



# Village Voice

MARCH 2024 ISSUE 183

## Newsletter for the Odell and Diller Communities

### Spring Fever

Lately, we have had pockets of very nice weather. If you are feeling restless for this weather to stick around, if you are feeling “itchy” to be outside, or you are daydreaming a bit more....you may have caught “Spring fever”. We have all most likely heard of this term, but is it actually real? There has been a good amount of research done to find out if there are medical diagnoses to spring fever, most being found inconclusive. Doctors are unable to label “spring fever” as a definitive medical category. Some symptoms of spring fever do have scientific explanations (rise in hormones, genetic reactions to having more hours of light in a day, etc.), things such as our “renewal of energy” for no reason except a season change, have been harder to pinpoint an explanation.

Before spring was actually called “spring”, it was referred to as “Lent” in Old English. For those who celebrate Easter, you may already be familiar with this term, as it refers to the period leading up to Easter Sunday. During the 14th century, this period known as “Lent” started to be called “springing time”, since this was when plants, shrubs, trees, and other greenery started springing back up from the ground. A century later, this term was shortened to “springtime”, and a century after that, it was shortened again to what we now call “Spring”. (cont'd page 2 & 7)

### March is Women's History Month

March 1-March 31 has been marked “Women’s History Month. This was first marked in 1995, after many years of having a week designated for it. President Jimmy Carter was a very big proponent for this cause, being the first to make Women’s History Week a national proclamation. Women’s History Week began as local celebration in Santa Rosa, CA, and now (cont'd pg. 8)



Ice Cream & Treats

**RE-OPENS on**  
**MARCH 20, 2024!**  
**HOURS**

**Wednesday - Friday: 4 - 8 pm**

Subject to close early if slow

**205 Main St. Ste. C, Odell, NE**

**Easter**  
**EGG HUNT**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**MARCH 30, 2024**  
**11:00 am**  
**Odell City Park**  
**Ages 0-5th grade**  
**Easter Bunny will be there!**

**Easter**  
**EGG HUNT**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024**  
**2:00 pm**  
**DILLER CITY PARK**  
**AGES 0-5TH GRADE**  
**Bring your Basket & Come**  
**Meet the Easter Bunny!**



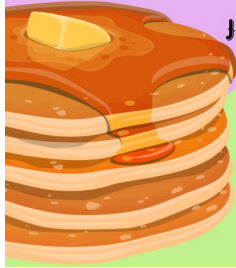
Ellis Methodist Church

# PANCAKE FEED

Sunday, March 3, 2024

11 AM - 1 PM

Free Will Offering



JOIN US FOR:

Pancakes  
Sausage  
Eggs  
Desserts  
Pies  
Cakes

WYMORE/DILLER-ODELL  
LEGION BASEBALL TEAM

# PANCAKE FEED



SUNDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WYMORE AMERICAN  
LEGION

FREE WILL  
DONATION

ALL YOU CAN EAT  
- PANCAKES - EGGS -  
- SAUSAGE -



OUR SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN  
YOUTH LEAD

# PANCAKE FEED

Sunday, March 17

10 am - 1 pm

ODELL COMMUNITY  
BUILDING

ALL YOU CAN EAT  
PANCAKES - EGGS -  
SAUSAGE

Free Will Donation



Odell American Legion 231

# FISH FRY

Saturday, March 9, 2024

5:30-8:00 pm



DINE IN OR CARRY OUT!



\$15.00/PERSON

\$7.00 KIDS 10 & UNDER

Serving: Fish, Ham, Beans,  
Scalloped Potatoes, and Cole Slaw

AND SALAD BAR!!!!

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

The Legionnaires appreciate the community support they receive. Donations will help offset costs for a new furnace and will continue to support local youth activities. Persons unable to attend but who like to donate can make donations to Odell American Legion Post 231, and send to treasurer Mike Riggert, 510 Garfield St., Odell, NE 68415. (The Legion building does not have a mailing address)

DILLER FIRE & RESCUE

# Pancake Feed

SATURDAY

MARCH 23, 2024

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

DILLER FIRE HALL

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage

Free Will Donation



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Out, Curbside  
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around Diller

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Raffle for guns, Blackstone Grill  
& \$500. Purchased from any Diller  
Fire and Rescue before - Don't  
need to be present to win.

Spring Fever, cont'd:  
10 beautiful places to  
visit in Nebraska this  
spring:

1. McCook: Great scenery and adventure. Welcoming residents, national parks, lakes, landmarks, and beautiful clear rivers.
2. Chadron: Chadron State Park & Nebraska National Forest. Beautiful city with excellent visibility in the Spring.
3. Smith Falls State park: near Valentine, beautiful scenery and 63 foot waterfall.
4. Carhenge
5. Platte River State Park: Between Lincoln and Omaha
6. The Archway by Kearney: This is a personal recommendation of my family.
7. Lincoln: lots of spring activity—sunken gardens, events, zoo.
8. Omaha: lots of spring activity, zoo,
9. Chimney Rock
10. Cowboy Trail: Trail that stretches nearly 200 miles in northern Nebraska.



"Spring—the music of open windows."—Terri Guillemets"

PLEASE JOIN  
US FOR A

*Retirement  
Luncheon*

HONORING  
*Peggy  
Hemphill*  
FOR 26 YEARS OF SERVICE

THURSDAY | APRIL 4TH, 2024 | 11:00AM-1:00PM  
THE DILLER COMMUNITY CENTER

SAVE THE DATE

**THE DILLER  
PICNIC**

JUNE 13-15, 2024  
(Parade Theme – Grand Ole Flag)

THURSDAY EVENING: TRACTOR PULL  
FRIDAY EVENING: EXTREME BULL RIDING  
SATURDAY EVENING: PARADE & ROCK IT  
EVENTS PRO ON MIDWAY

More details to come!  
Follow on Facebook:  
Diller Picnic

ODELL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 - 7:30 PM  
ODELL COMMUNITY BUILDING

**BINGO**

**FREE Wednesday  
March 13  
1-3 pm**

ODELL BUCKS FOR PRIZES!  
ODELL MARKET COFFEE SHOP

## Upcoming March Events

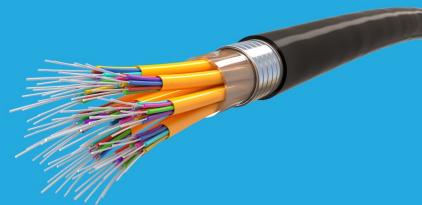
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| 3 - Pancake Feed in Ellis                   | 17 - Pancake Feed at Odell Community Building |
| 9 - Fish Fry @ Odell Legion                 | 20 - Sunny's Reopens                          |
| 10 - Pancake Feed Legion Baseball in Wymore | 23 - Alumni BBall/VBall, Cami Freidrichs      |
| 13 - Bingo @ Odell Market & Odell Village   | Fundraiser & Pancake Feed at Diller Fire Hall |
| Board Mtg @ 7:30 pm                         | 25 - OACE Meeting at 7 pm                     |



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**HOURS**

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Wed: 4-6 p  
Thu: 3-5 p  
Fri: 9-11 a  
Sat: 10a-12p





"Spring hath put a spirit of youth in everything."—William Shakespeare

## Local Catholic Holy Week SERVICES

**Thursday, March 28:** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm - St. Mary, Wymore

**Friday, March 29:** Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 pm - St. Mary, Odell

**Saturday, March 30:** Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter - 8:00 pm - St. Mary, Wymore

**Sunday, March 31:** Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection - 7:15 am - St. Joseph, Barneston, 9:00 am - St. Mary, Odell, and 10:45 am - St. Mary, Wymore

## Local Methodist Holy Week SERVICES

**Thursday, March 28:** Maundy Thursday - Ellis @ 7 pm

**Friday, March 29:** Good Friday - Odell @ 7 pm

**Sunday, March 31:** Easter Morning - Ellis @ 7 am (breakfast following) & Odell @ 10 am

# HELP WANTED

- PART TIME
- FLEXIBLE HOURS
- HAVE TO BE 19 YEARS OLD
- Would work kitchen and front
- Contact Jill @ 402-806-9201

## ODELL COMMUNITY MARKET

## Holy Week St. Paul's Lutheran Diller SERVICES

**Palm Sunday:** 9:30 am

**Maundy Thursday:**  
Seder Meal at 7:00 pm

**Good Friday:** 7:00 pm

**Easter Morning:**  
9:30 am  
Breakfast from 8:00 am - 9:30 am  
provided by Youth Group

## Holy Week Local LCMS Lutheran SERVICES

**Palm Sunday Services:**  
9:00 am Our Savior Odell;  
10:45 am St. Peter's Wymore & Zion Lutheran,  
Seder Meal 4:30 pm St. Peter's Wymore

**Holy Thursday:**  
7:00 pm St Peter's Wymore & Our Savior Odell

**Good Friday:** 7:00 pm Zion Harbine  
& Our Savior Odell

**Easter Morning:**  
7:00 am Our Savior Odell  
& 10:45 am St. Peter's Wymore

## ODELL COMMUNITY MARKET

# HOURS

MONDAY-SATURDAY  
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

Pizza oven shuts down 30 minutes before closing

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS MONDAY-FRIDAY



Kristie Sutton  
Independent Scentsy Director  
<http://odellsutton.scentsy.us>  
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"My favorite weather is bird chirping weather."—Terri Guillemets



The Rice Lodge just received some old news articles about Odell's Rice Hospital from the family of David and Darlene Klaus. Most of them we have, and they are placed in a scrap book at the Rice Lodge or in frames hanging on the wall. This article, however, we have never seen. It is so interesting! It is from the Beatrice newspaper dated Sunday, August 21, 1938. The Rice Hospital would have been 9 years old at that time.

The photo itself is interesting! Notice the awnings. And notice the south side 'porch' which isn't there anymore and hasn't been for many years. Now the Rice Lodge has a wonderful entertainment deck instead, the "Anderson Family Deck".

Also, notice the hand railing at the bottom, left front of the hospital. There was a dentist's office and laboratory in the northwest corner of the basement in the hospital. Dr. Newell Boughton was the Dentist. The article states that it was "well lighted and ventilated" and that "the temperature seldom goes above 78 to 80 degrees on the hottest days". This railing was there because of steps that went down to the door to the dentist office. From the inside of the basement, you can see right where the door was. This makes me wonder if the steps are still there, under the flower garden.

The article mentions that the hospital was "as fire-proof as it can be made. An excellent steam heat-

ing system keeps the building comfortable in winter and its construction makes it many degrees cooler than would be expected on hot summer days".

Also, a very ironic statement: there were "ten private rooms, each large, airy, and decorated differently from the others". Ironic because The Rice Lodge, Bed & Breakfast, has 10 bedrooms, each with their own bath and decorated differently from the others!

Mrs. Rice was the "superintendent" of the hospital and a graduated nurse herself. She was assisted by 3 other nurses.

The article states that from 1929 – 1938, "there was an average of 36 babies born a year" in the hospital, although Dr. Rice had many 'home deliveries' also. There was a carpeted hallway "of good length provided for the anxious fathers. Here they may pace back and forth to their heart's content."

Also, 1929-1938, there was a daily average of 7 patients getting cared for.

Nurse Olga Blanke's "fine home cooking" was a staple for patients.

We hope you enjoyed these interesting facts about Odell's Rice Hospital, now Odell's Rice Lodge & Conference Center, Bed & Breakfast. Thank you, Dave and Darlene Klaus Family!

Contact us for more information, tours, and reservations. Call 402-806-2174, email: [ricelodge@diodecom.net](mailto:ricelodge@diodecom.net). And find numerous photos on our website, [ricelodge.odell-nebraska.us](http://ricelodge.odell-nebraska.us)





“Despite the forecast—live like it’s spring.”—Lilly Pulitzer

## Biblical Heroes

As a child, I admired many athletes as heroes. They include Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics, Lynn Swann of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and George Brett of the Kansas City Royals. I also had some heroes who I saw on TV shows of the ‘70’s and ‘80’s. Do you remember the TV-version of Wonder Woman? How about the Six-million Dollar Man or the Bionic Woman? These superheroes engaged my interest as I marveled at their feats.

In our Christian faith, we have heroes, who outshine any of the heroes of my childhood. Of course, our greatest hero is Jesus himself, who came down from heaven to save us from our sins. In this time of Lent and Easter, we especially reflect on our Divine Savior, Jesus, and celebrate with joy how he has offered us salvation with, through, and in him.

The Old Testament prepares the Chosen People to receive Jesus Our Savior. From Adam and Eve, who God gave hope by promising them redemption, through to Noah, Abraham, the judges, and the prophets, we are called to join in the rewards promised to them by living a faith-filled and loving life in Jesus.

Noah was a hero of the Old Testament. God made a covenant with Noah after the great flood, symbolized by the rainbow in the sky. Through Noah and his wife, and their three sons and their wives, God re-populated the whole earth and showed that he desired to save all

nations. Other heroes in the early chapters of the Book of Genesis include Abel the just and Melchizedek the priest-king.

God next chose Abram, whose name God changed to Abraham. Abram was called to leave his country and his kindred. His hope and faith inspire me to this day, as I think of him living to be 100 before God’s covenant started to be fulfilled.

Then God formed Israel as his people. They received the covenant upon Mount Sinai and were given the law through Moses. Israel was called back from sin to repentance time and again through the prophets. Even though the Chosen People repeatedly failed to uphold their part of the covenant, God remained faithful. Hope in the covenant was also kept alive through the holy women: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Judith, and Esther. Crossing over to the New Testament, Mary brought to fulfillment the promises of the covenant by giving birth to Jesus, the Savior of the world.

A hero’s legacy is continued by inspiring those who come after him or her. May we look to the heroes mentioned here, and many others, to keep alive our hope in heaven.

Rev. Loras K. Grell

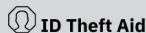
Pastor of St. Mary Church, Odell

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## “The world laughs in flowers.”—Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Spring Fever, cont'd:** The “illness” of Spring Fever has been documented by poets for centuries. Even though researchers haven’t been unable to put it into a definite medical category, it is a real phenomenon. Matthew Keller of Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics studied 500 people in the US and Canada and found that the more time they spent outside on a sunny day, the better their mood. These moods decreased in the hotter summer months. He found that the optimal temperature for them was 72 degrees (otherwise known as room temperature). Scientifically and historically, sexual behavior in mammals follows a seasonal pattern, one that promotes survival. This “biological clock”, is seasonal and is a physical part of Spring Fever. Through the years, researchers have started studying the opposite side of “Spring Fever”, and that has been labeled SAD, or Seasonal Affective Disorder—winter depression. They have seen distinct patterns of winter depression lifting in the spring, when the onset of morning light is earlier. It has been shown that there is more depression on the western edges of time zones in the US, where the sun rises later. Although SAD is now officially defined as a medical condition and Spring Fever still alludes the scientists, you made notice particular symptoms in yourself when the spring rolls around.

What are the signs?

1. Feeling energetic.
2. Sleeping less and eating lighter.
3. Smiling and feeling happy.
4. The desire to get into shape.
5. Taking up new hobbies.

6. Scatterbrained and unfocused.
7. Sensations of claustrophobia.
8. Urge to spring clean.

Speaking of Spring cleaning, here is a spring cleaning list with some tips you may or may not have known.

1. Cleaning your windows: pick a cloudy day because the sun will make the cleaning solution dry too fast and leave streaks. Water and a microfiber cloth have been proven to be the best cleaner, but you can make a cleaner with this recipe: 1/4 cup rubbing alcohol, 1/3 cup vinegar and distilled water. (I also have great luck with really hot water)
2. Clean your sliding door tracks (and any odd tracks on windows, etc.) Use an old toothbrush and vacuum to remove dirt. Finish with a wet sponge.
3. Clean usually overlooked places: walls, baseboards, and doors. Squirt of Dawn dish soap in a bucket of hot water.
4. Deep clean your carpet—hire professionally or rent a machine. You are supposed to deep clean carpets every 12-18 months to retain their warranty! (oh my!)
5. Clean under furniture and appliances.
6. Clean light fixtures: Do this first, so the dust that falls, doesn’t fall on clean floors and carpets.
7. Perform safety checks around your home: check smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries. Make sure you have a fire extinguisher.

8. Power wash your exterior—this prevents mold and mildew building up.
9. Clean and repair gutters
10. Rotate and flip mattress
11. Clean mattress pads, blankets, bedspreads.
12. Clean your pillows
13. Go through cabinets and get rid of old and expired products and products that you haven’t used in a year.
14. Cut tags off all pillows, area rugs, and throw rugs. This helps your home look more comfortable, and makes things easier when cleaning.
15. Find a place in a cabinet for trash cans. This eliminates a cluttered look.
16. Find a place in a cabinet to store your toilet brush, plungers, etc. This helps eliminate a cluttered look.
17. Make a decision to become less wasteful. Stop using plastic grocery bags in all your small trash cans. They don’t need a bag at all. Just dump them out into your bigger trash cans.
18. Organize your reusable grocery and produce bags in your car, so you can make it a habit to use them.
19. Make a designated place for recycling and a pledge to start doing it. One of the best tips for recycling is to make sure all recycling is CLEAN before you throw it in your bins.

**HAPPY SPRING FEVER  
AND SPRING CLEANING!**



**Women's History Month, cont'd:** now is a national celebration. During Women's History Month, we celebrate the courageous women who have helped our Nation build a fairer, more just society. Throughout history, the vision and achievements of powerful women have strengthened our Nation and opened the doors of opportunity wider for us. Many of their stories go untold, but our country has been built upon their shoulders. Despite the progress that these visionaries achieved, there is much more work ahead to knock down the barriers of seeing women and girls reach their FULL potential. Below is a timeline of notable events for women in the US:

—March 31, 1776: Abigail Adams makes a plea to her husband John Adams and the Continental Congress to "Remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such limited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

January 23, 1849: Elizabeth Blackwell becomes first woman to graduate from medical school and become a doctor in US.

—May 28, 1851: New Yorker, Sojourner Truth delivers her speech at the Women's Rights Convention in Akron Ohio. "And ain't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! I have plowed and planted, and gathered into barns, and no such man could head me! I have borne 13 children, and seen most all sold off to slavery, and when I cried out with my mother's grief, but no one but Jesus heard me!"

—Dec. 10, 1869: Wyoming becomes the first state to allow women to vote.

—May 15, 1869: Susan B Anthony & Elizabeth Cady Stanton found the National Woman Suffrage Association.

—Aug. 18, 1920: Women in US receive the right to vote.

—May 20, 1932: Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman and second pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic

—Dec. 1, 1955: Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat.

—May 9, 1960: The FDA approves the first commercially produced birth control pill in the world, allowing women to control when and if they have children.

—June 10, 1963: JFK signs into law the Equal Pay Act, prohibiting sex-based wage discrimination.

—Jan. 22, 1973: US Supreme Court (Roe vs Wade) declares that the Constitution protects a women's right to an abortion.

—Sep 20, 1973: Billie Jean King beats Bobby Riggs in straight sets.

—July 7, 1981: Sandra Day O'Connor is sworn in as the first woman on US Supreme Court.

—June 18, 1983: Sally Ride becomes first American woman in space.

—Sep. 13, 1994: President Clinton signs the Violence against Women Act.

—Jan 4, 2007: Nancy Pelosi becomes the first female speaker of the house.

—Jan 24, 2013: The US military removes a ban against women serving in combat positions.

—July 26, 2016: Hillary Clinton becomes the first woman to receive a presidential nomination.

—January 20, 2021: Kamala Harris is sworn in as the first woman vice president of the US.

Within Women's History Month, sits March 8. March 8 has been declared International Women's Day, where we look at, not just women in American, but over the whole globe. All around the world, women share the same rights. Why is important for women to have equal rights and be protected? In 2023 the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Index found that women's well-being is DIRECTLY linked with the well being

of a country. The more equally women are treated, the more secure they feel, the better a country will do.

Countries where women are doing well scored higher in terms of peace, democracy, and prosperity. In fact, these impacts are more strongly correlated with women's status than with the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The lowest ranking countries are always countries who are experiencing armed conflict. (Afghanistan is the lowest ranking). Denmark and Iceland continue to rank in the top 2 positions, having a fully gender equitable legal system and give women full access to justice. The US ranks 43rd (as of 2023), a drop from 27th in 2022. This is being attributed to community safety and political unrest. We rank similarly to Slovenia, Bulgaria, and Taiwan. Elena Ortiz, the research manager for Georgetown's Women's Peace and Security states that "countries where women are doing well are more prosperous, peaceful, democratic, and better prepared to respond to the impacts of climate change. When women are doing well, everyone in society is doing well."

The right to live a life free from violence and slavery; the right to be educated; the right to earn a fair and equal wage; the right to own property; the right to expression and freedom to vote. These are human rights, and human rights are inherent to all—without discrimination. Empowering women fuels thriving economies, spurring productivity and growth.

If you harbor any feelings of women being "lesser", you need to put those feelings aside and step up to the plate. We have so many women who have worked so hard, for so many years, for equality. It's time for all men to do the same. There is no room for male chauvinism in our society.

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity."—Amelia Earhart



## NOTICE: CHANGE IN SCHOOL DAYS

With the weather being an issue to begin the second semester, DOPS are adding some time to the school calendar for the spring semester.

There are also some days school won't be in session due to some in-school activities.

**March 18—EARLY DISMISSAL** at 11:00/11:15 to accommodate the Pioneer Conference JH Quiz Bowl at the HS. Staff will have work assignments for the Quiz Bowl.

**March 19—NO SCHOOL** at Odell or Diller due to hosting MUDECAS Music Contest. Staff will have work assignments for the contest.

**March 28**—DOPS will NOT have an early dismissal. **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**

**April 1**—NO SPRING BREAK DAY.

**FULL DAY OF SCHOOL.**

### March Events @ School

6—Block the Door

7/8—NO SCHOOL Spring break

16—Mudecas All Star Game

18—Early Out 11/11:15—Home Quiz Bowl

19—NO SCHOOL—Mudecas Music @ Home

29—NO SCHOOL

## Rick Bultez HYPNOTIST

Saturday, April 6, 2024

8:00 pm

Odell Community Building  
Tickets

**ONLY \$10.00 each!**

Contact Amanda @ 402-239-8596



Sponsored by Diller-Odell Post Prom



Young leaders who were part of the 2023 Youth Serviceship Camp gathered in February to put Projects in Motion. During the summer camp, students targeted several projects for action. During the follow up session the team designed a plan for plantings in the Diller Park using repurposed planters from Main Street. They worked through details of funding, labor, materials, and maintenance. This great group of leaders are putting change in motion. The camp is sponsored by the Diller Community Foundation Fund and Hometown Interns, Jadyn Schultis and Alli Engelman played key roles in the event.



"Champions keep playing until they get it right."—Billie Jean King

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@ Diller-Odell High School & Corner Bar

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**  
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## Cami

DAUGHTER OF MELISSA FRIEDRICHS  
(FAXON) AND RYAN FRIEDRICHS

### MARCH 23, 2024

Diller-Odell High School Cafeteria

9am: Homemade Cinnamon Rolls and Muffins

11 am -1 pm: Sloppy Joes, Chips, Dessert, and Drink

9 am- 8 pm: Silent Auction-over 30 baskets/items.

Winners will be announced at the Corner Bar

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS CAMI'S  
MEDICAL EXPENSES**

Cami Friedrichs (21 months old) was diagnosed with hepatocellular cancer (mass on the liver) back in November of 2023. She has completed 4 rounds of chemotherapy, each round is a 3-week process. She is now on the transplant list for a liver. After the transplant, she will then have two more rounds of chemotherapy. The family is hopeful that Cami will be cancer-free when she turns 2 in April. They would like to be able to put this all behind them.

## Alumni Volleyball and Basketball March 23, 2024

Open to all (Diller, Odell, and Diller-Odell) alumni, all patrons that live in the school district, staff members or their spouses, and if your primary workplace is in the district.

Teams will be based off of when you graduated.

Cost will be \$20 per person.

If interested, please contact Caleb Billesbach at  
402-806-3782 or Blake Vitosh at 402-806-2296

Please search for event on Facebook: 2024 Diller-Odell Alumni Activities

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**M A R C H  
HOURS**

Please check Social Media  
for Daily Hours due to  
staffing shortages

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CLOSED: Saturday, March 9

**OPEN 9-1, Saturday, March 23**

(Alumni tourneys)

**\$2 of every Mega Tea sold will  
go to Cami Friedrichs Fundraiser**

204 Main Street, Odell, NE

**FOR SALE!**

Back Roads Building  
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Heble for additional  
information

**COME ON IN-WE ARE OPEN!**

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**Diller-Odell Board of Education**  
**Elementary Media Center-Diller**  
**December 11, 2023**

**Regular Board Meeting—7:00 pm**

Present: Adam Engelman, Paul Kostal, Kolin Kotas, Angie Clifford, Dusty Duis & Kasey Murphy.

Motion to approve minutes of last meeting made by Adam Engelman seconded by Kolin Kotas. Passed with 6 yea, 0 nay.

No Student Report.

Principal Mezger was not at the meeting, but provided a written report to the Board. Principal Mezger will be purchasing new athletic records boards that will be mounted in the link to the gym this summer.

The Board had questions about summer weight training that Superintendent Meyerle noted he would defer to Principal Mezger and the head coaches. The Board does prefer the HS teams to lift together at the HS site, while utilizing the fitness center in Diller for JH students which the proximity works for.

They also had some questions about extra duty assignments. Motion to approve 2024-2025 School Calendar made by Angie Clifford and seconded by Kasey Murphy. Motion passed with 6 yea, 0 nay. Teacher Inservice will be August 12-

14, and the first day of school will be August 15, 2024. Motion to approve bus purchase made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Angie Clifford. Motion passed with 6 yea, 0 nay. Superintendent Meyerle reported that he planned to purchase a 2024 Diesel International bus and trade the 2015 bus. The 2024 will be come a sub bus/activity bus and the 2020 bus will become a route bus.

Motion to approve teaching contract for Hunter Cerveny made by Kolin Kotas and seconded by Adam Engelman.

Motion passed with 6 yea, 0 nay. The Board welcomes Mr. Cerveny to Diller-Odell Public Schools. Mr. Cerveny will be teaching 6th grade and be an Assistant Football Coach.

Motion to approve classified wages for 2024-2025 made by Dusty Duis and seconded by Kasey Murphy. Motion passed with 6 yea, 0 nay. Superintendent Meyerle made his recommendations. All classified staff will receive at least a 3% raise. There was no discussion.

Superintendent Meyerle is planning on updating the trophy cases at the high school near the old gym and adding some new ones in the halls as you walk toward the new gym.

Superintendent Meyerle reported on the financial status of the school district, and feels the district is in a secure position. Unless there are unexpected changes in school finance law, he plans on being able to lower the district's tax

request again in the fall.

Motion to approve bills as presented made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Angie Clifford. Motion passed with 6 yea and 0 nay.

Motion to approve the use of Wilken's Architects for plans for renovation of elementary entrance made by Angie Clifford and seconded by Kolin Kotas. Motion passed with 6 yea, 0 nay. Wilken's Architects will provide a plan to update the entrance of the elementary school. The update is necessary for safety and security reasons. The Board is planning on those renovations in the summer of 2025.

Motion to approve NASB dues made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Kasey Murphy. Motion passed with 6 yea, 0 nay. The Board appreciates the relationship with the Nebraska

Association of School Boards and the service they provide. Motion to adjourn made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Kolin Kotas. Passed with 6 yea, 0 nay.

President Kostal adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2024 at High School.



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- 3—Blakely Freitag, Corinna Oberembt, & Kason Virden
- 4—Kylie Barth, Sherry Henrichs, Shannyn Kiehn, & Steve Krause
- 5—Fidencio Alonzo, Janice Duntz, Lana Hemphill, & Mason Troxel
- 7—Gunner Snyder & Ben Sohl
- 10—Kaden Rupprecht, Barrett Stohs, & Lexi Weers
- 11—Carson Ruhge
- 12—Jim Bures, 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—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—Katie Hynek
- 29—Ben Carter, Zach Milligan, Bill Shoff, & Kyler Snyder
- 30—Terry Arnold
- 21—Lisa Bohling, Tom Penner, & Irelynn Seger

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Happy Golden Birthday to Jaedyn Hajek, who turns 17 on March 17th! Love, Mom & Dad

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

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## Schedule (subject to change)

### **Friday Evening, March 15, 2024**

Location: Centenary United Methodist Church

6:00PM Reception & Screening: Laredo: The Golden Trail (1965)

Catering by Colleen's Catering

### **Saturday, March 16, 2024**

#### **Morning** (includes 15 minute break at 9:30)

Location: Community Players (concessions will be available during the screenings)

8:00am - Doors Open

8:30am - Welcome - Jeanelle Kleveland

8:40am - Beatrice Connection with Laureen Riedesel

9:00am - Matt McKeever - Biographical Gene Coon

9:45am - Screening: Journey to Shiloh (1968)



#### **Lunch**

Location: Valentino's Primavera Room

12:00pm Option for Italian buffet. The guests and speakers will do a Q & A moderated by Omaha film historian Bruce Crawford

#### **Afternoon** (includes short breaks at 1:50pm & 3:40pm)

Location: Community Players (concessions will be available during the screenings)

1:30pm - Michael Page - Sci-Fi Literature and Hollywood

2:00pm - Screening: Star Trek : Spock's Brain (1968)

2:50pm - Screening: Star Trek: Space Seed (1967)

4:00pm - Special Guest Speaker : Andreea Kindryd via Zoom



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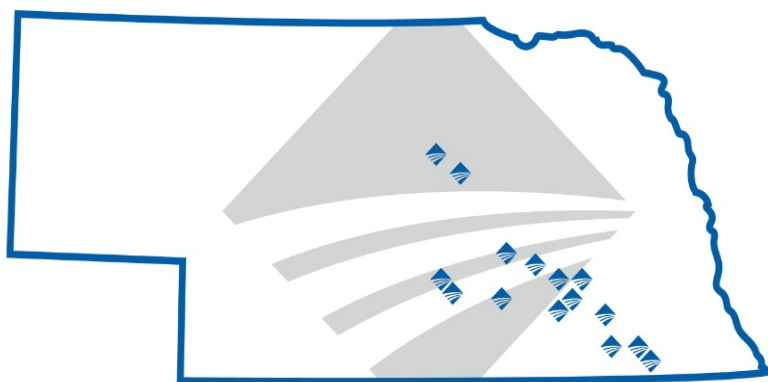
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