



May 13, 2019

Dear Citizens:

The resolve of Corsicana citizens to embrace the words “I CAN” in our city name is on display.

Last week, Navarro Dental Center held its annual “Dentistry from the Heart” day. For the fifth year, Dr. Michael Eeds and his team worked on a Saturday and provided free dental care to those who cannot afford it. Many of these are Veterans. The team worked tirelessly to provide services to 127 people. Dr. Eeds is an example of how one person with the “I CAN” attitude can change people’s daily lives. I appreciate the donation of time and talent he and his staff provide every year.

The “I CAN” theme was celebrated last week at Kinsloe House’s 81<sup>st</sup> birthday party. Musician and entertainer Dave Tanner presented patriotic songs with unusual beginnings and the odds against them becoming popular. His message, that “American” has “I CAN” in the word, reminded me of our own city.

Coming up is the Inaugural Texas Veterans Day Parade. With just a handful of committee volunteers, this group wanted the Parade on May 18 because of its special meaning as Armed Forces Day. “I CAN” became “WE WILL”. Please plan to be Downtown along Main and Beaton Streets to see this patriotic parade of more than 40 entrants from Corsicana and Texas cities, including our own Corsicana High School ROTC unit. This parade will inspire our children as much as it will delight the Active Military, Veterans, and viewers. We should not forget Ronald Reagan’s message: “Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction.” The parade kicks off at the Navarro County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m.

On the same day, Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m. is the unveiling of the next Bronze statue which honors Dr. Kent Rogers. From his work in private practice and public health, to his decades of volunteer work on the sidelines of Corsicana Tiger football games, Dr. Rogers has been a constant in the changing face of medicine in Navarro County. He reveled in his ability on the sidelines of Tiger Field to help and inspire kids who learned not to quit. He was practicing and teaching “I CAN”. The Bronze statue will be permanently placed on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Beaton Street. All of the Bronze statues will be part of the city’s “Hear the History” program available on mobile devices. The Dr. Rogers Bronze script will be demonstrated at the event. Now, people can understand more of the heritage and stories behind these statues and the people and contributions they represent. The event is free and the public is invited to the unveiling – each produced, by the way, solely from private donations.

We all can enjoy the many events and activities Corsicana's groups, committees, organizations and creative thinkers are producing. "I CAN" see you there.

Sincerely,

Don Denbow  
Mayor