

CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (CAA)

Dedicated to maintaining the pride and spirit of Ceres

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone is staying healthy and covid free. The repairs on the gym roof are now complete as well as the floor repairs. It looks really nice, and I hope to gather up the pictures I took during the repairs to share with everyone at one of our future events. Cattle Dog Roofing did a nice job and did it in the time frame that they said they would. Mr. Sean Tate, the owner, was a great person to work with and kept us informed as the project proceeded. I must give a big thank you to everyone who has helped us financially and physically with the roof repair on the gym. We are still in need of some additional financial aid toward the repairs and are actively engaged in trying to apply for some grant help. We will not know the results of our grant efforts until sometime in October.

Our summer events have been well attended and everyone has been very gracious with their time and financial gifts. Many thanks to the Kidd family, the Pruett family, and the Stevenot family for serving at our previous events. The meals they prepared were great, and everyone seemed to enjoy them greatly. But I cannot begin to thank Janet and Gary White and all their helpers who do the ice cream at every one of our dinners. This one thing has helped add so much enjoyment to our dinners as well as adding to our community draw of new folks. To Glen Repass, Frankie Gray and Johnnie Umbarger, your help, behind the scene, is always appreciated. It's the work of all these folks and many others working behind the scene that makes our dinners a success.

As always, I must stress the hope that others will come forward and bring their ideas to the association. After all, it is yours and we encourage everyone to come and participate in any of these events. We are always looking for new ideas. Many thanks to ALL of you who work quietly behind the scenes to make our association what it is today. Don't forget we still have a couple more events this summer as well as our upcoming raffle.

G. H. Peery, III

Ceres Alumni Association President

A MEMBER'S THANK YOU

As Summer comes to an end, we would like to thank our amazing community for all of the support and donations to keep a roof over everyone's head and the bills paid. Our community dinners brought well over 230 people a month to the table. Not only did folks come from Bland County, we had visitors who saw the sign near the interstate. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and good food. A big thank you also to our hard-working volunteers!

Did you know...we have approximately 600 people living in Ceres consisting of about 240 households? Help spread the word to your friends and new neighbors about Ceres Alumni Association. We offer a warm welcome to new members and guests in our friendly community. EVERYONE is eligible to join. Come down and join us for activities at your community center. Again, a BIG Thank You for everyone's generous support.

A MOOO-VING STORY IN CERES

No doubt you heard we need to raise funds to replace the gym roof. There was no choice. If the roof was not replaced, the gym would have been lost. We are trying everything we can think of to raise the necessary funds.

The folks at Renninger Family Farm came up with a novel idea. They offered a 400-pound steer calf for which chances could be sold. Folks who had no place to keep "baby MOO" bought chances, including the winner.

\$3,360 in tickets were sold. The surprised local winner chose to send "baby MOO" to the market and received **\$505.70** after paying the sale fee and hauling. This was donated back to the roof fund. Thank you to the winner and the Renninger family for the novel idea and for the calf.

ROOF FUND

THANK YOU! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS! You folks are wonderful!

The roof was replaced at the end of June. As so often happens, additional damage to the walls over the back roof was discovered. This was caused by ice freezing on the roof and damaging the upper wall. The contractor will also make the necessary repairs to the gym floor that was damaged by the rain water. Our hope is to receive grant funding to cover the remaining cost however, our fund raising efforts will continue. A special thank you for our officers who volunteer their time and resources to compose and submit grant applications.

REPORTED DEATHS

CAA officers were recently reminded of a local death that was omitted from earlier newsletters. Sympathy is extended to the Melvin Cox family on the death of his wife, Virginia Gayle Cox.

Deaths reported since the last Newsletter:

Shirley Williams Anders, wife of Rev. Ted Anders
Duane Ruben Billips, father of Diane Billips
Anne Hubble Britton
Tommie Mae Bruce
Dorothy (Mrs. Buford) Cregger
Dora Ann Lindamood Ferina (CHS graduate)
Donald Ray Ingram
Donald Eugene Lambert
Teresia Repass, wife of Ed Repass and daughter-in-law of Jean Atwell Repass
Dr. David Stafford Miller, son-in-law of Woodrow Bird
Betty Joyce Neel Mustard
Robert Mustard, husband of Betty Joyce Neel Mustard
Harmon Wagner Pauley, Jr., father of Roxanne Winsette
Genevieve "Giggs" Richardson
Hubert "Buzz" Grayson Richardson
Dr. Alma Elvira Shufflebarger
Chloe Sparks
Donald Franklin Strock, father of Angela Harden
Brady Thompson, Jr.
Joy Alice Miller Tibbs
Billy Randolph Umberger, Jr., son of Bill & Bonnie
Judith Bird Wolcott, daughter of Woodrow Bird
Ronnie Woods, son of Georgia Fortner Woods

These will be remembered at 2022 Homecoming.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In memory of Anne Hubble Britton
By Evelyn H. Groseclose
By Lorraine Waddle
By Betty C. Hubble
By Sue T. Repass
By Sammy and Joyce Lindamood

In memory of Terry Ray Umbarger
By Sue Umbarger

GYM ROOF MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In memory of Elizabeth Compton Brooks
By Nancy Compton Simmons

In memory of J. Howard and Reva Crabtree
By Betty Crabtree Hubble

In memory of Randolph Davis
By Lois P. Davis

In memory of J. C. Dillow
By Leslie Dillow Gregory

In memory of William H. "Bill" Hubble
In memory of Gary Michael Hubble
By Betty Crabtree Hubble

In memory of George H. Peery, Jr.
By Annie C. Peery

In memory of Kenneth Bruce Repass
By Rita W. Repass

In memory of Terry Ray Umbarger
By Frances Harden Umbarger

In memory of Robert "Buddie" Waddle
By Dr. Rhonda K. Carton-Wood
By Lorraine "Lorree" Waddle

DONATION TO CREGGAR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By Nancy Creggar Gelser

DEATH OF CAA'S FIRST PRESIDENT

The community was saddened to learn of the passing of Anne Hubble Britton early this year. Anne was much involved in organizing the Ceres Alumni Association and was its first president. She was an early advocate for the Henry C. Groseclose FFA and Agriculture Museum and did much in its development. Anne remained active in the Museum's operation until her death. Anne will be remembered for all her work for the Ceres Alumni Association. Our sympathy is extended to her family who are carrying on in her footsteps.

USE OF THE FITNESS ROOM

You must watch a short video on the use of the fitness equipment before getting your own key to the facilities. To schedule your training, call 276 682-4380. A \$5 monthly donation is charged for the Fitness Room use.

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. Some past uses were for Birthday, Anniversary and Graduation celebrations, wedding receptions, family reunions, Vacation Bible School, walking, stretching exercise and Jujitsu classes, yogi classes, basketball practice, and meals by bereaved families. **After using the gym, please remove your trash and clean up.**

Annual Raffle

Raffle tickets are enclosed. We hope you will sell or purchase these tickets. 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.



Raffle Gifts

The following raffle gifts have been received to date:

- Rifle, Henry Golden Boy 22, Long Rifle* (or \$400), donated by CAA
- Small Laptop Computer, donated by CAA
- Framed P. Buckley Moss Print, donated by the Moss Foundation and framed by Farmers' Daughter
- Hand-made Throw donated by Crabtree Sewing
- Hand-carved Wood Bowl made and donated by Glen Repass
- Hand-made Quilt made by Nebo Hobo Quilters
- ETIENNE AIGNER hand bag donated by Betty Hubble
- Brookstone 2-deck Card Shuffler donated by Johnny Crabtree
- Rozmoz Electric Pressure Cooker donated by Archie Atwell
- Hand-made Rug made and donated by Janet White
- \$25 Sheetz Gasoline Card, donated by Crystal Jenkins
- Several other Gifts and Gift Certificates

*Must meet firearms requirements

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR REST OF 2022

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

Appalachian Hoedowners at 6:00 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

**Ceres Alumni Association LLC
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

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

Officers for 2022

President	G. H. Peery, III	276.688.4450
Vice President	Lorraine 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
Treasurer/Membership	Betty C. Hubble	276.682.4255
Past President	Wade Hall	276.682.4380

Association Directors and term ending year:

- Darleyne Atwell – 2022
- Frankie Gray – 2022
- Rebecca M. Peery – 2022
- Evelyn H. Groseclose – 2023
- Elizabeth Kimberlin – 2023
- Sandra Sayre – 2023
- Sue T. Repass – 2024
- Margaret Stevenot – 2024
- Janet R. White – 2024
- Wade Hall – Past President

Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year:

- Judith Cassell – 2022
- William H. Crabtree – 2022
- Michelle Groseclose – 2022
- Dean Kirk – 2023
- Melissa Renninger – 2023
- Robin U. Repass – 2023
- Edd Houck – 2024
- Iris C. Pruett – 2024
- Glen Repass – 2024
- 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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Funds Transmittal Form (for your convenience)

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

Name(s) and Address: _____

Dues for 1 year	@ \$ 25.00	\$ _____
Dues for 5 years	@ \$100.00	_____
Lifetime Dues	@ \$250.00	_____
Raffle Tickets		_____
Gym Roof Replacement Fund		_____
Donation to Endowment Trust Fund		_____
Donation to Association		_____
Donation to William M. Cregar Scholarship Fund		_____
Donation to _____ in Memory/Honor of _____		_____
Other		_____
	Total Enclosed	\$ _____