

CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (C.A.A.)

Dedicated to maintaining the pride and spirit of Ceres

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello folks,

I hope everyone has had a safe and prosperous summer and fall. Your organization has had a successful summer and fall. At your first pig roast, we had 244 people in attendance that evening. What a crowd for a little old place called Ceres! Your other events were well attended even though we had competition with other events going on in the area. The ice cream that Janet White and crew serve seems to be quite the crowd pleaser as well as a crowd draw.

Your homecoming event in October was well attended, just not quite as large a group as we have traditionally been accustomed to. We all know that covid has played a huge part in the attendance of our events, but we want to thank everyone who has attended and helped put these events on. Your raffle went quite well this year. We managed to clear \$3,132.93 on the raffle and received \$4,747.00 in donations during this period. Many thanks to Della May Neel for her continued diligence in selling the raffle tickets. She helps to make this project a success.

I'll close by saying thank you to all of you who work quietly behind the scenes to make this organization the success that it is. The great thing about this organization is the people who jump in and help and work so great together. If you are not a member, then we say you are missing out on a great opportunity to be part of your community and the fine people here who unselfishly give of their time for it. Many don't get the recognition they deserve, but each one makes Ceres the community known for its caring environment.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season, and please don't forget to take time to reflect on what the season really is about. Also, don't forget to help those around you who are not as fortunate as you may be. Merry Christmas to all.

Yours truly,

G. H. Peery III, President

2021 HOMECOMING

The Ceres Alumni Association sponsored its 20th annual Ceres Homecoming on October 16, 2021. The weather was perfect and the turning leaves added to the beauty of the valley. Approximately 80 attended.

After the opportunity to visit the Museum and school building (thanks to the Ceres Ruritan Club) guests gathered in the gym, beautifully decorated by Lorree Waddle and Becky Kimberlin. The outside was decorated by Clay and Erin Hubble. *Thanks!*

Program

G. H. Peery, III, President, welcomed the guests. During this time, he thanked Steve Hider, Roger Shelton and Kenny Umbarger for their recent work on the gym roof and porch railings. Following the blessing by Rev. C. Ray Davis, a delicious and bountiful meal, catered by Roxanne Winesett, was served.

Following the meal, G. H. led the annual "Rose of Remembrance" segment of the program. Because we had no Homecoming celebration in 2020, the list was unusually long...covering two years. Seventy-four (74) members, family and local citizens whose deaths were reported to the Association since the last Homecoming were remembered with a rose presented to family members who were present. In nine cases, more than one member of the same family was lost. These are listed first below. All are in alphabetic order. Those remembered were:

Multiple family members:

Martha "Lee" Williams Brown,
Helen Williams Jackson, sisters of Carrol W. Crabtree

Grace Neel Foglesong,
Vernon McArthur Neel, brother of Grace
James David Neel, son of Vernon Neel

Thomas Daniel Hanshew,
Frieda Repass Hanshew, husband and wife

Nancy Jean Harner,
Tommie Dodson, in-laws

Garrett Wayne Lambert,
Verdie Lambert Townley, mother of Garrett Lambert

Aleene Umberger Niday, former Ceres Elementary teacher,
Faith Umberger Niday, daughter-in-law of Aleene

Jerry Lee Thompson, and
Martha Penley Umbarger, husband and sister of Molly Penley Thompson

James F. "Jim" Wilson,
Thomas Greenwood Wilson, son of the late James F. "Jim" Wilson

Arthur M. "Bill" Woodward,
Doris Catron Woodward, husband and wife and CCA charter members

Others:

Louise Repass Aliff, sister of Jake Repass
Donna Strock Bell, daughter of Elaine Dillow & sister of Angela Harden
Bobby Bevil,
Harold Thomas Blankenship, Jr.,
Susan Blessing,
George Bowman, husband of Martha Cassell Bowman
Quentin Boyles,
Elizabeth Ann Compton Brooks,
Mary Alice Bruce, daughter-in-law of Dr. Claude W. Bruce
James William "J. W." Cassell,
Hayden Church,
Arnold C. Compton,
Amy Jean Cox Cook,
Diane Cox, wife of Blake Cox
Wiley B. Cox,
Robert Randolph Davis,
Joyce Tate DeWilde,
Robert "Little Bob" Dillow,
Della Mae Cruff Dumford,

Aaron Heath Faulkner, son of C. L. Faulkner, Jr.
Dan Foglesong,
Steven Philip Frederick,
Mae Hancock Hanshew,
Julie Wright Clark Hays,
Polly Mae Cregger Hayton,
E. Ronald "Ronnie" Houck,
Brian C. "B.C." Hubble, Jr.,
Howard Andrew "Andy" Hubble,
Helen Dean Ingram, (Mrs. Donnie Ray)
Jan Jenkins, mother of Crystal L. Jenkins
Geneva Cox Leedy
Sandra Stowers Lewis, sister of Joann Stowers Groseclose
Diane Bohara Lindamood,
Paul Looney,
Janet Bird Miller,
Hope Harner McMechen,
Frances Louise Monk, sister of Betty Harden
Billie Ann Muncy, Mother of Rebecca Peery
Martha Hall Newman,
Kenneth "Bruce" Repass,
Curtis James Sexton, Sr.,
Ellis Shupe,
Johnny Harrison Shupe,
Virginia Frances Perky Shupe,
Warren R. Thompson,
William David Tickle, Sr.,
Mabel Virginia Cregger Toms,
Donald Umbarger,
Leah Nicole Umbarger, granddaughter of Kenny and Jean Umbarger
Sammy Umbarger, son of O.P. and Mary Jane Umbarger
Stafford Umbarger,
Larry Dorn Waddell,
Stuart Elwood Waddle,
Craig Randolph Winesett
Rachel Jean Young.

This was followed by a moment of silent remembrance and reflection.

Business Meeting

During the business meeting, the minutes of the last Board meeting, Treasurer's report, Museum report and current membership list, as presented in the program, were approved.

2022 Officers

The following Association officers were elected for 2022: President – G. H. Peery, III; Vice President – Lorraine S. Waddle; Recording Secretary/Reporter – Sara L. Kidd; Historian – Laura B. Mustard; Newsletter – Crystal L. Jenkins; Treasurer/ Membership – Betty C. Hubble. Wade Hall holds the position of Past President.

The Association's Board of Directors elected for a three-year term through 2024 were: Sue T. Repass, Margaret Stevenot and Janet R. White. Sharon Sayre was elected to serve the unexpired term of J. W. Cassell through 2023.

Association Endowment Fund Directors elected to serve through 2024 were: Edd Houck, Iris Pruett and Glen Repass.

Other officers are listed on the last page.

Raffle Winners

A much-anticipated event of the day was the drawing of the winning tickets in the annual raffle. Thirty (30) raffle prizes were awarded to: Kathy Bowlin, Frankie Davis, Linda

Dodson, Tommy Dunn, Robert Foglesong, Jenny Goins, Kim Haislep, Willie Haynes, Betty Hubble, Jim Hubble, Andrew Kegley, Phyllis Kirk, Debbie Owens, Sue Repass, S & W. Fertilizer, Jerrod Sadler, Sue Sharp, Nancy Tibbs, Pat Turner, Mary Etta Umbarger, Ed and Barbara Wimmer, and Cindy Wright.

The four largest prizes of the day were a Henry Lever Action .22 Rifle donated by CAA and won by Todd Owens.

A framed P. Buckley Moss Print donated by the Moss Foundation and framed by Farmers Daughter; and won by Tommy Repass.

Small Laptop Computer donated by CAA and won by Darleyne Atwell.

Hand-made Quilt made and donated by Stitch 'N Time Quilters, won by Judy Hannah.

\$250 STIHL Gift Certificate donated by Don Haag and won by Barry Hancock.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Raffle Donors

A big thanks goes out to all the donors of raffle gifts. Without the help of each of the donors, there would be no fundraising raffle. Appreciation was expressed to all the donors, especially those who gave several gifts. The following businesses and individuals donated prizes: Ceres Alumni Association, P. Buckley Moss Foundation, Stitch 'N Time Quilters, Crabtree Family Sewing, Sue Repass, Betty Hubble, Bill & Betty Crabtree, Glen Repass, Old Post Flea Market, Della Mae Neel, Bland Square Restaurant, Bland Auto Service, S & W Fertilizer, Crystal Jenkins, Don Haag, Lorree Waddle, Sloan Cain, Route 42 Garage, CAA Museum, Glen and Robin Repass, Laura Mustard, W&W NAPA, Wade Hall, Janet White, The Paper Clip, and Bland Farm Bureau,

Thanks were extended to all who helped make this day such a success; to the Ceres Ruritan Club for allowing the guests to tour the former school building and for its upkeep; and to all who provided raffle gifts.

REPORTED DEATHS

The following deaths were reported since the publication of the most recent newsletter:

Donald Umbarger (omitted earlier)

Cheryl Owens of Palatka, FL & Poor Valley

Thomas J. Roseberry, II

Gregory Marshall, Meth. Minister's husband

Lois Taylor Lowery, mother of Jan Russell

GIFTS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER - MEMORIAL / HONOR DONATIONS

In memory of George Bowman

By Doris Foglesong

In memory of J. W. Cassell

By Bob and Betty Munsey

By Wayne Umbarger

By Evelyn H. Groseclose

In Honor of Judith Cassell

By Bob and Betty Munsey

In memory of Hub and Ruth Groseclose

By Marsha Groseclose Otey

In memory of Samuel Paul Umbarger

By O. P. and Mary Jane Umbarger

In memory of Buddie Waddle

In memory of Bill Hubble

By June Ellen Russell

In memory of G. H. Peery, Jr.

In honor of Annie C. Peery

By Denise Peery Huff

In memory of Jerry Thompson

By Wayne Umbarger

By Elmer and Ann H. Beardshall

By Molly and Erin Thompson

In memory of Linda Davis

By Regina Modzewski

In memory of Ronnie Houck

By friends of Rhonda Houck-Morofsky

Donations to CAA

By Stephen Kelley

By Toni and Jan Russell

By George P. Groseclose

By J. C. Dillow, Jr.

By Billy Dillman

By Dora Ann Ferina

By Pat Hancock

By Hilda Parks

By Robert J. Shupe

By Brenda Tate

By Frank Cassell

By Steve and Esther Hider

By Ray Davis

By Frank and Margaret Cassell

Donations to Cregar Scholarship

By Annie C. Peery

MEMBERSHIP

As of December 4th, 143 members had paid their 2021 dues. Twenty-one of these are lifetime members. Remember, **anyone can be a member** of the Ceres Alumni Association. Attending Ceres School is NOT a requirement. All are welcome to become members.

A system has been devised to let you know if your dues have been paid. 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. Dues may be mailed to CAA, P. O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318.

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. Call 276.682.4380 for required training.

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 276.682-0162, 276.682.4587 or write CAA, P. O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318.

GYM ROOF REPLACEMENT

As mentioned on page 1, Steve Hider, Roger Shelton and Kenny Umbarger were thanked for recent roof and railing repairs. The roof is no longer leaking but this is a temporary repair. Major repairs were made in about 2000. In the now-so-distant future, this roof must be replaced. The type of roof to be installed is being investigated. To kick-off this project a \$5,000 donation has been made. Hopefully, by the time the new roof is required, we will have the necessary funds.

2022 UPCOMING EVENTS CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CERES PEERY CENTER GYM

Musicians are welcome to come jam at all events.

GAME NIGHT

No admission fee – No prizes

Bring your own cards

January 15, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM

Concessions sold by donation

KIDS MOVIE NIGHT (for all ages)

January 29, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Light concessions – donation

May bring Pillow and Blanket if kids desire

GAME NIGHT

No admission fee – No prizes

Bring your own cards

February 5, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM

Concessions sold by donation

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Feb. 19, 2022 – 8:00 AM until food runs out

Price: By Donation

GAME NIGHT

No admission fee – No prizes

Bring your own cards

March 12, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM

Concessions sold by donation

**WM. (BILL) CREGGAR SCHOLARSHIP
BEEF ROAST**

Bouncy House for small children

April 23, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM

To raise funds for a scholarship to be awarded to a Bland County student.

Musicians Welcome

Price: By Donation

CERES DAY

Sponsored by CAA and Ruritan Club

Former Ceres School Campus

May 7, 2022 starting at 8:00 AM

Crafters and exhibits start at 10:00 AM

Children's Activities – sign up before 11:00 AM

Sausage Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast in gym

Beans and Cornbread Lunch in school cafeteria

Flea Market, Yard Sale and Bake Sale,

Crafts, Farm Equipment, Heritage Demos.

Corn Shelling and Lots More.

Museum will be open.

Spaces: Indoor - \$10 and outdoor - \$5

Table rental - \$5 each

Call 276.682.4231 to reserve your space

PORK B-B-Q

Bouncy House for small children

June 4, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM

Price: By donation.

BEEF ROAST

WATER ACTIVITIES (weather permitting)

Bouncy House for small children

July 16, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM

Price: By Donation

PIG ROAST AND CORN-ON-THE-COB

WATER ACTIVITIES (weather permitting)

Bouncy House for small children

August 20, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM

Price: By Donation

HAM DINNER

WATER ACTIVITIES (weather permitting)

Bouncy House for small children

September 17, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM

Price: By Donation

21st ANNUAL CERES HOMECOMING

Former Ceres School Campus

Saturday, October 15, 2022

More Details Later

ELECTION DAY NELSON'S CAFÉ BREAKFAST

November 8, 2022

6:00 AM – ? AM

Vote and enjoy breakfast.

By Donation

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

POT LUCK SUPPER

December 10, 2022 starting at 6:00 PM

Drinks and paper products furnished

CHRISTMAS PORK ROAST

Boston Butts and Pork Loins

Take Out

December 16, 2022

More details later

Check the web site www.ceresva.org or
Ceres Alumni Association on **FACEBOOK**
for other events as they are 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 Third 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 or 276 682-0162

Officers for 2021

President	G. H. Peery, III	276.682.4381
Vice President	Lorraine Waddle	276.688.4450
Secretary/Reporter	Sara L. Kidd	276.210-7888
Historian	Laura B. Mustard	276.682-0162
Newsletter	Crystal Jenkins	276 682-3741
Treasurer/Membership	Betty C. Hubble	276.682.4255

Association Directors and term ending year:

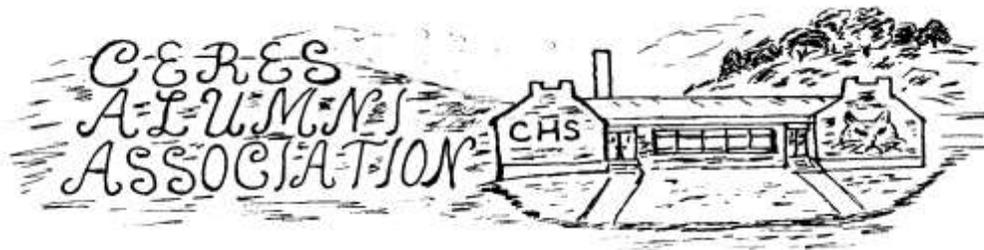
Sue T. Repass – 2021	Rebecca M. Peery – 2022
Margaret Stevenot – 2021	Sharon Sayre – 2023
Janet White – 2021	Evelyn Groseclose – 2023
Darleyne Atwell – 2022	Elizabeth Kimberlin – 2023
Frankie Gray – 2022	Wade Hall – Past Pres.

Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year:

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 – 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



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