

Flying cars...really?

Whenever I referred to Wikipedia about the city of Cresson, it tells me it is a city located at the corners of Hood, Johnson, and Parker counties in the U.S. state of Texas. It is located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 377 and State Highway 171, 25 miles southwest of Fort Worth. Oh, but there's so much more to Cresson!

I went on to reread how Cresson got its name and some think it was named after John Cresson, who was a captain of a wagon train that camped in this area before the Civil War. Some folks think that Cresson was named after an official with the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railroad.

It's uncanny that many of us complain about the Cresson Train, but it was the train that helped establish Cresson in 1887 by the Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad. It was serviced by two railroads, a cotton gin, hotel, barbershop, bank, school, and a general store.

Cattle ranching was the mainstay of many of the former settlers. Thousands of cattle were shipped to market by the railroad, then shifted to large cattle trucks in later years.

The City of Cresson was incorporated in November of 2001 and the first city council was elected in 2002. The first city limits encompassed two square miles with a half a mile ETJ. Cresson's city limits and ETJ now includes 33 square miles.

This little town has grown from a phone company operated by one man named Chapel Bryant to hardly anyone having their LAN lines in their homes. Most of us only use our cell phones! My mom always said that Chapel knew everyone's business! But if you were answering all those switchboard calls, you would, too!

The best candy bars given out at Halloween were from Chapel's son and daughter-in-law, Fred, and Francis Bryant. They did not have children and I always thought that is why they gave out the full-size candy bars. They were also generous to our local Cresson Methodist Church.

Whenever I attend Cresson's Fall Festival annually, I always remember the celebrations held at the historic school of which the best food was always served. There were talent shows that I have written about in previous columns, but truly the "Beatles" and "Phyllis Diller" performances were my favorites.

The stage at the historic school is still in fine condition and was home to many plays. Local residents, Matt Miles and Jacque Teich Keeney joined this Mayor in the production of Snow White. Joe Long also played a big part in this play. Joe's mom, Helen Long, was instrumental in getting the historic school reopened as a Community Center. She was our 4-H Leader as well. Helen had a servant's heart.

Cresson is growing, but for some of us, it will always hold those childhood memories that make it special to us. Never did we think there would be a private airport here or a fast-food restaurant. As we get closer to the opening of the latest new restaurant, The Cresson Wrench, it's exciting to dream of getting delicious food and drinks from residents, Bambi and Ronnie Bridges! If you haven't driven by, take a turn to the right at the red light onto Highway 171 headed to Godley, and drive by and see all the artwork that the owners have had done on their fences. It's truly spectacular!

Sometimes I wonder when will the first electric vehicle charging station arrive to our community? Will we even have gas stations? My youngest son, Cole, used to be truly fascinated by the notion of flying cars. If we can go to Mars, we can probably see a flying car in our future. Not sure how our public safety figures will work in the air! Change continues to come to our little Cresson taking us from railroads and highways to the possibility of flying cars one day!

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