

CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (C.A.A.)

Dedicated to maintaining the pride and spirit of Ceres

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NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

This newsletter is sponsored by the James F. Wilson family; Jim, Tom and Diane in memory of Betty G. Wilson. We appreciate all that the Wilsons do for the Ceres community.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Folks,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Many, many thanks to every-one who helped make our events so successful this year. If you have not been to any of our events, they have been well attended. We felt like our May Days was enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks to all who brought their tractors and equipment for show and demonstration. Also, thanks to those who brought their goods to sell at the flea market. All of you, together, make these what they are. Our beef and pork BBQ's were well received by all with many compliments about our beef dinner. Thanks to those folks who helped prepare and serve the food at these events. If you have not been able to come to any of our events, thanks to Melissa Renninger for loaning the association her bouncy house for us to use for the small children's entertainment. This made us recognize the need for the association to purchase one for our events. A committee of young mothers was appointed to make this purchase for the Association and what a wonderful job they did. Since our purchase of this, our very young members appear to have enjoyed many hours of playing in it. Sorry adults, I don't think they make one big enough for us.

As I mention in every newsletter, please remember that this is YOUR association, and we are always looking for new ideas to make it better. Please do not hesitate to tell us what you would like for us to do to make it better for all who attend. As Fall approaches, remember we need your help to sell the enclosed raffle tickets as they are one of our biggest fundraisers for the year.

Thanks to all of you who help make our Ceres events the envy of Bland County. All of you working together for these events is the very reason they are so successful. Just remember, we have a hamburger/hot dog cookout on Sept. 2, 2017. Hope all can attend, and we look forward to seeing everyone.

G. H. Peery, III, President

2017 CERES HOMECOMING

Plans are underway for the October 21st Homecoming. We hope you have started making plans to attend. This year's theme will be *Early Churches*.

Homecoming Meal

The caterer (same as last year) and menu have been selected. They offered 25 entrees and 30 sides to select from. The menu will be pork loin, roast beef, scalloped potatoes, macaroni & cheese, pineapple casserole, tossed salad, bread, assorted desserts, coffee,

tea and lemonade. Meals will be \$15 for adults (same as last year), \$3 reduction for children 4-10 years old; and free for 3 years and under. **Meal reservations must be received by Oct. 7th.** The registration form will be on our web page or included with this newsletter.

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

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 276-682-4255. A partial list of prizes appears later in this newsletter. The winning tickets will be drawn on Oct. 21st.

Raffle Gifts

The following raffle gifts have been received to date:

- **Rifle, Weatherby Vanguard 270 w/ Bushnell 4X12 scope** by CAA
- **Samsung Tablet** by CAA
- **Framed P. Buckley Moss Print** by Moss Foundation
- **Handmade Quilt**
- **\$50 Gift Certificate**
- **At Least 25 other gifts**

REPORTED DEATHS

Deaths since May 2017 Newsletter:

Jean Atwell Repass
Martin D. Tate
Betty Baugh Young
Ellen Thompson French
Bertha Hayton Hubble
Jeanette Dillow (wife of J.C. Dillow)
Johnny Burcham
Dr. Sidney Harvey
James Lewis "Jim" Hancock
Leslie Dunford (husband of Judy Umbarger Dunford)

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Jean Atwell Repass

By William & Betty Hubble
By Betty Repass Kelly
By Pat Repass Jones

In memory of Betty Baugh Young

By Frances Harden Umbarger
By William & Betty Hubble

In memory of Robert I. "Buddie" Waddle

By Donald & Sharon Compton

REMEMBERING FORMER TEACHER/COACH

Dr. Sidney Belt Harvey, III completed his life's journey on July 26, 2017. Dr. Harvey was a dedicated educator and administrator for 41 years. He served as a teacher, coach, and principal, General Supervisor, Director of Instruction and Division Superintendent of Grayson County Schools.

Dr. Harvey taught and coached at Ceres School during the beginning of his career. Many Ceres Alumni may remember that during his tenor at Ceres School he lived in a trailer located on the School property. Dr. Harvey had a positive influence on the Ceres youth and we remember him with admiration and gratitude for his dedication to all his students.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Dr. Sidney and Shirley Harvey Memorial Scholarship Fund at Grayson County High School, PO Box 282 Independence, VA 24348

APPRECIATION

A special thanks to all who have worked in the kitchen, at the grill, on the serving line, on the cleanup crew and made desserts to make our fund raiser meals possible. We couldn't do it without you. Volunteers are always welcome!

IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH

Stretching exercise and Jujitsu classes are held twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Class cost is by donation (if able).

FITNESS CENTER

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. Fitness Center is handicapped accessible.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

In answer to many requests, a system to let you know what dues have been paid has been devised. 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.

WILLIAM CREGGAR SCHOLARSHIP

On April 15th, a Hot Dog/Hamburger Supper was held to raise funds for the annual William M. (Bill) Creggar Memorial Scholarship award. Seniors from the Bland County School where Bill worked for so many years were invited to apply for this \$500 scholarship. The applications were not opened nor reviewed by any member of the Ceres Alumni Association. Teachers from three different counties, outside Bland County, reviewed the applications and wrote his/her recommendation for a winner. On the recommendation of the judges, two scholarship awards were made to Jordan Taylor Faulkner and Emily Claire Hill. Congratulations to Jordan and Emily and thanks to all the others who applied.

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 and ANNEX

For a list of items in the Museum Gift Shop, call 276.682.4587 or write CAA, P. O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318. Now available for purchase Travel Mugs, Long and short sleeve T-shirts and many other items. Items can be shipped.

When you visit the Museum, be sure to see the red Farm Equipment building. We are proud that we had to create more space for all the items we had to display.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Editorial note: A suggestion was made that we make "Do You Remember" a regular feature in the newsletter. Readers are encouraged to submit items to be included in future newsletters.

1946 Snow by Jimmy Wilson

An event that I am trying to get more information about and perhaps pictures of is the terrible snow storm in 1946. I think we missed something like 36 days of school. My Dad was foreman of the VDOT crew for the Ceres area and their main project was to keep Route 42 open from the Smyth County line to Grassy Branch. It snowed every day for over a month, wind was terrible and temperature was as low as -10 degrees. By the time they made the trip around, the starting area had drifted shut. They finally had to bring a blower in from the Richmond Office. Our local trucks could not keep the road open. Some of the back roads did not get open until much later and had to be shoveled out.

1946 Snow by Betty C. Hubble

I remember that snow well. It started snowing the evening of my 9th birthday in February. A birthday party was planned for that night. Josephine Thompson and Dora Ann Lindamood went home with me from school to spend the night. Other guests were coming that night. When it started snowing, no one else was able to come. We were snowbound. I remember my Mother coming up with games to keep three little girls and one smaller boy entertained. No TV in those days. After about a week, Daddy took Dora Ann and Josephine on horseback to meet Everett Lindamood who had been able to get his car out. I think Josephine spent a few more days with the Lindamoods before she got home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

17th ANNUAL CERES HOMECOMING

Former Ceres School Campus

Saturday, October 21, 2017

(See more details in this newsletter)

ELECTION DAY NELSON'S CAFÉ

November 7, 2016

6:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Vote and enjoy breakfast or lunch

By donation

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS POT LUCK SUPPER

Everyone is invited

December 16, 2017 starting at 6:00 PM

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

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Elmer Beardshall, Web Master

Newsletter
Contact Kim Stowers at kimberly.stowers@yahoo.com
to submit newsletter articles

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

Number printed by your name on mailing label indicates
year through which current dues are paid

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

Officers for 2017

President	G. H. Peery, III	276.682.4381
Vice President	Kimberly Stowers	276.688.4873
Secretary/Reporter	Sara Kidd	276.210.7888
Membership Secretary	Lorraine Waddle	276.688.4450
Historian	Elaine Kegley	276.228.2343
Treasurer	Betty C. Hubble	276.682.4255

Association Directors and term ending year:

J. W. Cassell – 2017	Janet R. White – 2018
Evelyn H. Groseclose – 2017	Frankie Gray – 2019
Elizabeth Kimberlin – 2017	William H. Hubble – 2019
Jonan Repass – 2018	Rebecca Peery – 2019
Sue Repass – 2018	Wade Hall – Past President

Endowment Trust Fund Directors & term ending year:

Dean Kirk – 2017	Glen Repass - 2018
Robin U. Repass – 2017	Judy Cassell – 2019
Jerry Thompson – 2017	William H. Crabtree – 2019
Edd Houck – 2018	Michelle Groseclose – 2019
Joyce Keen – 2018	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

Ceres Alumni Association (C. A. A.)

Seventeenth Annual Ceres Homecoming

Registration Begins 10:00 AM - October 21, 2017

Former Ceres School Campus

Lunch at 12:00 Noon

Registration – Return to: C. A. A, PO Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318 before October 7, 2017

Name(s) and Address: _____

	Number Meals*	@ \$15.00 each	Amount Enclosed
Yes, I/we plan to attend _____			_____
*PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO RESERVE MEAL			

No, I will be unable to attend this year _____

Other Funds Enclosed:	Dues for 1 year	@ \$ 25.00	_____
	Dues for 5 years	@ \$100.00	_____
	Lifetime Dues	@ \$250.00	_____
	Raffle Tickets		_____
	Donation to Endowment Trust Fund		_____
	Donations to Association		_____
	Other		_____
		Total Enclosed	_____

Would you be willing to be an officer or serve on a committee? _____