

Election time brings rumors!

This is not news to any of you, but I'm always amazed at what I hear versus what the truth is. Even in little Cresson, I was told that the mayor wants a property tax. **This is not true.** The city council and I continue to keep Cresson free of a property tax. Former Mayor, Bob Cornett, did an excellent job of ensuring that the city stayed within its budget and was able to make great strides with the revenue from our sales tax (which is what we run the city on). It is not an easy task.

We have proposed development coming to Cresson as I've written about before. Both larger developments propose to have their municipal utilities districts own and run both sewer and water. This allows Cresson to not be responsible for any maintenance costs for the needed infrastructure.

There has also been speculation that the city runs things without transparency. This notion is almost funny to this mayor. We communicate using our website, open door policy, lengthy mayor's comments in our meetings, and we will now begin to post these Hood County News articles to our website since we service residents Parker and Johnson counties as well.

The Cresson Train and Relief Route construction

Where my office sets, I can see highway 377 traffic racing by. Even with patrolman doing their jobs, traffic appears to not even slow down. Granbury's Mayor Jim Jarrett recently shared with me that 'there are 1.78 car accidents on Hwy. 377 per day, every day of the year INSIDE the Granbury city limits'.

As for other information per the Mayor Jarrett, 'according to TXDOT data, the area identified within the city limits as needing widening is the 184th most congested roadway in the entire State of Texas and is the 20th most congested in TXDOT Area 2 which includes the DFW metroplex. If you so choose, you can call, or write your State and Federal Representatives and encourage them to accelerate the much-needed expansion of Hwy 377'.

There are also wrecks near TXDOT's concrete barriers in Cresson before you get to the railroad tracks and after the railroad tracks.

We continue to see work being done on the Relief Route. This past weekend, they worked in full force which is exciting. Hardly a day goes by that someone does not mention the dreaded Cresson train! We all are excited about the prospect of being to drive over the train tracks and onto our destinations without being held up by the train. I wonder if they will keep their Facebook page and the Cresson train.

Bob Cornett City Park

We will soon be holding a raffle to raise funds for the Bob Cornett Park. We will kick off the raffle with some hand-picked guns. This is exciting for all our hunting enthusiasts and gun collectors! With the rising costs of materials, we still need funds to pay for some specific park items. We have agreed to approach the park in phases as the funds are raised. This is in addition to the grant the city received and the property donation by Cresson Crossroads. If you know of someone that would like to donate, just reach out to City Hall. We have several opportunities for donations. We will keep you posted on the details around the raffle.

Back to politics

In closing, I am reminded of what my mom always told me. In fact, she had several golden rules that she often shared with my brother and me. First, 'the crème rises to the top'. Be the crème! Be the person that speaks kindly of others. Root for the racer that is behind. Look for the good in folks. Secondly, Mom told us that 'what comes around goes around'. I really love this one because it simply means to me that if you can dish 'it' out, get ready for payback! Let us put integrity back into politics. Let us tell the truth. Let us not focus on just what you read on social media. Do your homework. Sometimes our news sources on television and social media are not telling us the entire story. Lastly, I will tell myself and challenge myself to 'practice what you preach'!

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