



# The Heritage

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Summer 2022

Can you--or your family together!--set up and take down tables and chairs or empty trash?

Interested in learning how to fry verenike or New Year's Cookies? These treats always sell out!



Maybe you're a zwieback baker!

Perhaps you'd like to serve delicious food, hand out water bottles, or be a cashier--shifts are about two hours.



## Country Threshing Days is the Goessel community's celebration!

Could you help make gallons of cherry moos -- find out why tall and strong people are especially needed!

**YOU (jr. high age and up) ARE NEEDED**  
Friday and Saturday, August 5 & 6  
so the event can run smoothly!  
No connection to Goessel history is needed.

Cell phone numbers aren't readily available, so please contact Aileen Esau before July 24 (email [daesau@gmail.com](mailto:daesau@gmail.com) or call 620-367-2358) to volunteer.



### Upcoming Events:

#### **Museum Hours**

See page 4 for our open times.

#### **Special Showing!**

Ladene Herrick's Collection of 140 Angels

#### **Country Threshing Days**

August 5—7

(See pg 4 for details)

#### **Small Town Saturday**

##### **Night Workshops**

(See pg 3 for details)

##### **Christmas in July**

by Sandy Duerksen & Janice Voth

July 23

##### **Botanical Gift Bag**

by Jill Zerger

September 24

**Low German Tongue-Twister — Fun to try to say!**

Feftijch Fate Früess Fräte Freestikj

**English translation:** Fifty overweight women devour breakfast.

#### **Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum Board Members:**

John Janzen, President; Pat Penner, Vice-President; Anne Harvey, Secretary; Aileen Esau, Treasurer;\* Fern Bartel, Museum Director;\* Roger Bartel, Sandy Duerksen, Myron Goertzen, John Koehn, Lloyd Voth, Nelson Voth, Connie Wiens, James Wiens. \*non-voting members

## Ditt unt Daut (this and that) by Fern Bartel, Museum Director

### On the Road Again!

Museum board member Roger Bartel has been spending his time and know-how getting some museum vehicles back in running order. The 1934 Ford grain truck is running and the 1947 International grain truck is being worked on. Roger is trying to solve an overheating problem with the 1928 Goessel fire truck, hoping it will hit the streets again during the August 6th Country Threshing Days parade.

The museum's car show was again a success! Joe Smiley's 1957 won 1st Place Car. Larry and



**Fern created one-of-a-kind Car Show awards!**

Brenda Buller's 1972 Chevelle SS won 2nd Place Car. 1st Place Truck went to Butch Ashcraft's 1938 Panel Truck and 2nd Place went to Mike Unruh's 1969 Ford Bronco. Larry Harder's 1969 Mustang Mach 1 won Best of Show. Weldon Voth won the People's Choice award with his 1941 Chevy. Finally, Dan Bergan won the Motorcycle Award. Car show enthusiasts got to enjoy board member John Koehn's collection of cast iron toys on display for the day.



**Joe Smiley's '57 Chevy won 1st Place Car in our 2022 Car Show.**

### Prodigal Items Return to Goessel!

Once upon a time, these items were used and enjoyed right here in Goessel. Then, time and circumstances led them out of our community. Now, several have found their way back home!

Bato Schroeder owned this 1946 WLA Harley Davidson 45 cubic inch motorcycle. Bato was born in 1905 and lived 4.5 miles northwest of Goessel. It is not known



**1946 Harley Davidson**

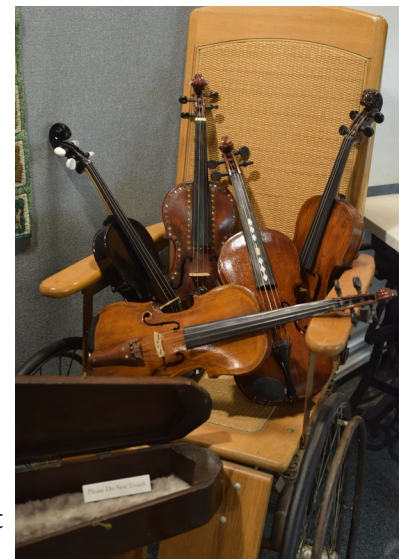
where or from whom he purchased the motorcycle. Bato was a plumber. From about 1950 to 1965, he used his motorcycle to travel to different plumbing jobs in the Goessel area.

After Bato Schroeder's death in 1989, his nephew Ira Schroeder took the motorcycle to Colorado and placed it in storage. After Ira's death, the motorcycle was brought back to Goessel and donated to the museum.

Hillsboro museums have been going through their inventories and have given us several items of local interest. Five violins once belonging to Ferd Graevs are now on display in the Bank Building. Ferd Graevs

repaired violins; does anyone know if he built them also?

Hillsboro museums also returned a burr stone mill that had been used in Goessel in the Klassen Mill (1900-1919). The Klassen Mill was located where the post office is now. The burr mill, similar to the one on the left in the advertisement below, can be seen in the Wheat Palace.



**Ferd Graevs' violins**

**Steel Skarecrow band members:** 1. Kurt Shobe -- lead and acoustic guitar, lead singer; 2. Kristopher Howell -- bass guitar, lead and harmony singer; 3. Mark Clemmons-- drums, lead and harmony singer; 4. Rollin Schmidt -- pedal steel guitar, fiddle, dobro, acoustic guitar, and banjo.

# STEEL SKARECROW *Back by popular demand!*

Steel Skarecrow combines nineties country and southern soul with a modern feel.

Steel Skarecrow band members grew up listening to a variety of musical genres; that played an influential role in shaping their paths as musicians. Ultimately they joined forces and found their signature sound.

Steel Skarecrow offers something unique while maintaining their country roots.



Goessel's own  
Rollin Schmidt  
playing pedal steel-  
guitar



## Country Threshing Days

Friday, August 5, 2022  
7:30 p.m.

Goessel High School Auditorium  
(100 E. Main, use Jr. High doors)

Donations welcome

Concert benefits the  
Mennonite Heritage &  
Agricultural Museum



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## Small Town Saturday Night Workshops Continue

Sign up with friends and family to have a fun night crafting together in the unique atmosphere of the Prep School!

It's a "Christmas in July" theme for the workshop on July 23 at 6:30 pm. Sandy Duerksen and Janice Voth will team up to demonstrate making Christmas gift card holders, gift favors, gift tags, and a holiday note pad. Registration is due by July 9.

On September 24, Jill Zerger will provide instruction and supplies for making a botanical stamped muslin gift bag. Sign up for this event by September 12.

To register, call or email the museum. Cost is \$20 for museum members and \$25 for non-museum members, payable at the door. Class sizes are limited to 10 participants, so don't wait to get on the list!



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Museum Hours:  
 March, April, October,  
 & November:  
 Tues - Sat: 12 pm - 4 pm  
 Closed Sundays & Mondays  
 Open by appointment  
 December through February

May - September:  
 Tues - Sat: 10 am - 5 pm

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***August 5, 6, 7, 2022, Goessel, KS***

\$5 admission charged at entrance, good all three days. Gates open at noon on Friday.

**Downtown parade on Saturday, August 6, at 9:30 am.**

**Friday, August 5, 2022, entertainment by the country music band Steel Skarecrow, 7:30 pm**

(Doors open at 7 pm)

Goessel High School Auditorium (use JH doors)

Donations Welcome—A benefit performance for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum.

Please join us for a fun evening!

**Featuring** Allis Chalmers

**Uncle Milt's Shed** — Children's Activities

**Pedal Tractor Pull**

**Demonstrations:** Sawmill, Draft Horse, Threshing & Field, Steam Tractors, Large Stationary Engines

***Come Hungry on Saturday!***

**Low German Meal**

Saturday, August 6 only, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm, at the Goessel Elementary School. Priced per item.

**Verenika with Ham Gravy, Bierocks, Cherry Moos, German Country Sausage, Zwieback, Cole Slaw, New Year's Cookies**

**Food in the 1906 Prep School**

on the museum grounds, Saturday, August 6 only. Priced per item.

**BBQ Beef Sandwiches, Bierocks, Chips, Monster Cookies, New Year's Cookies Pop, Water, and Coffee**