Happy Holidays from your Pantego Town Council

From left to right: Councilmembers Don Surratt, Don Funderlic and Jane Barrett; Mayor Melody Paradise, Mayor Pro Tem Russell Brewster, and Councilmember, Charlie Price.

Mayor's Red Kettle Challenge!

Saturday, December 21, 2013 from 8:30am to 6:30pm
Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market at 303/Bowen

It's time again for the Town of Pantego to come out and support The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Challenge! This will be the 4th year for Pantego's Mayor Melody Paradise to participate in this Challenge, going up against the Mayors of Arlington, Mansfield, Dalworthington Gardens, and Kennedale. Every year Pantego has risen to the occasion and far outshined the other cities by raising more money per capita. Pantego Rocks this Challenge and this year shall be no different!!

Please join Mayor Paradise in making this a successful and festive event by stopping by to ring the bells, sing carols, greet folks or just to offer words of encouragement. So spread the word to your neighbors, friends, and to any groups who want to come on out and participate – the more the merrier!!

The Red Kettle will be at Town Hall the week of December 16th for those of you who want to make a donation before the event. If you would like to help sponsor this event please contact Mayor Paradise or City Secretary Julie Arrington for more information.
Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday the 21st and thanks so much for helping to make this year a successful one for The Salvation Army!!

In Loving Memory…

Gayle Marshall Broyles
Vernon Jewel Daugherty
Lorraine Marie Doyle
Dorothy Elizabeth Geilhart
Clyde William Hardin
Charles Melvin Hitt
Edward J. Linfante
Gladys Rommilly
Mary Jim Slagle
Lorraine Landers
Evelyn Clark Stewart
LC Sweat
Margie Earline Webb
Marshall Lee Webb
John Dustin Zimmerman

Pantego Lions Club Annual Food Drive

The annual food drive benefiting Arlington charities was a big success again this year!

About 3,000 pounds of food products were donated from residents and 5,000 pounds were donated from Silverleaf Resorts employees. Additionally, 30 man hours were volunteered by Silverleaf Resorts. Their employees have contributed for at least 10 years and many tons of food.

A big THANK YOU for donations & Silverleaf Resorts!!!

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips Provided by the Pantego Police Department

- Carry your valuables wisely.
- Carry your purse close to you.
- While using an automated teller machine, be aware of your surroundings.
- Always carry a cell phone with you for safety.
- When possible, park and walk in well-lit areas.
- Protect your credit card numbers and other personal information.
- Never announce high-dollar purchases after the holidays.
- If you are traveling for the holidays, make your home look "lived in".
- Be careful while shopping on the internet, make sure you know the website you are visiting and beware of "bargains" from companies with whom you are unfamiliar.

Holiday Fire Safety Tips Provided by the Pantego Fire Department

Please be aware of the importance of maintaining your Christmas tree during the holidays! A dry tree can engulf in flames within 30 seconds, causing damage not only to the tree but your home. A wet tree can still catch fire due to the heat being put off from the lights. However, it is less likely that the entire tree will engulf in flames .

Caring for your tree tips:
Never set your tree close to a source of heat. The heat will dry out the tree and increases your chances of a fire within the home. Do not smoke around the tree or drop ashes on the branches. A live tree is only healthy for about 2 weeks in the home, be careful not to keep the tree in your home for too long. Be sure to keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.