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Students Move Into New Classrooms

After a long fall in makeshift classes, January 27, 2015 was a special day for students at Goessel High School. Students were finally able to enjoy the benefits of a community supported bond issue which approved the building of a new academic wing.

All students, grades 6-12 spread out throughout the new classrooms to eat a pizza lunch which was provided by Loyd Builders and served by board members.

Throughout the spring semester students enjoyed learning in the new family and consumer science classroom, and physical science classroom as well as a state of the art agriculture classroom. All three classrooms have updated equipment and technology, plus more storage space. In addition, the art room, (originally the band room in 1971) was revamped into a weight room. The art room has been moved to the old science room, (originally the study hall and library area in the 1935 building).

With the demolition of the old agriculture building a new parking lot was added on the west side of the new facility.

Visitors are greeted by a new front entrance, complete with a keyless entry system.



The bond issue also allowed for a number of significant changes at the grade school. A much needed storm shelter was added to the west side. A keyless entry was also added along with new carpeting and tiling in the halls.

The city of Goessel was privileged to host Bike Across Kansas in June. Accommodations for nearly 900 bikers were provided at the high school. Many wonderful comments were made about the accommodations as well as the Goessel community. The Goessel community is composed of individuals who value education and support the community they live in. We may be a small community but how we present our community to others leaves a lasting impression on countless people.



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The Writing Is On The Wall

Names written on a wall. What are their stories? What secrets do they hold?

Distance, road conditions and types of automobiles required many rural kids to stay in Goessel and “board” at someone’s house. A number of people opened their homes and rented second story bedrooms to girls who needed a place to stay. Generally, four to five girls would stay in one house.

Throughout the 1930’s many rooms were furnished sparingly with a two-burner kerosene stove, which not only heated the room but also provided a place to cook meals. Kerosene could be purchased from Ted Lehrman’s station for 10 cents. There were no meals served in school. Each girl was responsible for her own food, which was brought from home. The majority of the kids who stayed in town were girls because they were

not allowed to drive or didn’t have an older brother to drive them.

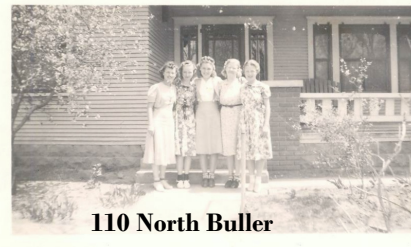
From 1929-1953 approximately 80 girls stayed with Mrs. Schmidt.

Each year the girls who stayed at Mrs. Schmidt’s house, signed their name on the wall at the top of the stairs. Amazingly, this group of names is still intact.



224 E. Main

One of the houses was located at 224 East Main. It was owned by Mrs. Agnetha Franz. Two of the houses were located on North Buller Street. One was located at 111 North Buller Street and owned by Jacob Janzens. Another one was owned by Mrs.



110 North Buller

Schmidt and was located at 110 North Buller Street.

I would be interested in hearing stories from the women who stayed in these houses and other houses located in Goessel. Please feel free to contact me using the information on the front page.

Go Golf helps promote Goessel Community Foundation

What is your vision for the Goessel community? What kind of legacy would you like to leave in the community? The Goessel Community Foundation is hosting a fund raiser at the Pine Edge Golf Course on September 26, 2015. It will be a two person best ball. Tee off time is 9:00 a.m. Cost of the tournament is \$30.00. Citizens State Bank of Goessel will sponsor a meal. If you cannot play in

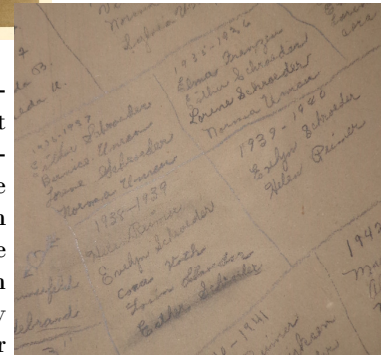
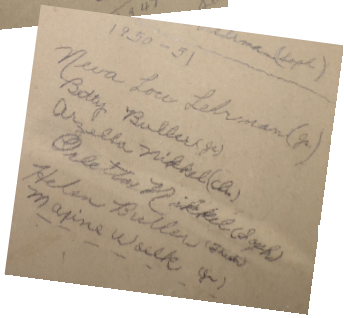
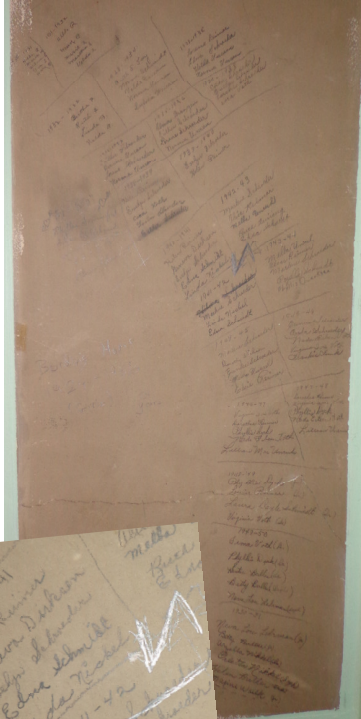
the tournament, you could help sponsor it with a donation. To register contact Myron Schmidt at lurvilk@mtelco.net.

The goal of the foundation is to grow the impact fund to \$117,000 by the year 2017. The last three years the foundation was able to give back to the community 5% (\$1000 plus) per year from what we presently have in

the impact fund.

If you are a local resident or grew up in the community please consider giving back to the Goessel community. Go GOLF. It’s a **Gift Of Love Forever**. It’s your legacy and it can be your vision. Let’s grow the impact fund and watch Goessel grow!

Submitted by Myron Schmidt, chairperson.



Keeping in Touch

The alumni committee met April of 2015. A tentative schedule was discussed for the alumni homecoming weekend. A final date and plans will be announced in the winter newsletter.

The alumni database continues to grow and we appreciate the increase of email addresses. Information is still needed for classes who have graduated after 2003. Please notify me if you have a change of address.

Currently, the newsletter is being sent to approximately 1300 alumni. Five hundred of those alumni receive their letter through the postal service. For those of you who are receiving this letter

through the postal service, a contribution of \$5 per year to cover costs associated with the mailing would be helpful.

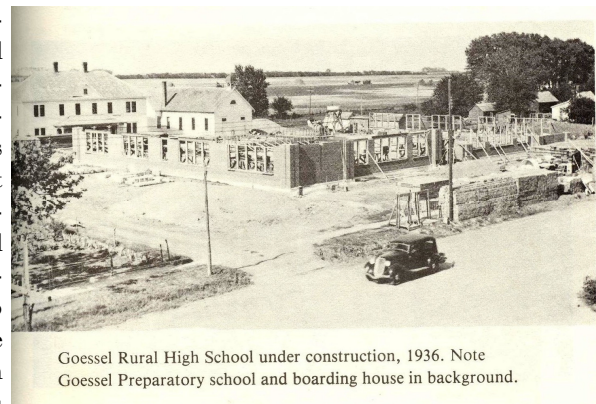
Many of you do this on a yearly basis, and your contribution is appreciated. A form is included in this issue that can be filled out and returned for the new year.

A room at the high school has been designated as an alumni office. Shelving and appropriate archival storage containers are needed to file and preserve artifacts.

Last year a number of people made donations to support this endeavor. Their donations were used to pur-

chase shelving and some storage containers. Additional donations would be appreciated.

I am interested in all types of historical documents. As you sort through possessions, feel free to contact me to determine whether an article you have might be of historic value.



Goessel Rural High School under construction, 1936. Note Goessel Preparatory school and boarding house in background.

Goessel High School Alumni

As a Goessel High School Alumni I would like to continue to receive this newsletter through the postal service. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep Goessel High School graduates informed. I understand my contribution will be used to pay for the cost of correspondence, including an alumni newsletter and announcements pertaining to the Goessel High School Alumni Reunion in 2016. Suggested contribution is \$5 per year.

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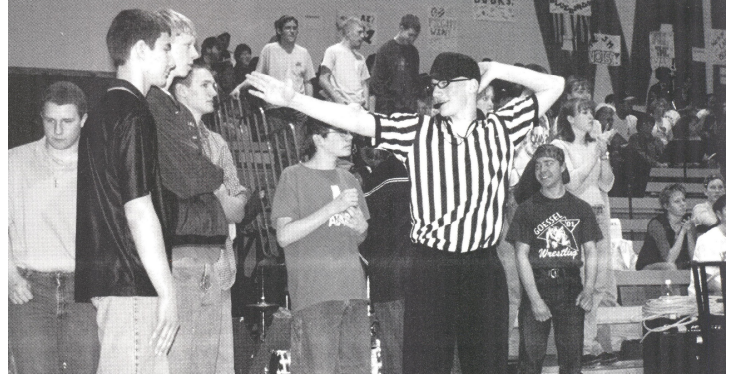
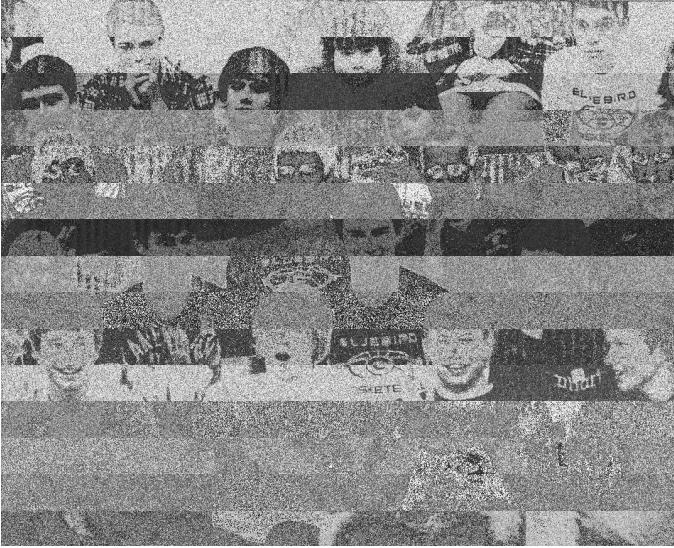
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