

City Business
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City staff recently installed a couple of benches along Pete's Path. If you haven't ever strolled down Pete's Path, please take time to do so. Several of our citizens walk the path every morning. Over a mile long, much of the path parallels the Bosque River. Covered picnic tables are located along the portion across the river from City Park. From personal experience I can assure you, it's a good place for a hamburger cookout.

Over the years, the Civic Club has purchased thousands of dollars of trees which have been planted along the whole length of the path. Often you will see past Civic Club President and local tree shepherd, Donald Webb, tending his flock. Should you come across his path on a pretty day, ask him for a sampling of his cowboy poetry and you just might be privileged to hear a private recital...my wife, daughter and I were!

Before Pastor Sharon Robertson and her husband, Max, moved off to Colorado, Max gave the community a going away present. He planted a rose garden beside Pete's Path in the area just north of the baseball fields. One of the new benches is located in front of the rose garden, ready to accommodate citizens who want to take in the beauty of the roses when blossom time arrives.

The Texas Extension and Engineering Service staff who assisted the Hico Economic Development Corporation (EDC) in preparing a community economic development plan were inspired by the beauty of our park. They affirmed the park's value as a contributor to Hico's quality of life and as an attraction which, with a little more work and publicity, could be used to bring more visitors to Hico. That would be a boon for local retailers and restaurants. Park improvements are a major component of the new economic development plan.

Recently one of our new residents mentioned how every time he passed by the park someone was there with their children, enjoying the playground. Make plans to enjoy some of life's simple pleasures: a stroll, a picnic lunch or a frolic with the kids or grandkids amidst the beauty and tranquility found in Hico City Park. May God bless the City of Hico.