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Town of Ceredo Town Council Regular Session November 4th, 2019 at the Ceredo City Hall

The Town of Ceredo Town Council met in regular session on Monday, November 4th, 2019 at the Ceredo City Hall. The Mayor, Paul A. Billups, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present included the Mayor, Paul A. Billups; the Recorder, Stanley E. Fink; and Councilmen Dennis Adkins, Oscar Adkins, Steve Diamond, Robert Leslie and Joe Ratcliff.

Reading of the Minutes

The Mayor asked if Council had any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 7th, 2019 Regular Session. None being heard, on a motion by Dennis Adkins and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to wave the reading of the October 7th, 2019 Regular Session and accept the minutes as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Bob Leslie, presented Council with the balance of each account and the expenditures as of October 31st, 2019.

The Mayor asked for questions on the report. None being heard, the Mayor requested the report be made part of the minutes. On a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Dennis Adkins, Council voted to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor addressed the improved balance in the Sewer Line Item.

C-K AutumnFest Report

Administrative Assistant, Dustin Long, reported on the success of the events during the 2019 C-K AutumnFest, even with a rain event on Saturday.

Veterans' Day Parade

The Mayor advised the Veterans' Day Parade had been scheduled for Saturday, November 9th, 2019 at 12:00 p.m., with line up from Route 60 and B Street to Main Street.

Golden Girls Main Street Development

The Mayor reported he would be meeting with Ms. Nikki Thomas from the Golden Girls Group Home on Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 to look at the blueprints of a structure they intend to locate on the lots they purchased on Main Street. The Mayor also stated if the construction was to start before the next meeting, a special meeting would be called to approve the project.

Sewer and Water Fund Bond Reserve

The Mayor addressed the requirement by the State to hold a bond reserve in the sewer and water funds in order to cover unforeseen repairs and upgrade projects. The Mayor also stated the auditors had noted the Town had increased rates to help address the problem.

Audit Summary

The Mayor presented Council with the findings relating to the financial statements and areas that needed to be addressed. He also stated that all in all, it was a successful audit and that the items addressed and the changes made would be reflected in the following years audit. See attached.

Town Postal Service

The Mayor addressed home mail delivery in the Town and his efforts to get support from Senators Capito and Manchin to obtain the service.

Police Department Firearms Purchase

A discussion was held on the need to upgrade the firearms being carried by the Town's police officers. On a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Robert Leslie, Council voted to purchase the Glock 9 millimeter for the officers' service weapon. All were in favor, motion carried.

Police Department Report

Police Chief, Tony Poston, reported on the in-service requirements being met. He also reported that the department was working on upcoming qualifications. Chief Poston also advised that Officer Lange would probably be entering the Police Academy in January, 2020.

Stormwater Manager/Administrative Assistant Report

Stormwater Manager/Administrative Assistant, Dustin Long, updated Council on the efforts being made in separating the stormwater from the sanitary sewer and the assistance he was receiving from Huntington.

Maintenance Report

Maintenance Superintendent, Ronnie Jarrell, reported on the removal of the Halloween decorations and the preparations being made for the installation of the Christmas decorations. He also discussed the ongoing cleanup of leaves and the finalization of the blacktopping projects.

A discussion was held on the cost of the garbage cans now being used throughout the Town and the possibility of having homeowners supply their own trash containers.

Adjournment

No further business was brought before the Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. and Council went into executive session.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR PAUL BILLUPS, MAYOR

Writing the "Message" article is usually a pleasurable experience, given that our town has few problems, a very low crime rate, great employees, destination museums, clean streets and public areas, well-maintained residential areas and, for the past sixty-odd years, adequate finances with which to operate a first-class, all-be-it small, town. Frankly, the job of Mayoring has been pretty easy. The times, alas, are a-changing.

The prosperity of Ceredo is largely attributable to the presence of the coal transfer terminal, originally built by Truax-Traer Coal Company and later owned by Oglebay-Norton Coal, Kanawha River Terminals, and now SunCoke Energy. The origins of a coal company in Ceredo may be of some interest. From the town's inception until the Second World War, our piece of the Ohio River shoreline from Main Street to the mouth of Twelve Pole Creek was mostly a barren field, with Union Concrete Pipe utilizing a small section of the riverbank west of Main Street.

Immediately following the war, interest was shown by coal companies in acquiring the land east of Main Street for the purpose of constructing a coal transfer facility. With excellent rail access to the southern West Virginia coalfields and a deep-water river port, Ceredo was a perfect location to handle the coal that would supply most of the electric power generated along the Ohio River between Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. But there was a problem. Some Ceredo residents balked at the idea of industry, and coal dust, within the town proper.

In one of the few agenda-contested elections in town history, my grandfather was recruited to run for Mayor in 1947 by those supporting the coal facility. The opposition opposed the facility, and the outcome of the election was thus determinative of whether a coal facility would be allowed in Ceredo. My grandfather was elected, the council approved construction of the facility, and for the following 72 years Ceredo has been financially sound thanks in large part to taxes

paid by the coal company. Has there been coal dust? Sure has. Have we enjoyed paved alleys, good equipment for town workers, available discretionary funds for a multitude of social projects, beautiful flower gardens and a great corporate neighbor? We sure have. Oh, there have been lean years when labor problems or world market conditions slowed the movement of coal, but there have been great years, like the seven-year synfuel run, where the coal company taxes doubled and they still made significant donations to community projects.

With that background, we must now look at the recent bankruptcy filing by Murray Energy, the largest privately-owned coal producer in the United States and owner of 17 mining operations in the Appalachian region. It is of note that by filing for bankruptcy protection Murray joined eight other major coal producers that have filed since 2018.

Despite the efforts of President Trump to lessen regulatory controls over the

coal industry, the industry has continued in a downward spiral. Utilities have continued to shutdown coal-fired power plants that cannot compete with the glut of natural gas being produced in our shale fields. More recently, the improved economics of wind and solar energy has hastened the demise of coal.

Once the source of 40 percent of the nation's power, coal produced only 28 percent of the nation's energy in 2018, and 25 percent in 2019. The Department of Energy predicts that the production number will drop to 22 percent in 2020, slightly over one-half of the coal-sourced power generated during its biggest years. Domestic coal production is projected to decline by 10 percent in 2019 from 2018 numbers, with another 11 percent decline projected in 2020.

So what does this energy economics lesson have to do with Ceredo? Ten years ago, there was one coal transfer facility in Ashland, two facilities in Kenova, and one in Huntington along with the Ceredo

terminal. Today, the Ceredo facility is the only one remaining, and it is of note that the other area facilities didn't simply close, they were dismantled with no hope of re-opening.

The obvious warning to those of us in Ceredo is that the cash cow may be drying up. To our great benefit, the Ceredo facility has been managed well and has become the "last man standing", meaning most of the coal transferred in the region must of necessity pass through Ceredo. To our detriment, as the coal industry overall declines, production at the Ceredo facility is likely to follow.

Will this happen overnight? No. Must we be prepared for a steady decline with the realization that the main pillar of our tax structure is likely to weaken? We must.

Rome isn't burning, the cow has not yet gone dry, but as prudent stewards of the town's finances we must plan and keep ourselves educated as to possibilities. We certainly don't want to lose our excellent municipal services, and

only through the creation of a sound long-term financial plan will we be able to absorb the projected decrease in revenue and remain the vibrant small town we all appreciate. We are "built out" in Ceredo, meaning that we have no large tracts of land that might be desired by large industrial or corporate concerns. Thus, must do our best to lure smaller businesses, those that we have room for, and slowly re-channel our tax base in offsetting the potential revenue decline. This is not an easy project and cannot be achieved overnight. My hours as Mayor will undoubtedly increase, as will those of our elected council members as we attempt to attract new businesses. Our town fathers didn't sign-up for just the fun days, and now is the time that we must step forward and grasp the challenge. The support of our residents has always been present, and will become more important than ever over the next few years as our revenue base changes.

CHRISTMAS PARADE RETURNS DECEMBER 14TH

One of Ceredo-Kenova's longest running parades, defunct for several years, is returning December 14, 2019, with a start time of noon at Ceredo Town Hall. The Christmas Parade, originally sponsored by the Ceredo-Kenova Businessmen's Association from the 1950's through the 1970's, is being brought back by parade organizers Ashley Hutchison and Amy Keyser.

During its prime years the Christmas Parade featured the Ceredo-Kenova High School Band directed by Charles Oshel along with several other area high school bands. The bands were decorated for the season, with majorettes often in red outfits, and a seasonally festive ensemble of school groups and elves, with Santa and Mrs. Claus being the main attraction.

No one is certain just why the parade was discontinued in 1983, but interest appears to be high in bringing joy to our streets once more. In excess of 45 units have already committed to participate, so this should be a great event.

Persons or groups interested in appearing in the parade can call Town Hall, or contact Ashley or Amy directly. The parade route will follow B Street, West to 6th Street, then proceed on Route 60 through Kenova. Plans call for hot dogs, hot chocolate, and Santa to be at the Kenova Town Square following the parade.

GOLD STAR FLAG PRESENTATION

A flag presentation ceremony will take place in Ceredo Town Hall on Friday, December 13, 2019, at 6:00 PM. The West Virginia Chapter of the Gold Star Mothers will conduct the ceremony, presenting a flag to the Town of Ceredo to be flown in honor of those families that have lost a son or daughter in combat or as a result of their military service.

The presentation will be held in Council Chambers and will be made by Gold Star Mother Belinda Jividen of Kenova. The public is invited to attend in support of this most worthy cause.

"The Town very much looks forward to receiving the Gold Star Flag," said Mayor Paul Billups. "As a country we were perhaps a bit delayed in recognizing the sacrifices made by families of our service men and women, and it is through the efforts of Belinda Jividen and those similarly situated families that we are bringing this recognition to a national level. Medal of Honor recipient Woody Williams is campaigning for every state to recognize this group, and as a local community we will certainly do our part."

Please plan to attend this presentation in support of our Gold Star families and in recognition of our veterans.

GILKERSON RETIRES

Long-time Ceredo employee Sonny Gilkerson will retire from full-time employment on December 1, 2019. A Ceredo native, Sonny attended Ceredo Elementary and C-K High School before serving in the Army. Following his discharge Sonny began work on April 1, 1997, as a member of the Street Department, and was later promoted to Sewer Department Manager.

Advancing age and health issues have prompted Sonny to step back from full-time work, he has agreed to remain as a consultant for the Sewer Department. Having operated and repaired nearly every facet of the Town's sewer system, Sonny's knowledge will be hard to replace.

"The Town is losing a valuable employee, a life-long Ceredo resident that appreciated his job and approached every day with the attitude that he would make Ceredo a better place. No job was too difficult for Sonny, and I can't recall him ever showing-up without a smile," said Mayor Billups. "It will be difficult, if not impossible, to find a replacement with Sonny's knowledge and willingness to tackle problems presented by the sewer system. We are fortunate that Sonny will be available to assist as the sewer work transitions to other employees."

Sonny hopes to spend more time with his sons and to play as much golf as his health will allow during retirement.



Ceredo Police Blotter



| NAME | ARRESTED ON | CHARGE |
|------------------------------|-------------|---|
| VANSCOY, LONNIE A. | 11/02/2019 | (1) Strangulation (2) Domestic Battery (3) Capias – Cabell County (FTA) |
| Galloway III, William Hupert | 11/05/2019 | (1) Possession of a Controlled Substance |
| Rulli, Michael D. | 11/15/2019 | (1) D.U.I. 1 st |
| Stender, Troy D. | 11/17/2019 | (1) D.U.I. 2 nd (2) Driving Revoked for D.U.I. |

Police Department News

The Ceredo Police Department has been an active place over that last two months. In November, the American Automobile Association held its annual awards luncheon and once again named the Ceredo department as a Platinum Award winner in the traffic safety division. Officer Matt Thompson accepted the award on behalf of the department.

During October and November, Chief Anthony Poston and Officer Matt Thompson attended a Field Training Officer course sponsored by the West Virginia State Police. Certification as a Field Training Officer will assist Poston and Thompson, the Ceredo Police Training Officer, in working with newly-hired policemen that have not attended the State Police Academy as well as continuing on-the-job training for officers that have completed the Academy.

During October an “active shooter” training drill was held at C-K Middle School. Prior to the drill, the Ceredo department took part in an in-house training exercise for several evenings, and officers worked closely with school personnel in formulating an emergency plan that will be implemented should the need arise at our school. By all accounts the drill, held during school hours, went well and the children cooperated fully.

The annual “Drug Take Back Day” was sponsored by

the Ceredo Police Department in November. A drug disposal box is located in the Police Department and maintained in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration throughout the year, providing Ceredo and Kenova residents a place to dispose of unwanted drugs. On “Drug Take Back Day”, students from the Marshall University School of Pharmacy along with volunteers from the Ceredo Volunteer Fire Department are on hand to accept drugs and package for disposal those drugs that have been deposited during the year. This year several pounds of unneeded drugs were turned in for disposal.

On December 2, 2019, members of the Department received new firearms. For several years the department-issued sidearm was a .45 caliber Glock semi-automatic pistol. During the November meeting of the Town Council, it was agreed that the town should trade the heavier .45 caliber pistols for new 9mm Glock semi-automatic pistols. The new guns are lighter and have several features useful for police work that were not available for the older pistols.

Officer John Lange has been accepted to attend the West Virginia State Police Academy. The sixteen-week course will begin in January, 2010. When Officer Lange completes the course our department will be fully certified.



Low Impact Development

The Town of Ceredo is regulated as a Phase II Small MS4 Program. MS4 stands for stormwater discharge from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. The stormwater sewer in Ceredo is separate from our sanitary sewer. Sinks, toilets, and interior floor drains must be connected to the sanitary sewer system. The wastewater discharged to the sanitary sewer receives treatment to remove pollutants prior to release to creeks and rivers. Pollutants contained in stormwater runoff flow directly into local waterways, without treatment where they can be harmful to humans and the environment. Oil and grease, food waste, paint, concrete-related wastewater, chemicals and even dirt must be prevented from entering the storm drain system in order to preserve our local waterways. Stormwater runoff is a fact of life. How we deal with storm water runoff requires everyone's involvement.

Low Impact Development (LID) includes a variety of practices that mimic or preserve natural drainage processes to manage stormwater. LID practices typically retain rain water and encourage it to soak into the ground rather than allowing it to run off into ditches

and storm drains where it would otherwise contribute to flooding and pollution problems. LID strategies integrate green space, native landscaping, natural hydrologic functions, and various other techniques to generate less runoff from developed land. LID is different from conventional engineering. While most engineering plans pipes water to low spots as quickly as possible, LID uses micro-scale techniques to manage precipitation as close to where it hits the ground as possible. This involves strategic placement of linked lot-level controls that are “customized” to address specific pollutant load and storm water timing, flow rate, and volume issues. LID is often less expensive than conventional storm water management systems because of fewer pipe and less below ground infrastructure requirements.

A reduction in surface runoff leads to less pollution damage to our local waterways: Jordan Branch, Twelvopole Creek, and the Ohio River. The Ohio River is currently impaired by dioxin and PCBs. Twelvopole Creek is currently impaired by fecal coliform and iron. Iron impairments are caused by excessive erosion from stream banks.

One strategy to decrease the iron content into Twelvopole Creek is to increase the vegetation along the stream bank in order to decrease the volume of water flowing and eroding the stream bank during storm events. Rain barrels are another option to improve water quality. Homeowners use rain barrels to capture water from roof gutters and store the water for watering lawns and plants. By decreasing the volume of water that enters the storm drains during a rain event, the downstream erosion decreases. In addition, LID practices filter out pollutants such as oil, bacteria, sediment and nutrients as the collected water seeps through vegetation and soil. The water that eventually reaches groundwater and surface water is much cleaner.

LID techniques can be used in new development and redevelopment throughout the Ceredo area to find opportunities to reduce runoff and prevent pollution. By working to keep rainwater on site, slowly releasing it, and allowing for natural physical, chemical, and biological process to do their job, LID avoids environmental impacts and expensive treatment systems. Examples include planning the least amount of impervious sur-

faces necessary to complete job (less pavement or permeable pavement), adding storm water planters to collect street runoff and incorporating landscaped curb extensions. Opportunities to apply LID principles and practices are infinite -- almost any feature of the landscape can be modified to control runoff (e.g., buildings, roads, walkways, yards, open space). When integrated and distributed throughout a development, watershed, or urban drainage area like Ceredo, these practices substantially reduce the impacts of development.

To learn more, please follow our periodic articles in this newspaper on storm water and Ceredo's MS4 program regarding water quality, storm water management. As you read these articles, you will see that we all have the ability to have an impact on our most precious natural resource by promoting responsible methods or making small changes in our everyday lives. In addition, the Town of Ceredo's MS4 program is routinely discussed at town council meetings, and the public's involvement is encouraged.

Crescent Hill Cemetery

Many of Ceredo's older generation will remember that the construction of Interstate 64 required a number of graves in Crescent Hill Cemetery to be moved. The oldest part of the cemetery, the north end, was situated on land appropriated by the state to make way for highway construction.

A vast majority of the graves that were disturbed involved persons buried prior to 1900, many during the time that headstones were fashioned from local sandstone that does not hold up well to weather. As a result, of the 326 graves that were moved, only 54 had headstones that could be read.

A funeral director from South Carolina was in charge of the project, conducted during the summer of 1962. Efforts were made to contact living relatives of the interred parties to determine where the reburials should take place, and approximately thirty graves were moved to other area cemeteries. The remaining bodies were moved to one of two locations at Crescent Hill.

Graves that contained unidentified remains were placed in Section B of the cemetery, where a new section with one monument was created. Identifiable remains, those with tombstones that were legible in 1962, were relocated to Section A of Crescent Hill where the respective headstones were reset with the appropriate remains. To locate these graves today, you should enter Crescent Hill at the second, or southern, entry road and proceed down the grade. The reset headstones are on the right side of the roadway, distinguishable by their age and being placed in a straight line, east to west.

The Department of Highways maintained fairly good records of this process, including daily reports of the embalmer that detailed the number of graves moved each day, names and locations, along with weather conditions. These records are available at the Ceredo Museum.

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FIRST AMENDMENT
 Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances
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CHARACTERS OF CEREDO

Ozzie Hawes, Columnist

EDITOR'S NOTE: There was a time in America when every small burg had a handful of "characters," people that marched to the beat of a different drummer, lived life their way, and had no desire to conform to societal expectations. From every social, financial, and political class, these characters could bring a smile to your face, cause you to shake your head in wonderment, and often make those living in the social norm to vicariously enjoy the personal freedoms expressed by a character. Ceredo has had its share.

Charles William Stewart was a Renaissance Man before that term became vogue. A native of Ceredo and member of an "old-line" Ceredo family, Mr. Stewart was known by locals as either "Charles

William" or "Birdie", no surname needed. An architect by education and profession, Charles William was equally well known in Ceredo as the best local pool and billiards player ever to chalk a cue in the Ceredo Pool Room.

A member of the "Greatest Generation" and veteran of WWII, Birdie was at once intelligent, articulate, refined when necessary yet able to communicate well in the Pool Room, at Dick's Restaurant, or on any Ceredo street corner with whomever he may have encountered. He was truly a wonderful fellow.

Tales of the exploits of Charles William abound. As a college student he was required to have a Physical Education class, but was unable to fit a PE class into his schedule. Looking for a way to meet the requirement, Birdie ap-

proached the football coach, explained his predicament, and asked if he could join the football team as a kicker. As Birdie told the story, "the coach pondered a while and finally agreed, saying the team 'might score a touchdown and need a kicker'". Birdie though he has outsmarted the system until about midway through the season when injuries took their toll on regular players and the coach sent Birdie, over his protestations, into the game as a halfback. Sure enough, his number was called and according to Birdie 10 of the 11 defenders took a shot at the erstwhile kicker disguised as a runner. That was Birdie's last play, as he decided a wait for a PE class was better than certain death as a halfback on a poor team.

An avid supporter of Marshall athletics, Charles

William was not shy about questioning Marshall coaches during Big Green Club meetings, and more than one coach suggested that he would not try to design buildings if Charles William would quit trying to coach football.

For much of his life Charles William resided in the Wright Mansion, located in the 800 block of B Street and currently home of the Frederick Chiropractic Clinic. Birdie and his wife, Kitty, raised three talented children, Barbara, Charles, and Carol Jean, all of whom graduated from Ceredo-Kenova High School and went on to have fine careers while remembering their roots in Ceredo.

During his professional career as a well-respected architect in Huntington, Charles William designed many buildings in the Tri-State,

including the C-K Middle School in Ceredo. True to his Renaissance form, he was able to loosen his tie and become "one of the Ceredo boys" at quit time. As late as the 1970's, an occasional pool hustler would stop in the Ceredo establishment looking for a "money game." While there were a handful of respectable pool shooters in Ceredo, when an unknown person wanted a "money game" the room owner, Ray Cornwall, immediately directed someone to run up the street and get Birdie. Never one to turn down a challenge, Birdie would shortly arrive, many times still in his suit and tie, grad a stick off the wall and put on a beautiful display of pool shooting. Always backed by the local money, the Pool Room regulars took great fancy in their architect that

could transform into one of the boys to win a bet for them.

They don't make men like Charles William Stewart these days. Fellows with architectural degrees don't speak much to fellows in pool rooms, much less hang out enough to be one of the best money players in the region. Society has become so busy that persons of a profession don't stop to shoot the breeze in the local pharmacy or diner, or have enough care and consideration for those that he grew up with to always treat them as equals.

The world, and Ceredo, will miss the Birdie Stewarts – a gentleman in every way, yet a common man in equal degree.

Charles William "Birdie" Stewart, a true character of Ceredo.



INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Ceredo is requesting bids for two projects at The Ramsdell House Civil War Home Museum in Ceredo, WV



THE RAMSDELL HOUSE 1858

I. Stabilization and repair of a second story porch.
This project includes:

1. Stabilization and repair of second story west porch and entrance
2. Assess, remove and replace unsound wood and structural materials
3. Level second story porch floor and ceiling structures, which may require jacking up structures while repairs are made
4. Insert and secure new porch posts on first and second levels as required
5. Replace porch floor, ceiling and railings where needed
6. Finish work as directed

The project completion date is no later than June 30, 2020 and will be reviewed by the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office. Contractors will be selected based upon (1) cost, (2) experience with similar historic preservation projects, and (3) proven ability to complete a project. The contractor must carry out the described work in compliance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

The bid package is available by contacting Deborah Wolfe, Project Coordinator, at 304-908-9696 or dwolfe@RamsdellHouse.com. There will be a mandatory pre-bid walk-through by appointment on January 15th, 2020 and a January 30th, 2020 deadline for receipt of bids.

Partial funds for this project are through the WV State Historic Preservation Office. All applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations apply.

II. Stabilization and repair of interior and exterior bricks.
This project includes:

1. Stabilization and repair of two interior attic chimneys
2. Repointing of exterior brick at second story west porch
3. Assess and accomplish any additional exterior repointing or repair required on all four walls
4. Install two (2) vent screens to close foundation openings
5. The contractor must carry out the described work in compliance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, including matching the mortar composition analysis with accurate ratio of sand to binder per owner's independent and state-approved Mortar Composition Analysis.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Ceredo Pool Room, located in the 200 Block of Main Street, opened its doors in 1916, three years before Prohibition and at a time when there was significant debate in Ceredo concerning the proliferation of alcohol-serving establishments. The Ceredo Town Council, in an attempt to control the health and welfare of town residents, passed an Ordinance on May 1, 1916, regulating conduct at the Pool Room. Ratification of the Eighteenth Amendment in January, 1919, quieted activity around the Pool Room until December, 1933, when prohibition was repealed by the Twenty-First Amendment. Between 1934 and 1974 a number of persons were charged with violating the following ordinance, usually resulting from drunken fisticuffs on weekend nights.

ORDINANCE REGULATING POOL AND BILLIARD ROOMS

Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Ceredo that it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to whom license have been issued to run a pool or billiard room, to open said room or to play on Sunday, or to keep open later than twelve o'clock night, eastern time, or to allow any person under the age of eighteen years to play any game whatever in said room, or to loaf within said room for any other purpose, or to allow load boisterous or indecent language, or do any other thing that will annoy any person passing by said room or to disturb the public peace and the quiet of the neighborhood.

Be it further ordained that it shall be unlawful for any person operating said rooms to allow any games to be played by which there is money or any other thing of value won or lost. Any person or persons taking part or playing such game shall be equally guilty of gaming. Anyone violating any of the acts of this ordinance and upon conviction thereof may be fined in any sum not to exceed twenty-five dollars and the costs and in the discretion of the Mayor be imprisoned in the Town jail not to exceed thirty days.

This ordinance shall take effect from its passage, May 1, 1916.

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HONOR ROLL

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| Eleanor Terry | 10/20 |
| Jim and Pat Billups | 02/21 |
| John C. Hall | 05/20 |
| Paul and Kathy Billups | 10/21 |
| Jack and Ann Riggs | 05/21 |
| Mike Watts | 09/20 |
| Leigh Ann Johnson | 04/22 |
| Jennifer Ferguson | 10/19 |
| Connie & Mark Beford | 10/20 |
| Dinah and Dale Ledbetter | 10/20 |
| In Memory of Herb & Helen Stephens | 08/20 |
| In Memory of Coach Dale Craycraft | 08/20 |
| In Memory of J. J. & Roma Gail Billups | 08/20 |
| In Memory of Janice Justice | 12/19 |
| In Memory of Charles & Betty Pratt | 02/20 |
| Donna Vanhooose | 02/20 |
| Gary & Marsha Pinson | 03/20 |
| Brenda Francis | 03/20 |
| George Keigley | 03/20 |
| In Memory of Houston & Gladys Woolwine | 03/20 |
| Katrina Childers | 03/20 |
| Rhonda & Barry Scragg | 04/20 |
| In Memory of Robert (Pete) & Carolyn Sullivan | 04/20 |
| In Memory of Alberta "Dossie" & Sherman Medley | 04/20 |
| Tim Wilson | 05/20 |
| Dr. Ron & Lucinda Akers | 06/20 |
| In Memory of Clarence & Dotty Clarkson | 07/20 |
| Marlene Simmons | 07/20 |
| Herm Matney | 08/20 |
| In Memory of Anagene Wooten Gibbs | 08/20 |
| In Memory of Kathleen Wooren Marcum | 08/20 |
| In Memory of Larry Cole | 08/20 |
| In Memory of Charles & Dorothy Watts | 09/20 |
| Jeanette & Roger Barker | 03/21 |

The New Crescent Honor Roll is intended to be a way we give special recognition to those persons who donate at least \$50.00 during the year to support our publication. Since the Honor Roll is a twelve-month feature, you will need to renew your contribution every twelve months to remain on the Roll. Your name not appearing indicates your year had expired.
A very special "Thank You!" to all of you who have helped us to continue the paper with your gifts. With your help, we have been able to publish and deliver The New Crescent to every home in Ceredo since February 1990!

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Location: 218 Main Street, Ceredo

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SilverSneakers is a fun, energizing program that helps older adults take greater control of their health by encouraging physical activity. Tri-State Rehab offers this program to people who are eligible for Medicare through Humana in which SilverSneakers provides a free gym membership. This program is designed exclusively for older adults who want to improve their strength, flexibility, balance and endurance.

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South Ceredo Champion

Many adjectives could be used to describe former Ceredo resident Steve Evans, but the one that appears in any conversation concerning the former South Ceredo resident is “tough.” Steve was personable, intelligent, hard-working, honest, likeable – but more than anything, he was tough.

A son of the late Bill and Jean Evans, Steve's world for his first nine years was bounded by Twelve Pole Creek, Cemetery Hill, the pony pasture, and Ceredo Graded School. A self-described “street urchin”, the rough and tumble outdoors playground took structure when Steve started playing Little League baseball, and when local sports enthusiasts formed youth league football and basketball teams the following year Steve's life took a whole new purpose.

Talented in every sport, Steve made the Little League All-Star team in 1964 and led the team to a victory over Barboursville with a home run. In basketball, Steve was named to the Huntington YMCA Tournament “All-Tournament Team,” and while youth football in those days consisted only of teams from Ceredo and Kenova, Steve was a star of that league.

Steve continued to play all sports through Junior High, and earned eight varsity letters while playing football, basketball, and baseball at CKHS. A tackle on the football team, Steve earned All-State First Team honors in 1968 when

he led the Wonders to a 9-1 record, and he was later selected to play in the Coal Bowl football game pitting stars from West Virginia against Kentucky. During his high school career Steve played on state championship teams in both football and basketball.

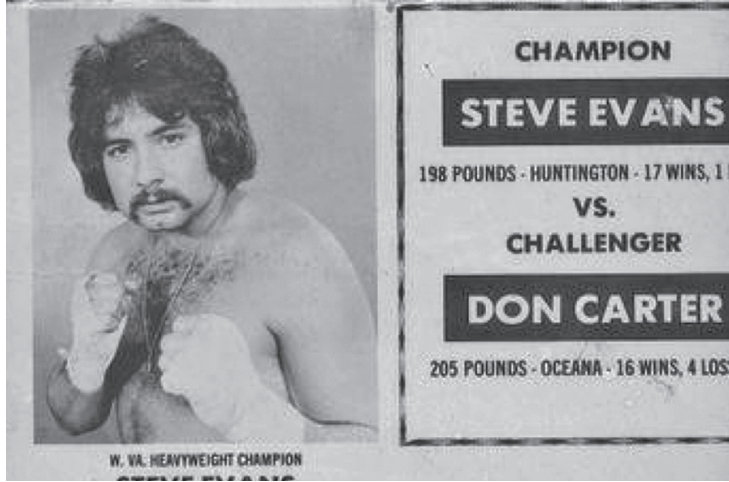
Following graduation, Steve continued his football career at Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia, where he was a co-captain and one of two only two players to start on both offense and defense. Having arrived at Hargrave weighing a robust 265 pounds, Steve showed his discipline by losing 60 pounds in just three weeks of pre-season practice. An ankle injury in the fifth game of the season effectively ended Steve's football career, forcing him to return to Marshall as a student the following semester.

After participating in athletics for over ten years, Steve still had the desire for competition. For a time in the early 1960's Bill Evans operated a boxing gym in the old Ceredo Bank building on Main Street. Several Ceredo boys, including Doug Adkins, Gene Adkins, and Gary Akers trained at the Ceredo facility and later fought in amateur tournaments. Although Steve was too young to participate in an organized fight when his father was training boxers, he did find himself being used as a sparring partner and was versed in the pugilistic art at a young age.

In the early 1970's amateur

boxing was in its heyday. The Huntington Regional Golden Gloves was the biggest sporting event in the city, drawing sell-out crowds at Memorial Field House each night for the annual five-day tournament and attracting fighters from as far as Columbus and Pittsburgh. For an athlete like Steve, the Golden Gloves presented a new lease on his career.

Training at the Huntington VFW under the direction



of head coach and Ceredo resident Bill Sloan, Steve quickly found his old boxing skills which, coupled with his generally tough demeanor, made him a force to be reckoned with. After several weeks of training Steve was entered in a one-night “smoker” at Point Pleasant, his eagerness tempered only slightly when he found that his opponent was a prisoner serving a life sentence at the West Virginia State Penitentiary at Moundsville.

Steve made short work of the prisoner and before the bell

sounded for the third round the inmate was on his way back to the prison infirmary with a broken jaw. Steve moved on to the Regional Golden Gloves in February, 1972, where he encountered a record number of entries in the Heavyweight Novice class. Undaunted, the Ceredo Tough Boy, at 198 pounds, rolled over five straight opponents and captured the heavyweight crown.

After a year away from the

It was during this time that the famous Kronk Gym operated in Detroit, featuring such fighters as Michael and Leon Spinks. Winning the Detroit Golden Gloves was no easy task, thus Evans' opponent was a seasoned veteran of national competition.

True to form, Steve floored his opponent in the first round and after a back-and-forth second round Evans again had his opponent in trouble in the



straight opponents by knockout before arriving in Huntington. Working-out the day before the Daniels fight, Evans went two rounds with Bobick, and according to observers Steve gave the professional contender all he wanted. Bobick acknowledged Evans' skills when he told reporters at a post-workout press conference that he “didn't have a good sparring session but hoped to perform better” in the actual fight.

Steve entered the Golden Gloves again in 1976, working his way to the finals before losing another split-decision, this time to Charleston fighter Phil Brosieri, who later trained under Hall of Fame trainer Angelo Dundee. Steve hung up the gloves with a record of 21 wins and 3 defeats, each loss by split-decision, and never having been knocked down.

Now semi-retired after a career in sales and living in the Charlotte area, Steve reflects on his youth in Ceredo as being in the perfect place at the perfect time. From the standpoint of his friends in Ceredo, whatever the sport, be it chess or ping-pong or rugby, we want Steve on our team when the game starts. There have been better all-around athletes, faster athletes, stronger athletes, and more skilled athletes, but there has never been a tougher competitor than Steve Evans. We are surely proud that he was, and always will be, a Ceredo Boy.

third round before receiving a controversial one-point penalty that eventually led to a split-decision loss that surprised many ringside observers.

Upon his return to Ceredo, Steve had the opportunity to spar with professional heavyweight contender Duane Bobick, who was in Huntington to fight Billy Daniels in a ten-round event. Bobick was the 1972 Golden Gloves National Champion and the gold medalist at the 1971 Pan American Games. As a professional fighter Bobick disposed of 19

Cox Wins Tourney

Elba Gene “Hush Puppy” Cox, perhaps better known for hitting longshots at Tri-State Greyhound Park, hit the long shot when he had to on the final hole of the annual Ott Open Golf Tournament. The 54-hole tournament was played over three days at the Pete Dye Course in Clarksburg, the Stonewall Resort Palmer Course in Weston, and Sugarwood Golf Club at Lavalette.

Entering the final round Cox trailed the 36-hole leader Brian Byard by five strokes, with Mike Watts and David

Pennington tied for second place two strokes behind the diminutive Cox. A former state record-holder in the 100-yard dash and a “All-Pacific Fleet” softball player, the pressure didn't appear to faze Cox as he stood at one stroke under par on the final round after sixteen holes. As the final group approached the seventeenth tee, a 368-yard par 4, Byard held a one-stroke lead over Watts, Pennington, and Cox.

Byard, long off the tee all day, played his tee shot long against the dog-leg left and

landed out-of-bounds, finishing the hole with a bogey 5. The remaining players all scored par, meaning the leader board reflected a 4-way tie going to the 468-yard par 5 eighteenth hole.

Cox was first off the tee and reached several years back to hit his longest drive of the day, a 265 yard shot along the left side of the fairway that bounced one time and came to rest in a deep fairway bunker. Pennington and Watts played safe in the fairway at around 230 yards. Byard again hit long right and

landed on a railroad embankment, then pulled his second shot dead-left into a large tree on the bank of Twelve Pole Creek. The ball then bounced back onto the fairway, but due to a cut in the cover of the ball Byard was forced to pick-up.

After discussion with his caddy, Tom Chenault, Pennington hit his favorite club, Ottie-Bo, to within six feet of the flag. Watts followed with a 4-iron that came to rest on the front slope, 18 yards from the pin. The attention then turned to Cox, standing in sand 203 yards from the

flag. Undaunted, Cox took one practice swing with his 3-wood and hit what may be the shot of his career. The ball started right and then began a gentle draw toward the green, striking the flagstick about six inches off the ground and falling directly into the hole for an unlikely turkey, three strokes under par and closing out both Pennington and Watts for the championship.

As the crowd erupted Cox tossed his club to his caddy, tipped his cap, and began the slow, triumphant walk to the green. Pennington

and Watts stood in apparent shock, never imagining that Cox could reach the green in two strokes, much less hole his final shot. “I have played in enough big games to know how to handle pressure”, said Cox. “I was steady all day, and knew I had the strength to reach back for a long shot if the situation called for it. I applaud the other boys for playing a fine tournament, and since I am contemplating retirement I am sure these fellows will win their share in the future.”

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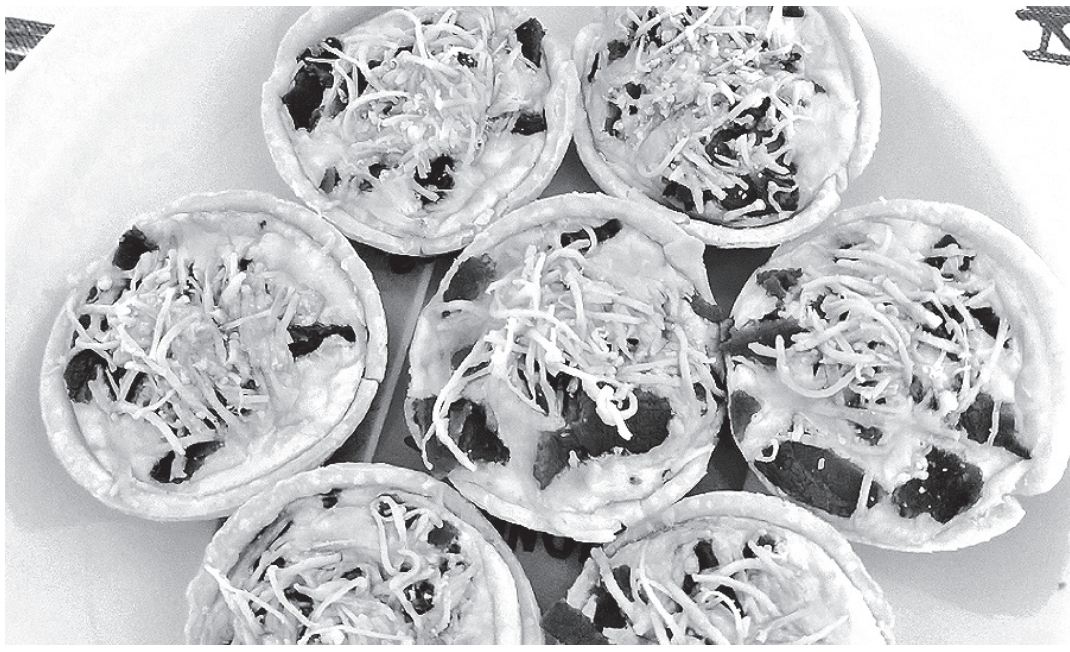
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Mini-Bacon Cheese Cups
by Natalie Hemann

3 oz shredded Swiss cheese (about 2/3 cup)
8 slices cooked bacon, chopped

The holiday season has arrived, which means so has the baking/cooking season. This time of year we have family get-togethers, church events, Christmas parties...it seems like the list is endless! I enjoy each and every one and am glad to bring a dish when asked. This recipe is a good "finger food" or even good for breakfast. On Christmas Eve my family has a dinner of what I call "party food" and it has become a tradition that I bring this appetizer.

Preheat oven to 425°F. Spray 16 mini muffin cups with cooking spray. Unroll pie crust on work surface. Using 2 1/2-inch round cutter, cut 16 rounds from crust; discard any remaining crust. Place 1 crust round in each muffin cup, pressing down gently to form cup. (If you want to use regular size muffin tins, use an approximately 3 1/4 inch cutter; will make around 12 muffin cups. The picture above used regular size muffin tin.)

In blender or food processor, (or just mix well in bowl with hand mixer) blend cream cheese, whole egg, onion, and egg yolk until almost smooth. Divide mixture evenly among crust lined muffins cups. Top each evenly with Swiss cheese and bacon.

Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 5 minutes; remove from muffin pan and serve.

May you and your family have a blessed time together with good food and fellowship during the Christmas season.

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CEREDO CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY

Ceredo knows how to celebrate holidays, history and heroes, and Veterans Day was no exception. On Thursday, November 7th, Ceredo Elementary School had a Veterans Day Assembly with a number of veterans, including members of The Marine Corps League, as spe-

cial guests. Keynote speaker Woody Williams, who received the Medal of Honor for valor at Iwo Jima in World War II, spoke to the children about patriotism, service and the flag. Williams was given a very special gift: a painting of himself on a backdrop of the flag,

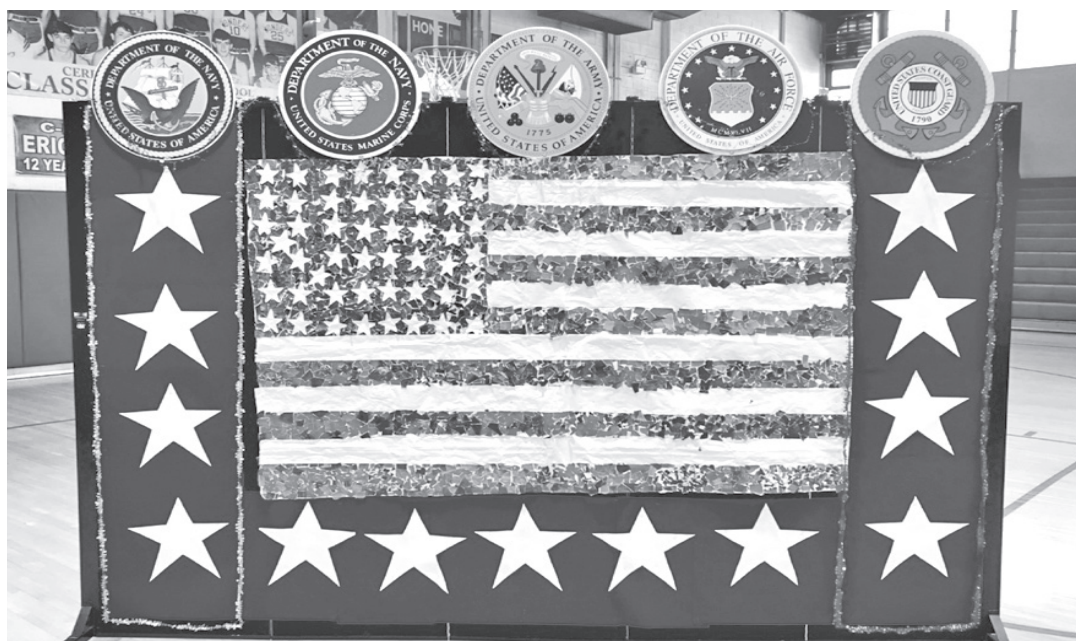
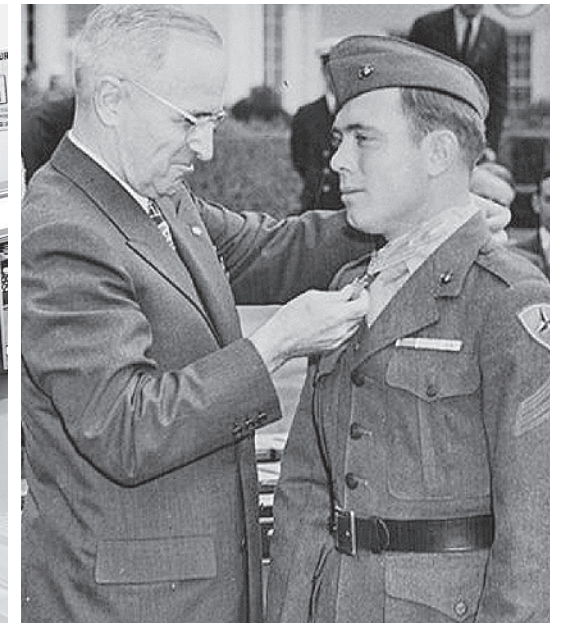
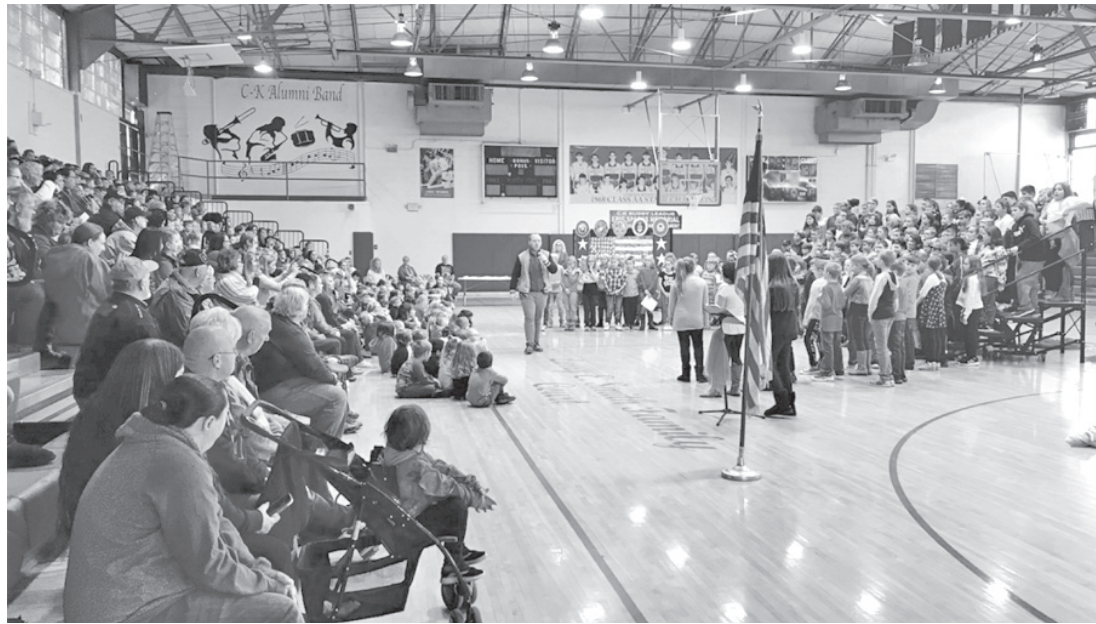
skillfully prepared by C-K art teacher, Tim Decker. It also portrayed a young Woody on the battlefield at Iwo Jima with a flame thrower strapped on his back, and Woody being given his Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman.

On Friday, November 8th, the

celebration at C-K Elementary continued with another Veterans Day assembly and luncheon, with special guests including members of the children's families who have served in the military. The children presented an outstanding musical program under the direction of Chris

Kimes, which was enjoyed by all in attendance. A special centerpiece representing the flag and the insignias of each of the five branches of the U.S. military, framed by stars, was featured. Continuing Ceredo's celebration, the annual Veterans Day Parade took place on Saturday,

November 9th. As always, Ceredo citizens came out in force along the flag-lined streets to honor those who have, and continue, to serve. The Ceredo-Kenova Christmas parade will be on December 14th.



Civil War Christmas

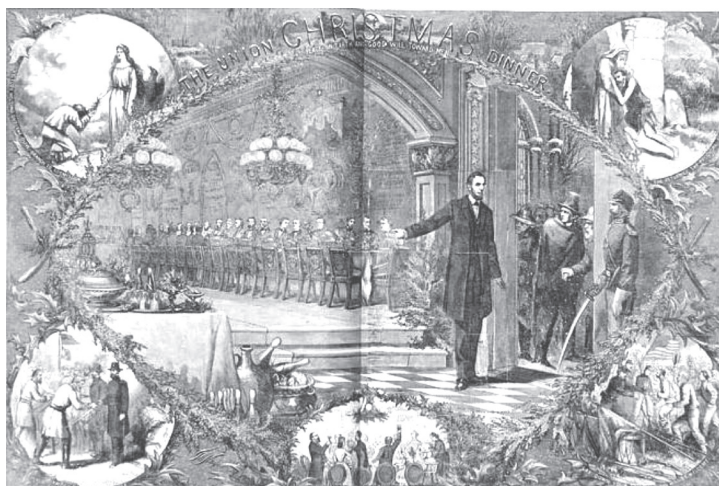
Many of the holiday traditions celebrated today had their roots in Europe and other parts of the world, but their observance in America began during the Civil War era.

Christmas was widely celebrated in Europe for centuries but when the Puritans came to the New World they brought with them their distaste for the holiday. In the early 17th century, a wave of religious reform changed the way Christmas was celebrated in Europe. When Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan forces took over England in 1645, they vowed to rid England of decadence and, as part of their effort, cancelled the observance of Christmas because partying and merry making was seen as "unchristian." By popular demand, Charles II was restored to the throne and, with him, came the return of the popular holiday.

The pilgrims, English separatists that came to America in 1620, were even more orthodox in their Puritan beliefs than Cromwell. Instead of the joyful, family-oriented holiday that it is today, they turned Christmas into a solemn occasion that involved praying and reflecting on sin. Feeling that it was more of a European pagan holiday than a Christian celebration, Puritans officially banned Christmas in Boston for over 20 years during the mid-1600s. From 1659 to 1681, the celebration of Christmas was actually outlawed in Boston. Anyone exhibiting the Christmas spirit was fined five shillings. By contrast, in the Jamestown settlement, Captain John Smith reported that Christmas was enjoyed by all and passed without incident. After the American Revolution, English customs fell out of favor, including Christmas. In fact, Congress was in session on December 25, 1789, the first Christmas under America's new constitution. In the early 1800s, a growing religious revival spurred the return of Christmas celebrations in many states.

In 1819, best-selling author Washington Irving wrote *The Sketchbook of Geoffrey Crayon, gent.*, a series of stories about the celebration of Christmas in an English manor house. The sketches feature a squire who invited the peasants into his home for the holiday. In contrast to the problems faced in American society, the two groups mingled effortlessly. In Irving's mind, Christmas should be a peaceful, warm-hearted holiday bringing groups together across lines of wealth or social status. Before the Civil War, the North and South were divided on the issue of Christmas, as well as on the question of slavery. Many Northerners saw sin in the celebration of Christmas; to these people the celebration of Thanksgiving was more appropriate. But in the South, Christmas was an important part of the social season. Not surprisingly, the first three states to make Christmas a legal holiday were in the South: Alabama in 1836, Louisiana and Arkansas in 1838.

During the period surrounding the Civil War, many Americans observed the holiday as a way to find comfort and bond with family members through long-lost traditions. Children received small, homemade gifts such as hand-carved toys, fruit and cakes. Families had Christmas trees, which were small and sat on top of a table, which they decorated with strings of dried fruit and popcorn. Civil War soldiers celebrated by decorating their camp Christmas trees with hard-tack and salt-pork and singing carols such as "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night." The Civil War's Jewish Chaplains, such as Rabbi Ferdinand Leopold Sarner of the 54th New York Regiment, who was wounded at Gettysburg, supported soldiers in their observance of Christmas, while also providing Hanukkah observances for Jewish soldiers. After General William Sherman captured Savannah in December of 1864, his soldiers dressed

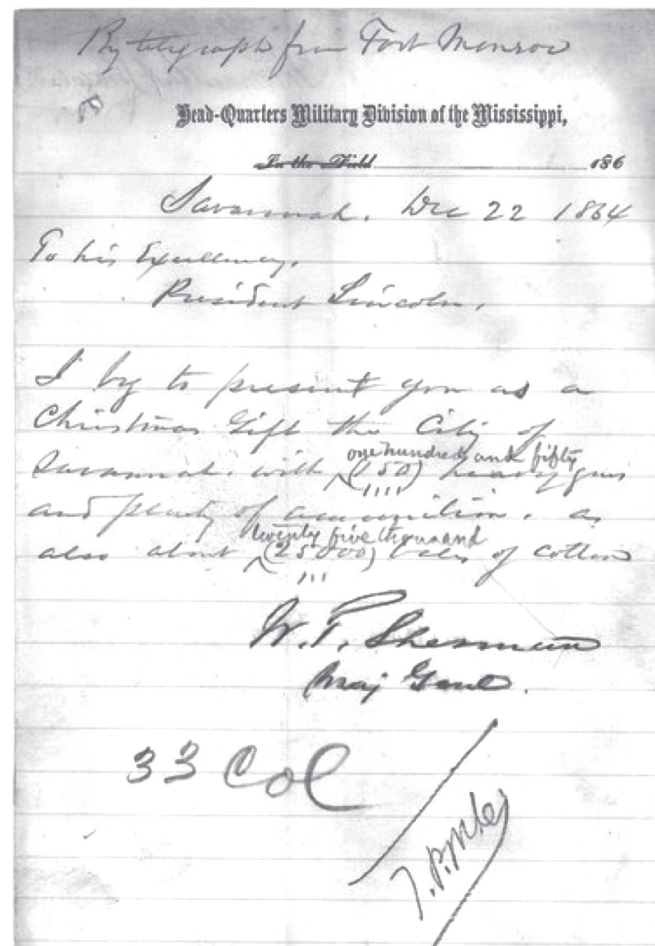


"The Union Christmas" illustration of Abraham Lincoln inviting Confederate soldiers to Christmas dinner, by Thomas Nast, published in *Harper's Weekly* in 1864

their horses up like reindeer by attaching branches to their headgear and delivered food and supplies to hungry families in Georgia.

Confederate soldiers to join Union soldiers at dinner.

During the Christmas season in



Telegram from General Sherman presenting Savannah as a Christmas present

President Abraham Lincoln and his family celebrated Christmas during the first year of the war by holding a Christmas party at the White House, during which it was reported that he invited

1862 and 1863, Lincoln visited injured soldiers in various hospitals. Mary Todd Lincoln raised money for Christmas dinners and their son Tad sent gifts to



"Christmas" engraving by Louis Prang & Company circa 1862

wounded soldiers he met during his father's holiday hospital visits. One of the most famous Christmas gifts was when General Sherman captured the city of Savannah, Georgia in December of 1864, a significant military achievement that marked the beginning of the end of the war, and sent Abraham Lincoln a telegram that read: "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift, the city of Savannah, with 100 and 50 guns and plenty of ammunition, also about 25,000 bales of cotton."

In the years after the Civil War, Christmas traditions spread across the country. Children's books played an important role in spreading the customs of celebrating Christmas, especially the tradition of trimmed trees and gifts delivered by Santa Claus. Sunday school classes encouraged the celebration of Christmas. Women's magazines were also very important in suggesting ways to decorate for the

holidays, as well as how to make these decorations. President Ulysses S. Grant declared Christmas a legal holiday in 1870. The bill to make Christmas a holiday was introduced into the House of Representatives by Rep. Burton Chauncey Cook (Illinois). It was approved and passed to the Senate on June 24, 1870. When both houses had agreed on the wording, it was passed on to President Grant, who signed it on June 28, 1870.

By the last quarter of the nineteenth century, Americans eagerly decorated trees, sang carols, baked, and shopped for the Christmas season, and happily, we have incorporated Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and other cultural traditions into our holiday season. The traditions that we enjoy during the holidays today were created by blending together customs from many different countries and cultures into what most of us consider to be our major holiday season.