

CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (C.A.A.)

Dedicated to maintaining the pride and spirit of Ceres

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NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

This newsletter is sponsored by "Pudge" and Mary Umbarger. They also sponsored the last newsletter. Thank you! It is with the help of folks like you that we succeed and for folks like you and future generations that we work so hard.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings members,

We hope everyone has had a good summer despite the dry weather. We want to thank everyone who has helped and supported our summer activities, especially those who have worked so hard to put these activities together.

We were pleased with the participation at the Ceres Day celebration; the vendors, the artisans, and those who served at Nelson's café. We also appreciate the involvement of the Ceres Ruritan Club. The equipment show included several demonstrations...thanks folks!

I want to thank Glen Repass for taking charge of the planned construction on the Museum equipment shed to house our antique machinery. These pieces that have been donated will fare much better now that they have an adequate space.

The May chicken cookout was well attended. The June pig-roast included water activities for the children. We were pleased with the community support at both functions.

Approval for the plans for an outdoor basketball court has been received and construction will begin soon. The Department of Parks and Recreation for Bland County heads this project.

Please plan to attend the hamburger/ hotdog cookout on August 16. On Sept. 6th we will roast more pork...so come hungry.

Our Homecoming Celebration on October 18 will be quite a day with a wonderful catered meal and raffle prizes galore. For those of you like me who aren't always lucky, there will also be plenty of door prizes.

As always, we encourage everyone to get involved. This is a community group open to everyone, and it takes many people to provide the CAA Center for Ceres. Our children who use the center for basketball and Bible School need your involvement to keep these activities possible. If you have friends or neighbors who aren't members, encourage them to get involved. We welcome any ideas for future activities.

		Sincerely,
		<i>G. H. Peery III</i> , President

NICE PROBLEM TO HAVE

The Association has a problem which is one of those "good news – bad news" situations. So many of you have been so wonderful in donating super items to the Museum, we are running out of space to properly display the treasured finds. The County of Bland has given permission for us to construct a 30 X 40 foot building to store these larger items. This building will house such current gifts as a thrashing machine, a grist meal, corn binder, two-horse disk and mowing machine, and stationary corn blower.

A suggestion has been made that we allow folks to contribute toward the cost of this structure through regular donations or gifts in honor or in memory of friends and loved ones. A plaque will be displayed to depict all donations of \$500 or more. A grant application has been filed.

Later, we will have a grand opening of the building which is yet to be named. One name suggestion was HCG Museum Annex. We might have some type contest to name this building.

REPORTED DEATHS

The following deaths were reported since the last newsletter was published:

Linwood Toms (husband of Mabel Cregger Toms)

Doris Cox Hancock Mullins (widow of Graham Hancock)

Mona Leigh Lambert Tibbs

C. S. Umbarger
Georgia Dillow Akers
Anna Lee Thompson Fisher
Poindexter Barker
Jean Hayton Hubble
James L. "Jimmy" Britton, Jr.
Tommy Buck
Sue Repass Lambert
Bertha Mae (Mrs. Marvin) Hayton
Sammy R. Thomas
James D. "Jim" Smith

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Terry Umbarger

By Sue Umbarger

In memory of "Red" Peck

By Randolph and Lois Davis

By Robert Davis

By Pam Hill

In memory of Tommy M. Buck

By Buddie and Lorree Waddle

In memory of James L. Britton, Jr.

By Bill and Doris Woodward

By W. Clyde Russell

By Jim and Karen Walker

By Sue T. Repass

By Buddie and Lorree Waddle

By Bethany United Methodist Church

By Roland and Betty Young

By Zan Walker

In memory of Sammy R. Thomas

By William and Betty Hubble

In memory of James D. Smith

By William and Betty Hubble

APPRECIATION

Louis Hitt has made a generous contribution of 13 of the wood benches that were a part of the now closed Sharon Presbyterian Church. His gift had three purposes. He wanted this gift to be a fund raiser for the Ceres Alumni Association, a means of preserving some of the history of the beautiful Church and give interested citizens an opportunity to own some of this history.

Melinda Compton Belcher is sharing with the Museum some of the treasures that her family has collected over many years. You must come by the Museum to see these items.

Lois Winesett and her nephew, **Ralph E. Winesett, Jr.** have made a priceless gift to the Museum. They have donated the World War I uniform and steel helmet of Cleve Winesett along with a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Winesett with him wearing the uniform. You may recall that Mr. Winesett lived near the "Divides" on Route 42 until his death a few years ago at the age of 103. He was probably the last living World War I veteran in this area.

Buddie Waddle donated the Masonic Bible belonging to Mr. Cleve Winesett that Lois Winesett gave to Buddie after Mr. Cleve's death in 1992. This Bible will be included in the wooden/glass frame that is being made by Glen Repass to house Mr. Cleve's WWI uniform. Mr. Cleve belonged to the Bland Lodge No. 206. At the age of 100 years, Worshipful Brother Cleve was installed as Worshipful Master of the Bland Lodge. Thus December 14, 1988 marked an event in the Bland Lodge which was not only a first for that lodge and the Grand Lodge of Virginia but probably for Freemasonry wherever dispersed. Mr. Cleve was raised on October 2, 1915 in the Ceres Lodge No. 262, now combined with the Bland Lodge.

Kirby and Joyce Keen donated a heating monitor for the Museum. This makes it easier to maintain the proper temperature for the preservation of the Museum's artifacts.

Sue T. Repass donated an oil tank (with oil) for use with the heating monitor.

Dora Ann L. Ferina made a very good suggestion to improve our newsletter mailing process and sent office supplies to make this change.

2014 CERES HOMECOMING

Plans are underway for the October 18th Homecoming. We hope you have started making plans to attend.

Homecoming Meal

The caterer (same as last year) and menu have been selected. They offered 12 entrees and 23 sides to select from. The decision has been made to have chicken, BBQ pork, potatoes, macaroni & cheese, green beans, tossed salad, bread, variety of desserts, and coffee, tea, or lemonade. The price will remain \$15 per plate. **Meal reservations must be received by Oct. 1st.** The registration form will be on our web page or included with this newsletter.

Raffle

Raffle tickets are enclosed. We hope you will sell or purchase these tickets. This is our big fund raiser of the year. For additional tickets, call Michelle at 276.682.4450 or 682.4380. A partial list of prizes and donors appears later in this newsletter. The winning tickets will be drawn on Oct. 18th.

Homecoming Schedule

Registration starts at 10:00 am
Touring, visiting, etc. until 11:25 am
Gather in the gym by 11:30 am
Welcome, introductions, blessing
Lunch served at 12:00 noon
Meal reservations to be received by Oct. 1.

Memorials, program, short business meeting, and raffle drawings after lunch.

RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZE GIFTS

The following raffle gifts have been received to date:

- **Rifle, 223 Ruger American, SS, bolt action** by CAA
- **i-Pad** by Evelyn Groseclose, Archie & Darleyne Atwell, Bill & Betty Crabtree, Buddie & Lorree Waddle, Wade Hall, Elaine Kegley, G. H. & Rebecca Peery and Janet White
- **Framed P. Buckley Moss Print** by Moss Foundation
- **Handmade Quilt** by "Just for Fun" Quilters
- **Handmade Throw** by Crabtree Family Sewing
- **3 Daily Lottery-chance Calendars** by Jimbo Muncy
- **Queen-size Comforter and Shams** by Sue Repass
- **2 Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater Tickets** by Regina Davis Lowman
- **\$50 Gift Certificate** for various Wytheville businesses by Builders Supermarket
- **2 \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Cards** by Bill and Betty Hubble
- **\$20 Gift Card** by Bill and Betty Crabtree;
- **2 lb. Fresh Fudge** by Big Walker Lookout
- **Magic Bullet Food/ Beverage Blender Set** by Janet Repass White
- **Davis Heritage Cookbook** by Regina Davis Lowman
- **Proof Coin Set** by Larry Waddell
- **\$25 Gift Certificate** by Harner's Market
- **Fondue Set** by Michelle Groseclose
- **\$20 Cash** by Bland Auto
- **Auto Front End Alignment** by Wright Auto
- **Auto Front End Alignment** by Looney's Auto Repair
- **Auto Service (oil change, etc.)** by Wright Auto
- **\$20 Gift Certificate** by Old Post Mercantile
- **iPad Cover** by Bland Farm Bureau

- **8 piece Microwave Pot Set** by Della Mae Neel
- **1 year CAA Membership** by Ceres Ministry Center
- **Tea Mug & Warmer Set** by Della Mae Neel
- **Pocket Manicure Set** by Della Mae Neel
- **Pocket Sewing Set** by Della Mae Neel
- **Set of 11 Washcloths** by Della Mae Neel
- **2 Medium Pizzas and 2 liter Drinks** by Bland Square Restaurant
- **Pasta Bowl** by Andy and Libby Hubble.

We are still accepting raffle gifts and door prizes.

TOYS FOR TOTS

We are again collecting new unwrapped toys and stuffed animals for needy children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HAMBURGER / HOT DOG COOKOUT WATER ACTIVITIES

Peery Center Gym

August 16, 2014 starting at 5:00 PM

Price: By Donation

PIG ROAST

Peery Center Gym

September 6, 2014 starting at 5:00 PM

Price: By Donation

14th ANNUAL CERES HOMECOMING

Former Ceres School Campus

Saturday, October 18, 2014

See more details in this newsletter

ELECTION DAY NELSON'S CAFÉ

Peery Center Gym

November 4, 2014, 6:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Vote and enjoy breakfast or lunch.

TAKEOUT PORK ROAST

To be cooked in late December

Date to be announced

Order your Christmas Boston Butt or Loin

Call 682-4380 or 4381 to place your orders.

Check the web site www.ceresva.org for other upcoming events as they are scheduled.

FITNESS ROOM

The fitness room contains state-of-the-art exercise equipment and is available for use 24/7 at a minimum cost of \$5.00 per month.

USE OF GYM

To schedule the use of the gym, call 276.682.4380 or 276.682.4255.

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Elmer Beardshall, Web Master

Reminders

Monthly Board Meetings
7:00 PM on 3rd Thursday in each month except
Quarterly meetings - 3rd Sat. of Jan, Apr., July, Oct.

Everyone is welcome

Henry C Groseclose Agriculture & FFA Museum
Open by appointment
Call 276 682-4587

Officers for 2014

President	G. H. Peery, III	276.682.4381
Vice President	Betty C. Hubble	276.682.4255
Secretary/Reporter	Michelle Groseclose	276.682-4450
Membership Secretary	Lorraine S. Waddle	276.688.4450
Historian	Kathy M. Hubble	276.682.4504
Treasurer	Robert I. Waddle	276.688.4450

Association Directors and term ending year:

J. W. Cassell – 2014	Janet R. White – 2015
Evelyn H. Groseclose – 2014	Frankie Gray – 2016
Elizabeth Kimberlin – 2014	William H. Hubble – 2016
Jonan C. Repass - 2015	Rebecca Peery – 2016
Sue T. Repass – 2015	Wade Hall – Past President

Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year:

Dean Kirk – 2014	Glen Repass - 2015
Robin U. Repass – 2014	Judy Cassell – 2016
Jerry Thompson – 2014	William H. Crabtree - 2016
Edd Houck – 2015	DeWayne Hubble – 2016
Joyce Keen – 2015	Robert I. Waddle – Treas.

Permanent Board Members (Past Presidents): Archie Atwell,
Anne Britton, Donna Compton, Frances Davis, Wade Hall,
Betty Hubble, G. H. Peery, III, and Doris Woodward



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