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## Library Hours

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| 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 |

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Members of the Marion County Fire District #2 received Years of Service awards at the annual Volunteer Firefighters banquet on January 12. Pictured from left to right:

Back row: Matthew Voth, Tim Wedel, Larry Jay, Ed Schroeder

Front row: Norman Schmidt, Karen Dalke, Brent Abrahams, Elton Nickel.

Thank you to all the firefighters who dedicate their time to help keep the Goessel community safe!



The Goessel Community Foundation had an excellent year in 2013. The GCF currently has 9 funds under management, presently valued at \$124,899.

(This has already surpassed the initial fundraising goal of \$117,000 in total assets by the year 2017!!) The Board is gearing up to give away several grants again this year at the February 21, 2014

home basketball game. In 2013, \$1,100 in grants were given to several non-profit groups in Goessel.

The Board of Directors has set a new goal to raise \$117,000 by 2017 targeted specifically for the Impact Fund. The Impact Fund is an unrestricted grant-making fund designed to meet emerging needs of the Goessel community. Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to GCF, P.O. Box 244, Goessel, KS 67053.

For more information [click here](#) to visit the GCF website or contact Cindy Wiens at [620-367-2540](tel:620-367-2540) or Myron Schmidt at [620-747-0707](tel:620-747-0707)

### Goessel weather lab report from Jan. 1-24

Average High Temp.: 45 degrees

Average Low Temperature: 20 degrees

Highest Temp: Jan. 12 — 70 degrees

Lowest Temp: Jan. 6 — -5 degrees

Precip—.1 inch

Snow—2.9 inches

### Town & Country Garden Club

The Town & Country Garden Club will be meeting on February 27 at 7:30 pm in the Bethesda west end meeting room. Darlene Schroder will be giving a program on Drought Gardening.

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

### Featured Story Written by Judy Unruh

#### Basketball season -

Once again it is coming – after the super bowl is over, here comes the culmination of the next season – basketball! It has become known as March madness and may well be just that. It is well-beloved here in Goessel and has been for many years.

Young boys start shooting baskets as soon as they can hold a ball with 2 hands. Very low goals and nerf balls make for good times. There are basketball goals in many driveways and kids 'shoot baskets' all year round. Every small town has a high school and in it a gym to play competitive games with nearby schools for many years. Some of these rivalries became heated and lasted many years. Many Goessel alums remember the main aim each season was to beat Lehigh.

The one-room schools did not have indoor courts but outside a spot was more or less leveled and goals were placed at each end and many recesses were spent there. The ground would become pitted and uneven but with enough play time the local players knew exactly how to maneuver and did not even notice. The girls would form a cheer leading squad and sometimes were actually allowed to play.

Another place to have pick-up games was a large barn loft. One such barn is on the museum grounds here in Goessel. During cold, damp winter Sunday afternoons it provided a place. A goal was put up in the spacious loft. Hay and cattle feed was pushed aside and shooting baskets whiled away the hours. At times the ball went up rather sharply and went flat – having hit a nail coming through the shingles. Another large barn was on the Dan S. Goertzen farm. This farm was mostly grain production so very little cattle fodder was stored there. This loft sported goals at each end and lines painted on the floor. This may have been used

for competitive games.

Basketball games are very well attended and provide a fun, social time. So Bluebirds, win or lose, we love to see you play. Go big blue!







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*The Second Monday Genealogy and Family History Group will be meeting on Monday, February 10, at 7 p.m. in the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum meeting room. Joyce Watts will be sharing and showing a video about her trip to Ukraine. Interested people are welcome to attend. For information, call 620-367-8200.*

**Looking for a way to surprise your loved one this Valentine's Day? The Goessel High School Elbiata Singers will be performing Singing Valentines on February 14 from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. A donation of \$20 is suggested to support the music department. Contact (620) 367-2242 or [votha@usd411.org](mailto:votha@usd411.org) to reserve a spot.**



The Goessel Goal Getters met for their monthly meeting on January 6th at 7 pm in the community room. Roll call was, "Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?" Pledge Leader was Dustyn Gagnon. Song leader was Ben Olson. 4-Hers played a snowflake relay game led by recreation leader Jerah Schmidt. The cloverbuds had their first meeting in the library with Rachel Boden. There were 4 talks given. Dustyn Gagnon gave his on How to make a Reindeer Painting. Madison Gaddis gave her talk on Melted Crayon Craft. Ben Olson's talk on Broiler Chickens. Ethan Daily gave a presentation on Art and the Elderly. The Willis/Lare and Gaddis/Gagnon families were hosts. We will have our first fundraising babysitting for the parenting class in Hillsboro. Displays at the library this month are Photography, Fine Arts and Crafts. Next meeting is February 3rd.

Devin Gaddis, reporter

# February 2014

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|           | <p>Notice: The Goessel City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 18 due to Presidents' Day being a legal holiday.</p> |   |   |  |  | <p><b>1</b> HS Girls BB<br/>Tourney-Elbing</p> <hr/> <p>HS JV BB Tourney-Goessel-9am</p> <hr/> <p>JH BB @ Centre 1 pm</p> |
| <b>2</b>  | <p><b>3</b> HS League Vocal Festival @ Wakefield 7 pm concert</p>  | <p><b>4</b> HS BB Home 5:45 JV/ 6:00 Varsity</p>                | <b>5</b>  | <p><b>6</b> Regional Scholars Bowl</p>                                   | <p><b>7</b> HS BB @ Lost Springs 6:00 pm</p>   | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9</b>  | <p><b>10</b> BOE Meeting 7 pm</p>  | <p><b>11</b> HS BB Home 5:45 JV/ 6:00 Varsity</p>               | <p><b>12</b> FCCLA District STAR Events &amp; Elections</p> | <p><b>13</b> FFA Contest @ Marion 8:00 am</p>                            | <p><b>14</b> Singing Valentines</p> <hr/> <p>HS BB @ Home 5:45</p>  | <b>15</b>   |
| <b>16</b> | <p><b>17</b> Presidents' Day</p> <p>No School</p> <p>City Office/Shop Closed</p>   | <p><b>18</b> City Council 7 pm</p> <p>HS BB @ Udall 4:00 pm</p> | <b>19</b>   | <p><b>20</b> K-5 Music Program</p>                                       | <p><b>21</b> HS BB Home 5:45 JV/ 6:00 Varsity</p> <p>Senior Recognition</p> <p>GCF Grant awards</p>  | <b>22</b>   |
| <b>23</b> | <p><b>24</b> JH Quiz Bowl @ Goessel</p>  | <p><b>25</b> HS BB @ Elbing 4:30/6 :00 pm</p>                   | <b>26</b>   | <p><b>27</b> Garden Club—7:30</p> <p>State KMEA @ Century II Wichita</p> | <b>28</b>  |   |