



Village Voice

JUNE 2024 ISSUE 186

Newsletter for the Odell and Diller Communities

Celebrate Our Communities in June!

127th Diller Picnic JUNE 13-15, 2024



OACE PRESENTS

Odell

COMMUNITY DAY 2024

JUNE 29

Diller Picnic and Odell Community Day are both weekends to join together and support and celebrate the communities of Diller and Odell. See following pages for all the details, activities, and schedules



Diller-Odell Community Blood Drive

Diller Community Building

Wednesday
June 19, 2024
12-6 pm

Call Ann @402-754-4611
or Linda @ 402-450-9232
go to RedCrossBlood.org
and search
DillerOdell Community
to make an appointment

Do Good Things! Come to give
blood June 10-30 for a \$15 e-gift
card! See rcblood.org/DoGood

OACE Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024
7:00 pm
ODELL FIRE HALL
On the Agenda: Odell Day

ODELL SUMMER SAND VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE



MONDAY NIGHTS

ODELL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 - 7:30 PM
ODELL COMMUNITY BUILDING

BINGO

FREE Wednesday
June 12
1-3 pm

ODELL BUCKS FOR PRIZES!
ODELL MARKET COFFEE SHOP

"Today's accomplishments were yesterday's impossibilities."—Robert H Schuller

Scavenger Hunt

HOSTED BY CLASS OF 2027

JUNE 29, 2024 @ 12:00 PM

Explore our village with a combination of photo ops and item collecting as you check off your Class of 2027 Scavenger Hunt list! Categories include: Blast from the Past, This & That, Clothing & Accessories, and Team Photos. Several items are Odell-specific, so be sure to have a local on your team or one you are planning to pay a visit to 😊

- Check in at 11:50 AM (city park)
- Hunt begins promptly at noon
- 90 minutes to find as many items as possible
- Each team will consist of four members
- Cost to participate is \$20/team

JOIN US FOR A FUN HUNT AND HELP SUPPORT THE CLASS OF 2027!

Odell COMMUNITY DAY 2024

FREE THROW CONTEST & 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Hosted by Diller-Odell Boys Basketball

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 | 1 & 2 PM
ODELL CITY PARK

Free Throw Contest

- Prior to tournament at 1pm
- \$5 per person
- Any age from 2nd grade to adults

3 on 3 Tournament

- Following Free Throw Contest at 2pm
- \$30 per team

MULTIPLE AGE DIVISIONS FOR BOYS & GIRLS!
Age divisions will be decided day of depending on number of teams & ages of players.
waiver must be signed

Odell COMMUNITY DAY 2024

Sand Volleyball Tournament

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

FUNDRAISER FOR DILLER-ODELL VB PROGRAM

- Co-Ed Tournament in Odell
- 6 vs 6
- Taking first 8 teams
- Double elimination
- \$120 per team entrance fee
- Payback for 1st place

CALL OR TEXT TO ENTER YOUR TEAM!

Reba Hestermann: 402-239-2297

Josie Vitosh: 402-806-3244

Odell COMMUNITY DAY 2024

Bingo & BAKED GOODS

Saturday, June 29
1 pm - 5 pm

Odell Legion
During Odell Day

Fundraiser by Our Savior Lutheran Youth Lead



B	I	N	G
Nov. 1 to 15	Nov. 16 to 30	Nov. 31 to 45	Nov. 46 to 60
\$15	\$25	\$32	\$57
\$10	\$26	\$42	\$50

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

"Don't wait for opportunity. Create it."

OACE PRESENTS

Odell COMMUNITY DAY 2024



**JUNE 29, 2024
DOWNTOWN**

- 8:00 AM | SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**
Hosted by High School Volleyball Team
- 12:00 PM | SCAVENGER HUNT**
Hosted by Diller-Odell Class of 2027
- 1:00 PM | FREE THROW CONTEST / 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT**
Hosted by High School Boys Basketball Team
- 1:00 - 5:00 PM | Bingo & Baked Goods**
Hosted by Our Savior Lutheran Youth
- 5:00 PM | EGG TOSS**
- 6:00 PM | PARADE**
- 6:30 - 8:30 PM | FREE BOUNCE HOUSES & OBSTACLE COURSES**
- 6:30 PM | REDNECK OLYMPICS**
Hosted by High School FFA
- 7:00 PM | CHALK CONTEST / FACE PAINTING**
Hosted by High School Art Club
- 7:15 PM | LITTLE TUGGER TRACTOR PULL**
Hosted by Riverview Junior Stockmen 4-H Club
- 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM | LIVE MUSIC BY COVER ME BADD**
Hosted by the Corner Bar
- At Dark | FIREWORKS**
Hosted by Odell Volunteer Fire and Rescue



**CHALK ART CONTEST
AND
FACE PAINTING**

**Saturday, June 29 @ 7:00 pm
Odell Park**

Hosted by the Diller-Odell Art Club

OACE PRESENTS

Odell COMMUNITY DAY 2024



JUNE 29

**Thank you to all our amazing
sponsors listed on the back page**

Annual EGG TOSS

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Odell day

5:00 pm

Sponsored by Odell Area Community Enrichment

ODELL DAY PARADE

Saturday, June 29 @ 6:00 pm

Grand Marshall: Earl Adam

FREE IN ODELL PARK

Saturday, June 29; 6:30-8:30 pm



- Bounce Houses
- Obstacle Course

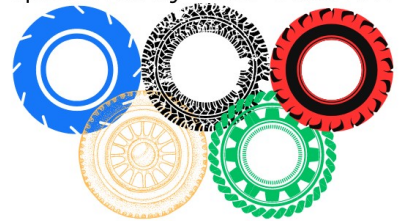


Sponsored by OACE

Red Neck Olympics

Saturday, June 29 @ 6:30 pm

Sponsored by Diller-Odell FFA



LITTLE TUGGERS TRACTOR PULL

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Sign up at 6:45 pm, Pull at 7:15 pm

Sponsored by Riverview Junior Stockmen 4H Club



FIREWORKS

Saturday, June 29, 2024

**Odell Day
at Dark**

Sponsored by Odell Volunteer Fire & Rescue

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."—Henry Ford

127th Diller Picnic

JUNE 13-15, 2024

**Thursday,
June 13**

TRACTOR
PULL
GATES OPEN
AT 6:00P



ADMISSION \$15
6-10 YEARS \$10
5 & UNDER FREE

**Friday,
June 14**

EXTREME BULL
RIDING
GATES OPEN
AT 6:00P



ADMISSION \$20
6-10 YEARS \$10
5 & UNDER FREE



**Saturday,
June 15**

BRING THE
KIDS FOR A
NIGHT OF FUN
ON THE
MIDWAY!



ARMBANDS ARE JUST \$15

Thursday
7:00P - NEBRASKA BUSH PULLERS TRACTOR PULL
GATES OPEN AT 6:00P
PULLING STARTS AT 7:00P

Friday
9:00AM-8:00PM FLEA MARKET IN THE PARK
7:30P - EXTREME BULL RIDING
GATES OPEN AT 6:00P
BULL RIDING STARTS AT 7:30P
KIDS MUTTEN BUSTIN' AND
ADULT CHUTE DOGGIN' DURING THE SHOW
STICK AROUND AFTER FOR MUSIC BY JD THE DJ

Saturday
9:00AM-8:00PM FLEA MARKET IN THE PARK
8:00-10:30A - PANCAKE BREAKFAST
FREE WILL DONATION TO DILLER-ODELL FFA ALUMNI
5:00P-? - ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FOOD STAND
5:00-8:00P - OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVING
SANDWICHES, PIE & ICE CREAM - COMMUNITY BLDG.
5:00-10:30P - FAMILY ATTRACTIONS & BINGO WITH
AMERICAN LEGION POST 282 ON THE MIDWAY
7:00P - PARADE - THEME "GRAND OL' FLAG"
PARADE WILL BE TELEVISIONED ON NCN
9:00PM - 12:00AM - WHISKEY BARREL BAR & GRILL
LIVE MUSIC BY JASON MAYER
10:00P - FIREWORKS SHOW BY ALL AMERICAN DISPLAY

TRACTOR PULL

Nebraska Bush Pullers

127th Annual
Diller Picnic
Diller, Ne

Thursday
June 13th - 7pm

Gates open
at 6pm

Admission \$15
6-10 years \$10
5 & under FREE



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FLEA MARKET 2024

at the 127th Annual Diller Picnic



JUNE 14 & 15

FRIDAY &
SATURDAY

9am-8pm

DILLER
PARK

Vendors contact Becky Craig

402-587-0024

EXTREME BULL RIDING

127th Annual
Diller Picnic
Diller, Ne

June 14th
Gates open
at 6pm

Admission \$20
6-10 years \$10
5 & under FREE

Bull Riding @ 7:30pm
Adult Chute Dogging & Muttin Bustin'
during intermission

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“Action is the foundational key to all successes.”—Pablo Picasso



COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

1:00 - 2:00 PM	3:00 - 4:00 PM
Diller Branch	Odell Branch
419 Commercial St.	215 Main St.

DROP OFF YOUR PERSONAL, CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS FOR TRUSTED ON-SITE SHREDDING!

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

There needs to be Trustees and Members to help make this Association viable. Please consider!



Kristie Sutton
Independent Scentsy Director
<http://odellsutton.scentsy.us>
402-806-2468

PENNER AG

Tom Penner
(402)230-0464



Sid Penner
(402)520-2321

ATTENTION PLEASE



Burn permits are no longer offered at the bank in Odell. Please contact a member of the Odell Fire Department for a burn permit: Brock Vitosh, Blake Vitosh, Dave Schramm, Ben Scott, Damian Andersen, Brent Kostal

Summer Reading @ the Odell Public Library

Come in to the library to sign up!

Ages 0-18

Take Home program
Start Up, 1/2 Way, and
Completion Incentives

LIBRARY HOURS:
TUE: 2-6 PM
WED: 4-6 PM
THU: 4-6 PM
FRI: 9-11 AM
SAT: 10-NOON

Thank you to
OACE and
Sunny's for
Sponsoring
our Summer
Reading
Program!

Questions? Contact:
Joyce 402-239-5810



READING RALLY

BOOKS & LISTS

Are available at the Odell Library!

Thank you to the Diller Community Foundation for funding the purchase of the entire Reading Rally list of books for our library!



**OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH -
ODELL, NE**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024
DECOMMISSIONING OF OUR
CURRENT BUILDING**

9:00 AM CHURCH SERVICE

**AT THE END OF SERVICE WE WILL PROCESS THE ALTAR, PULPIT, & BAPTISMAL FONT TO THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING
**CONGREGATION WILL THEN STAY FOR A WORK AND MOVING DAY POT LUCK

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024
DEDICATION OF OUR
NEW BUILDING**

11:00 AM CHURCH SERVICE

CONGREGATION CHURCH SERVICE

12:00 PM POTLUCK

EVERYONE WELCOME TO JOIN US

2:00 PM CHURCH SERVICE

FORMAL CHURCH SERVICE WITH A BLESSING OF THE NEW BUILDING - OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Contact Pastor Stuckwisch @ 402-230-0698
or John Rupprecht @ 402-806-2729 if you
have questions

ANYONE IS WELCOME TO
ANY OR ALL OF THESE
ACTIVITIES AS YOUR
SCHEDULE ALLOWS!



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402-806-0866
email: statelinepromo@yahoo.com

**The Odell United
Methodist Church**

(who shares ministry with the Ellis Methodist Church)

Would like to invite you to join us in our services in
June 2024. We are a small, very welcoming congregation
open to anyone who would care to join us.

Our Schedule for June 2024

- June 2** - Mary Feit at both churches,
9:00 Ellis, 10:30 Odell
- June 4** - UMW (United Methodist Women) mtg @ Ellis - 7 pm
- June 9** - Travis Reiman at both churches
9:00 Ellis, 10:30 Odell
- June 16** - Connie Carpenter at both churches
9:00 Ellis, 10:30 Odell
- June 23** - Connie Carpenter at both churches
9:00 Ellis, 10:30 Odell
- June 30** - Travis Reiman at both churches
9:00 Ellis, 10:30 Odell

**HELP
WANTED**

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



“Strive not to be a success, but to be of value.”—Albert Einstein

OACE Meeting Minutes

May 13th- 7 pm - Odell Fire Hall

Amanda Bodfield, Blake & Carly Vitosh, Caleb Billesbach, Kelly Burken, Josh & Shannon Novotny
 Minutes from April meeting read and approved
 Treasurer's Report - Checking balance \$ 17,711.49
 Scholarship update- Scholarships awarded to Zachary Warren and Emma Rupprecht, Shannon will remind them that they just need to turn in official transcript once classes begin
 Garage Sales - May 4, 8-1 - recap - Overall good turnout, no major complaints
 Odell Community Day - June 29, 2024
 Insurance - Carly is working on it and will get paperwork to village ASAP
 Food trucks - Caleb was going to call around to a few different trucks and see who we can get
 Street Dance/beer garden - Corner Bar was handling those details. OACE may help staff the gate/cover charge so bar doesn't have to staff
 Chalk Contest - Robin Klaus/DO Art Club will facilitate. Joyce will fill Robin in on details
 Parade - Josh & Shannon will line up and send entry order down, Blake will contact Dave about emcee duties, Terry Arnold will let us use his PA system, Grand Marshal idea - State Bank of Odell, Vet Grand Marshal - Earl Adam. An invitation to the Grand Marshals will be made by Blake, Carly, and

Caleb
 Egg Toss - Paul & Joyce will handle
 Basketball & Volleyball tournaments - will contact HS coaches and make sure they have everything they need
 Kelly volunteered to help with branding, consistency of promotional materials, social media presence, etc. Discussion of general schedule and layout for all event
 Next meeting will focus solely on community Day
 Funding requests -
 Tanner Nun/Diller Odell FFA - \$1000 funding for purchase of a dunk tank. Approved \$500 check #1686
 Tanner Nun arrived at the Fire Hall for unrelated business, and while there, answered questions regarding the funding request. After speaking with Tanner, Caleb moved and Blake second to approve \$500
 Odell Public Library - \$250 funding for Summer Reading supplies. Blake moved, Caleb second to approve \$250. Approved \$250 check # 1685
 OACE Officers/Event Chairs for 2025/26 - will be continued discussion about leadership moving forward, how many votes for business to be conducted, etc.
 Next Meeting - Wednesday, June 12th @ 7pm at the Odell Fire Hall

Swimming Lessons 2024

at the Wymore Swimming Pool



Morning Sessions	Class Times for Morning Sessions 1 & 2
Session 1: June 17 - June 21 *Classes will be held Monday through Friday	9:30 - 10:30 Levels 4-6 10:30 - 11:30 Levels 1-3
Session 2: June 24 - June 28 *Classes will be held Monday through Friday	

Please fill out your registration form and return it to:
 Michele Cresse, 1209 West I, Wymore, NE 68466

Please send money with your registration. The cost is \$35.00 per child.
Please make checks payable to the City of Wymore.

Classes will be filled in the order that registrations are received. You will **only** be contacted if your first choice is not available.

*If you have any questions please call or text Michele at 402-806-0853

Cut off and return bottom portion to Michele

Name of Child _____ Age _____
 Parent/Guardian _____ Phone # _____
 Address _____
 Name & Phone # to text/call if lessons are canceled due to weather _____
 Swimming Level Needed _____ Session Preferred _____



RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND AGRICULTURAL ELECTRICAL JOBS

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“The key to success is to start before you are ready.”—Marie Forleo

An Easter Meditation

The holy women who went to Jesus’ tomb early on the morning of the first Easter thought they would find a body to anoint; instead they found an empty tomb. For this reason, the Gospel tells us, the women “were seized with trembling and amazement” (Mark 16:8). They saw the great stone before the tomb rolled away and inside a young man in a white robe. Imagine hearing the words of the angel: “Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen”. And then this important message: “He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him”. What does this mean, that he will go to Galilee and wants the disciples to meet them there?

For the disciples, going to Galilee meant that Jesus was giving them new lives. They saw it as going back to the place where the Lord first called them to follow him. Beginning in Galilee, they had followed Jesus. Yet, even though they were close followers, they frequently had misunderstood his words. In the face of the cross they had abandoned him and fled. Even so, the Risen Lord gives the message that he will go ahead of them to Galilee. It is as if Jesus says to them: “Let us start over from where we began. Let us begin anew. I want you to be with me again, in spite of everything”. We are each called to go to

Galilee with the risen Lord. Easter teaches us that it is always possible to begin anew. In spite of our past, God can create the work of art which he has always intended us to be. The Risen Lord is asking his disciples now—us—to go to Galilee. Our Galilee is our daily lives, the country roads and highways we travel every day.

Why does the angel say that the risen Jesus will meet with his disciples in Galilee; why not Jerusalem or Bethlehem? Because Galilee is where Jesus began his mission; he was first and foremost called Jesus of Nazareth. In Galilee, he first brought his message to the excluded ones, to those whom the world looked down upon.

Our own Galilee is our normal everyday life. Here, Jesus makes himself present in the lives of those who share our day, those at home and at work, in our neighbors down the road or across the street. In Galilee we learn to find the Risen One in the faces of all of our brothers and sisters, in our closest loved ones, in strangers, and in those who we find to be unlikable.

The Lord loves, this we know. He also likes us, a lot. And he wants us to go to Galilee to be with him so that we can be with him forever in heaven.

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

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DILLER ODELL VOLLEYBALL

JOIN OUR SUMMER VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM



*IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND HAVE FUN
ON YOUR SUMMER*


WHAT TO EXPECT

- Experienced volleyball coaches
- Strategy sessions
- Skill development
- Fitness and conditioning
- Team building activities

Open Gym Dates:


- June 4th: Diller @9:30am
- June 18th: Diller @9:30am
- June 25th: Odell @8am
- July 1-2: Satellite camp: Renee Saunders time TBD in Odell
- July 8-9: Satellite camp: Wesleyan time TBD in Odell
- July 16th: Odell @8am
- July 30th: Odell @8am


LOCATION Diller Odell High School Grades 6th-8th




DILLER ODELL VOLLEYBALL CAMP


Come learn and develop your volleyball skills with the Griffin Volleyball players and coaches


 **JUNE 26TH-28TH**
 Grade 2nd-4th 8:30-10:30am
 Grade 5th-8th 12:00-2:00pm

 **DILLER ODELL HS**
 506 Perry St Odell, NE

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

 **COST: \$30 PAYABLE TO
DILLER ODELL VB
INCLUDES T-SHIRT**

 **PLEASE REGISTER BY FILLING
OUT ATTACHED FORM.**



Fitness Center HOURS

4:30 AM - 11:30 PM

**DILLER & ODELL
CENTERS**



Local Summer Home Ball Schedules

June 14 = GTB @ 5:45 pm
 GCP @ 6:45 pm
 GPW @ 7:45 pm
June 17 = BCP @ 6:45 pm
 BPW @ 7:45 pm
June 21 = GTB @ 5:45 pm
 GCP @ 6:45 pm
 GPW @ 7:45 pm

June 22 = Legion @ 2/4:30 pm
June 27= BTB @ 5:45 pm
 BCP @ 6:45 pm
 BPW @ 7:45 pm
July 2 = Legion (Jrs only) @ 6:30
July 5 - Legion @ 5:30/8 pm
July 13 = GPW Home Tourney

GTB = Girls TeeBall
 GCP = Girls Coach Pitch
 GPW = Girls Pee Wee

BTB = Boys TeeBall
 BCP = Boys Coach Pitch
 BPW = Boys Pee Wee

Girls Home Games are Played in Diller
 Boys Home Games are Played in Odell
 Legion Home Games are Played in Wymore

“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.”—Dr. Mae Jemison

Diller-Odell Board of Education
High School Media Center-Odell
May 13, 2024

Regular Board Meeting—7:00 pm

Present: Paul Kostal, Adam Engelman, Dusty Duis, Stuart Vitosh, Angie Clifford & Kasey Murphy. Stuart Vitosh was recorded as in attendance after his being appointed to the Board. Motion to approve minutes of last meeting made by Adam Engelman seconded by Dusty Duis. Passed with 5 yea, 0 nay. Declare a vacancy on the Board of Education due to the death of an incumbent; discuss, consider and take all necessary action to appoint a replacement member of the board to fill unexpired term of the vacant position. Motion to appoint Stuart Vitosh to the vacant Board seat made by Angie Clifford and seconded by Kasey Murphy. Motion passed with 5 yea, 0 nay. The Board welcomed Stuart Vitosh to the Board and thanked him for his willingness to accept the appointment. No student report. Principal Mezger reported on the 2024-2025 class schedule, assessments, awards ceremonies, graduation, and plans for the fall of 2024. Motion to approve the purchase of micro bus made by Angie Clifford and seconded by Adam Engelman. Motion passed with 6 yea, 0 nay. Superintendent Meyerle has a 14 passenger micro van on order. It will arrive by September or October. This purchased was needed due to the NDE regulation of not allowing student use in 12 passenger vans. Superintendent Meyerle traded the two 12 passenger vans. Schools cannot legally remove seats in large vans to limit the capacity to solve the issue. The issue is the size of the vans. Superintendent Meyerle had traded for a Pacifica that meets the needed seating specifications. There are a number of staff that will attend the needed Level I training to be able to drive the 14 passenger micro bus. No CDL is required to drive a micro bus. This will be very helpful with activities. Motion to approve the use of Wilken’s Architects for design of possible elementary entrance remodel for safety and security made by Kasey Murphy and seconded by Adam Engelman. Motion passed with 6 yea, 0 nay. The approval of Wilken’s Architects is to design the remodel of the elementary entry and office area for improved safety and security. This renovation has been suggested through the annual safety audit. Once Wilkens creates the design, the plans will be put out for bids. Superintendent Meyerle reported that the school had been awarded \$75,000 from the state of Nebraska to be used for

the upgrade. Superintendent Meyerle said the school was fortunate as it was a competitive grant and many schools received \$2000. Some Board members and administration will meet with the Wilken’s staff in June on the remodel plan. The remodel, if approved, would take place in the summer of 2025. The grant money awarded must be used for this specific remodel, and not another project. Superintendent Meyerle reported that John Denner will resign as a full time bus driver at the end of the school year. He remains as a teacher and is willing to sub drive some routes. Kristie Sutton will resign as a para at the end of the school year. She will become a full-time driver of a micro bus route next fall. Principal Mezger provided a written report for the Technology update. Superintendent Meyerle noted that work was scheduled on the track for resurfacing this summer as well as some renovation to the shop floor with flake flooring. Motion to accept milk bid from Hiland Dairy as part of the Southeastern Milk Cooperative made by Angie Clifford and seconded by Adam Engelman. Motion passed with 6 yea, 0 nay. The Board discussed a school operated day care. After speaking to our legal counsel and schools that have such programs, there would be a great deal of concern about having a school-run day care program. The Administration discussed legislative changes that would allow for some 5-year-old attendance in preschool. The school is waiting for policy options from KSB School Law on the issue. Superintendent Meyerle noted that if the program was full of 4-year-olds, there would never be space for 5-year-olds in the program in there are spots available. We hope to have the policy options in June. Superintendent Meyerle noted that some school budget items are up in the air due to the possible Special Legislative session that may be called. Motion to approve bills as presented made by Kasey Murphy and seconded by Adam Engelman. Motion passed with 6 yea, 0 nay. Motion to adjourn made by Angie Clifford and seconded by Stuart Vitosh. Passed with 6 yea, 0 nay. President Kostal adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 11 2024, 7 pm, at Elementary.



If you would like more information, please call Perry Gydesen at 402-766-3816 or email pgydesen@diodecom.net

Hey guys! Do you like to sing? The Homestead Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus is looking for new members.

You don't have to be great or know how to read music. You are invited to look into singing with the Harmonizers - an all male barbershop style chorus (4 part harmony). The Harmonizers practice in Beatrice at the First Presbyterian Church in the basement on Monday nights from 7:30-9 pm. The church is directly north of the Beatrice Middle school. The entrance is on the west side of the church, which faces fourth street.

“Failure is not the opposite of success. It is part of it.”—

Subject: Cultivating Growth: Lessons from the Garden and Life

Dear Readers,

As we continue our journey into intentional homesteading and mindful living, I am thrilled to share the progress of my first garden. This month has been a rewarding experience as I picked out and planted my first vegetables. Watching them grow has been a source of joy and a powerful reminder of the beauty of nurturing life, both in the garden and within our homes.

The process of selecting the right vegetables was both exciting and educational. There was fun and joy in walking through the many aisles of plants with my spouse and embracing the discussion of what to plant. This special, impromptu date reminded me that time together doesn't have to be planned for months with roses, expensive dinners, and a full face of makeup. As long as there is love, you can make any moment into a loving memory. Just as our relationships need consistent attention, care, and the right conditions to thrive, so too does our garden. Each day, I eagerly check on the garden's progress, marveling at how quickly plants develop from tiny sprouts into flourishing plants. This daily ritual has become a meditative practice, grounding me in the present moment and deepening my appreciation for the simple yet profound act of growing our food.

Beyond the personal satisfaction of gardening, this experience has also provided an invaluable opportunity to teach responsibility to my teenagers. In addition to their responsibilities at home, my teenagers are embarking on their first outside employment jobs this summer. Balancing work, chores, and leisure activities can be chal-

lenging, but it is an essential part of their growth. These experiences teach them valuable life skills, such as time management, teamwork, and the importance of earning and managing their own money. The lessons they learn from their garden responsibilities mirror those they encounter in their jobs, creating a comprehensive education in hard work and dedication. We have a full summer calendar of school-related camps and activities, along with club sports activities. Looking at it can be a bit overwhelming, but the minute that we've made it through, I'm left wondering why I second-guessed at all. This busy schedule helps me approach the busyness of life with a different mindset, embracing each moment as an opportunity for growth and connection.

As I watch my children navigate these new roles, I am reminded of the importance of fostering independence and resilience. Just as our plants need the right conditions to thrive, so too do our teenagers require guidance and support as they grow into responsible adults. By providing them with opportunities to contribute to the household and encouraging their first steps into the working world, we help them build a strong foundation for their future.

The journey of homesteading and intentional living is filled with moments of reflection and growth. As we nurture our gardens and our children, we are reminded of the profound connections between tending to the earth and cultivating a life of purpose and meaning.

In the coming summer months, I look forward to sharing more updates on our garden's progress and the lessons we learn along the way. Together, let us continue to embrace the joys and challenges of homesteading, finding beauty in

each small victory and exploring new, conventional ways to enrich our homesteading experience.

Thank you for joining me on this journey of growth and intentional living. As we strive for growth in our gardens and in our lives, let us remember the words of Colossians 2:6-7: "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

**Warm regards,
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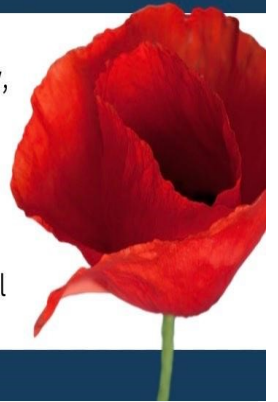
“The key to success is to focus on goals, not obstacles.”

Area June Birthdays

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- 2—Kevin Goldsberry, Gary Koch, & Steven E. Kostal
- 3—Mary Jo Bures, Ervin Hennerberg, & Robert Theye
- 4—Kaylie Snyder & Elaina Thorp
- 5—Ryleigh Holst & Shelly Smith
- 6—Kelby Rupprecht & Sarah Stanosheck
- 7—Sebastian Engelman, Alexis Gesin, & Brandi Hennerberg
- 9—Justin Larsen & Frank Rupprecht
- 10—Kyleigh Barnts, Ron Novotny, & Kaaden Tiemersma
- 11—Kathy Arntt, Forest Freitag, & June Johnson
- 12—Lea Anne Bogart, Jen Day, Loren Duerksen, Matt Duis, & Jaxon Warnke
- 13—Brianna Hajek
- 14—Gary Bures, Makayla Koch, Gary Stohs, & Bryston Warren
- 15—Lorene Gonzalez Ramirez & Jody Roelfs
- 16—Dennis Kenning
- 17—Makenna Crook, Dylan Hinrichs, Austin Jurgens, Shana Nippert, Remingtyn Sasse, & Maddy Yocum
- 18—Kodi Garcia, Cooper Morgan, & Boston Robbins
- 19—Marcy Barber, Doug Lottman, & Chris Schluter
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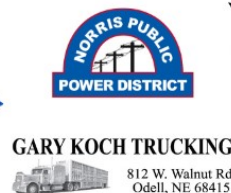
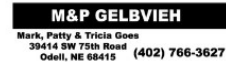
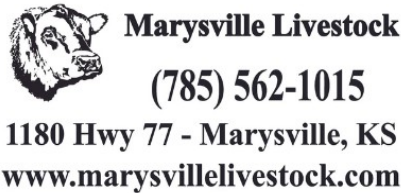
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