

CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (C.A.A.)

Dedicated to maintaining the pride and spirit of Ceres

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello folks.

Hope you folks are having a great summer so far. If some of you did not get to our May Day event, we felt like it was a huge success, gauging by the crowd of participants and onlookers. We had demonstrations going on along with our flea market which many people said they enjoyed. The vendors that I spoke with seemed to be satisfied with their day's endeavors. We also had the antique farm machinery building open to those who enjoyed reminiscing about the old days. Both the CAA and the Ruritan, who served lunch next door as well as having the old school building open for everyone to look about, had a good day at selling food. By the end of the afternoon everyone seemed to have had a great day.

Our next events were our chicken BBQ followed by our pig pickin' both of which we felt were fairly successful, even though our attendance was not as great as in the past.

One of the real community highlights of the summer is the Bible school that is held in your gym facility. They had a huge crowd of young and old in attendance every night. This is a great gathering of all the churches in Ceres. And many thanks to all who helped put this great event together. They had in the area of about sixty children each night as well as twenty-five to thirty adults each evening. Thanks again to all who helped.

As we head into the fall of the year, we begin to think about our upcoming annual reunion. Raffle tickets are enclosed, so we would appreciate all the help we can get in selling those as that is one of largest money bearing projects we do every year. Once again, this is your facility and it needs your help to maintain it for the many community uses it gets. If you have ever attended one of the Bible school events you would really get the sense of its importance in this community. Now that we have the outside basketball court adjoining the playground area, it truly is a great place for friends and families to gather.

Another activity that has been well attended by the community has been the twice weekly free exercise and Jujitsu classes for all ages.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our reunion this October and hope that this letter finds you in great health.

Sincerely

G. H. Peery III

REPORTED DEATHS

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

Randy Bridges

Danny Harden, widower of Ima Jean Cregger Harden

Judy L. Cox Newberry, daughter of Casey/Molly Cox

Leona Cox Gallaway

Betty Sue Groseclose Compton

Eleanor Crabtree Hubble Rose

Arch Thompson

Cleveland R. "Sonny" Kirk

Buford Cregger, Sr.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Anna L. Thompson Fisher
By Helene U. Easton

In memory of Terry Umbarger
By Sue Umbarger

In memory of Leona Cox Callaway
By Helene U. Easton

In memory of Arch Thompson
By Josephine Thompson Alderman

In memory of Cleveland "Sonny" Kirk
By Robert and Lorraine Waddle

In memory of Buford Cregar, Sr.
By Robert and Lorraine Waddle

MUSEUM ANNEX (Temporary name)

The new building is now in use and will be open for your inspection during the October 17th Homecoming. The floor is now graveled. Perhaps a concrete floor and sidewalks to this building can be Phase II on this project.

We are still looking for a permanent name. If you have an idea for a name, tell any officer or mail your suggestion to P. O. Box 32, Ceres, Virginia 24318.

GRANT PROVIDES HEALTHIER CITIZENS

Thanks to the Wythe-Bland Foundation for approving a \$15,000 grant to provide free stretching, exercise, and Jujitsu classes every Tuesday and Thursday night since January 27 as well as two pieces of exercise equipment. The classes were so well attended; a grant request has been submitted to extend the classes beyond September. The feedback from participants has been very favorable.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER COOKOUT WATER ACTIVITIES JUSITSU DEMONSTRATION

Peery Center Gym
August 15, 2015 starting at 5:00 PM
Price: By Donation

PIG ROAST AND WATER ACTIVITIES Peery Center Gym

September 5, 2015 starting at 5:00 PM
Price: By Donation

15th ANNUAL CERES HOMECOMING Former Ceres School Campus

Saturday, October 17, 2015
(See below)

ELECTION DAY NELSON'S CAFÉ Peery Center Gym

November 3, 2015
6:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Vote and enjoy breakfast or lunch.

TAKEOUT PORK ROAST
To be cooked in late December
Date to be announced
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.

2015 CERES HOMECOMING

Plans are underway for the October 17th Homecoming. We hope you have started making plans to attend. The theme this year is FARMING which seems appropriate with the opening of the new building containing farming equipment. We are looking for farm photos (old and current) to have displayed.

Homecoming Meal

The caterer (same as last year) and menu have been selected. They offered 23 entrees and 33 sides to select from. The decision has been made to have baked ham, roast beef, potatoes, macaroni & cheese, green beans, tossed salad, bread, variety of desserts, and coffee, tea, or lemonade. The price will remain \$15 per plate. **Meal reservations must be received by Oct. 1st.** The registration form will be on our web page or included with this newsletter.

Raffle

Raffle tickets are enclosed. We hope you will sell or purchase these tickets. This is our big fund raiser of the year. For additional tickets, call 276.682.4450 or 276.682.4255. A partial list of prizes and donors appears later in this newsletter. The winning tickets will be drawn on Oct. 17th.

Homecoming Schedule

Registration starts at 10:00 am

Touring, visiting, etc. until 11:25 am

Gather in the gym by 11:30 am

Welcome, introductions, blessing

Lunch served at 12:00 noon

Meal reservations to be received by Oct. 1.

Memorials, program, short business meeting, and raffle drawings after lunch.

RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZE GIFTS

The following raffle gifts have been received to date:

- **Rifle, 270 Remington**, Model 783 w/scope by CAA
- **Samsung Tablet** by various CAA members
- Framed **P. Buckley Moss Print** by Moss Foundation
- **Handmade Quilt** by "Just for Fun" Quilters
- **Handmade Throw** by Crabtree Family Sewing
- **Sabika Earrings** by Kathy Sink Harner
- **8 piece Queen-size Bedding Set** by Sue Repass
- **2 Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater Tickets** by Regina Davis Lowman Modzelewski
- **\$50 Gift Certificate** for various Wytheville businesses by Builders Supermarket
- **2 \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Cards** by Bill and Betty Hubble
- **\$25 Gift Card** by Evelyn H. Groseclose
- **\$25 Gift Card** by Bill and Betty Crabtree
- **2 lb. Fresh Fudge** by Big Walker Lookout
- **Hand Carved Bowl** by Glen Repass
- **Davis Heritage Cookbook** by Regina Davis Lowman Modzelewski
- **\$25 Gift Certificate** by Harner's Market
- **Auto Oil Change (\$31.95)** by Wright Auto
- **Auto Inspection** by Wright Auto
- **\$20** by Old Post Mercantile

- **Microwave Pot Set** by Della Mae Neel
- **Lindy's Haircut (\$12.00 value)** by Lanny Lindamood
- **Towel Set** by Della Mae Neel
- **2 Medium Pizzas and 2 liter Drinks** by Bland Square Restaurant.

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. Two additional pieces of equipment were added recently.

USE OF GYM To schedule the use of the gym, call 276.682.4380 or 276.682.4255.

HELP NEEDED A lot of work goes into all the events sponsored by the Association. We appreciate any help you might contribute.

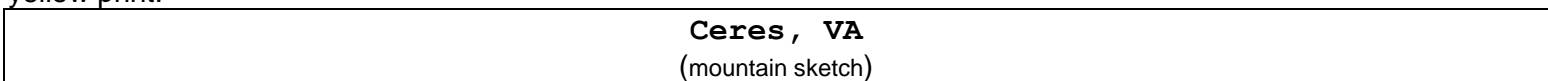
MEMBERSHIP To date, we have 105 members who have paid their 2015 dues. Nineteen of these are lifetime members. Dues are \$25 per calendar year, \$100 for 5 calendar years or \$250 for lifetime dues.

MUSICIANS Musicians are welcome to come and jam at any event sponsored by the Association.

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

NEW Groseclose mugs: These beautiful mugs, provided for us by Ron Kime of Big Walker Lookout, have pictures of Henry C. Groseclose on one side, the Museum on the other side with a twig of wheat in between the two pictures. They are truly nice. Thanks, Ron. They sell for \$6 each or 2 for \$10.

NEW Summer and Winter Caps: We have summer (with mesh) and winter (with solid cotton) caps in blue with yellow print.



Summer caps - \$11 ea., winter caps - \$14 ea.

Hooded Sweatshirt: The shirts are royal blue with the following yellow imprint on the left front.



Adult sizes - \$30, youth sizes - \$15 each

Stylus/pens (with gift box): - \$4

While They Last

- Caps, blue "Ceres, VA" - \$6
- Brass Ceres School ornaments - \$6.25 ea.
- Wooden replica of Ceres School - \$6.25 ea.
- Museum note paper/envelopes - 10 for \$4.40
- Tote Bags, "Goddess of Grain, Ceres, VA" - \$5
- Sweatshirts, gray w/blue "Historic Ceres" \$10
- T-shirts:
 - White "Historic Ceres, VA" - \$5
 - White, "Ain't No Place Like Ceres" - \$10
 - Wildcat, \$8, \$10 and \$11 depending on size
- Book, "Groseclose Ancestry" (green) - \$50
- Print – Sharon College 8 X 10" - \$10
- Print – Sharon College 11X 14" - \$15

1914 picture of Ceres, 4 x 5" \$3 or 2 for \$5
Postcards - \$0.35
Book "*Letters of a Confederate Private*" - \$25
Coffee mugs:
Peery Gym - \$3
Ceres, VA - \$3
Ceres School - \$3
Jewelry, assortment - \$6 to \$25 less 20%

Contact Anne Britton at 276.682.4587 to order. If order must be mailed, shipping will be added.

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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.
Everyone is welcome

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

Officers for 2015

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	Elaine Kegley	276.228.2343
Treasurer	Robert I. Waddle	276.688.4450

Association Directors and term ending year

Jonan Repass – 2015
Sue Repass – 2015
Janet R. White – 2015
Frankie Gray - 2016
William H. Hubble – 2016
Rebecca Peery – 2016
J. W. Cassell – 2017
Evelyn H. Groseclose – 2017
Elizabeth Kimberlin – 2017
Wade Hall – Past President

Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year

Edd Houck – 2015
Joyce Keen – 2015
Glen Repass - 2015
Judy Cassell – 2016
William H. Crabtree - 2016
DeWayne Hubble – 2016
Dean Kirk - 2017
Robin U. Repass - 2017
Jerry Thompson - 2017
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