

CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (C.A.A.)

Dedicated to maintaining the pride and spirit of Ceres

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NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

Oddly enough, the Association received two newsletter sponsorships on the same day. Therefore, this newsletter will have two sponsors. Many thanks to the Scott and Hall families.

John and Sue Scott requested to sponsor a newsletter in honor of the officers and directors who make Ceres Alumni Association such a valuable asset to the community at large.

The Hall family requested to sponsor a newsletter in memory of:

Norma Hall Repass;
Dennis Stevenson Hall;
Eleanor Hall Wildgoose and her husband Les Wildgoose;
Ronald Newman, husband of Martha Hall Newman; and
Gary Franklin Hall, son of Donald and Chris Hall.

This sponsorship is by their loved ones: Jake Repass; Robert and Frances Hall; Andrew and Linda Hall; Martha Hall Newman and James VanDyke; Judy Hall Buck and Don; Jamie Hall Payne and Bill; Donald and Chris Hall; and Ronald and Susie Hall.

Again, thanks to the Scotts and Halls! If you or your company would like to sponsor a future newsletter, please contact any officer or mail your check for \$175 to P.O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318. This does not cover the full cost but it helps.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello folks. I hope your summer is going as well as you had hoped. I want to thank everyone who has helped make our spring and summer events a success. Our May Day event saw lots of people come through your facility. The yard sale folks seemed to have a successful day. The antique tractor folks brought out their finest and everyone enjoyed looking at them. It appeared that everyone had a great day thanks to the beautiful weather. We always are looking and listening to you for new ideas for the following year. Please contact us with your new ideas.

Our fund raising dinners have been well received. Our crowds have not been as large as in the past, but we realize there are other events happening in the area. Many thanks to everyone who helped cook and serve, as well as to all of you who bring those delicious desserts. We like to encourage any of you to step forward and offer to take a turn at the kitchen duties and serving. We are always in need of help at these events.

Quite a few people have stopped to visit the FFA museum lately. A group of students from Tennessee on their way to Washington D.C. was glad to have detoured our way. Our thanks to Anne Britton for all of her efforts to curate and preserve our valuable artifacts. The STEM program through VA TECH culminated their summer camp at the facility. They included a brief tour of the museum, narrated by Bill Crabtree, to inform them about the tie between Ceres and the FFA.

The community Bible school was hosted at the facility again this year. The average attendance of children and adults was around 70. The ability to provide services like this for the entire community is immeasurable. So many people have commented that few areas have such a caring and welcoming attitude. We have much to be thankful for.

Thanks to the grant we received, we have just begun with work on the handicap ramp to the exercise room. Many thanks to Jr. and Kim Stowers for donating their time and equipment to the excavation part of this project. They have agreed to donate this to the association. Jr. has been instrumental in getting Darryl Tyeryar to take care of all the concrete work involved in this project. Once again many thanks to those involved with the managing of this grant and their foresight to the betterment of our community.

Please remember we are always looking to you, the members of the CAA, for new ideas and thoughts as to how you see your organization going forward in the future. Many thanks to everyone who works tirelessly behind the scenes for the betterment of your organization. .

G. H. Peery, III, President

2016 CERES HOMECOMING

Plans are underway for the October 15th Homecoming. We hope you have started making plans to attend. This year's theme has not been selected. Suggestions would be welcome.

Homecoming Meal

The caterer (same as last year) and menu have been selected. They offered 25 entrees and 30 sides to select from. The menu will be turkey with gravy, baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, baked apples, tossed salad, bread, assorted desserts, coffee, tea and lemonade. Meals will be \$15 for adults (same as last year), \$3 reduction for children 4-10 years old; and free for 3 years and under. **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 276.682.4450 or 276.682.4255. A partial list of prizes and donors appears later in this newsletter. The winning tickets will be drawn on Oct. 15th.

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, Marlin 30-06** w/scope by CAA
- **Samsung Tablet** by CAA
- **Framed P. Buckley Moss Print** by Moss Foundation
- **Handmade Quilt** by "Just for Fun" Quilters
- **Handmade Throw** by Crabtree Family Sewing
- **Sabika Earrings** by Kathy Sink Harner
- **Queen-size Bedding Set** by Sue Repass
- **2 Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater Tickets** by Regina Davis Lowman Modzelewski
- **\$50 Gift Certificate** for various Wytheville businesses by Builders Supermarket
- **\$25 Gift Cards** by several CAA members
- **2 lb. Fresh Fudge** by Big Walker Lookout
- **Hand Carved Bowl** by Glen Repass
- **Davis Heritage Cookbook** by Regina Davis Lowman Modzelewski
- **\$25 Gift Certificate** by Harner's Market

REPORTED DEATHS

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

David C. Hubble
Thurman "Dwight" Cox, son of the late Herman & Molly Cox
Elbert "Butch" King
Hope Umbarger Pennington
William Harry "Bill" Spence
W. Thornton Umbarger
Mary Dillow Ingram
June Durham Sands
Bill Gillespie
Curtis Stowers, long-time bus driver
Roger Morehead, school board member
Donald "Kay" Kitts
David Dillow, husband of Marguerite Neel Dillow
Donna Houck Compton

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Terry Umbarger

By Sue Umbarger

In memory of William H. "Bill" Spence

By William and Betty Hubble

In memory of Donna Houck Compton

By Robert and Lorraine Waddle

By William and Betty Hubble

By Jim and Adrienne Hubble

By Arthur and Doris Woodward

By Donald and Sharon Compton

By Edd and Dana Houck

In memory of Faith Dannette Penley

By Marsha Groseclose Otey

PAST PRESIDENT REMEMBERED

Donna Houck Compton was remembered with a dinner and Celebration of Life in the Ceres Peery Center gym on July 3rd. Donna's favorite music was played in the background during the meal. Family and friends shared their favorite stories about Donna. A large memorial display prepared by her family highlighted Donna's life. Donna helped organize the 1999 Ceres Reunion and the Alumni Association. She was President of the Ceres Alumni Association in 2002 during the time when many people said the Association would never be able to accomplish the goals that are now a reality. Donna was a hard worker and a super leader. Donna often said, "We can do that" and was the first to volunteer. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and remained on the CAA Board of Directors until her death. Donna, we will miss you.

APPRECIATION

A special thanks to all who have worked in the kitchen, at the grill, on the serving line, on the cleanup crew and made desserts to make our fund raiser meals possible. We couldn't do it without you. Volunteers are always welcome!

IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH

Thanks to the Wythe-Bland Foundation, the twice weekly free stretching, exercise, and Jujitsu classes continue. As mentioned in the President's Message, construction of the handicap ramp to the Fitness Room is underway. This will be so beneficial for those who need to use the fitness equipment most. Come join the exercise classes at 6:30 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Everyone of all ages are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

In answer to many requests, a system to let you know what dues have been paid has been devised. If you see a number or an "L" typed after your name on your mailing label, that indicates you have paid Lifetime dues or through that year number. No number means no recent dues have been paid.

Dues are \$25 per calendar year (January – December), \$100 for 5 calendar years, or \$250 for lifetime dues. 2016 dues may be mailed to CAA, P. O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318.

WILLIAM CREGGAR SCHOLARSHIP

On April 16th, a Hot Dog/Hamburger Supper was held to raise funds for the annual William M. (Bill) Creggar Memorial Scholarship award. Seniors from the Bland County School where Bill worked for so many years, were invited to apply for this \$500 scholarship. The applications were not opened nor reviewed by any member of the Ceres Alumni Association. Teachers from three different counties, outside Bland County, reviewed the applications and wrote his/her recommendation for a winner. All three had the same recommendation. There was a tie. On the recommendation of the judges, two scholarship awards were made to Caitlin Fanning and Cody Gray. Congratulations to Caitlin and Cody and thanks to all the others who applied.

MUSEUM EQUIPMENT ANNEX

When you visit the Museum, be sure to see the red Farm Equipment building. We are proud that we had to create more space for all the items we had to display.

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.

TO RESERVE GYM – Call 276.682.4380 or 276.682.4255.

MUSICIANS

Musicians are welcome to come and jam at any event sponsored by the Association.

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

For a list of items in the Museum Gift Shop, call 276.682.4587 or write CAA, P. O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318. New travel mugs and T-shirts are on order.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HAMBURGER / HOT DOG COOKOUT MUSIC BY HOLLOW ROAD BAND (Bluegrass & Country)

WATER ACTIVITIES

August 13, 2016 starting at 5:00 PM

Price: By Donation

PIG ROAST AND WATER ACTIVITIES

September 3, 2016 starting at 5:00 PM

Price: By Donation

16th ANNUAL CERES HOMECOMING

Former Ceres School Campus

Saturday, October 15, 2016

(See details in this newsletter)

ELECTION DAY NELSON'S CAFÉ

November 8, 2016

6:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Vote and enjoy breakfast or lunch.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS POT LUCK SUPPER

Everyone is invited

December 17, 2016 starting at 6:00 PM

Check the web site www.ceresva.org or **Ceres Alumni Association** on **FACEBOOK** for other events as they are scheduled.

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 Elmer Beardshall, Web Master

Reminders

Monthly Board Meetings
 7:00 PM on 3rd Thursday in each month except
 Annual meeting - 3rd Saturday in October
 (Subject to change by the Board)
Everyone is welcome

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

Officers for 2016

President	G. H. Peery, III	276.682.4381
Vice President	Kimberly Stowers	276.688.4873
Secretary/Reporter	Michelle Groseclose	276.682-4450
Membership Secretary	Betty C. Hubble	276.682.4255
Historian	Elaine Kegley	276.228.2343
Treasurer	Betty C. Hubble	276.682.4255
Association Directors and term ending year:		
Frankie Gray – 2016	Elizabeth Kimberlin – 2017	
William H. Hubble – 2016	Jonan Repass – 2018	
Rebecca Peery – 2016	Jonan Repass – 2018	
J. W. Cassell – 2017	Janet R. White – 2018	
Evelyn H. Groseclose – 2017	Wade Hall – Past President	
Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year:		
Judy Cassell – 2016	Jerry Thompson – 2017	
William H. Crabtree – 2016	Edd Houck – 2018	
DeWayne Hubble – 2016	Joyce Keen – 2018	
Dean Kirk - 2017	Glen Repass - 2018	
Robin U. Repass – 2017	Betty C. Hubble – 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 *deceased		

Ceres Alumni Association (C. A. A.)

Sixteenth Annual Ceres Homecoming

Registration Begins 10:00 AM - October 15, 2016

Former Ceres School Campus

Lunch at 12:00 Noon

Registration – Return to: C. A. A, PO Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318 before October 1, 2016

Name(s) and Address: _____

Number
Meals* _____ @ \$15.00 each _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Yes, I/we plan to attend _____
***PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO RESERVE MEAL**

No, I will be unable to attend this year _____

Other Funds Enclosed:

Dues for 1 year	@ \$ 25.00	_____
Dues for 5 years	@ \$100.00	_____
Lifetime Dues	@ \$250.00	_____
Raffle Tickets		_____
Donation to Endowment Trust Fund		_____
Donations to Association		_____
Other		_____
	Total Enclosed	_____

Would you be willing to be an officer or serve on a committee? _____