

# Goessel Community Foundation Newsletter

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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS as of July 1, 2020



Matthew Voth grew up in Derby where he graduated from Derby High School. After his marriage to Laura Amstutz from La Junta, CO, they established their residence east of Goessel at Harold & Ruth Voth's farm (Matt's grandparents) which had been destroyed during the 1990 tornado. Over the years, Matt & Laura have rebuilt the farm where Matt began his career as a farmer and owner of Coyote Gulch Farm. Laura is employed in Regulatory Affairs in McPherson at Pfizer. After being foster parents for several years, Matt & Laura are in the process of adopting two foster children as their own.

In 2015, Matt was selected to participate in the two-year KARL (Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership) program. Sponsored by Kansas State University, this class offers intensive study, training and travel for leaders in Kansas agriculture and rural communities. The culminating event of this class was a trip to Southern Africa where they learned about international production and trade in agriculture. Unique to Africa, participants were able to tour and learn about agriculture gaming as well as exposure to the Flora/Fauna Industry.

Matt & Laura attend Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Matt has served on several community boards as well as provided leadership for the last ten years with the MCC Mennonite Relief Sale held each spring in Hutchinson (except this year due to Covid-19). He currently serves as Fire Chief for Marion County #2 (Goessel) and emergency services. He recently received certification as a "Secure Volunteer" for chaperoning youth.

Whenever he can get away, his passion is cycling and can often be seen riding past farm fields and area scenic spots. He also has an interest in history and invests his energy into social causes that affect citizens in county, state and national concerns.

"I wish to be a small part in leaving something for the community much larger than myself," was his statement on why he accepted this board position.

Delbert Peters grew up right on the line of the Hillsboro/Goessel school districts. As a first grader, he was part of the first class to attend the new consolidated Goessel Elementary School. His senior year at Goessel High School was the first class to be able to use the then new gymnasium; today this gym hosts jr. high activities and a newer gymnasium has been added for senior high events.

After high school, Delbert went on to graduate from Bethel College with a B.S. double major in Industrial Arts & Economics /Business Administration. Following graduation, his dad told him, "I would love to have you come back to the farm, but there is no assurance you will be able to make money every year. I will support you if you pursue a profession other than farming." Thus began a career in accounting which led to 42 years of employment at Cooperative Grain & Supply in Hillsboro. He started as a grain accountant, then moved into a grain merchandising position and later became the Office Manager (Controller). In January of 2020, he retired from CGS.

With his wife Janine, they enjoy traveling and taking photos of events that remind them of good times. "Trips to Alaska and Maine have been impressive for us." Also growing up in the Goessel community, Janine who also has retired, spent 16 years with medical records at Partners in Family Care in Moundridge. Their spare time is filled enjoying their three children and four grandchildren who all live within twenty miles from them. Delbert enjoys following and participating in sporting events. His sport pictures and articles are published in area newspapers. Delbert is an avid golfer. "Sometimes it is just me and the mocking-birds on the golf course."

Following in his parents footsteps, Delbert has been an active life-time member of Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church where he has served on several boards. Spending his career in Hillsboro has limited his involvement in the Goessel community. "Accepting this board position, I will attempt to become more involved in the community where I have my roots. I am interested in learning more about endowments that have an influence on the long-term effect on the community."



(Carol Reimer Duerksen, GCF Board; Kelli Kidd, Director of Nursing; and Sharon Manis, Infection Control Nurse)

## BETHESDA RECEIVES COVID GRANT

GCF awarded \$1,500 from their Community Covid-19 Response Fund to Bethesda Home for the purchase of PPE supplies. In order to cover the entire request, additional funding was taken from the Goessel CF Impact Fund. Thank you to those whose donations toward this fund made this grant possible.

While most of our funds are endowed, the Covid-19 Relief Fund is a pass-through that was set up in case of hardship or other emergency issues facing the community. Not knowing how long this pandemic will last, donations are still being accepted and can be mailed to GCF, PO Box 244, Goessel, KS 67053. Donations to the Goessel Community Response Fund have totaled \$1,300 thus far.



(Karl Brubaker and Delbert Peters)

## BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Nineteen teams (38 individuals) competed August 8, 2020 at Pine Edge Golf Course in the GCF Benefit Golf Tournament. Delbert Peters and Karl Brubaker of Goessel placed first; Gavan Peterson of Newton and Jonathan Warrick of Bel Aire, second; Chet Roberts of N. Newton and Leroy Koehn of Moundridge, third. This tournament is the Foundation's major fund-raising event each year. Over \$5,000 was raised by participants and sponsors. Several new procedures were in place to comply with Covid-19 requirements. Thank you to everyone who supported this tournament.

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