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The Goessel Community Foundation gave away 4 grants at a grant award ceremony that took place on Friday, February 21st between basketball games. This year grants were given to the Bethesda Home Friendship Meal Program, Kinder Haus Preschool for tuition scholarships, Goessel Public Library for a matching grant to purchase a screen and projector for use in the community room and the Goessel Grade School for their Garden Project.



Eric Schrag accepting for Friendship meals. Gayle Voth accepting for Kinder Haus



Pam Abrahams accepting for Garden Project Galen Miller accepting for Library



Goessel Elementary students will be taking orders for Red Wheel frozen food products in the community March 10 through 31, under the direction of the Goessel Parent-Teacher Organization. Funds raised will benefit school projects and activities for the students. All items purchased will be available for pick up on Tuesday, April 15 from 3:15-5:30 pm in the grade school cafeteria. If you would like to place an

order, and have not been contacted by a student, please call Susan Nafziger, PTO President at 620-367-4623.

### Monthly Summary for February 2014

	Actual	Normal	Departure	Record
High	42°	48°		87° (1996)
Low	20°	26°		-22° (1899)
Average	31°	37°	-6°	
Precip	0.84 in	1.18 in	-0.34 in	
Snow	13 in			



### Snowstorm

Written by Darlene Schroeder

Reading books in our school library was always enjoyable to me. Especially pioneer stories where people had to deal with nature or unnatural happenings. Secretly, I always wanted to be snow bound in school with other students. What fun that would be.

Well, one day the weather forecaster talked about a snow storm heading our way. Mom and dad wondered if it would hit our area before school let out for the day or if we should even go to school. Dad took me to school. The snow was gently falling. Throughout the day we students and the teacher tried to focus on our studies but many glances checked the tall school windows to see what was happening outside. Snow fall increased. Wind became more forceful. The outside of the windows started harboring more and more snow. Would this be the day snow would keep us all at the school?

By afternoon it was too hard to concentrate and the school building was getting colder. The one heating stove located near the front side of the building couldn't keep up with the cold wind forcing its way through the walls.

Teacher called the family living nearest to the school. Could someone come get the students? Arrangements were made. There was a knock on the door. There was my dad. He made it through the snow and came to get me home.

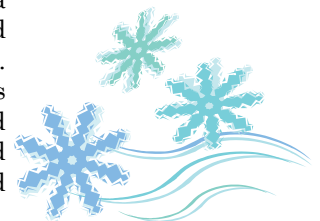
I later learned that several students and the teacher had to walk to the home of the nearest farm with the farmer leading the way. They then spent the rest of the day and night at their home. No school for the next few days.

Two college students were home for a weekend. On Sunday it was time to go back to the campus and big red truck driven by the father of one of the students was ready to take them back to Hesston. Snow was falling so they left home in the early afternoon.

Roads were becoming snow covered as they headed to town. As soon as the students left the truck and entered their dorms the truck driver turned around and headed north out of town. Wow, that snow was blowing! Where were the ditches? Slowly he strained his eyes to see through the white out and kept driving.

Bump! What was that? A ditch stopped the truck and there he was. The snow was blowing all the more, as if cheering at a basketball game. Luckily there was a house not far from where he was ditched. Slowly he headed towards the house and knocked on the door. Could someone help him out of the ditch? Neighbors of the couple living in the house were willing to help and after a while a tractor drove over to pull him out. What a relief!

More miles to go before he got home. Visibility was down to about zero but he kept driving. Home is where he wanted to be, not on a road in the middle of a blizzard. His eyes were tired from straining them. He turned the corner from the Canton Road to Goessel's west road. On my!!! The wind almost made him stop. All that could be seen was white. Where were the ditches? Before long the truck crunched to a halt. In the ditch. He saw a yard light ahead of him and decided to try to walk to the farm. Several times the snow filled ditch caused him to tumble in it but he pulled himself up and kept heading to the yard light. It was cold. His fingers were almost stiff with cold but he kept walking. Finally he was at the farm yard house door. He knocked and was invited in. After warming up it was decided that he could sleep at their house that night and next day after the storm quit they would help pull his truck out of the ditch. He called home to let his wife know where he was and after a long night the blizzard passed on, his truck was pulled out and he came home.





# NOTICE

Please do not flush any type of baby wipes or personal wipes down the toilet. Even if the package says they are flushable, the wipes do not disintegrate and have been causing the sewer mains to get clogged. If the wipes do make it all the way to the lift station, they can get caught in the pumps and cause problems there as well.



## Town & Country Garden Club

The Town & Country Garden Club will be touring the Walton Rural Life Center on Thursday, March 27. Meet at Bethesda at 6:45 to carpool.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Call Luanne Soukup - 367-2410 for more information.



The Goessel Goal Getters 4-H club's monthly meeting was held Monday, February 4, 2014. 4-Hers answered roll call by guessing the number of candies in a jar. For recreation as well as the program, 4-Hers made Valentine Care Packages for Bethesda Home residents. Care packages were delivered to residents for Valentine's

Day. Talks were given by Alyssa Boden, Elyse Boden, Madison Gaddis, and Lauren Hiebert. Devin Gaddis was historian. 4-Hers are looking forward to attending a club Judging School this month, participating in County Club Day, and enjoying a Winter swim party.

Jayne Schmidt, Reporter

All community public water supply systems are required by federal and state regulations to provide their customers with an annual water quality report. You can view the City of Goessel Consumer Confidence Report covering the calendar year 2013 at [www.goesselks.com](http://www.goesselks.com) or you can pick up a copy at the city office during business hours located at 101 S. Cedar.



*Thank You*

We want to thank the City of Goessel, and the maintenance staff for such a great job they did with the roads during this long snowstorm.

Also, thanks to the person who cleared our driveway. This town is a great place to live!

-Richard & Elaine James

Love the park—Bella O'Neill

The Second Monday Genealogy and Family History Group will be meeting on Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum meeting room. Joyce Watts will be sharing and showing video highlights from her trip to Ukraine. (The February meeting was cancelled due to extreme cold and snow.) Anyone is welcome to attend. For information, call 620-367-8200.

# March 2014

Sun

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Wed

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Fri

Sat

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2	3 <i>JH Quiz Bowl @ Goessel</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>End of Third Qtr</i>	8
	Sub State HS Basketball					
9	10 <i>BOE-7pm Red Wheel Sales Begin Genealogy mtg 7 pm</i>	11 <i>Family Reading Night</i>	12	13 <i>Lifetouch individual &amp; group pic- tures</i>	14 <i>No School- Teacher workday</i>	15
	State HS Basketball					
16	17 <i>City Council-7 pm</i>	18	19	20	21	22
	SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL					
23	24 <i>PTO-6:30 pm</i>	25	26	27 <i>Garden Club-meet at Bethesda at 6:45 to carpool to Walton</i>	28 <i>Kindergar- ten Screening</i>	29
30	31 <i>HS BB Awards 6:30 pm Red Wheel sales end JH QB @ White City</i>					

