

Village Voice

April 2024 ISSUE 184

Newsletter for the Odell and Diller Communities

Odell Area Community Enrichment (OACE)

OACE is the group that brings you a lot of community events & activities. The group also gives back money to the community through scholarships, donations, and fundraising for community improvement. OACE meets on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Odell Fire Hall @ 7 pm. The group has to have more attendance at the meetings and volunteer help to keep going. Numbers and interest have dropped and in order for the events you enjoy to keep happening, they have to have more interest from you and willingness to help out. Please consider. Contact Josh or Shannon Novotny if you have questions.

April is Autism Awareness Month

April is Autism Awareness Month. Autism is more common in children than diabetes or childhood cancer. Autism affects I in 44 children in America and is four times more prevalent in boys than girls. Girls can often go undiagnosed due to presenting symptoms differently. Early intervention is key in helping live a long, quality life and can ben screened as early as 18 months. See page 5 for some myths regarding Autism



OACE hosted the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Odell on March 30. There were approximately 60 kids hunting. Above is Luka Kostal and Kinsley Rickley

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

23rd & Willow Rd

Please support Lynn & Lea Anne Bogart In applying for a permit to reclaim the cemetery. Approximately two years will be needed to reclaim and resume burials.

Anyone interested in becoming a cemetery association member or trustee call Lea Anne @ 402-806-3112







Call 402-766-4136 or go to RedCrossBlood.org and search DillerOdell to make an appointment



hand pressed sausage! Whether you want to sit down and visit with friends, see the fire station and ask about our 2024 outlook or eat and run

OACE Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024
7:00 pm
ODELL FIRE HALL

On the Agenda: Scholarships, Garage Sales, Odell Day

ODELL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 - 7:30 PM
ODELL COMMUNITY BUILDING

Upcoming April Events

10 - Bingo @ Odell Market & Odell Village

Board Mtg @ 7:30 pm

12 - Beatrice Health Fair

13 - Fish Fry - Odell Legion

14 - Barneston Pancake Feed

15 - OACE @ 7 pm

17 - Blood Drive in Odell

28 - Pork Chop Lunch @ St. Mary's Odell





STRENGTH IN STABILITY YOUR BANK FOR LIFE

In times of change, choose the stability of a bank with over 110 years serving southeast Nebraska. We're committed to securing your financial future and fostering community growth. Discover the difference of banking with a trusted local partner.



6-Month CD

5.00% APY

\$500 MINIMUM WHEN OPENED ONLINE

Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is accurate as of March 12, 2024. \$5,000 minimum opening balance required when opened in the branch. Funds can be new money, or a rollover from an existing certificate of deposit. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal. Upon maturity, the certificate will roll into a 6-month CD at the current rate.



Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is accurate as of March 12, 2024. \$5,000 minimum opening balance when opened in the branch. Funds can be new money, or a rollover from an existing certificate of deposit. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal. Upon maturity, the certificate will roll into a 12-month CD at the current rate.

\$500 MINIMUM WHEN OPENED ONLINE

Stop in to your local branch or visit us online to open your CD today!

"Grief takes its own time moving across the landscape of our hearts."





PACKAGES UP TO 1 GIG AVAILABLE! UPGRADE TODAY!

402.793.5330



More details to come! Follow on Facebook:

Diller Picnic

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING LOUIS OLTMANS



90th Birthday Celebration SATURDAY, JULY 6TH OPEN HOUSE 2:00 - 4:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION
701 DORSEY ST, BEATRICE, NE

ODELL DAY UNE 29. 2024

CAN YOU HELP? Need volunteers to help with BOUNCE HOUSES & Other Activities

Contact: Carly Vitosh 402-587-1436 bevitosh@gmail.com or Joyce Kos<u>tal @ 402-239-5810</u>

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

WATCH EMAILS, VILLAGE VOICE, AND FACEBOOK!

COME ON IN-WE ARE OPEN!

ODELL. NE

HOURS:

TUE-THU: 4-9 PM FRI. & SAT: 4 PM - 1 AM

CLOSED SUNDAYS & MONDAYS



Downtown Odell
Open
9 am - 6 pm
Weekdays

Griffin Gear Personalized Items Employee Gifts Fundraiser Item Screen Printing Embroidery Vinyl Decals Promotional Items

402-806-0866

email: statelinepromo@yahoo.com

"Embrace your grief, for there your soul will grow."—Carl Jung

Intentional Homestead Homemaker (series from an anonymous resident)

Subject: Nurturing Time: Cultivating Presence in a Digital Age

Hello,

As I sit down to pen another installment of exploration into intentional homesteading and mindful living, I find myself drawn to a topic that permeates our daily existence yet often eludes our grasp: time.

In our modern world, time seems both abundant and scarce. Abundant, in the sense that technology has granted us access to endless streams of information, entertainment, and connection. Scarce, in the sense that the very same technology often consumes our time voraciously, leaving us feeling stretched thin and disconnected from the present moment.

Reflecting on the past month, I've found myself increasingly aware of how technology has encroached upon the precious moments of my day-to-day life. From the incessant buzzing of notifications to the temptation of endless scrolling, it's easy to lose track of time in the digital realm.

Yet, as we delve deeper into the practices of intentional homemaking and mindful living, I'm reminded of the importance of reclaiming our time and attention. Just as we strive to cultivate a garden with care and purpose, so too must we tend to the garden of our time, nurturing moments of stillness and presence amidst the constant hum of technology.

One intentional shift I've made is prioritizing moments of spiritual nourishment by reaching for my Bible before my phone each morning. In a world buzzing with notifications and distractions, this simple act of reverence has become a grounding ritual, allowing me to center myself before diving into the day's tasks. By choosing the wisdom of ancient scriptures over the allure of digital chatter, I've found a sense of peace and clarity that transcends the fleeting pleasures of technology.

Moreover, I've discovered the joy of immersing myself in analog entertainment that keeps me

away from the screens. One such treasure I've stumbled upon is "The Housemaid Series" by Freida McFadden. This captivating book series has become a delightful read.

In addition to these mindful pursuits, I'm excited to share that I'll be homesteading my first above-ground garden this year. This new venture represents a tangible step towards self-sufficiency and a deeper connection with the land. As I prepare the soil and carefully select seeds, I'm reminded of the importance of being present in each moment of the gardening process, from choosing the right vegetable and fruit plants, like garden onions, strawberries, and snap peas, to nurturing them as they grow and flourish.

However, I acknowledge the challenges that come with committing to homesteading in a world where modern conveniences offer shortcuts and save time. It's a hurdle many of us face, but one that can be overcome with intention and perseverance. By embracing the principles of intentional living and mindful consumption, we can find a balance that allows us to enjoy the benefits of modern technology while also reaping the rewards of a simpler, more connected way of life.

In closing, I leave you with the words of 1 Timothy 6:17-19:

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

May these words inspire us to live intentionally, to steward our time wisely, and to embrace the richness of life that unfolds when we prioritize presence over distraction.

Warm regards,

Intentional Homestead Homemaker



NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Help out once a week for an hour! (11am-noon) Or be a Substitute!

Call Barb Z. @

Call Barb Z. *あ* 402-766-3780 or 402-806-6999

Original Odell History Books

FOR SALE at the State Bank of Odell \$10 each



Student of the Month

The Diller-Odell Elementary
February Student of the Month is
Madison Penner. Madison is a
hard worker in the classroom and
always tries her best. She comes
to school with a smile and a
positive mindset. She is safe,
responsible, and respects the
Griffin way. Madison is the 6th
grade daughter of Tom & Michelle
Penner. Congratulations Madison!

DILLER DUCK

Student of the Month

The Diller-Odell Elementary March Student of the Month is Max Knabe. Max always comes to school with a positive smile. He applies that positive attitude to every part of his day, whether he is working or playing or helping out a friend. He can always be counted on to listen and to make good choices even when others may not be. Max loves to learn and

be creative and has the makings of a great Griffin! He is the kindergarten son of John & Ranay Knabe. Congratulations Max!

April Events @ School

6—Prom

8—FFA Meeting @ 7 pm

9-2nd Grade Field Trip

10—Hope Crisis Presentation

II—Irs ACTs, Soph PreACTs

17-19—Art Trip to Chicago

19—Diller-Odell Blood Drive @ Odell CB

26—FFA Banquet

29—JH/HS Fine Arts Night @ 7 pm

May Events @ School

I—Senior Sneak

2—Elementary Fine Arts Night @ 7 pm

3—5th Grade Field Trip & Last Day for Seniors

6—Elementary Awards @ 2:30 pm;

HS Awards @ 7 pm

7—K-2 Field Day

9—Kindergarten Round Up;

8th Grade Promotion & JH Awards

10—Field Day 3rd-6tth grades

II—Graduation



May 9, 2024 8:45-11:15 am

Calling all Future Diller Odell Kindergriffins who will be 5 years old on or before July 31, 2024. Kindergarten Roundup will be held Thursday, May 9, 2024 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.



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 402-806-2468

Penner Ag

(402)230-0464

Tom Penner Sid Penner

Sid Penner (402)520-2321

Updated Odell History Books

11 Volumes
FOR SALE through the Odell Library
Contact Catherine Renshaw

"Grief does not change you. It reveals you."—John Green

Diller-Odell Board of Education High School Media Center-Diller March 11, 2024

Regular Board Meeting-7:00 pm

Present: Adam Engelman, Angie Clifford, Dusty Duis & Kasey Murphy. Absences of Paul Kostal & Kolin Kotas excused. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting made by Angie Clifford seconded by Dusty Duis Passed with 4 yea, 0 nay. Due to speech night, No Student Report. The Diller Foundation Youth Survey Results presentation was

rescheduled for the April Board meeting.

Principal Mezger reported to the Board on Spring activities. Motion to approve Senior Sneak Schedule made by Kasey Murphy and seconded by Dusty Duis. Passed with 4 yea, 0

Motion to approve resignation of Jacki Tegtmeier from her teaching position effective at the end of the school year made by Angie Clifford and seconded by Kasey Murphy. Motion passed with 4 yea, 0 nay. The Board thanked Mrs. Jacki Tegtmeier for her nine years of service to the School District, and wished her well.

Motion to approve Principal contract for Dylan Hinrichs 2024-2025 made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Kasey Murphy. Motion passed with 4 yea, 0 nay. The Board set the administrative contract for Mr. Hinrichs at 195 days with a salary of \$85,000. Mr. Hinrichs will be the full time Principal at the elementary beginning August 2024.

Motion to approve administrative salaries for 2024-2025 made by Dusty Duis and seconded by Angie Clifford. Motion passed with 4 yea, 0 nay. The Board set superintendent Meyerle's administrative contract at \$164,000 for 2024-2025 and Principal Mezger's administrative contract at \$118,000 for 2024-2025.

The Board reviewed extra duty recommendations. Superintendent Meyerle noted that with Mrs. Tegtmeier moving to the ESU and working with the districts 18021 year olds at SCC, he did not plan on filling the position at the HS. Motion to approve bills as presented made by Angie Clifford and seconded by Kasey Murphy. Motion passed with 4 year

Some Board members will be attending the annual NRCSA Conference this week.

Motion to adjourn made by Kasey Murphy and seconded by Angie Clifford Passed with 4 yea, 0 nay.

Vice President Engelman adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2024 at Elementary.

Our Savior Lutheran Odell

8:30-noon (12:30 on Friday) Everyone Welcome

AGES 3-8th grades (Grade entering in Fall 2024)



GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS

NO CHARGE (fee for I-shirt)

Bible Lesson/Story

Crafts Music Snacks/Rocess Daily Offering

Scan the QR Code, contact Joyce Kostal @ (402)239-5810 or go to our Facebook page Our Savior Lutheran Vacation Bible School 2024 and register on the link



Sunday, June 8 Program 9:00

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH—MYTHS OF AUTISM

Myth #1: Autistic people are mentally ill.

People with autism are twice more likely to suffer from a mental health disorder especially when they are not diagnosed early and given proper intervention. However, having autism does not make someone "mentally ill." Instead, autism affects the brain structure since it is categorized as a neurological disorder.

Myth #2: Autism is only for children.

Autism spectrum disorder affects all kinds of people no matter their race or age or socioeconomic status. On the other hand, autism is more commonly diagnosed in children especially when they show obvious symptoms of the disorder. Children with autism can grow up and become teens or even adults who are left undiagnosed unless someone professional or those familiar with autism can point out obvious signs of the disorder.

Myth #3: Children with autism can grow out of it.

Children with autism cannot outgrow the disorder since it's not a phase or a stage. In fact, autism is a lifelong disorder. The only way someone with autism can manage their symptoms is through specific treatments like applied behavior therapy. Proper diet and exercise also play a role in managing autism. Since autism is a spectrum disorder, every individual's needs are also unique and different.

Myth #4: Children or people with autism are very smart (or not).

Autism signs and symptoms vary from person to person. Some children with autism exhibit language delays. Others are totally nonverbal. Some have difficulty interacting with their peers. Some individuals diagnosed with autism manage to function highly and live independently without requiring much support. Simultaneously, certain individuals demonstrate superior intelligence levels, notwithstanding their ASD diagnosis.

Myth #5: People with autism are violent and dangerous.

Most of the time, people or children with autism tend to be violent due to outside stressors that causes emotional distress. Sometimes, these violent tendencies are shown in the form of "tantrums" or other aggressive acts. In some cases, some people with autism resort to self-harm like banging their heads or biting their arms. Usually, an overload of outside sensory stimuli causes people with autism to suffer from emotional distress. The sensory overload they ex-

perience cause someone with autism to lash out or react violently. When this happens, proper intervention is very important to help the autistic child calm down in a stressful environment and situation. Here, the parent's or guardian's support and care play a crucial role in making the autistic child or person feel loved and secure.

Myth #6: People with autism cannot form relationships.

One of the most common misconceptions among people with autism is that they don't want to form relationships with others. The truth is, people with autism actually want to form relationships with their peers and family. The only problem is that social interactions are a big challenge for them since people on the spectrum have difficulty understanding social cues. This doesn't mean that they don't want to form any kind of relationship with other people. This is where offering emotional support, guidance, and understanding them on a different level can make a lot of difference for those on the spectrum

Myth #7: Vaccines cause autism.

Previously, many believed that the vaccine component known as thimerosal was a primary cause for autism spectrum disorder (ASD). This theory sparked much controversy and led to its eventual removal from vaccines. Interestingly enough, rather than seeing a reduction in ASD cases sans thimerosal, the number of autism spectrum disorder diagnoses worldwide increased significantly. This unexpected outcome debunked the notion that vaccines are a cause of autism.

Myth #8: There is a cure for autism.

Unfortunately, autism has no known cure. At the moment, people with autism manage their symptoms with the help of therapy and other similar treatment options. Since autism is a lifelong disorder, natal screening and evaluation are very important to provide early diagnosis and intervention.



"There is no pain so great as the memory of joy in present grief."—Aeschylus

April 27, 2024 Fly Back In Time Filley Stone Barn 11:00am- 3:00pm Free

Discover 1870's Children's Pastimes
Kite Making
Kite Flying
Marbles
Horseshoes/Chuckfarthing
3-legged Races
Croquet

More Details to Come.



101 N. 2nd
Beatrice, Ne 68310
phone: 402-228-1679
e-mail:
info@gagecountyhistory.org

Summer Hours:

April- September Wednesday- Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm.

County Wide Survey

The museum is doing a county wide survey to see how we are doing in relating to the residents of the county. We are asking all to participate. Survey closes April 12th. Scan the QR Code to Participate.



Follow us on:







gagecountyhistory.org



This Postcard was purchased in a bundle of old postcards at an auction in Fairbury in the early 2000s. It is addressed to Mr. Otto Conrad in Fairbury, NE. The front says "Greetings from Odell,

Perficate — Caris pessale — Pest card — Cartolina postule
Bilefinant — Bestiont — correspondemicate — Doplinica
Uldena pastult informatis — Velegativensis — — Vele

Odell Library

Tue: 2-6 p

Wed: 4-6 p

Thu: 3-5 p

Fri: 9-11 a

Sat: 10a-12p

Nebr". he card was written on July 15, 1908 and states "Lonesome. Nothing to drink", It is signed "Yours, A.T.S."? If anyone has an idea of who may have sent this, let me know! I find this postcard interesting as it seems to be similar to us sending a phone text to someone today.



Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

April 2024

As a priest, I proclaim to my people, Sunday after Sunday, almost the entirety of the New Testament. This happens over the span of three years. We read abundant portions of the Old Testament too. The Psalms are a bedrock every Sunday, and many of the prophetic books are read.

In Sacred Scripture, God speaks to man in a human way, a way that we can understand. The human authors, all the way from Moses to Matthew, were each writing to affirm some truth which God wanted them to reveal by their words.

The sacred authors wrote in different times and cultures. They were also affected by literary genres in use at the time as well as the modes of feeling, speaking, and narrating. Prophetic and poetic styles, as well as Gospel narratives, express the truth in various ways.

Sacred Scripture is inspired by God the Holy Spirit. To interpret the differing authors, the Scriptures must be read and interpreted in the light of this same Holy Spirit.

All of the Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are unified in God's plan of salvation through Christ Jesus. The Old Testament points

to all that Christ said and did, while the New Testament fulfills all of the prophecies which had been proclaimed about the Lord.

It has been said that the Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church's heart rather than in documents and records. The Holy Spirit gives the Church the spiritual interpretation of the Scriptures.

When reading the Scriptures, the analogy of faith is interwoven throughout its pages. This analogy means that the coherence of the truths of faith are united among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation. In other words, the faith expressed in one part of the Bible cannot be contradicted by anything found in another part.

I enjoyed the Bible when I was a child. But now I can say that I love the Sacred Scriptures. The Sacred Word of God is received by each generation and then handed down to the next. You could say that the books of the Bible bring forth salvation in Christ to all generations. The catchy acronym given to the word "bible" is proven true again and again: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.

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



Electronic Recycling Event

When:	Saturday, April 20th, 2024 - 9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	
Where:	Indian Creek Mall Parking Lot	







ACCEPTED ITEMS: free of charge unless noted

Computers	Home Theater/ Gaming	Audio Electronics	Misc. Items
towers laptops tablets macbooks webcams cd roms's modems servers hard rives printers speakers scanners flat screen monitors all cords microphones computer boards routers keyboards all-in-one systems	projectors HD players 7 discs remotes speakers surge protectors console accessories dvd players & movies blu ray players & blu rays satellite dishes handheld systems & games vcr's lasers disc players & discs receivers handheld accessories flat screen tvs	CD players radios equalizers soundbars speakers records stereos turntables iPods tape players (no audio cassettes) amplifiers MP3 players Strack players boom boxes subwoofers bluetooth speakers receivers	kindles cameras typewriters curling irons mixers toasters cables hand tools hair dryers hoverboards vacuums lamps answering machines camcorders drones irons light fixtures coffee makes microwaves cellphones & accessories

Batteries: lead acid, laptop batteries, cellphone batteries, power tool lithium ion- FREE OF CHARGE

Alkaline, lithium ion (consumer), Ni-Cd, Ni-Mh - \$1.50/lb if taped

EVENT SPONSORED BY:





INDIAN CREEK MALL

STAN & JUDY MEYER

QUESTIONS? Contact
KEEP BEATRICE BEAUTIFUL
402-228-4576 OR
kbb@beatrice.ne.gov

"Little by little we let go of loss, but not of love."

Area April Birthdays

1—Rick Zarybnicky & Ron Zarybnicky

2—Amy Schramm, Brad Vitosh, & **Emily Wendland**

3—Tyler Wolken

5—Scott Beran, Larry Lawton, Walker Schramm, & Bob Wellsandt

6—Eric Hackler, Terri Kostal, & Athena Wendland

7—Kadin Colgrove, Travis Creek, & William K Scheele

8—Sean Rickers & Micheal Riggert

9—Canaan Larsen

11—Skyler Folkers & Joey Thomas

12—Teagan Kapke & Arlin Koch

13—Liam Goeking & Tatum Goeking

14—Libby Huwaldt

15—Logan Banahan, Dianne Holst, Jim Stanosheck, Will Stanosheck, & Revel Weyer

16—Sharon Rosenthal

18—Shawna Barnts, & Ryan Thomas

19—Elaena Cowles, Janel Hynek, Sara Keuten, & Dylan Oberembt

21—Karen Stohs

22—Carly Meyerle

23—Ed Goeking, Jeanne McIntyre, Travus Snyder, & Xavier Zabokrtsky

24—Larry Germer & Dustin Kenning

25—Ed Hajek

26—Mykal Folkers, Greg Novotny, Madeline Parde, & Holden Rees

28—Kelly Burken, Lucille Bush, Darlene Keuten, Andi Oberembt, Becky Saathoff, & Joey Schnuelle

29—David Henrichs, James Knabe, & Avery Logan 30—Ryan Blake

Happy Birthday to Joseph Stuckwisch on April 6th! Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Jayna Novotny on April 7th! Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Preston Stuckwisch on April 14th! Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Marlene Bures on 6! Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Krys Bures on April 6th! Énjoy your Day! Dad & Mom Bures

Happy Birthday to Gwen Vitosh on April 6th! Marvin & Marlene

Happy Birthday to Courtney Scott on April 20! Have a great day and many more! From Grandpa & Grandma Bures

Happy Birthday to Raleigh O'Neil on April 24! Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Anniversary to Dave & Krys Bures on April 6th! Enjoy your day! Dad & Mom Bures





*Certified Technicians

- *Windshield Repair
- *Computerized Diagnostics
- *New Tire Sales
- *24 Point Inspection with all Oil Changes

Spencer & Kristie Sutton **Owners**

402-766-4414

101 Main St., Odell

Small Town Service, Big Time Know-How



April

HOURS

Please check Social Media for Daily Hours due to staffing shortages

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, April 20; 9am - 1 pm Special Boutique Event with Mag & Main Watch for a "Closing Sale" on Boutique

items soon.

204 Main Street, Odell, NE

FOR SALE!

Back Roads Building
Contact Heather or Zach
Heble for additional
information

HELP

WANTED

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





lce Cream & Treats

HOURS Wednesday - Friday: 4 - 8 pm

Subject to close early if slow

205 Main St. Ste. C, Odell, NE