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July 2019

Town of Ceredo Town Council Regular Session June 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 the Minutes

The Mayor asked if Council had any questions or additions to the minutes of the May 6th, 2019 Regular Session. None being heard, on a motion by Dennis Adkins and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to wave the reading of the May 6th, 2019 Regular Session and accepted the minutes as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Robert Leslie, presented Council with the account balances in each account and the expenditures as of May 31st, 2019. The Mayor asked for questions on the report. None being heard, the Mayor requested the report be made part of the minutes.

An Ordinance Establishing and Fixing Sewer Rates, Fees and Charges for the Town of Ceredo, West Virginia Public Hearing

The Mayor asked those present if anyone had any comments or questions regarding the Ordinance. The Mayor asked the Town Clerk if she had received any phone calls regarding the rate increase. The Clerk advised she had received one (1) call, but that person was not present at this meeting. The Mayor closed the comment period and advised the second reading of the Ordinance would be held later in the meeting.

Ceredo Elementary Update

The Mayor reported the Wayne County School Board had turned the keys to the school over to the Town and the building had been secured. Keeping the kitchen equipment in the cafeteria for future programs was discussed.

Fleet Insurance and General Liability Insurance Renewals

The Mayor advised the fleet and general liability insurance policies would renew the first of August 2019 and that he had started two (2) weeks ago contacting carriers for bids.

Street Sign Completion

The Mayor advised that street signs to complete the sign project had been ordered and should be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Corps of Engineers Floodwall Report

The Mayor reported he had received the Corps of Engineering inspection report and the Town had been found at fault because pictures of the tunnel and sluice gate had not been provided. The Mayor recommended that, because a log dam needed to be installed and the water pumped out to allow access to the tunnel so that pictures could be taken of the area, a contractor should be hired to complete the project.

The Mayor also addressed a number of floodwall gates that would need to be installed to be in compliance with the every-three-year installation requirement. Council was in agreement that the Mayor contact a contractor to perform the tunnel project.

Street Light Upgrade

The Mayor addressed the need to upgrade the street lights in the Town due to age and needed repairs. He also addressed the areas in the Town that needed to be upgraded with new LED lighting. The Mayor introduced Mr. Steve Matthews from State Electric, who presented Council with options for design, materials and miscellaneous hardware available for street lighting. The Mayor and Council discussed the lighting upgrade for the Town and on recommendation of Council, it was decided that the Mayor and Councilman, Steve Diamond, would survey the light system and report on the number of lights required to upgrade the system throughout the Town.

2019 Audit Application

The Mayor advised he was in the process of contacting firms to bid on the performance of the audit

for 2019.

Ramsdell House Monument

The Mayor addressed placing a monument at the Ramsdell House to designate the area of the Ramsdell family graves. He advised the cost of the monument would be \$2,600 and the monies for the project could be covered through the Special Levy.

On a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Robert Leslie, Council voted to purchase the monument for the Ramsdell House at a cost of \$2,600. See attached drawing.

Playground at A Street and 2nd Street East

The Mayor recommended that, because of the lack of use of the playground, the equipment be moved to another location and a fence be erected to allow for the development of a dog park in that area.

Summer Youth Work Program

The Mayor reported that four (4) young men were being hired to help with summer projects around Town.

Resolution of Support for the Beech Fork Lodge Project

The Mayor presented, for Council's consideration, a Resolution outlining the Town's support for the

Beech Fork Lodge project.

On a motion by Joe Ratcliff and a second by Dennis Adkins, Council voted to approve the Resolution as presented. All were in favor, motion carried. See attached copy.

An Ordinance Establishing and Fixing Sewer Rates, Fees and Charges for the Town of Ceredo, West Virginia

The Mayor read, on second reading, an Ordinance establishing and fixing sewer rates, fees and charges for the Town of Ceredo, West Virginia.

On a motion by Dennis Adkins and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to approve the Ordinance as read, on second reading. All were in favor, motion carried. See attached copy.

Police Department Report

Police Chief, Tony Poston, reported on the taser proposal and the options that tasers give the officers when confronted with various situations and he recommended the purchase of tasers for the department.

After discussion and on a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to purchase tasers for the Ceredo Police Department and asked Chief Poston to update the Mayor and Council when the necessary training is completed.

Stormwater Manager/Administrative Assistant Report

Mr. Dustin Long updated Council on the status of the installation of the pickle ball courts. Mr. Long reported that the MS4 Annual Report had been submitted and Mr. Alan Kee from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) had visited the Town on May 22nd, 2019 to inspect the Town's MS4 program, which seemed to go well.

Mr. Long advised that Patrick Jorgensen from Steptoe and Johnson Environmental Services had followed up on a note that had been sent to the DEP about the oil changing pit in the maintenance garage. He also reported that Mr. Andy Cremeans from the Corps of Engineers had followed upon our floodwall inspection, which was conducted in December 2018 and that Mr. Cremeans provided some suggestions on proper ways to correct a few issues listed in our reports.

Executive Session

The Mayor then called the meeting into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Adjournment

No further business was brought before the Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR PAUL BILLUPS, MAYOR

Summer has been good to Ceredo! Our maintenance employees have done their usual exemplary job and the Beautification Committee has kept our streets litter-free. Residents have once again answered the call by keeping our yards mowed and assisting with "clean the block" efforts. The Town simply looks great and each of us should be proud.

With the pickleball/basketball project complete, our attention will next turn to the new street light project that is expected to begin in mid-August. The installation of new LED lights on decorative poles will be performed in-house,

under the supervision of Superintendent Ron Jarrell. A total of 32 new lights will be installed, and it is anticipated that the decorative poles will add to the aura of small-town America as we know it, while yielding a savings to the town on the cost of electricity. It is projected that this project will be complete by the end of October.

Now that the former elementary school has been officially turned over to the town, we have started a general cleaning of the facility while determining what the initial uses will be. The school committee will meet this week, with

recommendations thereafter made to the Town Council. Given the size of the overall project, it is expected that we will update the buildings a section at a time with initial emphasis on the cafeteria and gym so that those multi-use buildings can be utilized fairly quickly by a large number of people.

The Farmer's Market is going strong, all be it without one of our favorite farmers. Dorothy Stewart of Greenbrier Farms has been out of commission after suffering a broken leg. Dorothy's assistants have kept the concession going in her absence, and we hope to see Dorothy recovered and back

to the market soon.

The Ramsdell House re-opening and dedication of a monument for the graves of Z.D., Almeda, and Carrie Ramsdell Bloss is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 8, at 3:00 p.m. Following the dedication ceremony there will be a free ice cream social sponsored by Austin's held on the street in front of the Ramsdell House. This should be a significant event in Ceredo, with 23 members of the Ramsdell family returning for the ceremony. I urge each of you to attend, pay respects to one of our founding families, and enjoy a true town gathering.

It is wonderful to see so many residents out each evening taking advantage of the summer weather. The number of people taking walks or riding bikes every evening is reminiscent of America many years ago, and we are indeed fortunate to still be able to do this in Ceredo. During a recent bike ride one of our residents said "This is like Mayberry!" and I couldn't agree more.

Autumn is coming and so is Autumnfest. The Autumnfest Committee has done a great job in building this into a regional celebration, and this year's event promises to be the biggest and

best ever. Watch next month for updates concerning new attractions in Ceredo during Autumnfest!

On behalf of myself, the Council, and all of our employees, thank each of you for your work in making Ceredo the finest small town in West Virginia. It is a true pleasure when every week I receive calls from either persons that have passed through town or persons that have recently moved here complimenting how well our neighborhoods are maintained and how clean and neat the town appears. Without each of you this wouldn't be possible.

Local Ballers Win



Tri-State Titans 10U team

Two traveling baseball teams composed largely of lads from Ceredo and Kenova won "World Series" tournaments sponsored by the U.S. Specialty Sports Association in Kingsport, TN. In the 10U division title game, the Tri-State Titans outscored Express Baseball by a 6-1 score. In the 11U division, the Titans took a 4-2 victory over the Mid-American Prospects squad.

Ceredo-Kenova students on the 10U team are Abe Null, Brody Spencer, Levi Yeoman, Jack Shumaker, and Jake Van Arsdale. Representing C-K on the 11U team are Gage Roberts and Parker Acord.

The Titans, based out of the Andrew Scites ThunderDome in Kenova, also have teams competing in the 12U and 13U divisions. This is a great accomplishment for the children and hopefully means several good years of baseball coming in the C-K area.



Tri-State Titans 11U team



Ceredo Police Blotter



NAME	ARRESTED ON	CHARGE(S)
Blankenship, Brandon	05/22/2019	Driving Revoked for DUI
Brooks, Anthony	05/23/2019	State Warrant: DUI
Blankenship, Jonathan Lee	05/24/2019	Reckless Driving, Destruction of Property
Walters, Jeremy David	05/25/2019	City Capias: Driving Suspended
Vanscoy, Lonnie Austin	05/28/2019	Driving Revoked: DUI
Griffith, Joshua	05/28/2019	Public Intoxication, Possession Controlled Substance
West, Rebecca D.	05/29/2019	City Capias: FTA Expired MVI, Driving Suspended
Kidd, Kimberly	06/04/2019	Domestic Battery
Woodard, Dawn M.	06/10/2019	Capias FTA: Driving Suspended
Hewlett, Alissa Lanee	06/22/2019	Possession Controlled Substance X 2
Bowen, Kevin	06/25/2019	State Warrant: Domestic Battery
Shannon, Christopher Lee	06/30/2019	State Warr: Shoplifting, Fleeing-Veh, Reckless Driving Speeding
Harville, Angel	07/01/2019	DUI- Drugs 1st Offense
Fitzpatrick, James	07/03/2019	Driving Suspended
Skaggs, Angela		Capias: Failure to Appear
Lucas, Amber Renae	07/06/2019	DUI: Drugs 1st Offense
Swain, Matthew	07/07/2019	Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct, Obstructing
Buskirk, Annetta	07/13/2019	Fleeing: Vehicle
Talbert, Ted Anthony	07/14/2019	State Warrant: Driving Susp Misc, Possession Controlled Substance
Amend, Gregory M	07/20/2019	DUI 1ST Offense
Kidd, Kimberly	07/21/2019	Capias: Failure to Appear
Napier, Kimberly Marie	07/21/2019	DUI 1st Offense
Mayo, Connie Jean	07/22/2019	Driving Revoked: DUI
Mills, Ted A.	07/22/2019	Capias X 2 Failure to Appear, City Warrant: Obstructing, Disorderly Conduct
Bowman, Sonya Laree	07/23/2019	DUI 1st Offense

New Policeman Hired



John Lange

The Town of Ceredo has added a new patrolman to the Police Department. John Lange, a native of Proctorville, Ohio, joined the force on July 15, 2019. Lange will take part in on-the-job training under the direction of Chief Tony Poston and Training Officer Matt Thompson for approximately three weeks, and will attend the West Virginia State Police Academy later this year.

A graduate of Fairland High School, Lange played football and baseball for the Dragons. Following graduation, Lange attended Ohio University Southern for one semester before enlisting in the Marine

Corps in 2013, where he was trained as a rifleman and later deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit between October, 2015 and April, 2016. During his deployment Lange assisted with training of military personnel from the United Arab Emirates and Portuguese armed services.

Upon returning to the United States, Lange was assigned to a training battalion at Parris Island, South Carolina, where he served as a platform instructor and certified range coach for Marine recruits. Upon completion of his enlistment period, Lange returned

to Ohio and took employment at Lowe's in South Point before deciding to become a police officer.

"We are fortunate and proud to have John Lange join the Ceredo force," said Chief Tony Poston. "His distinguished military service, maturity, and intelligence are all indicators that John will be a great addition."

Officer Matt Chapman will be graduating from the State Police Academy on August 2, 2019, and will resume full-time patrol duties in Ceredo the following week.

The Good Samaritan Soles 5K Run/Walk

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WATER .73 SQ. MI.

MEDIAN AGE 48.9

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C-K Sports Weekend

The 22nd edition of the C-K Sports Weekend was another rousing success. The annual Friday evening banquet drew an overflow crowd to the Kenova Methodist Church as the C-K sports community gathered to remember late C-K multi-sport star and C-K Band Drum Major Herb Stephens, Jr. The Eric Sparks Memorial Golf Tournament followed on Saturday, with approximately 170 golfers playing at the Creekside Golf Club.

Stephens was a member of the 1959 C-K Little League team that won our first state title, and continued his athletic career as

an All-State performer in baseball, basketball, and track at Ceredo-Kenova. Following a freshman year at Marshall where he participated in basketball and track, Stephens joined the Air Force and served as a Romanian linguist when not playing basketball.

It was during a baseball tournament while stationed in Texas that Stephens was noticed and recruited to play at Texas Christian University. After graduation, Stephens was a coach and administrator in the Fort Worth Independent School District, finishing his career as Director of Athletics. In appreciation of his work

in Texas, the Fort Worth District named an athletic complex in his honor.

Bill Cornwell, Ric Chaffin, Paul Billups, Skip Looney, and John Stephens shared memories of Stephens and his personal and athletic exploits, with the overall thought that although he lived in Texas, Herb had a deep appreciation of Ceredo and Kenova.

The Sports Weekend is the major fund-raiser for youth sports in the Ceredo-Kenova area, with annual proceeds going to benefit area baseball, basketball, and football programs.



Mayor, Paul Billups, honoring his friend, the late Herb Stephens at the 22nd annual Eric Sparks Memorial Sports Banquet.



John Stephens, of Hurricane, WV, Herb Stephens' brother, speaking at the 22nd annual Eric Sparks Memorial Sports Banquet.



Chris Cole and Barry Scragg, reminiscing about the glory days at C-K at the Eric Sparks Memorial Sports Banquet

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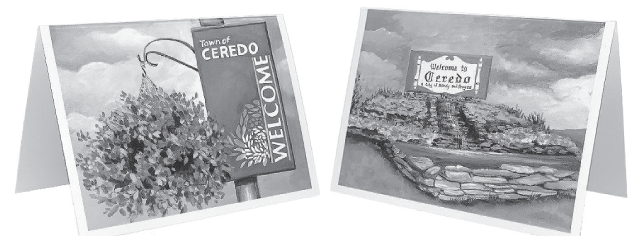
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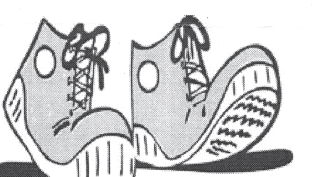
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Pickleball Fever

Pickleball Fever is rampant in Ceredo and Kenova! The Ceredo pickleball courts, located in the town park, were opened last month and usage has greatly exceeded expectations. According to Councilman Dennis Adkins, a neighbor of the park, "This is a fantastic addition to our park system. The old tennis courts were rarely used, and the new pickleball courts are busy every day."

In addition to the pickleball courts, the old basketball court was resurfaced and lined along with new backboards and rims. Basketball play has greatly increased and the players have done an excellent job in keeping the area clean.

Pickleball is the fastest-growing participant sport in the United States and is a game that is adaptable for any age or skill level. On a typical day at the Ceredo courts there are players ranging from 9 to 75 years of age. Ceredo resident Suzanne Brody had never played the game until last month, and is now an avid participant. "This is great exercise in addition to being pure fun," said Mrs. Brody, "I watched my children and husband participate in sports for years, and now there is a game, a great facility, and wonderful group of people that allow me to be the player for a change."

Persons interested in playing or learning the game can come to the courts anytime and those playing will take time to get you started. Equipment, consisting of a paddle and balls, is available at Town Hall for no charge. The courts are open daily from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., free to the public.

Longtime local basketball referee Bob Sparks, also new to the game, stated "This is a great game to help people stay fit, it is simple and fun to play at whatever your personal pace may be. I am hoping to improve my game enough to challenge Ronnie Jarrell for the Ceredo championship later this summer!"

With pickleball, basketball, the walking track, and softball going strong, the park has been a lively place this summer. There is a good possibility that playground equipment will soon be installed in the park, thus bringing the space to its full potential with activities available for all age groups. "The town has undertaken a number of projects during the past two years, all of which have made life better here in Ceredo, but the idea for pickleball courts and the great job in building them by town employees is perhaps the best project completed in years, given that the courts promote health, make a beautiful entry into the park, and will be used for many years," said Councilman Oscar Adkins, "We see a great future for our park, we are fortunate to have such space in a small town, and hope everyone takes advantage of the park during the coming months."



Karen Dawson has perfected her serve on the Pickleball Court at Paul T. Billups Park



Locals enjoying the newly refurbished Pickleball Courts at Paul T. Billups Park

Dollar Dip Success

For many years Austin's Homemade Ice Cream was a local favorite, then for several years the venerable establishment was a regional attraction. With the advent of social media spreading the word and the enthusiastic work Joyce Snyder, Kim Adkins, and Timothy Ruff, it is now safe to place Austin's in the "World Famous" category!

For the third consecutive year, Austin's celebrated National Ice Cream Day with a "Dollar Dip" promotion. Ice cream was sold, from opening until closing, for

\$1.00 per dip, and public loved it. With traffic control assistance from Highway Safety, Inc. and the Ceredo Police Department, Austin's managed to keep the lines moving and the record crowd safe and satisfied.

The drive-thru line stretched west on Route 60 for several blocks nearly all day, and walk-up parking expanded to fill lots across Route 60 and on-street parking for two blocks. The highlight of the day came at 9:45, when Austin's sponsored a giant fireworks extravaganza, unlike any

seen in Ceredo since the 1976 Bicentennial celebration. Timothy Ruff was the fireworks coordinator, and from a safe place behind the floodwall he entertained several thousand spectators as the fireworks could be seen from Catlettsburg to Westmoreland.

Dollar Dip Day was a great success, for Austin's, for the Town, and for the over 1000 patrons that got a taste of the best ice cream manufactured in America!



Congregational Bald Cypress

The First Congregational Church of Ceredo is a landmark for several reasons – it was the first dedicated church building in the town, the architecture is unique, having been designed by S. Floyd Hoard of one of Ceredo's founding families, and the steeple is recognizable from miles around – and we can add another item to this list: the Bald Cypress tree located on the northeast side of the church property.

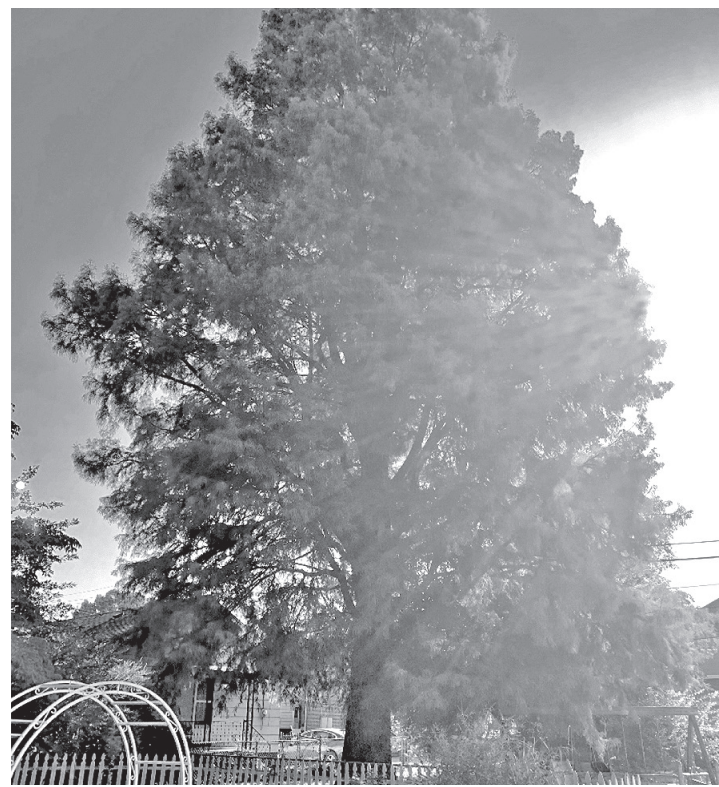
Bald Cypress is a tree generally found along coastal or swampy regions of the southeast United States. The species is unique in that its leaves are needles, yet the

tree is deciduous, meaning the needles fall off in winter. At first glance one might think the Bald Cypress is a typical evergreen species, given the needle-leaves, but it is not. The Congregational tree is one of the taller trees in town, and quite beautiful.

For the inquiring minds among us, the question becomes how did the Baldcypress end up in Ceredo? Local arborist, pharmacist, and bicyclist Bill Presley has studied the tree and theorizes that a seed or sapling likely was transported up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Ceredo. Bill notes that there are two other Baldcypress trees in

the area, both in Catlettsburg. Whatever the origin, this tree certainly adds to the beauty of Ceredo and the church property.

In coastal areas the Baldcypress is referred to as the "wood eternal" because of its resistance to decay. The wood is used for heavy construction purposes, including docks, warehouses, boats, and bridges, and the Baldcypress is most common in the Big Cypress National Preserve near Naples, Florida. The next time you are on 1st Street West near the Congregational Church, take a minute to admire one of our most unique, and beautiful, trees.



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The Crescent Kitchen



Lemon Fluff Pie

by Natalie Riggs Hemann

I had a jar of lemon curd in the fridge that I wanted to use. There are a lot of recipes for “no bake” pies that call for cream cheese and Cool Whip and I thought adding the lemon curd to these two ingredients would make a tasty pie... and I was right! Most of the pies like this call for a graham cracker crust but I think this pecan shortbread crust makes the pie so much better. I used reduced fat cream cheese and “TruWhip” (found at Kroger) instead of Cool Whip. It is supposed to be a healthier version of the usual non-dairy topping and I think it tastes better, too. If you really want to make this a decadent dessert, use full fat cream cheese and real whipping cream – just remember to take your cholesterol medicine!

LEMON FLUFF PIE

CRUST:

- 1 cup flour
- ¼ cup confectioner’s sugar
- 1 ¼ cup butter
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Combine the above ingredients together above ingredients and place in 10” pie pan and bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Cool thoroughly.

FILLING:

- 8 ounces reduced fat cream cheese
 - 1 – 9.5 oz. (approximately) jar of lemon curd (add 2 jars for stronger lemon flavor)
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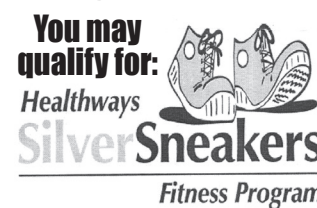
INSTRUCTORS:

Heather Ferguson (Zumba, Silver Sneakers, R.I.P.P.E.D., Toning)
Sarah Lester (Zumba Gold)

MEMBERSHIP RATES

- Single (18+) \$170.00/Yr
- Family (Married Couple) \$270/Yr
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- Seniors (60+) \$110/Yr
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Ramsdell House Grand Re-Opening and Memorial Dedication Set for September 8th

The historic Z. D. Ramsdell House and Museum will reopen on September 8, 2019, following extensive renovations. Built atop an Indian burial mound and completed in 1858, the home survived the raids of the Civil War, the great floods of 1913 and 1937, and still stands to share its remarkable history.

One of the interesting aspects of the Ramsdell story is the fact that over time, the graves of Z.D. Ramsdell and family members buried on the property became unidentifiable. In addition to the Ramsdell family, local history suggests that other Ceredo settlers along with soldiers from both sides of the Civil War were buried on the Ramsdell estate. A proper memorial marker has been commissioned by the Town of Ceredo and will be dedicated during the grand re-opening for the museum on Sunday, September 8th, at 3:00 p.m.

Members of the Ramsdell family will be present for the dedication of the memorial, along with special guests including Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams, local pastors and civic leaders, and others. Following the ceremony, there will be a celebration with musical perfor-

mances, an ice cream social featuring Austin's Homemade Ice Cream, appearances by Civil War reenactors, book signings by area authors, and free tours of the home museum until approximately 6:00 p.m.

Zophar and Almeda Ramsdell came to Ceredo from Massachusetts in 1857 at the behest of Ceredo founder Eli Thayer. Thayer had initiated "a noble social experiment" in the South: rather than merely preaching against slavery, Ceredo was formed as an industrial community to provide alternatives to slave-dependent agricultural businesses. Thayer recruited abolitionist business and community leaders who could encourage anti-slavery dialogue and provide anti-slavery votes when the opportunity came. Local history suggests that the Ramsdells provided a safe house for freedom-seeking travelers on the Underground Railroad. The Ramsdell House, located next to the Ohio River and directly across from Burlington, Ohio, provided a perfect last stopping point from which persons seeking freedom could leave the Ramsdell cellar door and wade across the Ohio.

The Ramsdell House was donated to the Ceredo Historical Commission in 1982 and preserved to be a museum, with renovations taking place at that time when the house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. After three decades the house was again falling into disrepair and was closed in July, 2017, for safety reasons as town leaders determined future uses for the property. The second resurrection began in January, 2019, with the hiring of a project coordinator and initial renovations required for safety were begun. During this process, a systematic harvesting and cataloguing of known and newly discovered documents and relics took place. With the assistance of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History, structural renovations are underway which should stabilize the dwelling for years to come.

For additional information, contact the Ramsdell House at 304-908-9696, or Ceredo Town Hall at 304-453-1041, or go to www.RamsdellHouse.com or Ramsdell House on Facebook.

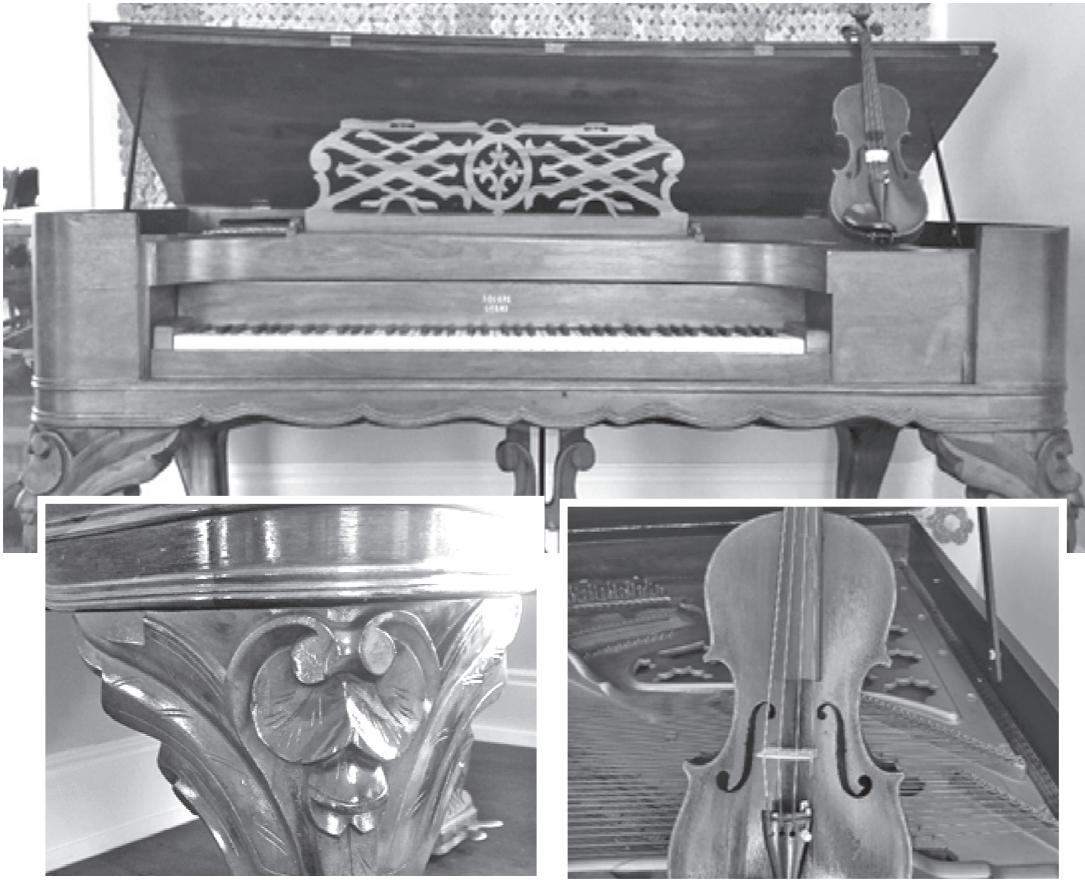
1850s Box Grand Piano Donated to Ramsdell House

The Ramsdell House Museum collection continues to grow with the recent acquisition of an 1850s square grand piano.

Dr. and Mrs. Gary Gilbert presented the 1850s rosewood square grand piano to the Ramsdell House Museum this month. The piano belonged to Ruth Gilbert's great-grandparents, the Turners, in Nashville, Tennessee. Ruth's grandparents, W. B. and Jenny Richardson brought it from Nashville up the Tennessee River on a barge, to a landing near their farm in middle Tennessee close to the town of Hustburg. The piano then was in Ruth's grandparent's parlor for many years. Ruth and Gary rescued the piano from Ruth's grandmother's barn in Tennessee approximately 40 years ago and it has been a centerpiece in the Gilbert home since. The couple is currently moving to a smaller home and felt it appropriate to share the piano with the Ramsdell House Museum so more people could enjoy it.

As the Ramsdell House was heavily utilized for community, educational and church events and a substantial collection of hymn books, sheet music and music education materials were found in the home, a period-appropriate piano is a valuable addition to the museum, alongside the Massachusetts-manufactured 1850s pump organ previously acquired.

The Gilberts also donated a family violin or "fiddle" which belonged to Gary Gilbert's grandfather's family and was played at many barn dances and gatherings in the Grayson, Kentucky area. It will continue to be displayed on the piano as it was for many years in the Gilbert home. These acquisitions will be on display during the Ramsdell grand re-opening festivities on Sunday, September 8th and thereafter



Detergents and Car Washing

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.

Most people do not think of detergents as a serious environmental hazard. Unfortunately, detergents in our creeks and ponds pose a very real threat to our fish. The detergents by themselves can have poisonous effects to all types of aquatic life if they are present in sufficient quantities, and this includes the biodegradable detergents. All detergents destroy the external mucus layers that protect the fish from bacteria and parasites; plus they can cause severe damage to the gills. Detergents can also add to problems of aquatic life by lowering the surface tension of the water. Organic chemicals such as pesticides and phenols are then much more easily absorbed by the fish.

The Town of Ceredo has not established regulatory requirements at this time; however, we are asking for citizens to voluntarily reduce all outdoor detergent discharges.

Each and every one of us can make a positive difference in improving the quality of Jordan Branch, Twelvepole Creek, and the Ohio River if we will just make a few changes in our lifestyles. First, do not wash cars, boats or RVs at home. The detergent laden water runs down the street, through the storm drain and into our streams. Use a commercial car wash instead. It does not matter if it is automated or self-serve; the wastewater generated at these facilities is sent to the wastewater treatment plant where it is thoroughly cleaned. Second, practice dry cleanup methods when cleaning your sidewalks and driveways. Try using a broom instead of a water hose and utilize dry cleanup methods when removing oil stains. There are many new products available at most auto part stores that do not use water.

To reduce the impact of car wash runoff into storm drains, citizens can implement some of the best management practices listed below:

- Using a commercial car wash.
 - Washing your car on gravel, grass or other permeable surfaces.
 - Blocking off the storm drain during charity car wash events or using an insert to catch wash water.
 - Pumping soapy water from car washes into a sanitary sewer drain.
- Page Break
- If pumping into a drain is not feasible, pumping car wash water onto grass or landscaping to provide filtration.
 - Using hoses with nozzles that automatically turn off when left unattended.

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.

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The Ceredo-Kenova Farmers Market is open for the 2018 season! Located at the town shelter on the Mitch Stadium parking lot, the market will be open from 9AM – 2 PM on Fridays and Saturdays through October.

The primary farms will be Greenbrier Farm and Rocky Knob Farm, both located in Wayne County. It is expected that several smaller farms will participate as their particular crops are ready for harvest, and back by popular demand will be Amish doughnuts and baked goods.

Farmers interested in selling at the market should contact Dustin Long at Ceredo Town Hall, 304-453-4675.

