

## Town of Ceredo Town Council Regular Session April 5th, 2021

The Town of Ceredo Town Council met in regular session on Monday, April 5th, 2021 at the Ceredo City Hall. The Mayor, Paul A. Billups, called the meeting to order at 6:30p.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 March 1st, 2021 regular session, the March 15th, 2021 Special Session, or the March 26, 2021 Statutory Session. None being heard and on a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Robert Leslie presented Council with the balances for each account and the expenditures for March 2021. On a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to accept the Treasurer's report and expenditures for the month of March 2021. All were in favor, motion carried.

### Russell Hutchinson - Fireman

Mayor Billups called Fireman Russell Hutchinson to the podium and presented Mr. Hutchinson with an award recognizing him for his 70 years of service to the Town of Ceredo and the Ceredo Volunteer Fire Department.

### Potesta Engineering Update

Mr. Terrence Moran updated the Mayor and Council on the status of various sewer projects, including the grant application for funding of the 6th Street Town Shoppes project. A conversation was held on the need for an agreement to be drafted between the Town and Potesta to perform the preliminary work for the sewer project.

The Mayor addressed the need for the sewer project and the Town's liability if the project is not performed. Also discussed was the state Critical Needs Funding grant, which will prevent the drain on the sanitary sewer budget funding, along with the federal stimulus monies for infrastructure programs.

### Potesta Engineering Professional Services Agreement

On a motion by Oscar Adkins and a second by Ron Jarrell, Council voted to have the Mayor draft an agreement with Potesta and Associates, Inc. for the professional services with Cares Act funds, the sewer project grant and other services needing to be addressed. All were in favor, motion carried.

### The Mayor's Comments

The Mayor reported on the following:

- ✓ The need to purchase new tires for the Town's backhoe.
- ✓ The ongoing process of determining the equipment loss due to the fire at the beautification building and the cost of replacement of the tools and structure.

### 1409 B Street Property Auction

A discussion on the sale of the property at 1409 B Street was held and on a motion

by Oscar Adkins and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to have the Mayor contact a real estate agent to obtain a starting price for the property with \$30,000 being the lowest bid. All were in favor, motion carried.

### #1 Reservoir Tank Inspection

The Mayor addressed the inspection of the #1 water reservoir tank, which revealed the sealant at the top of the tank was peeling and would need to be resealed. The Mayor advised he had contacted a qualified contractor from Henderson, KY to come and submit a bid for the repairs to the tank.

### Transfer of Special Levy Funds

The Mayor addressed Council on the need to transfer accrued special levy funds into already dedicated line items. After the reading of the accrued amounts and the transfers, on a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Ron Jarrell, Council voted to approve the transfer of the funds. All were in favor, motion carried.

### Feeding the Elderly

The Mayor led a discussion on equipping the Senior Wellness Center cafeteria for preparing meals the elderly. After discussing the cost of the equipment for the cafeteria, it was recommended that the Mayor contact Mr. William Carpenter with the Lincoln County Opportunity Organization to ascertain if that agency is still interested in moving the program to Ceredo.

### Street Lighting Project

The Mayor discussed a conversation he had with McDaniel Electric on how to supply power for the lights on B Street and five (5) poles on Main Street. The Mayor stated he would know more about how to accomplish this by the end of the week.

### Dwelling at Route 60 and 1st Street East

The Mayor updated Council on the status of the house located on the corner of Route 60 and 1st Street East. He advised the dog warden had called the police stating a neighbor had called Thursday evening stating animals were living in the house and that someone would come and feed the animals, but no one was living in the residence. He added that the police had posted a notice on the dwelling indicating the condemning of the house and that the owner of the house had been informed the Town would be conducting an unsafe housing inspection on the house.

### On-Time Minutes

The Mayor presented Council with copies of forms that demonstrate the format that will be used when the minutes are posted on the Town's website.

### Town Utility Board Member Appointments

The Mayor named the following Council members, who will serve on the utility boards for the Town of Ceredo for this term:

Water Board - Robert Leslie, Joe Ratcliff, Ron Jarrell

Sewer Board - Steve Diamond, Robert Leslie

### Adjournment

There being no further matters before council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

## Town of Ceredo Town Council Statutory Session April 20, 2021

The Town of Ceredo Town Council met in Statutory Session on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. The Mayor, Paul A. Billups, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Those present included the Mayor, Paul A. Billups; the Recorder, Stanley E. Fink; and Councilmen Ron Jarrell, Steve Diamond, Oscar Adkins, Robert Leslie and Joe Ratcliff.

### Purpose

The meeting had been called for the purpose of setting the budget and laying levy rates for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, as required by the State Auditor.

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

Council reviewed the proposed budget as provisionally approved by the State Auditor. A call for comments or objections was asked from the floor. There being none, the question for approving the budget was called.

On a motion by Steve Diamond and second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted unanimously to approve the budget and tax levy as presented.

### Levy Order

The proposed Levy Order was presented by the Mayor, with a levy rate of 12.50 % for Class I Personal Property, 25.00% for Class II Real Estate and Personal Property, 50.00% for Class IV Real Estate, Personal Property, and Public Utility, less 5.00% for uncollectables, exonerations, and delinquencies, 2.00% for tax discounts, and 2.00% for the Assessor's Valuation Fund.

The levy rates were approved by unanimous vote upon the motion of Ron Jarrell and second by Steve Diamond.

A copy of the Levy Order and Rate Sheet will, by directive of the Mayor, be attached hereto and made part of the record of this body.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR PAUL BILLUPS, MAYOR

Civic pride in Ceredo has never been more obvious. Our lawns are manicured, Spring projects are underway around several houses, the streets are clean and the new street lights have given our town not only an aesthetically pleasing look, but better lighting also. Thanks to each of you for doing your part.

The remainder of our new street lights will be installed within the next three weeks, and the older lights will be re-candled and installed around the walking track in Paul T. Billups Park. New lights at the outdoor pickleball courts will be installed later this month, making that popular facility usable for more hours during the summer and fall. It is interesting to note that the town's daily electrical cost for one of the old street lights is approximately \$1.35 per day, while the new LED street lights will cost approximately twelve cents per day. We are moving toward being fully-LED as quickly as possible in all town facilities.

The popular hanging baskets will be in place later this month, the Farmer's Market is scheduled to open in early June, and attendance at the Wellness Center is growing each week. Hopefully we will continue our habits of the COVID summer and get outdoors, take neighborhood walks, ride your bike, or find other activities to stay healthy.

Pothole repair throughout town has been delayed by the weather, but will hopefully start this week. The annual sidewalk repair program is scheduled to start as quickly as the pothole repairs are complete. We are engaged in a debate with the state DOH over the condition of High Street between the Twelve Pole Bridge and Walker's Branch road. That two-block section of High Street is clear-

ly a continuation of James River Turnpike, a county road, but for some reason the DOH is contending that James River stops after crossing the bridge and picks up at Walker's Branch. That doesn't make much sense, but if the DOH doesn't take action soon the town will pave the two blocks as a service to our residents.

While recently perusing old documents in Town Hall I came across the town budget for 1967 - a staggering \$35,000 for the year! How did the town fathers operate on that amount? At first thought, we had two policemen, one used police car, garbage was collected in a dump truck and burned at the town dump, we sourced drinking water from two wells, and operated our own sewage treatment plant, such as it was. The town averaged three maintenance employees that shared one pickup truck and took care of everything, many alleys were not paved, coal dust covered most everything, there were no street signs, and the common fine for a traffic violation was \$7.50. Life was simple then, if not particularly good.

Those were the days before revenue sharing, coal severance tax, and business and occupation tax. Our utilities were inexpensive since we didn't have to buy water or pay Huntington to treat our waste. In many ways, I suppose, we were happy with what we had, a crime-free community, good schools, and friendly people. Then the State made us feel rich with revenue sharing and coal severance tax funds, free money. The adoption of B&O tax, the opening of a state liquor store, and eventually construction of the Ceredo Plaza left Ceredo with newfound riches.

Alleys were paved, a Beautification Committee

was established to make our town into "flower city", real garbage trucks replaced the old dump truck, we formed a genuine police force, and the Town Council had money to spare. The town budget quickly rose from \$35,000 to over one-million.

Fortunately, the town fathers had the foresight to know that all good things, like free money, are subject to come to an end. First the revenue sharing stopped, then coal severance was drastically cut. The state went out of the liquor business and plaza shopping centers lost their glamor. The state decided it best if we bought our water from Kenova, and paid Huntington to clean our sewage.

As it is with our personal lives, it is difficult for the town to live on less after having lived on more. We have the benefit of many improvements made during the glory years of free state money and a high tax base, but we have recently experienced the hard decisions necessitated by lower revenue. As difficult as it is to plan, and live by, a restrictive budget that the town hasn't faced in over forty years, we can only be thankful that in our "difficult times" we are operating on an all-inclusive budget in excess of \$1,900,000 with sufficient rainy-day reserves. It is your town councils of years past that made this possible, and I am still shaking my head at the thought of meeting the needs of our residents on \$35,000 per year! There have been years when the Beautification Committee spent more than that amount on flowers. That probably won't happen again, but we will have flowers, clean streets, good water, and a responsive municipal government to see that Ceredo maintains its standing as West Virginia's "Most Livable Small Town."

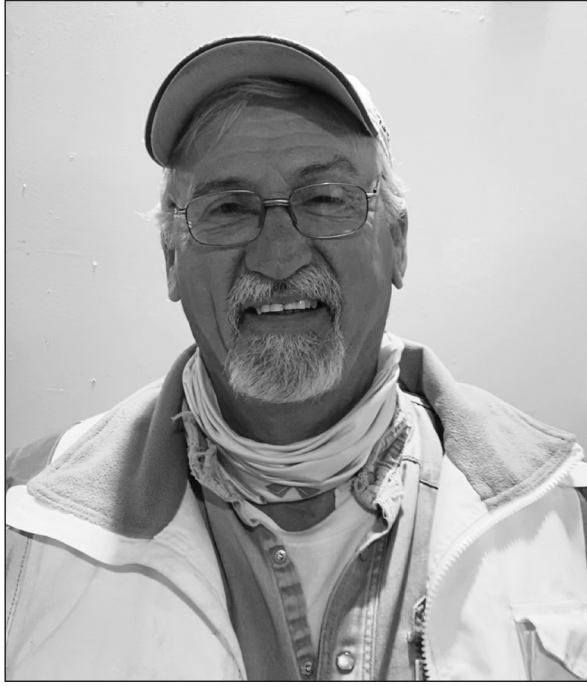
## Employee of the Month

The Ceredo Public Works Department is in Montie Adkins' blood. Montie's father, the late Bob Adkins, was a long-time employee of the town, and Montie followed his father's footsteps. A Ceredo native, Montie attended Ceredo Elementary and C-K High School before starting his career with the town.

Over the last 40-odd years, Montie has performed every task undertaken by the water and sewer utilities, as well as general Public Works duties. A hard worker, Montie is a skilled equipment operator and during his career he has gained institutional knowledge about the town that is valuable to our day-to-day operations.

"I can't overstate the value of Montie to our operations," said supervisor Dustin Long. "Montie is dependable, hardly ever misses a day of work, and performs every assigned task without direction."

Now in the Autumn of his career, Montie has undertaken the responsibility of maintaining Crescent Hill Cemetery in addition to his regular duties. Montie assumed the cemetery responsibilities upon the retirement of former caretaker Tommy Workman, and has kept the cemetery in pristine condition. "I know how important the cemetery is to our residents, and I do my best to be sure it looks good. Relatives visit graves nearly every day, so we can't have a "season" when it looks good. I am happy that the town has trusted



me with maintaining the cemetery," said Adkins.

Cemetery Board member Charles Clarkson is most complimentary about the work of Adkins, "We have to show relatives around the cemetery on short notice, and I simply don't have to worry about whether the grass and weeds have been cut and trimmed. We feel that Crescent Hill is maintained as well as any cemetery in the area, and much of that is thanks to the work of Montie Adkins."

If you happen to see Montie when visiting Crescent Hill, please take time to acknowledge his work. Montie has truly earned the designation of "Employee of the Month."

## Summer Lawn Regulations

Grass cutting season has arrived! As pretty as Ceredo is for most of the year, the town is even prettier when our lawns are freshly mowed and curbs neatly cleaned. Fortunately, the vast majority of our residents exercise great care in making their lawns as beautiful as possible, as is evidenced by our run of "All West Virginia Cities" trophies.

The town does ask that each of you remember to remove grass clippings from the sidewalk and street after mowing or weed eating. Loose grass clippings, in addition to being unsightly, tend to gather in our storm drains and cause blockages that result in standing water on the street. This is a simple task, and your assistance over the course of the summer will help the town avoid the cost of having blocked storm drains cleaned.

If you should have vegetation debris such as tree limbs or shrubs from summer landscaping, the town will remove those items that are placed next to the street. If you need items picked-up, please notify Town Hall at 304-453-4675 and you will be placed on the schedule for pick-up.

## Dog Warden In Town

We frequently receive questions concerning dogs and cats in town, and more specifically, whether the town has a "leash law". The town does have an ordinance requiring all dogs, cats, or other domesticated animals to be on a leash anytime the animal is outside a fenced property.

When issues arise over the leash law, the initial statement is always "my dog is tame" or "my cat just won't stay inside". The law makes no distinction between tame or wild dogs, or cats that prefer to be outside. The rule is the rule, and on several occasions this year the dog warden has visited Ceredo to capture loose dogs and cats. Please ... it is easier to follow the rule than to deal with getting your hound back from the pound.

This sounds pretty simple, but in the last few months we have discovered two instances of residents feeding as many as 14 cats that otherwise run loose in town, leaving animal waste in yards and on porches of neighbors. Be considerate, and while we all may like to pet a cat, think about what happens when the cats multiply and leave their waste on your or the neighbor's porch. The leash law applies to both dogs and cats.

Convenient baskets have been placed on nearly every intersection in town for the convenience of persons walking dogs or cats. Place animal waste in these baskets and the town removes it daily. The town has no desire to levy a fine for not removing animal waste, but without your cooperation it will be necessary. Do your part and we will all have a more enjoyable summer.

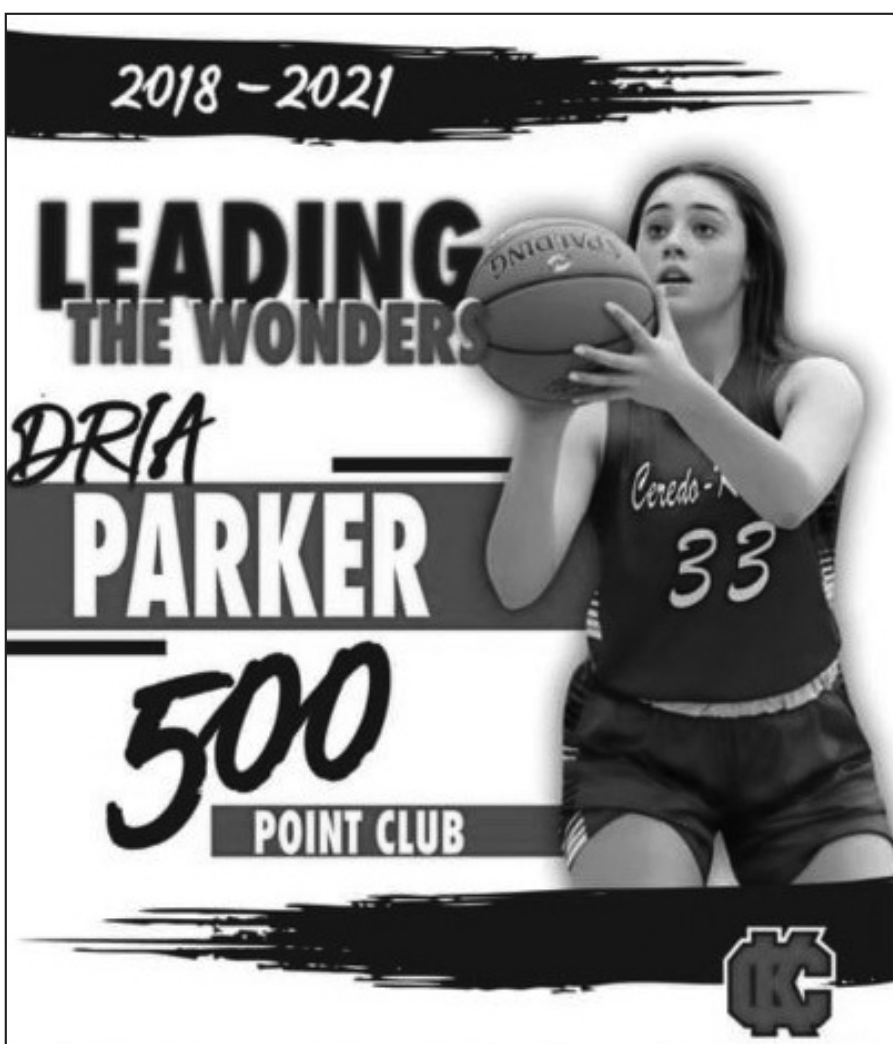
## Stan Hanson Celebrates 90th Birthday



Congratulations to Ceredo Resident, Stan Hanson on celebrating his 90th Birthday on April 1st. He has been an active volunteer in the town for decades helping with The Ramsdell House, Museum and several more

projects. He also owned and operated a local business located in Ceredo for over 27 years called, Potpourri. You may see him walking to the fitness center and post office each day as he continues to stay active.

## Local Hoops Star Honored



Dria Parker, Ceredo-Kenova Middle School basketball player

Ceredo-Kenova Middle School basketball player Dria Parker was recently honored for becoming only the second member of the CKMS 500 Point Club. An outstanding student, Dria has a passion for basketball and for several years has played on the travel circuit where she has improved her game in anticipation of her upcoming high school career.

The daughter of Jimmy and Nicole Parker, Dria played several sports before concentrating on basketball. To score 500 points in a middle school career where games are often low-scoring is a tremendous feat. Dria's mother was a cheerleader and her father, while having a stellar football career at Marshall, didn't score 500 points including warm-ups during his entire basketball career.

The future is indeed bright for this young Ceredo resident, and we look forward to following her career at Spring Valley and thereafter.

## Museum Receives Loaned Items

Special thanks to Becky and Bob Moses for placing the 1898 Wright Brothers Mercantile ledger on loan to the Ceredo Museum. The large leather-bound book, although fragile with age, provides a great glimpse of life in Ceredo at the time. Every purchase is meticulously recorded in beautiful penmanship, and reading just a few pages takes the reader to a time when only essentials were purchased at a store.

During the late 19th Century, the Wright Brothers store was the largest mercantile business between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. For persons living in the Ceredo area and for miles around, if you didn't raise it or sew it, you bought it at Wright Brothers Mercantile. In addition to local business, Ceredo had an active river wharf at the time and steamboats often stopped to refit and resupply at the foot of Main Street, thus providing the Wright Brothers with cash flow from other places. We now have an intimate look at life during that

period, thanks to the generous loan by Becky and Bob Moses.

Special thanks to Randy Maynard for loaning the museum tape recordings of the 1959 C-K Little League All-Star games. The tapes, taken by Randy's father, the late Grey Maynard, have been transferred to a CD.

This is the only known film of C-K's first Little League State Championship team, and includes segments of two games at an unknown field, two games at Prindle Field in Huntington, two games during the state tournament in Charleston, and one game in the Little League regional tournament in Virginia.

Although grainy, several former local lads are identifiable, including Herbie Stephens, Claude Perdue, Skip Looney, Ted Lemaster, Jim and John Frazier, and Buddy McNeal.

We are fortunate that Grey had the foresight to record segments of these games, and thank Randy for recognizing the importance of making this film available for the public.

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# The First Time



With recognition of the 1928 Ceredo-Kenova High School football team that was named as state co-champions by the Associated Press in the days before a playoff system, the first C-K team to win a state title in the modern-era was the 1963 Wonders.

Any discussion of the 1963 team must start with the 1962 C-K squad. Coming in the early years of Coaches Ward and Craycraft, the 1962 team was the first to gain state-wide recognition as a football power. Unfortunately, those were the days of a two-team championship game, and a contested loss to Wayne in the penultimate game of the season kept the 1962 team from competing for the championship.

Having arrived on the scene as a football power, hopes were high for the 1963 season. Alas, after two games there was little joy in Ceredo-Kenova. The Wonders suffered one-touchdown losses to Russell and Huntington East (both classified as AAA teams by West Virginia rules) and the hopes of a state playoff berth were dim, especially after the one-loss elimination in 1962.

With a bit of inspiration from Coach Ward, the squad regathered and ran off eight straight victories against Seth, Vinson, Milton, Catlettsburg, Hamlin, Buffalo, Wayne, and Boyd County. Thanks to several of these opponents having good seasons and C-K's two losses coming to AAA schools, the Wonders received their first-ever state championship invitation.

The state championship game was scheduled to take place at Laidley Field in Charleston, with the Wonders taking on an established Hinton team. Led by Jim Frazier at quarterback with running backs Garry Lanham, Eugene May, John Frazier, Whitey Null, Bob Rutherford, and Tommy Dale, the Wonders had regained their confidence and entered the game on equal ground.

Nearly every resident of Ceredo and Kenova traveled to Charleston to witness the game. The first half was a defensive affair, ending in a six-six tie. Tommy Dale scored the C-K touchdown on a 40-yard interception return. The C-K line, anchored by All State right tackle David Scites, fought to a standoff with a group of tough coal-miner's sons from Hinton.

Hinton took the lead early in the third quarter, but the Wonders fought back to tie the score at the end of the third quarter on a 7-yard touchdown run by Garry Lanham and an extra point run by Eugene May. In the fourth quarter a 3-yard run by John Frazier gave the Wonders their first state title by a final score of 19-13.

Wonder teams over the next two decades went on to establish state records for the number of football championships, but it was the fortitude of the 1963 team to pick-up the pieces after two early losses that began the C-K football dynasty. A number of the 1963 team members were also players on the first C-K Little League baseball state championship team in 1959, and it was the success of the 1963 team that prompted perhaps the best athletic booster organization in West Virginia to improve facilities at C-K and provide future Wonder teams with the tools necessary to achieve greatness.

Many of the 1963 team members played on the 1962 team, and several others were integral parts of the 1965 state championship team. It should be

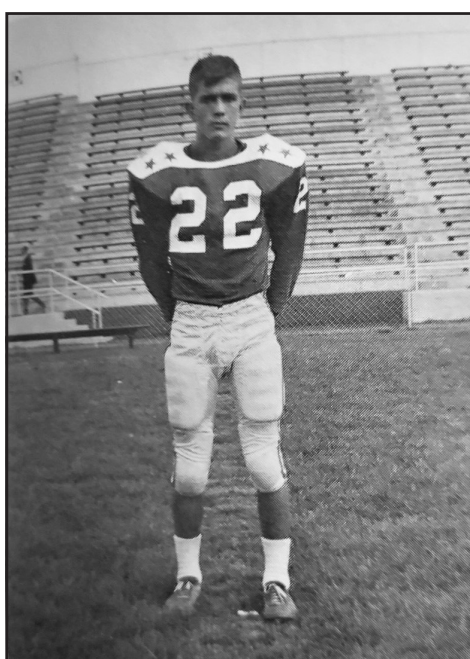
noted that the 1964 squad has been recognized as likely the best C-K team not to win a state championship, having been eliminated by a single loss to Huntington East. Jim Burke, Ed Jenkins, Nip Evans, Mike VanHoose, Don Moore, Dennis Frasher, and Pete Dean, along with sophomores Danny Shannon, David Ferguson, David Lucas, and Hank Stark, in addition to the backfield previously mentioned, were stellar performers.

It was during this game that one of the most remarkable coaching stories of the Ward-Craycraft years was born. In watching films in preparation for the game, Coach Craycraft noticed that a Hinton guard was putting three fingers on the ground if the play was going right, and four fingers down if the play was going left. Prior to the game, Craycraft discussed this with C-K middle guard Big Daddy Scites, but by the time pads were popping Scites forgot to look at the Hinton guard's fingers. At halftime, Coach Craycraft implored Scites to check the guard's fingers, and sure enough, the guard telegraphed the direction of every Hinton play. Scites had an outstanding second half, making a number of unassisted tackles by virtue of knowing the direction of the play.

C-K has been on the state championship podium many times since, but 1963 was the first and should always receive that recognition. They showed those of us that followed that it could be done.



(All-State)  
Dave "Big Daddy" Scites



(All-State)  
Jim "Gig" Burke

## When Hockey Came to C-K

To we natives of Ceredo and Kenova, hockey is a foreign sport played mostly in foreign lands. In the last fifty years the game has spread to middle America, but in the 1960's hockey was something that appeared maybe once a week on TV. We didn't understand the rules, and we sure couldn't ice skate.

Around 1990, Huntington attracted a minor league hockey team and within a couple of years an ice rink was opened on 5th Avenue and 28th Street in Huntington. The rink offered figure skating lessons, youth hockey, and open public skating. To increase cash flow, the rink owners offered open men's hockey on Sunday nights, an attractive opportunity for Huntington and Charleston residents transplanted from northern cities.

Being attracted to any sport where the state mandates an ambulance to be in attendance, I decided to give hockey a go. The first ice skates I bought were the first ice skates I had ever seen, but after spending a couple of months of lunch hours teaching myself how to skate, I declared myself ready for competition. In the interests of full disclosure, I still couldn't skate well. Forward wasn't terribly difficult, backwards was difficult, and switching from forward to backward at full speed

was impossible for a Ceredo boy. My effort to learn was briefly interrupted one lunch hour when, alone on the rink, I attempted to reverse direction and woke several seconds later, having hit my head on the ice and rendering myself unconscious.

But that was Huntington, and this article is about Ceredo-Kenova. We regress. In 1964 a group of C-K seventh graders took residence on the north end of Old Main. The purpose of residing there during lunch hour was initially to be out of sight of older students, and thus to prevent daily "initiations" of being tossed in bushes or worse.

Within a few weeks the gathering area and those gathering took a name: the Doug Dixon Memorial Country Club." Dixon was a classmate that moved away, and it only seemed fitting to name something in his memory. A gathering of young boys with free time near a cafeteria was bound to spawn activity, and for the better part of six years the boys of the Class of 70 played DDMCC football on a 20x50 patch of grass just behind the school cafeteria. The football, of necessity, was a half-pint chocolate mile carton filled with gravel. Sounds strange today, but at the time it seemed perfectly normal.

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HOCKEY *continued from below*

Now, my first introduction to hockey. I don't recall the year, but probably around 1967, two NHL teams played a pre-season exhibition game in either Huntington or Charleston. Tom Smith, a charter member of the DDMCC, attended the game and, being a lad of some intellect, returned to the lunch retreat with the idea that we should replace the daily football games with an abbreviated hockey season. Smith explained the rules and adaptations necessary to accommodate our facility, and we left school that day in search tree limbs that could be cut to simulate hockey sticks. We weren't much in the way of carpenters, and our sticks were ... well ... dangerous instruments.

On the appointed day the teams formed. The hockey puck, like the football, was a half-pint chocolate milk carton. The puck, or carton, dropped and mayhem ensued. Eight or ten young lads wildly swinging tree limbs at a milk carton was bound to result in injury, and it quickly did. The ravages of age on the mind prevent me from remembering just who was cut by a stick, but someone was and the DDMCC hockey league came to an abrupt end.

Perhaps it was that experience with hockey on the school yard that led me to try the game on ice in my 40's. The Huntington league lasted about five years, and while I truly enjoyed the game, I must admit that my talent level was low. The coach made a goalie out of me, since that position requires less skating ability and, probably, because having been a baseball catcher I didn't mind being struck by pucks. The only thing I should add about my venture on the ice is that when you see professional hockey players fighting, as they are apt to do, notice that the combatants always hold the opponent's jersey with one hand. This maneuver allows the combatants to stay upright while changing their center of balance when swinging with the free hand. This was a lesson I learned the hard way, bravely skating toward my first "hockey fight", throwing a mighty right hand that hit nothing but air as I sprawled on my face. So much for me and hockey fighting.

After my two episodes with hockey, I will say that I wish we would have had access to the game at a young age. Absent the fighting, it is a great game that combines skill and toughness, ingredients that were common at CKHS and the DDMCC between 1964 and 1970. If our winters had been a bit worse, it is hard to say what might have developed from Tom Smith's trip to the exhibition game.

### 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
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Evaroni's.....	01/21
CUMC.....	12/21
Roberta and Charlie Mitchell.....	03/22
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Jennifer Ferguson.....	04/21
Oscar, Bonnie, Michelle Booth.....	04/21
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Buyer Name	Seller Name
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Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2020				

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2020							

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest LRAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (THAA)	CRESENT DRIVE/FULL ER PUMP	2020	34	14 - 34.4	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	CRESENT DRIVE/FULL ER PUMP	2020	80	30.6 - 138	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2018 - 2020	0.107	0.0032 - 0.159	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2018 - 2020	0.64	0.07 - 0.69	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Chlorine/Chloramines	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
Maximum Disinfection Level				
04/01/2020 - 04/30/2020	1	MG/L	0.7	MG/L

The following significant deficiencies were cited in a sanitary survey of our system and currently remain unresolved.

Unresolved Deficiency Date Identified	Facility	Comments
01/22/2019	WATER SYSTEM	There is only one certified operator for the system. The system has an individual working towards their GED to become a OIT. This system should continue with this work and become certified as soon as possible.

During the 2020 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
5/1/2020 - 5/31/2020	CHLORINE	FAILURE TO COMPLETE OR SUBMIT MOR
7/1/2020 - 7/31/2020	CHLORINE	FAILURE TO COMPLETE OR SUBMIT MOR
12/26/2019 - 1/6/2020	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
9/12/2020	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION

Additional Required Health Effects Language: Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

All of our drinking water is supplied from another water system. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants which we are not required to test for which were detected during the 2020 calendar year, or from the most recent testing results from the last five years for parameters tested less often than yearly, from the water system that we purchase drinking water from.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ANTIMONY, TOTAL	7/10/2020	KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	0.097	0.097	ppb	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
BARIUM	7/10/2020	KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	0.0643	0.0643	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	7/10/2020	KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	0.31	0.31	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	8/22/2019	KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	0.716	0.716	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium-228	8/22/2019	KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	0.713	0.713	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE	7/10/2020	KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	0.06	0.06	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE-NITRITE	8/22/2019	KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	0.05	0.05	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SELENIUM	7/10/2020	KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	1.9	1.9	ppb	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
CARBON, TOTAL	11/3/2020	KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	2.9	1.1 - 2.9	ppm	10000
NICKEL	7/10/2020	KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	0.0044	0.0044	MG/L	0.1
SODIUM	7/10/2020	KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	35.5	35.5	MG/L	1000
SULFATE	7/10/2020	KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	129	129	MG/L	250

During the 2020 calendar year, the water systems that we purchase water from had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	LEAD CONSUMER NOTICE (LCR)	RPT	LEAD & COPPER RULE	1/1/2020 - 9/27/2019
KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	MONITORING, ROUTINE (ISWTR/LT1), MINOR	MON	TURBIDITY	1/1/2020 - 1/31/2020
KENOVA MUNICIPAL WATER	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	PN	PUBLIC NOTICE	4/16/2020 - 6/10/2020

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

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# Ceredo Golfer Passes



with Fletcher Equipment and worked there until his retirement. A humble, hardworking man, Clarence was dedicated to his family and loved Ceredo.

Several years ago, Clarence was named to the "All Golf Course Baseball Team" as a result of his being an outstanding sandlot baseball player in the old Wayside Golf Course league. Clarence didn't play organized baseball in high school, but his talent was on display every Saturday when local boys gathered in the former golf course to play all-day pick-up baseball games.

An avid golfer, Clarence played scratch golf for most of his life and played whenever possible. Last summer, Clarence tied for first place in the annual Hal McFann Pure Oil Cup tournament, and was looking forward to defending his championship this summer. "Clarence was a great golfer, but an even better person," said Mayor Paul Billups. Former South Ceredo resident David Pennington added "Clarence was a really good person. He was so talented that he played scratch golf without ever having a lesson, and was always humble about his ability."

Ceredo will miss Clarence Pratt. A true gentleman and fine sportsman, Clarence was a true son of Ceredo.

We have been fortunate in Ceredo to have had many fine residents, and of those Clarence Pratt held a place near the top. A life-long resident of Broad Hollow in South Ceredo, Clarence passed from this world on April 21, 2021, following a several-month battle with COVID.

A son of the late Charles "Monk" and Helen Pratt, Clarence is survived by his wife, three sons, and one brother, Joe Pratt. Following service in the Army and a short apprenticeship as a carpenter with his late uncle, Dewey Pratt, Clarence took employment

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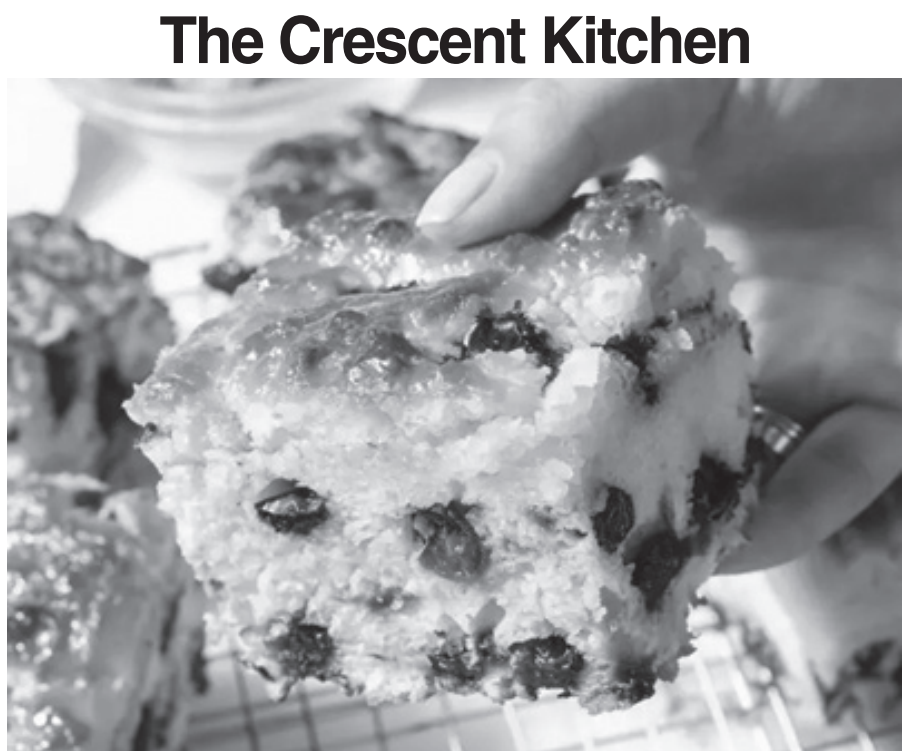
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## Blueberry Biscuits

*by Natalie Hemann*


I have been hungry for biscuits lately. My good friends Cindy & Randy Maynard gave me a subscription to "Cook's Country" magazine. In the first issue I received there was a recipe for blueberry biscuits. It was meant to be! This recipe appealed to me because you do not have to roll out the dough. I fixed it for my family for brunch one Sunday and it was a hit! I think these are a cross between a biscuit and coffee cake but they satisfied my biscuit craving. My husband, Rick, had a good idea. If you want to make these like the biscuits you get at the fast food restaurants, just add a glaze made from confectioners sugar and cream.

**Ingredients:**

- 1 Tbs. Melted butter
- 10 Tbs. Butter cut into ½ inch pieces and chilled
- 3 cups All Purpose Flour
- ½ Cup Sugar
- 2 tsp. Baking Powder
- ½ tsp. Baking soda
- 1 ¼ tsp. Table Salt
- 1 ½ Cups Blueberries
- 1 2/3 Cups Buttermilk, chilled

**Directions:**

Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat to 425 degrees. Brush bottom and sides of 8 inch square baking pan with melted butter. Whisk flour, sugar, baking power, baking soda, and salt together in large bowl. Add chilled butter to flour mixture and smash butter between your fingers into flat, irregular pieces. Add blueberries and toss with flour mixture. Gently stir in buttermilk until no dry pockets of flour remain. Transfer dough to prepared pan and spread into even layer and into corners of pan. Using a bench scraper sprayed with vegetable oil (Pam), cut dough into 9 equal squares but do not separate. Baked until browned on top and pairing knife inserted into center biscuit comes out clean, approximate-ly 40 - 45 minutes.



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## Tuesday Night Pickers

Nashville has the Opry, Shreveport has the Hayride, Wheeling has the Jamboree, but only Ceredo has the Tuesday Night Pickers!

Every Tuesday between 6 and 9 in the evening, the Tuesday Night Pickers gather at the cafeteria in the Ceredo Wellness Center (the former elementary school) to play and sing country music for three hours. The loosely organized “house band” entertains and socializes with a crowd that averages fifty people. No admission charge, good companionship, come and go as you please, and if you have an instrument or want to join the band for a number or two, you are most welcome.

The idea of local musicians gathering on a weeknight to simply play for pleasure started around 2005 when Shirley Ross owned and operated the Chatterbox in Kenova. For purely local fun, Raymond Mills started playing with a pickup group of essentially all-comers on Saturday nights at the Chatterbox. The crowds were good, and soon thereafter Bill Marcum and Tom Stamper started playing at the Chatterbox on Friday evenings. It was a good set-up for all concerned, as the fans that became family could have dinner while being entertained.

“The important difference to note”, said Marcum, “is that we were playing for enjoyment – our own and for what became our musical family. Most of us were playing for money at various times in our careers, but what started as the Ceredo-Kenova Pickers at the Chatterbox was different. It was a community event for socialization and enjoyment, not pay.”

After a few years at the Chatterbox, the group moved to the community room at United Bank and changed to Tuesday evenings. The door was open, and the community was invited in to enjoy music, socialize, and occasionally to join the band. At that time the “house band” included Raymond Mills, who Bill Marcum believes to have been one of the finest musicians produced by our area. Joining Marcum



Ermal Arthur and Bill Marcum

and Mills on a regular basis were Joe Alley, Tom Stamper, Jim Thompson, Bob Napier, and Jim Marshall. Singers that joined the group at United Bank included Beverly Lemons, Lynn Rowsey, Shirley Ross, and the regionally famous Ross Sisters.

During the COVID shutdown, United Bank changed their policy with the community room, leaving the pickers homeless. Enter the group unofficial public relations director, Larry Wellman. Larry knew that the town had recently acquired the former Ceredo Elementary School, and approached the town about allowing the pickers to perform in the school cafeteria on Tuesday evenings. The town had previously agreed to provide the Ceredo-Kenova Alumni Band with practice space in the facility on Monday evenings, and agreed to provide space for the pickers after meeting with Wellman and Marcum.

To say that the town is impressed with the Tuesday Night Pickers would be an understatement. The group has met for only four weeks,

and it is already apparent that this is much more than a music event. “The people that come to watch aren’t strictly fans,” said Marcum, “these people have become family. We look forward to every Tuesday as a social event, a place where townsfolk can gather, talk, and hopefully enjoy some music in the process.”

Crowds each Tuesday have been excellent. As it has been since its inception, there is no admission charge, the facility is arranged so people can come and go without disturbing the show, and anyone interested in playing a numbers or singing is welcome to join the band.

Over the years this informal “house band” has been fluid with members, as age and other life issues necessitate change. The current band, along with Marcum, includes Dave Winters, Ermal Arthur, Junior Mays, Greg Fuller, Hez Perry, Ellen Adams, Andy Ripley, Rick Saunders (who drives from Gallipolis to take part), and 94-year-old singer Jim Thompson. “On any given week most of these people will take part, and if one or two members have other obligations, we always have people willing to step in. Arthur, a Ceredo native, joined the group several years ago and is a great showman, he has a wonderful voice and really entertains the audience”, said Marcum.

Most members of the “house band” have played for many years, and all of them find the Tuesday sessions to be the most enjoyable performances of their careers. This is truly a gathering of friends, and residents of Ceredo and Kenova are urged to stop in one Tuesday. The average crowd age is north of sixty, there is no alcohol, no smoking, and no vulgarity. The music may be honky-tonk, but the event is not.

The singers attend most every Tuesday night, and each of them are excellent. On the first night at their new home, Councilman Ron Jarrell commented that “this is the best community gathering I have seen in years.” Jarrell was correct, the Tuesday Night Pickers are well on their way to becoming an institution in Ceredo. We can only wish that former Ceredo street superintendent and part-time guitarist Charley Watts was still alive to MC this event.

## A Day at the Wellness Center



## Free Pickleball Lessons

To say that pickleball has taken Ceredo by storm would be an understatement. The fastest growing sport in America, pickleball is a game adaptable to any age group and skill level, offering fun exercise with a touch of competition. The town converted our first three outdoor pickleball courts in 2019 at the Paul T. Billups Park, and added an indoor court at the Senior Wellness Center in 2020. The Ceredo Pickleball Club now has in excess of 50 members and continues to grow.

To accommodate those with an interest in trying the sport, the town, in conjunction with the Ken Pemberton Pickleball Academy, will be offering free instruction on Saturday, June 5, starting at 6:00

p.m. on the outdoor courts. In the event of rain, the instruction will be moved to the indoor court.

Equipment will be supplied, and players of all skill levels are welcome. Mr. Pemberton, a Westmoreland native, is an expert player and was the prohibitive favorite to win the recent Pickleball World Championship in his age division before suffering a freak injury that necessitated him to withdraw from the tournament.

“We hope to introduce new players to the game by offering these lessons at no charge,” said Pemberton. “The Town of Ceredo has been great in building courts and making equipment available for new players. I encourage anyone with an inter-

est to come out and see if you like the game.”

Neighboring Huntington and Ashland, along with Barboursville and Hurricane are in the process of converting tennis courts to pickleball courts or building new courts. Ceredo initiated the spread of pickleball to our area, and the town hopes to do further improvement to the outdoor courts and, if interest grows at the current pace, will consider constructing additional championship-level courts in the near future.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to try the sport. Persons interested in playing in the meantime are welcome to borrow equipment at Town Hall.