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The Bluebird Post *A USD 411 Newsletter*

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Upcoming dates

Feb. 5 - HS BB @ White City

Feb. 6 - County-wide Spelling Bee

Feb. 8 - HS BB @ Peabody -Burns

Feb. 12 - HS BB Udall home

Feb. 14 - K-5 Music Program

Feb. 14 - Singing Valentines

Feb. 16 - FFA Numana Project

Feb. 18 - Presidents Day, no school

Feb. 19 - HS BB Be-rean, home

Feb. 25-26 - HS BB sub-state

Steering Committee Develops Facilities Plan

Providing a quality education always has been a priority and will continue to be a priority to the Board of Education for USD 411. Our schools strive to provide the highest level of academic achievement, including activity and athletic offerings possible. In a rural setting such as ours, the school is part of the lifeblood of positive activity for students and community alike. The Board of Education knows that providing safe and appropriate facilities is the starting point for effective teaching and learning to take place.

After several community tours, input from staff and a needs study, the Board of Education identified six primary areas of need: 1) Agricultural Education, 2) Science Lab, 3) Family and Consumer Science, 4) Windows on the 1930's building, 5) Brick repair on 1930's building and 6) Tornado sheltering for the Elementary School as the priority areas of need. The board also selected a steering committee to work with Loyd Builders to develop a plan to address these needs. This committee met during the month of December and developed a plan to bring to the Board of Education and to the patrons of USD 411. The focus of this newsletter is to bring you as many details of this plan as possible. For additional details, contact the district office.

The proposed plan is to build a 13,000 square foot addition west of the HS gym to house Ag. Ed., HS Science Lab, and F.A.C.S. class. By locating the three departments together, integration of instructional models and resources can be shared. The old Ag. Ed. wing which is energy inefficient and lacks proper ventilation would be removed to provide parking to the west of the addition. Visitors would be able to enter the extended west breezeway to

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Darcy Nickel, co-chair shared the building plan with Goessel City Council on Jan. 21. Also presenting were Steve Shogren of George Baum and Co. and John Fast, supt.

Facilities (continued)

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attend events in the gym. Our consultants, Dr. Herbstreit and Dr. Washburn, KSU Ag. Ed. professors strongly urged us to locate the Science Lab and Ag. Ed. department adjacent to each other as science will be given increased emphasis in Ag. Ed. instruction. The leaky windows in the 1930 portion of the HS would be replaced and the deteriorating bricks would be replaced, repaired and sealed.

The old Science Lab that would be vacated would become the new art room. The committee recommends moving the present art room up from the basement where it would receive natural lighting and be adjacent to the courtyard for availability of outside art projects. This location would also place it next to the Emil Kym art exhibit area. The old Art room would be renovated to become the new weight/fitness room. This room would nearly triple the tight confines of the current weight room. No longer would class size have to be limited due to space.

At the Elementary School, a storm shelter rated for F5 tornados would be built just behind the kitchen area, rated to house up to 190 people. During the day time this room would be used for special education needs and possible future early childhood education programs.

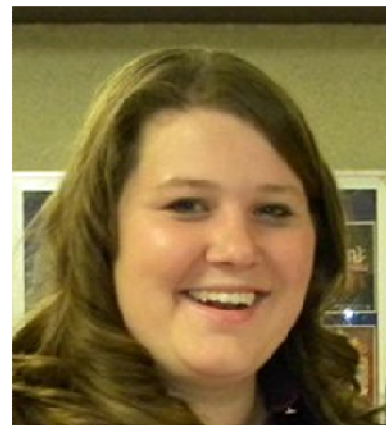
What would a project like this cost? The proposal calls for a \$3.3 million dollar bond spread out over 18 years. The total increase in mill levy would be less than 2 mills, 1.95 to be exact. For someone owning a \$75,000 home this would equate to only \$16.81 per year or \$1.40 a month.

Finally, it needs to be noted that Goessel is a 40% state aid district. This relates to our valuation. Since our community is poor in valuation compared to other districts, the current bond equalization bill provides Goessel with 40% state aide, meaning the state will cover \$1.78 million of the project. Governor Brownback has suggested this program be repealed after this year, and could be our last opportunity for state aid on any building projects.

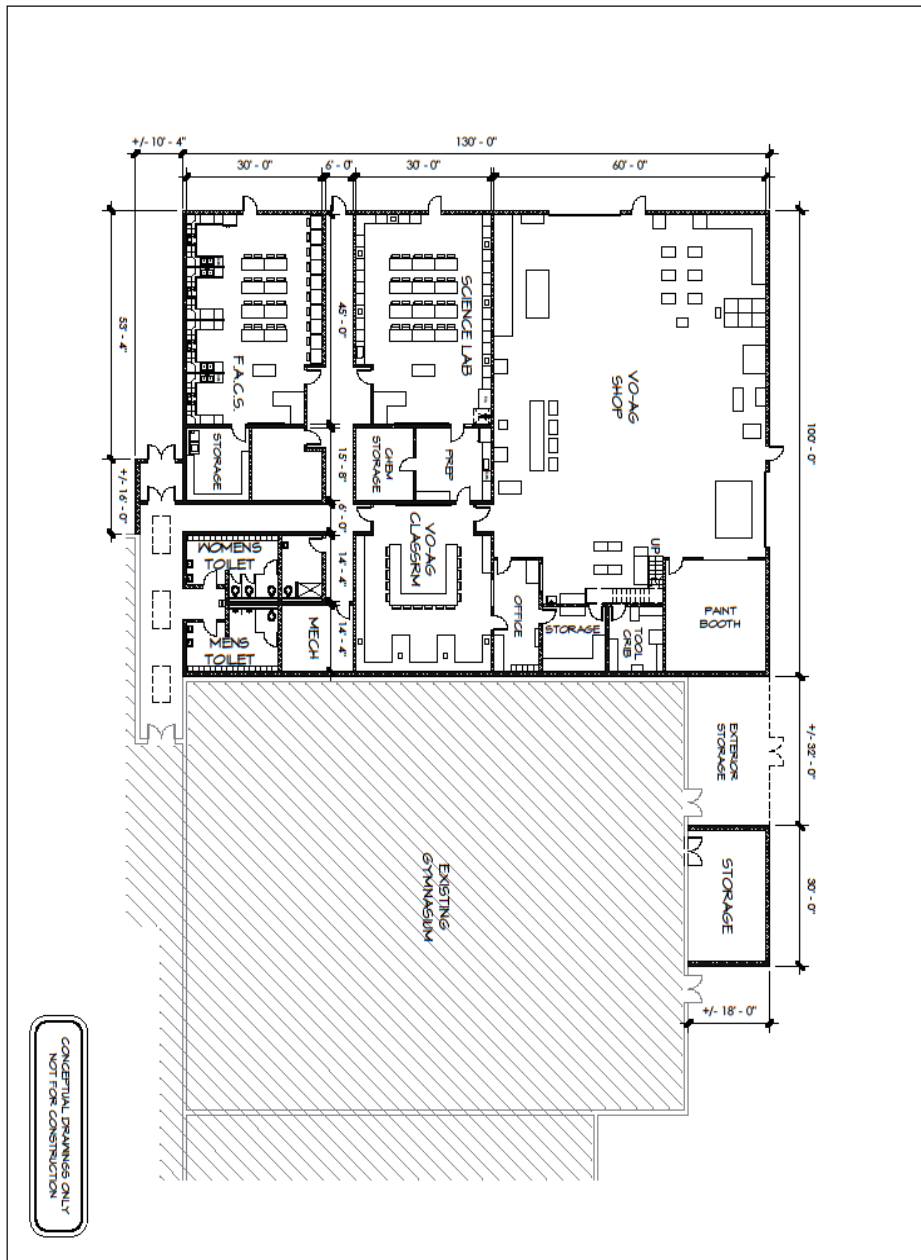
Two Teachers Feted for Awards

Ms. Zana Manche Agriculture Education teacher was recently named the recipient of the Horizon Award. She is one of 32 winners of the 2013 Kansas Cable Telecommunications Horizon Award. This award was created to recognize first year teachers who have distinguished themselves as outstanding. She received a personal phone call from Dr. Diane DeBacker, Kansas Education Commissioner and will attend a luncheon on Feb. 22 where she will be honored. She will also be invited as a special guest to a two day KEEN conference later this spring.


Mr. Brian Stucky, K-12 art teacher was recently named 'Teacher of the Year' by the Marion County Conservation Board. Mr. Stucky was honored for his diligent work with conservation posters at the elementary level and conservation education through his art program. Each year, numerous students of his have submitted winning conservation posters to the Marion County Conservation Board.



Proposed Floor Plan



The proposed new Ag. Ed. wing would be placed to the west of the HS gym over the present parking lot. This area would place Ag. Ed., Science and F.A.C.S. in a learning community. The old Ag. Ed. wing would be torn down and parking space would be developed to the west of the new wing. Storage would be attached on the north side of the HS gym.

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MKC has presented a \$500 gardening grant to Goessel Elementary for their gardening program. Kerry Watson of MKC presented the check to the school on Thursday, Jan. 31st in front of the students. The funds will be used to purchase supplies and for the coordinator, Pam Abrahams.

Mid Kansas Coop Presents Grant

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