

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 Helene Umbarger Easton of Maryland. In her note, she wrote, in part, *"I enjoy the newsletter and I donate something each year. I'm so happy for what you all are doing for our school. I graduated in 1938 and have nice memories."* Thank you Helene. It is with the help of folks like you that we succeed and for folks like you and future generations that we work so hard.

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,

Well, I hope the summer finds everyone well and happy. It sure has been a soggy summer, but hasn't the world stayed deep green? I'm sure everyone has a very fine looking garden and yard, for those of you who like to mow grass.

The association has been very busy with its summer activities. We had a very good turnout for May Day. We especially would like to thank the Glade Spring Tractor Club for their participation, as well as those of you who brought your tractors and other goods to share and sell. I think everyone who was there had an enjoyable time. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this event successful.

Next, our chicken barbeque was not attended as well as in the past but that did not stop those who came from making very generous donations. We netted about \$565.00 which was about \$100.00 less than we did a year ago. But, we also realize that we are not the only game in town as there were other events happening at the same time. Hopefully in the future we can avoid overlapping other events in the area. We are always in need of new members who can help assist with the planning as well as helping on the day of the event.

Our July pig roast saw the same similarities as we saw in the chicken barbeque. Our crowd was down, but the folks still were very generous. We ended up making about \$785.00 which was about \$100.00 less than we made a year ago. The band "Shades of Gray" did a fantastic job playing. They were able to play outside which was optimal for the concert experience, and the crowd really enjoyed them greatly. Once again, thanks to everyone who helped pull-off this event. We felt it was still a success even if our crowd was down. Remember everyone, we are always looking for new ideas and ways to improve on our activities, so do not be afraid to tell us your opinion as this is your organization. We always are looking for new folks to help.

Please everyone remember we still have two more events planned, as well as our annual homecoming. Also, remember to sell lots of raffle tickets as this is one of the largest fund raising events we do each year. We hope to see all of you at any or all of our future events. If you have not paid your dues, please do not forget to. And please, as always, help with recruiting new members.

Sincerely,

G H Peery III, President

ILL WINDS IN CERES – Follow up

You may recall that we told you in the February newsletter about the wind turning the metal shed up-side-down. We are happy to announce the building has been turned over, is back up stronger than before and is now back in use. Thanks fellows for all that hard work.

MEMBERSHIP DUES CHANGE

We announced in the last newsletter that lifetime membership is now available for \$250. Some of you have taken advantage of this. Also available is the 5 years for \$100 and \$25 for a calendar year.

APPRECIATION

Dean DeRose (www.DeansCorner.net) has donated two CD/DVDs to the Museum. One is, "*Ceres and Virginia Families – Groseclose Oral History 1976 by the Idaho State Historical Society*" about Edward & Dixie (Baugh) Groseclose, formerly from Ceres. The second is, "*Civil War Timelines, 1860 – 1865. 36th & 51st VA Infantry Engagements with a Chronology of the Civil War and Other Resources.*" These may be viewed in the Museum. If there is enough interest in purchasing copies of these, perhaps Dean will make them available.

REPORTED DEATHS

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

Ivy Lambert
Linda E. Davis
Henry Howard Newberry
Alvis Duane Atwell
Maggie J. Atkins
Elmer Myers
Linda Hubble Shupe
Anna Tate
Carolyn Dale Repass
Harvey L. Gates
David L. Goins
Warren Nelson Tibbs – CAA Director
Nicholas Tibbs
Mayme Harmon Umbarger
Avis Lambert Hensen
Gladys Tibbs Umbarger
Robert Zincone of Midlothian who hand-crafted two wood plaque boards for the gym.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Terry Umbarger

By Sue S. Umbarger

In memory of Rebecca "Becky" Harner Hall

By Randy and Myra Moler

In memory of W. Nelson Tibbs

By Bill and Betty Hubble

In memory of classmate Nicholas Tibbs

By Bill and Betty Hubble

LOSS OF A CAA BOARD MEMBER

The community was saddened recently when we lost long time CAA Board Director, Warren Nelson Tibbs. To us he was Nelson. He could always be found in the kitchen any time we served food for a fund raiser. Actually, he did not want a lot of people in "his" kitchen. He ran the operation and everyone knew everything would be perfect. When you visit the gym you will see a sign over the kitchen door, "NELSON'S CAFÉ."

When planning a meal, Nelson knew exactly how much food supplies to order. After spending his entire adult life as a Food Service Manager, it was something he was great at and something he loved.

Nelson, we miss you. You gave so much.

2013 CERES HOMECOMING

Plans are underway for the October 19th Homecoming. We hope you have started making plans to attend.

Homecoming Meal

Last year it was announced that the caterer used recently was retiring so a search was made for a replacement. Several bids with mouth-watering menu selections were reviewed. The decision has been made and the price will remain \$15 per plate. **Meal reservations must be received by Oct. 1st.** The registration form is on this web site.

Honoring Veterans

This year we will honor veterans and current service personnel. There will be a display of pictures of our brave men and women. We are asking you to send copies of pictures of service folks, including name, branch of service and years served. If you do not have a picture in uniform, any picture will do. Other details may be submitted. In addition, the Bland American Legion Auxiliary is putting together a video Tribute to our Veterans. The information you send will be shared with them unless you choose not to do so. Military information should be mailed to CAA, P.O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318. Include name and address for returning items.

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 Michelle at 276.682.4450 or 4380. A partial list of prizes and donors appears later in this newsletter. The winning tickets will be drawn on Oct. 19 rather than Oct. 20 as printed on the ticket.

Schedule

Registration starts at 10:00 am
Touring, visiting, etc. until 12:15 pm
Welcome, introductions, blessing
Lunch at 1:00 PM. **Meal reservations to be received by Oct. 1.**
Memorials, program, short business meeting, and raffle drawings after lunch

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

Make your reservations by calling 276 682-4380 or 682-4255. The 2013 calendar filled early. You may make 2014 reservations now.

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.

RAFFLE / DOOR PRIZE GIFTS TODATE

Rifle, 243 w/scope - CAA
Crockpot - Judy Hubble Hannah
2 \$25 gift cards - New Peoples Bank of Bland
\$50 gift certificate - Builders Supermarket
I-Pad – Evelyn Groseclose, Joyce and Kirby Keen, Buddie and Lorree Waddle, Elaine Kegley, Wade Hall and CAA
Framed P. Buckley Moss Print - P. Buckley Moss
Foundation
\$200 - CAA
\$100 - CAA
2 \$25 gift cards - Bill and Betty Hubble
Handmade Quilt - Just for Fun Quilters
Handmade Throw - Crabtree Family Sewing
3 Proof coin sets - Jimbo Muncy

\$25 gift certificate - Harner's Market
Fresh fudge (2) - Big Walker Lookout
Tea Pot - Della Mae Neel
Kitchen towel set - Della Mae Neel
Jewelry Cabinet - Jonan Repass
Queen Comforter w/shams - Sue Repass
\$25 gift card - Bill and Betty Crabtree
Wooden bowl - Glen and Robin Repass
\$25 gift card - Archie and Darleyne Atwell
Taste of Home Cookbook - Frankie Davis
2 Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater tickets –
Regina Davis Lowman
Cookie Jar - Della Mae Neel

UPCOMING 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

HAMBURGER/HOT DOG COOKOUT

Peery Center Gym

August 17, 2013 starting at 5:00 PM
Music by Slide Mt. Boys + 1
Bring your lawn chair.
Price: By Donation

PIG ROAST

Peery Center Gym

September 14, 2013 starting at 5:00 PM
Music by Dry Fork Band.
Bring your lawn chair.
Price: By Donation

13th ANNUAL CERES HOMECOMING

Former Ceres School Campus

Saturday, October 19, 2013
Registration starts at 10:00 AM
More details in this newsletter.

ELECTION DAY NELSON'S CAFÉ

Peery Center Gym

November 5, 2013
6:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Vote and enjoy breakfast or lunch.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

ALL YOU CAN EAT

November 9, 2013 ~ 8:00 – 10:00 AM
Applebee's Restaurant, Wytheville
\$6.00 per person

Buy tickets early from any Board Member or pay at the door. These make great gifts.

TAKE OUT 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.

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Elmer Beardshall, Web Master

### Reminders

Monthly Board Meetings  
7:00 PM on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in each month except  
quarterly meetings - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Jan, Apr., July, Oct.  
**Everyone is welcome**

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

### **2013 CAA Officers**

|                      |                     |              |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 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 Peery – 2013        | Sue T. 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