

Coffee with the Mayor

Ser 38 (25-12) Park

Since next Friday is July 4th and I'm sure almost everyone has plans, thought I would take the opportunity to provide a Coffee with the Mayor a week earlier than scheduled.

I want to say a big THANK YOU to the Crane Credit Union personnel! Several employees of the Linton branch and I'm sure several other Crane employees wanted to have a community project at the park. With detailed planning, it was decided they would resupply one of the playground areas with certified mulch. Certified you ask? I had no idea mulch at a playground had to be certified. Evidently there are certain parts of mulch that are not allowed, like bark for one. Contact was made with a company that provides certified mulch and, in coordination with Credit Union staff, a schedule was set up.

This past Saturday afternoon, Credit Union staff and family members showed up in force with needed rakes, wheel barrels and shovels ready to take on the task. It also happened to be one of the hottest days temperature wise but with a good breeze. Believe most were surprised to see the mulch delivered in bulk from a semi-trailer and offloaded in a huge pile. The expectation was the mulch would be delivered in bags, the kind you see at Walmart or Ace Hardware! Spreading the mulch to the far end of the playground was going to add additional time to the task, but they got right to the task. Additional equipment was requested from families and in one case, a tractor with a front loader was brought in to help make a mole hill out of the hill of mulch.

Not sure how long everyone worked, but their task was complete by the end of the afternoon. There was even enough mulch left over to distribute to another playground area in the park. There is no doubt all went home tired and ready for a shower, but their efforts were greatly appreciated and visible to the community. The gentleman on the tractor was the last to leave as he continued to haul mulch to the other playground for some time. If you happen to stop by the Linton branch of the Credit Union, you might pass on your thanks for taking on this project.

I am aware there have been other organizations who have taken on projects in the park, but unfortunately, I was never given their name. There was landscaping completed around the log cabin that significantly improved the appearance. There are also circular gardens (at least that's what I call them) that were weeded out and mulch applied by a volunteer organization, again I did not get their name. Their work significantly improved the appearance of these areas! To this unnamed organization, I say a big THANK YOU! And especially for all that make the park a showcase, THANK YOU!

Linton it as it's finest over the 4th of July! The carnival, band stand (tenderloin and fish are a must), car show, entertainment, Civitan's Ham breakfast and of course the parade! With the 4th being on a Friday, many family members come home for a long weekend. I'm excited to have both my daughters and their families home for the whole week! This is the first time in some time they've been home for the 4th. Looking forward to seeing my grandsons' reaction to the parade!

It is my hope and prayer that each of you have an enjoyable and safe 4th of July and take advantage of what Linton has to offer!