

Town of Ceredo Town Council Regular Session June 7th, 2021

The Town of Ceredo Town Council met in regular session on Monday, June 7th 2021 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 Oscar Adkins, Steve Diamond, Ron Jarrell, Robert Leslie and Joe Ratcliff.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The Mayor asked if Council had any additions or corrections to the May 3rd, 2021 Regular Session minutes. None being heard and on a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to accept the May 3rd, 2021 Regular Session minutes as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Robert Leslie, presented Council with the account balances for each account and the expenditures for May 2021. The Mayor asked if Council had any questions on the Treasurer's report. None being heard, on a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Ron Jarrell, Council voted to accept the Treasurer's report and the expenditure report as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Ceredo Fire and Rescue

Chief Robbie Robson advised Council of the purchase of thirteen (13) new sets of bunker gear for the members, bringing the count now to 27 sets.

The Chief also reported the department was installing a natural gas generator to supply power for the fire station during power outages and that a USBA grant application had been submitted for which, if approved, the funds would be used to purchase a new ambulance to replace the oldest unit now in service.

1409 B Street Auction Results

The Mayor reported on the auction of the B street property. He advised Council the property had been awarded to Tommy Kelly for a bid of \$45,000.

Water Reservoir Work Start Date

The Mayor advised the work on the reservoir would probably start the week of June 14th.

A Street Playground Equipment

The Mayor advised he had spoken with Kenova Mayor, Tim Bias, about the playground equipment on A Street and Kenova does want the equipment for the playground at Virginia Point.

6th Street Sewer Grant Approval – ARA Funds

The Mayor advised he had spoken with Terrance Moran from Potesta and Associates. He indicated no actions were needed from the Town and that the survey had been completed and they were waiting on Region II to assign a coordinator, as they are required to approve the first \$10,000 payment.

Cafeteria Appliance Bid

The Mayor advised he had contacted Jeff Agee at Colonial Equipment about the appliances for the cafeteria and the quote that had been submitted 6-8 months ago.

Council had discussed previously to purchase the appliances with the proceeds from the house auction at 1409 B Street. The Mayor indicated the price for the equipment was \$41,000, which included setting the equipment in place, with the Town being responsible for connecting the utilities to the equipment.

The Mayor also advised he had contacted the Lincoln County Opportunity Company about the proposed agreement, which addressed the preparation of meals for the elderly in the Ceredo-Kenova area. He reported the company was in the process of purchasing property in Wayne where the heavy cooking would be done and would use the Ceredo cafeteria to warm and serve the meals here.

On a motion by Joe Ratcliff and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to proceed with the purchase of the cafeteria equipment. All were in favor, motion carried.

Storage Cleanup/Tree Removal/Tree Arborist

The Mayor discussed areas where the insurance company had recommend cleaning and the need to appoint a Town Arborist to oversee the trimming, removal and replacement of trees throughout the Town.

The Unsafe Building Commission

The Mayor reported the Unsafe Building Commission had sent a letter to the owner of the house located at 310 1st Street East informing them of the Town's intent to condemn the house and giving the owner a 60-day notice to bring a rehabilitation plan to the Commission that was acceptable.

1446 B Street

The Mayor advised the tenants of 1446 B Street would be vacating the property on Tuesday, June 8th by 12 O'clock noon and the house was to be cleaned and no longer rented.

Municipal Court Hearing

The Mayor advised Council that Judge Jarrell had a case come before him whereas he had to recuse himself from hearing the case. He stated the Town needed to draft a resolution permitting Judge Justine Moore from Kenova to hear the case.

On a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to approve the Mayor drafting the resolution. All were in favor, motion carried.

Budget Adjustments

The Mayor advised Council an adjustment of \$400,000 would need to be made to the budget in addition to the last adjustment.

On a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Ron Jarrell, Council voted to approve the Mayor drafting a resolution approving the adjustments. All were in favor, motion carried.

Sewer Pump Purchase

The Mayor advised Ron Jarrell was able to get a reduction of \$175 per pump if the Town purchased nine (9) pumps at one time. After a discussion on the purchase and a motion by Oscar Adkins and a second by Robert Leslie, Council voted to purchase nine (9) sewer pumps for \$9,000. All were in favor, motion carried.

Police Report

The Mayor reported the police department had one (1) officer on military leave, which required his shift to be covered.

Executive Session

The Mayor took the meeting into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Regular session resumed at 8:10p.m.

Appointment of Town Clerk

The Mayor advised the need to appoint a Town Clerk and recommended Jacob Skeens.

On a motion by Oscar Adkins and a second by Ron Jarrell, Council voted to appoint Jacob Skeens as the Town Clerk and notify the Secretary of State of his appointment. All were in favor, motion carried.

Passing of Carole Adkins

The Mayor acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Carole Adkins, the wife of the late Mayor, Otis Adkins, and recognized her admirable services as the first lady of the Town.

Adjournment

No further business was brought before the Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR PAUL BILLUPS, MAYOR

There was a time in my life when I chuckled while listening to my father profess that Ceredo was the best place in the world to live, and that he really didn't want to leave town even for a vacation since that would require missing a day in Ceredo. Dad would pontificate that Ceredo has perfect weather, four seasons with no hurricanes, tornadoes, blizzards or other natural disasters, a near non-existent crime rate, clean streets, and residents willing to work toward the common good.

As with several other things, the older I have gotten the more I see that maybe my father was correct in his reasoning. I drive around town most every day, and if there is a prettier, more well-manicured town in West Virginia, I am yet to see it. Our town is in particularly good condition this year, our residents are doing a wonderful job in keeping yards neat, our many flowers are blooming better than ever, the streets are clean and, unlike Chicago, we don't have a hundred shootings each week. There are no hurricanes or tsunamis on the horizon, so just maybe old Dad is a little smarter than I once gave him credit for being.

The new fiscal year started July 1, and our Council has done a good job in keeping the finances balanced. In spite of a continued decrease in our tax base, we start this year with a balanced budget that provides for reasonable pay increases for hourly employees, no utility or services rate increases, and no decrease in municipal services.

As we proceed through summer you can expect to see several projects completed. Outdoor lighting at the pickleball court will be installed this month. Repair of one of our two water reservoir tanks is underway and should be completed in six weeks. The annual tree replacement program will start with the cutting of a few diseased trees, a couple of overgrown trees, and five Sweet Gum trees that have created a significant problem in our storm sewer system. New trees will be planted in September to replace all trees that are removed.

Our annual street and sidewalk patching and repair program is underway. Over the past weeks four sidewalk areas have been replaced, and asphalt repair of problem street areas should take place before August. Playground equipment from the former elementary school will soon be placed in the town park, providing an aesthetically pleasing, safe area for children with ample parking. Also in the park, lighting will be installed at various places around the popular walking track, making the track accessible during evening hours and providing a safety factor.

The Sixth Street Sewer Project, a joint venture between the town and the state, is ready to bid and should be underway late this year. This project will correct a sanitary sewer problem that has existed for over fifty years, and will extend sanitary sewer coverage to the vacant lot near the Ceredo Plaza entrance. In conjunction with this project, storm sewer issues on Greenwood and

Fairwood Lanes will also be addressed.

With the closing of the BB&T Ceredo Branch later this month, we will have two large commercial buildings for sale, the former Norandex building being the other. The town is making every possible effort to find occupants for these buildings, as ongoing businesses pay taxes. I am confident that as the pandemic is farther behind us and the business community returns to normal, these properties will be occupied.

Most of you are aware that the federal government, through the American Recovery Act, will be directing approximately \$530,000 to Ceredo. These funds are restricted to certain infrastructure projects, and specific projects will be identified by the Town Council once received and after the government arrives at a final definition of allowable uses. Since these are restricted funds, they are not included in our current budget but will be added prior to use.

All-in-all, this is a pleasant report to make as we start another fiscal year. The town is in great shape and the future is bright. Please continue your good work toward the common goal, help a neighbor when you can, and let us know at Town Hall if we can be of service to you.

Employee of the Month

The Ceredo Senior Fitness Center is open and operating at higher-than-expected levels. The center has been managed by Diania Perdue and Jeanetta Ferrell, both of whom have done a great job. Unfortunately, Diania was recently forced to resign so that she can take care of a family member, and she will be missed. Together, Diania and Jeanetta are the Employees of the Month.

Jeanetta, a graduate of Ceredo-Kenova High School and life-long Ceredo resident, enjoys her job and the benefits of working in a fitness facility. “The people are great, I look forward to seeing friends every day, plus I have time to exercise while I am working. It’s a good thing to make myself healthier and work at the same time.”

Town Hall has received a number of compliments about the work of both Diania and Jeanetta. “Both ladies are great at keeping the facility spotless, cleaning the machines every day and helping the members in any way



Diania Perdue



Jeanetta Ferrell

possible,” said member Barry Scragg. “The fitness center is a great thing, and we have had two really good employees.”

The fitness center features a cardio room with various exercise bikes, treadmills, and elliptical machines, along with a Nautilus room with a complete set of weight equipment. For pickleball players, the facility has a temperature-controlled indoor court that is open daily for pickleball members. Fitness hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 until noon, with evening hours Monday through Friday, 4 until 7. The center accepts any insurance plans, including Silver Sneakers, and memberships are available at the Center or Town Hall.

Garage Sales, Dogs, and Lawn Maintenance

Please keep in mind that while Ceredo welcomes garage sales, there are regulations that must be followed. It is required that any person holding a garage sale must have a permit. Permits are available at Town Hall, and the permit for the first garage sale at a given location each year is free. For additional garage sales at the same location, the permit fee is twenty-five dollars for the second sale and \$100 for each sale thereafter.

Advertising for garage sales is permitted on the day of the sale, but must be removed from town property by 5:00 pm on the day of the sale. Failure to remove signs from street poles or public areas could cause future permits not to be issued.

Ceredo has, by far, the best maintained lawns in West Virginia. Every resident deserves praise for the hard work required to keep our town looking great. We do ask that after cutting grass all clippings be removed from the streets and sidewalks, as the excess grass clogs our storm sewer lines and results in costly repairs. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Our residents have done a good job this summer in removing pet waste from common areas. The town has placed convenient waste cans on every corner for the deposit of pet waste, and with few exceptions our common areas and yards belonging to others have been kept clean this year. Thanks to the pet owners that comply with this ordinance.

TOWN OF CEREDO OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Coach Carl Ward dedicated his life to the betterment of student athletes and residents of Ceredo and Kenova through his vocation and community activism, and

WHEREAS, the on-field achievements and professional records established by Carl Ward are well-documented and deserved, he was equally successful and will be equally remembered as being a “life coach” to his generations of players and students, and

WHEREAS, Carl Ward was responsible for initiating a period of community volunteerism then-to-fore unknown, bringing the residents of Ceredo and Kenova together, acting as one, in a mutual effort to build facilities and create a high school athletic program that resulted in the cities of Ceredo and Kenova developing a joint statewide identity, known simply as “C-K”, and

WHEREAS, as the final score is tallied, more important than the wins and losses is a summary of how one played the game, and Carl Ward played the game of life well; not one to rave of his own accomplishments, he shall be remembered as a native son that gave our communities much more than he took, leaving us as better people, living in a better place, thus

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that Sunday, June 13th, 2021, shall be

COACH CARL WARD DAY

In the Town of Ceredo, with all residents being requested to observe this day by remembering that our lives have been enriched through our relationship with Carl Ward, and to be thankful therefore.

Given under my hand and seal, with concurrence of the Town Council, this thirteenth day of June, 2021.

Paul A. Billups, Mayor

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.

Unfortunately, characters are a vanishing breed. Perhaps because characters stood out in situations of social interaction, and today we have become a Facebook, Twitter, and cell phone society where social interaction is less valued and less used, we just don't see the characters. It's safe to say that none of the characters of Ceredo would have had much use for social tools, preferring to exhibit their traits in a brutally honest, “what you see is what I am” fashion.

This is another column in a series about the characters of Ceredo, hoping to create a record of their existence and an appreciation for the drummer, whatever his beat may be.

It takes a lifetime for some people to achieve “character” status, while a few have been able to reach this status at an early age. Such was the case of Clarence Darling.

Coming of age in the 1950's and 60's, Clarence was a good student, always happy, and possessed with an enterprising mind. In the days before backpacks when elementary school boys carried their books in a sling made by looping their belt around the books, Clarence carried a briefcase. As interesting as the fact that Clancy carried a briefcase may have been, the more interesting fact was that he never opened the briefcase. For the better part of six years, from the Fall of 1958 through the Spring of 1964, the briefcase remained a mystery until a warm day nearing the end of the school year.

During afternoon recess on the day in question, a group of sixth grade boys were gathered on the playground discussing whatever young boys of that age discuss when Clancy declared that it was such a warm day that a good beer might be tasty. The statement took the

boys by surprise, and following some laughter Clarence told the group that he intended to stop at the Ceredo Pool Room on his way home for a beer.

For the remainder of the school day those knowledgeable of Clarence's intention wondered, was he making a crazy brag or was he really going to buy a beer on the walk home? While the boys knew it couldn't happen, there was just enough of an unknown factor about Clarence to cause one to think he might pull it off.

To set the stage, in those years boys and girls walked to school. When the final bell rang, the South Ceredo students crossed Main Street, stopped at the old water well while someone pumped the handle for others to get a drink, and proceeded toward the railroad. The in-town students walked north to cross Route 60, then proceeded past Flanagan's Pharmacy, Dick Methax's Restaurant, Sidney Schnitt's medical office and a vacant lot before reaching the Ceredo Pool Room.

Operated by Ray Cornwell, the pool hall was a dark and mysterious place to eleven- and twelve-year-old boys. Ray always sat at the end of the bar next to a large plate-glass window. Bald-headed before Michael Jordan made it popular, Ray's face showed the effects of one too many bar fights.

The final school bell rang and immediately the South Ceredo boys declared that they were joining the in-town boys by walking north on Main to witness Clarence leading them to manhood by being the first in the class to buy a beer. Somewhat akin to the Pied Piper, Clarence led his followers down the street, briefcase in hand, as if this was the normal end to his school day. Still knowing it couldn't happen, with each step the followers began to think, just maybe, Clancy could pull it off. They wanted to laugh, but were afraid of being proven wrong.

Clancy brought his followers to a sudden stop in front of the vacant lot next to the pool room when he dropped to one knee and, for the first time in six years, opened the briefcase. The boys crowded around to get

a glimpse of what was inside, and to everyone's surprise Clarence came out with a set of novelty Groucho Marx glasses and moustache. As if he did it every day, Clancy put on the disguise, closed the briefcase, and boldly walked toward the pool room.

The day being warm, the door to the pool room was standing open. The aroma, unique to that establishment, struck the olfactory nerves several feet from the entrance. The mixture of perspiration, stale beer, urine, cue chalk, and testosterone left a permanent memory in the minds of every boy, a smell that each one could identify to this day.

The moment of reckoning arrived. Clarence, in disguise with briefcase in hand, walked through the door and took a seat at the bar, as if he had done it many times before. The group of followers, now totaling around ten, stood outside the plate glass window, eyes pressed against the glass. Inside, a couple of regulars were seated in a booth and didn't pay Clarence much attention. The proprietor didn't glance up from his Louis Lamour novel until Clancy, with requisite authority, pounded his fist on the old wooden bar and exclaimed “I'll have a cold one down here, chap!”

Ray very slowly placed his paperback on the bar, rose from his seat, and with quiet deliberation walked around the end of the bar, grabbed Clancy by the shirt collar, and tossed him onto the sidewalk. As Clancy was making his exit from the pool room, his followers all ran across the street to the old bank. By the time the boys looked back, Ray was tossing the briefcase onto the sidewalk where Clarence was sitting. Laughter ensued, as every boy that had followed Clarence down the street now claimed that they knew Clancy couldn't buy a beer. Keeping with his demeanor of the day, Clarence stood, removed his Groucho Marx glasses, dusted his pants, and continued his walk home, albeit still sober and thirsty on a warm Spring day.

Thus the legend of Clarence Darling, a true character of Ceredo.

FUTBOL! Ceredo's Part in Marshall's Championship

The entire state, possibly with the exception of Morgantown, is proud of the Marshall soccer team capturing the NCAA National Championship. Few, however, know that Ceredo played an integral part in the foundation of Marshall's soccer program.

In addition to coaching football and teaching a math class, Carl Ward taught a number of physical education classes. Coach Ward's PE classes usually started with a tour around the weight room, then, weather permitting, the class would adjourn to the football field where Coach would toss out a football and a twenty-minute game of touch would ensue. On an infrequent basis, Coach would toss out a soccer ball.

To put things in perspective, no-one at C-K High School in the 1960's knew the rules of soccer, including Coach Ward. The boys had a general idea, probably from newspaper pictures or short television clips, that soccer involved kicking the ball into a goal and that the use of hands was prohibited. Any additional knowledge was gained by accident. As might be expected, a group of teenage boys with a soccer ball, no goals, and no knowledge, soon turned into something akin to a five-year-old youth game at Virginia Point, with the exception that the ball was kicked farther in random directions.

Such was the status of soccer in Ceredo-Kenova until the summer of 1970 when Tom Plymale took part in a student-abroad study program in Denmark. Having graduated from C-K in May, Tom spent several months in Denmark before matriculating to Marshall. While in Denmark, Tom was exposed to several things not readily

available in Ceredo, including the rules of soccer. Upon his return, Tom knew how to play but was without a place to play as neither West Virginia high schools or Marshall had a soccer program.

By the middle 1970's, Tom's father, Chud Plymale, was a member of the Wayne County Board of Education. Former Ceredo Mayor Mose Napier was Superintendent of Wayne County Schools, and Mose had a son, Phillip, with an interest in soccer. Through the action of Mr. Plymale and Mr. Napier, undoubtedly influenced by their sons, Wayne County established the first high school soccer program in the state in 1978.

With Tom Plymale knowing the rules, C-K had a definite advantage over other schools in those early years. Young Philip Napier, a tall lad particularly suited for the sport, became an All-State player for the Wonders, and upon graduation joined the upstart Marshall soccer program where he helped that program become established.

While we all bask in Marshall's glory this summer, it is fun to remember that a soccer ball in gym class, a trip to Denmark, one dad on the School Board, one dad as Superintendent, and one son looking for a sport to play brought the most widely-played sport in the world to Wayne County, and those efforts were the foundation of soccer as a sport in West Virginia's high schools. Tom Plymale, along with his brother Bob, have played integral parts in youth soccer programs over the past forty years. Phil Napier now resides in Europe, where he has better access to the world's game and is proudly wearing his Marshall letter jacket.

The Way It Was

This poem was taken from the 1967 movie "Camelot" sung by Richard Harrison who portrayed King Arthur. The song describes how the people viewed the realm of Camelot. This adaptation depicts how it was a special time, a special place with special people during the Ward-Craycraft years at Ceredo-Kenova High School. The song was modified and recited by Barry Scragg on June 13, 2021 at the Celebration of Life for Coach Carl Ward and the dedication of the Memorial Wall held at the Ward-Craycraft Stadium.

It's true! It's true the coaches have made it clear
The weather must be perfect for football time of the year
A rule was made a distant moon ago here
August, September, October cannot be too hot
And there's a legal limit to the snow here on this plot

The winter is forbidden till playoffs in December
And exists in the Spring with football ahead in September
In Camelot, In Camelot I know it sounds a bit bizarre,
but in Wonderland, Camelot That's just the way things are
The rain may Fall but a rainbow always appears
By eight in the morning, fog must disappear

In short there is simply not a more congenial spot
For happily-ever-aftering than here in Wonderland
Camelot I know it gives a person pause but in Wonderland
and Camelot Those are the legal laws

The snow may never cause Wonders to stop and
by 9pm the moonlight must shine a lot
In short, there's simply not a more congenial spot
For happily-ever-aftering than here in Camelot

Town, Alumni Band Reach Agreement

The Town of Ceredo and the C-K Alumni Band have reached an agreement that will allow the band to remain in the former Ceredo Elementary cafeteria as its permanent practice facility. The band has been permitted to use the facility for the past several years with an informal agreement, and will now be able to make repairs to the building that will enhance the band's use and benefit the town equally.

The Alumni Band is an integral part of our community and it is important that we provide them with a proper place to practice. In addition to serving as a practice facility, the cafeteria can also be used by the band when outdoor concerts are interrupted by weather or, hopefully, for a scheduled indoor performance as time progresses.

In conjunction with the band's use, the former cafeteria will also be used for the popular "Tuesday Night Pickers" country music show, and the kitchen area will be utilized by the Lincoln County Opportunity Company to prepare daily meals for the elderly in Ceredo, Kenova, and Westmoreland.

"This is an agreement that works very well for both the band and the town," said Mayor Paul Billups. "It is important to the town that we do everything possible to maintain the band, as it has become a true community treasure."

Dollar Dip Day

Ceredo's nationally famous Austin's Homemade Ice Cream will again be celebrating Nation Ice Cream Day on Sunday, July 18. On that day the venerable ice cream parlor will be offering the best ice cream in America at one-dollar per dip. At the conclusion of the day-long celebration, the establishment will present a fireworks display starting at 9:45.

Established in 1947, Austin's was a well-kept secret for regional ice cream aficionados for many years. With the establishment of social media, owner Joyce Snyder along with her children and grandchildren have taken the business to national prominence. Earlier this year, Austin's was awarded a Blue Ribbon by the National Ice Cream Manufacturers Association for the best chocolate ice cream in America.

The business has been very healthy over the past several years, with a store now locate in The Marketplace in downtown Huntington. Crowds at the original Ceredo location have been larger than ever before, and the introduction of Dole Pineapple Whip, an ice cream made famous at Disney World, has brought customers from as far as Charleston.

"We look forward to Dollar Dip Day as a way to say thanks to our many loyal customers," said manager Tim Ruff. "With the day-long celebration followed by a great fireworks display it should be a great day in Ceredo. The assistance of the Ceredo Fire Department and

Police Department, we hope to make it a safe, enjoyable experience for everyone."

Should you wonder, the top-selling flavor at Austin's over the past twenty years has been grape-pineapple. It may not sound good, but one scoop and you will be hooked. The business continues to experiment with new flavors, and while the names may not be as catchy as those created by Ben and Jerry, the ice cream produced here in Ceredo is better!

HONOR ROLL

Eleanor Terry.....	10/21
Jim Billups.....	02/22
John C. Hall.....	05/21
Paul and Kathy Billups.....	10/21
Jack and Ann Riggs.....	05/21
Mike and Susan Watts.....	10/21
Leigh Ann Johnson.....	04/22
Connie & Mark Beford.....	10/21
Dinah and Dale Ledbetter.....	10/21
In Memory of Herb & Helen Stephens.....	08/21
In Memory of Coach Dale Craycraft.....	08/21
In Memory of J. J. & Roma Gail Billups.....	08/21
In Memory of Houston & Gladys Woolwine.....	04/21
Katrina Childers.....	05/21
In Memory of Alberta "Dossie" & Sherman Medley ...	04/22
Herm Matney.....	08/21
In Memory of Anagene Wooten Gibbs.....	08/21
In Memory of Kathleen Wooren Marcum.....	08/21
In Memory of Larry Cole.....	08/21
In Memory of Charles & Dorothy Watts.....	09/21
Jeanette & Roger Barker.....	03/21
Karin & Mike Dawson.....	02/23
American Legion.....	01/21
Evaroni's.....	01/21
CUMC.....	12/21
Roberta and Charlie Mitchell.....	03/22
In Memory of Robert (Pete) & Carolyn Sullivan...	04/21
Jennifer Ferguson.....	04/21
Oscar, Bonnie, Michelle Booth.....	04/21
John M. Spangler, Esq.....	05/21
In memory of Francis & Carl Francis.....	05/22
In Memory of WW. Mills, MD.....	05/21
In Memory of Larry Jack Heck.....	06/21
Floyd Mays.....	06/21
Mike & Karen Skeens.....	07/21
Keith and Freda Chadwick.....	07/21
Tyler Dawson, DDS.....	07/21
Raymond Keigley.....	07/21
Brenda Francis.....	07/21
O'Dell Mannon.....	07/21
Dr. Ron & Lucenda Akers.....	07/21
Marlene Simmons.....	07/21
The Flanagan Family of Saratoga Springs, NY.....	10/21
In Memory of Milton J. & Evelyn Mills.....	10/21
In Memory of Charles & Bet Pratt.....	10/21
Vern & Cindy Eagleston Blaine.....	11/21
Brother Otis Adkins.....	01/22
Brother Mose & Sister June Napier.....	01/22
Susann Meurer.....	12/21
Robert & Mary Lee Leslie.....	01/22
Taylor Booth.....	03/22
Michael & Debby Hibbard.....	04/22
Susan & Stephen Woolwine.....	04/22
Gary & Marsha Adkins.....	04/22
John Hall.....	04/22

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!

Around Town

It is not often that the Editorial Board of the New Crescent is required to issue a correction, but it does happen. In this instance, apologies to Ceredo resident Tom Plymale for omitting his part in bringing hockey to Ceredo. A couple of issues back, we recognized Tom Smith for his part in bringing the game to C-K High School after attending a minor league game in Huntington. The article should have included Tom Plymale, who attended the minor league hockey game along with Tom Smith and together they founded the Doug Dixon Memorial Hockey League. It should also be noted that the two lads became friends with a goaltender during the match and the player tossed a puck to Smith, which he kept for many years.

The New Crescent recently received a call from former Ceredo resident and subscriber Sally Sayre Dixon. A Ceredo native now residing in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, Sally is a beautiful lady from a great family with strong ties to our town. Sally is the daughter of the late Ed and Gladys Griffith Sayre of Main Street, widow of Denver Dixon, and mother of the late Doug Dixon. It was great to hear from Sally and discuss the days of Ceredo past.

The annual Huntington Antique Automobile Club car show was held at the Ceredo Plaza on Saturday, June 19th. Early rain and cloudy skies kept a few antique car owners at home, but a representative number of cars were on display and a great time was had by those in attendance. Club President Carroll Browning of Ceredo did a fine job of organizing the event, with help from a number of club members.

The Grand Champion trophy was presented to D.L. McWhorter of South Point. The Mayor's Choice Award winner was Kenneth Acord of Kenova, with his 1962 Chevrolet; Tim Harmon of Westmoreland was the People's Choice winner with his 1940 Ford; and the Volunteer's Choice Award winner was Roger Bush of Raceland with his beautiful Volkswagen bus.

Ceredo's hanging flower baskets are more beautiful than ever this year. The pink wave petunias are in full bloom on nearly every street corner to compliment the many flower gardens throughout town. This season started with Tim Haynie in charge of the baskets, and due to the workload of our town staff the chore has been assumed by Ron Nicholson. The flowers are a bit finicky, but Ron is up to the task of keeping them healthy through the summer months. If you see Ron on his watering rounds, please take time to compliment the fine job he is doing.

Work is nearly complete on the Golden Girl Group Home retail outlet on Main Street. The new facility, an attractive addition to south Main, will be a training center for the Group Home residents with retail sales on the first floor. The second floor will have large meeting rooms and a full kitchen where the residents will be trained for food service employment. This building replaces two dilapidated houses that were eyesores to South Ceredo, and the entire 700 and 800 blocks of Main Street are now as pretty and well-maintained as any in town.

Demolition work has started on the town Beautification Building that was destroyed by fire during last winter's ice storm. Located directly behind the Police Department, the building housed the sewer department, carpentry and small engine repair shop, and storage for beautification items. It is anticipated that work on a new structure will begin sometime this Fall.

Following some construction delays the new home of Ceredo's Flower Lady, Delcie Elkins, is nearing completion. Despite dealing with her fire loss and new construction, Delcie has once again planted beautiful flowers in our four large flower gardens, around municipal buildings, and many other locations around town. Delcie is being assisted by her sons, David and Donnie, with watering and maintenance of the flowers.

United National Bank on Route 60 has done a great job of refurbishing the facility over the past year. The building has been painted, the entire parking lot was milled and black-topped, and new landscaping is in bloom. A successor to our original First National Bank of Ceredo, United is once again our only in-town financial institution. The upgrades completed on the property indicate that United intends to maintain the Ceredo location, and will certainly continue to be a good corporate neighbor.

During the pandemic summer of 2020 we saw a significant increase in the number of Ceredo residents escaping outdoors for exercise. Our streets and sidewalks brought memories of years gone by when residents took evening walks and visited with neighbors while porch sitting. It appears that the exercise routine has carried over to 2021, with a number of residents walking dogs or taking leisurely evening strolls. We can't do much about the rest of the state being known for having unhealthy lifestyles, but we are doing our part to make Ceredo a healthier place. Hopefully this trend will continue.

Ramsdell Donation

Dr. Laura Stone, who holds a Ph.D. in Leadership, has donated an art piece titled "Journey of Enslavement" to The Ramsdell House in Ceredo. The artwork focuses on the enslaved people who may have passed through the Ramsdell House towards the end of their Underground Railroad journey, even though their exact stories may not be known. Ramsdell House staff hope to install the artwork in the Cellar of the Ramsdell House, where Underground Railroad guests might have waited to pass through the "Doorway to Freedom" to make their final journey across the Ohio River to freedom.

Dr. Stone is beginning her 19th year of teaching visual arts at Lewis County Central Elementary in Vanceburg, Kentucky. Kidnapping of Africans, ship conditions during the Middle Passage, slave auctions, forced family separation, laws upholding chattel slavery, and widespread abuse are important history to remember. These atrocities would have been known by Zophar and Almeda Ramsdell, kindling their burning desire to participate in the establishment of an abolitionist colony in pre-Civil War Ceredo, Virginia.

The images within this artwork are a collection of photos and renderings from the public domain, created during the time period of legalized slavery, which are affixed to a board from a 100+ year old barn (built between 1897 and 1903) to offer a realistic depiction of the colonial and antebellum eras. The artwork serves as a condensed timeline of the voyage from Africa to enslavement.

The Town of Ceredo and the Ramsdell House are grateful for Dr. Stone's generous contribution to the Ramsdell House Museum. The piece will be installed and available to view in fall 2021. The Ramsdell House continues to offer free tours every day of the week, by appointment, by calling 304-908-9696 or emailing dwolfe@ceredowv.gov.



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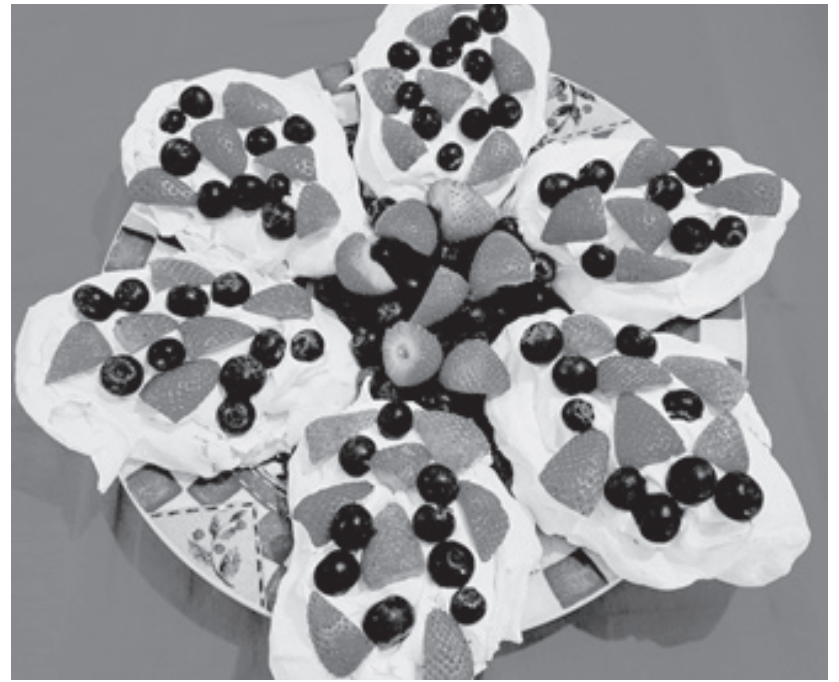
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Pavlova Flower
by Natalie Hemann

I was looking for a dessert to fix for Memorial Day and wanted to make something that was red, white, and blue but not the usual "flag cake" that is so popular. I saw a picture of this online and looked up the recipe. I was pleasantly surprised at how simple the recipe was, even though I thought it looked impressive. You can make the meringue petals any size you want, depending on how many you want to serve. This dessert is a light and refreshing way to end your holiday cook-out, or any time. You might want to keep this mind for your 4th of July get-together!

- Ingredients:**
- 4 Large Egg Whites, Room Temperature
 - Dash of Salt
 - 1 Cup of Granulated Sugar
 - 1 tsp. Cornstarch
 - 2 tsp. White Wine Vinegar
 - 1 tsp. Vanilla Extract
 - 1 - 8 oz. Cool Whip or (1 1/2 Cups Heavy Cream)
 - 1 - 3 oz. Reduced Fat Cream Cheese (or Regular Cream Cheese)
 - 2 Tbs. Confectioners' Sugar
 - 2 Cups Blueberries (more or less depending on how many meringues)
 - 2 Cups Strawberries, quartered (as above)

Directions:
Preheat oven to 250 degrees with racks in the upper and lower third. In a bowl, beat egg whites and salt on medium high speed until soft and glossy peaks form. With mixer running add sugar 1 tablespoon at a time. Beat meringue on high about 5 minutes more. Sprinkle in cornstarch, vinegar, and vanilla; gently fold to combine. Using a spoon, scoop the meringue onto parchment lined cookie sheets; make an indentation in each meringue with the spoon. Bake until firm and dry to the touch but not browned, about 35 to 40 minutes. Turn off oven and let meringues cool for 1 hour. (I left them in the oven overnight.) Whisk cream, cream cheese, and confectioners' sugar until soft peaks form. Top each meringue in the indentation with this mixture and top with berries. Place rest of berries in the center of plate to resemble a flower. Serve immediately.



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Beautification Winners

The annual Ceredo Beautification Committee “Yards, Block, and Business of the Month” award program is underway. Winners for May of the Yard of the Month were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole of 149 First Street West and Greg and Debbie Browning of 1 Fairwood Lane. Business of the Month was United Bank.

June’s winners were Kevin and Pam Moore of 2 Park Terrace and James and Amanda Kent of 230 B Street for Yards of the Month. Business of the Month winner was Austin’s Ice Cream.

To nominate a yard, block, or business for a beautification award, please call Town Hall at 304-453-4675. With a town of beautiful yards, competition is keen for these awards. The winners are chosen monthly by the Beautification Committee each year between May and October.



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Farmers Market

The Ceredo Farmers Market is again a bustling place on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 until 4. In its’ fourth season, the market located at the picnic shelter on the Mitch Stadium parking lot offers the best of locally grown produce.

Anchored by Bill and Dorothy Stewart of Fort Gay’s Greenbrier Farms, Jason and Tab Ekers, ably assisted by Tanner and Farmer Finn of Rocky Knob Farm, and Randall Adkins of Wayne’s Rustic Harvest Farm, the market continues to draw large crowds. For those needing something to balance the healthy intake of vegetables, Lisa’s Jars of Love features a wide



Farmer Finn assists a customer at the Ceredo Farmers Market

variety of baked goods and the pepperoni rolls could be the best this side of Fairmont.

The market is again offering Amish wagon wheel doughnuts from Four Mile Bakery in Jackson, Ohio. Arrive early for the doughnuts, they are delivered warm around 8:30 and are usually gone by shortly after nine. Due to the hand-made preparation, the market is limited to twenty half-dozen boxes per day.

Sweet corn is now in

season and Rocky Knob will produce some of the finest in our region, either direct from the field or shucked for the buyer’s convenience. Through the summer the farm will offer Honey Select, Serendipity, Ambrosia Bodacious, and American Dream varieties. Rustic Harvest offers great pre-packaged salad greens, and Greenbrier has long been known for their excellence in a full line of vegetables.

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