

CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (C.A.A.)

Dedicated to maintaining the pride and spirit of Ceres

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NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

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. Because of two postage rate increases, we have increased the sponsorship rate slightly. This still does not cover the cost of mailing but it helps.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings members,

The bears and the ground squirrels may be hibernating, but the CAA has been busy planning many events for the upcoming year. We hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and is staying warm and safe in the inclement weather. The youth basketball league has been using the gym on a regular basis. We are thankful to have the facility for community use; it is the result of a generous and dedicated community.

The upcoming calendar promises to offer many opportunities for good food and fellowship. We hope you all will participate and help whenever possible. The association depends on your support. There is always a task to be done or a gap you can fill. Encourage your family and friends to join us. The neighborly atmosphere of Ceres seems to amaze those who visit from other areas. They see our community spirit as a remembrance of a bygone era. Not many places take the time and effort to support, reach out and care for those around them.

Our hearts go out to the families of those we have lost this past season; also, many of our members have been ill. Please take a moment to check on those around you who may need a helping hand or a shoulder to lean on.

Sincerely, G H Peery III, President

ILL WINDS IN CERES

For those who have visited the school grounds in Ceres recently, you may have noticed the 18' by 21' metal shed with 5' storage constructed behind the gym. In December, we had high winds in the area. Several trees were uprooted or broken but the strangest event was that the wind picked up that entire building, turned it over (end-over-end) and set it back down on its roof with little damage to the structure. You may have heard the old joke about how many men it takes to change a light bulb. We are wondering how many men and how much equipment it will take to upright an upside down building. We use this building for our cookouts.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Bland County Youth Basketball League, made up of children from all areas of the County, is nearing the end of its 2012-2013 season. The Ceres Peery Center Gym was happy to host up to twelve (12) play/practice sessions per week. It is wonderful to see the kids enjoying the gym.

MEMBERSHIP DUES CHANGE

In answer to several requests, the Board, at its January meeting, voted to add lifetime membership as an added available option. Effective immediately, lifetime membership may be obtained for \$250.

APPRECIATION

The Bland County Historical Society recently made a donation which is much appreciated. We hope they will once again be a part of the annual Ceres Day celebration.

We also appreciate all of you who have worked so hard and helped make our events a success.

REPORTED DEATHS

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

Ruth Wright (Mrs. Harry) Foglesong
Eleanor Hall Martin Wildgoose
Nerissa Tyeryar
Virginia Ruth Cregar Harris
Ethel Cregar Hubble
Lena Irene Cassell
Anne Tilson Cassell
Rebecca Harner (Mrs. Wade) Hall
Nancy Umberger Allen
Carolyn Scott Mustard
Wanda Fields Miller

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Wm. M. "Bill" Cregar
(For Scholarship Fund)

By David and Sarah Paulette
By Betty Kahn
By Jack Thomas

In memory of Ethel Cregar Hubble

By David and Sarah Paulette
By Betty Kahn
By Jack Thomas

In memory of Rebecca "Becky" Harner Hall

By Bill and Betty Hubble
By A. Gayle Girdler
By Dean and Christine DeRosa
By Elmer and Ann Beardshall
By Frank and Joan Chandler
By William Tickle
By Buddie and Loree Waddle
By S & W Fertilizer of Wytheville

In memory of Eleanor Hall Martin Wildgoose

By Buddie and Lorree Waddle
By Bill and Betty Hubble
By Evelyn Holmes Groseclose

In memory of Anne Tilson Cassell
By Bill and Betty Hubble
By Frank and Joan Chandler
By S. & W. Fertilizer of Wytheville

BLAND MESSENGER NEWSPAPERS

The Museum has old newspapers going back to the 1940's and is in the process of preserving them. A few issues are missing. Missing dates will be published soon.

NUTS AVAILABLE (Delicious)

The Museum Gift Shop still has for sale some Wakefield, VA nuts – 12 oz. tins.

Salted and unsalted Peanuts - \$8.50

Peanut Brittle Squares - \$8.50

Butter Toasted Peanuts - \$8.50

Chocolate Covered Peanuts - \$8.50

Cashews, salted/lightly salted - \$14.50

To arrange pickup appointments, call:

Anne Britton at 276 682-4587,

Sue Repass at 276 682-4396,

Michelle Groseclose at 276 682-4450,

Laura Peery at 276 682-4381.

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.

GYM USE FOR FAMILY REUNIONS

Make your reservations by calling 276 682-4380 or 682-4255. The 2013 calendar is filling up.

REMINDER – WI-FI HOT SPOT NOW IN CERES

A Bland County sponsored WI-FI hot spot is located in the Museum. Service is available throughout the Ceres Community Center Complex.

SANTA'S VISIT

No doubt, Santa found his way to Ceres. While Sue Repass and her family were adding Christmas decorations to the Museum, they moved the big sleigh, believed to have been made by FFA boys, to the lawn in front of the gym. You guessed it! The sleigh was filled with big packages. Thanks Sue for adding Christmas cheer to our community.

CAA 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

3rd Thursday – 7:00 PM
Except 3rd Saturday - Jan., Apr., July, & Oct.
(Board of Directors may make changes)
Everyone is welcome to attend

CORNBREAD & BEANS SUPPER – 5:00 PM
QUARTERLY MEETING – 3:00 PM
January 19, 2013
CANCELLED BECAUSE OF SNOW

WM. (BILL) CREGGAR SCHOLARSHIP
CORNBREAD & BEANS SUPPER
(slaw made like Bill Creggar always made it)
Peery Center Gym
April 13, 2013 starting at 5:00 PM
To raise funds for a scholarship to be awarded
to a Bland High School senior.
Musicians invited
Price: By Donation

APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING
April 20, 2013 starting at 3:00 PM
The meeting will be followed by a Ruritan sponsored Fish Fry starting at 4:00 PM

CERES DAY
Sponsored by CAA & Ruritan Club
Former Ceres School Campus
May 4, 2013 starting at 8:00 AM
Crafters and exhibits start at 10:00 AM
Sausage Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast
Beans and Cornbread or Brunswick Stew Lunch
Flea Market, Yard Sale and Bake Sale
Crafts, Farm Equipment, Heritage Demos
And Lots More
Spaces: indoor - \$10 and outdoor - \$5
Contact 276.682.4231 to reserve your space.

CHICKEN BAR-B-Q
Peery Center Gym
June 8, 2013 starting at 5:00 PM
Price: By Donation

PIG ROAST AND MUSIC

Peery Center Gym

July 6, 2013 starting at 5:00 PM

Price: By Donation

CAA QUARTERLY MEETING AND PICNIC

Peery Center Gym

Sunday, July 21, 2013 – 2:00 PM

Bring your family & potluck dishes.

HAMBURGER/HOT DOG COOKOUT

Peery Center Gym

August 17, 2013 starting at 5:00 PM

Price: By Donation

PIG ROAST

Peery Center Gym

September 14, 2013 starting at 5:00 PM

Price: By Donation

14th ANNUAL CERES HOMECOMING

Former Ceres School Campus

Saturday, October 19, 2013

More details later.

ELECTION DAY NELSON'S CAFÉ

Peery Center Gym

November 5, 2013

6:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Vote and enjoy breakfast or lunch.

TAKEOUT PORK ROAST

To be cooked on December 19, 2013

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.

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Reminders

Monthly Board Meetings
7:00 PM on 3rd Thursday in each month except
quarterly meetings - 3rd Sat. of Jan, Apr., July, Oct.
(may be changed by vote of Board)

Everyone is welcome

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

Officers for 2013

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:

Frankie Gray – 2013	Elizabeth Kimberlin – 2014
William H. Hubble – 2013	Jonan C. Repass – 2015
Rebecca M. Peery – 2013	Sue Repass – 2015
J. W. Cassell – 2014	W. Nelson Tibbs – 2015
Evelyn H. Groseclose – 2014	Wade Hall – Past President

Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year:

Judy Cassell – 2013	Jerry Thompson – 2014
William H. Crabtree – 2013	Edd Houck – 2015
DeWayne Hubble – 2013	Joyce Keen – 2015
Dean Kirk – 2014	Glen Repass – 2015
Robin U. Repass - 2014	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