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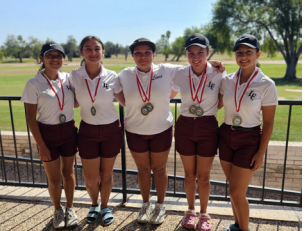
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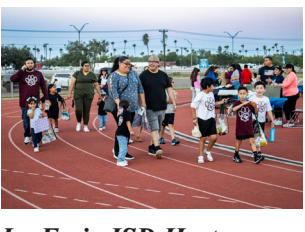
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Black Bear Diner has officially opened its doors in Harlingen, following a weekend filled with sneak peek events that also served as training sessions for the staff. This exciting addition marks the third Black Bear Diner in the Rio Grande Valley, complementing the existing locations in Brownsville and McAllen.

I was fortunate to receive passes for the sneak peek event on Sunday, November 10, 2024, and it turned out to be a truly memorable experience. From the moment I arrived, there was an inviting atmosphere that set the tone for the evening ahead.

The highlight of the event was undoubtedly the delicious food. Guests were treated to generous portions of a variety of dishes, showcasing the diner's extensive menu. Each plate was packed with flavor, making



Harlingen Black Bear Diner.jpg

it hard to choose a favorite. To top off the experience, I had the chance to meet Biscuit the Bear, the restaurant's adorable mascot. The meet-and-greet added a fun, personal touch to the event, making it even more enjoyable for everyone in attendance.

The sneak peek event was exceptionally well-organized and showcased a delightful array of culinary offerings, heightening my

excitement for the diner's official opening. Each dish we sampled was crafted with care and creativity, making me eager to return and experience more of the menu in the future.

Furthermore, we received an invitation to attend the grand opening on Tuesday, November 12. During this visit, we were fortunate enough to meet Assistant Manager Leslie Mireles and Manager Christopher De La Cruz. They were

both very approachable and provided us with insightful information about the diner's concept and the inspiration behind their menu. Our waitress, Victoria, greeted us warmly and immediately made us feel at home. Her attentive and friendly service significantly enhanced our dining experience. They also have an array of sweet treats and merchandise for purchase. I could not have asked for a better

introduction to the diner. I'm looking forward to more memorable meals ahead!

The diner was first established in 1995 by Laurie and Bob Manley, along with Bruce Dean, in the small town of Mt. Shasta, California, which is located an hour from the Oregon border. They envisioned a place where family and friends could gather to enjoy great food and service at an affordable price.



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Since its inception, Black Bear Diner has been known for its generous portions of delicious food, which has helped build a strong reputation among both locals and travelers. In the early days, the team worked long hours, even hosting "Jukebox Mondays," when they would empty the quarters guests had inserted into the diner's jukebox. The founders even provided diner keys to select friends so they could start brewing coffee before Bruce arrived to begin cooking for the day.

Fresh ingredients have always been a priority for them. Their biscuits, which are as big as your head, are baked fresh every day, and they have a machine that squeezes

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The Black Bear Gazette

THE "BEAR" IS BORN

With a population of 3,600 and just over an hour from the Oregon border, the small mountain town of Mt. Shasta, CA is an unlikely location for a thriving restaurant. When our founders, Bob and Leslie, opened the original Black Bear Diner in 1995, they had a much simpler idea for their cozy diner nestled in the forest.

"We didn't do this thinking it would ever be much more than Bob's [I wanted to] run a restaurant, and maybe we could have a place to invite our friends to," explains Bruce.

Bob agrees, "That was the start when it was like to be from a small town, where things were safe, where kids could be a part of things and some didn't worry, where you got more than you thought you were going to get, and everything was bigger than you dreamed it would be."

Twenty-one years and nearly a 160 diners later, their shared vision of what a small town, community diner should be is return in every diner we open.

"It's simple, really," continues Bruce. "Guests want to enjoy great food in a welcoming environment and be served by friendly staff. They want to feel their hard-earned dollar is appreciated. Poka can count on that every time they come to a Black Bear Diner."

As Bob explains, "A brand is an expression of internal values, of things that come from a place other than just the line."

Jukebox Monday - When we first started out, people would drive 50 or 60 miles to come to Black Bear, because they said it just feels different than any other place they'd go."

Staying true to these original values is the foundation of Black Bear Diner's success today. We continue to share Bruce and Bob's passion with every plate of food you enjoy, and every experience shared at Black Bear Diner, from all of our Thank You! We look forward to seeing you again, and again. "The Bear"

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whole, fresh, local oranges to create freshly squeezed

orange juice. Many of their recipes come from Laurie's Italian American family, who were among the area's earliest settlers, and included Nonna's

marinara sauce. The diner also offers unique menu items that customers wouldn't find elsewhere, such as homemade Italian sausage and in-house corned beef hash made from slow-roasted beef brisket. Their homemade meatloaf quickly became a favorite among customers.

Word about this cozy diner off Interstate 5 spread quickly, leading people to ask when a Black Bear Diner would open in their town. The demand for quality food, great value, and friendly service in a comfortable environment has been a winning combination for success. Today, Black Bear Diner proudly serves 143 communities across 14 states, with that number continuing to grow.

The inspiration for Black Bear Diner comes from an 1861 gold prospector named Sisson, who fell in love with the strawberry valley in Northern California and opened an inn near what is now called Mt. Shasta. This city overlooks wild berry patches that were frequented by both bears and people. As travelers discovered Sisson's hospitality, characterized by large portions of quality food in a friendly atmosphere, this standard became the hallmark of today's Black Bear Diner.

Every Black Bear Diner features carved bears with unique themes (such as skiers and fighter pilots) that reflect their location. All of these bears have been carved with a chainsaw by Ray S. Schulz, who has



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created about 4,000 bears for various locations. Additionally, owner Bob Manley is a sculptor and art enthusiast, and each diner features colorful, bear-themed murals created by Steve and Gary Fitzgerald of Mt. Shasta.

Black Bear Diner is located at 6706 W. Expressway 83 in Harlingen and is open from 6 AM to 10 PM, Monday through Sunday.



Manager Christopher De La Cruz & Assistant Manager Leslie Mireles



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During the presidential campaign there were no Trump or Harris signs in my yard. Oh, I had an opinion which I expressed at the polls. But I insisted that my yard remain absolutely neutral.

Afterall, I have friends and church members who supported Trump and others who supported Harris. And those friends are more important to me than a sign in my yard.

Then, toward the end of the election some friends gave me one sign that I could put in the yard. It read. "Can we still be friends if we don't vote the same way?"

My sense is that was the most important question of the 2024 election. Not whether the Republicans or the Democrats will win congress. Not whether Harris or Trump wins the White House. Instead, "Can we still be friends after the dust settles?"

To a degree that answer will depend on our leaders. Do they bring us together or drive us apart? Jesus once commented on a man who was not one of his disciples but was still doing good things. Rather than oppose him, Jesus said, "If he is not against us, he is for us."

It might be helpful if our leaders could remember that. But we cannot wait for them to read the New Testament rather than just carry it around as a political prop. If we cannot remain friends because of our leaders then we need to do it despite them.

-Mark S. Ross DMin.

La Feria City Meeting

Lighting of the Tree, Parade Route, Discussion of South Texas International Marathon, & More!



Selene Olguin
Special to LFN

La Feria's city meeting was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Olga H. Maldonado. Frank Rios, the city manager, led the meeting. During the course of the meeting, no visitors made any comments or interjections. There were five items on the consent agenda:

Consideration and possible action on ordinance 2024-07 closing Commercial Ave. for the lighting of the tree on November 21, 2024.

Consideration and possible action on Ordinance 2024-08 closing Main Street for a Christmas parade on December 14, 2024.

Consideration and possible action on Ordinance 2024-9 closing streets for the South Texas International Marathon on December 8, 2024.

Consideration and possible action to approve Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy required by Senate Bill 1893

Discuss, consider, and adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2025-2026 Community Development Fund.

Following this order, the council discussed the items listed on the agenda.

1. Consideration and possible action on ordinance 2024-07 closing Commercial Ave. for the lighting of the tree on November 21, 2024.

The City Manager mentioned meeting with the school district and getting them on board with the lighting of the tree ceremony. He also included that they had hired a band to perform at

the event. The motion was carried.

2. Consideration and possible action on Ordinance 2024-08 closing Main Street for a Christmas parade on December 14, 2024.

The City Manager explained that he and the Public Works Director tried looking for a different route to take this year due to other city projects taking place in this area. However, upon further exploration, he concluded that the current route is the best to proceed with. He also mentioned that he would respectfully ask the public to set up on the west side as the east may be under construction, keeping safety in mind. This motion was passed.

3. Consideration and possible action on Ordinance 2024-9 closing streets for the South Texas International Marathon on December 8, 2024.

The City Manager said that he met with Bastio Rendosa, who had successfully orchestrated the first Texas International Marathon, to review a few locations where they could hold this event. He also mentioned that Bastio Rendosa had altered a couple of things such as the route

they would be taking and where they would be concluding the two-hour marathon. This motion was passed.

4. Consideration and possible action to approve Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy required by Senate Bill 1893.

The City Manager explained how in December 2022 Governor Greg Abbot required that all stagnant CEs ban the video-sharing app TikTok on all State issue devices. He adds that TikTok is owned by a Chinese

party, a communist country, and can be used to spy on Texans and obtain sensitive information. The motion was carried.

5. Discuss, consider, and adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2025-2026 Community Development Fund.

The City Manager informed the council that they would need to pass

a resolution concerning the ideal projects that are required to be worked on to benefit the city such as street improvements, wastewater projects, etc. He also explains that he believes the City of La Feria would score high in the proposal of the needed grants considering that the city has not participated in this for the last four years. Once again, the motion was carried.

The meeting was then adjourned.



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/s/Maria De Los Angeles Gracia
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2024-DCL-01041

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VS § OF
Andrea T Perez § CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: Manuel Perez Jr.
And KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

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Genaro Lopez § IN THE 103RD DISTRICT COURT
VS § OF
Patricio F. Castillo and to the Known and § CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS
Unknown Heirs

TO: Patricio F. Castillo
And to the Known and Unknown Heirs
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LA FERIA SPORTS

Ready for Playoffs

Lions set for 4A DII Playoffs

By Ruben Rodriguez
La Feria News

The La Feria Lions have reached the promised land and are in the Playoffs. After a long, tough regular season, the Lions turn their attention to the tough challenge ahead and get ready to battle on the Road to Arlington.

But to see where we are now, we have to understand how we got here. So let's take a look at the regular season.

The Lions opened up the season with a tough loss against Ingleside. But La Feria was quick to turn things around. The Lions would go on to win the next three over Hidalgo (27-14), Raymondville (27-13), and Valley View (34-0).

La Feria would then hit a bit of a slump in their last two non-district games of 2024. La Feria would fall short in a close battle to Zapata (35-28). The Lions

then suffered their worst defeat of 2024, losing to Brownsville St. Joseph 62-13.

The Lions would go on to finish 3-3 in non-district play. Now turning their focus to 16-4A DII play, the Lions had their work cutout for them. After the Biannual UIL Realignment, the Lions and Brahmas were moved from Division 1 to Division 2, switching with Raymondville and Bishop. A four-team district consisting of Grulla, Port Isabel, King and La Feria, every team qualifies the playoffs.

The Lions opened up district with a massive win over Grulla 50-0. The Lions would then use that momentum in their second district game against the Port Isabel Tarpons. In a back and forth battle, the Lions survived Tony V's Tarpons and won 32-27.

To wrap up the regular season, The Lions battled

against the H.M. King Brahmas. In what was a back and forth battle, the Lions struggled and King took advantage of La Feria's struggles. The Brahmas would win 49-33.

Although going 2-1 in District, the Lions still didn't finish empty handed. La Feria's, King and Port Isabel and took home a share of the 16-4A DII District Title, due to all three teams beating each other. (King Defeated La Feria, La Feria defeated Port Isabel, and Port Isabel defeated King).

The Lions finish in district as the third seed of 16-4A DII. The Lions are now slated to face off against the Cuero Gobblers of 15-4A DII. The Gobblers had a strong regular season, going 7-3 overall and finishing in second in district with a 3-1 record in district.

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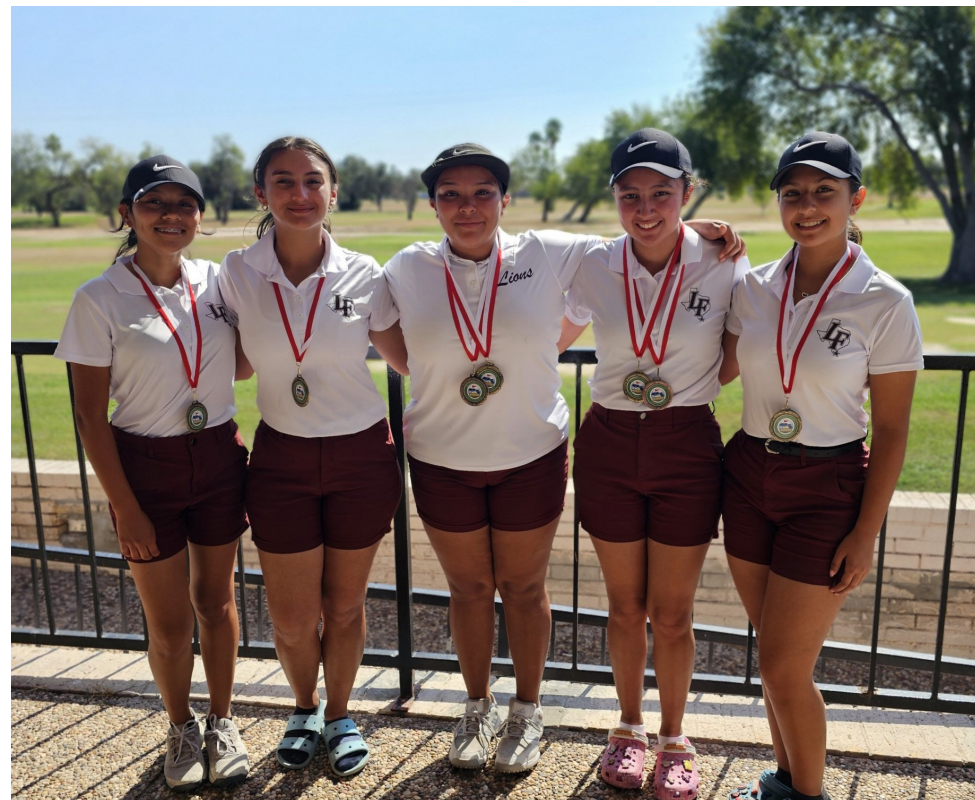
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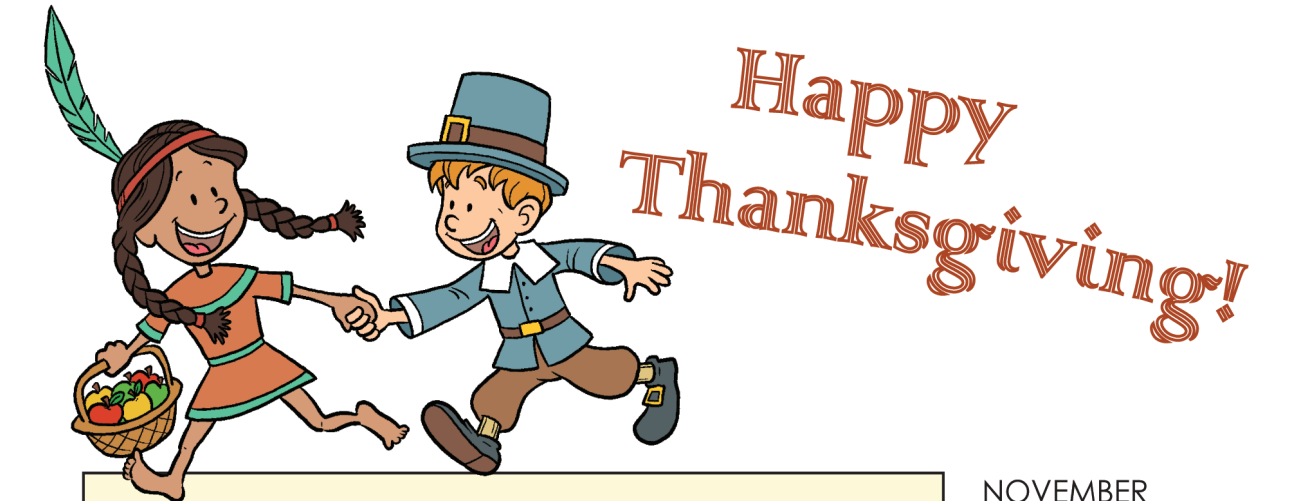
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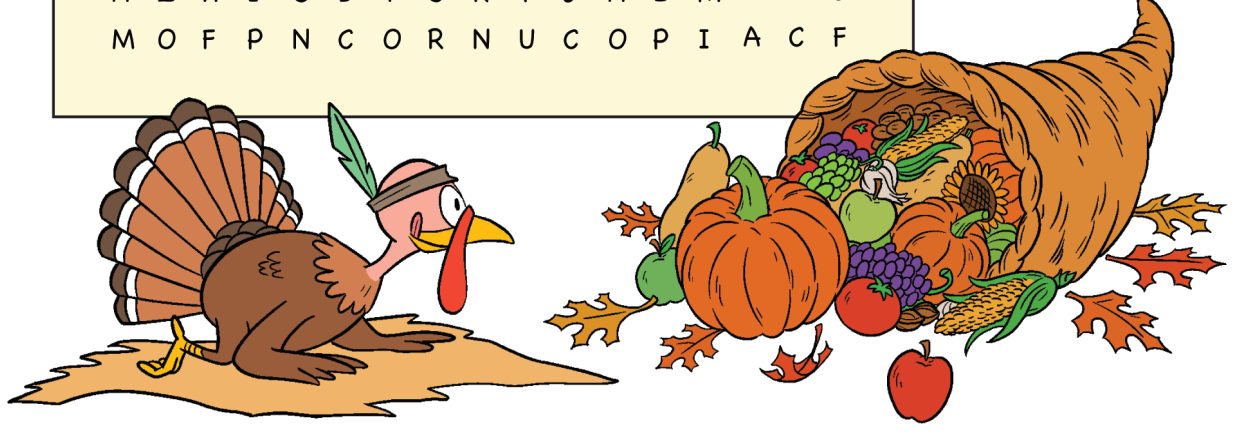
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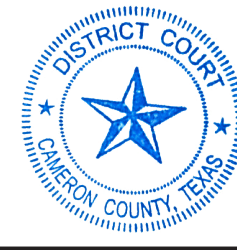
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Local Student Honored at Special Olympics Celebration



By Mike Villarreal

La Feria Independent School District is thrilled to announce that Tristan Villarreal, a dedicated student from our district,

has been honored as the 5-15 Male Athlete of the Year by the Special Olympics. This prestigious award was presented to him during a special brunch celebrating his

accomplishments alongside other outstanding athletes from the Rio Grande Valley.

The 2024 Special Olympics hosted their 4th Annual Gold Medal Brunch Gold Medal Brunch on Saturday, November 9, 2024, in Brownsville, Texas. Hosted annually, the Gold Medal Brunch and Athlete Celebration is held to showcase athletes and community leaders for their accomplishments in sports and health and inclusion.

The mission of the Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in various Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. This initiative offers ongoing opportunities for participants to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and share their gifts, skills, and friendships with their families, fellow Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

The event serves as a meaningful morning gathering to honor and celebrate the achievements of these extraordinary athletes. Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal while engaging in uplifting conversations, sharing experiences, and recognizing the hard work and determination of each athlete.

Hosted by the Texas Rio Grande Valley Area of Special Olympics Texas, the brunch featured inspiring stories from several athletes, along with keynote speakers who shared insights and motivational messages. This gathering not only highlighted the athletes' accomplishments but also fostered a sense of community and support among families, friends, and supporters of the Special Olympics. The event aimed to emphasize the importance of inclusion, resilience, and the power of sports in the lives of these remarkable individuals.

The Special Olympics was founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who began advocating for research into the causes of intellectual disabilities in 1948. Eunice and her husband, Sargent Shriver, traveled across the United States in 1958 to learn more about children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

The event, known as Shriver Camp, included dozens of young people from local agencies and institutions, with ages ranging from 6 to 16. To achieve a one-on-one instruction ratio for each camper, volunteer counselors from local colleges and high schools were recruited to assist during this event.

After seven years of successful summer camps, a growing number of participants, and new advancements in education surrounding intellectual disabilities, Eunice Kennedy Shriver and the Chicago Park District held a news conference

to announce plans for the first "Olympic" games for children with intellectual disabilities.

On August 2, 1968, the Special Olympics were officially incorporated. Then, on December 2, 1968, Senator Edward Kennedy introduced the formation of the Special Olympics, which began with a seven-member board of directors.

Throughout the 1970s, the Special Olympics continued to grow, with thousands of athletes participating from across the United States.

Today, the Special Olympics has expanded to include more than 5.3 million athletes and their unified partners, setting a new global record. These remarkable athletes have taken part in over 108,000 competitions and games in more than 170 countries, reflecting the vision of founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

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Veteran's Day Celebrated in La Feria



By Mike Villarreal

The 2024 La Feria Veterans Day Celebration was held on Monday, November 11, at the La Feria Veterans Memorial Monument from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

This monument honors the men and women who have served or are currently serving, in every branch of the United States military. The event provided a meaningful opportunity to recognize and show appreciation for all veterans and their families for their sacrifices.

The La Feria Veterans Memorial Committee organized the ceremony.

This day is significant as we pay tribute to our veterans, who selflessly put their lives on the line to ensure our freedom and protect our rights.

The program began with Major Alfonso Guillen, Jr., U.S. Army Retired, serving as the Master of Ceremony. It was followed by the Reveille (Bugle Call) and the Presentation of Colors by the La Feria ECHS Honor Guard and Band. The U.S. flag was raised by the La Feria Fire Department.

Ms. Eliza Pedraza sang the national anthem, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deacon Jose G. Gonzalez from Frances

Xavier Catholic Church, who also offered the opening prayer.

The keynote speaker,

Mr. Julian Alvarez from Lone Star National Bank, delivered an inspiring speech. Special guest

Commander Larry Beers of American Legion Post 439 honored the commitment of all veterans and spoke about the significance of Veterans Day. This year's Veterans Day poem was written by Oscar Elizondo, an Army Veteran, Educator, and Writer, and was read by Rosalinda Taguilas of the Veterans Memorial Monument Committee.

The community of La Feria extends gratitude to Robert Salazar and Kayleen Flores for their

presentation, as well as to the La Feria ECHS Color Guard for the Recovery of Colors. The ceremony concluded with Taps and the closing song, "Hope Lingers On," performed by the La Feria ECHS Band and Choir.

This year's Veterans Day celebration saw a great turnout, with the community of La Feria coming together to honor all veterans who have served or are currently serving.

Photos by Rosalinda Taguilas



Deacon Joe Gonzalez



Mayor Olga Maldonado



Guest speaker Julian Alvarez



MC, Maj. Al Guillen and Committee President John Hernandez



Commander Larry Beers