

Ceres Alumni Association

July 2026 ♦
Newsletter



A Message from President, G.H. Peery, III

Hope everyone is having a great summer. After having a dry spring it seems, as of late, we are catching up on our water, yet we are still in a drought condition. If you attended, we had a real nice 4th July celebration. We shortened our fireworks based on what folks asked us for last year, and folks seemed to enjoy it more. Folks seemed to enjoy our ice cream according to what they donated, and we are very appreciative. This is a demonstration of how gracious our community is to their organization.

Our May Days celebration was well attended this year. We had quite a few flea market salespeople, and we always hope they do well. We also had several tractors and antique vehicles on demonstration, too. Many thanks to all of you who worked to make this day a special one. A special thanks to those who arose early to prepare a wonderful breakfast to all who attended. For lunch, the loaded baked potatoes were a huge hit, and they sold out within 20 minutes.

Our summer meals have experienced a lower attendance than expected, but again, we realize the summer hectic pace we all endure. Thanks to all who faithfully support us. Please don't forget our August pork roast with fresh corn on the cob. This September, we are blessed to have a fish fry planned for the dinner that month. Please, if possible, try to attend this as I can assure you that you will not be disappointed.

As we move forward this year, please give us your input as to what we can do to improve your organization. We are constantly looking for new ideas and ways to improve. I'll close with a thank you to all who work tirelessly to make your organization what it is.

G.H. Peery, III

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Ceres Day

Ceres Day 2026 was another successful celebration of our community and heritage. Guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast and baked potato lunch, homemade ice cream, local vendors and crafts, antique and modern farm equipment, museum tours, heritage demonstrations, and time spent visiting with friends and neighbors.

The Ceres Alumni Association extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, participated, and attended. Your support continues to make Ceres Day a tradition that bring our community together year after year.



William “Bill” Cregar Memorial Scholarship

The Ceres Alumni Association was proud to present the 2026 William “Bill” Cregar Memorial Scholarship to Robert Grayson Chewning. We congratulate Grayson on this well-deserved honor and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended and supported our scholarship meal. Your generosity helps make this scholarship possible and allows us to continue investing in the future of Bland County students.

Historical/Museum

The Henry C. Groseclose Museum has welcomed numerous visitors so far this year as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Virginia FFA Association. The excitement continues to build as we look ahead to the 100th Anniversary of the National FFA Organization in 2027.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support, which helps make it possible for visitors to experience the Museum and learn about the rich history and legacy of agricultural education and the FFA.

If you are interested in visiting the Henry C. Groseclose Museum, please contact us to schedule your visit. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this important piece of FFA history.



Upcoming Events

Calendar

- March 14, 2026 @ 5pm - Saturday Night Breakfast
- April 11, 2026 @ 5pm - William "Bill" Creggar Scholarship Dinner
- May 2, 2026 @ 8am - Ceres Day
- June 13, 2026 @ 5pm - Pork Roast
- July 4, 2026 - TBD
- July 18, 2026 @ 5pm - Beef Roast
Central Pickers
- August 15, 2026 @ 5pm - Pork Roast
Central Pickers
- September 12, 2026 @ 5pm - Fish Fry
- October 10-11, 2026 - Festival of Leaves
- October 17, 2026 @ 9am - Homecoming
- November 3, 2026 - Election Day Breakfast
- December Christmas Potluck - Date TBD
- December 18, 2026 - Christmas Meat

Homecoming October 17, 2026

Mark your calendars for Ceres Homecoming on Saturday, October 17, 2026! We look forward to welcoming alumni, friends, and the community back to Ceres for a day of fellowship, great food, and celebrating.

Raffle tickets are enclosed with this newsletter. We encourage you to support the Ceres Alumni Association by purchasing tickets or sharing them with family and friends!

Reservation forms and additional details will be mailed once plans have been finalized. We appreciate your patience and look forward to seeing you soon.

If you need additional raffle tickets, please contact Betty Hubble at 276-682-4255.

Bland County Festival of Leaves

The Ceres Alumni Association will once again be serving our famous ice cream at the Bland County Festival of Leaves, October 10-11, at the Bland County Fairgrounds. Stop by our booth for a scoop (or two!), a banana split, or a milkshake. We look forward to seeing you there!



Fish Fry

On September 12, join us for a fish fry! We're always looking for new ways to serve our community, and this time we're excited to try something a little different.

We hope you'll come out for an evening of good food and good company as we kick off what might become a new tradition. Your feedback and support mean a lot to us and help make sure we're offering the kinds of events you and the rest of our supporters enjoy.



2026 Officers

President - G.H. Peery, III	276-722-2624
Vice President - Sara L. Kidd	276-210-7888
Secretary/Reporter - Rachel R. Gray	276-613-0182
Historian/Museum - Laura B. Mustard	276-266-6089
Treasurer/Membership - Betty C. Hubble	276-682-4255
Past President - Wade Hall	276-613-0789



Fitness Room & Gym Reservations

Fitness Room -

You must watch a short video on the use of the fitness equipment prior to receiving a key to the facility. A \$5 monthly donation is requested for use. To schedule your training, contact Wade Hall at 276-613-0789.

Gym Reservations -

To reserve the gym for parties, reunions, showers, sports, you may call Wade Hall at 276-613-0789 or Betty Hubble at 276-682-4255. Donations help cover utilities and upkeep. **After use, please clean up and remove all trash.**



FAQ - Dues

We frequently receive calls regarding dues. To quickly find out if your dues have been paid, please check this envelope. If there is a number listed by your name, it indicates the year your dues are paid through. (26 indicates your dues have been paid through 2026) The letter "L" indicates you have paid lifetime dues. No number or letter indicates you have either never paid dues or it has been a long time.

We do not charge for back dues.

Dues are welcome to help support CAA but are not required to attend events or utilize the facilities.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

THANK YOU



Until next time...

As we wrap up this edition of the Ceres Alumni Association newsletter, we're reminded once again how much this community means to us. Every meal you attend, every hour you volunteer, every donation you make, it all keeps the spirit of Ceres alive and thriving.

Because of your support, we're able to maintain the gym and museum, offer scholarships, back local projects, and carry on traditions that have shaped generations. None of this happens without you.

The Ceres Alumni Association is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and all contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us continue this work.

Thank you for believing in what we do and for standing with us. We're proud to serve our community, and even prouder to serve alongside people like you.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Funds Transmittal Form

Return to:

Ceres Alumni Association

P.O. Box 32

Ceres, VA 24318

Name(s) and Address _____ _____ _____		
Dues for 1 year	\$25	
Dues for 5 years	\$100	
Lifetime Dues	\$250	
Donation to Endowment Trust Fund		
Donation to Association		
Donation to Scholarship Fund		
Donation of \$_____ In Memory/Honor of _____		
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