter, 35% can be paid for with this grant. This would be a great benefit for OACE to head up and help raise money for. Kolin and Blake will plan on getting an estimate on the structure.
- Odell Foundation Update: Kolin, Brittney, and Blake attended the Odell Foundation meeting in January and updated the members about what OACE has done and plans on doing this year for fundraising and

projects to continue to help Odell out. The members were thankful and very pleased with the work that the volunteers of OACE have completed. It was also discussed about how great Blue Springs is doing with their new properties and a few new houses. The foundation reported that there are two properties that are still owned by the foundation that are for sale. Kolin, Blake, and few foundation members ended up meeting with the contractor of

these houses (in Blue Springs) and he has interested in building I-2 new houses in Odell that he will turn around and sell. There is an option for OACE to become involved in this by purchasing the property from the foundation as an



investment. The contractor said that once this property sells, OACE could earn back about 3.5% of the investment on the purchase lot. The lot would be \$3,000. This was discussed with the group and thought it would be a great investment and would get OACEs name out there for recognition. The builder would put up a sign in regard to OACE sponsoring. Kolin and Blake are planning to continue to meet with the contractor and will keep OACE updated

- Welcome Sign: Discussion continued for a Welcome Sign to be at the entrance of Odell. This will be tabled for discussion for future meetings.
- Easter Egg Hunt: The Easter Egg Hunt will be April 8, 2023. Brittney will talk to Landon's and Robeson's to be sure they are ok with heading this up again.
- OACE Scholarships: Brittney will talk with Shannon Novotny to formulate a committee again for the Scholarships. Brittney will also email Rita Becker to confirm OACE will be offering 2-\$500 scholarships.
- Odell Legion: The Odell American Legion is requesting money for a new A/C and furnace unite. They are requesting \$5,000. They are also using the income from their fish fries to help. OACE values the American Legion and their members and it was decided to donate \$500 at this time. If they have a difficult time raising the rest of the money, they may come back to OACE in the future to request more.

NEXT OACE MEETING: Monday, March 20, 2023 (3rd Money of each month) - 7:00 pm—The Corner Bar



Pizza oven shuts down 30 minutes before closing

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS MONDAY-FRIDAY

"The bad news is that time flies. The good news is that you are the pilot."—Michael Altshuler

March Health Blog - Amanda McKinney, MD If you're anything like me, you're impatiently waiting for Spring! The anticipation of green grass, new leaves on the trees, blooming flowers, and a garden is almost more than I can stand! But with the newness of Spring comes an old problem...seasonal allergies. The itching, sneezing, congestion, and runny nose can make a person feel miserable just when our moods are being lifted by the sun and warmer temperatures. Here are a few tips and tricks for surviving allergy season.

Prevention:

- Try to avoid working outside on really windy days but we ARE in Nebraska so that's a challenge.
- Remove clothes you've worn outside and shower to rinse pollen from your skin and hair, especially before going to bed.
- Don't hang laundry outside on high pollen days pollen can stick to sheets and towels.
- Wear a face mask if you do outside chores.
- Consider using a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter to reduce allergens in your home. These filters trap airborne irritants such as pollen, dust, and pet dander.
- Some practitioners suggest using eucalyptus essential oil as an antimicrobial agent by adding it to each load of wash during allergy season.

Home Remedies

Rinsing your nasal passages with saline solution is a quick, inexpensive and effective way to flush out mucus and allergens from your nose and relieve congestion. You can purchase ready-made saline solution or you can make your own. A simple

- recipe is I quart of water with 1.5 tsp of canning salt and I tsp of baking soda. I recommend using bottled water but tap water is OK too.
- Butterbur—also known as Petasites hybridus was found, in a 2003 study to work as well for itchy eyes as Benadryl.
- * A 2015 review of 23 studies found that probiotics may help improve symptoms of allergic rhinitis.
- Stinging nettle is a natural antihistamine and can be tried in place of over-the-counter antihistamines that sometimes make people feel drowsy.
- ★ Taking 2,000 milligrams of vitamin C daily helps to reduce histamine levels.
- Peppermint essential oil has been shown to reduce the symptoms of asthma and allergic rhinitis. It can be diffused into the air but should be diluted in a carrier oil if applied topically.

My own personal antihistamine recipe:

- 2-3 drops of peppermint essential oil
- 2-3 drops of lavender essential oil
- 2-3 drops of lemon essential oil
- Mix together in a shot glass and fill the rest with water. Drink like a shot and refill your shot glass 2-3 times with just water and drink that too. This gets any residual oil out of the glass and helps you rinse the oils down. I find this to work as well as over-the-counter histamines.

Recipe for itchy eyes:

Make a cup of tea from calendula flowers, chamomile, yarrow or green tea. Use the cooled tea as an eye wash or place the drops in a clean dropper bottle and use as eye drops. You can keep the tea in a dropper bottle in the refrigerator for 2-3 days, but no longer. It's always safest to make a fresh eye wash every day.











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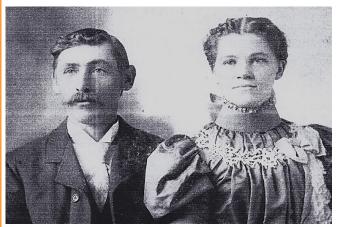
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Odell "Originals" - Harry and Josephine McGinley



Harry McGinley was the eldest of four children of William McGinley and Marcelia Jane Porter. He was born November 11, 1868 near Hebron, IN and died at Odell, NE on April 29, 1945 and is buried at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. He lived on a farm in Indiana until the age of ten, when he moved with his parents to a farm near Reynolds, NE. He grew to manhood there.

He started to work for the Burlington Railroad Co. in 1890. He was section foreman from 1839-1937. Harry was transferred from Geneva to Odell in September 1894. He was a foreman of an extra gang, later becoming the foreman of the Odell area. Harry continued to work for the railed 48 years, retiring on December 1, 1937. He served on the school board, village board, and held the position of Mayor of Odell during WWI and again in 1938.

Josephine Kostal McGinley was born March 28, 1876 at Riverside, IA to Albert Kostal and Josephine Shebek Kostal and died February 19, 1961 in Odell.

Harry & Josephine's first home was a small house located on the east side of Main Street across from the Quinn Hotel, later known as the Hagerman Commercial Hotel. The house location was where the brick Callan building stands at the southeast corner of Ida and Main, now owned by Larry Stanosheck. Their next home was the Burlington Section House located just north of the railroad tracks and across the east of the depot. It is the area just south of the park and Railroad Street. Mr. McGinley bought and moved the Section House two blocks east in the spring of 1912. In 1914 they built a large two-story house know as the McGinley's home place. Harry and Josephine are Laurie Vitosh's Great Grandparents.

Sidenote regarding Railroad history: After the railroad line was built north of the Charleston settlement in 1880-1881, the town of Odell was started near the railroad line and most of the businessmen and residents of Charleston moved to the Odell site, some moving their homes with them. The Holy Mass for the Catholic residents of the area was offered in various homes and at the Odell Railroad Station then called the Section House



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February Student of the Month

The Diller-Odell Elementary Student of the Month for February is Creyton Heidemann. Creyton is a fun and enthusiastic kid that likes to be a school and loves to be around his friends. He always gives his best effort in the classroom and treats everyone the right way. Creyton is a safe, responsible, and respectful Griffin that younger kids should look up to. He is the



6th grade son of Jarrod & Kristen Heidemann.
Congratulations Creyton!

March Events @ School

6—Speech Night

9-10—NO SCHOOL

14—Rohan Murphy Presentation JH/HS—10:00am

I6—FBLA Staff Appreciation BreakfastI8—Diode Technologies MUDECAS All

Star Basketball Games

21—ACT—Junior

23—FFA Meeting

24—8th Grade Dance

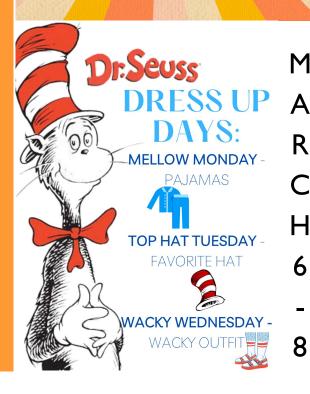
Apr. I—Prom





April 24, 2023 8:45-11:15 am

Calling all Future Diller Odell Kindergriffins who will be 5 years old on or before July 31, 2023. Kindergarten Roundup will be held Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 8:45 - 11:15 a.m. at the elementary school located in Diller. Current Griffin pre-schoolers will come to school and leave as usual that day. There will be no regular kindergarten class on that day. If you or someone you know is planning on attending kindergarten this coming year, please contact the school or email pheble@dillerodell.org.



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Diller-Odell Board of Education

Elementary Media Center Monday, February 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting—7:00 pm

Present: Paul Kostal, Adam Engelman, Angie Clifford, Kolin Kotas & Kasey Murphy. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting made by Adam Engelman, seconded by Angie Clifford.

Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay.

Sharon Endorf (Director of Member Engagement), presented some materials from the Nebraska Association of School Boards.

Principal Mezger reported on the beginning of the second semester. Congratulations to the Speech team for their Championship in the Pioneer Conference meet.

He also reported on the recent NDE 5 year visit. The external team paid the district numerous compliments. All staff are commended, especially Mrs. Amy Coufal and Mrs. Stacy Hennerberg for their work leading up to the visit. The Board was also commended for their vision for the school district. The visit was very positive and a great reflection on Diller-Odell public Schools. The next visit will be in 2028.

Preston Engelman presented a report on recent student activities and successes in basketball, speech, and FFA. Motion to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar made by Angie Clifford and seconded by Kasey Murphy. Motion passed with 5 yea, 0 nay. Next fall, the first Inservice day is August 7, and school is set to begin August 10. After the 2023-24 school year, the NSAA calendar will fall back five days, meaning the first Inservice day in 2024 would be August 12, and the first day of school would be August 15.

Motion to accept the resignation of Karlee Haecker from her teaching position effective at the end of the school year made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Kolin Kotas. Motion passed with 5 yea, 0 nay. With the resignation of Ms. Haecker, Carly Vitosh will move to third grade for 2023-2024. The district is accepting applications for a Fourth Grade Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

Superintendent Meyerle gave the Board his recommendations for classified wages for 2023-2024. The Board will review and take action at the March meeting..

Superintendent Meyerle gave the Board a list of Extra Duty assignments for 2023-2024 for their review. He also presented the Board with a list of proposed cuts in costs of approximately \$200,000. The Board will review the list. The Board and the Administration would like to make some reductions and hopefully avoid going the Join Public Meeting as required by LB644. Attendance in the meeting is required if a school district exceeds their allowed increase in the local tax request.

Superintendent Meyerle noted that he thought it was important to reduce costs where possible. However, with the increased costs of students with special needs, staff salaries/benefits, and overall costs, it is possible that even with reductions in spending, the district would still need to attend the joint meeting. So much hinges on what State Aid will be, as well as what the "real growth" in valuation is for the school district. Those factors will be known in the coming months. The Board is willing to make some

be known in the coming months. The Board is willing to make some reductions, but only to a point. Superintendent Meyerle is hoping that legis-

lation will pass that would positively affect operations forth 2024-2025 school year. Such legislation would see more money provided from the state, which would allow the district to lower its local tax request. There is also legislation that would increase Special Education reimbursement from the state to 80%, which would be a vast improvement over the current 40%.

The Diller-Odell School District remains fortunate to have a General Fund levy at .66 cents compared to what could be a \$1.05.

Motion to approve bills as presented made by Angie Clifford and seconded by Adam Engelman. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay.

Motion to approve NASB Membership made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Kolin Kotas. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay

Some board members will attend the upcoming NRCSA Convention in Kearney.

Motion to adjourn made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Kasey Murphy. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay. President Kostal adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2023 at the high school in Odell.



"One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain."—Bob Marley

Area March Birthdays

1—Peyton Hansen, David Huwaldt, Kent Lane2—Josh Carpenter

3—Blakely Freitag & Corinna Oberembt

4—Kylie Barth, Sherry Henrichs, Shannyn Kiehn, Steve Krause, & Isaiah Weers

5—Janice Duntz, Greyson Engelman, Lana Hemphill, & Mason Troxel

7—Gunner Snyder & Ben Sohl

10—Kaden Rupprecht & Lexi Weers

11—Carson Ruhge

12—Jim Bures, Franklin Damrow, Linda Holtmeier, Darnelle McCown, Sonia Sasse, & Doyle Wolken

13—Jeff Barnts, Ellen Krueger, & Brian Weers

14—Mark Billesbach & Loreene Stein

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

16—Wendell Lane, Sam Scheele, & Judy Weers

17—Jaedyn Hajek & Jordyn Ruhge

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

20—Jeanette Bangert, Ronda Duis, & Robert Newby

21—Karter Sasse

22—Pat Barnts, Zach Heble, & Phoenix Wendland

23—Becky Bellin, Shawn Ebeling, Brett Landenberger, & Kinley Whitlinger

24—Joyce Carpenter & Larry Engelman

26—Reid Smith, Carolyn Vitosh, & Tom Zarybnicky

27—Baden Thomas

28—Kate Hynek

29—Zach Milligan & Bill Shoff

30—Terry Arnold

31—Lisa Bohling & Tom Penner

Happy Birthday to Karli Heidemann on March 2! Love, Paul, Joyce, Melina, & Kate

Happy Birthday to Jamie Hennerberg on March 3! Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Peggy Hemphill on March 6! Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Michael Stuckwisch on March 14! Love, Paul, Joyce, Mel, & Kate

Happy 21st Birthday to Ashtyn Humphreys on March 25th! Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy 5th Birthday to Kyler Michael on March 29th!

Love, Mom, Dad, Kimber, and Kenleigh

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



from Joyce Lahodny

to everyone for the cards, gifts, flowers, and for attending my 80th birthday open house!

"It made my day very special.
Thanks to all who remembered me."

THANK YOU!

To everyone who sent her birthday cards and wished her happy birthday!



She had a
wonderful day
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and brothers
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ODELL DAY JUNE 24, 2023

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Upcoming Events

March 11th
"An American Patriot"
by Don McPherson from Adams, Ne
Book Signing Event
1:00pm- 3:00pm at the Beatrice Public
Library
\$10 per book Cash Only

\$10 per book Cash Only Come get a book about his WWII experience. Preserving the Old and Building the New Filley Stone Barn Project



Filley Stone Barn

We have some routine preservation work needed to be done and a future Cottage Hill Outdoor Classroom to be built for future programming. Go to our website to find out more.

The mission of the Gage County Historical Society is to preserve, enhance, and showcase the unique history of Gage County by connecting our stories to develop appreciation throughout the wider community.



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