



**Anniversary  
Edition**



# Town of Pantego News Journal

*Happy 60th birthday, Pantego!!*

An election was held June 25, 1949 for the voters in the proposed Town of Pantego to determine whether the Town should be incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 11, Title 28, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 and after a County Judge canvassed the results of the election, the Town of Pantego was officially formed on June 27, 1949. Less than three years later in February 1952, a petition was circulated and an election was held calling for the disincorporation of the then called "Village." That election was successful in disincorporation the Village of Pantego.

Almost immediately, the citizens had a change of heart and began a new petition process to bring the issue of incorporation back before the voters. On May 17, 1952, a new election was held within the limits of the proposed Pantego Village for the purpose of determining whether or not it should be incorporated under the provisions of the general laws of the State of Texas. On May 22, 1952, county judge Gus Brown canvassed the election and declared that Pantego Village be incorporated as its own entity.

There were later attempts to disestablish the Town of Pantego. In September 1955 and August 1958, elections were held to disestablish and as late as October 1968, an election was held to merge with the City of Arlington. Each of these three elections were unsuccessful. It has now been more than 40 years since the issue of disestablishment was last raised and in that time, residents of Pantego have become fiercely loyal and protective of their Town. It has become a point of pride for long time residents to declare their tenure which seems to be a wonderfully unique Pantego attribute. No other city in the area and maybe anywhere can claim to have such a proud citizenry.

While the population has stayed relatively stable, there have been many changes. The Town has created its own independent water system, full service government departments rivaling larger cities in terms of quality of services provided, and a beautiful park dedicated during America's Bicentennial Celebration in 1976 .

Through the years, the Town of Pantego has seen the age of sock hops and poodle skirts in the 1950s, the Flower Children of the 1960s, the rise of Disco in the 1970s, the MTV Generation of the 1980s, the dawning of the Internet Age in the 1990s, and the technological revolution that's taken place since the turn of the 21st century. Despite the changes happening locally and around the world, the Town of Pantego has remained an oasis for those who choose to call this place home. A place with small town charm and big city opportunities. No one knows what the next 60 years will hold but one thing is certain: future generations of Pantego citizens will protect and preserve what has been created and defended in the last 60 years.

Thank you for helping to create the wonderful community we all love.

*Here's to the next 60 years!!*

## A look at life in 1952

Average cost of a new home: \$9,050

Average cost of new car: \$1,700

Average salary per year: \$3,850

President of the United States: Dwight D. Eisenhower

Governor of Texas: Allan Shivers

Elizabeth II was crowned queen of England



## A look at life in 2012

Average cost of a home in Pantego: \$171,622

Average cost a new car: \$30,748

Average Pantego household income: \$66,601

President of the United States: Barack Obama

Governor of Texas: Rick Perry

Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 86th birthday

## Celebration set for May 21, 2012

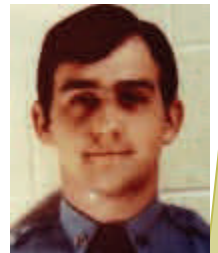
**The Town of Pantego cordially invites you to a celebration on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

As we honor our past and look forward to the future.

**Pantego Police Department**

**2600 Miller Lane**

May is National Police Memorial Month and the Pantego Police Department will be holding a ceremony to remember and honor Pantego's one fallen officer, Joseph Scottino, who lost his life in the line of duty. Patrolman Scottino died February 17, 1973 at the age of 22.



To honor Patrolman Scottino, the Town Council voted unanimously to rename Pantego Drive to Scottino Drive and will unveil the new street sign on May 21st.



Secondly, the Town will bid a fond farewell to Police Chief Joel McKinney as he begins his retirement to enjoy more time with his wife, children and grandchildren. Chief McKinney spent more than 30 years of his career with the Texas Highway Patrol and has served as the Chief of Police in Pantego since July 2008.

The Town Council will also be swearing in 3 Council members for their new terms of office. We will say goodbye to Councilmember Duane Smith as he steps down after 8 years on the Council and welcome Charlie Price to his first term of office in Place 1. Don Funderlic will be sworn in to his first full term of office in Place 2 having been appointed to Council in October 2011, and Jane Barrett will be sworn in to her second term of office in Place 3.

And finally, the Town Council and staff will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Town of Pantego! Please join us for this very special day as we celebrate our past, bid farewell to friends and look forward to what the future may hold.

Refreshments will be provided.

