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Newsletter for the Odell and Diller Communities



Zander Davis & Kallen Stohs stopped by the Odell Public Library for Halloween.

A Fun and Safe Evening at the 7th Annual Odell Trunk or Treat

OACE hosted the 7th Annual Trunk or Treat on Main Street Odell on Friday, October 27. It was a chilly evening, but the turn out was great both for Trunks and Trick or Treaters! Treats and Activities were provided by local businesses, organizations, school groups, churches, and individuals. Certificates and Odell Bucks were sent out for different awards for trunks. THANK YOU to EVERYONE who participated. Every one of you made the evening fun and successful! Consider hosting a "Trunk" next year on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024. It's a great way to see all the kids in their costumes and interact with local community members. (more on page 4)

Mercy Meals Blue Rivers Area in Its Ninth Year

Mercy Meals Blue Rivers Area began with their first packing event in February 2014. The Odell Community Building was updated and inspected to be an official site in December 2015. Since MMBRA began, Odell has hosted 12 Packing events. The supplies and volunteers have moved around to different sights throughout the Blue Rivers area in



Monday, November 27, 2023 Odell Community Building

2 Hour Shifts: 8-10 am, 10 am-noon, noon-2pm, 2-4 pm, 4-6 pm, & 6-8 pm. Clean up after last shift appreciated.

Help will also be needed on Sunday, November 26 (TBD) to set up equipment and move supplies from the storage container

Individuals or groups can call the State Bank of Odell @ 402-766-3720, Gwen @ 402-806-2174, or Deb @ 402-520-1795

Also needed: Volunteers to bring cookies or snacks to share with the workers.



those years. 10 years of packing will be celebrated in 2024 (we did miss one year in 2020 due to COVID). Pastor Gregory Stuckwisch was the leader in making this great organization and events happen. Pastor Stuckwisch was part of Mercy Meals Southwest Nebraska in Wauneta, NE before he and his family moved to Odell. There are Mercy Meals throughout the state of Nebraska. Each "package" contains food product to feed 6 individuals. Odell has packed approximately enough to feed 6000,000 people. If you are interested in volunteering at this next event, contact the numbers provided. You can learn more about Mercy Meals by following the Facebook page: Mercy Meals Odell. Consider volunteering for the next event on November 27. Set up will be the evening before if you can help with that.

"Doubting yourself is normal. Letting it stop you is a choice."—Mel Robbins



"It is no bad thing to celebrate a simple life."—JRR Tolkien



"The question is not what you look at but what you see."—HR Thoreau

Odell Trunk or Treat Awards Winners



BEST TRUNK Kotas Construction Cow & Trailer

FRI. & SAT:

CLOSED SUNDAYS & MO



MOST CREATIVE The Corner Bar "Frankenstein Nostril Grab"



BEST ACTIVITY Diller-Odell Art Club Face Painting



GENEROSITY SideTrek Bar/Barb Schroeder Free Hot Dogs, Chips, Water



COME ON IN-WE ARE OPEN! THE CORNER BAR ODELL, NE HOURS: TUE-THU: 4-9 PM

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HONORABLE MENTION Above Left: Jessica & Andy Post. Above Right: Stateline Promotions Photo Backdrop



"You get what you work for, not what you wish for."

ODELL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH 7:30 PM odell community building

THANK YOU TO BETH ROELFS FOR THE FALL DECORATIONS IN THE POTS ON MAIN STREET DILLER! THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL!

Thank you to Becky Sohl for your work on the Main Street Decorations for Fall!



NOVEMBER NOTICES

- Nov. 22 closing @ 4 pm
- Nov. 24 Open 8a-3p
- Nov. 25 Odell Craft Fair
 Vendors in the Coffee Shop Space

402-766-4177 MONDAY-SATURDAY 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM PIZZA OVEN SHUTS DOWN 30 MINUTES BEFORE CLOSING

WEEKLY DRINK SPECIALS HOTLUNCH SERVED DAILY STARTING@11AM OACE Meeting MONDAY, NOVMEBER 20, 2023 7:00 pm ODELL FIRE HALL On the Agenda: Odell Craft Fair & Odell Community Christmas

Thank you for the overwhelming support and prayers during my

hospital stay in Denver and my ongoing battle with neuroendocrine tumor disease.

I am humbled by the donations of food, cards, gift cards and ongoing

prayers. I am especially grateful to my family, who were by my side

during those challenging weeks,

and continue to support me. God is so good and His faithfulness is with us daily. God's richest blessings to all of you.

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WHISKEY BARREL BAR & GRILL HOURS

BAR & GRILL

Monday-Thursday..7am-2pm, 4pm-10pm Friday...... Saturday......3pm-2am (earlier for events) Sunday......closed

KITCHEN HOURS

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Monday-Friday......11am-2pm, 5:30pm-9:30pm Saturday......5:30pm-9:30pm

HAPPY HOUR

Daily.....4pm-6pm

School and Youth News

Student of the Month

The Diller-Odell Elementary October Student of the Month is John Knabe. John is a hard-working individual who gives is best effort in the classroom. He is respectful to his peers and adults. He is the 4th grade son of John & Ranay Knabe. Congratulations John!





LAST CHANCE TO ORDER FRUIT FROM FFA! Deadline for sales is Wednesday, November 8! Talk to an FFA Member, or contact Mr. Tanner Nun directly, via email: tnun@dillerodell.org. Information is also on the Diller-Odell Ag Ed page (Fruit, Meat/Cheese, Cookie Dough)



November Events @ School

7—One Act Performance @ 7 pm (public)

9—FFA Meeting @ 7 pm

13—Winter Practices begin

14—Home JH Boys BBall @ 1:30 pm

21—Home JH Boys BBall @ 1:00 pm

22-24—NO SCHOOL

30—Home BBall Games @ 4:30 pm

CALENDAR

The 2nd Grade Class will soon begin working on the 2024 Community Birthday Calendar. If you live in our School District or attend Diller-Odell Public Schools and would like your birthday added to the calendar, please contact Mrs. Hynek at jhynek@dillerodell.org

Also, if there are any deletions or corrections to the current calendar, please let Mrs Hynek know.

The money earned is used for their spring field trip. Thank you for your continued support of this community service project!



Diller-Odell FFA has ten members, and three alumni attending the National FFA Convention the week of October 30-November 4. One member, Dave Parde, will be in the National FFA Band for his second year. Three members and one alumni will be competing in the National Dairy Judging Competition; Jason Arnold, Preston Engelman, Callan McKinney, and Sidney Engelman. There are two alumni members, Ashtyn Humphreys and Alli Engelman, receiving their American FFA Degree, which only 1% of all FFA members earn. Lastly, there will

be six FFA members attending the Convention to experience what National FFA has to offer. RESULT UPDATES: Above Right Photo: Sidney Engelman, Preston Engelman, Callan McKinney, & Jason Arnold received a silver medal as a team in the National Dairy Judging Contest, beating 13 out of 42 teams. Above left photo is David Parde and his parents, Anne & Tanner at the Indianapolis Arts Garden for the National FFA Band Performance.

Diller-Odell Board of Education High School Media Center-Odell Monday, October 9, 2023

Regular Board Meeting-7:00 pm Present: Adam Engelman, Paul Kostal, Kolin Kotas & Kasey Murphy. The absences of Angie Clifford & Dusty Duis were excused. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting made by Adam Engelman seconded by Kasey Murphy. Passed with 4 yea, 0 nay.

No student report

Principal Mezger reported on PTC, the upcoming MTTS conference, some data updates, school safety suggestions, and school improvement items.

Cally Ideus from Aegix presented information on safety features utilizing technology. The Board appreciated the information and is interested in setting up a more formal presentation to the Board.

Superintendent Meyerle presented an early edition of a 2024-2025 school calendar for the Board to review. The calendar will be formally adopted later. The calendar has school starting on Thursday, August 15, 2024 with the last

day being May 22, 2025 The School Safety Committee presented a few items for Superintendent Meyerle to consider.

Superintendent Meyerle gave an update on negotiations with the DOEA. The Board hopes to have a two-year contract settled before winter break. The Administration and the Board discussed playing 6-man football in 2024 and 2025. Superintendent Meyerle and Principal Mezger answered questions and noted some concerns they have with continuing to play 8-man football the next two years. Both administrators feel the change would be good for our

students the next two years. Superintendent Meyerle noted that Diller-Odell would continue to paly 8man football in [H in 2024 and 2025, preferably in a continued coop with Southern. If Diller-Odell would pay 6man football in 2024 and 2025, the school would seek a junior varsity

schedule in 6-man.

The school's declaration of playing either 8-man or 6-man football is due to the NSAA by November 30, 2023. Team schedules are set by the NSAA. Should the school change to 6-man football, it would be on the November Board meeting agenda.

The Board would like to hear any input patrons have on the matter. Patrons should contact Board members directly to share their input. Any change would

only affect the

sons at this point. A new classification declaring would be due in November of 2025 for the 2026 and 2027 seasons. Motion to approve bills as presented made by Kolin Kotas and seconded by Kasey Murphy. Motion passed with 4 yea and 0 nay.

Some Board members will attend the

NASB conference in November. Superintendent Meyerle noted he would take care of upcoming registrations for

the NASB conference. Motion to adjourn made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Kasey Murphy.

Passed with 4 yea, 0 nay.

President Kostal adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the High School

Diller-Odell FCA WEDNESDA

September 20, 2023 - Mrs. Kostal's Room October 18, 2023

November 15, 2023 December 20, 2023 January 17, 2023 February 21, 2023 March 20, 2023 April 17, 2023



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402.793.5330 diodecom.net them. Charity acts like the mold by

which all the other virtues are formed.

describes charity as being kind and pa-

tient, that it is not jealous or boastful,

nor arrogant or rude, nor irritable or

resentful. He teaches us that charity

all things, and endures all things. This

couples select it for the Scripture on

their wedding day.

passage describes love so well that may

bears all things, believes all things, hopes

Many are familiar with Paul's description

of charity in First Corinthians. There, he

The Virtue of Charity

A song in our hymnals when I was young was called "Where Charity and Love Prevail." The first verse went like this: "Where charity and love prevail/there God is ever found/brought here together by Christ's love/by love are we thus bound." This hymn has stood the test of time and is still in our hymnals today.

Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbors as ourselves for the love God. Charity is the form of all the other virtues and is superior to



I think one of the greatest effects of charity is that it purifies our human ability to love. Our love can be drawn up into the supernatural perfection of divine love. We can love with the very love of God. At the Last Supper, Jesus for Pick up orders: commanded the disciples "to love one another as I have loved you (John 15:12)" he calls this his

has set the bar high for

what he expects of us in the practice of charity.

Paul in Romans teaches that Christ came to us while we were still enemies. Because of this redemptive death upon the cross, we are no longer enemies. So, in imitation of lesus, who prayed for his enemies from the cross, we too must love our enemies and be willing to forgive them for wronging us. We are to consider ourselves as neighbor to those whom we will never meet or know in this life. We are to love the poor and children as lesus himself loved them.

Jesus calls us no longer slaves, but friends. Since he has "first loved us (1]ohn 4:19)", we are called as his friends as his very sons and daughters, to love him and our neighbor in return. If we love others out of love for lesus who commands us to love, we love as inno-

cently as little children.

I have interchangeably use the terms charity and love. Traditionally, even before the life of Christ, love was broken into four categories: romantic love, new commandment. Jesus brotherly love, familial love, and unconditional love. The latter is the one which best defines charity, as this selfless love requires sacrifice or service toward the one loved.

> People say that "love makes the world go round." Love shown to all people truly keeps the world together; it begins with you and me loving one another. Rev. Loras Grell, St. Mary's Church-Odell



Join us for a free one-hour "Discover the Possibilities" event. Enjoy refreshments and a tour of Mosaic's mission and work by those who know it best - the people we support, their families, and those who serve

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DISCOVER THE POSSIBILITIES

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12.05.23 - 10 am - 11 am 12.19.23 - 10 am - 11 am

1.16.24 - 10 am - 11 am 1.30.24 - 10 am - 11 am

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Joyce Wenzbauer at joyce.wenzbauer@mosaicinfo.org or 402.223.4066 x 52272









"Don't be busy, be productive."

Area November Birthdays

1—Bill Behrends, Judy Landenberger, Bradley Leseberg, & Jim Lyons

2—Teddi Goering, Renee Hroch, Myleigh Weers, & Rachelle Weers

5—Beau McClintock

6—Damian Andersen, Marilyn Antons, Neil Meyer, Brianna Weers, & John Wendland

8—Rhonda Balderson, Linda Garcia, Brenda Reiman, Reya Schramm, & Kara Troxel

9-Leatha Christ, Brady Helton, & Kristi Landon

10-Ryan Arnold & Sharon Lottman

11—Marty Coufal, Susan Lawton, & Brett Weers

12—Bruce Vitosh & Devin Weyer

13-Marian Fritzen & Ezra Kostal

14—Stephanie Larsen

15—Amanda Bodfield & Liam Bodfield

16—Abram Hackler, Everett Larsen, Karley Rupprecht, & Mark Vitosh

18—Dick Roever, Kate Schnuelle, & Jeanne Skidmore

19—Hudson Hamel & Phyllis Rupprecht

20—Layni Huwaldt

21—Gilbert Bangert, Randy Freitag, Draw Hroch, & Kasen Kotas

22—Leanna Lottman

23—Carol Clark, Brenda Engelman, & John Mohr

24—Tara Craw & Darrell Vitosh

25—Brett Becker, Anthony Landon, & Wayne Meyer

26—Theresa Knabe, Deane Wellsandt, & Vance Wendland

28—Deb Nippert & Kaleb Rupprecht

29—Stacy Hennerberg & Norene Rempel

30—Bo Sohl & Jacob Meyer



Happy Birthday to Alex Wenzbauer on Nov. 3! Love, Your family & friends

Happy 14th Birthday to Madilyn Dendinger on Nov. 4! Love, Your Family

Happy Birthday to Kirsten Bures on Nov. 8! Love, Grandpa & Grandma B

Happy Birthday to Josie Novotny on Nov. 8! Love, Your family & friends

Happy Birthday to Max Landon on Nov. 12! Love, Your family & friends

Happy Birthday to Deagan Andersen on Nov. 20! Love, Your family & friends

Happy 1st Birthday to Colter Steinfort on Nov. 23! Love, Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday to Peyton Humphreys on Nov. 26! Love, Your family & friends

Happy Birthday to Evelyn McKeever on Nov. 27! Love, Your Family & Friends



TO STEPHEN DAVIS ON NOVEMBER 19TH! Love, your family



"People who avoid failure, also avoid success."-Robert T Kiyosaki

