

Dear Friends

I am sure many of you noticed the filming that was done at the train station this past week. This was part of the new series on NBC called Revolution. We were happy to host the film crew of approximately 200 and hope that they will consider more episode shots in the future. I tend to view this as more positive for Chadbourn than negative. We certainly need tourism dollars and, who knows, we might get some entrepreneur that senses the immense potential we know exists in this town.

We are working diligently to find a solution for the railroad in Chadbourn. I was involved in two meetings this past week that had the sole purpose of trying to get all of the players involved in the railroad to the table so a solution can be worked out. We desperately need rail service in this county so that businesses such as Georgia Pacific can possibly open again. This is just one of the many infrastructure parts that have to be in place in order to attract both large and small business concerns. Payroll from outside of this county is needed so that present and future small business can thrive. I know that small communities such as Chadbourn will not grow until these needs are met.

The project to put radio read meters in the town is moving forward at a steady pace and we should have all of the meters in within the next few weeks. This will improve the reliability and accuracy of the system and should eliminate errors in meter reading.

We are still addressing drainage concerns within town with special attention being given to those areas that flooding occurs with regularity. We are also making an effort to address some aesthetic issues on Brown St. Please be patient. Money for these issues is in short supply.

Please remember the troops and first responders. Their work is never done.