



Village Voice

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Newsletter for the Odell and Diller Communities

6th Annual
HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday, August 25, 2024
3:00 pm
Odell Community Building - Odell, NE
•FREE games for kids/prizes
•Bingo • Raffle
PULLED PORK MEAL - 5:00-7:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
SPONSORED BY OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
HARVEST FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Harvest Festival Continues in Odell

In 2018 a group of volunteers came together to begin a Harvest Festival in Odell. Their focus was for a safe, fun few hours where kids and adults could join together for some classic kids games (with prizes), free Bingo, a free will meal and a raffle. Their goal is only to make enough money to fund the next year's Festival. Please consider coming to this year's event, bring your families, and spread the word! It is open to everyone! 3-5 pm games & bingo. Children's message @ 5 pm. 5-7pm meal. Raffle drawings at the end.



Our Savior Lutheran Church - Odell
for Church Service

Sunday, August 11, 2024
Worship Service is at 10:00 am

(Special Worship time for this day only)

will sing before, within, and after service

Donuts, coffee, and juice following

Join us for worship and the
Harmonizers!

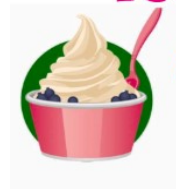
School is Here Again

Diller-Odell Schools will be back in session for their 2024-2025 school year on August 15. Please consider safety in and around our communities regarding school busses, kids biking and walking. BE AWARE! Support the students, staff, and school by being aware of their many activities and accomplishments throughout the year in all areas, sports, music, art, academics, & clubs. Also, start prepping your kids NOW for the school year routine. Summer is a time when a more casual routine is in place at home, (cont'd on pg. 10)

Class Numbers are below:

PreK = 17	4th = 15	9th = 16
K = 19	5th = 20	10th = 18
1st = 20	6th = 20	11th = 17
2nd = 15	7th = 15	12th = 19
3rd = 18	8th = 22	Total = 256

Ellis & Odell United Methodist Churches Ice Cream Social



SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

4:00-6:00 PM

at Ellis United

Methodist Church



**BBQ Sandwiches, Chips,
Ice Cream, Toppings, Desserts**



Free Will Donation

All proceeds will go to benefit
Stephanie Patterson for medical expenses

See You There

sponsored in part by the Thrivent Action Team

“A diplomat is a man who thinks twice before he says nothing.”—Edward Heath

ODELL

10 AUG, 2024 |

SERVING 5:30-8:00

FIRE & RESCUE

FUNDRAISER

PRICES:

ADULTS: \$15

KIDS (12 AND UNDER): \$5

To-Go meals will be available

MENU:

-  BEEF FRIES
-  GIZZARDS
-  PULLED PORK
-  SALADS
-  DESSERTS



WHERE: ODELL FIRE HALL (420 Lincoln St.)

BEER GARDEN WILL BE LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS A PHILLIPS
TEMPUS PRO PATIENT MONITOR & AEDs**

Patient monitors are devices used to measure, record, and display various patient vital signs such as heart rate and rhythm, SPO2, blood pressure, temperature, respiratory rate, blood pressure, blood oxygen saturation, etc. to keep track of the patient's health and provide them with high-quality health care.

Data can be shared with Beatrice when they are en route.

“Nothing strengthens authority as much as silence.”—Leonardo Da Vinci

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COORDINATORS NEEDED!

Jacque Probst and Amy Vitosh are retiring from this volunteer position. If you have been looking for a rewarding way to help your community and people in need, with very little time required, this is for you! It only involves coordinating 2 drives a year. Amy & Jacque would help you at the August Drive. Please contact Amy or Jacque if you are interested or have questions, or discuss with them at the upcoming drive! Amy: 402-520-0502, Jacque: 402-520-1132



Diller-Odell Community Blood Drive Odell Community Building

Thursday
August 15, 2024
12-6 pm

Call Jacque 402-520-1132
go to RedCrossBlood.org
and search
DillerOdell Community
to make an appointment

**Do Good Things! Come to give
blood August 1-30 and receive a
\$20 Amazon gift card See
rcblood.org/DoGood**



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

**GIVE BLOOD =
\$20 GIFT CARD**



*Restrictions apply, see amazon.com/gc-legal.



**EMERGENCY
BLOOD SHORTAGE**

Please share this post
to help us find more donors.



"Life expectancy would be much longer if green vegetables smelled like bacon."—Doug Larson

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 August 2024. We are a small, very welcoming congregation open to anyone who would care to join us.

Our Schedule for August 2024

- August 4** - Connie Carpenter at both churches, 9:00 Ellis, 10:30 Odell
- August 11** - Art Moore & Communion at both churches, 9:00 Ellis, 10:30 Odell
- August 18** - Dennis Holst at both churches 9:00 Ellis, 10:30 Odell
- Ellis Ad Council meeting at 8 am
- Ellis/Odell Ice Cream Social at Ellis Church
- August 25** - Connie Carpenter at both churches 9:00 Ellis, 10:30 Odell



ODELL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14 - 7:30 PM

ODELL COMMUNITY BUILDING

OACE Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024

7:00 pm

ODELL FIRE HALL

On the Agenda: Odell Trunk or Treat, Survey Results

Upcoming August Events

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| 10 - Odell Fire & Rescue Fundraiser | 15 - First day of school & Blood Drive |
| 11 - Harmonizers @ Our Savior | 18 - Ellis Methodist Ice Cream Social |
| 14 - Bingo @ Odell Market & Odell Village Board Mtg @ 7:30 pm | 19 - OACE Mtg @ 7 pm |
| | 25 - Harvest Festival |



Ice Cream & Treats

HOURS

Wednesday - Friday: 4 - 8 pm

Subject to close early if slow

205 Main St. Ste. C, Odell, NE

BINGO

FREE Wednesday August 14 1-3 pm

**ODELL BUCKS FOR PRIZES!
ODELL MARKET COFFEE SHOP**

REMINDER!

KEEP THE STREETS CLEAN!

Mow your lawn clippings/waste back onto your lawn and NOT the street. Clippings saying in the street are unsafe (especially to bikes & motorcycles.)



RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND AGRICULTURAL ELECTRICAL JOBS

GIVE MARCUS A CALL

402-587-1071

"Housework can't kill you, but why take the chance."—Phyllis Diller

Save the Date September 12, 2024



Summer Reading @ the
Odell Public Library
Deadline to turn in your
Summer Reading Logs
for Incentive Rewards
and Prizes is :

August 31, 2024

The Odell Public Library Restoration project is now
in it's final stages of completion!

We just need help getting across the finish line. We've raised
\$100,000 for this project and need \$50,000 more to finish. Please
see our website or biggivegage.org for a slideshow of the progress.

Big Give Gage is a 24-hour time of giving
where Gage County area supporters are
invited to give back to their favorite local
charities and stretch your giving even
further.

The goal of this community-wide giving
event is to match Gage County area
supporters' passions and generosity with
local nonprofit organizations already
doing great work. Through the combined
participation of all people who love and
care about the Gage County area, we can
significantly impact the future of our
beloved community.

Big Give Gage will run from 12:00am on
September 12th to 11:59pm on
September 12th. We encourage
donations to be made online the day of
the event. In addition, there will be an in-
person collection site at Vintage Venue
in Beatrice, NE from 7:00am to 7:00pm.
All donations collected will be used
locally by the non-profits.

Matching Funds for Big Give Gage made
possible by the Gage County Foundation
and additional local sponsors. Website
sponsored by the Gage County
Foundation and Apt Web Development.

odellnebraskapubliclibrary.weebly.com
biggivegage.org

As your Odell Public Library gets steps closer to completion, we
are hoping to be open more hours in the new space. However,
this takes more volunteers! IF you are willing to volunteer at the
library on a regular basis, please contact: Catherine Renshaw,
Shannon Novotny, Kristin Jurgens, Amanda McKinney, Andrew
Henrichs, or Joyce Kostal. (High school and above)

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!



Odell Library HOURS

Tue: 2-6 p

Wed: 4-6 p

Thu: 3-5 p

Fri: 9-11 a

Sat: 10a-12p



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Weekdays

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| Fundraiser Item | Promotional Items |

402-806-0866

email: statelinepromo@yahoo.com

"Never make fun of someone who speaks broken English. It means they know another language." —H Jackson Brown Jr.

VILLAGE OF ODELL'S

YARD OF THE MONTH

Presented by **OACE**



Introduced in June 2024, OACE is announcing "Yard of the Month". The winner in June was Kathy Arntt & Richard Helms. July's winner was Chris & Jamie Schluter (Ty & Atley too!) Congratulations to both of these "yards". They are exceptional!



Thank you to Kelly Burken for "joining in the fun" of OACE! Kelly has designed this new logo for OACE and is responsible for any branding/designs and photography!



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

209 Main Street - Odell, NE



402-766-4140 OR Text 402-520-1028

Haircuts • Color • Highlights • Perms

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Full Line of Hair Care Products

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Graduation Mother's Day*
Baby Birthday* Sympathy*

Avon & Scrapbooking Supplies

Call Cathy for an appointment!
Check us out on Facebook for Special Offers!

OACE Minutes
Monday, July 22, 2024
7 pm

Odell Community Building

Present: Shannon Novotny, Josh Novotny, Carly Vitosh, Blake Vitosh, Amanda Bodfield, Kelly Burken, Brenda Miller, & Pam Dorn

Treasurer's Report:

Checking = \$10,297.95

Savings = \$25,959.45

6 mo CD = \$5720.62

3 mo CD = \$5150.64

Total = \$47,128.66

Thank you to Josh & Shannon Novotny for continuing to lead OACE as the Presidents Thank you to Carly Vitosh for continuing to be the Treasurer for the group.

Updates:

Community Survey: Caleb Billesbach is still compiling responses. The deadline is July 31. Please share on Facebook so we get more responses! Caleb should have a report at the August OACE Meeting.

Yard of the Month: The first YOM winner was Kathy Arntt and she was very appreciative. Thank you to Kelly for taking this project on. It is a good, positive addition to our village. It will continue. A Christmas light contest will be held in the winter.

Odell Day:

Comments from people: Kelly mentioned she had a handful of people mention a date change (back to later in the year).

Small Businesses: Thank you to the Odell Market for providing lunch options, grilling, and staying open late. Sunny's was busy and offered some sandwich specials. Thanks to The Corner for hosting the band.

Sand Volleyball: Had 8 Teams (Maximum). The HS Volleyball Team helped.

Free Throw Contest: good amount of participants
3 on 3 Bball tournament only had 4 youth teams, but they had a good time.

Bingo & Baked Goods: pleasant time. If it is done in 2025, may move the time back a little later as it was pretty quiet at 1:00 pm in town.

Scavenger Hunt: only had one team. Maybe the timing?. Agreed that it is a good event and should be tried again.

Face Painting and Chalk Art contest: Well received. The time was good. Thanks to Robin Klaus for doing this work.

Inflatables: successful. Liked the baseball and ax throwing (good addition). Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out. Kelly Burken designed t-shirts and they were given to volunteers. T-shirts were well received and many had people ask them if they were selling them.

Dunk Tank: FFA has one now and should be able to have it at Odell Day 2025

Egg Toss: Well received. Would be good to have the PA system ready for this event. Thank you to Paul Kostal for heading this event.

Parade: good turn out in the end. Well received. Thank you to Dave Bures for emceeing the parade (and egg toss). Thank you to Garrett Easley for playing the National Anthem.

Little Tugger's Tractor Pull: A success. Thanks to the Riverview Jr Stockman 4-H club and Abby Kostal for helping with this.

Redneck Olympics: A success. Thanks to the FFA for hosting this event.

Band: very well received. Was a good time. \$5.00 cover charge at the door (\$760 taken at door). Can we consider

giving minors that are in the bar after 8 a wristband that designates them as a minor and letting them in to see band?

Fireworks: only positive comments. Thanks to the Odell Volunteer Firefighters for all their work on this. A special thanks to Blake Vitosh for planning and making it happen. **Odell Day 2024** profited the most it has. Carly applied for a grant through the Pipeline and received \$5,000 from them. Approximately \$18,000 was received from sponsors.

Will consider moving the date for 2025. HOWEVER this needs to be decided ASAP so food trucks and vendors can be contacted early enough to get them reserved. Discussed adding sponsors to the backs of the T-shirts that are made next year. Also discussed having an online "Odell Day Merch" store.

Thank you to Terry Arnold for making the sponsor banners and letting OACE borrow his PA/Sound System.

Thank you to Dean Engelman for letting OACE borrow their trailer.

It was voted on to give gift cards to Terry Arnold, Dave Bures & Garrett Easley.

It was voted on to give donations to these groups for helping with Odell Day: FFA, 4H Group, Youth Lead, Class of 2027, and the DO Art Club.

Craft Fair Update:

Brenda and Pam are taking vendor reservations. Will be using the DO High School, Odell Community Building, and a few buildings down town. Our Savior YL will be doing the food booth at the HS. Brenda and Kelly will be working on/looking into getting some new signs made that mark the different buildings that have vendors in them.

OACE logos/Promotions, etc.: Thanks to Kelly Burken for all her work on the graphic design for Odell Day promotion, sponsors, etc. and for her work on the new OACE logos and graphics. Kelly will be working on Craft Fair branding, and some graphics/promotions for Trunk or Treat.

Trunk or Treat Update:

Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, NOVEMBER 1, 2024. This date is selected based on the school calendar and activities. (NO School and NO football game on Nov. 1)

Discussed expanding the time from 6-8 pm. With trunks being available from 6-7 pm and the 2nd hour having any extra outdoor activities or a time for small businesses to be open late.

Banners: Kelly will be working on some new banner design for Main Street.

Community Christmas: Some discussion was had on Community Christmas. Amanda and Abby will continue to plan this event.

Projects:

Discussion was had on how OACE should look into doing a "big" project in town, since we have so many great sponsors for Odell Day and other events. Brenda will look into details and costs on a new digital sign for Odell Park.

OACE Drive: Joyce will share the OACE drive with Kelly Burken so she can add the OACE logos and graphics to it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 with a motion from Josh and a second from Blake.

Next meeting will be: Monday, August 19, 2024 - 7 pm at the Odell Community Building.

Recycling Tips

It's been awhile since I have done a recycling update. Recycling can be confusing and seem overwhelming, so you may just say “it's not worth it”. OR you may hear rumors like “they just take it to the dump anyway, so I am not wasting my time”. Before you give up or believe the rumors you hear, stop and educate yourself and learn the SIMPLE facts.

1. **CLEAN recycling only.** It's a VERY simple habit to adapt. Wash or rinse the container, can, or bottle out. QUICK AND EASY! Make it a routine and you won't think twice about it. Once it's clean and dry (just like your dishes!) , it is ready to head to recycling.
2. **IF you are out in a public space, the CLEAN tip is in effect.** Someone has to deal with the dirty item you may throw in the recycling. IF you don't have access to a nearby sink, then take it home with you. Again, NOT HARD, just a habit to get into. IF you have access to a sink, DUMP out the drink and quickly rinse it out. IF you have a bottle of milk or chocolate milk, it needs to be rinsed out, otherwise it just rots inside the container. **LOOK for recycling around you—BE AWARE!**
3. **IF food waste gets on a group of recycling because you didn't clean it or threw a partially full drink bottle in the recycling, then it CAN NOT be recycled and has to be taken to the landfill.** So, if you have heard something about recycling being taken to a landfill, then it may just be your fault.
4. **Odell recycling** takes CLEAN plastic, TIN cans, newspapers, regular paper, and magazines.
5. **ALUMINUM is NOT TIN.** Aluminum cans can be taken to local businesses and sold for money back. ALUMNIMUM is a VERY recyclable product. Anytime you can use an aluminum can instead of a plastic bottle, you are WAY ahead of the game.
6. If you have **glass to recycle**, do your research. Lincoln has many recycling locations that take glass. (AGAIN make sure it is clean)
7. **You do NOT need to remove labels** from cans and containers before recycling, HOWEVER if you can get them off easily, then it does improve the quality of the recycling.
8. Caps can be left with plastic bottles when recycling.
9. Most **plastic recycling is for #1 and #2.** IF you toss other items in with this, such as plastic grocery sacks, you are either giving the workers more work, or actually destroying that batch of recycling. This means don't toss your recycling in while it is in a garbage or grocery bag.
10. **FLEXIBLE plastic** is items such as grocery bags, wrap around products like drink bottles, pop can rings, etc. There is a lot of FLEXIBLE plastic in our world. This plastic needs to be recycled at a location that accepts it—such as Walmart. IF you read their signs on their Bag Recycling receptacles, you will see these items listed.
11. **Printer Cartridges** can be taken to Office Depot or Office Max to be recycled. They even reward you with points that can go toward purchases within their stores.
12. **Batteries** can be recycled at appropriate locations. Batteries are a huge problem in our world as they can contain dangerous chemicals if just tossed into the trash. They can even be a fire hazard in your trash. Batteries can be recycled in Lincoln at locations such as Ace Hardware, Home Depot, & Lowe's—however don't just toss all your batteries in—some of these locations ONLY recycling rechargeable batteries. **American Recycling** in Lincoln is a location that recycles almost anything, so check here for batteries. Your ultimate goal would be to switch to rechargeable batteries exclusively. They are an investment initially, but will end up saving you money in the end and you are tossing them into the earth. Car batteries are typically recycled at a automotive store.
13. **Electronics** are recycled at different locations in Lincoln. Search online, but start with American Recycling.
14. **Cardboard** is an easy item to recycle. Many big cities won't even accept in with your trash anymore. Take yours to Beatrice Recycling in (located in the old human society location). FLATTEN your cardboard. This is a very simple and easy thing to do. Every time you get a box, break it down and flatten it—it literally takes 30 seconds.
15. **Hard to recycle items** such as Cleaning Products, Paint, Mattresses, Tires, and Lightbulbs, generally can't be recycled often. CHECK with your local Recycling Organization (Keep Beatrice Beautiful) for different dates they accept and recycle these items.
16. **STYROFOAM CAN'T be recycled, so stop using it.** It is one of the worst things you can use. Yes, I know it keeps things hot and cold, but we live in a pretty easy world as it is, this is something you can sacrifice for the earth.
17. **Clothing and Textiles** generally can't be recycled, so donating them is your best bet so they can at least be reused. (cont'd on next page)

RECYCLING THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Although Recycling is excellent, we all have heard the 3 Rs—REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE. Look at that closely...recycle is the last on the list...this means, start with the first—**REDUCE. This is key**—get back to not living in a disposable way. Stop eating off plastic and paper and tossing. Start using reusable products like water bottles, etc.. Get back to washing dishes and reusing things. FOCUS on REDUCING and REUSING....Recycling should be a LAST resort. Plastic Companies have brainwashed us into thinking because we are recycling we are doing the best we can...but in the end it just makes us buy more plastic—which they benefit from. STOP using so much. Plastic is killing the earth, our water, our bodies. It is so, so bad for us.
2. **Recycling is NOT hard** or confusing if you stop telling yourself that. It takes way more time for you to scroll through social media on your phone than it does to work recycling into your life. It takes way less time to wash your dishes than it does to load up your trash and take it to the curb because you have made so much.
3. Reducing is not hard either. Any disposable items you are using that have a better option (such as fabric napkins) make the shift. IT SAVES YOU MONEY TOO! Bonus.
4. **Stop living a “throw it away and forget it life”.**
5. **Stop using rumors** you hear as excuses to not do what is right.
6. **Local recycling companies are actually working VERY hard to recycle.** They don’t just load it up and take it to the landfill, believe me. IF they have to do this occasionally, then it is because someone threw food in with the recycling or the cardboard recycling got wet and couldn’t be recycled.
7. Yet again, in this world of negatively, we need to be reminded to **believe the good and don’t’ get sucked into rumors and negativity.**
8. **Instead of spending your time talking about the “people” who promote these ideas and implement them...instead of spending your time laughing about them—Support them.**



Commercial Clearing **Skid Loader Work**

MINGE
Tree Service

402-806-2047

Residential Take Down & Trim **Pasture Clearing**

August Events @ School

- 11—FFA Kickoff Supper
- 12—Fall Practices begin. Teacher’s Inservice
7th Grade Orientation &
JH/HS Open House 6-7 pm.
- 13—Teacher’s Inservice.
Elementary Open House 5:30-6:30 pm
- 14—Teacher’s Inservice
- 15—First Day of School
- 19—Home Softball Scrimmage @ 6 pm
- 20—FBLA Kickoff Breakfast
- 24—Home Softball @ 12/1 pm
- 28—School Pictures
- 29—Home Softball @ 5 pm
Home Volleyball @ 5 pm

Bus Routes 2024-25

If you have questions about bus routes, please contact the office at 402-766-4210 and we will put you in touch with the driver. All of the buses do converge at the elementary school in the morning and the afternoon. If you are new to our district, below is a brief description of where our buses run.

- Marlene Wolken-North of Diller and to the Northwest (Harbine) part of the district.
- Kristie Sutton-South of Diller, along Highway 8 toward Odell, and the southwest (Steele City) part of the district.
- Brian Vitosh/Cindy Stohs-The central part of the district, and east of Odell
- George Rempel- The central part of the district north of Diller and Odell (Ellis), and the northeast part of the district.

Students will receive district devices the first day of school along with the associated paperwork. This paperwork will guide students and parents to view the technology documents located in this news article. The paperwork will need to be signed by students and parents and returned by Thursday, August 22nd. Also, if parents choose to allow students to take the devices home each day, a \$40 technology fee will need be submitted by Thursday August 22nd.

During the first few days of school, students will hear a presentation by our school attorney, Bobby Truhe.

If you have any questions regarding technology devices, please contact Amy Coufal, District Technology Coordinator. (acoufal@dillerodell.org, 402-766-4210).

TIPS FOR PARENTS TO PREP KIDS FOR SCHOOL:

1. Discuss their new classroom and teacher. Let them know it is OK to be nervous and they aren’t alone. ONLY positive talk about their teachers, other students, administration, and school in general. If you talk negative about these at home, they will carry that with them and it will affect them. This includes any coaches they have for extracurricular activities.
2. Prioritize the basics: Sleep, exercise, & nutrition. Get in a consistent and healthy sleep pattern before school starts. Remind kids to eat a filling breakfast and lunch as this will help them through the day. Get them outside to walk, bike, or play so their bodies are ready physically for their days at school
3. Make sure they are up to date on immunizations and doctor appointments (eye, dentist, etc.)
4. Stay aware of their mental state. Kids are dealing with a lot more mentally these days, so be diligent in educating yourself and being aware.
5. Discuss and remind them about racism, bullying, and kindness.
6. Discuss Bus Safety, how to walk/bike to school safely. Don’t assume your child has good pedestrian skills.
7. Plan for mindful media use—give them limits and a routine now so they will be prepared for school and homework.
8. Remember your summer routine may harm your child’s productiveness at school. It is up to you to send your child to school ready and prepared to do their best. This is not the teacher’s job. If all kids come into the classroom prepared, it gives their teacher the opportunity to teach and not spend time with other issues. This only benefits your child and the other students.

JH/HS Tech Info and Resources

“Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes.”—Oscar Wilde

Starting the HPV vaccination series at age 9 is recommended by the American Cancer Society, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable (HPVRT), which includes leading thought experts from clinical, public health, and academic research institutions. Previous guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends routine HPV vaccination at age 11 or 12 years but notes that HPV vaccination can be given starting at age 9 years old. There are many benefits to initiating the HPV vaccine series at age 9. These include: 1. Offers more time for completion of the series by age 13 2. Results in a strong immune response to the HPV vaccine 3. Increases the likelihood of vaccinating prior to first HPV exposure 4. Decreases questions about sexual activity by parents and guardians 5. Decreases requests for only vaccines that are “required” for school 6. Decreases the number of administered shots per visit 7. Increases vaccinations and therefore the number of cancers prevented 8. Has been shown by several systems to increase vaccination rates 9. Has been shown to be highly acceptable to systems, providers, and parents

Protect Your Preteen/Teen with Vaccines

Protect them from serious diseases including HPV cancers, meningitis, tetanus, whooping cough, flu, and COVID-19.



AGES 9 - 10

- HPV dose 1 (human papillomavirus)
- HPV dose 2 (6 - 12 months after dose 1)

AGES 11 - 12

- Meningitis dose 1 (MenACWY)
- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)
- HPV (if 2 doses haven't been given)

AGE 16

- Meningitis dose 2 (MenACWY)
- Meningitis B series (MenB)

YEARLY

- Flu (seasonal influenza)

Preteens and teens should stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccine to help protect them from COVID-19.



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DILLER-ODELL SCHOOLS

ACCEPTING PAYMENTS THROUGH VENMO

Electronic Payments through Venmo are now available to Diller-Odell Public Schools! Create a Venmo account to easily make lunch payments, pay for fundraisers through school, or anything else for which you would normally send a check.

DOPS Venmo account is: @DillerOdell-Schools

*account is set to private, so payments will not be publicly visible

CONNECTIONS TO DILLER-ODELL SCHOOLS

Website: www.dillerodell.org

Mobile Apps: Search Diller Odell

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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CHECK IT OUT!

www.dillerodell.org

Our School Website is the place to go for all things Diller-Odell.

- Current News
- Weekly Bulletin
- Calendar
- Lunch Menus
- Staff
- Counselor Info
- Elementary
- High School
- Links to fundraisers
- Links to Social Media
- Link to Striv Channel
- MORE!

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“Our true nationality is mankind.”—HG Wells

Diller-Odell Board of Education
High School Media Center-Odell
July 10, 2024

Student Fee Hearing—6:50 pm

Present: Paul Kostal, Adam Engelman, Dusty Duis, & Stuart Vitosh. The absences of Angie Clifford & Kasey Murphy were excused.

Accept comment on Student Fees. No Public Comment. Motion to adjourn made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Stuart Vitosh. Passed with 4 yea, 0 nay. President Kostal adjourned the hearing at 6:55 pm.

Parental Involvement Hearing—6:55 pm

Present: Paul Kostal, Adam Engelman, Dusty Duis, & Stuart Vitosh. The absences of Angie Clifford & Kasey Murphy were excused.

Accept comment on Parental Involvement. No Public Comment.

Motion to adjourn made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Stuart Vitosh. Passed with 4 yea, 0 nay. President Kostal adjourned the hearing at 7:00 pm.

Regular Board Meeting—7:00 pm

Present: Paul Kostal, Adam Engelman, Dusty Duis, & Stuart Vitosh. The absences of Angie Clifford & Kasey Murphy were excused.

Motion to approve minutes of last meeting made by Adam Engelman seconded by Stuart Vitosh. Passed with 4 yea, 0 nay.

Principal Mezger provided a written report in his absence. Student Fee Policy #5045 was reviewed. Motion to reaffirm Policy #5045 made by Stuart Vitosh and seconded by Adam Engelman. Motion passed with 4 yea, 0 nay. Parental Involvement Policies #5018 & #5057 were re-

viewed.

Motion to reaffirm policies #5018 & #5057 made by Stuart Vitosh and seconded by Adam Engelman. Motion passed with 4 yea, 0 nay.

Motion to approve athletic admission prices made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Stuart Vitosh. Motion passed with 4 yea, 0 nay. No change in admission prices. \$6 adults, \$4 students. District residents 65 and older may pick up a pass at either office for free admission to home athletic events minus state contest of conference tournament games. Members of the military, past and present, will be admitted free of charge.

Motion to approve breakfast and lunch prices made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Dusty Duis. Motion pass with 4 yea, 0 nay. No change in breakfast or lunch prices as the Board agreed with Superintendent Meyerle's recommendation. Motion to approve Alt Ed agreement with ESU 5 made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Stuart Vitosh. Motion passed with 4 yea, 0 nay. Superintendent Meyerle reported that two students from Diller-Odell HS would be attending alternate Education at ESU 5.

Superintendent Meyerle noted that there would be an action on the August agenda to approve Deputy Hager as a Student Resource Deputy. Gage County paid for 100% of the costs in the initial stages. In 2024-2025, Freeman, Southern, and Diller-Odell will each be asked to pay \$12,000 per school for his services. Superintendent Meyerle reported on many positive points of having Deputy Hager in the district a few days a week when dealing with truancy, bullying, custody situations, and non-compliant students. Deputy Hager has done an outstanding job of building positive relationships with D-O students.

Superintendent Meyerle gave an update on summer projects. He noted that the track has been resurfaced, but has yet to have the stripes painted pending scheduling and weather.

The Board received some information from Wilken's Architects about the elementary entry and office remodel. The update is for safety and security. More plans will be made available August. The Board hopes to put the work out for bids in the next month with bids being due September 6. The Board hopes to be able to accept a bid a the September regular Board meeting.

Superintendent Meyerle gave an update on upcoming budget work. The budget is due to the state by September 20.

Motion to approve bills as presented made by Dusty Duis and seconded by Adam Engelman. Motion passed with 4 yea, 0 nay.

Motion to approve membership in NRCSA (Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association) made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Stuart Vitosh. Motion passed with 4 yea, 0 nay.

Motion to adjourn made by Adam Engelman and seconded by Stuart Vitosh. Passed with 4 yea, 0 nay. President Kostal adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2024, 7 pm, at HS.

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Area August Birthdays

- 1—Misty Huwaldt, Banner Kostal, Dorothy Rockemann, Sharol Shalla, & Janet Vitosh
- 2—Kaity Ruhge
- 3—Greg Helton
- 4—Tom Duis, Dana Knabe, & Daniel Leseberg
- 5—Armando Jones, Robert Nietfeld, & Kenleigh Snyder
- 6—Deena Day & Hudson Mezger
- 7—Mikel Balderson, Gary Bergmeier, Joe Heble, Chloe Rupprecht, & Isaiah Schnuelle
- 9—Sandy Cumro, Teresa Koch, & John McCown
- 10—Lynette Duis, Luke Hennerberg, & Sandy Vitosh
- 11—Adrian Newby, Ranay Knabe, & Dennis Vitosh
- 13—Sandy Barnts
- 14—Eileen Kostal, Mitch Owens, & Barb Sasse
- 15—Turner Faxon & Carmen Spitsnogle
- 16—Allen Klecan, Ron Rickstrew, & Lexie Snyder
- 17—Esther Freitag, Scooter Hamel, Donnie Klecan, & Nichole Thorp
- 18—Keith Bartlett, Remi Carpenter, Kyle Duntz, Judy Humphreys, & Glenda Spilker
- 19—Brandon Blake, Thomas Gesin, Marilus Snyder, Ron Spitsnogle, Tammy Zarybnicky
- 20—Blaine Colgrove, Ron Jantzen, Billy Pipes, Jim Rupprecht, & Linda Scheele
- 21—Hoyt Breeden, Landon Koch, & Kristie Sutton
- 22—Dyan Allington & Jennifer Logan
- 23—Linda Behrends & Avery Pryor
- 24—Jill Duis, Lily Ebeling, & Barb Zarybnicky
- 25—Layton Koch & Josh Roelfs
- 26—Darin Weers & Jenn Wendland
- 27—Garrett Easley
- 29—Jay Hemphill, Tavy Hickey, Austin Kostal, Preston Kostal, & Livia Stein
- 30—Casey Morice, Linda Stanosheck, & Joely Weers
- 31—Kary Rash, Mercedes Schramm, Ivy Smith, & Riley Stohs

Happy Birthday to Brooke Engelman on August 2nd! Love, Paul, Joyce, Mel, & Kate

Happy Birthday to Sierra Maginnis on Aug. 2nd! Love, Your family & friends

Happy Birthday to Hannah Penner on Aug. 2nd Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Mike Meyerle on Aug. 4th Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Logan Penner on Aug. 4th Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Hunter Heble on Aug. 9th Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Alli Engelman on Aug. 9th. Love, Paul, Joyce, Mel, & Kate

Happy Birthday to Andrew Klecan on Aug. 13. Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Alisyn Wenzbauer on Aug. 13. Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Julie Feist on Aug. 17. Love, Paul, Joyce, Mel, & Kate

Happy Birthday to Jacob Penner on Aug. 17. Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Alaina Vitosh on August 19. Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Noah Vitosh on August 19. Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Janet Stuckwisch on Aug. 27. Love, Paul, Joyce, Mel, & Kate

Happy Birthday to Hillary Campbell on Aug. 31 Love, Your Family & Friends

Happy Birthday to Patty Heble on Aug. 31. Love Your Family & Friends

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