

Village Voice

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Rice Lodge and Conference Center to be Featured in November Issue of Nebraska Life. See page 2 for more

Halloween Party Scheduled for Sunday, November 2
2-4 pm at the Odell Community Building
Come and join us for games, prizes, candy and more!
Costume Contest. Haunted House
NO CHARGE! EVERYONE WELCOME!





Odell United Methodist Church Turkey Luncheon Sunday, October 26th;

11:00 am—1:00 pm
Odell Community Building
Turkey, Ham, Potatoes, Dressing,
homemade pies.

Ellis Roast Beef Luncheon Sunday, November 2: 11am-1pm Ellis Methodist Church

\$9 for adults and \$1 x age for kids



Mark you calendars! Wed., Nov. 19th Lanham Turkey Dinner begins at 4:30 pm

Community Blood Drive

Monday Oct. 20;

Noon—6 pm
Diller Community
Building
NEW

COORDINATORS! Contact for Appt.: Ann—402-754-4611 or

Kate-402-754-4682

It's that time of the year!

Odell Legion Fish
Fries begin on
Sat., October 11
5:30-8:00 pm

Adults: \$10 Children: \$5.00

> All you can eat fish, ham, salad bar

Are you a good listener? See page 3 for more

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15: OWTC mtg.

20: Blood Drive @ Diller and OACE mtg @ 7 pm

26: Turkey Lunch

24, 25, 31 & Nov. I:

Haunted Acreage (see page 5).

31: KEK Halloween party

Nov. 2: Odell Halloween Party & Ellis Roast Beef Lunch

"Wisdom is the reward you get from a lifetime of listening when you would have preferred to talk."



News from the Rice Lodge...

The Rice Lodge & Conference Center in Odell will be featured in the

November issue of **Nebraska Life** magazine. **Ne-braska Life** magazine's office is located in Norfolk, Nebraska. They have also expanded into Colorado with Colorado Life magazine. Check out the **Ne-braska Life** website at:

http://www.nebraskalife.com. There you can subscribe to the magazine, check out archived stories, check out how to advertise in the magazine and also make a contribution.

The Rice Lodge board members were interviewed by one of the writers in mid-September. A couple weeks later, 2 photographers came down and took

numerous photos of the Lodge. The bridal shower being held at the Rice Lodge at that time was in the spotlight in a number of pictures.

The Rice Lodge is the perfect place for:

- **small family gatherings & reunions
- **baby and bridal showers
- **Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Scentsy, etc. parties
- **class reunions
- **friend get-togethers
- **meetings and much more.
- —To make a reservation or schedule a tour, please call Gwen at 402-766-3720 or 402-806-2174 or email us at ricelodge@diodecom.net. Take a virtual tour and make reservations online at www.odell-nebraska.us.
- —-Questions? Please contact a Rice Lodge board member: Larry & Robin Stanosheck, John Novotny, Gary & Mary Jo Bures, and Bruce & Gwen Vitosh.

Odell Craft Show looking for a new Chair Person

OACE is looking for a new chair person for the annual craft show. After working with the craft show for over 15 year Mary Jo would like to take a break from the show. Any one interested in helping OACE with the Craft show please contact Mary Jo Bures mbures@diodecom.net 766-3677

ODELL CRAFT SHOW - Join us in Odell Nebraska for our 39th Annual Craft Show – Saturday November 29^{th -} 9am-4pm. You will enjoy shopping 70+ vendors selling a variety of handmade crafts in Odell, Nebraska

Kross-Eyed Kricket

Halloween Party! Friday, October 31st

Costume Contest, Prizes "12 Years Coming" will be playing from 9 pm-lam.



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As Greek philosopher Epictetus once theorized, "We have two ears and one mouth so we can listen twice as much as we speak."

Research shows that the average person listens with only 25 percent efficiency -- meaning there's a lot we're letting go in one ear and out the other.

"We all have a good listener within us," says Paul Sacco (PhD in Social Work) "It all just depends on the ability and desire to be mindful of where you are and who you're talking to. A lot of us are focused on the mechanics of listening -- eve contact, nodding your head -- but for good listeners, there's a naturalness to that behavior that we should all aspire to."

My dad passed away 14 years ago, but his trait of being a good listener is the thing I miss the most about him. So this article is an homage to my dad.

ARE YOU A GOOD LISTENER? Do you follow these habits?

9 Habits that good listeners use everyday and you can adapt into your life:

1. They're present. Being mindful in conversations is a hallmark characteristic of a good listener. When you're fully aware in the moment, you're more likely to retain what you're hearing and respond with more authenticity. That means stashing those phones and ridding yourself of all distractions. "Good listeners really put everything down and focus on [the person in front of them]," Saaco says. "And as a result, the other person becomes instantly aware that they have an interest in what they have to say."

2. They're empathetic.

Part of effective listening is the effort to empathize with the person you're speaking with. Whether or not you're able to fully relate, your compassion won't go unnoticed. Spend a moment putting yourself in their position, what's going through their head and what it must be like for them. Understanding what their experience is even before you talk to them can help you connect with them. And it sounds bad, but even if you blow it, you're still better off because the other person will see the

attempt."

3. They realize their short**comings.** It may be a strange way of thinking about it, but accepting yourself is key to being a good listener overall. In other words, we can't pick up on everything everyone is saying all the time -- and that's OK. Sometimes... having that intentionality to listen and

allowing yourself to miss the boat sometimes is good enough.

4. They have an open mind.

Great listeners know that every conversation they have isn't going to resolve a larger issue -- but it puts them one step closer to understanding the people they communicate with on a daily basis.

5. They are emotionally intelli-

gent. Emotional intelligence, or the awareness of our emotions and the emotions of those around us, can help enhance any interaction -- especially when it comes to listening. According to Travis Bradberry, author of *Emo*tional Intelligence 2.0, cultivating a high "EQ" is paramount when sharpening your listening skills. And all it takes is practice and focus. "When you're caught up with thinking about what you're going to say next, you aren't listening, but if you stop what you're doing, and really focus on the person talking, you activate neurons in your brain and your body starts to hone in on the other person. This helps you retain more information."

6. They pose significant questions.

Part of active listening isn't just lending your ear, but asking appropriate followup questions to draw out more information. This ability to provide thoughtprovoking feedback is one of the best ways to show you're engaged in what the other person has to say. People who are good listeners validate other people's feelings. It shows that what they're saying makes sense.

7. They're not on the defen-

sive. Not all of the things you hear are going to be rosy. Are you great at listening when someone is telling you things you want to hear? It gets a little

more difficult when someone gives you feedback that you find troubling or you perceive as being damaging to your ego. Effective listeners don't block out negative criticism. Instead, they listen and develop an understanding of what the person is trying to convey before responding. They're aware of their own reactions to other people. The difference between a terrible listener and a great listener can sometimes be the response time. A lot of conversations ... can go pretty bad or pretty well depending on the ability to step back and just take a moment before responding.

8. They're OK with being uncomfortable.

In addition to not playing defense, you should embrace every emotion during your conversations -- even feelings of discomfort or anger. "You need to get comfortable with being uncomfortable." Paul Sacco says. "When you're having difficult conversations with people, if you want to be fully listening, that may be a hard thing for you to do but it's important to try."

9. They're good leaders. Research has shown that there's a direct correlation between strong leadership and strong listening skills -- and it really comes as no surprise. As Richard Branson, CEO of Virgin Group writes, "the most effective leaders and entrepreneurs listen more than they speak: To be a good leader you have to be a great listener. Brilliant ideas can spring from the most unlikely places, so you should always keep your ears open for some shrewd advice." (source: Huffington Post)



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Upcoming School Events

I 0—Home Football @ 7 pm I 3—NO SCHOOL & Art Club Halloween Party 23—Home Football @ 7 pm—

Senior Parents' Night
Oct. 27-31—RED RIBBON
WEEK

28—Home Volleyball @ 7 pm—Senior Parents' 31—NO SCHOOL

"When you talk, you repeat what you already know; when you listen, you often learn something."—Jaren Sparks

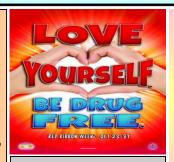


Girl Scout Bake Sale Thursday, October 28

During the Home Volleyball Game @ DO High School

Support Troops 20167 & 20110! Troop 20110 is fundraising for a trip to Greensburg, KS and for the "Odell Mini Park" Bronze Award Project





Red Ribbon week at Diller-Odell Schools: Oct 27-31 "Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't, yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations."

www.redribbon.org

Take the Red Ribbon Pledge now and be a part of the creation of a drug free America.

What's the Pledge about?

- As parents and citizens, we will talk to our children and the children in our lives about the dangers of drug abuse.
- 2. We will set clear rules for our children about not using drugs.
- 3. We will set a good example for our children by not using illegal drugs or medicine without a prescription.
- 4. We will monitor our children's behavior and enforce appropriate consequences, so that our rules are respected.
- 5. We will encourage family and friends to follow the same guidelines to keep children safe from substance abuse.

Diller-Odell Youth Football Home Game

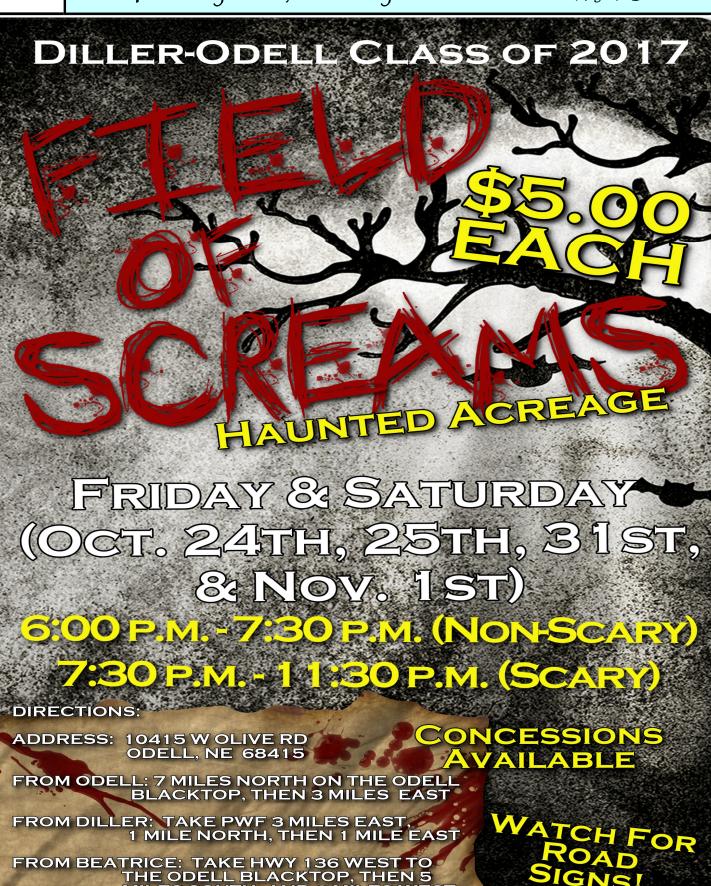
October 5 vs. Pawnee City

3rd & 4th Grade Team plays at 2:00 pm 5th & 6th Grade Team plays after that. game is finished.



Odell Cookie 4H Club News: Shelby March, News reporter: On Sept. 13,2014, the Odell cookies 4-h club met at the Odell park. the club proceeded to pick up trash along hwy. 8. Once again our club will donate 2-\$25 scholarships at the awards and achievement ceremony. Remember record books are due Oct. 1st. It is extremely important that all Odell

cookies members finish their record books on time. Odell cookies will turn 60 years old in 2015. We discussed possible activities we could do to celebrate and make 2015 a special year for our club. we are the oldest club in gage county. Melina and Kate Kostal served refreshments. next meeting will be in January of 2015.



Wishing the following all the best on their October Birthdays!

Oct 1—Corina Lottman

2—Jill Scheele

5—John Ebeling, Betty Lawrence, & Kami Rupprecht

6—Jim McCartney

8—Erin Gegg & Paul Kostal

9—John Denner

10-Jeanette Bures

13—Chad Warren

14-Nola McCartney

15—Zachary Warren

16-Kendra K. Weers

17—Preston Engelman

18—Jason Arnold

20—Tatum Schroeder & Dennis Haecker

21—Mary Ann Klecan

22 - Mad Meyerle

24—Sharon Gydesen

31- Sheri Schultis

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Happy 90th
Birthday to
Betty Shanek on
October 22!
Love, Your Family
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Betty Shanek
PO Box 134
Odell, NE 68415

Happy Birthday Mom Wieters on Oct. 2. Love, The Sutton's

Happy 18th Birthday to Lance Lawton on October 2! Love, Mom and Dad

Happy birthday to Spencer Sutton on Oct. 3! Love, Kristie, Schuyler, Shane and Kaden. & Ron and Mary.

Happy 17th Birthday to Ethan Rupprecht on October 10th! Love, Your Family





Card Party at OWTC Sun., Oct. 5; 1:30 pm



Bingo at the OWTC Wed., Oct. 8; I-3 pm

OACE Mtg.—Odell Legion Mon., Oct. 20; 7:00 pm



OWTC Mtg
Wed., Oct. 15, 7 pm
Old West Trails Center

Happy 6th birthday on October 7 to Cale Clifford and Happy 13th Birthday to Samantha Clifford on October 31! Love, Your Family



Happy I Ith Birthday to our beautiful daughter! We are so proud of the young lady that you are becoming! Love Mom & Dad



If you are interested in piano lessons, please contact Erin (Bures)

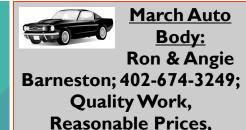
Blake at 402-239-5839.



COME CELEBRATE! BETTY LAWRENCE **IS_TURNING**

Sunday October 05, 2014 Diller Community Bldg. 2pm - 4pm

Join us for cake and coffee. We are wishing Betty Lawrence a very happy birthday! Please, no presents.





Free Estimates

Open 6 days a week! (closed on Tuesdays)

Mondays: 50 cent Wings and \$2 beers

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7K Trail & Road Run

1 Mile Trail Run/Walk

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Soup Supper and **Bake Sale**

Saturday, October 11, 2014 5:00-7:00 p.m. 57026 708 Road, Fairbury, NE

Come eat and run (but not in that order) at Camp Jefferson's 2-in-1 fall fundraiser! The event begins with a scenic trek around the Camp's 40 acres—and beyond, if you want more of a workout. Prizes will be awarded to place winners in both races.

After the run, stick around for soup, sandwiches, and drinks—our thanks to you for being part of the fundraiser. NOTE: Non-runners/non-walkers are also warmly invited to the soup supper with a freewill offering. Packaged baked goods will also be available to purchase.

Musical entertainment provided by Swing, Swing, Swing! Everybody leaves happy and full!

No RSVP necessary, and race registrations are allowed on event date. However, to guarantee a participant t-shirt, please pre-register by sending payment with the form below by October 3 to:

> Camp Jefferson P.O. Box 174 Fairbury, NE 68352

For questions, contact Barry Schwab at 402-587-0738, or admin@campjefferson.org. See you there!

Souper Fun Run Entry Form

C&C's Upcoming 5 Oct 3rd & 4th--Oct 10th & 11th ----------Flat Irons Oct 17th & 18th -----Fresh Seafood & Filets Oct 27th & 28th -----Ribeyes Oct 31st & Nov 1st ------Marinated Chickens Available at both locations except seafood!

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Call for info:402-793-5820