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Town of Ceredo Town Council Regular Session September 3rd, 2019 at the Ceredo City Hall

The Town of Ceredo Town Council met in regular session on Monday, September 3rd, 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 Minutes

The Mayor asked if Council had any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 5th, 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 August 5th, 2019 Regular Session minutes and accept the minutes as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

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

The Mayor addressed the General Fund Balances.

Audit Update

The Mayor advised the auditors should be here in 2-3 weeks to start the audit.

Street Lighting Project Update

The Mayor advised all the items needed to install the new street lights had been received.

The Mayor also expressed his concern in having the Town crew install the lighting system due to their already heavy workload and the number of workers that would be needed to complete the project and he was considering having a contractor install the lights.

Sewer Rate Increase Update

The Mayor addressed the first collection of the sewer rate increases and stated it had met with minimal complaints. He also stated the implementation of the increased rate will help to stabilize the sewer account line item and that another article regarding the sewer rate increase would be published in next month's edition of the Crescent.

Dog License Ordinance 505.10

The Mayor discussed Ordinance 505.10 requiring every person owning a dog in the municipality to pay an annual license fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each dog on July 1st of each year. Upon payment of the license fee, a metal tag shall be issued identifying the dog and the year issued. A dog application for each dog would be obtained and returned to the Town Hall at 700 B Street.

Holy Smoke BBQ Restaurant

The Mayor advised the Holy Smoke BBQ Restaurant should be opening around October 1st, 2019.

Ordinance 509.05, Excessive Noise

The Mayor read, on Second Reading, Ordinance 509.05, Excessive Noise, as amended.

On a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Joe Ratcliff, Council voted to approve Ordinance 509.05, Excessive Noise, as read on Second Reading. All were in favor, motion carried.

An Ordinance Amending Article 945.05,

Water Regulations and Charges

The Mayor addressed requests being made for adjustments in water bills and outlined the various reasons for such a request. The Mayor then read, on First Reading, an Ordinance amending Article 945.05, Water Regulations and Charges.

On a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to approve an Ordinance amending Article 945.05, as read on First Reading. All were in favor, motion carried.

Ceredo Elementary - Stark Heirs

The Mayor advised he was waiting to hear from Attorney David Lycans concerning the Jordan Branch Property being questioned by the Stark heirs.

Lighting for the Ceredo Elementary School Gymnasium and the Ceredo Town Council Chambers

The Mayor addressed the replacement of the mercury vapor lighting in the Ceredo Elementary School Gymnasium and the Town Council Chambers with LED lighting. He advised a price had been quoted by State Electric in the amount of \$2,600.

On a motion by Joe Ratcliff and a second by Dennis Adkins, Council voted to approve the replacement of the mercury vapor lighting with LED lighting in the Ceredo Elementary School Gymnasium and the Town Council Chambers for \$2,600. All were in favor, motion carried.

Ramsdell House Dedication

The Mayor discussed the Ramsdell House dedication and program planned for Sunday, September 9th from 3pm-6pm and invited everyone in the community to attend.

Heritage Farm and Tri-State Airport Annual Donations

The Mayor presented Council with requests for the annual donation of \$1,000 for the Heritage Farm and the annual donation of \$5,000 for the Tri-State Airport.

On a motion by Dennis Adkins and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to approve the \$1,000 donation to Heritage Farm and the \$5,000 donation to the Tri-State Airport, as funds are available. All were in favor, motion carried.

Hair & Beyond

The Mayor presented Council with a request from Jeanie Sullivan to relocate her beauty shop to 485 Main Street. After discussing the location of the business and available parking, the Mayor asked if there were any questions regarding the business operating at the new location and the issuance of the business license. None being heard, the Mayor advised he would proceed with a letter to Ms. Sullivan.

Police Report

Chief Tony Poston addressed the number of citations written in the month of August and the good job the new officers were doing.

Chief Poston advised the department was in the process of certifying the officers in the use of Tasers. He also reported the camera and alarm system at the Ceredo Elementary School building had been installed and was operable.

Stormwater/Administrative Assistant Report

Stormwater Manager/Administrative Assistant, Dustin Long, reported on two (2) sinkholes that had developed – one at Main Street and Route 60 and the other at 1st Street West and High Street. He advised he would be exploring possible causes for the holes and the action needed to correct the problem(s).

Mr. Long also discussed an indoor Pickle Ball Court to be located in the Ceredo Elementary School gymnasium and the upcoming C-K AutumnFest Parade scheduled for October 22nd, 2019.

The Mayor asked Mr. Long to monitor the installation of the Route 60 and ANR flood gates and the Jordan Branch pipe inspection project.

Ceredo Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Chief, Robbie Robson, thanked the Mayor and Council for closing B Street in front of the fire station for the department's annual Fire Department/EMS picnic. He also advised the Mayor and Council of the upcoming ISO rating and the annual Rocco's Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for the last Sunday in October.

Adjournment

No further business was brought before the Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

WONDERS ARE TURF BOWL BOUND!

The Ceredo-Kenova D-Team of the Tri-State Youth Football League has qualified to play for the Turf Bowl Championship.

The game will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019, at Marshall's Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Game time is 11:00 AM.

The young Wonders are coached by Brian Watts, Jimmy Parker, Josh Fouch and Ryan Booth.

The Wonders prevailed in a semi-final game against the D-C Express, and will face the Huntington Hawks in the championship game.



Front: #5 Jaxon McFeely, #20 Zander Brown, #51 Cam Booth, #14 Patrick Spurlock, #16 Heath Bown, #13 Brody Watts

Middle: #18 Alijah Ball, #32 Colt Pelfrey, #99 Shooter Parker, #11 Corbin Salyers, #10 Ashton Salyers

Back: Coaches: Brian Watts, Jimmy Parker, Josh Fouch, Ryan Booth



Ceredo Police Blotter



NAME	ARRESTED ON	CHARGE
Williams, Rodney Dean	10/01/2019	(1) D.U.I. (2) Driving on Suspended OLN
Adkins, Charlie Daniel	10/03/2019	(1) City Capias (2) Driving on Suspended OLN – 3 rd Offence
Legrand, Billy Joe	10/09/2019	(1) City Capias – F.T.A.
Dupree, David Luke	10/12/2019	(1) Stolen Vehicle (Assist for Wayne Co. Sheriff Dept.)
Hensley, Ron David	10/14/2019	(1) City Capias – F.T.A.

Ceredo Credit Card Payments

In a move that is perhaps overdue, the Town of Ceredo has modernized our system for receiving all types of payments to the town. Effective October 22, 2019, the town can accept credit card payments for water bills, stormwater fees, floodwall fees, municipal court payments, B&O tax payments, and building permits.

Credit card payments may be made in person, by telephone, or online at the town website, www.ceredowv.gov. The surcharge for paying by credit card is \$1.00 plus 2% of the transaction, all of which goes to the service provider.

“This convenience was long overdue,” said Mayor Paul Billups, “We took a while to be sure to find a trusted provider that operates at a reasonable cost, and the firm we are using is the provider for credit card payments made to the state. A number of our residents have inquired about this service, and we hope it adds an element of convenience for those not able to visit Town Hall to make cash payments.”

Persons having questions about credit card payments should contact the Clerk’s Office at 304-453-4675.

Dog License

The official Ceredo dog license tags have arrived and may be purchased at Town Hall. The cost of a dog license is \$1.00 per year, and all dogs in the municipality are required to be registered and have a town-issued tag.

The dog license ordinance has been on the books since 1951, but for unknown reasons has not been enforced for a number of years. The Town has provided a 90-day grace period to allow dog owners an opportunity to register their canines and obtain a tag before enforcement of the ordinance, meaning all dogs must be registered before December 1, 2019.

Please comply with this ordinance.

As a reminder, all dogs in Ceredo must be on a leash when in public places, and all dog owners are required to remove dog waste from town common areas or private yards. Baskets have been provided at most intersections in town to assist in the disposal of dog waste. Please be considerate and comply with this ordinance, it keeps Ceredo clean and is much easier than explaining to Judge Jarrell why you shouldn’t be fined.

Outdoor Storage of Dry Materials

The Town of Ceredo is regulated as a Phase II Small MS4 Program. MS4 stands for storm water discharge from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. The storm water 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 storm water 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. Storm water runoff is a fact of life. How we deal with storm water runoff requires everyone’s involvement.

Storm water runoff from outdoor storage of dry materials contributes to stormwater runoff pollution. Sediment, metals, landscape waste, grease, automotive fluids, and concrete products are some of the pollutants that get into the storm drain system when they are not properly stored. Stockpiles of galvanized metal products are concentrated sources of pollutants. Storm water runoff is rain and any other water that passes through and out of developed areas (streets, parking lots, rooftops, etc.) into the storm drain system and eventually to Jordan Branch, Twelvepole Creek, and the Ohio River.

Pollutants discharged to Jordan Branch, Twelvepole Creek, and the Ohio River during storms or through illegal dumping contribute significantly to water pollution and harm aquatic life. Under the MS4 permit, the Town of Ceredo is required to have a plan to minimize erosion and sediment that enters Jordan Branch, Twelvepole Creek, and the Ohio River. The Town of Ceredo complies with this requirement and stores outdoor dry bulk materials (such as sand, salt, and gravel used to treat roadways) accordingly.

All businesses and homeowners can apply Best Management Practices to their daily activities to significantly reduce their contribution to storm water pollution. BMPs related to outdoor storage of dry materials are identified below.

Best Management Practices for Outdoor Storage of Dry Materials

Keep rainfall from directly contacting dry materials stored outdoors. You can do this by doing any of the following:

- Move storage indoors.
- Cover the outdoor areas with a roof.
- Move materials into a shed.
- Cover the outdoor areas with plastic sheeting or a tarp and secure with weighted tires or sandbags.
- Store dry materials on a mounded area, on a pallet, or in a bermed area to keep rain from running onto or through the storage area.
- Sweep the area frequently; dispose of debris in the garbage.
- Keep dumpster areas and trash cans free of litter and keep lids closed.
- Do not use the area for washing; wash water from cleaning operations must be discharged to the sanitary sewer.
- Stencil storm drain inlets with “No Dumping, Drains to the Ohio River” message.

Please note that hazardous materials must be stored in accordance with federal, state, and local requirements. Check with your local building, zoning and fire departments concerning indoor storage requirement.

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.

CVFD – Rocco’s Dinner Success



The twentieth annual Ceredo Volunteer Fire Department – Rocco’s Sunday Spaghetti Dinner was held October 27, 2019. This year the Volunteers served 858 dinners, an all-time record, with Chef Rocco Muriale providing both spaghetti and lasagna dinners.

This is a great event that is a primary funding source for our top-rated fire department. With the assistance and generosity of Chef Muriale and his wife, our volunteers provide salad, bread, drinks and desert, plus a great opportunity for residents to visit while being served.

“This was our biggest year, and on behalf of all our volunteer firemen I thank all those that supported this fund-raiser”, said Chief Rob Robson. “Funds raised

from this event go directly to equipment costs of the Department, and without the assistance of Rocco we certainly couldn’t maintain the level of service that our town requires.”

Local resident Russell Hutchinson, a long-time member of the CVFD with an appreciation for good food, said, “I have been here for every dinner and it gets better every year. Rocco is a great chef and he always does a little extra to help the event. I look forward to this event to see many of my friends and know it will be great food.”

The New Crescent salutes our many volunteer firemen and the auxiliary personnel that spend many hours making this event an annual success.



AROUND TOWN

Ozzie Hawes, Columnist

The Great Ceredo Scarecrow Contest, held in conjunction with the C-K Autumnfest Scarecrow Contest, was a huge success. Our residents always decorate appropriately for each season, and many of you have displays that belong in a magazine. Special mention goes to Diane Perdue of Main Street and Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Adkins of B Street for outstanding yard displays.

Thanks to our Maintenance Department for having the town sparkling clean for the Autumnfest visitors. Our men take extra pride to have Ceredo looking good before each holiday, and our residents appreciate their work.

Many of you have inquired about the absence of Tommy Workman. A thirty-year employee of the town, Tommy recently underwent surgery at the VA Hospital and is rehabilitating at a facility in Huntington. Tommy reports that he is doing well and hopes

to return to work in a few weeks, promising to work harder than ever before. Tom does a wonderful job in maintaining Crescent Hill Cemetery in addition to his regular duties.

Kudos to the owners of the Shenandoah Apartments on B Street. New windows are a great addition, and the property is always well-maintained. The town appreciates your efforts. In many towns rental units are allowed to become run-down and lead to urban decay, but we are fortunate in Ceredo to have apartment buildings owned by persons that appreciate our community.

The Kenova Beautification Committee has been doing a great job in making that city shine. New banners are on display through the city and are a great touch. The annual Kenova Christmas Tree lighting is a fine event that residents of both Ceredo and Kenova should support. With Nancy Price and Carol Cisco involved, it is a safe bet that good things

will come from the Kenova committee.

Ceredo's Ramsdell House has been an active place following the dedication ceremony held last month. Several school groups, a number of out-of-town visitors, and many locals have toured the historic residence. Regular hours are now established and special tours may be arranged at other times by contacting curator Debbie Wolfe. A special thanks to our residents that have volunteered to act as docents for the Ramsdell House, assisting with tours and sharing the history of Ceredo.

Construction is well underway on the new Playmates Office Building located on the 100 block of 4th Street East. The facility will house eight offices and storage space, and follows the construction of a storage building located on A Street last year. Playmates, a good corporate neighbor, provides after-school care and training services for local children. We are pleased

that they have chosen Ceredo as the location of their corporate offices.

The renovated Ward-Craycraft Stadium has drawn good crowds for youth league and middle school football games. Fundraising is underway to renovate the baseball field for use by the middle school team, and a separate drive is underway to raise money for new lights on both facilities. With state budget forecasts being rather dismal and the hoped-for resurgence of coal looking doubtful, funding from these projects will have to come from private sources.

The annual American Legion Veteran's Day Parade will take place on Saturday, November 9. Always a great parade, organizer Lee Jordan has everything ready to once again provide a proper celebration of our veterans. The parade will start at Main and B Streets in Ceredo, proceed west on B Street to 6th Street, turn left to Route 60 and follow that road to 15th Street in

Kenova.

Kudos to Ceredo policeman John Lange for assisting the CVFD with the annual spaghetti dinner. When the after-church crowd hit the serving lines our firemen were scrambling, and Officer Lange jumped in to assist with filling plates and handing out soft drinks. This is the type of community service we have always enjoyed in Ceredo, and Officer Lange is fitting-in very well.

Thanks to Ceredo "Crime Stopper of the Month", Paul Rutherford, for his assistance in apprehending a local car thief. By being alert and contacting 911 when he observed a situation that looked untoward, Rutherford effectively captured the car thief and solved a number of burglaries that occurred earlier in the night. Thanks Paul!

It isn't often that non-residents stop at Town Hall to commend the police, but such was the case last month when an Ohio resi-

dent stopped to commend the work of Officer Matt Chapman. As with Officer Lange, Officer Chapman is doing a commendable job with the type of community policing that is effective in Ceredo.

Leaf season is upon us. Our Maintenance Department will once again assist residents with the disposal of leaves, a process that usually lasts for around eight weeks. Residents are asked to rake or blow leaves to the area between the sidewalk and curb, and our staff will remove them from that area as time allows. Failure to remove leaves results in leaves clogging our storm sewers, leading to standing water of streets and the expense of cleaning the sewer lines. Your assistance with this endeavor is greatly appreciated, and if you or someone you know is elderly or disabled and needs assistance with getting the leaves to the designated area please contact Town Hall and our crew will assist.

Ceredo Resident WWII Hero

EDITOR'S NOTE: Information for this article was taken from an article appearing in "V-MAIL", the official publication of the WWII Museum. Any Ceredo residents having knowledge of Thomas "Jock" Clifford, Brownie Peters Clifford, or Krispin Clifford are asked to contact the Mayor's office.

Thomas Clifford, Jr., known to his friends as "Jock", was born in Covington, Virginia, in 1911. Clifford attended the Greenbrier Military Academy and received the school's single appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West

Point upon graduation. He was a star player on the West Point football team, leading Army to victories over both Notre Dame and Navy in 1935.

Following graduation, Clifford married his high school sweetheart, Brownie Peters, and along with their infant daughter, Krispin, the Clifford family was enjoying life in Hawaii where Jock was stationed. The world, and the Clifford family, changed with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Brownie Peters Clifford and her daugh-

ter were evacuated from Hawaii to their new home in Ceredo. Clifford was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division and spent several months bolstering the defenses of northern Oahu in case the Japanese returned before moving to the "island battles" in the Pacific.

By November, 1944, Clifford was fighting in the Philippines. During the battle for the Ormoc Corridor, his battalion was given a flanking mission to cut off the lead Japanese elements from their rear echelon. With only the food and am-

muniton they could carry on their backs, Clifford's battalion infiltrated enemy lines and climbed 900 feet to the crest of Kilay Ridge, where they dug in and were ordered to hold the ground at all costs. For three weeks, during torrential rains, Clifford's men repulsed daily attacks. On the ridge, many engagements were decided by hand-to-hand combat with entrenching tools, rifle butts, and bayonets being used as weapons.

Toward the end of the battle, Clifford received a radio message from the commanding general of

the 32nd Infantry Division: "You and your men have not been forgotten. You are the talk of the island, and perhaps the United States. Oh, and Jock, Army beat Notre Dame 56 to 0, the worst defeat on record."

When Clifford's battalion was relieved a few days later by the 32nd Infantry, the fresh troops were startled to find nearly a thousand Japanese bodies scattered in and around Clifford's perimeter. For their actions at Kilay Ridge, the battalion received the Presidential Unit Citation. Jock Clifford was promoted to Colonel and received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second-highest decoration for valor.

Clifford exuded the qualities of an effective and

beloved leader by leading from the front and never asking a man to do anything he wasn't willing to do himself. Just before the Philippines campaign ended in 1945, Clifford was killed by a Japanese mortar shell while attempting to rescue a wounded soldier under a barrage of fire. A message of Clifford's passing was distributed by Colonel Aubrey S. Neuman to the entire 24th Division: "No finer soldier ever wore the uniform of our army. No braver commander ever led his unit into battle. He was not only a gifted and skillful soldier, but the kind of military man we would all like to be."

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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 Vanhoose	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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AutumnFest Great Again

Hats-off to the C-K AutumnFest Committee for another resounding success. The 10th rendition of this week-long event, held in conjunction with the world-famous Pumpkin House, was bigger and better than ever.

Festivities got underway with the area's largest parade held on Tuesday, October 22, featuring over 60 units plus four marching bands and the Huntington High Dance Team. Streets were lined with spectators along the entire parade route, with Master of Ceremonies Bill Cornwell providing commentary for Armstrong Television. The parade can be seen on the Armstrong channel over the next two weeks.

Despite heavy rains on Saturday, the baking contest, canning competition, and craft show went off without a hitch. The antique car and tractor show were moved from Saturday to Sunday, and very pleasant weather on Sunday greeted over 100 antique cars along with over 30 antique tractors. These events drew great crowds, with local eateries and gas stations reporting overflow crowds.

HOLY SMOKE!

Ceredo's newest restaurant, Holy Smoke BBQ and Comfort Foods, opened for business in October. Located in the Ceredo Plaza, Holy Smoke features a complete menu of smoked pork, beef, and chicken items along with an excellent selection of side dishes. In addition to the BBQ items, the menu contains various "comfort food" selections such as chicken and dumplings and salmon cakes.

The restaurant has an on-site smoker, so all meats are prepared daily for freshness. Early crowds have been excellent and by all reports the food is top notch. The location, former site of Shirley's Skillet, has been completely remodeled with well-spaced seating and the ability to handle large groups.

Holy Smoke has sit-down dining, a take-out menu, as well as catering service for groups of any size. The restaurant is open daily for lunch and dinner, Tuesday through Saturday. This eatery is an excellent addition to Ceredo and should increase traffic in the Plaza, resulting in additional business for our other local stores.

A new event this year, a concert, was originally scheduled to be held at the renovated Ward-Craycraft Stadium but was forced inside the Wonder Dome due to rain. A good crowd attended this event, and it promises to grow in coming years. The Dreamland Haunted Trail drew good crowds all week, and the annual Scarecrow Contest is taking a life of its own with most area businesses building great displays.

For the second straight year, rains on Friday and Saturday hindered Pumpkin House crowds, but a clear Sunday sky brought another great crowd to Ric Griffith's Beech Street display.

Originally formed to give Pumpkin House crowds other things to do while visiting Ceredo-Kenova, AutumnFest has been nothing short of spectacular. Members of the AutumnFest Committee have done a great job, and plans for the 2010 event are already underway. This is simply a great thing for our towns.

Pennington Ready For Tourney

Local golfer David Pennington appears to have his game in good shape for the annual Ott Open golf tournament later this month. A former High Sheriff, County Commissioner, and Caddy Master at Wayside Golf Club in Ceredo, Pennington has spent a good deal of time this season preparing to defend his title in the Ott Open.

During the month of October, Pennington, 75, has prepared by playing once weekly at Sugarwood Golf Club. Of his four practice rounds Pennington shot better than his age three times, recording rounds of 72, 74, and 75. "The Ott Open is my favorite tournament, and with the help of my caddy, Tom Chenault, I feel that my game is peaking at the right time", said Pennington. "Tom and I have worked together for a number of years, and he knows my game pretty well."

Primary competition in this year's tournament is expected to come from E. G. Cox of Ceredo, Brian Byard of Spring Valley, and Mike Watts of Oklahoma. "I know all the boys are playing well", said Pennington, "but I intend to give it my best to preserve bragging rights through the winter. Watts has a little advantage in that he lives on a golf course, and Mr. Cox is a two-time winner of the Air Force Pacific Command tournament, so it will be difficult for me to retain the title."

Pennington learned the game on "caddy days" while working at Wayside, and thinks his game would improve dramatically if he could return to courses with sand greens, similar to those at Wayside. "Today's Bermuda and Bent Grass greens are easier to maintain, but the experience I have on sand greens would be very valuable if those type greens still existed."

Maybe if Ceredo ever rebuilds the Wayside, they will use the authentic greens."

Most golfers have gotten away from using caddies in favor of golf carts, but Pennington still relies Chenault for tournaments and tournament preparation. "Tom has seen courses all around the world and he brings a wealth of experience. When Tom reaches into the bag, I know he will come out with proper firepower", said Pennington.

Results of the Ott Open, named in honor of late Mayor Otis Adkins, will be available in next month's New Crescent.



Tom Chenault L and David Pennington R

INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Ceredo is requesting bids for stabilization and repair of a second story porch at The Ramsdell House Civil War Home Museum in Ceredo, WV.

The 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 simi-

lar 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 and a deadline for receipt of bids, date of which will be shared in the bid package or by contacting project coordinator.

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

Ramsdell House Holiday Calendar Filling Up

The docents are busy getting The Ramsdell House ready for holiday events, and the schedule is filling up. Volunteers are decking the halls and organizations interested in utilizing the home for holiday luncheons, teas, parties, etc. are urged to call as soon as possible to secure their date and time. Since the civil war home museum has been newly revamped, over 850 patrons have visited the home. Used for a couple of decades as an event venue, in its new revival the home no longer has a full kitchen for food preparation, so parties serving food and refreshments will need to make off-site arrangements for most food and beverage preparations, although there is a microwave oven and a small warming oven for heating food. Ample tables and chairs are available on-site. The first floor of the home is handicapped accessible.

Additionally, school administrators and teachers interested in scheduling school tours in 2020 are urged to plan ahead, especially in the busy months of January, February and March, surrounding academic focus on Black History Month in February. Interested parties may call The Ramsdell House at 304-908-9696 or email: dwolfe@RamsdellHouse.com to confirm event dates or for more information.



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Cream of Cauliflower Soup
by Natalie Riggs Hemann

It has FINALLY started to feel like Fall outside. When it begins to get cooler, I want to make soup. A few years ago I ordered cauliflower soup in a restaurant, not knowing what to expect. I was surprised that it was so delicious! Cauliflower by itself does not have much taste but paired with the right ingredients, you can have a very tasty dish. Even if you do not like like this "white veggie," do yourself a favor and try this soup!

Cream of Cauliflower Soup

- 1/3 cup chopped onions
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups reduced sodium chicken broth

1 pkg. (9.5 oz.) Steamfresh Ranch Cauliflower

2 cups skim milk

1-1/2 cups shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese (additional cheese needed if garnishing)

Cook cauliflower in microwave and set aside. In a saucepan, saute onions in butter until tender. Stir in flour until blended. Gradually add broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat. Add cauliflower; simmer for 2 minutes. Add the milk and cheese; cook and stir until cheese is melted. Optional: Garnish with extra shredded cheese before serving.

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AUTUMNFEST PARADE KICKS OFF CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m., the C-K AutumnFest Parade kicked off the 2019 AutumnFest with an hour-long parade of more than 85 units, made up of bands from throughout the tri-state, sports teams, majorettes, community organizations, businesses, first responders, beauty queens and homemade floats all put

together by volunteers in a moving cavalcade of this extraordinary community. Led by the Chiefs of Police and the mayors of the two neighboring towns of Ceredo and Kenova and the award-winning Spring Valley ROTC color guard, escorted by horse-mounted police officers (in cowboy garb) and Ceredo Mayor

Paul Billups driving his wife Kathy in a horse-drawn wagon, the parade started in front of Ceredo City Hall on B Street and wound its way west through Kenova to Kenova City Hall. As always, neighbors lined both sides of the parade route with children jockeying for the most strategic locations for catching and

retrieving candy thrown by parade participants from floats, antique cars, firetrucks, tractors and all methods of conveyance. The Huntington High School Show Choir once again gave an outstanding performance of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and award-winning marching bands from West Virginia

and Ohio set the pace. Iron-ton's band added to the fun by marching in Halloween Costumes. This year's parade was streamed live on Facebook, and comments flowed in from watchers in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, Ohio, Texas, and England! The seasonal tradition showcases the best

of small-town America and reconnects families and friends. If you were not able to attend the parade, it may be watched in its' entirety on Facebook on the C-K AutumnFest, Inc. page, by clicking on "videos" and the parade link.



Batman Visits Ceredo-Kenova Schools

On Wednesday, October 23rd, youngsters at Ceredo-Kenova Elementary and Middle Schools had a very special visitor: Batman! The caped crusader met and spoke to approximately 900 children during two assemblies Wednesday morning: the first at C-K Middle School which has a student body of roughly 250, followed by C-K Elementary with an enrollment of 650. At C-K Elementary, West Virginia's only full-time Batman spoke to the children about leadership, kindness and his four keys to being a hero: 1) Never give up, 2) Always do the right thing, 3) Help other

people and 4) Never be a bully. The masked hero led the children in rapidly repeating the four important lessons with a "fill in the blank" game that nearly raised the roof off the gymnasium! At C-K Middle School, the superhero removed his mask to share a much deeper and more personal message, speaking with the young people about bullying, drug addiction, child sexual, physical and emotional abuse, and school violence. Instead of Bruce Wayne, West Virginia's Batman unmasked is John Buckland. He shared a very personal story of overcoming challenges, abuse, tragedies

and poor choices to become a real-life superhero. Some of the hard life-lessons he shared with the middle school students included:

- Tough things make us stronger
- You can't change what you don't acknowledge
- There is nothing outside yourself that can give you love until you love yourself
- We may not be able to control or change the things that happen to us when we are, but we are responsible for how we respond to it
- There are no participation trophies in real life. The world owes us nothing. We owe it to ourselves to work

hard to get what we deserve. Batman pointed out that suicide is the #2 cause of death in children, with accidents being the #1 cause of childhood death. Every 24 hours, more than 3400 middle and high school children take their lives through suicide, more than 1.1 million per year. Buckland urged students to seek help through reaching out to counselors, teachers, pastors, youth leaders or other trusted adults. He shared his personal journey of turning pain into power, admitting that as a very angry teenager, he became a villain before becoming a hero, bullying other

children and making some serious bad choices. Finally at rock bottom, he realized that while he did have an excuse to be angry, he did not have a right to hate. As the fictional Bruce Wayne endured tragedy and heartbreak, seeing his parents murdered in front of him as a child then turning the tragedy into a motivation for fighting evil and becoming the hero he was as Batman, without superpowers, John Buckland decided to turn his pain into power. He urged students to wake up and ask: "Who am I going to help today?"; and to end the day by asking "What did I do

today for others?" He told the children that like Bruce Wayne and Batman, they do not need superpowers to be heroes, and they can turn their challenges into good deeds. He urged them to be leaders for good, stating that, "We either lead people the right way or the wrong way." Buckland has now spoken in over 700 schools and has no intention of slowing down. As West Virginia's full-time Batman, he can look back at the end of every day and document the number of youngsters he encouraged and uplifted. On October 23rd in Ceredo and Kenova, the count was 900!

