

Summertime fun in the city

The Fourth of July was a highlight for the Cresson City Hall team. They came up with the idea of decorating the city maintenance truck to resemble the infamous Cresson Train! It was a blast to watch the parade watchers read the sign to themselves, CRESSON TRAIN, then they either booed us or started laughing. We even got some hate mail on Facebook. The city does not own the train, nor do we tell it what to do and when. We, too, get stuck at the train and it is a huge inconvenience. We were shocked at how packed the streets were with all age groups! We only attempted to 'stop' the parade two different times when our water director, Victor Petty, put on his brakes and backed up a little and then moved forward a little to mimic the pain at the tracks. Fun times for the city and hats off to the Granbury Chamber of Commerce for be so inclusive!

The question I get asked mostly is when the bypass or relief route around Cresson is going to be completed. We are still being told by TX DoT that the end of 2023 is the target completion date. With all these non-rainy days we have had this summer, they continue to work without interruption. The sooner the relief gets to all the drivers on highway 377, the better for all!

We are hosting our 45th high school reunion this weekend. How did that happen? We graduated from Granbury High School in 1977. My class had 140 graduates. We knew everyone and they knew all our business. It was easy to get into trouble and have our parents find out about it because the parents talked amongst themselves. There was no social media and in fact, any phone call from our home in Cresson to Granbury was long distance. My dad did not allow those expensive calls unless it was important.

The class of 1977 was the first class of freshman to go all 4 years in the new high school. It was nice and very open with wide hallways and had good air conditioning, a real football field, a brand-new gymnasium, and an awesome band hall. We did musicals in the round in the cafeteria, held dances as well as many other events. The ping pong table was such a cool addition for a break in the day.

Highway 377 was just getting modified to go from 2 to 4 lanes between Cresson and Granbury. If I wanted to get to school quickly, I could skip the school bus and ride with my brother who was known to speed in the yet completed other two lanes. We flew down the graveled lanes and I'm not proud of that speeding, but it was like being on a jet plane!

The meeting location for the start of the parade is our beloved GHS high school. Just being there brought back so many fun memories. The city staff is already putting their minds together to attempt to 'top' this year's entry into the parade. We are already looking forward to the parade and all the fun around celebrating the fourth of July!

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