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Newsletter for the Odell and Diller Communities



Photo above: Marie Howe hands candy to her mom, Amanda during the Odell Day Parade. Photo to Right: The fireman following the Legionnaires and Grand Marshall (Walt Vitosh—sorry no photo) at the beginning of the Parade.

The Heat Was On!

Odell Day was hosted by OACE on Saturday, June 24. The day began in the morning with the Sand Volleyball Tournament. The afternoon brought the Free Throw Contest and 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Diller-Odell Boys Basketball Team. Even though temperatures were high, it was a great turnout for the afternoon. Thanks to all the people who participated, watched, and hosted these events! The afternoon continued with the DO Stem Club Water Balloon Launch and DO Cheerleaders Chalk Art Contest. At 5:00 pm, the always-anticipated Egg Toss was held on Main Street with 37 teams participating. (See page 3 for winners). As the evening started to cool a bit, the parade happened on Main Street with an amazing turnout of parade watchers. The fun continued following the parade with free inflatables in the park, a rock climbing wall, Little Tuggers Tractor pull, and the Red Neck Olympics sponsored by the DO FFA. Fireworks were a grand finale to the evening. Thanks to the Corner Bar & Sunnys for your small business hospitality throughout the day.



You are What You Consume

The information you consume impacts your brain. It impacts your learning, memory, and emotions. Research shows the average person is more physiologically activated by negative content than positive—we are attracted to it, yet it impacts us in a very negative way.

Be careful what you read. Be careful what you watch on TV. Be careful about what music and podcasts you listen to. EVERY piece of information you consume impacts your mindset. (any media you consume....books, news, social media, videos, TV shows, movies). They all impact your outlook on life. If we can shape our future with our thoughts, why don't we take this more seriously? Why don't we approach our "thinking habits" the same way we approach our other habits? One reason is simply the fact that this is such a new idea. Because of the internet, our thinking habits have been accelerated quicker than we were ready for, so we really don't know how to handle it. It's time for us to get a grip though. We are being PASSIVE regarding this. We are letting negative information into our minds. We are attracted to a certain set of ideas and thoughts, and we are getting sucked (cont. pg. 8)

"We are drowning in information, but starved for knowledge." John Naisbitt

OHS Class of 1972 Celebrates 50 Years



In 1973, the senior class of Odell High School graduated with 21 members. Don Kostal, Ken Stohs, Randy Wieters, Roger Franzen, Ken Loemker, Arlin Koch, Steve Hays, Terry Bures, Mike Riggert, Donna (Theye) Saathoff, Sharon (Duensing) Wozlasek, Norma (Rademacher) Luedders, Sandy (Wieters) Drinkgern,

Diane (Beran) McClure, Lecia Vitosh, Eileen (Colgrove) Kostal, Kristin (Rockemann) Jurgens, Mary (Novotny) Kramer, Greg Geisbrecht (unable to attend), Nancy (Weiner) Breaniese (unable to attend), and Kevin Rickers (deceased). One of the members is deceased and 2 were unable to attend, but to have 18 out of 21 classmates gather together in celebration, is pretty great! The group enjoyed time at the Rice Lodge visiting, playing trivia, and having a meal catered by Ricky's of Hanover. They were given a tour of the high school building from Andrea Humphreys. But, the highlight of their activities was getting to ride together through the Odell Day parade (photo above). They ended their evening by enjoying the Odell Day Fireworks.



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Streets open at 8:30 am - Rain or Shine

"Getting information off the internet is like trying to take a drink from a fire hydrant."—Mitch Kapor



Odell Day Egg Toss Winners



Above Left: Kolin Kotas & Blake Vitosh take 1st place in the Adult Division of the Odell Day Egg Toss. The duo tried for the record of 101', but didn't make the attempt. The record still holds at 101'.

Above right: Jacob Novotny & Jack Philips take 1st place in the Youth Division. This duo came in third

Odell Day Chalk Art Winners



The Theme for the Chalk Art Contest at Odell Day 2023 was "Disney". From Left to Right (above): Aidan McKinney (age 14) - Princess Tiana (Princess & the Frog), Carter Craven (age 14) - Mickey Mouse, and Josie Novotny (age 9) - Ariel and Flounder from the Little Mermaid.

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"New information makes new and fresh ideas possible."—Zig Ziglar

U p c o m i n g E v e n t s

July 2023

12 - Bingo @ Odell Market

16 - Car Show Benefit, Sunny's Open, & Birthday Celebration at the Corner Bar



August 2023

9 - Bingo @ Odell Market

10 - First Day of School

21 - OACE Meeting

27 - Harvest Festival

OACE Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

7:00 pm

ODELL FIRE HALL

On the Agenda: Trunk or Treat & Odell Craft Fair

What is OACE? Just a quick reminder that OACE is a community group that raises money through fundraisers, and they put that money directly back into the community. OACE is an acronym for Odell Area Community Enrichment. The group was formed in 2007 when both the Odell Community Club and Odell Women for a Better Community decided to merge into one group because of dwindling numbers. OACE's mission is: "To identify and respond to community needs in order to enrich the lives of Odell-area residents." The motto of OACE is: Securing our Future....Expanding Our Horizons. Since forming in 2007, OACE has given over \$50,000 back to the community. A few of the projects the organization has funded or donated toward are: three Odell welcome signs, park equipment & tire mulch, park benches, park Odell sign, Odell Main Street Ban-

ners, Christmas Main Street Decorations, Community building tables, chair racks and other projects, yearly scholarships to DOHS graduates, OWTC, Rice Lodge, and school projects. Events, fundraisers, and activities that OACE makes happen include: Odell Bucks, Easter Egg Hunt, Odell Garage Sales, Volunteer Appreciation, Odell Day, Trunk or Treat, Odell Craft Fair, Odell Community Christmas and for 15 years, the Odell Run for Fun. There is no membership fee to be part of OACE, and if you are simply a person who wants to help out Odell and the surrounding area, you are a member of OACE. The group meets once a month and current officers include: Shannon & Josh Novotny (Presidents), and Carly Vitosh (Treasurer). Contact one of the officers or Joyce Kostal if you are interested in knowing more or helping out.



NEED VOLUNTEERS!
Help out once a week for an hour! (11am-noon) Or be a Substitute!
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Bingo
FREE Wednesday
July 12
1-3 pm
ODELL BUCKS FOR PRIZES!
ODELL MARKET COFFEE SHOP

Diller-Odell Public Schools has the following position open for the 2023-24 school year

ELEMENTARY CUSTODIAN

The position is for 40 hours a week year round. The focus of this position will be on cleaning, not maintenance.

For more information on pay and benefits, or to apply, contact Superintendent Michael Meyerle at P.O Box 188, Odell, NE 68415; (402) 766-4210; mmeyerle@dillerodell.org

EOE

SUMMER CAMP BASKETBALL

Diller-Odell Lady Griffin Elementary & Jr. High

Girls entering 3rd-5th

11:45a-1:15p

July 10 (Odell)

July 17 (Odell)

July 24 (Odell)

Girls entering 6th-8th

10:00a-11:30a

July 12 (Odell)

July 19 (Odell)

July 26 (Odell)

Working on fundamentals and basic skills important for young players to learn to become overall better players!

Griffin Basketball T-Shirt given if a player attends the camps at least 3 times

Contact Coach Mohr for more details or questions.

NO COST

DILLER-ODELL VOLLEYBALL CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

SATELLITE CAMP

Hosted by: Diller-Odell Volleyball Team

July 24-25, 2023

Scott Kneifl
(Wayne State)

Open to Grades 5th-12th
(2023-2024)

Diller-Odell High School



IF Interested,
Please contact one of the
Diller-Odell Volleyball Coaches:
Reba Hestermann, Carly Vitosh,
or Josie Vitosh



**Saturday,
August 5, 2023**

**8 am registration
9 am tee off**

36 Teams Limit

**\$250 per team by July 28
\$280 on day of**

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Stars of Summer

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July 20-23
Thu-Sat @ 7:30, Sun @ 2:00



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AUGUST 3RD
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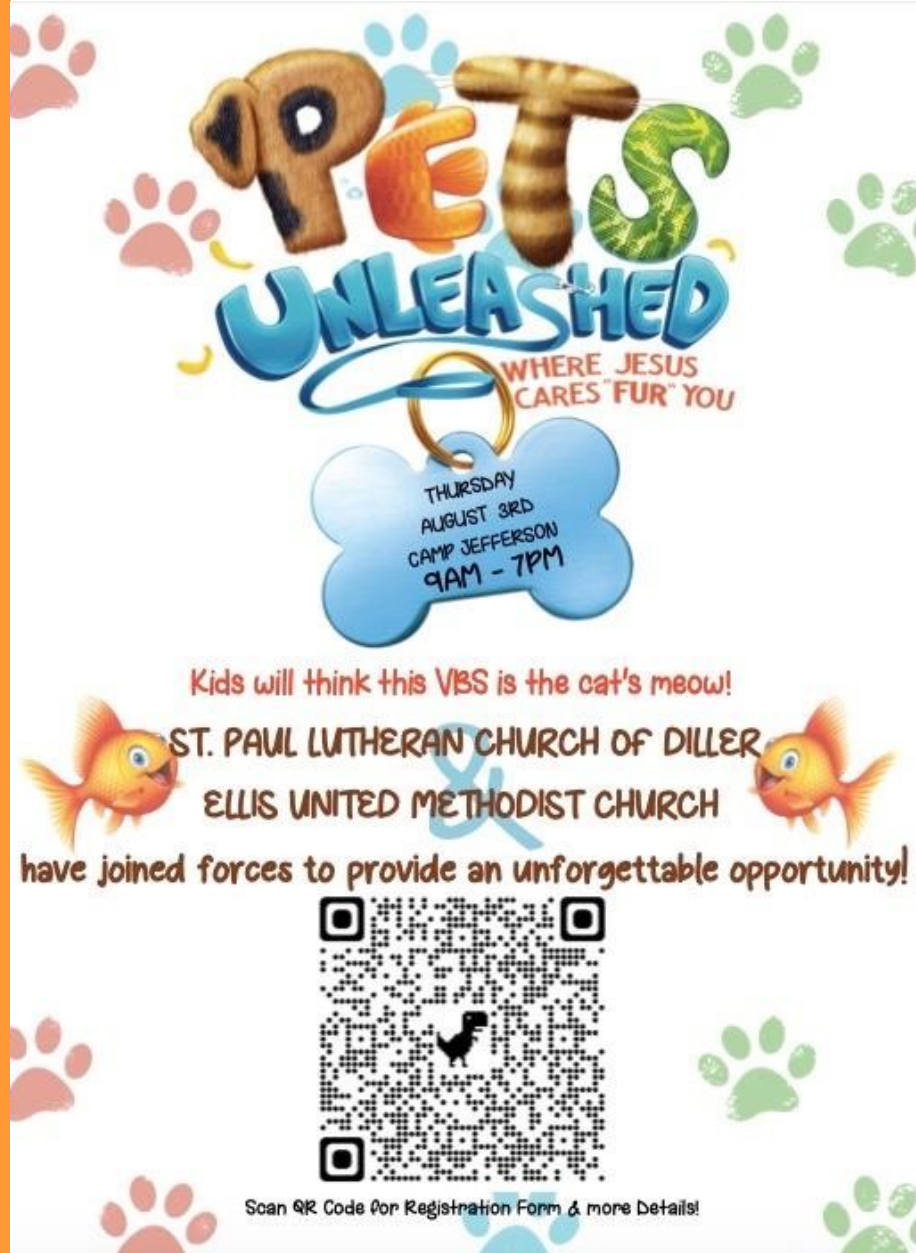
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The Virtue of Faith

Faith is a virtue. When we hear the word "virtue", we instinctively know that it is a good thing. But what exactly is a virtue?

A virtue is a disposition within us to do good. Many times a day, we act upon such dispositions. A friendly smile and a cheerful greeting result from the virtuous dispositions within us. A disposition to do evil is called a vice. If a cheerful greeting to one's neighbor is a virtue, then ignoring one's neighbor, or looking upon him or her with spite, is a vice.

Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us. Along with hope and charity, they are called theological virtues because they are gifts from God. We received these gifts when we were baptized. We retain the gift of faith until, or unless, we sin against it. Those who have faith commit their entire selves, their entire lives, to God. They act upon the knowledge found in Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 1, verse 17, where it says that "The one who is righteous by faith will live."

To be a follower of Jesus Christ, one must not only keep the faith and live by it, but also profess it and bear confident witness to it. Such a one remembers Christ's words in Matthew 10: "So everyone who acknowledges me be-

fore men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

Living the gift of faith and witnessing to it does not mean life will be easy. Jesus predicted that the cross would enter our lives. The Lord tells us in Luke's Gospel that a follower of his must be willing to take up one's cross daily. Our crosses are always carried in union with Christ. Our Lord said at the Last Supper, "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

Sometimes living our faith means we will be persecuted. The Christian Post reported that 63 churches in the US were attacked in the first three months of this year. Rural Nebraska is not exempt from these attacks. On the day before Easter, the altar in the Catholic church in Syracuse was found overturned. A Christian does not seek out persecution, but he or she knows that with and by faith, life's troubles can be overcome. Christians can live joyful and happy lives.

I hope you have enjoyed this little tour through the virtue of faith.

Rev. Loras Grell, Pastor of St. Mary Church, Odell

Summer Speaker Series
in partnership with Beatrice Public
Library and Lower Big Blue NRD.

History of the Little Indian Creek Watershed
July 25, 2023
Presented by Adam Kimmerling
7:00pm at Beatrice Public Library.

Planning for Parks: History of the Beatrice
Parks
August 1, 2023
Presented by Laureen Reidesel
7:00pm at Beatrice Public Library

Our summer exhibit is open!
Floods of the Big Blue:
Community through Adversity

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Sundays 1:00pm- 4:00pm*
*Memorial Weekend-Labor
Day Weekend



The Harvest Festival Committee of Our Savior Lutheran Church wants you to "Save the Date" of Sunday, August 27! This will be their 5th Annual Harvest Festival in Odell (park, street, community building). They want everyone to know that this is an event that is not just for the church, but for **EVERYONE** to have a fun and safe afternoon of kids games, bingo, and fun. There will be a pulled pork meal (free will donation) following the fun, and an awesome raffle at the end of the evening! Consider joining in the fun, bring your families, and pass the word on!

Our Local Odell Methodist Church is excited to let everyone know that have a few changes in their Sunday Services. They will have Communion the Second Sunday of each month. The church is also going to start the reading of the "Bible in a Year" together on the third Sundays of each month.

They will also be watching Season 1 of The Chosen on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. (starting July 12). **EVERYONE** is welcome to join them as they watch these episodes then have a little discussion following. The Chosen is an amazing representation of Jesus and his Disciples and what their "real lives" may have been like."

Odell Methodist Church

- Sunday Services @ 10:30 am
- Communion - 2nd Sundays
- Reading of the "Bible in a Year" - 3rd Sundays



EVERYONE WELCOME -
The Chosen Season 1
Wednesdays @ 5 pm,
starting July 12

(consume cont. from front pg.) into "one way of thinking". We think we are "following our beliefs", but we are allowing ourselves to be brainwashed into only thinking one way, without even being able to look at the world from all angles. If you are only following certain people, only listening to things that talk about the same thing that align with our current thoughts, only read things that are of the same subject and way of thinking, only attracted to friends who talk like you and believe things you believe. If you are judging others simply because they may not think exactly like you, we are doing ourselves an injustice. We are allowing ourselves to be brainwashed simply because we think "we are right".

If you are only listening to people who are angry at the world and they are loud about it, then we will find ourselves being angry and impatient, not only with the world, but with our family and loved ones.

The biggest enemy of intelligence and making smart decisions is ignorance, a lack of knowledge and information. You may think "you know it all", but if you are staying within a very narrow way of what you are consuming, you are far from knowing it all. In a world where we have access to almost everything and we could be so full of knowledge of all sorts, we have narrowed down our little worlds to slivers of what we allow ourselves to take in, because it is much easier to control a small set of information instead of considering things from all sides. It is easier to go on believing and taking in the same info because it makes us feel "right", it makes us feel "good about ourselves". Too bad this way of living is only hurting us, it is brainwashing us to a certain way of thinking, acting, and

living.

Consuming the right, honest, and positive information will bring benefits to your life. Your brain is more than just thinking, it controls everything you do. Everything you take in shapes the way you act and feel. If you take in information that is negative, it will make you think and act in a negative way. (vice versa positive info).

STOP being passive about what you are "consuming". De-clutter your mind. Focus on positive information. Stay away from only listening to one type of information (i.e. political topics), lest you become "brainwashed" by that information and your mind and world become slivers of what they could be. Develop the types of information you consume. Be focused on opening up your world and mind-set and you will become a better person, friend, parent, grandparent, etc. Just because you change the information you have coming and going into your mind doesn't mean you have to change at your core...you can keep your beliefs and morals in tact, at the same time, you can let go of anger and negativity to those around you.

All of this comes down to taking better care of your brain. If you do this, your brain will be more healthy, your mental state will become more healthy, which in turn makes you more physically healthy.

MAKE BETTER CHOICES IN YOUR INFORMATION CONSUMPTION HABITS

(some info is taken from article written by Matthew Royse "Your Mind Takes the Shape of What You Think." Dec. 2020)

"We are twice armed if we fight with faith."—Plato

Area July Birthdays

- 1—Rod Arthur & Herb Wollenburg
- 2—Kathy Nelson, Bill Sandman, & Gladys Sandman
- 3—Andy Adam & Stacy Roelfs
- 4—Reba Hestermann, Max Knabe, & Braden Troxel
- 5—Tom Faxon & Brennan Schultis
- 6—Matt Mezger & Lori Rempel
- 7—Nate Day, Jean Novotny, & Gayle Rohr
- 8—Ross Bogart & Abby Hynek
- 9—Maci Ellis, Carson Kostal, Jocelyn Nippert, Turner Nippert, & Reid Pretzer
- 10—Becky Craig, Courtney Lottman, Wyatt Smith, & Joey Ward
- 11—Catie Knabe
- 12—Wayne Duis & Brad Sasse
- 13—Rye Burken & Dean Pretzer
- 14—Aidan McKinney & Greg Penner
- 15—Tristan Rosebaugh & Laney Stevens
- 16—Trey Breeden, Lucy Dorn, Steven Carver Kostal, Tricia Mohr, Wyatt Peitzmeier, Kashtyn Sasse, Lakeyn Sasse, & Charlotte Wendland
- 17—Brad Hicok
- 18—Jerrod Novotny, Kasen Sasse, Knox Sasse, Addison Schnuelle, Elijah Vitosh, & Delmar Wiemers
- 19—Diana Blair, JoAnn Scheele, Makenna Shelly, & Cathy Zarybnicky
- 20—Oliver Ideus, Susan Meyer, Lila Penner, & Earl Spitsnogle
- 21—Jesse Gilman-McCown, Angie McMurray, & George Rempel
- 22—Sharon Arthur & Michele Stanosheck
- 23—Paxton Mohr, Holli Pretzer, Dean Roelfs, & Valerie Speth
- 24—Rejeanna Sasse
- 26—Ann Engelman, Christina Goering, Keith Goman, & Travis Reiman
- 27—Marcia Duerksen, Teresa Faxon, Cash Murphy, & Tenlee Murphy
- 28—Darcy Hroch & Alex Koch
- 29—Kathy Adam
- 30—Beth Billesbach, LaVern Meyer, Julie Schmidt, Nicole Schnuelle, Zach Schnuelle, & Tom Wendland
- 31—Tyler Ellis, Pat Lane, Kasey Murphy, & Wesley Sowl

Happy Birthday to Clara Stuckwisch on July 23!
Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy 18th Birthday to Braeden Humphreys
on July 29! Love, Your family & Friends!

**HAPPY 100th
BIRTHDAY**

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DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS MONDAY-FRIDAY

"With our thoughts, we make the world."—Buddha

Summer Reading @ the Odell Public Library

June 7-Sep 1, 2023 Ages 0-18



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to get signed up!

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Drink
ticket odell
market

Summer Reading at the Odell Library

Your local Odell Public Library sponsors a Summer Reading program each year. IF your kids haven't signed up, it's not too late. If they are at least half way to their goal, have them come in and pick up their ticket for a free ice cream at Sunny's!

There is just over a month until school is here, so urge your kids to finish up their reading goals for the summer! Thanks to OACE and the Diller Foundation for their generous donations toward the programs at the Library. Reading is one of the best skills you can instill in your children. It will give them knowledge, escape, and entertainment. It is something that you can hold on to for the rest of your life!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open all Saturdays in July
CLOSED : August 5

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