

• Diller Community Foundation Fund Newsletter •  
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## There's No Place Like Home!

2022's Diller Picnic is the 125th Annual Diller Picnic. The event is known as Nebraska's longest continuous running community festival. There have only been two years when it was not held. One year was during WWII and the other was 2020. Grants were given to the Diller Community Club and the Diller Picnic Committee for the Diller Picnic. These will be used for bleacher repairs at the Tractor Pull/Bull Riding grounds. Purchases will be made for more tents and tables for entrance gates, coolers for the beer gardens, barricades, and community celebration and detour signs for streets during the celebration. These grants are much appreciated by the committee that plans the celebration.



*The Foundation reminded everyone that "There's no place like home!" with this beautiful depiction of Oz. Thanks to Delyana Craig and Remi Carpenter for playing the part of Dorothy and Glinda!*



*Nebraska Balloon Club members helped Raise Spirits during the 125th Diller Picnic. Those delighting the audience were: John Folsom in Nathen Detroit; Craig Hunter in Living the Dream and Robb Johnson in Jokers Wild. They are all from the greater Omaha area*



**NEW WELCOME SIGNS!** *The Village of Diller asked for a grant to replace the four existing "Welcome to Diller" signs. The signs located both north and south of town have been an invitation to visit for many years and were starting to show their age. The money granted from the Diller Community Foundation Fund was used to replace the aged signs with heavy duty, weather resistant laser cut metal signs. Installation was completed by village maintenance man Bob Wellsandt and village mayor Glen Behrends.*

# Youth Sports Gain From The Foundation's Work

Youth from across the area participate heavily in the Diller-Odell Youth Sports program. This year the foundation graciously supported the programs by granting funds to purchase a blocking sled for the youth football program and uniforms for the boys and girls youth basketball programs. The kids are excited to test out the new sled this fall and the basketball teams are looking great in their new apparel.



*Diller Odell's 3rd and 4th grade basketball team medal at the MIT Tournament in Lincoln, looking sharp in their new uniforms!*

# Bullets Shooting Stars Out of the Dugout

After a two-year pause due to the Pandemic, the Bullets Shooting Stars summer baseball league was able to resume for the 2022 season with 13 players from Diller-Odell, Beatrice, Tri County, and Southern schools participating. This league offers an opportunity for youth with disabilities ages 5-18 to participate in an organized summer ball team in a safe and fun environment. The league was formed in 2015.



The Beatrice Bullets baseball players provide on-field support, instruction, mentoring, and safety for the Shooting Stars players. The season included three games after one was canceled due to weather. After the last game, players were presented medals by Beatrice Fire & Rescue and celebrated with a pizza party. Participation is free for the Shooting Stars players, thanks to generous donations such as the one from the Diller Foundation. This year's donation helped to fund T-shirts and medals for the players.

The Wymore-Diller-Odell Legion baseball season is underway with their 2022 summer season. The Legion applied for a grant through the Diller Community Foundation for improvements to their field. The grant was used to support the project of upgrading the fence around the baseball field.

# Capitol Hill Griffins



*Brittany Kroeker and Joely Weers, Jefferson County Delegates to 2022 Citizenship Washington Focus June 1 - 10.*

Joely Weers of Diller attended the Citizenship Washington Focus trip through 4H Junior Leaders from June 1 -10. They toured New York City, Philadelphia, Amish country near Lancaster, PA, Gettysburg, and of course, Washington DC. While in DC, she experienced many memorials on the National Mall, Arlington National Cemetery, the White House, several Smithsonian museums, Library of Congress, National Botanical Gardens, 9/11 Memorial at the Pentagon, and Mount Vernon. The Delegates spent time at the Capitol with Nebraska's elected officials, Senators Ben Sasse and Deb Fischer and Representatives Adrian Smith and Don Bacon. She also attended civil discourse and active listening workshops where the delegates discussed current issues and came up with a plan of action to address some of these issues at the local level. They shared their ideas and action plans in a Town Hall with peer input.

Joely's favorite part of the trip was Philadelphia. The history, the architecture, the tour guide that really enjoyed his job and dressed in full colonial garb, and the feel of the city (reminds her of Omaha) all made quite an impression. She would like to return someday and take more time visiting the landmarks and the city.

Joely truly enjoyed the experience and learned a lot about the origins of our country and the legislative process of our democracy.

# Readers Are Invited to Let Their Imaginations Fly

The 2022 summer reading theme was "Let Your Imagination Fly, Read a Good Book". We launched the program on June 7 with an explosive lesson on rockets. Friends from the Jefferson County Extension Office led students through a study of rocket parts, the history of rockets and the building of a rocket model made of candy. The day ended with a rocket launch.

Helicopters took off on week 2 with experiments, the creation of a helicopter rotor toy and a video that helped everyone learn the parts of the amazing aircraft.

The next flying machine we studied was the airplane. How better to learn than seeing a REAL AIRPLANE. Thanks to area pilot Chad Lottman, students got to experience learning first hand. The plane came in on a trailer and students had the



chance to learn its parts, flight check information and more. Thanks so much Chad for making this possible.

Our final trip into the sky was in a hot air balloon. Students had the chance to learn more about these silent flying giants and what makes them fly.

Weekly, the students who were from Diller, Odell and many other communities, had the chance to check out books, earn prizes, create crafts, play games, see friends and gain some knowledge about each flight craft.

A ticket drawing was held the final day for 2 trips to the SAC Air Museum in Omaha, a Stomp Rocket Set, Rocket Floor puzzle and more.

Thanks to the Diller Community Foundation Fund for supporting the program with a \$400 General Fund Grant. We also wish to thank Diller-Odell Schools for their sponsorship. They provided transportation from Odell along with the use of the library collection and building



# Equine Assisted Learning Provides Positive Feedback For Participants

Whispering Acres Tails & Treasurers located near Harbine is an Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) center operated by Jill Kuzelka. The EAL uses a unique approach to help participants maximize their potential through high-quality equine centered activities.

In Equine Assisted Learning, participants engage in structured, facilitator-led sessions with constant feedback related to the participant's experiences. The horse is generally considered "the teacher" and a human facilitator/horse specialist is there to help guide the horse and participants and to reflect on their experiences. The overall intent is to create opportunities for the participant's self-development and to internalize this awareness within the sessions and generalize it to other life situations.

One of the priorities of the program is to support

and develop prevention and pathways to success. Prevention programs and other services help to improve the lives of young people in our county and increase the odds of a successful transition into adulthood. In addition, the latest Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey evidences that among students surveyed in Jefferson County, there are significantly higher percentages reporting attempted suicide, consideration of attempted suicide, infliction of self-harm, depression and sleep loss. Developmentally, adolescents are at risk for developing unhealthy lifestyle choices and coping mechanisms. EAL programming is an intervention that has gained evidence-based support and is an experiential alternative service that provides at-risk youth with a greater range of emotional wellness and relational skills than traditional classroom

counseling.

Further, there are benefits of equine-assisted therapy for families. The benefits include increased self-regulation, decreased stress and increased communication between family members. These benefits highlight the positive impact horses can have. Either working with the entire family or working with an individual and the bringing the family in after the sessions, together creates a bond for the entire family. Sometimes, the challenges start at home and working on the issues together as a family as a whole, increases success in the future.

The Diller Community Foundation Fund awarded scholarships for two individuals to participate in the program this year.

## Diller Fund Participates In Taking "5 To Thrive" Local

Beth Roelfs participated as a panel member in a statewide on-line training session provided by the Nebraska Community Foundation. The session topic was Transferring Abundance. She shared stories of Diller's success in harnessing charitable gifts for the community's improvement through its Unrestricted Endowment and General Funds. The session also explained what the transfer of wealth is, what it means to Nebraska hometowns, what it means to "Leave 5 to Thrive" and why Nebraskans should care.

## Have You Thought About Leaving a FOREVER Fingerprint?

You may or may not have heard of the "5 To Thrive" campaign being promoted by the Nebraska Community Foundation and affiliated funds such as the Diller Fund. In basic terms, it is an invitation to consider and act on making a planned gift (suggested 5%) to a cause that is near and dear to you.

Yes, it does mean thinking about topics most people avoid, wills and end of life planning. But, these are realities that also hold an exciting opportunity for you. An opportunity for you to impact your community beyond your lifetime. It offers the chance to dream of what that impact might look like.

First, identify a cause within your community or area that you hold a deep commitment and pride in.

Next, imagine what an impact you could make if you made a commitment to share a percentage of your resources with that cause at the time of your death. Now ask yourself, what if others supported the same cause? Dream. How has your gift enhanced the future for this cause and its benefactors?

Finally, consider the profound impact of many people giving to different community causes. How is the value of life improved?

Now let's apply this thought process to causes in the Diller community. What could this 'place of the future' be if YOU AND I made a planned gift now to a Diller cause? Where could the gifts go? Maybe the school, churches, fireman, village, park, Diller Picnic, Opera House, Community Foundation Endowment Fund. You add to the list. How would that elevate the quality of life here, in the place we value and hold dear? Are you drawn to leaving your fingerprints on the community's future because of its importance to you today?

Now apply the same thoughts to Jefferson County. Gifts might support the future fairgrounds, park, race-track, museums and more. What would the county look like if many said YES to this invitation?

That's "5 To Thrive". This isn't just a message for the OLD FOLKS. It is a conversation we want everyone to have. What cause is important enough for you to ensure its future?

If you share our belief in the future of Greater Nebraska, I hope you'll take a minute to visit [www.fiveto-thrivene.org](http://www.fiveto-thrivene.org) where you'll learn more about why our Nebraska hometowns are worthy of our investment. I also ask that you consider joining us in the Five to Thrive movement—a call to action for all generous Nebraskans to consider leaving 5% of their assets to a local charitable cause, a collective act that would result in billions of dollars to be reinvested into the future of our hometowns and state. Remember, when we all leave five, our hometowns thrive!

## Triple the Interns Triple the Fun!

The Diller Community Foundation has made a huge leap in their organization and have hired not one but three summer interns! Jady Schultis, Hayley Denner, and Skylar Pretzer are the interns for the summer of 2022. This internship is a huge opportunity for the foundation to spread the word about the community and how to give back, and also for the interns to get a behind the scenes look into how everything truly works.

The summer interns worked hard together in the office to bring more light to the Diller Community Foundation Facebook page, and bring back old memories and history that may have been forgotten. Spreading the word about the 125th Diller Picnic was a primary project for the interns and allowed them and the community to dive into the past while celebrating the present. The interns were excited to work hand-in-hand with community groups to make this celebration special.

Another goal for the summer interns was to get area youth involved and thinking about their community. The interns plan to host a summer Service-ship day where area youth will learn about youth philanthropy to youth service-ship. A primary goal of the Service-ship day will be implementing structure and encouraging brainstorming about how to give back to the community.

Additionally, the interns spent a fair amount of time working with the Diller Bank Museum committee to serve as catalysts for a few major summer projects that the museum was embarking upon. The intern team is a dream team and a wonderful chance for Diller to shine bright. If you know of a college student who is interested in being a future summer intern, please have them contact the Diller Community Foundation.



The Diller Community Foundation Fund and O.A.C.E. Congratulate the 16 graduates of Diller-Odell and wish them well in whatever road they travel. We hope that they will always remember their hometown community and the roots that they have here. We welcome them to live here and build their futures in our community as well. Good Luck and Best Wishes 2022 Graduates!!!



*The Diller-Odell Post Prom Committee provided a different type of post prom fun for the Junior and Senior class members and their guests this year. Prom was held on March 26 at the Diller Opera House and followed by hours of games and action at Defy Gravity in Lincoln. The Diller Community Foundation Fund supported the Post Prom Committee as a Platinum Level sponsor to provide an enjoyable, safe and alcohol-free activity for the students.*

## Welcoming All Tourists To Discover Diller

Check out the tourism ads for Diller in the 2022 Jefferson County Go!Guide at [jvc@diodecom.net](mailto:jvc@diodecom.net) and Explore Jefferson County – Jefferson County Magazine by the Fairbury Journal News/Extras. Through funding from DCFF, thousands of guests have been invited to discover what our community has to offer in entertainment and services.

"Let's Get Carried Away" our 125th Diller Picnic Celebration is promoted along with the dining, lodging, shopping and travel services offered by our community. We hope this leads visitors to Discover Diller in 2022.

## Regional Peer Learning & Networking

A Regional Peer Learning and Networking event was held at Byron NE on May 4, 2022. Beth Roelfs, Tammy Weers and Diane Wellsandt attended the event. A community tour started the evening highlighting many of the accomplishments of the Byron Community Foundation Fund. A delicious meal was served followed by breakout sessions titled Treasurer Talk, FAC Opportunities, Quality Childcare and the Big Give. Beth and Tammy helped facilitate two of these sessions. This was a very informative evening and was a great opportunity to network with fellow Community Foundation Fund members and personnel from the Nebraska Community Foundation.

# Park Progress:



A great deal of progress has been made to update and renovate the Diller Park in 2021 and 2022. Phase 1 of the project was completed in 2021 with a new Tot Zone for ages 2 - 5 which included new playground equipment and re-purposing some existing equipment. Phase 2 consists of a new spin zone with equipment purchased in part from the Big Rock Grant awarded by Exmark Mfg. of Beatrice in the amount of \$25,000. Employees of Exmark also assisted with assembly and installation of the equipment in the fall of 2021. Finally, the walking path around the park perimeter and to the playground area was completed earlier this year. The Diller Community Foundation Fund awarded a grant of \$15,000 in 2022 to complete the last section of the walking path. Thank you to John Ebeling and LCC for their part in making this happen. The sidewalks have made the playground area more accessible for children to use and has provided a safe walking path for all ages. In addition, the Diller-Odell National Honor Society students will be painting new court lines on the basketball court which now has four new standards and backboards. The full court set is at regulation height and the half court pair are set at a youth height.

The third and final phase of the park improvement project is the "Motion Zone" and comple-

# More Fun Coming!

tion of the courtyard area. The projected cost for this phase is approximately \$70,000. The committee will continue to seek grants for funding as well as donations to support this phase. Donors will be recognized (if desired) on the current monument located in the park through three levels of giving: Patron - \$500-\$1,999; Benefactor - \$2,000-\$4,999 and Grand Benefactor - \$5,000 and Over. Your tax-deductible donation can be made to the Diller Community Foundation Fund and mailed to PO Box 14, Diller, NE 68342 or online at <https://www.nebcommfound.org/give/diller-community-foundation-fund/>. Please designate "Park Project" on your check.

Many community volunteers have put in their time, talent and labor to clean up areas, complete site preparation and help with installation of the equipment. We thank each and every one who has helped with the park project over the past 18 months. We appreciate your community support!





6th Annual  
D.R.E.A.M.  
Auction Event  
supporting the  
Diller Community  
Foundation Fund

**D.R.E.A.M.**

Diller Opera House  
Saturday, November 19 2022

Tickets will go on sale after Labor Day weekend, and sold by reserved tables of 8 or individually. Watch for details on our Facebook page as the date gets closer. Any questions can be answered by sending an email to Scott at [sdpretzer@gmail.com](mailto:sdpretzer@gmail.com).

## Diller Shares Story at NCF Retreat

The Nebraska Community Foundation invited members of the Diller Community Foundation Fund to attend their board retreat on March 2 and 3 at the Crane Trust near Wood River. With over \$1 Million in the Unrestricted Endowment Fund and confirmed planned gifts, the Diller FAC was one of five affiliated funds selected to share our story with the NCF Board, staff and other affiliated fund members. Members of the Fund Advisory Committee attending the retreat were Micki Krieger, Beth Roelfs and Tammy Weers.

Through the NCF network, the affiliated funds learn from other community-based funds the successes and challenges in building their capacity and to be a difference-maker in their communities. Our Fund Advisory Committee members were asked to reflect and address several areas such as: 1) accomplishments that we are proud of; 2) additional impacts as a result of the fund; 3) how the community has changed with the fund; 4) how the work of the fund has become essential to our community and 5) what we believe will attract people to our community.

The Nebraska Community Fund network is important to connect communities to foster new ideas, innovation and creativity that are key drivers for rural communities to prosper and attract people in the future.

## Pediatric Therapy Program Added At JCHL



*Lauren Cox, OTD, OTR/L and Kasey Murphy, PT, DPT & Board Certified Pediatric Clinical Specialist pictured on swing, mats and balance training blocks purchased for the new pediatric therapy program at JCHL.*

In 2021, Jefferson Community Health & Life launched a new pediatric therapy program to benefit patients and residents of the community. New equipment purchased for the pediatric therapy program included such things as a swing, balance trainer, mats, rocker balance tool and a climbing wall. These tools are extremely helpful in working with children who need various types of therapy. The pediatric therapy program has been growing steadily and had outgrown their space. With additional space and the many new pieces of special equipment, they are better equipped for treating children. It is exciting to have two Diller-Odell graduates return to the area and be a part of this program. Kasey (Theye) Murphy is the physical therapist and Sara (Schmidt) Meyer will be joining JCHL at the end of June as the speech therapist. Funding for the new equipment was possible through donations to Jefferson County Health & Life. The Diller Community Foundation Fund is pleased to support this project and JCHL for providing vital health services to our community.

## Roelfs named to NCF Board of Directors Diller Fund Meets with County

Beth Roelfs has joined the Nebraska Community Foundation's board. Roelfs and her husband Dean are lifelong Diller residents living in rural Jefferson County. As a family, they raise livestock and farm. Roelfs taught 24 years at Odell and Diller-Odell Public Schools until her retirement in 2020.

Roelfs has served as an AmeriCorps member and with Blue Valley Community Action Head Start. Beth is an active volunteer within the community and serves on the Fund Advisory Committee for the Diller Community Foundation Fund, which is an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation.



Fund Advisory Committee members for the Diller Community Foundation Fund had the opportunity to present information on several topics to the Jefferson County Commissioners in January. Kendra Weers gave a brief history and background of the fund as well as some of the highlights and accomplishments that have been achieved.

Beth Roelfs presented information from the youth survey completed by Diller-Odell students in the Spring of 2020. Highlights of the survey indicate that 62% of the students consider a small community an ideal place to live and raise a family and over one-third were likely to live in the area that they live in now. Good schools and quality health-care, parks and outdoor recreation and entertainment were important to them for an ideal community.

The Nebraska Community Foundation recently released its 2021 Transfer of Wealth study for the State of Nebraska. Tammy Weers provided information from the study pertaining to Jefferson County. Over the next 10 years, it is estimated that \$580 million will transfer from generation to generation in Jefferson County. Some of these funds will go to taxes. Most will go to heirs. Due to outmigration, many of those heirs no longer live in the area and may no longer feel connected to our communities. Once wealth leaves our communities, the opportunity for give-back becomes more and more unlikely. Therefore, now is the time to encourage generous Nebraskans to give back today and consider their community in their estate plans for tomorrow.

## Nebraska's Friendliest Small Town

This year Diller was voted the friendliest small town in Nebraska by 6Park News Desk. Diller is not just a small town but a thriving community! A busy downtown offering food, groceries and gas. The historic Diller Opera House sits on the south corner of downtown and hosts the annual Shrimp Feed fundraiser every February. The community offers many employment options with more folks driving into town each day for jobs than leave the community for work. Next stop is Main Street that recently hosted the 125th annual Diller Picnic parade which was streamed on News Channel Nebraska! So if you are traveling in Southeast Nebraska turn on HWY 103 to meet the friendliest little town in Nebraska!

We'd love to visit for a while and share a smile.

**Diller**

# Foundation Helps Keep the Faith

## CrossWalk Leads Kids on Epic Adventure

The CrossWalk after school program for kids preschool – 5th grade kicked off an epic journey in September. Each Wednesday 45 children gathered at St. Paul for food, fellowship and fun.

First semester lessons focused on the Fruits of the Spirit and was represented by a huge tree that carried each student's name. The winter/spring semester led all into learning the meaning of the 10 Commandments which we called God's Good Rules.

The learning focus for the year was teaching the Books of the Bible and how to use the Bible as a tool. Five children in pre-school – 1st grade who were new to the program in 2021 were given a Bible Story book for their home. Fifteen students entering the 2nd grade or were new to the program and in grades 3 – 6 were each given their own student Bible as a loving gift from their St. Paul faith friends.

Service to God's world is a strong thread in the experience. The very first session everyone learned about the differences of the school experience for children from all over the world and Irene Gibson guided us in packing School Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

In the fall students participated in gathering collections for the food and coat drive. Thanksgiving brought the creation of big eyed owls with bright feathers. These brightened the homes of Gardenside friends. Kids also decorated holiday cards which were mailed to community/church family and friends. Before Valentine's Day everyone went to work in the love factory making door banners and decorations, as well as unique cards. These were given to friends at Hope Wymore, Heritage and Gardenside in Fairbury as well as Homestead House, the Kensington and Samaritan Springs Society in Beatrice.

The students were ongoing supporters of the Pop Tab collection for the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha giving over 20 pounds throughout the year. What a great way to build the understanding of how even a small gesture can have a big impact.

The final session of the year was at the Diller Park where everyone joined in serving the community by picking up sticks, raking leaves and moving wood chips.

Experiences of Church traditions included learning about Ash Wednesday and getting a cross of ashes. At the beginning of Advent each child received their own Advent calendar of chocolates and the chance to learn about the importance of this special time of preparing for Jesus.

Celebration was another element of the fellowship. Halloween offered a really fun but chilly Trunk or Treat for everyone in the area. A Family Christmas experience included student frosted cookies (thanks Kristen Hennerberg for taking one for the team in that station), carol singing and a sound version of the Christmas Story. The amazing year's journey ended with a swimming and pizza party at the Beatrice YMCA. Thanks to DCFE for the financial support to provide this community program along with a summer Vacation Bible School experience at no cost to the children.



## HUGS Youth Group

HUGS is the youth group for the Ellis United Methodist Church from Ellis, Nebraska that meets on Wednesday afternoon following school. Approximately 15 youth from the area gather at the church for fellowship following school. They participate in different activities throughout the year. Some of the different activities that the youth participate throughout the year include Live Nativity, making different crafts, Halloween party, Christmas Eve Service, hanging of the greens, Valentine's party, and Sunrise Service. Each activity is coupled with a lesson and scripture. HUGS appreciates all the support from the church family and community. A big thank you goes to the Diller Foundation for helping support HUGS. The support allows us to continue doing activities throughout the year.

### 2022 Grants

<b>Diller Park Improvement Project</b> East side of walking path/Motion Zone Equipment	\$15,000
<b>Diller Picnic Committee</b> Bleacher repair; tents & tables; coolers	\$3,700
<b>Diller Fire &amp; Rescue</b> 12 sets of Wildland Gear	\$6,120
<b>Diller Old Bank Museum</b> Repair walls, add trim and repair/paint ceiling	\$2,000
<b>Main Street Memorial Park</b> New shrubs, plants and rock	\$3,000
<b>Diller Community Club</b> Barricades/reflective community celebration/detour signs	\$2,100
<b>Diller-Odell Youth Football</b> 3-man blocking sled and equipment upgrades	\$2,000
<b>Diller-Odell FFA &amp; Alumni FFA</b> Two Diller-Odell FFA welcome signs	\$2,000
<b>Village of Diller</b> New entrance signs	\$2,050
<b>Village of Diller</b> Recycling Trailer	\$1,000
<b>Diller-Odell Fed from the Farm</b> Beef Processing-\$800; Pork Processing-\$300	\$1,100
<b>Diller-Odell Youth Basketball</b> New uniforms for boys and girls	\$650
<b>Diller-Odell Elementary Summer Reading</b> Prizes, programs, craft supplies, decorations	\$400
<b>St. Paul Lutheran Crosswalk &amp; VBS</b> Curriculum, supplies and snacks	\$500
<b>Ellis United Methodist HUGS</b> Internet expenses, craft supplies, nativity props	\$300
<b>Citizen Washington Focus Trip</b> Joely Weers	\$100
<b>Equine Assisted Learning Scholarships</b>	\$1,500
<b>Happy Harbiners 4-H Club</b> Youth Philanthropy Grant: flowers, succulents & materials for main street planters	\$400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 43,920.00</b>

### Gifts to support out work!

June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022

Thank you to community members and alumni who have generously donated to the Diller Community Foundation Fund this past year. We are grateful for your support and the financial resource your contributions will provide. Together, we are creating a lasting legacy to benefit future generations.

Eldean and Norma Banahan

*In memory of Jeanette Banahan*

Kimberly Burhoop  
Pam Busboom

*In memory of Mildred Kotas*

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*In memory of Cleo Perkins*  
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*In memory of Keith (Rube) Pralle*

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*In memory of Ed & Bessie Svajgr*

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Greg and Tamara Weers  
Dell Wehling

Robert and Diane Wellsandt  
James and Rita Yeggy

Several Anonymous Donors

## Fed from the farm

Fed From the Farm strives to provide healthy, and nutritious beef/pork to the students of Diller Odell schools 1-2 times per week. Students learn about healthy eating habits along with how animals are raised and how crop production practices are used to raise feed for animals. The program has been providing locally produced meat for 3 going on 4 years to the school. Fed From the Farm is run completely on monetary and live animal donations from the community including the grant from the Diller Community Foundation.

## Recycling Trailer

The Village of Diller has had a recycling trailer in town for a number of years. Previously, there had been no charge for dumping the trailer at the Beatrice Recycling Center. After the City of Beatrice purchased the center, there was a substantial charge for this service. The Diller Community Foundation Fund granted money to assist the Village of Diller with this expense. The village was also able to get a grant through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to help pay this expense.

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## Who is on the Fund Advisory Committee?

- Micki Krieger: Chair
- Kendra Weers: Vice-Chair
- Diane Wellsandt: Recording Secretary
- Beth Roelfs: Correspondent Secretary
- Tammy Weers: Treasurer
- Brett Landenberger, Scott Pretzer, Becky Craig, Kayla Schnuelle
- Mikayla Krieger: Student Representative

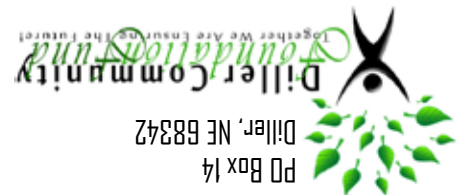
# Thank you!

The Diller community is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers that work each year to maintain and care for the entrances to town and the open spaces. We thank Larry Germer for caring for the mini park on Main Street, Sandy Kotas for the upkeep around the north and south "Welcome to Diller" signs and Kate Schnuelle for tending the "Welcome" sign at the intersection of highways 103 and 136. The Happy Harbiner's 4-H Club with the help of Kathy and Eric Engelman provide the plants and succulents for the planters on Main Street through a grant from the Diller Community Foundation Fund and maintain them throughout the summer. Finally, we want to thank Bob Wellsandt, Randy Preitzmeier and Larry Germer for extra help in cleaning and clearing debris at the park this spring. We appreciate all who mow the roadsides into town. All of these efforts show pride in our community and we say Thank You!



*The Happy Harbiners 4-H club planted succulents in the nine large planters along Main Street for all to enjoy.*

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