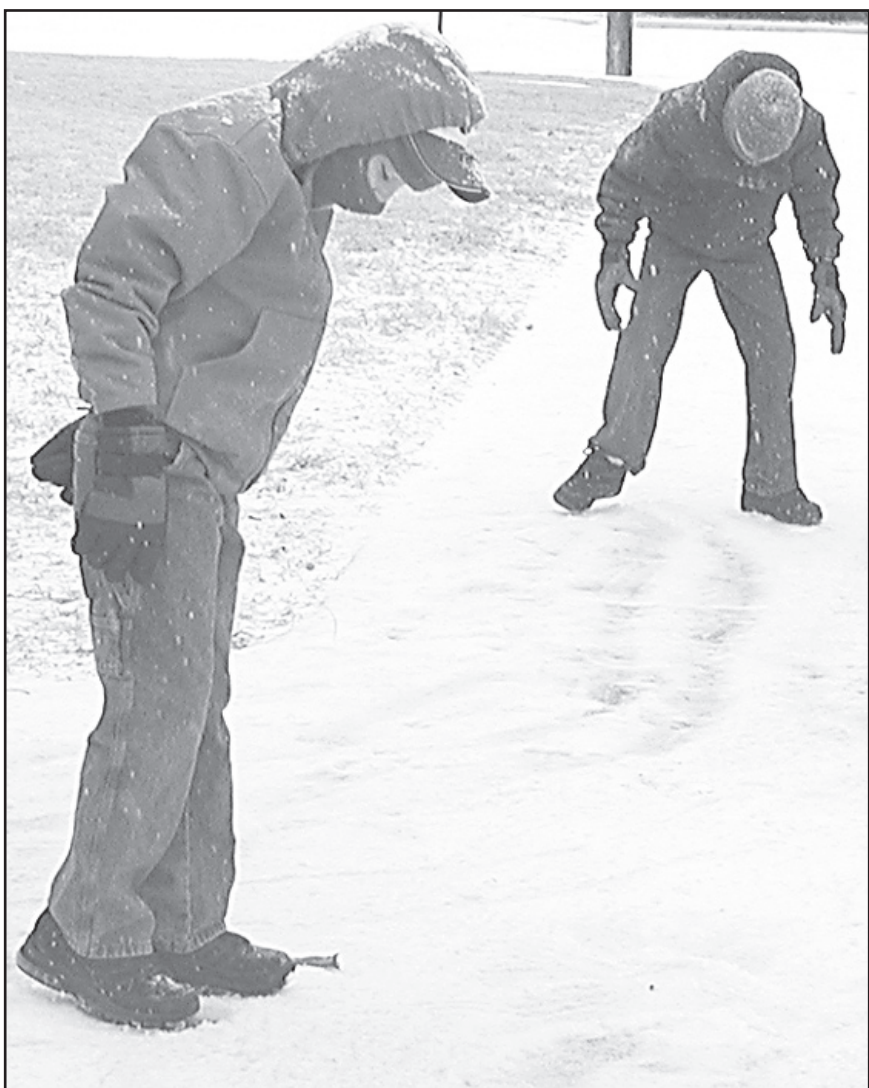


Kids have fun at food pick up



Peyton and Powell Sieck, sons of Mike and Teresa Sieck, and members of the Country Clovers 4-H Club, played in the snow after they helped to pick up food for Genesis on Saturday. The food will be used for holiday food baskets the agency gives out to needy families every year.

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How many blueberries with that?



Goodland Rotary Club member Trevor Linton carefully dropped blueberries into pancake batter in the high school kitchen Saturday morning for the group's annual Topside Tip-off pancake breakfast. Those who came to eat had a choice of regular or blueberry pancakes. The

cafeteria filled up several times as people — including at least two basketball teams — came to eat and help Rotary raise money for community projects.

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Seniors invited to holiday dinner

By Sharon Corcoran

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Senior citizens will have a chance to enjoy entertainment and a good meal, be waited on and possibly win a door prize at Goodland High School's annual senior dinner Wednesday.

Entertainment will start at 11 a.m., with dinner served at noon. The meal will include turkey with real mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, green beans and pumpkin pie.

About 100 students will be involved, said Sarah Short, sponsor for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. The National Honor Society, G-Club and FCCLA are putting the event on, she said.

Goodland High junior Taylor McLemore is in charge of the entertainment, Short said. It will include solos, piano solos, the jazz band and some of Music Director Randy Berls' singers.

The school sent out over 600 invitations to seniors in Sherman County, Short said, but anyone is welcome to come.

"We prepare a certain amount of food," she said. "We'll have plenty."

The school has done the meal this way for 15 years, she said, but FCCLA started it years before that. It was not as much of a production back then, she said, and the school board didn't get involved as it does now.

Former Superintendent Marvin Selby wanted it to be more of a production, Short said, and since then, the school district has paid the bills.

It's the school's way of giving back to the community, she said, and it isn't just the high school. Elementary and junior high students make placemats and bookmarks for the event, she said.

For some of the seniors, she said, this is about the only Christmas dinner they will get, and many of them come for the social aspect.

Door prizes will include five big poinsettias from Prairie Rose Floral and gift certificates from several restaurants, Short said, adding that the school bought the prizes.

City proposes one-way street for unloading at West school

By Tom Betz

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Unloading students at West Elementary could be a bit easier and safer under a proposal suggested by the city to open up a one-way street behind the school, which is expected to go to the Goodland School Board on Monday.

City Manager Wayne Hill told the City Commission last Monday that he had been talking with Superintendent Shelly Angelos over the past few weeks on ways to improve traffic flow and safety. The plan would extend 11th, now a dead end, east to allow through traffic behind the school.

Today, he said, buses and parents have to load and unload on 12th

Street in front of the school, but 12th is a major east-west connector with a fair amount of traffic.

Darin Neufeld, an engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who is working on a city street upgrade program to begin in the spring, said the plan would open up 11th behind West for one-way traffic eastbound from Wyoming to Texas.

That requires about a block of new paving, he said, but having the dropoff behind the school should improve safety for kids getting on and off buses.

He said he's discussed the proposal with school district executives, but they have not talked about money.

"We have a preliminary plan and will take this to them at the school board meeting," the engineer said.

The largest cost would be paving a 20-foot street from Colorado to Texas, estimated at \$85,000.

City Commissioner Josh Dechant asked if the school district has made a decision about keeping West open, since there has been talk about consolidating into fewer buildings.

"I don't think they have made a decision on that," Neufeld said, "but I don't think West would be their choice to close."

Mayor Rick Billinger asked if Hill or Neufeld thought the district would share some of the cost. Hill said he wouldn't know until he talks with the board.

Neufeld said at least some of the city's share could come from a special street bond issue approved in September. Billinger asked if money in the street plan for 12th Street could be used for the proposal.

Neufeld said some of that could be used, but the city would still need to replace the valley gutter at 12th and Colorado.

He said the district did not want to do off-street parking that was proposed in front of the school on 12th. After watching the traffic, he said, he could understand that it might actually make it harder to get in and out of the front of the school.

Dechant asked about the condition of 11th Street behind the school. Rich Simon, public works director,

said the block behind the school is not in bad shape. It ends in a circle, which would have to be opened up to extend the street east. The district has an employee parking lot back there that would need to be paved.

"If the schools don't think it is a good thing for them," said City Commissioner Dave Daniels about the cost, "then I don't see the city doing it."

"If the school district doesn't want to do it, we probably won't do it," Billinger agreed. "We are going to ask the school district if they are willing to help, and then we will look at it and see what we can do."

"I think it is a win-win for everybody, and I think it is good for child safety."

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7:00
Ends Thursday

TEXAS RED'S BAR-B-Q
will be at Frontier Ag on
December 17th to
December 20th
Beef brisket • Turkey Breast
• Chicken Halves • Sausages • Pork Ribs
Fountain Drinks, Chips and Snacks available also inside!
Formerly Frontier Equity Exchange in Goodland

Season's Greetings
Mrs. Angelos and the USD 352 Board of Education cordially invite you to attend our Holiday Dinner
December 12, 2007
11 am – Entertainment by GHS Students
12 Noon – Dinner GHS
RSVP by Dec. 5th by calling 890-5656 or 890-2397 if you need transportation, please call. We will also deliver meals to those who are not able to leave their homes.
Please RSVP.
The members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, National Honor Society and Letterman's Club will serve as the hosts and hostesses.
Valet Parking will be Available