

GOESSEL

KANSAS

Small town, big heart

Volume 8 Issue #12- December 2014

Inside this Issue:

Christmas Giving Tree	2
Comm. Thanksgiving	3
Debbie's Daycare	3
Keith's Food Coupon	3
Feature Story	4
Pine Creek Farms	5
Weather Lab	5
Community Calendar	6

Please consider receiving the newsletter via email. Contact us at goescity@mtelco.net



www.facebook.com/goessel.kansas

General Information

**Deadline for articles to be submitted for the Newsletter is the 20th of each month.

Editor: Jennifer Whitehead

Phone: (620) 367-8111

E-Mail: goescity@mtelco.net

Web: www.goesselks.com

Library Hours

Monday	4:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday	5:00-7:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am-12 pm
Friday	9:00 am-2 pm
Saturday	9:00 am-12 pm

Librarian—Laura Dailey

Phone: (620) 367-8440

E-Mail: goeslib@mtelco.net



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!!

Come have your picture taken with Santa on Saturday December 6 from 5-7 p.m. in the Community Room at the Goessel Civic Center, 101 S. Cedar. Santa will arrive from the North Pole at 5 p.m. Each child will received a sack of goodies along with an instant photo. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to take pictures as well. Refreshments will be served. Don't miss out on this kick-off to the holiday season.



"Old Fashioned Christmas Program"

Join us for an "Old Fashioned Christmas Program" in the Prep School at Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum on Monday, December 8, 2014, 7 p.m. Come to sing Christmas carols and hear "Twas the Night Before Christmas" read in Low German! Bring a "piece" (poem, short story, song) and Christmas goodies to share, if you wish. Peanuts (in shell) and hot cider will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. (Sponsored by the 2nd Monday Family History and Genealogy Group)



Town & Country Garden Club

The Town & Country Garden Club will be meeting on December 4 at 7:30 pm in the Bethesda Chapel for the Christmas party. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call Luanne Soukup - 367-2410 for more information.

The Christmas Giving Tree 2014

*The Citizens State Bank and the Goessel Ministerial Association
are sponsoring a Christmas Giving Tree.*

This tree will endeavor to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for families in need.

If you are in need and would like to submit a child's name or whether you would like to help out —

WE NEED YOU!

*Come to the Citizens State Bank where you can provide a gift for a child
by choosing a tag from the "Giving Tree."*

The tags will be available on the tree inside the Citizens State Bank on Monday, December 1.

*All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Citizens State Bank
by Monday, December 15.*

Questions? Contact Citizens State Bank or your local minister.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Thank You to the Goessel Community

The Goessel community came together for our second annual Community Thanksgiving event on Sunday, November 16. Approximately 350 people enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving meal and fellowship in the Goessel Elementary School gymnasium. The meal was free---and delicious---as many compliments were received! Donations of \$1,658.00 were received for Goessel Ministerial Alliance for the continuing care and support of families in this community. We say, "Thank you very much" to the Goessel community!

Goessel Ministerial Alliance

Pastors Steve Schmidt and Linda Ewert, Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

Pastor Brad Penner, Goessel Mennonite Church

Pastor Phil Schmidt, Tabor Mennonite Church

Gail Graber, Bethesda Chaplain



Debbie's Mini Blessings Licensed Daycare
201 S. Cedar Goessel, KS 67053
Owners Roger and Debbie Kingsley
Phone 620-218-5446

I have 20 plus years experience.

Licensed for Infant to School age. Up to 12 children through Marion Co. Health Dept. and the State of Kansas.
Can provide references upon request.

I am currently full but I do have a waiting list. If at any time you would like to come check out my daycare just give me a call and you are more than welcome to come by and check things out.

**BEST WISHES FOR THE
HOLIDAYS FROM THE
STAFF AT KEITH'S FOODS
AND EVERYONE AT THE
CITY OF GOESSEL!**

HERE IS A LITTLE EXTRA HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

FOR EVERY \$50.00 KEITH'S FOODS GIFT CARD PURCHASED THRU BETHESDA HOME IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EXTRA \$5.00 GIFT CARD.

PLUS!!

HERE IS A COUPON TO SAVE MONEY ON PEANUTS-IN-THE-SHELL

IN-THE-SHELL-PEANUTS

RECEIVE \$.20 OFF PER POUND ON ORDERS OF 5# OR MORE.

THIS COUPON IS GOOD THRU DECEMBER 31, 2014

GOOD AT KEITH'S FOODS

216 E. MAIN, GOESSEL

(620) 367-2203



Old Fashioned Christmas

Repost from 2013, Written by Darlene Schroeder

After several weeks of practice in the Heimbaugh one room school house the day was finally here. It was December 24. Tonight would be the program. Former graduates living in the community would be getting together to transform the plain one room building into a special place. Red and green crepe paper streamers floated near the ceiling from side to side of the building. A large crepe paper bell or bells might make you imagine you heard the sound of bells ringing.

When would it be time to get dressed in the new red corduroy jumper and comb my hair just so? Finally it was time to get in the car, being careful how I sat so the jumper wouldn't have any creases. After the 1 ½ mile drive to the school yard we noticed other cars already parked there.

Stepping into the front hall we stomped our shoes, making sure the snow or mud wouldn't track into the school room. Coats were hung on the hall hooks. Finally our eyes saw the Christmas Program decorations inside the main room.

On one side near the front of the building was the Christmas tree reaching almost to the ceiling. Various lights and decorations covered the tall tree. A large star beamed from its top. Under the bottom bough were two bushel baskets filled with small paper sacks loaded with peanuts in the shell, a few other nuts and a smaller bag of candy. Each child in attendance would receive a sack. Also scattered under the tree were various shaped wrapped boxes hiding gifts that had names on them chosen as a result of "drawing names" several weeks earlier.

Finally it was starting time. The students walked through the narrow space between rows of benches and took their place in the front rows or on the stage where they sang a Christmas song. Later some sneaked behind the curtains on each end of the stage to be a part of a play or whatever next event was scheduled for the program.

Preschool children took their turn to recite a poem or sing a song they had rehearsed when it was announced that it was "volunteer" time.

Before we knew it the program was almost completed. One thing remained. After everyone in attendance sang, "Nun Ist Sie Erschienen" it was time to hand out gifts. What fun.

Even more fun was the hurry home and being able to open presents under our Christmas tree with our family.

Wonderful Christmas memories. May you all have a Blessed Christmas!



Pine Creek Farm offers fresh Christmas trees and other products for the holiday season that are natural and traditional. Scotch and Austrian pines, from 3 to 7 feet, are available for customers to cut down themselves. The farm also offers fresh Fraser firs from Michigan that cannot be grown in Kansas. Fresh wreaths, roping and bags of greens can also be purchased.

Included in the gift shop are handcrafted gifts like quilted table runners by Betty Vogts of Moundridge and hand-printed tea towels from Albuquerque, New Mexico. The farm sells peppernuts made locally, pistachios and pistachio brittle from New Mexico and pure maple syrup tapped in upstate New York that is sold by a North Newton family. Ornaments and tree supplies are also sold.

New this year on display are a collection of wooden figures, featuring bears, rabbits and children, made by Dale and Rosie Horst of Goessel. The wooden life-size nativity scene is also on display and the Candy Cane Tree Maze is set up in the trees.

The farm is open from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and on Sunday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday starting on Tuesday November 25th. Closed on Mondays. They will be open on Thanksgiving Day. Call 620-367-2606 or check www.pinecreektreefarm.com for more info. Find them on Facebook.



Monthly Summary for November 2014



	Actual	Normal	Departure
High	48°	55°	
Low	28°	34°	
Average	38°	45°	-7°
Precip	0.02 in	N/A	N/A

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>JH BB @ Central Christian 4:00 PM</i>	2 <i>HS BB Blue/White Scrimmage</i>	3	4 <i>JH BB vs. Peabody- Burns 5:30/6:00 PM</i>	5 <i>HS BB vs. Inman 6:00 PM</i>	6 <i>Pictures With Santa 5-7 PM</i>
7	8 <i>BOE Meeting 7:00 PM Bluebird Classic 4:00 PM</i>	9 <i>Bluebird Classic 4:00 PM</i>	10	11 <i>JH BB @ Centre 5:00 PM</i>	12 <i>Bluebird Classic 4:00 PM</i>	13 <i>Bluebird Classic 4:00 PM ACT Test Date</i>
14	15 <i>K-5 Christ- mas Concert 10 AM/7 PM</i>	16 <i>HS Christ- mas Concert 7:00 PM</i>	17	18 <i>JH BB @ Hope vs. RV—TBD</i>	19 <i>HS BB @ Hope—TBD</i>	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Break (No Classes)	25 	26	27
28	29 Christmas Break (No Classes)	30	31	The City Office and Shop will be closed on December 24th and 25th for the Holiday.		