

Sleeping amongst the cattle

The celebration of Jesus' birth is just days away and the hustle and bustle make this the most festive time of the year for most. It seems that whenever we lose a friend or loved one during this season, it seems to hit us a little harder, too.

We have lost many this season, but we still hold onto the hope that we are given through the birth, death, and resurrection of our Savior. When you really listen to the words of our favorite Christmas hymns, you can hear the story. It is simply amazing that we are given the promise of salvation through the birth of the tiny baby that was placed in a manger in a stable where cattle slept. Take a minute to really grasp that notion. There was no room in the local inn and certainly no fancy birth announcements, nor even a 'gender reveal' on social media.

I am thankful to have been raised by parents that took me to church and offered me the opportunity to learn about Christ.

Cresson held its second annual Christmas Tree lighting where we shared some Christmas carols as well as delicious cookies and hot cocoa prepared by the Cresson Wrench. (Best hot cocoa I have ever had!)

We always cross our fingers when it's time for the countdown to lighting the tree. We test the lights of course while setting the tree up, but you never know what might alter that connection! Santa snuck into the crowd and was a huge hit as always! The sound of children singing and ringing their jingle bells is heartwarming to me! A special thank you to the Lake Granbury Area Beautification Council who donated our tree to the city of Cresson. We have used it for several years now and the donation is much appreciated!

The new year is just around the corner. Somehow, that newness of a fresh start, a clean slate, gives us hope for positive thoughts. Surround yourself with goodness and positive friends. Think about what is important to you and your family. Take time to think about your goals for 2023. Be thankful for all that we are given in today's crazy world. Let the 'not so good' side of politics stay in the background for a while. Take in some deep breaths, slow down in your cars, pick up the phone versus texting if you really want to reach out to a friend.

At the city of Cresson, our hope is that you remain happy and healthy. Our focus in this new year will continue to be on cleaning up our little city. This is not always a popular position, but we feel this is important as our city continues to grow. Until next year...

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