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> *Geese Population Control*



Newsletter for the Residents of Timberline Valley North Subdivision

Timberline Talk Summer 2021

Honk, Honk, (Mama goose Says) Please don't hit me with your broom. Your pretty yard is so inviting, I can't help but be drawn to it. I just want to have a family of my own. My babies don't know what they're doing, so please be kind to them. Just gently move us out of your yard and we'll leave.

Mama, I've got Angel wings (a deformation that prevents the goose from flying). **During this time do not feed the geese** as it will provide incentive to remain. **High carbohydrate diets such as corn and bread cause angel wing**, a deformation that prevents the goose from flying. Secondly, **do not chase the geese from your yard**. If they have nested there before they will always return to the same place year after year. If chased they will seek a higher location such as on your roof where we will not go.

Friends of Geese is a volunteer non-profit organization whose goal is to diminish geese/people conflicts. Wherever there are geese, there are goose droppings. And therein lies the main problem that many people have with these otherwise mostly harmless birds.

Humane programs have been successfully resolving conflicts with geese in many communities for many years. **The best geese control programs combine three methods:** Limiting flock growth, frightening geese (humanely) so they decide to leave on their own and changing the habitat so it isn't attractive to geese. This is not a one year project but a commitment that will show results over time.

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Kimberly M. Bradley wrote 4 original short stories for the “Friends of the Geese”. Hope you like them.

Gosling ask’s “Why Am I Hungry?”

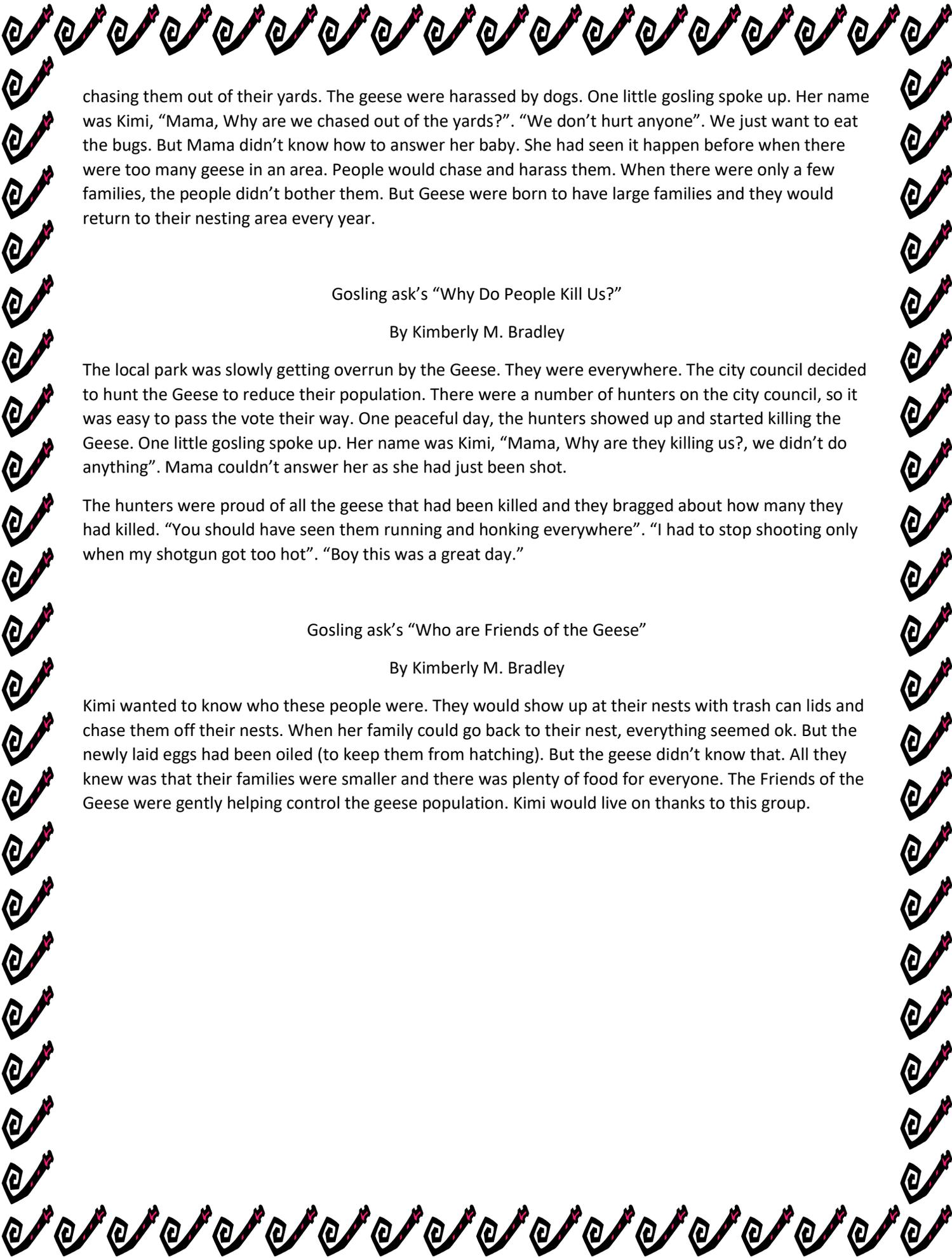
By Kimberly M. Bradley

It was a warm summer day and all the geese had found this wonderful pond in a quiet housing area. No dogs or little kids to bother them. They paddled in the water, eating up all the little bugs they would find. Then, they went onto the grassy lawns and helped themselves to more tasty bugs. No predators to worry about. The US Government even protected them (they didn’t know that). They set up nests around the pond. Then more Geese came to join them. Life was great. They had lots of friends and plenty of food. As more Geese came to join them, it became more difficult to find food. One little gosling spoke up. Her name was Kimi, “Mama, I’m hungry”. I can’t find any more bugs to eat. Mama tried to find more bugs, but all the other geese had eaten the bugs.

Gosling ask’s “Why Do People Chase us?”

By Kimberly M. Bradley

It was a warm summer day and all the geese had found this wonderful pond in a quiet housing area. At least they thought it was quiet. At first there were a small number of Geese. Then more Geese came to join them. Soon eggs were hatching everywhere and there were more geese then before. The geese went into the yards searching for juicy bugs to eat. Of course the Geese pooped everywhere they went. And now that there were more geese, their poop bothered the house owners. The owners started



chasing them out of their yards. The geese were harassed by dogs. One little gosling spoke up. Her name was Kimi, "Mama, Why are we chased out of the yards?". "We don't hurt anyone". We just want to eat the bugs. But Mama didn't know how to answer her baby. She had seen it happen before when there were too many geese in an area. People would chase and harass them. When there were only a few families, the people didn't bother them. But Geese were born to have large families and they would return to their nesting area every year.

Gosling ask's "Why Do People Kill Us?"

By Kimberly M. Bradley

The local park was slowly getting overrun by the Geese. They were everywhere. The city council decided to hunt the Geese to reduce their population. There were a number of hunters on the city council, so it was easy to pass the vote their way. One peaceful day, the hunters showed up and started killing the Geese. One little gosling spoke up. Her name was Kimi, "Mama, Why are they killing us?, we didn't do anything". Mama couldn't answer her as she had just been shot.

The hunters were proud of all the geese that had been killed and they bragged about how many they had killed. "You should have seen them running and honking everywhere". "I had to stop shooting only when my shotgun got too hot". "Boy this was a great day."

Gosling ask's "Who are Friends of the Geese"

By Kimberly M. Bradley

Kimi wanted to know who these people were. They would show up at their nests with trash can lids and chase them off their nests. When her family could go back to their nest, everything seemed ok. But the newly laid eggs had been oiled (to keep them from hatching). But the geese didn't know that. All they knew was that their families were smaller and there was plenty of food for everyone. The Friends of the Geese were gently helping control the geese population. Kimi would live on thanks to this group.