

Spring has sprung.... just look at the bluebonnets!

I always get excited when I spy the first batch of bluebonnets. On our drive to Magnolia, Texas, two weeks ago, I saw the first bunch of flowers. Then, today, while driving to Granbury, I screamed: Bluebonnets!! My sweet husband, Jerry, almost slammed on his brakes thinking something was wrong.

Forever, I have wanted to plant some bluebonnet seeds, but somehow Spring sneaks up on me and I do not get this done. It is about the same with gardens. Our good friends in Eastland, Granbury's own, Carol Sheffield Jones and her husband, Bob both have green thumbs. They grow gardens every year and Bob specializes in growing peppers. He carries a pepper in his pocket every work day to ensure he has one to eat with his lunch. He never comments on how hot it is burning his lips and tongue. I would be having to drink milk to attempt to kill the burn!

I absolutely love homegrown tomatoes! My cousin, Cindy Thrash Nobles, once made a salad of just white onions, tomatoes, and iceberg lettuce with salt and pepper. She added no salad dressing and it was delicious. I think it was because of the tomatoes! I bet Cindy does not remember this, but I wish I had it right now. Speaking of Cindy, we were all saddened to hear the loss of her Nutt House. She and the family had worked so hard to bring it back to life. The loss to a fire is almost incomprehensible for me. When I got married to my husband, we had our rehearsal dinner at the Nutt House. Then we had the bridesmaid's luncheon at the Coo-Coo's Nest. Needless to say, my husband's family from Alexandria, Louisiana, thought maybe we were all crazy based on those restaurant names!

In Cresson, we have the twice annual Spring clean-up which will be held this year on Saturday, April 22nd. This is a free service to all our trash customers where they can bring their bulk trash to the site. This year's site is again at the Cresson Methodist Church. The most popular things that end up in the trash trucks are mattresses, chairs, and yard furniture. It's fun to watch what folks are tired of and are sending to its resting place!

I got the biggest response on my articles from the one about trash. I got several emails, phone calls and a personal visit to City Hall! All the responders had great ideas about how to manage the trash. I like to think of our trash issue in two parts. The first is on Highway 377 and it is truly litter. Don't litter...remember the slogan? Then there's the junked nuisances in town and around Cresson. It is an ongoing challenge that still perplexes me. There is no one solution as it takes an army to keep our cities clean! Steven Vale, Granbury councilperson, called to discuss options that they may try soon. I'm anxious to hear all about the results.

We are so blessed to live in the great state of Texas! Enjoy the bluebonnets this season and remember, 'don't litter'!