

CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (CAA)

Dedicated to maintaining the pride and spirit of Ceres

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NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

The Association received a donation of \$175 from a member toward the cost of this newsletter. They want to remain anonymous. Mr. and Mrs. "C", we appreciate your support of the Ceres Alumni Association.

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. Did you hear that Postage costs increased?

CERES HOMECOMING – Oct. 16, 2021

THEME: FFA LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

9:30 – 11:20 AM Registration in gymnasium
Tours of buildings and visiting

11:30 AM Gather in the gymnasium

11:40 AM Welcome – G. H. Peery, III, President

12:00 Noon Blessing – Rev. C. Ray Davis

Meal (Catered by Roxanne Winesett Catering)

Menu: Roast Beef and Oven Fried Chicken

Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole, Glazed Carrots, Tossed Salad

Banana Pudding, Apple Cake, German Chocolate Cake

Roxanne's Sliced Bread,

Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

\$15 for adults, \$7.50 - children under 10, free for children under 2.

Reservations due by October 6, 2021.

Memorial Recognition – G. H. Peery, III

Guest Speaker – *FFA Representative*

Short Business Meeting

Election of 2022 Officers – Wade Hall

Raffle Drawings

Visiting and Socializing

If you have not had COVID-19 vaccinations, we suggest masks and social distancing when visiting with your friends. Better to be safe than sorry.

ANNUAL RAFFLE

There is still time to get you Raffle tickets turned in or obtain more tickets if you need them. Tickets may be turned in or purchased as late as during registration at Homecoming on October 16th. Again, tickets are \$1 each and are in packs of 10 tickets. This is our big fund raiser of the year. For additional tickets, call 276-682-4255. A partial list of prizes appears below. A special thanks is extended to Melvin Enterprises, Inc. for providing the raffle ticket printing.

Raffle Gifts

The following raffle gifts have been received to date:

- Rifle, Henry Lever Action .22, Caliber .22LR, Model H001 donated by CAA
- Small Laptop Computer donated by CAA
- Framed P. Buckley Moss Print donated by Moss Foundation and framed by Farmers Daughter
- \$250 STIHL Gift Certificate
- Hand-made Throw by Crabtree Sewing
- Hand-carved Wood Bowl made by Glen Repass
- Hand-made Quilt made by Stitch 'N Time Quilters
- Hand-made Rug by Janet White
- Caulking Gun by Sloan Cain
- Several other Gifts and Gift Certificates

REPORTED DEATHS -

Deaths reported since the last Newsletter:

Mabel Virginia Cregger Toms
Hope Harner McMechen
Della Mae Cruff Dumford
Sammy Umbarger, son of Mr. & Mrs. O.P. Umbarger
Johnny Harrison Shupe
Paul Looney
Diane Cox, wife of Blake Cox
George Newman, husband of Martha Cassell Newman
J. W. Cassell

These will be remembered at 2021 Homecoming.

CAA Board of Directors Member Dies

On August 31, 2021 Bland County lost a leading citizen, James William "J. W. "Cassell. A native of Ceres, J.W. was very active in the Ceres Alumni Association and has been serving on the Board of Directors for many years. If there was a job to be done, J.W. was the man to call. At a CAA meeting this week, someone ask, "Who will take J.W.'s place at Homecoming?" J. W. will be missed.

MEMORIAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS

In memory of Ronnie Houck
By Eileen and Bill McDaniel
By Gladys U. Deaton
By Deborah Dillow

In memory of Reva A. Crabtree
By David R. Danner

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Groseclose, Sr
By D. G. and Ginger Groseclose David

In memory of Jack King
By Rhonda B. King

In memory of G. R. Harden
By Betty A. Harden

In memory of Irene Harden
By Betty A. Harden

In memory of Robert "Buddie" Waddle
By Lorraine Waddle

In memory of Diane B. Lindamood
By Lorraine Waddle

In memory of Arthur "Bill" Woodward
By Pascor Atlantic Corp
By Frances Catron Davis

In memory of Doris Catron Woodward
By Pascor Atlantic Corp
By Frances Catron Davis
By Geneva Smith Gentry

In memory of J. W. Cassell
By Sue T. Repass
By Glen and Robin Repass

Donations to Ceres Alumni Association

By Priscilla E. Dillow
By Randy Moler
By Dean Kirk
By Harry and Dare Dillman
By Brenda W. Tate
By Wythe Grey Chapter UDC 136

Donation to CAA Endowment Fund

Donation By Priscilla E. Dillow
In memory of Bessie Mae Groseclose (1881-1920)
By Dean and Chris DeRosa
In memory of James F. Wilson
By Dean and Chris DeRosa
In memory of Ronnie Houck
By Edd and Dana Houck

Donations to Cregar Scholarship Fund

By David R. Danner

FITNESS CENTER

The handicap accessible Fitness Center is now available for use 24/7 at a small cost of \$5.00 per month. We ask that you disinfecting the equipment before and after each use. To join the Fitness Center and receive a key, a short training session is required. Call 276.682.4380 to schedule training.

TO RESERVE THE GYM

The Association is once again accepting reservation requests to book and use the gym. If you have not had your COVID-19 vaccine, masks are recommended. To reserve the gym, you may call 276.682.4380 or 276.682.4255. **After using the gym, please remove your trash and clean up.**

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

In answer to many requests, a system to let you know what dues have been paid has been devised. A number or an "L" typed after your name on your mailing label, indicates you have paid Lifetime dues or through the 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. Dues may be mailed to CAA, P. O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318.

UPCOMING 2021 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 SUPPER

Music by Central Pickers

Pig Roast, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Baked Apples, Desserts, including ice cream.

Start serving at 5:00 PM

Price: By Donation

HOMECOMING - October 16, 2021

See details on Page 1

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS POT LUCK SUPPER

6:00 PM - December 11, 2021

Bring your family, friends and favorite dish to share.

PAPER PRODUCTS FURNISHED

CHRISTMAS PORK ROAST – Dec. 17, 2021

Take Out Boston Butts and Pork Loins

Boston Butt Roasts are \$30 and Pork Loins are \$35. Place orders by **December 10** by calling (276) 682-4380 or (276) 682-4381. Cooked meat may be picked up after 5:00 PM on **December 17th** at the Peery Shop in Ceres. G. H. and his helpers will work all day roasting this delicious pork.

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

Ceres Alumni Association

P. O. Box 32

Ceres, VA 24318

276 682-3989

Web Site

www.ceresva.org

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

Officers for 2021

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| President | G. H. Peery, III | 276.682.4381 |
| Vice President | Lorraine V. Waddle | 276.688.4450 |
| Secretary/Reporter | Sara L. Kidd | 276.210.7888 |
| Historian | Laura B. Mustard | 276.682.0162 |
| Newsletter | Crystal L. Jenkins | 276.682.3741 |
| Treas./Membership | Betty C. Hubble | 276.682.4255 |
| Past President | Wade Hall | 276.682.4380 |

Association Directors and term ending year:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sue T. Repass – 2021 | Rebecca M. Peery – 2022 |
| Margaret Stevenot – 2021 | J. W. Cassell - 2023 |
| Janet R. White – 2021 | Evelyn Groseclose - 2023 |
| Darleyne Atwell - 2022 | Elizabeth Kimberlin - 2023 |
| Frankie Gray – 2022 | Wade Hall – Past Pres. |

Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Edd Houck – 2021 | Michelle Groseclose – 2022 |
| Iris C. Pruett – 2021 | Dean Kirk - 2023 |
| Glen Repass – 2021 | Melissa Renninger - 2023 |
| Judith Cassell – 2022 | Robin U. Repass - 2023 |
| William H. Crabtree – 2022 | Betty C. Hubble – Treasurer |

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

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Funds Transmittal Form (for your convenience)

Return to: CAA, PO Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318

Name(s) and Address:

| HOMECOMING MEAL: | | (No.) | |
|--|-------|----------------|----|
| Adult Names: | _____ | @ \$15.00 | \$ |
| Child under 10 names: | _____ | @ \$ 7.50 | |
| Child under 2 names: | _____ | @ FREE | |
| Dues for 1 year | | @ \$ 25.00 | |
| Dues for 5 years | | @ \$100.00 | |
| Lifetime Dues | | @ \$250.00 | |
| Raffle Tickets | | | |
| Donation to Endowment Trust Fund | | | |
| Donation to Association | | | |
| Donation to William M. Cregar Scholarship Fund | | | |
| Donation to _____ in Memory/Honor of _____ | | | |
| Other | | | |
| | | Total Enclosed | \$ |