

Grandparents remembered by family

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TWEED — It was a day to remember Grandma and Grandpa.

Twenty-six grandchildren of William and Thelma Masterson have dedicated a plaque to their grandparents for their donation of the land which is now Stoco's baseball field.

In attendance for the recent dedication were approximately 180 members of the Masterson family, including William's brother Stafford and wife Irma, sister Leona Purcell and sister-in-law Hazel (Leonard) Masterson.

The land, which also includes a playground and arena, was donated to the community by the Mastersons in 1974. William, sometimes referred to as the "Mayor of Stoco", threw the first pitch at the opening ball game in the spring of 1974.

Masterson was an area businessman and opened the general store in Tweed opposite the seventh hole at Poplar's Golf Course in 1960. When the Marlbank Road was rerouted by the railroad, he rebuilt and moved his store to a more convenient location.



Born in 1908, Masterson was one of 12 brothers and sisters.

The plaque reads: "...To the memory of our grandparents William and Thelma Masterson without whose forethought this land would not have been made available."

Since the donation of the land in 1974, many children have played on the swings and slides at the park, many families have held reunions and parties in the arena and many ball teams have cheered their teammates to victory on the playing field.

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