



July 11, 2019

Dear Citizens:

Corsicana's community spirit was on display last week for the annual Freedom Fest Fireworks at the IOOF Park. I want to commend the organizations which worked together to create this spectacular event, starting with the Corsicana Rotary Club for their coordination of activities for our youth and vendors. As always, the Parks and Recreation Department's coordination of sponsors to pay for the fireworks was appreciated, by what appeared to be thousands of people inside the park, along the streets, and at good vantage points in the area. Corsicana Fire Rescue's creativity in providing hands-on activities for children was a big hit. The water hose game, smoke tunnel, fire safety house, and providing fireworks safety education was a terrific addition to the event. An estimated 800 people met Fire Rescue staff and volunteers and took home free gifts. The Salvation Army of Navarro County, VOICE, Navarro Regional Hospital, and the American Red Cross were well represented. Navarro Regional Hospital provided cool towels and the Salvation Army and Red Cross made cold water available to attendees. The Corsicana Police Department assisted with coordination of the event and kept everyone safe. The Coyote Squadron Commemorative Air Force based at C. David Campbell Field also participated in the celebration by making a three-plane formation flyover.

The service organizations that created this event make it look easy, but it takes months of communication and planning by citizens who volunteer their time to make Corsicana a better place to live, as well as the generous support of local sponsors. Throughout the year I see examples of clubs and associations putting service before self. If you are not part of one of these clubs and would like to find a place for your time and talent, the Corsicana and Navarro County Chamber of Commerce is an excellent resource, at [www.corsicana.org](http://www.corsicana.org).

Sincerely,

Don Denbow  
Mayor