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Discover History At Canadian River Valley Pioneer Museum!

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MUSEUM NOTES: NOVEMBER 19, 2019

### THANKSGIVING

One hundred years ago, families across our nation were preparing to sit down with their loved ones to give thanks for their many blessings. One such blessing was having their beloved Soldier home from the Great War. However, not all families were that fortunate, many held an empty seat at their table for their loved one who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The young men seen here were from Canadian; they perished during World War I.

If you have ever attended a military event, or the lunchroom at any VA Hospital, there will be an empty table reserved for the missing and fallen military members. Yet, it's not just an empty table; it symbolizes much more than that. The table is round to show our everlasting concern for our fallen comrades. The tablecloth is white symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty. The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of our fallen comrades and the love ones and friends of these comrades who keep the faith. The vase is tied with a red ribbon that symbolizes our continued determination to remember the fallen. A slice of lemon on the bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those who will never return. A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by the families of those who have sacrificed all. The Holy Book represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country. The drinking glass is inverted, they cannot toast with us. And, the chair is empty because they are no longer with us. This coming Thanksgiving, I ask that you remember those military service members who cannot be home with their families and also those who are no longer with us.

### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

For the first time in the museum's history, we will be open on Small Business Saturday. On November 30th, from 10am to 2pm, all gift shop items will be discount by 15%. There are several items for children of all ages and numerous books about the history of the Texas Panhandle.

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