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**Larry Hatteberg to Speak at Dinner**



Larry Hatteberg, KAKE-TV anchorman and producer of the popular "Hatteberg's People," will be the guest speaker at Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual Heritage Dinner on Friday, April 4, in

the fellowship hall at Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail Road, rural Newton. The dinner will began at 6:30 p.m.

This event is a major fundraiser for the museum. Ticket prices are \$50 per person aged 13 and older; \$25 per person aged 13 and older for those who has never attended a MH&AM Heritage Dinner; and \$5 per child aged 12 and younger.

Reservations are required. To make a reservation, call the museum at 367-8200 during business hours 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

**Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum**

200 North Poplar

It is now open for "the season!"

Hours through April

12-4 p.m. Tues.-Sat.

Hours May-Sept.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tues.-Sat.

Admission is charged.

(Browsing in the museum store is free!)

Call 367-8200 for more information

**General Information**

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

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**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

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**Free admission, pop & popcorn**  
**Sunday, April 6 @ 7 PM**

Chisholm Trail Bible Church, 101 N Wheat St. Goessel Ks  
See trailer at <http://www.providentfilms.org/sevendaysinutopia/>



**Wildcat Shredding**

The City of Goessel will be contracting with Wildcat Shredding of Newton to provide 2 containers that are secure with locks into which materials to be shredded can be placed. The containers will then be picked up and transported to Wildcat Shredding where they will be shredded. The materials will not be shredded on site but will be transported in a secure vehicle and shredded at a secure facility. Suggested materials for shredding are: old bank statements, checks & check registers, junk mail such as credit card applications, old loan papers, insurance policies, old tax returns, etc. The bins will be available in the **community room of the city building during business hours (8-12 & 1-5) the week of April 21-24. This service is open to Goessel residents only.**

## IMAGES OF THE GOESSEL BLUEBIRD

By Brian Stucky



Goessel High School was begun in the 1926-27 school year. It was then that the students voted to name the Bluebird as school mascot at an all-school assembly. John R. Schmidt (later a doctor) won a prize because his nomination was chosen. Reasons given included that the school and community were known for being strong in vocal music, and that the Bluebird, being a peaceful creature, reflected the values of the pacifist Mennonites who lived here. Some nominations included the routine Wildcats, Trojans, Lions, etc. and---Quail. We could have been the Quail.

The image of a flying or sitting Bluebird has been used through the years, such as on the banner for the marching band.

The first appearance of the "Fighting Bluebird" was on the 1970 gym floor center circle, thought to be an oxymoron by some, and opposed by some alumni. The artist Marilyn Hall from McPherson painted it at the request of the Student Council. Students at the time said they did not want "a wimpy mascot that just sat on a branch and chirped", so they asked Mrs. Hall to create the mascot.

In the 1970s, the Bluebird appeared on the school paper masthead and on ball caps as white, outlined, and with a more puffy appearance, some have joked, that it looked like the Abominable Snowman. In 1979 Pep Club sponsor Mary Graber asked Art Teacher Brian Stucky to create a stronger, darker, more muscular fighting Bluebird that was used on a T-shirt. Some have joked that this looked more like a cartoon of a crow than Bluebird. It was never intended to be used as the logo for 25 years. The first appearance of a Bluebird mascot costume on the sidelines of games was made by Ratzlaff Draperies in 1993. In 1995 the Grade School had door signs made in the shape of a "Happy Bluebird" for each classroom.

In the early 2000's, Athletic Director Justin Coup modified the Baltimore Ravens pro football logo by removing the "B" and used it as a Bluebird on polo shirts and school communications. This follows the trend of a flat, graphic logo of the mascot's head, similar to the K-State Powercat and Iowa Hawkeye. Chad Lindeman, the Junior High Football coach, sketched out a design in 2011 or before and Stewart Sports of McPherson finalized the present "G-bird" logo now used. Lindeman said, "I just wanted a new T-shirt design. I never intended for it to be used for the whole school." Athletic Director Justin Coup then spread its use on shirts, uniforms, and communications. In 2011 before he left for a different district, he supervised the painting of that logo on the high school gym floor. Following this, the Board of Education took action to make the "G-bird" the official logo of the school, something that had never been done before.

Goessel is one of four High Schools in the United States that has the Bluebird as a mascot. The others are Cole Camp, MO, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, (part of metropolitan Cincinnati) and a school in Baltimore, MD. There are no colleges in the United States or Canada with Bluebird mascots. The Eastern Bluebird is the state bird of Missouri and New York, and Western Bluebird of Idaho and Nevada. It is a universal symbol of happiness, hope, and harmony.



1970 Gym Floor



Ravens logo used to create the current Bluebird logo



2011 Gym Floor



**Projection System Available for Check Out**

The Goessel Library is excited to announce that we received a North Central Kansas Library System Service Grant and a Goessel Community Grant. These grants were used to purchase a projection system for use in the Goessel City Community Room. It will not be available for use anywhere else. The projection system includes a digital speaker, sound system and screen.

Library patrons, who have been active patrons for at least one year, are at least 19 years old, and are in good standing are eligible to use this system. A patron who does not have a card or has allowed it to expire will be required to provide a reference and deposits. All patron cards must be updated with current information including a photo copy of a Driver's License or similar identification.

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We would like the community to be aware that if you have not checked out library material since 2012, you do not have a active patron registration and are not in the automation system. All current, active patrons should update their registration as of January 1, 2014.



**Catch the \$ave Wave™**

**National Credit Union Youth Week™**

April 20-26, 2014

All youth ages birth - 18 are invited to participate in Youth Week at Crossroads Credit Union. Anyone under 18 opening a new account will receive a matching deposit from the Credit Union of \$5. There will be prizes and activities ending with a "Luau"\* Lunch on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 – 1:00 for young people and their families in the backyard of the credit union. Come join the fun!

\*Hotdogs with the fixings, fruit kabobs, chips & drink

**Monthly Summary for March 2014**

	Actual	Normal
High	54°	58°
Low	27°	35°
Average	41°	46°
Precip	0.45 in	2.69 in
Snow	3.2 in	



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.

# April 2014

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		<i>1 April</i> <i>Fool's Day</i>	<i>2</i> WSL Art Festival @ Elyria-10 am	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Band & Choir Trip Ft. Scott	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> Movie night at Chisholm Trail Bible Church -7 pm	<i>7</i> WSL Forensics @ Centre FCCLA State Leadership @Wchita April 7 & 8	<i>8</i> HS Golf @ Herington 1 p HS Track @ Remington 4:30 JH Quiz Bowl @ Little River 4 pm	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> HS Golf @ Herington Country Club 3 pm	<i>11</i> HS Golf @ Hillsboro 2pm HS Track @ Marion 3 pm	<i>12</i> <b>PROM—8 to 11 pm</b>  Promenade—7:30 pm
<i>13</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 	<i>14</i> <i>BOE—7pm</i>	<i>15</i> Red Wheel Pizza Pickup GES 3:15-5:30 HS Track-Goessel 3 pm HS Golf @ N.Newton 3 pm	<i>16</i>  KSHSAA Music Festival Large	<i>17</i> HS Golf @ Wedgwood Golf Course-3 pm  JH Track @ Goessel 3 pm	<i>18</i> Good Friday  No School City Office/Shop Closed	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> 	<i>21</i> City Council-7 pm HS Golf @ Eldorado CC 3 pm District FFA Banquet-4 pm	<i>22</i> HS Track @ Moundridge 4:30 pm	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> HS Golf @ Hesston 3 pm JH Track @ Herington 1 pm Garden Club 7 pm- Americas Lost Landscapes	<i>25</i> HS Track @ Norwich 3 pm 2-6 PM ELP Product Fair	<i>26</i> KSHSAA Music Festival Small Groups & Solos State Music Solos & Emsembles-Wichita
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> HS Golf @ The Links - Pretty Prairie 3 pm  PTO Mtg 6:30 pm	<i>29</i> HS Track @ Marion 4:30 pm	<i>30</i>			