



Holiday spirit brings young, old together

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For the ninth year in a row, the students of Goodland High School helped spread the holiday spirit by holding a Christmas dinner last Wednesday for the senior citizens of Sherman County.

"The dinner is a way to let our senior citizens know we appreciate them," said school superintendent Marvin Selby, "and to give them an opportunity to meet our students and see what a really nice group of kids they are."

Members of the National Honor Society, the Girls Athletic Association and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America served as the hosts.

The guests started arriving about 10:30 a.m. on the south side of the high school, where student offered valet parking. The seniors were welcomed by Santa Claus and his helpers. Each got a student escort to take them through registration and into the old gym, which served as the dining hall.

After the guests settled in, other students served them beverages as people visited with each other and talked with their hosts. At 11 a.m., the musical program began with senior Lea Acuff as the mistress of ceremonies and freshman Michael Smith keeping the entertainment



More than 325 guests (top, left) filled the high school's old gym to share the Christmas spirit. This was the ninth year the high school invited the senior citizens of Sherman County to dinner and entertainment. A student (top, right) served Clyde Lambertz (seated, left) his dinner as Carol Guyer looked on. Freshmen Jillian Parker



and Michael Smith (above, left) sang "The Prayer" during the first part of the musical program. Students (above, right) manned the serving line as others lined up to take the meals to the guests.

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flowing. Senior Lauren Gray gave the blessing.

The first part of the musical program consisted of students, as individuals, duets or small groups, performing over 20 Christmas songs and instrumentals.

About noon, dinner was served with the students keeping a steady line of meals coming to each guest until everyone was served. The sec-

ond part of the program kicked off with several holiday numbers by the jazz band, followed in turn by the Black and Gold Choir, the Men's Chorale, Les Chantes and the X-pressos. The program's finale was a mass choir of all the groups.

Nearly every class in the district contributed to the success of the dinner. Elementary students made the placemats and bookmarks for

the guests, and students from Grant Junior High made the dining table centerpieces. Each place setting included a wooden tree ornament made by Production I students and a piece of poppy seed bread baked and wrapped by members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

At the end of the musical program, Selby and school board Presi-

dent Dick Short took turns recognizing all those who made the dinner possible and thanked them for their tremendous efforts in making it a success. More than 325 meals were served at the school and over

140 delivered to those unable to attend.

The event concluded with a drawing for door prizes from the names of guests gathered during registration.

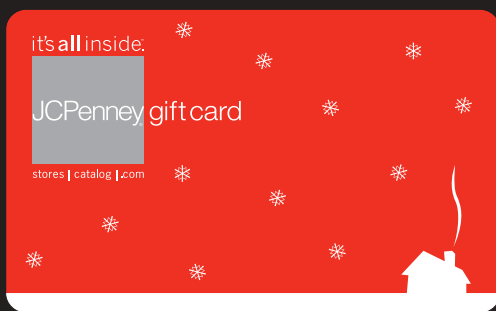
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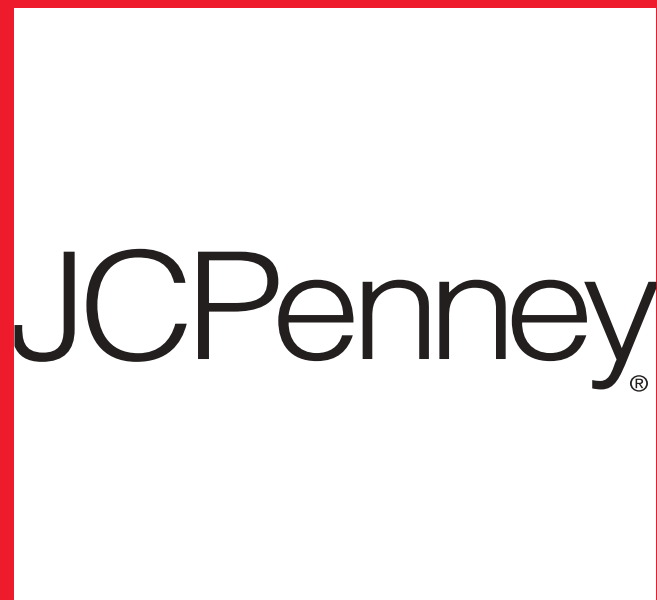


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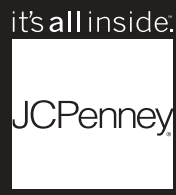


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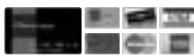
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