

• Diller Community Foundation Fund Newsletter •
An Affiliated Fund of Nebraska Community Foundation

Fed From The Farm Going Strong in 3rd Year



Fed from the Farm is starting their third year of providing locally raised beef and pork to students at Diller-Odell Public Schools. This program is sponsored by the Diller-Odell FFA Alumni Chapter and currently has had 41 donors. Each donation has helped cover the cost of purchasing and processing the meats and promoting the program. The goal of the program is to provide healthy, nutritious, flavorful beef/pork to students one to two times per week while in school, as well as educating them on the importance of animal and crop production in Nebraska and across the world. Fed from the Farm looks forward to another successful year of supplying students with healthy and nutritious meat from local producers. The DCFE has provided funding for this program each year with an annual grant.

One Million Dollars Reached

We reached a milestone early this year that we wanted to share...our unrestricted endowment eclipsed \$1,000,000!

Continued generous donations and positive market value changes made this possible and we are proud to have reached this milestone. However, we realize this is just a step along the way and we are not done yet. We have larger goals for the endowment and the community, and we hope you will continue to help us achieve them. This milestone in the unrestricted endowment also creates another milestone-our annual grant payout has also increased to over \$30,000. We are pleased to spread these grant funds around to help various projects better our community.



Legacy Campaign

The birth and growth of the DCFE Unrestricted Endowment has occurred through the generous gifts of many who have given from their current financial resources. A small group of supporters have taken action to continue their support of the Diller Community Foundation Fund's Unrestricted Endowment through their estate planning. These folks have become Legacy Donors.

The Diller Community Foundation Fund Legacy Campaign was launched in May to build the number of planned gifts supporting the DCFE Unrestricted Endowment. We are inviting you to consider including the endowment in your estate planning. It is an opportunity for you to leave a legacy that will have a powerful impact on the future of Diller. Contact any board member to learn more or reach out to the Nebraska Community Foundation for guidance at <https://www.nebcommfound.org/news/2021-planned-giving-marketing-campaign/>

Diller Community Foundation Fund's Legacy Donors include: Peggy Hemphill, Chad Lottman, Doug Lottman, Elizabeth Roelfs, Randy Sandman, William Sandman, Gladys Sandman, Dennis Schmidt, Alan Svajgr, Scott and Holly Pretzer.

Together ensuring our future.



VISION

Diller is a thriving community where people want to live, work and grow.

MISSION

The Diller Community Foundation Fund encourages charitable giving to build endowment resources that support and maximize our community's potential.



LEADERSHIP

We have the courage to rise above challenges to work through adversity and inspire others to create impactful community change.



INTEGRITY

We uphold the highest ethical standards and promote trust and respect.



COLLABORATION

We build strong robust relationships to tackle what matters most to our community.



GROWTH

We invest in people and projects to enhance our community and create magnetic opportunities for the next generation.

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D.R.E.A.M.

5th Annual D.R.E.A.M. Auction Event
supporting the Diller Community Foundation Fund

Diller Opera House
Friday, November 19, 2021
6:00pm Social Hour
7:00pm Catered Meal

"The Auctioneers" will be entertaining... offering a wide selection of live and silent auction items.

Advance tickets available after September 1st for \$30/each. Tables of 10 can be reserved for \$350. Contact any Diller Community Foundation Member or Diller Telephone Company. (One free drink compliments of "The Field" operating the cash bar.)

A portion of the proceeds from the D.R.E.A.M event will go to the Diller Community Foundation Fund unrestricted endowment account. The Diller Community Foundation Fund is an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation.

Diller Picnic Bounces Back After Pandemic, Planning for 125th Anniversary!

The Diller community will reach a milestone in 2022 that many can only imagine. The next PICNIC will be the 125th and your help is needed to make it an awesome event.

The Diller Picnic Committee and Old Bank Museum are seeking Diller Picnic memories from you. Do you have stories, pictures, artifacts and keepsakes that you are willing to share or donate?

If you became engaged at the Diller Picnic let us know. If you remember a special moment or activity share the story. Do you remember the two years during World War II when the Picnic wasn't held? Tell that story. ALL stories are precious to weaving the historical fabric of the Diller Picnic. Write them down and mail them, email them, or make an appointment for a phone or in-person interview to share them.



Pictures are worth a thousand words. If you have photos to share, consider making a copy to donate to the museum. Do you have some of the parade, you on your first merry-go-round ride at the Diller Picnic, the FFA dunk booth, the trains that transported Picnic goers to Diller in years past? Look through your albums and share the memories tucked away there.

If you have artifacts or keepsakes, the Old Bank Museum would be honored to give them a permanent home in the Diller Picnic display and collection. It is a branch of the Jefferson County Historical Society and must follow the JCHS policies. Items cannot be given on loan but must be donated to the Old Bank Museum and become property of the JCHS. If you have questions about this please contact Sondra Germer.

Celebrating 125 years of the Diller Picnic is like opening a treasure box for the community of Diller. Please consider sharing some of your gems. If you have items to share you may contact: Beth Roelfs at broelfs73@gmail.com, 58095 Hwy 8, Diller or call 402-793-5556; David Henrichs at 402-793-5394, 70555 582nd Ave, Diller OR Sondra Germer at ssgermer@gmail.com, 513 Lavelle St. Box 38, Diller or call 402-793-5398.



The 2021 Diller Picnic featured events and equipment through RockIT Event Pros from Kearney, NE. The Diller Community Foundation Fund funded a sponsorship for this event. These attractions were set up on the picnic grounds. Armbands were sold for hours of fun.



The DCFE float in the 2021 Diller Picnic Parade invited everyone to 'Saddle Your Dreams'. Dream wranglers are Lane, Liam and Samuel Schnuelle, sons of board advisor member Kayla Schnuelle and husband Joey.

Students Partner With NCF In Round Table Event

Students from the Diller-Odell Middle and High Schools recently worked with Dena Beck, Nebraska Community Foundation Affiliated Fund Development Coordinator, and members of the Diller Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee to discuss community needs and to review results of the Diller-Odell Youth Survey, administered in the spring of 2020. Diller was one of 17 communities in the state of Nebraska to be included in the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) Youth Survey Project

During the round table event students shared ideas of what their DREAM community would look like and how they could help to make their community a better place. Students were also invited to DREAM about how they would spend \$15,000 to improve their school. The goals for these activities were to:

1. Gather input from young community members
2. Give them a voice in the direction their community

moves

Results of these discussions will be shared with community and government leaders to guide decision making.

Kristen Ohnoutka, Nebraska Community Foundation Youth Survey Coordinator, prepared the survey results. Forty-two percent of the students reported that they are somewhat or extremely likely to return to their home communities in the future. Their main reason for returning to Diller and Odell to build future lives is because it is a good place to raise a family according to 32% of respondents. Job availability and diversity are important factors to the students. Matching a career interest to opportunities may be the tipping point in where these young people choose to build their future dreams.

The work session was sponsored by the Diller Community Foundation Fund, an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation.



The Diller Community Foundation Fund and Odell Area Community Enrichment (O.A.C.E.) congratulate the graduating seniors of 2021 from Diller-Odell Schools. The 12 seniors were presented with totes to remember their hometown roots and to wish them success in the future. The communities of Diller and Odell invite graduates to consider their hometown as THE place to build their future dreams!

Youth Philanthropy Grant Award

The Happy Harbiners 4-H club received a 2021 Youth Philanthropy grant from the Diller Community Foundation Fund to plant succulents and other plants in the planters located along Main Street. The planters also contain other items of interest such as little houses, castles, and figurines. We invite you to stroll both sides of Main Street and look at their fun and interesting creations.

Each year, the Diller Community Foundation Fund offers four youth philanthropy grants of \$500 each to youth in the Diller community and Diller-Odell Public Schools for a project that they would like to do. The project must be philanthropic in nature and for the benefit of others or the community. Anyone interested in applying for a grant, please contact an FAC member for more information.

Diller Community Foundation Fund Welcomes Hayley Denner Home For The Summer!

The Diller Community Foundation Fund welcomes Hayley Denner home for the summer to help local volunteers further their efforts to create a bigger social media presence, analyze youth survey results, and research youth philanthropy projects.

Denner, a student at Concordia University studying K-12 Art Education, began her duties with the Diller Community Foundation Fund in May and will work alongside local leadership through early August. During that time, Denner will assist with revamping the Fund's Facebook page, reviewing youth surveys, and develop ways to enhance youth philanthropy.

Denner's position is being partially funded by Nebraska Community Foundation's Hometown Internship program. Launched in 2020, NCF's Hometown Interns program is attracting ambitious young Nebraskans to return to their hometowns for the summer and further the work and mission of their

local Nebraska Community Foundation affiliated fund. This program is helping young people feel more connected to their hometowns, hone job relevant skills, and network with adults and job creators in the area. Importantly, it's allowing them to envision a bright future right in their own hometown.

On the heels of tremendous success with 13 exceptional 2020 Hometown Interns, NCF expanded the program to include up to 25 interns for summer 2021.

"My work last year as a Hometown Intern was eye-opening," said Miranda Shreves, who will serve as one of two Hometown Intern Coordinators this summer. "I hope this year's class gains the same perspective and more."

The expansion builds on the results of the 2020 NCF Youth Survey, which revealed that most participants would prefer to live in a small community, and they're motivated to make a positive impact on the

places that raised them. The primary reason young Nebraskans don't envision a future in their hometowns comes down to job opportunities—44% of respondents said the main reason they would not remain in their area is because of career opportunities elsewhere. NCF's Hometown Internship program aims to capitalize on that by creating those opportunities right at home.

"By welcoming Hayley back home, the Diller Community Foundation Fund opens doors to a fresh look at community building," said NCF President and CEO Jeff Yost. "The benefits go both ways. Our affiliated funds gain a new, youthful perspective to propel them into the future, and interns learn their hometowns offer so much more than previously assumed. By the end of the summer, we hope they will find Greater Nebraska is the perfect place to build a career, family and life."



Youth Fund Advisory Board Member

Mikayla Krieger has joined the Diller Community Foundation as a Youth Fund Advisory Committee member. She brings a different insight to our group as a student.

Mikayla is going into her freshman year of high school at Diller-Odell. She is active in school sports and has a love of everything horse, especially barrel racing. She has been a class officer and member of FFA. Prior to becoming a youth member Mikayla was already participating in the redesign of the park by being a member of the Park Committee. Mikayla is excited to participate in the future growth of her community.

The DCFF is looking for additional youth to join as well. Please reach out to any member if interested.

Grants Grow Youth Sports



The Diller Odell Ball Association purchase new jerseys this year for both boys and girls teams. The jerseys should last several years and the kids were super excited to wear the Griffins colors as they played. This was all made possible with the support of a \$750 check from the Diller Community Foundation Fund.

Wymore-Diller-Odell Legion Baseball Receives \$5,000

Late this spring, before the start of the 2021 American Legion baseball season, it became quite apparent that the Anderson Post #25 Legion field in Wymore was in a serious state of disrepair. The Legion program, which serves the young men of Wymore, Diller, and Odell, was jeopardized for future seasons because the field was playable but not up to regulations that would allow for the hosting of tournaments. This was a significant concern because hosting home games and tournaments brings revenue to the ball club, making it financially self-sustaining.

As a result, a capital campaign, titled the Wymore Legion Baseball Field Improvement Project, was undertaken to raise the needed funds. The repairs were going to cost approximately \$120,000 based on the bids received, which initially seemed insurmountable. However, as a result of the generosity of local businesses and foundations \$110,000 was raised in a matter of three months. The Diller Community Foundation Fund was critical in their support, donating \$5,000, helping to continue the time-honored tradition of summer Legion baseball for the young men of their community.

DCF Supports Bullets Shooting Stars

The Bullets Shooting Stars is a summer softball league for youth ages 5 – 18 with a wide range of disabilities. The program is a partnership with the Beatrice Bullets baseball program. It pairs each special needs youth with a Bullets baseball player for safety, interaction and fun. A Bullets player is a “buddy” to their special needs partner and assists them as needed to bat, throw or pushing a child who uses a wheelchair around the bases. Multiple players from Diller and Odell have been able to participate in this program since it was established.

The Diller Community Foundation provided a grant of \$300 for the 2021 season for medals and end-of-season celebration.



The Diller-Odell Youth Football program has been giving elementary students the opportunity to compete and learn the basics skills of playing football for almost 10 years. The program also helps the youth develop an appreciation of the “team” concept, helps them to be well-rounded individuals with good character, and a good work ethic for self-improvement. Approximately 30 – 40 youth participate in the program each fall with two teams consisting of 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade students.

The Diller Community Foundation Fund is pleased to provide funding to support this program for the purchase of new helmets for safety.

More Fun Coming To The Park!



The Diller Park is changing with much more to come. Volunteers gathered to install the Tot Zone which is located closer to the restrooms and parking and connected with a six-foot wide sidewalk.

An orange and black bulldozer is an enticing new feature. Colorful butterfly and flower climbers add another new play experience. The teeter-totter, spring riders and crane were also relocated to the zone which is dedicated to the interests of youngsters ages two to five.

A ‘Round Up’ grant of \$1,500 from Norris Public Power has been used to purchase 4 backboards, 2 basketball standards, fencing supplies and paint to be used in the renovation of the Basketball Court in the park. Diller-Odell Students will help this transformation occur in July, 2021.

The circular plaza and monument walk are of colored, stamped concrete and will connect the Tot Zone to the Spin and Motion Zones. The Spin Zone is scheduled to be installed in October and work on the walking path is also scheduled.

Plans are to complete the Motion Zone and walking path in the summer of 2022.

The Diller Community Foundation Fund has given \$45,800 in grants to the Park Renovation Project.



The Diller Park Improvement Project was awarded the 2021 Exmark Big Rock grant for \$25,000 for construction of the Spin Zone. Exmark will also provide volunteers to help with the installation on the zone.

WiFi in Diller Park

Thanks to a grant from the Diller Community Foundation Fund, the WiFi signal in the Diller Park is greatly improved. The Village of Diller was awarded a grant to add additional lighting and update the WiFi in the park. A new pole and lighting replacing a previous one has been added in the playground area.

Diode Communications added new WiFi equipment at the top of the pole to boost the signal for the park area and camping area.

Diller Telephone Celebrates Being Named a “Smart Rural Community” Provider

Diller, NE (July 1, 2021) - Diller Telephone Company today announced that it was recently named a “Smart Rural Community” (SRC) Provider by NTCA- The Rural Broadband Association. SRC is a national network of communities powered by innovative rural broadband providers that are building a brighter future for small-town America. The program promotes rural broadband and its role in supporting economic development, effective education, efficient energy distribution and use, state-of-the-art health care and other important issues

for rural America.

In order to receive recognition as a SRC provider, Diller Telephone Company was required to affirm that it offers at least 25/3 Mbps broadband to at least 50 % of its service area; (DTC now offers 100/100 Mbps to 100% of its service area) that it has broadband subscription rates of at least 50%; and that it is committed to program principles of collaboration and innovation. As a result of Diller Telephone’s national recognition, Diller, Odell, Harbine and Virginia, Nebraska will now be celebrated as a Smart Rural

Community in program materials and online at www.smartruralcommunity.com, joining a national network of similarly innovative communities.

“As we recently completed our fiber optic broadband build outs in our four exchanges of Diller, Odell, Harbine and Virginia, we are honored to accept the national designation of “Smart Rural Communities” as we realize how important it is for all residents of our service areas to participate in today’s connected society” said Randy Sandman, President of Diller Telephone Company. “Because of high-speed internet, we are pleased to say that our communities have educational and economic opportunities on par with those in the most connected urban regions of America.”

NTCA Chief Executive Officer, Shirley Bloomfield also recognized Diller Telephone for this achievement, noting, “We are excited to welcome another Smart Rural Community provider into this growing network of innovative broadband providers delivering the Internet’s fastest speeds in some of the most remote and rural communities of our country. I applaud Diller Telephone and the communities of Diller, Odell, Harbine and Virginia for their commitment to enabling cutting-edge technologies that drive innovation and promote economic development in their region and nationwide.”

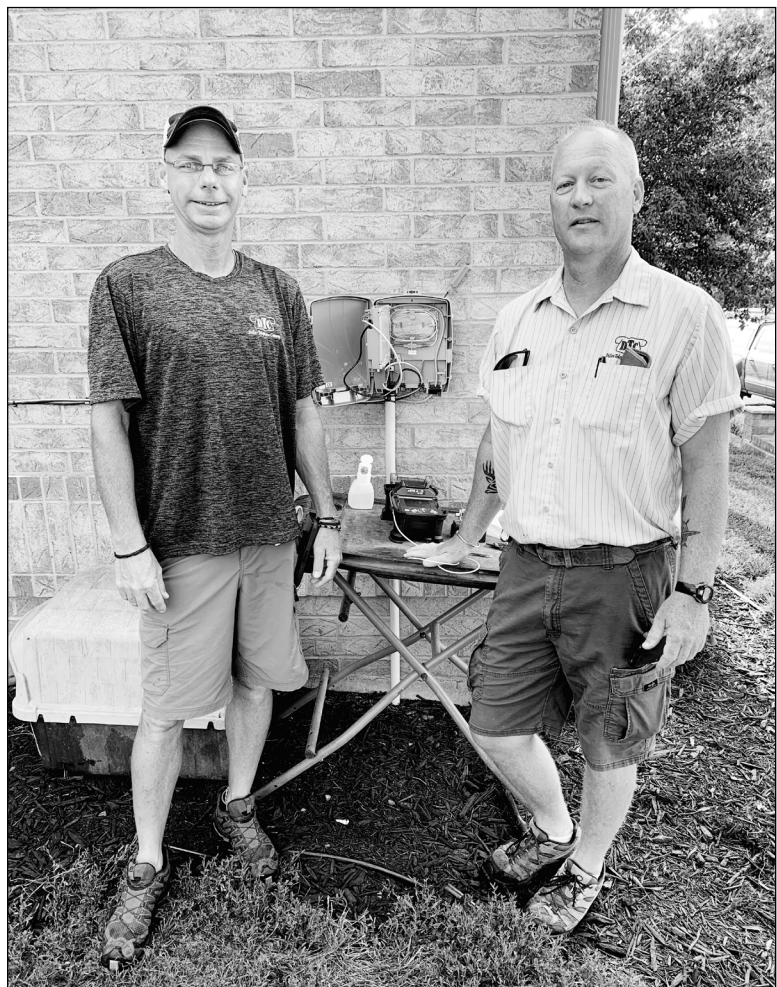
About Diller Telephone
Diller Telephone has



been serving the Diller, Odell, Harbine and Virginia areas since 1899. Our sister company Diode Communications serves much of southeast Nebraska with fixed wireless internet and most recently has begun deploying “Diode Fiber Edge” fiber optic broadband service in the communities of Holmesville, Pioneer Acres, Ellis and areas south and west of Beatrice in Gage County, Nebraska.

About NTCA
NTCA – The Rural

Broadband Association is the premier association representing nearly 850 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America. NTCA members are leading the technological evolution for rural consumers, delivering robust and high-quality services over future-proof networks that make rural communities vibrant places in which to live and do business.



Diller Takes Center Stage

With the support of a DCFF grant and the skills of NCF’s marketing team, Diller is highlighted in a two-page advertisement appearing in the 2021 edition of Welcome To Jefferson County tourism magazine, published by Fairbury Journal News and distributed throughout southeast Nebraska and northeast Kansas.

The ad promotes the 124th Diller Picnic events. Readers are invited to come for the Picnic and check out Diller’s abundant community points of pride like our beautiful park, 12 full-service camper pads with Wifi, thriving local businesses, and historic Opera House and Bank Museum.

Diller FAC Mentors with BACFF

The Bennet Area Community Foundation Fund (BACFF) invited Diller Fund Advisory members to join them at their meeting on May 17, 2021. The BACFF is currently updating their Action Planning for future impact to their community. The BACFF has already made a positive impact on their community with the success of a new splash pad and the completion of a disc golf course that was partially funded with a youth philanthropy grant.

Beth Roelfs and Tammy Weers offered insights into some of the success of the Diller Community Foundation Fund, the power of the unrestricted endowment fund as well as connecting with youth and alumni. Being an NCF affiliated fund continues to give us the opportunity to share and learn from other volunteers in communities across the state.

Diller Community Foundation Fund Attends 2020 Virtual Conference

The Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) provided its annual November conference virtually this past year. November 2020 was a month where Covid-19 cases everywhere were on the rise and we commend NCF for still providing continuing education for foundation funds across the state.

The NCF virtual conference, named “Dreams Welcome Week” was held November 9-12, 2020 via Zoom. We were still able to network with others in breakout sessions that were interactive via video conferencing. Several of our Diller committee members attended various sessions, which included:

- Attracting Youth to Greater Nebraska
- Turn Up Your Dream Switch
- Best Practices in FAC Leadership Succession
- How to Launch a Planned Giving Program
- Dreams Welcome
- Philanthropy “At the Speed of Trust”
- HOMEgrown Challenge Grants
- Community Collaboration

D.R.E.A.M. Appreciation Gesture

As the pandemic altered our plans for the annual D.R.E.A.M. event in November, the Diller Community Foundation Fund (DCFF) wanted instead to make a gesture of thanks to the donors that made this event possible for the past four years. We initially planned to hold an appreciation dinner for the donors, but due to continued pandemic restrictions we instead sent coffee mugs with a DCFF logo filled with candy and a brief note of thanks to the donor. If you are a donor and received this, we hope you enjoy the coffee mug as much as we do! And again, we say “thanks!”. An event such as this cannot happen without generous donors every year and we want to take every opportunity to acknowledge that.

We are planning to hold the D.R.E.A.M. event this year, November 19th (the Friday prior to Thanksgiving) at the Diller Opera House. We hope to see you there!

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

The Diller community is fortunate to have generous and talented volunteers that continue to take care of the areas that we see coming into town and on main street.

Kate Schnuelle has been mowing the green space around the community sign located at the intersection of Highways 103 and 136 and B. J. Stein keeps the approach to Diller from the north mowed as well. Sandy Kotas cares for the beautiful flowers at the north and south village signs and also keeps those areas mowed. We continue to benefit from the horticultural skills of Larry Germer to maintain the mini-park on main street that is a beautiful green space downtown.

These generous community volunteers create a warm and attractive welcome for visitors and residents alike. We extend a sincere thank you for your dedication to the Diller community.



New stone steps were recently installed at the entrance of the Old Bank Museum which is a Jefferson County Historical Society site. Grant dollars from the Diller Community Foundation Fund helped cover project costs. Painting to the exterior of the building was completed and offered a welcoming appearance to guests who toured the displays during the 124th Diller Picnic weekend, June 17 - 19.



All Aboard With Jesus

The tickets were free for ‘Rocky Railway’ Where Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through and the ride was filled with fun. The Rocky Railway ran from June 8 – 12th. Thirty-two children from several communities and churches came together for five days of learning, music and fellowship at St. Paul in Diller.

Train engineer, Cam (aka Pastor Mark) led the daily opening that included lively music, an introduction to the day’s Bible Buddies

and object lesson to set the day’s theme.

Riders rotated between stations that included: Kid Vid, a lesson about real life Jesus’s Power; Imagination Station where hands on examples of Jesus’s Power were created; Locomotion Games got kids active with the day’s Bible Point; Bible Adventures brought the day’s story to life with Snacks related to the daily theme and Cam ended each

day with Rocky Wrap-up that highlighted a summary of the focus story as told by the kids.

The 2021 VBS Caring Project is ‘Fill the Caboose’ with items for the Blue Valley Community Action Food Pantry. Donations were collected until July 4.

The Diller Community Foundation Fund granted \$500 to help with this community project and the Crosswalk After School Program.

Reading In The Land Down Under

G’Day Mate! Koalas, Kangaroos and Boomerangs were all part of the adventure for the 48 kids who participated in the 2021 summer reading program held at the Diller-Odell Elementary Library. The four-week program took the children through the continent of Australia, introducing them to the country’s symbols, animals, geography, native culture and the Great Barrier Reef. Decorations included a model of Uluru (Ayres Rock), Australian animals, flags and directional signs to locations about the country such as Bungle Bungles, Kangaroo Island and Jim Falls. A mural of the Great Barrier Reef and a large shark welcomed participants into the adventure.

Jane Pretzer of Diller shared stories, pictures and souvenirs from her travels to Australia. Children saw Aussie money, handled a sheep pelt, and heard stories of a penguin encounter on an Australian beach.

A BLOKE (man) from the OUTBACK (countryside) brought some JUMBACKS (sheep) from his STATION (farm) for the students to see. Dundee, one of the 4 legged visitors was born from an embryo obtained from Australia. Matt Nippert shared information about hair and wool sheep as well as stories about his family’s herd. The kids loved the hands on experience.

Jane Pretzer served as the boomerang instructor for everyone during the third session. Each student had the chance to practice with their own and then throw Jane’s wooden hand-crafted boomerang. Several of the children had the boomerang successfully return to them. We all learned that there are left and right boomerangs along with some of the science behind their flight. Hayley Denner and Sierra Maginnis adorned students with aboriginal symbol face painting. Everyone experienced the sound of a digeridoo through video.

The group traveled to the Great Barrier Reef on the fourth week. Kids constructed coral from pipe cleaners or created paper sack jelly fish. Australian bingo, memory games, a video about the reef and a prize drawing rounded out the day.

Each day the students experienced three stations. In the library they were assisted in checking out books by Linda Behrends, Judy Landenberger, Janet and Greg Stuckwisch, Kathy Schroeder and Kate Schnuelle. Providing a creative experience was Shannon Novotny and Beth Roelfs organized the openings and programs.

Many young volunteers came to help and a BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of them. A special thanks to Heather Rupprecht, Jacob Novotny, Kohen Troxel and Preston Stuckwisch for serving as group leaders.

Sponsors for the Australian adventure are Diller-Odell Schools who provided bussing, facility and jj book collection and the Diller Community Foundation Fund who provided \$400 in financial support.

Crosswalk Offers After School Program

Each Wednesday an average of 40 children scrambled through the church doors of St. Paul’s for the weekly after school program known as Crosswalk.

Children enjoyed a snack before settling into music, games, activities and service projects that helped them learn about God and his love for them.

Highlights of the year includes a reenactment of the Christmas story that was shared with many on Facebook Live, handmade pumpkins that brightened the days for friends in nursing homes, handmade Easter greetings to community friends, thank-you treats for teachers, first responders and hospital staff, a Trunk-or-Treat celebration, a palm parade and end of the year swimming party.

Along with the weekly Bible focused lessons, children learned about prayer, prayer practices and practiced the Lord’s Prayer.

The Diller Community Foundation Fund granted \$500 in support of this and the Community Vacation Bible School sponsored by St. Paul’s.

2021 Grants	
Diller Park Improvement Committee (Spin Zone Equipment, ground cover, installation of zone perimeter)	\$20,300
Diller Bank Museum (Maintenance items- replacing doors, trim repair, main entry handrail, etc)	\$3,000
Village of Diller (Additional park LED lighting to make park safer and Wifi upgrade)	\$5,000
Diller Odell Youth Football (Upgrading helmets and supplies)	\$1,500
Welcome to Diller Sign (Replace sign at intersection of Hwy 8 and 103)	\$2,500
Fed From the Farm (Program donation for processing costs)	\$1,100
Shooting Stars (Purchase medals and program support)	\$300
Diller Odell Journalism Experience (Learning sessions for starting an online newspaper)	\$2,950
Diller Memorial Mini Park (Additional Christmas lighting)	\$500
St. Pauls Lutheran Crosswalk Program/VBS (Program support)	\$500
TOTAL	\$ 39,650.00

Over \$37,500 was granted out, some of this from the general fund and most from the payout from the unrestricted endowment. We are excited to see the impact on the community from these grants.

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,
 Vonnie Schlichtman, Kayla Schnuelle
 Mikayla Krieger: Student Representative

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Thank you to our donors!
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 June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021

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.

Bryan and Janet Barnard
 Pam Busboom
In Memory of Mildred Kotas
 Tom and Joyce Carpenter
 Joyce Craig
 Nathan and Jennifer Day
 Loren and Marcia Duerksen
In Memory of James Duerksen

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 Kathy and Brend King
 Gayla Koehn
 Judy Landenberger
In Memory of Kenneth Ray Landenberger

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The Diller Community Foundation Fund on Television!

Jon Vanderford of 10/11 Now (KOLN/KGIN) visited Diller in November to report on the Diller Community Foundation Fund (DCFF) and its impact on the community. On-camera interviews of Fund committee members were conducted, and Jon then filmed some areas to profile how the DCFF has helped fund those projects. The show aired on Pure Nebraska in late November and the article and video can be seen on 10/11now.com.

We were very honored to host Jon and share the DCFF’s impact on the community. Thanks to our partnership with the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF), the Diller community was suggested as an example of how projects move forward with the help of an unrestricted endowment.

You can view the article and video here: <https://www.1011now.com/2020/11/30/building-a-bright-future-in-diller/>

Thank You For Your Gifts!

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Diller Community Foundation Fund this past year. We greatly appreciate your support and the financial resource your contributions have provided for a lasting legacy and for the benefit of current projects.

Diller Foundation Member Serves as Panel Member for Social Connectedness Webinar

In February, Civic Nebraska sponsored a webinar targeting information from the 2020 Nebraska Civic Health Index with an emphasis on Social Connectedness. Speakers for the event were ; Daniel Bennett, Rural Civic Health Program Manager for Civic Nebraska; Bryan Seck, Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development and Beth Roelfs, Diller Community Foundation Fund.

Each panel member had the opportunity to share a brief description of their community work and explain how social connectedness is important in this work. They also described how social connectedness influences their community’s ability to move forward on issues that matter to residents.

Civic Nebraska is a nonprofit organization that works to develop Youth Civic Leadership, Civic Health Programs and Voting Rights Initiatives.

'Connecting Elders to Families' Grant Helps Update Technology for Seniors at Gardenside

A recent project brought together several community-minded organizations to celebrate the addition of some technology to help seniors in the community. The project updated the 'It's Never Too Late' computer system for Gardenside, including adding two tablets, to make it more accessible. The system allows contact with families, games, participation in activities and more for Gardenside residents. The upgrade was made possible by a grant from the Nebraska Community Foundation and matching funds from Diller Community Foundation Fund, Fairbury Community Foundation and JCH&L's Jefferson Health Care Fund.

Front row: Dr. Burke Kline, JCH&L CEO receives check from Kendra Weers, Diller Community Foundation Fund. Second row Dena Beck, Nebraska Community Foundation; Wayne Franzen, JCH&L Gardenside activities; Deb Sutton, JCH&L Gardenside administrator; Diane Wellsandt, Diller Community Foundation Fund and JCH&L staff member. Back row Tim Linscott, Fairbury Community Foundation; Don Cook, Fairbury Community Foundation; Beth Roelfs, Diller Community Foundation Fund; Tammy Weers, Diller Community Foundation Fund and K.C. Belitz, Nebraska Community Foundation.



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