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## 10ΤΗ ΛΝΝΟΛΙ SCARECROW ΓΕSΤΙΥΛΙ

brings fun and education in support of the Texana Center

by CLAIRE GOODMAN



vercast skies and muddy fields didn't deter visitors from the 10th Annual Scarecrow Festival. Torrential rains the night before the festival turned the fairgrounds into a mud plain, but the event still drew a crowd: more than 9,000 people flocked to the festival, which benefited the Texana Center.

Texana is a non-profit organization that treats adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and children with autism. In 2019, the Texana Center will be opening its newest campus in Fulshear.

The festival was especially geared towards children and families. The free event featured dozens of food trucks, vendors, games, rides and other fun activities for kids. Despite the mud, festival-goers lined up through the fields waiting their turn for a carnival ride or inflatable. Many children slogging through the fair grounds had their faces intricately painted at the face-painting booth. There were also plenty of carnival-like games like

ring toss and basketball-shoot.

The most popular attraction of the festival, however, didn't involve rides or games. "High Flyin' Stunt Dogs" brought several of their highly-trained stunt dogs to perform for the crowds. Hundreds of fair-goers encircled the stunt arena to watch the dogs leap over high jumps, walk on their front legs, and even catch frisbees across a pool. A one-year-old Australian Shepherd named "Popcorn" landed a 22-foot jump to catch the frisbee as the crowds cheered.

True to its name, the festival also featured a scarecrow contest. This year's theme was "Superheroes", and contestants decorated scarecrows in a super hero motif. Contestants vied for a third-place award of \$250, a second-place award of \$500 and a first-place award of \$1,000.

The first prize winner of the contest was the Laine family. Their submission was a highly detailed scarecrow set with an "Avengers: Infinity War" theme featuring the popular good guys, Iron Man,

Spiderman and the Incredible Hulk and super villain, Thanos.

The win was especially meaningful to Rowena Laine, because her sons, Mason and Nico are former clients at Texana Center. For Rowena, the \$1,000 grand prize was nothing compared to how it felt to be at the event with her two sons, both of whom sought treatment at Texana for autism. Texana Center treated the boys using the applied behavioral analysis technique at their Children's Autism Center.

Prior to their treatment, Mason and Nico were unable to be in public settings. A large-scale event with 9,000 people, blaring music, and busy atmosphere like Scarecrow Festival would have been entirely out of the question. "My boys went to Texana, so this means a lot," she said, "If it weren't for Texana, we wouldn't be here in public."

The idea for the Infinity War theme came from Mason, and Rowena made his idea come alive. "It feels good to win," said Mason.

Rowena said, "This win is for Texana. To be honest, I'm so emotional just thinking about how far we've come."

The Scarecrow Festival was all about fun, but there was also an educational aspect to it. Brazos Bend State Park and Wildlife Revealed came out to educate children on animals and wildlife.

Brazos Bend State Park volunteers brought animal skeletons and skins to teach children about the wildlife indigenous to Texas. Volunteers Mike Emmons and Wayne Weig even brought a live baby alligator for children to pet. Speaking to a group of children, Weig explained, "He or she is two-months-old and will be released when he or she is 18-months-old. I say 'he or she'

because at this age, it's impossible to know if an alligator is male or female without hurting them."

Volunteer Janey Woodley held a seven-year-old corn snake in her arms. As children petted the snake she said, "Farmers love these snakes because they hide in the corn and eat the mice who come to eat the corn. Snakes like this are very beneficial to humans." She added, "But even though they're helpful don't ever try to pick up any snake."

Wildlife Revealed brought a variety of large birds to show children. Many were local animals, like "Maggie" the Harris's Hawk, but volunteer Victor Lawrence also taught children about an Australian Kookaburra he brought.

The Harris's Hawk is not originally a Texas bird, but the growth of cities has pushed them east to find hunting ground. Lawrence said, "Wildlife Revealed wants to find a way to help (birds of prey) and keep them out of harm." Abigail Grace, a nine-year-old at Huggins Elementary had never seen a hawk up close before. "The bird is very pretty. It's so cool," she said as she stroked the bird's feathers.

The Scarecrow Festival was a fun and educational event that supported a cause. The funds from the event help the Texana Center in its mission to help individuals with IDD and autism in Fulshear. Andi Wallis, Community Relations Manager of the Texana Center said, "Texana Center was honored to be the beneficiary of the 10th anniversary of the Scarecrow Festival at Cross Creek Ranch. The proceeds will go towards our Forward Together Capital Campaign to help bring our services to Fulshear."























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- Not everyone was discouraged by the mud. Tyler McIntosh, age four, and Connor McIntosh, age 22 months, delighted in stomping through the muddy fairgrounds.
- **2**The Laine family won the \$1,000 grand prize in the scarecrow contest for their entry, "Avengers: Infinity War". The win was especially meaningful to the family because the boys are former clients at the Texana Center.
- 3 Joel Santiago Jr (9) and Jacob Santiago (3) hold a pair of capuchin monkies at one of the booths.
- From top, right to left: Cousins Carter McZeal (4), Daniel Johnson (7), Rihanna Stargill (3) and Asia Johnson (3) wait patiently in line to get their faces painted.
- Brazos Bend State Park volunteers Mike Emmons (right) and Wayne Weig brought animal skeletons and furs to teach kids about local wildlife.





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2 Abigail Grace, age nine, sees a Harris's Hawk up close for the first time while volunteer Victor Lawrence teaches children about birds of prey.

Popcorn, an Australian Shepherd, catches a frisbee over a 22- foot jump. The stunt dogs were the most popular attraction at Scarecrow Festival.

The Laine Family, from right, Nico, Mason, Rowena and Daniel smile with their winning scarecrow submission, 'Avengers: Infinity War.'















Brazos Bend State Park volunteers brought a baby alligator for children to pet.

**283** Tiffany Patrice and her daughter, Ana (age 22-months) look over the animal skeletons from Brazos Bend State Park. Ana thought the small skull was a toy.

4 Brazos Bend State Park volunteer Wayne Weig teaches children about alligators while letting them pet a baby.

 $\mathbf{5}^{\text{Volunteer}}$  Jane Woodley holds a corn snake for children to pet.

### Fort Bend County VETERANS HONORED

by CLAIRE GOODMAN



The Fort Bend Co. veterans were honored at a breakfast and ceremony in commemoration of Veteran's Day.

en.TrentThomas attended the Brazos River Rotary Club's Veteran's Breakfast dressed in full uniform. His list of honors and accomplishments over the 32 years of his military service were told by a single star on his shoulder. Yet despite the fact that he himself is a distinguished veteran, he was present to honor the other veterans.

Thomas founded the "Honor the Veterans of Weston Lakes," more than 12 years ago to try and see how many veterans were living in Weston Lakes. Thomas learned that there were more than 100 servicemen and women in that Fulshear neighborhood alone.



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To honor the veterans, every year around Veteran's Day Thomas invited the area servicemen, their families and the community to a special ceremony. Said Thomas: "We started honoring the servicemen from the oldest wars first. We started with World War I and honored 13 veterans that day. Then we began honoring veterans from World War II. Then we honored the Korean War and Vietnam War vets. Now we include every veteran from every war, including recent ones."

Four years ago, the Fulshear-Simonton Lions Club and Brazos River Rotary Club took over the Veteran's Day commemoration and opened it to all veterans of Fort Bend Co. The clubs invited all Fort Bend Co. veterans, their families and members of the community to join them for a breakfast and ceremony on Nov. 11 at Weston Lakes Country Club.

The event is the largest for the Brazos River Rotary Club, which serves Fulshear, Weston Lakes, Simonton, Brookshire and Katy.

The commemoration opened with emcee Ron Duncan, a retired chaplain and colonel explaining the history of Veteran's Day. "Congress approved 'Armistice Day' on May 13, 1938 in recognition of the close of World War I. In 1954 the, name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all service members, whether they fought in conflict or not," he said.

Duncan added, "Today we remember so we can reflect. We reflect on our past so we do not forget the valuable lessons of our history."

After the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance, Duncan

invited each veteran to stand as their military branch was called. The songs of each branch played as the veterans took turns standing and receiving applause: "The Army Goes Rolling Along" for Army, "Anchors Aweigh" for Navy, "The Marines' Hymn" for Marines, "Semper Paratus" for Coast Guard and "The U.S.Air Force Song" for Air Force veterans.

As upbeat and grand as the themes for each military branch were, they were tempered by the playing of "Taps" as a somber reminder that so many men and women could not stand and be honored at ceremonies because they paid the ultimate price for their nation's freedom.

"Today we remember the unnamed and the hundreds of thousands that made the supreme sacrifice by giving their life," Duncan said as the song began.

Keynote speaker for the event was Keith Garvin, News Commentator for KPRC. Garvin recalled the times he was on assignment working as a journalist in war zones like Afghanistan and his experience with the soldiers that protected him, even though their lives were in danger as well. "We were civilians who didn't have weapons and who had never held weapons, and these Marines who didn't even know us had to take us in and protect us. And each and every single one of them did it," said Garvin.

He continued, "There were several kids in that unit, and I call them 'kids' because some of them were 17-years-old. They had to get permission from their parents to be there and fight in that war. Without our veterans, the people in this room, this country would not be what it is today. You all were willing to sacrifice your lives for the things we have today."

After the ceremony concluded, the veterans spoke among themselves and reflected on the servicemen and women of America. Fort Bend Co. Sheriff Troy Nehls was among the veterans honored at the event.

Nehls joined the Army in 1988 and retired from service as a major in 2009. He served in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Iraq. After his service, he chose a career in law enforcement. "I'm honored to have served, and I love attending events like this," said Nehls.

The commemorative events are always appreciated, Nehls noted, but it is the smaller things like a personal thank-you that mean the most to him. "Earlier a little girl came up to me and tugged on my pants and said, 'Thank you for your service', and that just meant the world to me. That's all we want as veterans. When someone comes up to you and thanks you for your service, it goes a long way."

As much as Nehls appreciates recognition for his service, he is far more focused on Memorial Day and honoring the veterans that gave their lives for their country. Nehls started a Memorial Day service in Fort Bend because there was no commemoration of its kind in the county.

He seems almost dismissive of his own service as he reflects on the military men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Said Nehls: "I read the name of every service member from Fort

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### Fulshear Parks Commission to create NEW PARKS

by CLAIRE GOODMAN | All Images Courtesy of RAMONA RIDGE

he natural beauty that is synonymous with Fulshear grows more sparse as new developers buy up the land to build new subdivisions and businesses. To preserve the natural environment of Fulshear, the Fulshear Parks Commission purchased 15 acres of land that abuts the 10 acre area of Primrose Park.

The purchase of new land for a park is unprecedented in Fulshear. This is the first time the city has ever bought land for the purpose of preserving nature. Ramona Ridge, founder of "Keeping Fulshear Beautiful," is hopeful that the purchase is part of a larger movement to retain natural lands to prevent Fulshear from losing its natural charm.

The parks will be conveniently located near downtown Fulshear. Said Ridge: "The acreage will be a prime location for all types of sporting events, picnics, events and gatherings. This 25 acres is in the core of our booming city. It represents a huge step forward in retaining Fulshear's charm and character and shaping the quality of life for future generations."

The benefits of city parks are about more than just preserving land. "Trees reduce air pollution and water pollution, they help keep cities cooler, and they are a more effective and less expensive way to manage stormwater runoff than building systems of concrete sewers and drainage ditches," Ridge said.

From an economic perspective, beautification projects create a more cohesive community and offer more recreational opportunities, which in turn draws more families to the area. "The availability of park and recreation facilities is an important quality-of-life factor for corporations choosing where to locate facilities and for well-educated individuals choosing a place to live," Ridge said.

The Master Plan for the new park has three phases. The first involves adding new park space to the recently purchased acreage as well as improving the usability of Primrose Park. The city will add more usable recreation areas like a regional park and sports complexes. Proposed amenities include a baseball/

softball complex, multiple use fields for activities like soccer and football, two basketball courts, two playgrounds, an amphitheater, pond and pavilion.

The city will also add a median on FM 1093 that will be wide enough for pedestrians to use. The working title for this area is "Paseo Park." Paseo Park will have a picnic area, paved promenade, butterfly and wildflower meadow, picnic areas, landscaping and small parking lot.

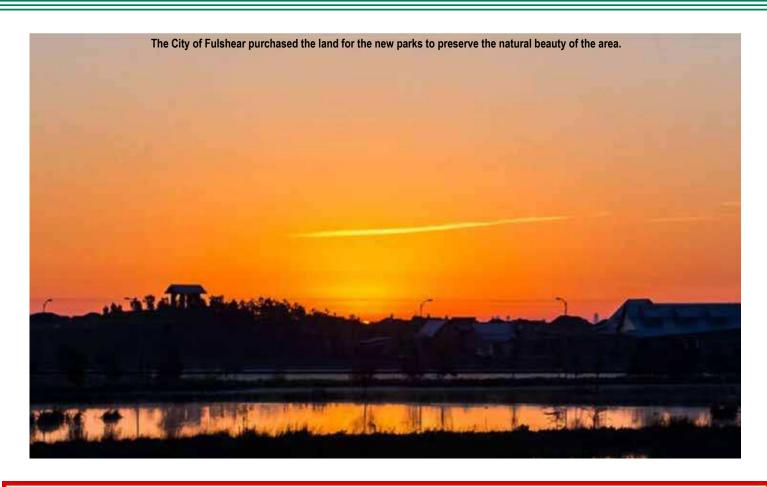
The final stage is creating "The Francis Smart Park" a formal patio and event space. On Oct. 3, the city moved the Fulshear Switch House to The Francis Smart Park. The recently renovated Switch House is the oldest home in Fulshear and will house important historical items and documents. The historical home, combined with the addition of a formal patio space will create a peaceful area perfect for events.

The parks will be landscaped with native trees like mature oak and pecan trees, wildflowers like bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrush, red phlox, gaillardia, wild verbena, coreopsis and native grasses.

Ridge said, "The goal is to retain as much of the natural beauty as possible, while adding baseball fields, soccer fields, horse riding trails, walking/running trails, bike trails, playgrounds and recreation areas."

The city has plans for the parks even after they are complete. "They are hoping to add a nature center at some point so that our youth can learn to be good stewards of our land and appreciate the beauty around us. Our area is blessed with abundant wildlife and the more we know how to interact (or not interact) with some of our local creatures, the better off we'll all be," Ridge added.

Implementation on the project is set to begin later this year. Ridge laughed, "Don't pack your picnic basket right away; these projects are going to take some time, but bear with it. It's going to be phenomenal."





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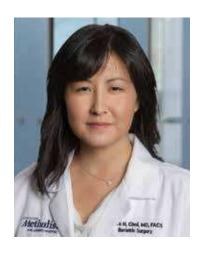
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# Giving back to the Fulshear community THROUGH MEALS

by TOM BEHRENS

hot meal every day is taken for granted by most people. But what if you are a senior lady or gentlemen, and mobility is a problem? It could be very difficult just to get something to eat. Maybe you've become a "hermit" because you had no family close by or friends to visit and make sure you're doing okay. Life can become a challenge.

Fort Bend Meals on Wheels, located at 1330 Band Road in Rosenberg, through a group of dedicated volunteers makes sure that home bound seniors in the Fulshear area have a hot meal seven days a week.

Last August, Meals on Wheels delivered 22,514 meals in Fort Bend County. According to Katie Lindemann, Fort Bend Meals on Wheels administrative assistant, people aged 60 or older may take advantage of the hot meals program. In Fort Bend County the average recipient is 78 years or older.

Tracy Nath, 55 years old, started volunteering to deliver meals when she was a teenager in Pennsylvania for seniors in that area. She now volunteers to deliver meals to seniors in Fort Bend County. "It's very important to give back to the seniors, become some day you will become one. It's the best feeling to give back to people across the board," said Nath. "My time is not as valuable as their life and their well-being."

She covers delivery routes all over Fort Bend County whenever they might need delivery assists.

Rick Branek, Meals on Wheels volunteer coordinator, says volunteers deliver hot meals 24/7 Monday through Friday. "On Friday, we deliver for the clients a weekend meal, what we call a two-pack – two frozen meals in a box complete with dried milk. Add cold water to the milk and stir. Or if they need orange juice, there is juice. They don't miss a meal for the week."

The program is versatile to meet clients' different needs, such as doctor's visits. They might not be home at the time the meals are delivered. "They won't miss a meal," said Branek. "We would come on Monday, drop off their hot meal, and then drop off two three packs which is six meals," said Branek. "It gives them their meals for that day and the next six days. They can eat whenever they want after they get home from the doctor. We don't miss them, they don't miss us. They are taken care of."

#### MAKING THE CONNECTION

The seniors build a relationship with the volunteers and are happy for their visit. They know the volunteers by name. If a volunteer can't deliver meals on one of their scheduled days, other substitute volunteers pitch-in and deliver the meals. "I might be delivering on their route," said Nath. "The seniors know who is supposed to come, and on what day."

"The goal is to deliver the amount of meals for that day," said Nath, "but we always take the time to spend a minute, maybe five or 10 minutes with the individuals because sometimes we are their only touch with other people for the day."

"We ask how they are doing, make sure they look good, feel good, and if they need anything special like vitamins, cereal, Ensure, we report it back to Rick and the office team. If we have it in stock, or if we can get our hands on it, they will get a goody bag with that extra need item," said Nath.

"The few minutes I do spend with them ... if you are the only person they're going to see, you are going to make them happy. You care and nurture where you need. I think that's an awesome thing."

"If you're having a bad day, if you deliver a meal one day you heart will go to a different level. You will see things you never dreamed of," Nath continued. "You will see people living in conditions that they shouldn't. You will see people that are thankful for the help we provide, and you might see a person who who has everything except someone to help them. They might live in the nicest of homes, but they don't cook, have limited mobility. They just can't do as much for themselves."

Branek is always looking for volunteers. "I've learned through the years that organized people who want to give of their time, their resources — gas, vehicles — want to be part of an organization that's got their act together. They are contributing and adding something to the team. Join our team. We would love to have you become part of our team, become part of what our mission is about."

Go to www.fortbendseniors.org, click on volunteer tab and fill out an application. Prospective volunteers will receive an email giving the date for the next orientation. Background checks are required.

### **PHOTOS ON PAGE 21:**

TOP: Volunteers delivery meals to those in need through the Fort Bend Meals on Wheels program.

BOTTOM: Even the dog of a senior receives a special treat.







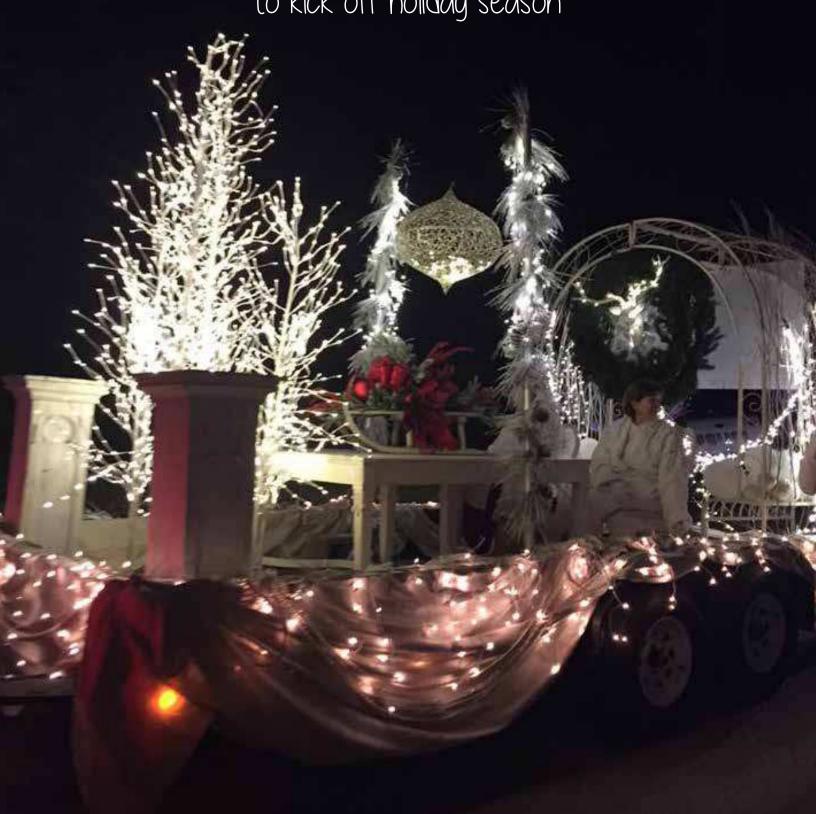








# Festival of Lights celebration to kick off holiday season



*by* **VALERIE SWEETEN** | *Photos Courtesy of* **FULSHEAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**These photos from past Festival of Lights celebration show the small-town atmosphere Fulshear is famous for.

hristmas is one of the most special times of the year which is why the Festival of Lights celebrates the holiday season with this spectacular event.

Presented by the Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Fulshear, the event will be held on Dec. 1, in downtown Fulshear from 5-9 p.m. The event will commence with the official lighting of the city's Christmas tree, announcements, and a parade float contest.

Event and parade entry are free.

Expect a very dynamic experience according to Don McCoy, president of the Fulshear-Katy Area Chamber of Commerce. The community loves the Festival of Lights, and the attendance alone is statement to this.

"Over the years attendance has grown exponentially at all our downtown events," said McCoy. "We know this is because our area is growing at a rapid rate, but we also attribute the growth at our events to the fact that we always have something entertaining for everyone young and old. And, our events are fun."

This year's Festival of Lights Christmas event will include Santa, Live Music by Jus Coz, a Live Nativity, Frozen sisters along with a snowy Children's activity area with a synthetic ice-skating Rink, and vendor booths. Concluding the event will be a parade and Fireworks Show.

Vendors and stores will be set up with food, crafts, clothing, and jewelry so you can get some holiday shopping done.

Most importantly, don't miss Santa, who will arrive during the parade and will visit the children's area to hear what everyone wants for Christmas.

Checking it out for the first time? Here's what you'll need to know said McCoy.

"If you like a small-town festival atmosphere, friendly people, entertainment options for everyone, then don't miss the Fulshear Festival of Lights," he said.

Temporary road closures for the event are as follows.

All lanes of FM 359 will be closed between Front St. and Second St. between 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, and 1 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2. Front St. will be closed between Wilson St. and Harris St. for the duration of the event.

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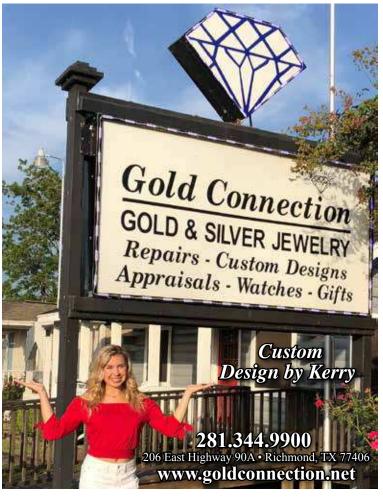
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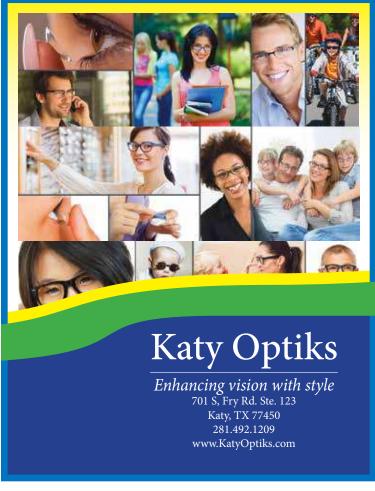
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Bend Co. that lost their lives dating back to World War II. It's a somber moment, but that's the least I can do as a veteran, to try to at least read the names once a year of the people that have given their life in service. And we honor the Gold Star Families. Some of them lost their children, or their sisters and brothers. I can't bring them back, but I can remember their names. As long as I'm alive, we will remember their names."

Humility is a common theme among the veterans who were honored that day. Thomas' sentiments on his own service were dwarfed by his reverence of the military men and women who will never again stand at a Veteran's Day ceremony. When he attends Veteran's Day commemorations, he reflects on the service of others and not himself.

"I've got all kinds of honors. I don't need any more honors. But when I can show up in a uniform and tell men and women that I respect their service and I thank them for their service, it's really important,"Thomas said.

the rank of Brigadier General. He was the commanding general of Army intelligence, commanding over 12,000 soldier and civilian intelligence officers. He believes that civilians should reflect on Veteran's Day not

only as a way to honor veterans, but to reflect on why they served and what it means to America. "(Veteran's Day) is about serving something that's greater than ourselves. It's about doing the best you can to help. It's a time for everyone to think, 'How can we be better citizens?'. Events like today help us all to remember what it's like to be a good citizen and that there is honor in being an American," he said.

Thomas was joined at the ceremony by his wife, Liz, son, Devon

and daughter-in-law, Kelly. His son is also a veteran. Devon is a former Army Ranger. After graduating from West Point Military

Academy, he served for eight years of active duty, including

Thomas served his country for 32 years before retiring with

deployment to places like Kosovo and Kuwait.

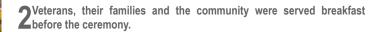








■ Emcee Ron Duncan lead the room in reflection on the service of America's veterans.



The "Honor our Veterans" breakfast was hosted by the Brazos River ORotary Club. From right: Terri Richards, Susan Tomchesson, Karen Chin, Brent Watts and Rudy Ammer



Army veterans stand as their military branch was honored. Each 485 branch of the military took turns standing as their branch's song played.



Keynote speaker for the event, KPRC reporter Keith Gavin, recalled the times that the Army protected him as he reported from war zones like Afghanistan.



Gen. Trent Thomas (left) and Sheriff Troy Nehls were among the veterans honored at the breakfast.



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### Show takes car lovers back to the past

by TOM BEHRENS



BIII Heede's 1940 Ford has been featured in the Houston Auto Show. PHOTO BY CHUCK HEATH

emember when cars were basically retooled every new model year? A Chevrolet looked like a Chevrolet and a Ford looked like a Ford.

There were more color choices; pink was a popular color in the 50s. When car dealers began receiving the new models, the cars were hidden from the view of the public. On a certain date the secrecy was gone; the new beauties were on the showroom floors. The West End Car Club of Fulshear has members who try to remember when cars were different by collecting and restoring cars. They might even "beef" them up to run better than when they were brand new.

The West End Car Club current membership of about 75 car enthusiasts probably own in excess 400 cars. From a 1918 fire truck to Lamborghinis, Maseratis, Ferraris and everything in between. "Our club meets on Saturday mornings from 8 to about 9:30 a.m. for breakfast at the coffee shop next to the dollar store," said Bill Heede, a past president of the club. One might call it a mini car show in the parking lot. "We typically have 15-20 cars there. We get together and try to solve at least one of the world's problems; we are not doing real well in that department. People come by as they are shopping at the Dollar General, stopping and enjoying the cars."

Heede has a 1940 Ford and a 2015 Corvette. His favorite is the 1940 Ford; the car has been featured in the Houston Auto Show. He has owned the car for about 15 years. Changes and improvements were pretty much completed by the previous owner. "The car doesn't sit in the garage," Heede said.

He has put 39,000 miles on it. Said Heede: "I have driven it to car shows all over the Midwest. I drove it down here to Houston nine years ago."

Dave and Janet Foshee own 23 different cars. Included in their collection are a 1949 Mercury Woody station wagon, and old Surf wagon from San Diego; a Mercury 1940 convertible that's very rare; 1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda, a 1970 Dodge Indy Challenger, and a 1960 Ford Sunliner.

"All are drivable. Everything runs like a top," said Dave Foshee. "I wouldn't classify any of the cars as trailer queens or show cars. I started rebuilding my first car in 1958, building the first five cars I ever owned. We drive all our cars. We've been to California and Florida in the 1934 Ford. My wife's favorite is the '49 Woody. We drive it everywhere. She likes the 1940 Mercury convertible, only 40 of them left. What the cars do for me is they put me back into a period, the great art deco period. When you get in a car, it just changes your whole attitude while driving it."

Dave also collects military vehicles. In his collection is one of the oldest surviving World War II half-tracks in the United States. It has a quad machine gun on the back, one of the first 40 made,



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only one left. He specializes in a lot of the Vietnam military vehicles. Said Dave: "I had so many of my friends injured, killed. My cousin did three tours in the Special Forces. I belong to the military museum of Texas and the Lonestar Flight Museum. We have groups that do WWII, Korea and Vietnam. We try to educate. I have all the accounterments that go with them."

Susanne Ansley is a nationally ranked amateur race car driver in Corvettes. She and husband, Geoff personally own six or seven Corvettes.

Chuck Heath is one of the founding members of West End Car Club. At one time he had about five 1958 Impalas, a 1956 Bellaire, a 1956 Cadillac and a 1941 Cadillac. "I like Cadillacs," said Heath. "Mine look like originals, but they drive like dependable cars. Everybody talks about the good old days. The good old days are not the best in cars. My cars will look like they originally looked. But when you open the hood they have a late model engine and transmission, air conditioning, power steering, disc brakes, those sorts of things."

His 1941 Cadillac is black, lowered, and a has a "stroker" motor

(350 cubic inch Chevrolet motor with a 327 stroke) which gives it about 400 horse power.

Mark and Lisa Haag own several hundred cars along with three or four airplanes. They just completed a 15,000-square-foot structure called an auto and flying machine museum to house some of their collection.

The West End Car Club just completed its Annual Car Show that benefits the Fulshear Police Foundation. "We had pre-1930 to current cars, and exotics," said Heede. "We had a 1934 Roadster; we had some old trucks, 40s and 50s; we had a lot of 50s and 60s cars, the muscle era. The 50s were classics."

"We had 18 different categories of cars that were eligible for awards. One interesting one was the Rat Rod class. That's where you build a car and try to make it as bad as possible, all rusty, stuff hung all over it ... really an art form."

In case you missed the car show, you can always come look at some of the different cars and visit with their owners at the Saturday morning breakfasts.

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