

Town of Ceredo Town Council Regular Session January 3rd, 2022

The Town of Ceredo Town Council met in regular session on Monday, January 3rd, 2022 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 questions or corrections to the minutes of the December 6th, 2021 Regular Session. None being heard, on a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to accept the minutes as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Robert Leslie, provided the balances of each account and the expenditures for the month of December 2021. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments regarding 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 as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Carroll Browning, HRAACA

Mr. Carroll Browning advised the Mayor and Council the Huntington Region AACA annual car show had been tentatively scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in June 2022 and asked Council for their continued support with a \$1,000 donation and the continued assistance of the police department, as well as the city crew members.

On a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to continue the support of the HRAACA Car Show with a \$1,000 donation and the assistance from the police department and the city crew members. All were favor, motion carried.

The Mayor commended Mr. Browning for the exemplary job they were doing with the AACA Car Show.

Terence Moran

Mr. Terence Moran of Potesta and Associates, provided Council with the following updates:

- ▶ 6th Street Sewer Line Extension Project
 - o Once the original signed easement has been received from Mr. Trimby, a scanned copy has been submitted to his office and it is recorded at the Wayne County Courthouse, the agencies will then be able to proceed with the project.
- ▶ Stormwater Project
 - o Potesta and Associates will be able to provide the mapping; however, the Town will need to secure engineering services for this project.
- ▶ Funding sources for municipal projects, which includes congressional spending monies, USDA monies, as well as state revolving funds.

11 Fairwood Lane

The Mayor informed Council he had received a request from Kenny and Richelle Eddy Walters, in which they were applying for a permit to construct a privacy fence on their property at #11 Fairwood Lane. See attached copy.

The Mayor also advised Council the property in question involves a utility easement.

After discussion, the Mayor asked Council if they had any questions regarding the issuance of the permit for installation of the fence. None being heard, the Mayor indicated he would send a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Walters informing them the permit for the installation of the fence had been granted.

The Mayor also recommended the Town have the property surveyed to identify the actual location of the utility easement. On a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Joe Ratcliff, Council voted to engage the services of a surveyor to mark the utility easement between Greenwood and Fairwood Lane. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Comments

- ▶ The Mayor reported that:
 - o Effective December 2021, the First Congregational Church of Ceredo had been placed on the National Registry of Historical Places.
 - o The insurance claim on the fire loss had been closed and the final check had been received.
 - o The Wreaths Across America program was held on December 18th, 2021 at the Crescent Hill Cemetery. See attached program.

Deal Apartment Insurance Claim

The Mayor informed Council the insurance adjuster was still working on the claim.

Proposed Ordinances

ORDINANCE #361.15, Sections a-d: Ordinance Regulating Parking of Recreational Vehicles and Commercial Vehicles in Residential Areas.

On a motion by Joe Ratcliff and a second by Ron Jarrell, Council voted to approve Ordinance 361.15, Sections a-d - Ordinance Regulating Parking of Recreational Vehicles and Commercial Vehicles in Residential Areas, on second reading. All were in favor, motion carried. See attached copy.

ORDINANCE #361.16 - Ordinance Regulating Off-Street Parking.

On a motion Joe Ratcliff and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to approve Ordinance 361.16 - Ordinance Regulating Off-Street Parking, on second reading. All were in favor, motion carried. See attached copy.

Beautification Building

The Mayor led a discussion on the rebuilding of the beautification building, which was lost in a fire last year. The discussion included the size and type of building and the rising cost of the materials that would be needed to rebuild the structure.

Upcoming Audits

The Mayor informed Council the Town would be undergoing audits in the near future.

Executive Session

The Mayor took the meeting into executive session at 7:30p.m. The regular session was resumed and adjourned at 8:00p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR PAUL BILLUPS, MAYOR

Brrrrrr! Winter visited Ceredo with a vengeance in January. Cold temperatures and several measurable snowfalls have strained our maintenance department with overnight snow removal and around-the-clock floodwall pump station operation. The staff has performed admirably, our streets have been the cleanest in the area and routine municipal services such as trash collection have not been interrupted. When the opportunity comes, please take a minute to thank the fellows that worked so hard for our benefit.

With temperatures moving every few days from single digits to above freezing, the possibility of water lines bursting becomes very real. It is not uncommon for lines beneath a house to freeze and burst without the homeowner's knowledge, resulting in an excessive loss of water that is not discovered until the next billing cycle. Our water department monitors daily flows, but leaks that are small to the entire system can be large to a customer's monthly bill. Please take precaution to protect your lines, and if you notice things like a loss of water pressure notify the water office immediately. Since we purchase water from Kenova, anything the town is able to "write off" to benefit a customer that suffered a leak is actually a loss to the town.

As a result of the January snowfalls, we have already doubled road salt usage from last year, and we will likely have additional snow before Spring. Each July we must estimate and purchase the tonnage of road salt needed for the upcoming winter, a difficult process without a

crystal ball. While additional salt can be found on the open market, delivery is not immediate and the price is significantly higher than when pre-ordering. By best "guesstimates" we have enough salt stockpiled to get through February, but a couple more significant snows and we will be forced to replenish at the higher prices.

The West Virginia fiscal year runs from July 1 through the following June 30. Municipal budgets, in order to provide time for review by the State Auditor, must be filed by March 15 each year. The budgeting process is one of the more difficult chores for small towns, as we don't have a staff of accountants to complete this process. I'm sure the state understands the issues facing small municipal governments, but our budget still must be prepared with the same degree of accuracy as those of the state's larger cities.

Preparation of Ceredo's 2022-2023 budget is underway. Last year the General Fund budget was set at approximately 1.3 million dollars. The water and sewer funds are separate, as they are regulated utilities. Each of those funds have revenues and expenses of roughly \$350,000 per year, which means the combined income and expenses of the town total around two-million dollars a year.

I have often been asked just how the town is funded. To the surprise of many, and myself before assuming this position, the state doesn't fund municipal governments. There were days when the state operated programs such as the coal severance tax fund or the state revenue sharing program that provided a signifi-

cant portion of the town's revenue. Those days, and those programs, are gone. The great majority of what is expected to be a 1.2 million General Fund budget this year must be raised internally. The largest portion, approximate 450,000, will come from Business and Occupation taxes. The town receives a share of property taxes that residents pay to the Sheriff, expected to be \$175,000 this year. Other significant revenue will come from the interstate fuel tax, roughly \$90,000, paid by trucking companies using highways through town, and the utilities excise tax, the majority paid by our electric and natural gas providers.

In context, our anticipated annual revenue of 1.2 million is down approximately \$600,000 from revenue received twenty years ago. The decrease results from a decrease in B&O tax dollars – our large industrial concerns not doing as much business. Unlike private industry, municipal governments are limited in ways to increase revenue. We can't raise prices, make more by working harder, work overtime, work more efficiently, or invent new lines of business. Indeed, we have to work within the bounds of what we have, and maintain services at an acceptable level by doing more with less.

Our employees have no intention to reduce services. We will continue to search for ways to be more efficient, and whatever our final budget number may be this year, your municipal services will remain the best in West Virginia.

Around Town

Many thanks to our town maintenance crew for keeping Ceredo's streets and sidewalks clear during the recent snow storms. The boys spent long hours, many being overnight hours, plowing and salting the streets as well as clearing many sidewalks. Our residents appreciate that the staff has maintained Ceredo's streets as well as any in the area, a practice that was most evident during the winters of 1977 and 1978 and carried forward to this day. It has now become a matter of pride to the snow crew that our streets will be the first cleared.

The Golden Girl Group Home retail outlet on Main Street continues to do a steady business. The building was a great addition to South Ceredo that, along with other changes to the block, has made a very attractive neighborhood. If you haven't visited the retail store, please do so. You will be pleasantly surprised.

Work is progressing well on the Wellness Center cafeteria refurbishment project. In conjunction with the Alumni Band, the entire facility has been repainted, new appliances have been installed, and the new heating and air conditioning system is working well. Our newest tenant, the Lincoln County Opportunity Commission, should begin operations during February. That group will prepare meals for elderly and shut-in residents of Ceredo, Kenova, and Westmoreland, as well as providing on-site meals and services. The Wellness Center project as a whole has exceeded expectations and continues to grow.

During the first snow of the season some unknown person(s) built a fine snowman on the parking lot beside the Methodist Church on Main Street. Given our continued cold weather the snowman lived a long life. During the second snow storm another snowman appeared, this time on the corner of Rt. 60 and Main Street, next to the bus stop. At the time of this writing, the "bus stop snowman" still stands. We're hoping for another snow to see where the unknown builders will leave the next snowman in our town.



The article in this issue concerning the career of Larry Canterbury at C-K and WVU sparked much conversation by the boys sitting around the stove at the hardware store. Some sixty years after the much-debated loss to Wayne that likely deprived C-K of a state title in 1962, the game has become one of those events that if everyone now claiming to have witnessed Canterbury cross the goal line was actually in attendance, it would have been the largest crowd at a sporting event in state history. Whether all these C-K fans actually attended the game or not, the boys at the hardware store are absolutely certain, by fact or legend, that Canterbury scored. Having a life of its own, the story of this game will be told long after the current generation is gone.

Jack and Ann Riggs had perhaps their greatest Christmas present last December when four generations of the Riggs family gathered in Ceredo. Jack and Ann were hosts to their daughters, Donna and Natalie, Donna's son Jared, and Jack's great-grandson, Jack. According to the great grandfather, little Jack will soon be swinging a golf club as well as his father Jared, a golf professional now residing in Texas.



Maywood Hills residents Fritz and Mary Lee "Myrt" Leichner recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Fritz was a television pioneer, working his entire career at WSAZ in Huntington. The Leichners have two children, Fritz and Lisa, and attribute their long marriage to advice from friends at American Legion Post 76.



Renovation work on the cafeteria at the Ceredo Wellness Center is nearing completion. The entire facility has been painted, new kitchen appliances have been installed, and installation of new LED lighting is underway. Residents will be pleasantly surprised by how well the old building looks. By March 1, the Lincoln County Opportunity Company will be serving and delivering two meals a day, four days a week, to residents of Ceredo, Kenova, and Westmoreland from the facility. Currently, the Ceredo Corn Hole Society meets in the cafeteria each morning, the C-K Alumni Band holds practice sessions each Monday evening, and the Tuesday Night Pickers are in concert each Tuesday evening.

HONOR ROLL

Eleanor Terry.....	11/22
In Memory Pat & Jim Billups.....	02/23
Paul and Kathy Billups.....	10/23
Mike and Susan Watts.....	10/22
Leigh Ann Johnson.....	04/22
Jack & Ann Riggs.....	10/22
Connie & Mark Beford.....	10/24
Dinah and Dale Ledbetter.....	10/22
Katrina Childers.....	07/22
In Memory of Alberta "Dossie" & Sherman Medley ...	04/22
Karin & Mike Dawson.....	02/23
In Memory of Anagene Wooten Gibbs.....	08/22
In Memory of Kathleen Wooten Marcum.....	08/22
In Memory of Herm Wooten Matney.....	08/22
In Memory of Larry Cole.....	08/22
George & Brenda Keigley.....	09/22
Roberta and Charlie Mitchell.....	03/22
In Memory of Larry Jack Heck.....	10/22
Mike & Karen Skeens.....	08/22
Dr. Ron & Lucenda Akers.....	07/22
Marlene Simmons.....	07/22
Brother Otis Adkins.....	01/22
Brother Mose & Sister June Napier.....	01/22
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
Tyler Dawson, DDS.....	10/22
In Memory of Esther Adkins.....	10/22
Donna Jones.....	10/23
Dr. Daniel & Suzanne Brody.....	10/22
Cindy & Vern Eagleston-Blaine.....	11/22
Glenn Stotts.....	11/22
In Memory of Charles & Bet Pratt.....	12/22
Greg & Joy Jarrell.....	12/22
Tim & Debra Lucas.....	02/23
Suzanne & Doug Woods.....	02/23
Chester & Margaret Mathis.....	02/23
Kelly & Lisa Higgins-Flanagan.....	09/25

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! If you would like to add your name or a loved one's name, please contact Town Hall at (304) 453-1041 or email: info@ceredowv.gov.

Maintenance Staff

We have been fortunate in Ceredo to have had the services of stellar municipal employees for many years. Our municipal services are second to none, and our employees have always been willing to go the extra mile to take care of the needs of our residents. People are often surprised to learn that our maintenance staff consists of only four full-time employees, one water department employee, one sewer department employee, and a part-time truck driver.



Doug Adkins, Water Superintendent. A Ceredo native, Doug has been employed since June, 1983, and during his tenure Doug has made the water utility one of the best in West Virginia. In addition to doing daily water quality testing and system repairs, Doug has worn out several mowers cutting the many acres of grass maintained by the town. Doug's institutional knowledge of Ceredo's water and sewer utilities will likely never be replaced.



Matt Myles, Sewer Superintendent. Matt joined the town workforce in November, 2019 as a general laborer. Through hard work and a willingness to learn, Matt replaced the retiring Sonny Gilkerson in our sewer department. In addition to handling daily sewer issues, Matt has assisted on several other areas, including floodwall maintenance and snow removal.



Montie Adkins, Maintenance Staff. Montie followed in the footsteps of his father, Bob Adkins, as an employee of the town. Hired in April, 1988, Montie has performed nearly every duty assigned to the maintenance department as well as being the chief back-up man for both the water and sewer departments. In 2020, Montie assumed the additional duties of being the caretaker of Crescent Hill Cemetery, and has done a commendable job in maintaining the cemetery grounds.



Chuck Eastham, Maintenance Staff. Chuck was originally employed by the town in May, 2004, as a police dispatcher. In 2021, Chuck transferred to the maintenance department and quickly adapted to a different type of service to the town. Chuck has worked in many areas, has a great understanding of the services expected by our residents, and has a skill set that will be valuable during his career.



Dale Maynard, Maintenance Staff. Dale joined the maintenance department on June, 2005, and is an experienced hand on any job. Dale has assisted with water, sewer, and floodwall maintenance, vegetation control, and building maintenance. With his experience, Dale has developed into a staff leader, knowing what jobs need to be done and consistently producing good results.



Tim Haynie, Maintenance Staff. A Catlettsburg native, Tim has been with our maintenance staff since May, 2018. Skilled at many trades, Tim has handled electrical work, mechanical repairs, and building maintenance along with daily and emergency service work with the water and sewer departments. Tim is now working toward certification as a water utility operator, and has been very helpful during recent snow removal duties.



Ron Nicholson, CDL Truck Driver. Ron came onboard with the town in April, 2017, as a part-time CDL truck driver. In addition to driving the CDL-required trucks, Ron handles all maintenance on our heavy trucks, during flood season he maintains pumps at our two floodwall pump stations, and maintains the pump stations on a regular basis.



John Conley, Maintenance Superintendent. John joined the staff in August, 2021, as superintendent of maintenance works. John is responsible for responding to resident's requests, directing the maintenance workforce, supervising preventive maintenance work, and identifying needed projects or areas of improvement and presenting the same to the council. Inquiries or requests by residents should be directed to John at 304-453-1041.

Origins of the C-K High School Songs “Fight For C-K”

Charles M. Clarkson, Contributing Columnist

The doors were closed in 1997, but the memories of the “Wonder”ful years at Ceredo-Kenova High School will not long be forgotten. This includes the songs played by the Green and White C-K High School Band who enthusiastically played them at sporting events and other occasions as warranted. In this publication of the Ceredo New Crescent we revisit another song and its origin, “Fight For C-K”.

*We’re gonna fight, fight, fight for C-K,
Wonders all are we.*

*We’re gonna cheer, cheer, cheer for C-K,
Onward to victory.*

*We’re gonna give our best to C-K,
Right on to win this game.*

*For it’s the green and white,
The colors we’re gonna fight
Forever onward to victory.*

(Vocal Cheer)

*W-O-N-D-E-R-S, WONDERS
NEVER CEASE!*

*W-O-N-D-E-R-S, WONDERS
NEVER CEASE!*

(Repeat Stanza)

The Melody

Morehead State University’s school fight song is “Fight, Fight, Fight for Morehead” and it was written in 1936 by history professor Earl K. Senff, nephew of the namesake of Senff Natatorium, MSU’s first indoor swimming pool and now a historic landmark. The fight song was sung publicly for the first time that same year in a 1936 football victory over the EKV Colonels.

The Words

As an admirer of Morehead State University’s outstanding band program it is no surprise that Charles M. Oshel adopted the school’s fight song melody for use at C-K High School. The words were composed by Mr. Oshel sometime in the 1960s.

Ceredo Ski Club

By Paul Billups, Editor

CANAAN VALLEY, WV - Prior to 1975, most of us in Ceredo had a very rudimentary knowledge of snow skiing. We watched snow skiing on television once every four years when the Olympics were broadcast, and possibly a scene or two in a James Bond movie depicting some grand resort. Ceredo has no mountains, we had no skis, and a ski trip was nothing more than a possible adventure far down on our “what’s next” list.

Our knowledge changed in January, 1975, when the late Harold Ray Perdue reported one evening that he had spoken with Dave Ferguson, and that Ferguson had actually been skiing in West Virginia. Of course, the fact that Dave Ferguson had been skiing didn’t initially equate that we could go skiing. After all, Ferguson was a legendary football player, had a nice career at Marshall, and well, in our minds he could probably do things that we couldn’t do. Still, we had to check.

In those pre-internet days, it took some ingenuity to determine just where in West Virginia a person could ski. After several long-distance telephone calls, we learned that the State had opened a ski resort in Canaan Valley. Some 47 years and many worldwide adventures later, it is embarrassing to admit that Bobby Sullivan, Harold Ray Perdue, and I had to go to Fred Fields’ gas station to get a road map, then scour the map to locate Canaan Valley. Things are sure easier these days.

In any event, we determined that sure enough, there were roads from Ceredo to Canaan Valley. As has been proven many times since, Bobby and I with a road map made for a dangerous, or at least adventurous, combination. The next evening, Harold Ray stopped at Ashland News and bought a ski magazine. The adventure was on. We perused the ads for skis, ski boots, ski clothing, and mostly looked at the glamorous pictures of the young, beautiful, and wealthy patrons of major ski resorts around the world. We were intelligent enough to know that we didn’t belong with those pictured in the magazine, but we were adventurous enough to try.

Within a couple of weeks, the first trip of the Ceredo Ski Club was scheduled. We decided that it might be wise to invite Dave Ferguson to join us, being as he had been before and, well, he knew the way. We assembled our ski costumes with no knowledge of what a ski outfit should be, and even if we had known, we had no money to buy fancy or functional things. We were determined to make do, and that dogged determination almost caused a few cases of frostbite.

On the appointed day we departed Ceredo well before daylight in Bobby’s Plymouth Satellite Sebring automobile. No snow tires, no four-wheel drive, not enough intelligence to fear the obvious, just four guys looking for an adventure. An adventure we found. We learned that two-lane mountain roads in a February snow storm are slick, but Bobby wasn’t to be deterred. We only had to stop once to wait for the state snow plow to work its way up a mountain in front of us. I don’t recall being scared in the least, but I assure you that if I were faced with the same situation today, I would unhinge from the car shortly outside Charleston.

Upon arrival at the newly constructed Canaan Valley Lodge, we learned a lesson about state construction contracts. From the outside, the lodge looked great. When we entered our room, we noticed several inches of snow just inside the door. Seems the contractor had left the exterior door about three inches short of the floor. Nothing a few bath towels couldn’t cure, and no real problem for us until we started to shower that night and realized we would be drying with frozen towels.

Finally, we made it to the ski rental shop where we were outfitted with 1940’s model leather ski boots and were asked what length skis we wanted.

Having no idea that skis come in different lengths, we obviously had no idea what length we wanted. Whatever length they gave us, they didn’t work well. The best thing about this adventure was our first trip up the ski lift. Canaan Valley, covered in snow, is truly a beautiful place. The beauty left us quickly, as Bobby, Harold and I all fell before we got ourselves aimed down the mountain. A few laughs later, we realized that we had no idea how to ski, and even less idea of how to stop on skis.

When we reached the bottom of the hill after too many starts and falls to count, our selection of ski costumes came into play. My outer garments consisted of a pair of bibbed overalls and an army field jacket, all made of cotton, and all doing a great job of collecting snow each time I fell. I fell a lot, and before again reaching the top of the mountain my clothes were literally frozen stiff. But that was not the worst problem. Harold, having a better job than Bobby and I, had a pair of insulated gloves that worked reasonably well. Bobby had a pair of gloves loaned from his father that were standard issue in the Strip Pickler department at Armco, and I was wearing cotton Brown Mule yard work gloves from the rack in Ep Cole’s hardware store. Bad idea all around for Bobby and I. We avoided frostbite only by visiting the cafeteria after each two trips tumbling and rolling down the mountain.

Somehow, we survived that first experience and convinced each other that not only did we enjoy it, but that we could ski. Soon thereafter we bought genuine ski clothes (and very good gloves). We bought skis, boots, and poles before once again furthering our downhill careers. The following year Snowshoe Resort opened, and the Ceredo Ski Club was represented. I can’t estimate the number of ski days we enjoyed between 1975 and 1985, but there were many. I have trouble fathoming today that on many trips we left Ceredo in the middle of the night, arrived at Snowshoe or Canaan around daylight, spent all day on the slopes, and drove back to Ceredo. That won’t happen again.

Any history of the Ceredo Ski Club would not be complete without mention of associate members that made the journey with us. Eddie Marcum picked a bad day, being “rained out” at both Canaan and Snowshoe in the same day. John Billups claimed to have enjoyed his day at Canaan, even though he suffered a torn kidney somewhere on the mountain, and Tim Wilson, being simply too tough and determined to quit, sliding, rolling, and tumbling down the most difficult trail at Snowshoe on his first run.

Bobby’s baby brother Kelly was suspended from the club after he put us on a first name basis with members of the Ski Patrol. Kelly had quickly grasped the concept of downhill skiing. What he never grasped was the art of turning or stopping. He decided early on that he was not a fan of the less difficult trails. On his third run in his life from the top of the mountain, on a trail marked “more difficult”, he pointed his skis toward the lift at the bottom of the hill. A qualified engineer could not have drawn a straighter line through the snow. For those non-skiers, a straight line is not a good thing in downhill skiing.

As Kelly passed those of us waiting in the lift line, he was still moving at what appeared to be interstate speed. He managed to miss everyone in the line, passed the staging area for the lift, and went airborne into the tree line. How he managed to survive is discussed to this day. Bobby assisted the Ski Patrol members, and the resort maintenance workers, as they placed two extension ladders into the tree to provide Kelly a safe way to reach the ground.

We got older, life then got in the way, and the Ceredo Ski Club became a memory. With the Olympics now on television the memories are renewed, and my hands are once again cold!

The First Championship

Ceredo-Kenova High School is recognized statewide for the eleven state football championships won between 1963 and 1994. The Wonders were in contention for the state title nearly every year during that span, and indeed, the program was often referred to as a dynasty. Often overlooked is the fact that Ceredo-Kenova fielded a team in 1928 that has a legitimate claim to the state title.

Prior to 1937, there was no football playoff system and no recognized group designated to name a state champion. Between 1937 and 1946, the state sportswriter’s association named a champion at the end of the regular season, and beginning in 1947 there has been a playoff system, in varying formats, to determine state champions. Thus, prior to 1937, the title was by acclamation – the teams with the best records made their respective cases to local newspapers, likely claiming such things as strength of schedule and margins of victory to claim the title for themselves. Such was the case in 1928.

C-K produced a strong team in 1928, coached by Tom Dandeleet and assisted by E.H. Bowling. The Wonders went against the toughest schedule ever faced by a C-K team, and came out with a record of 9 wins and one tie, ending the season as the first undefeated team in school history. C-K outscored the opposition 218 to 31. Of the five touchdowns allowed by the Wonders, two were the result of long passes, one was a scooped fumble, and one was scored against reserves that played the entire game against Louisa. Only once all season did an opponent drive the field for a touchdown.

The only blemish on the season was a 7-7 tie with Huntington High School. Huntington finished the season with a record of 8-0-2, and that Huntington team is considered to be one of the greatest teams in the history of that school. Of the ten teams faced by the Wonders, five were undefeated prior to playing C-K. It should be noted that in 1928 there was no classification of schools by size; it was a system of “bring your best 11 and see who wins.” Of the ten teams faced by C-K, only one, Louisa, was an equal-sized or smaller school, the remaining nine having been larger schools.

At the conclusion of the season there was significant debate in the Huntington and Charleston newspapers as to which team had a more legitimate claim the state title. Many felt that C-K and Huntington should declare themselves co-champions. The C-K sentiment was strong, as evidenced by Stewart Way, a member of the 1928 C-K team and later basketball coach at Huntington High and Marshall. At a 1964 homecoming reunion of the 1928 C-K squad, Way declared to the crowd “We had the best record, Huntington won only eight games, we won nine, and that gives us the championship!”

Five members of the C-K team were awarded All-State honors by the sportswriter’s association, with Ted Smith and Frank Ward being named to the first team. Smith and his grandson, Mike Smith (C-K 1964-66), jointly hold the school career scoring record, having scored the same number of points during their years running the ball for C-K. Ward’s son, Carl, coached C-K to ten of the school’s state championships. James Jordan and Richard Hoback were named to the second-team All-State squad, and quarterback Byron Morris received honorable mention honors. There was considerable consternation among the C-K fans over Morris’ award, most believing he deserved first team status.

Other than the tie with Huntington, the Wonders defeated Madison 40-0; Logan 6-0; Hinton 33-6; Ironton 14-12; Oak Hill 12-0; Williamson 18-0; Louisa 21-6; Dunbar 34-0; and Princeton 33-0.

The New Crescent, not prejudiced in the least, is of the opinion that the C-K team of 1928 deserves the State Champion title, with no sharing by Huntington High. The Wonders and Ponies played to a hard-fought tie, the Wonders played a tougher schedule, and Huntington suffered a second tie. By the standards now used to choose teams for the college playoff system, the Wonders would clearly rank ahead of HHS. In the archives of the New Crescent, the Wonders can rightfully claim twelve state championships, and what more authoritative source could there be?

Congregational Church on National Register

A second building in Ceredo has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The First Congregational Church of Ceredo joins the Ramsdell House in receiving this prestigious honor. Completed and dedicated in 1886, the church received a major annexation in 1926 when the annex was added, but otherwise has served the community for 136 years as originally constructed.

Ceredo Museum and Ramsdell House volunteer Cody Straley is responsible for initiating the process and compiling the numerous documents required to submit a structure for consideration to be placed on the Register. During an Introduction to Public History class at Marshall, Cody wrote the first draft of the nomination for presentation to the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office. Straley continued to work on the project after graduating from Marshall, drawing information from newspaper clippings, original church meeting notes, and other information to justify the nomination.

"I actually have the original record books from the 1800's, handwritten meeting notes from when they were building the structure and planning all the stuff," said Straley. "It was really interesting. I got to look through the records and see first hand accounts of the actual creation of the church."

Rev. Marty Gute said he is overjoyed that the church has been added to the National Register. "I, along with the members and friends of First Congregational Church are overjoyed by being awarded to be on the historical registry," Gute said. "It's just such an honor for our church, and we want



to maintain the history here." Gute noted the arduous process required, "All changes to the structure had to be recorded and then justification made as to why, even after alterations, the church should be considered a historical landmark. Cody Straley did a wonderful job in preparing the application and seeing the project through."

Ceredo's primary residents prior to the Civil War were persons that moved here from New England with the goal of forming an industrial town in the south that could exist without slavery. Of the roughly 500 residents in Ceredo prior to the war, fewer than 100 remained in 1865 when hostilities ceased. "The Congregational Church kind of represents the survival of Ceredo, a kind of rebirth of the town after the war," said Straley. "The families that were still here, they got together and built the church and showed that they were here to stay, and a lot of people who were involved with the church, they helped build the community over the years and were very influential in the town's development

through the years."

From their arrival in Ceredo between 1857 and 1883, Congregational services were held in various houses or town meeting places such as Crescent Hall. Charter members of the church were Captain and Mrs. Mark Poore, Catherine H. Osgood, Harvey L. Osgood, Emma A. Osgood, Dr. and Mrs. J.T. Wharton, and Madison Bancroft.

On January 10, 1883, a building committee consisting of Dr. Wharton, Deacons George Osgood and Robert Wright, C.B. Hoard, J.H. Milender, and Z.D. Ramsdell was appointed. C.B. Hoard donated two lots on the corner of C Street and First Street West for the building site, and S. Floyd Hoard made the initial architectural drawings. Much of the lumber used in the construction was cut from logs floated down Twelve Pole Creek, being gifted by Pitt Hoard.

A celebration ceremony at the church will be planned later this year. If you have not been inside or toured the Congregational Church, you are urged to do so. This building truly represents the spirit that built Ceredo.

Golden Treasures

"The passion in the speaker's voices. The passion for the girls. The passion for the mission and the passion for the new building," states Suzanne Brody when asked what led her to volunteer at Golden Treasures Resale Shop. Suzanne was present at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Golden Treasures and Golden Minds building on Oct 15, 2021 where many of the people involved in this project spoke about personal experiences and how the new building would benefit the residents at Golden Girls.

Since 1983 Golden Girls Group Home has been a safe haven for teen girls that have been severely abused or neglected and have been removed from their homes by the state of West Virginia. The foster based group home provides essentials such as food, shelter, medical and dental care and hygiene products to these girls. But perhaps, most importantly, the group home provides a family. A family that helps these girls heal and just be kids again. Which leads us to Golden Treasures Resale Shop. "our mission here at the store is an important one," says Jennifer Johnson, Golden Treasures store manager. "we have the pleasure of funding all the fun stuff the girls get to do! The activities that other teenagers may take for granted but these girls may have never experienced. The state doesn't subsidize trips to the zoo or the movies or after school activities, and these types of things can be therapeutic for the girls." Golden Treasures takes donations and consignment and the profit from the sales of those items goes into the Activities Fund for the group home. The donations are first sorted for items that residents of the group home may use. Items that may not be desirable or useful to teenage girls are then priced and placed on the sales floor. Consigned items are carefully inspected and then hung on the



Susan Brody and Jennifer Johnson

racks. Unlike many thrift stores, Golden Treasures is more of a boutique shop, also featuring new and slightly used furniture and home furnishing items. All donations and consignment pieces benefit the girls in one way shape or form. All of this work being done in the store wouldn't be possible without paid staff, volunteers like Suzanne Brody and Golden Girls residents. Golden Treasures has also been getting some help from middle and high school students in the area seeking volunteer opportunities. These students have been vital not only in the organization of the store but also spreading the word about the store and the important mission behind it. In its first three months of existence, Golden Treasures has become a Ceredo destination business, a "one-of-a-kind" that attracts shoppers from as far as Portsmouth and Charleston.

"The creation of Golden Treasures has been a win-win project for the Group Home and the Town," said Mayor Paul Billups. "Through this effort the town was able to demolish two dilapidated houses that had become eyesores in South Ceredo, and replace

them with a beautiful new building that serves a great societal purpose. We are fortunate in Ceredo to have businesses such as Austin's, Rocco's, The Rose Tree and now Golden Treasures that are 'destination' businesses." I am sure by now you are wondering how you can get involved with the important work taking place at the store. "There are so many ways to help- volunteer, shop, tell all your friends about us, like and share our post on Facebook, consign and of course donate," Jennifer told the New Crescent. Donations and consigned items can be brought to the store anytime during regular business hours. For questions regarding donations and consignment you may contact Golden Treasures at 681-254-5226 or through their Facebook page- Golden Treasures. Speaking of Facebook, make sure to like the page for details about their upcoming clearance days sales!

And remember, if you are looking for some golden treasures or looking to support a great cause, both can be found at Golden Treasures Resale Shop Monday through Friday 10-5 and Saturday 11-4, at 725 Main Street, Ceredo.

Cox Denied Entry to Olympic Games

Mike Watts, Contributing Columnist

EDMUND, OK - It seems that E. G. "Hush Puppy" Cox has once again been "snake bitten" by the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. As you may remember, The Pup was slated to be one of the USA's honorary ambassadors to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. However, due to travel restrictions necessitated by Covid-19, Cox was forced to miss out on this prestigious honor.

This was an especially bitter pill for E.G. to swallow, having had to miss being a participant, and playing captain, of the USA Table Tennis team at the 1960 Summer Olympic games in Rome. Cox, being a multi-talented athlete and one of the USAF top fast pitch softball players, suffered a broken pitching hand off a line drive hit by Eddie Feigner (of The King and His Court) during an exhibition game only a few months before the Rome games.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC), being acutely aware of Mr. Cox's tremendous achievements and contributions to amateur athletics, wanted to recognize Cox in some significant way. Cox was recognized as the prohibitive favorite to take gold in men's table tennis at the Rome Olympics, and was scheduled to serve as a "volunteer" coach and advisor to the men's table tennis team at the recent Tokyo Olympics. Unfortunately, Covid-19 travel restrictions prevented Cox from being able to attend the Tokyo games, thus seemingly squashing Puppy's last Olympic hurrah.

As a way of finally recognizing a true and much deserving legend in international amateur athletics, the IOC was secretly in the process of establishing the 'Brundage Award.' This one-time award was being named after Avery Brundage. Mr. Brundage was the fifth President of the IOC, serving as president from 1952 to 1972. As a young man Mr. Brundage, was an outstanding athlete and dedicated the majority of his adult life to amateur athletics and to the Olympic games. To date he is the only American to serve as President of the IOC, so the committee thought that it would be a fitting honor to have another American be the first recipient of

such an honor. Cox was thus invited to attend the Beijing Olympic games as a "special guest" of the IOC. Cox graciously and gladly accepted the invitation.

This is where Covid-19 restrictions once again raised its hideous head and struck The Puppy. Cox, believing that he had completed all the travel/visa requirements necessary to travel to China, planned his itinerary so that he would be traveling thru Hong Kong and then on to Beijing. Arriving in Hong Kong things looked fine until his paperwork and medical records were reviewed prior to catching his flight to Beijing. Somehow his Covid-19 vaccination records came into question and he was ultimately denied entry into China. Cox's administrative assistant, who was traveling with him, quickly contacted every top local authority in Hong Kong, the medical director of the IOC and even attempted to contact Dr. Anthony Fauci, to no avail. Bottom line was The Puppy was shown the door.

The story is a sad one but it does have a brighter side. Somehow tennis star Novak Djokovic (recently booted out of Australia for reasons also related to Covid-19 vaccine protocol) got word of Hush Puppy's predicament. Djokovic, is currently the #1 ranked tennis player in the world and has been for a record 358 consecutive weeks. He is also a student of all sports history and immediately recognized the name E.G. Cox as having once defeated the great Australian tennis champion John Newcombe in a three-set exhibition match in Melbourne. This occurred just after the Rome Olympics while The Pup was still serving his country as a member of the USAF. Cox is still revered in the Pacific rim/basin as a table tennis and softball superstar. Who knows how far Cox would have gone had he chosen to concentrate on the more financially lucrative sport of tennis and turned professional?

Djokovic, being a true gentleman and being himself forced to miss playing in the Australian Tennis Open, had some time on his hands before the French Open and was vacationing in Taipei, Taiwan

(Republic of China) and invited The Pup him to join him for a few days R&R before Cox headed back home to Ceredo. The Pup, appreciating being recognized by the current "King of the Nets" graciously accepted Novak's invitation and did in fact spend three days with Djokovic in Taipei. Cox said that he had played many exhibition matches in Taipei while in the USAF and still had many friends in Taipei. He even reminisced about having met Chiang Kai-Shek and Madame Chiang on several occasions on previous visits.

Cox was asked upon his return to Ceredo if he and Djokovic had perhaps played a few games of table tennis while relaxing in Taipei. The Pup simply said, "wouldn't you like to know?" I guess a gentleman never tells.

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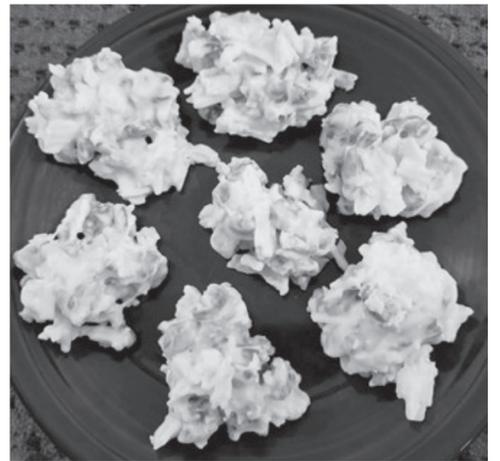


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The Crescent Kitchen

Potato Chip & Pecan Candy by Natalie Hemann

I love candy but have never been very good at making it at home. I receive dozens of recipes for candy by email but have never tried to make any of them until I saw this one. Since it only called for three ingredients I thought I would give it a shot. Success! This candy turned out very well. It is sweet and salty, which seems to be very popular these days and I have always liked the combination of these flavors. When my good friend, Debbie Chapman, and I would sit on the porch together when we were in high school, her mom would give us one bowl of potato chips and one bowl of M&Ms to snack on. What a treat! I think she started my love of sweet and salty foods. This recipe is for you, Arlene Napier!



Ingredients:
1 cup white chocolate chips
(I used Ghirardelli.)
½ cup crushed potato chips
with ridges
½ cup chopped pecans

Directions:
Place chocolate chips in a microwavable bowl; heat for 30 seconds and remove and stir. Continue this process until the chips are smooth and creamy. Add the potato chips and pecans and stir. Drop by teaspoon or tablespoon onto parchment paper and let harden, which takes only a few minutes.

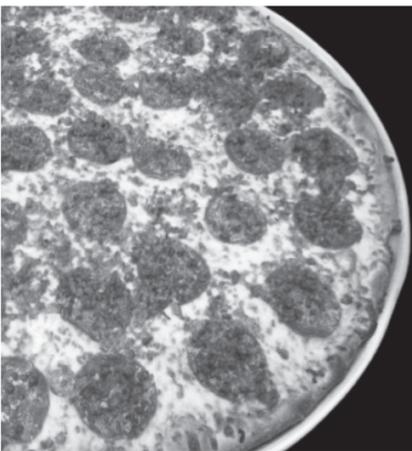


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Larry's Legacy

Randy Maynard, Sports Editor

My host was taken aback. He was about to introduce me to my boyhood idol whom I'd never met. Back in 1962, I was a nine-year kid who loved to play football with my neighborhood friends. When I was given the ball, I pretended I was Ceredo-Kenova High School standout football star, Larry Canterbury. However, I digress.

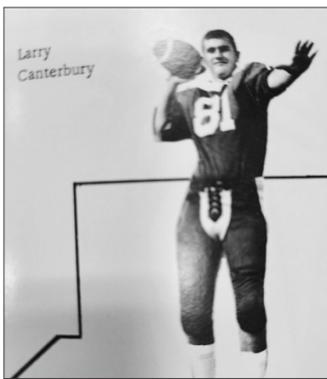
In 2007, I was a United Methodist pastor in Raleigh, North Carolina when one of my congregation members, Dan Cochrane, found out that I was from Kenova. He wanted to know if I'd heard of Larry Canterbury. I exclaimed, "Heard of Larry Canterbury, anyone who grew up watching Ceredo-Kenova High School football has heard about Larry Canterbury!" My friend asked me if I would like to meet Larry and the three of us have lunch together. Of course, I accepted on the spot.

Here's when my friend became stunned. When we arrived at the restaurant where I first encountered Canterbury, I didn't say "Hello," or "Nice to meet you." No, I said, "Larry did you score in the Wayne game?" My friend had no clue what I was talking about. Then Larry half shouted, "Yes, indeed I scored, there was no doubt about it!" Except, of course, the game officials didn't see it like that at all. The officials said Larry was stopped short of the goal line. For all intents and purposes that salted the game away for the visitors, and denied the Wonders a chance to play for the state championship.

It was November of 1962 when the Wayne Pioneers came to Ceredo-Kenova Athletic Field to battle the Wonders. If C-K won this game they would be 9-0 and needing only one more win to be one of the two top-ranked Double A teams in the state, meaning they would play for the state championship in only Coach Carl Ward's third year at the helm. His first two seasons brought records of 1-9 and 7-3.

Ceredo-Kenova had the ball and it was fourth and goal from the one-yard line. Canterbury, then a senior, was the "go-to" halfback for the Wonders. Everyone sitting in the stands and those playing on the field knew who was going to get the ball. Sure enough, Canterbury received the ball from highly regarded quarterback Earl Samples and surged toward the end zone. All the C-K fans were certain Canterbury had scored. All of the Wayne faithful were positive Canterbury was denied the six-points. The officials said Canterbury did not cross the plane of the goal line with the ball. "My body was halfway in the end zone, it most definitely was a touchdown," Canterbury shared in a recent phone interview, from his home in Archer Lodge, North Carolina.

The Wonders ended up losing the game but did wallop Hurricane to finish the season with an outstanding record of 9-1. However, only the top two teams went to the state finals back in 1962 and C-K barely missed out playing for



its first state title. That title would come in 1963 when C-K beat Hinton 19-13 to claim the crown.

Canterbury admitted that the game "was not necessarily a hard-hitting game." Asked if the team had taken Wayne lightly, Canterbury was very quick to respond, "Coach Ward wouldn't let us take any game lightly, that would never happen. Wayne played a good game but they didn't beat us, I did score!"

Besides Samples, Canterbury fondly remembered some of his other teammates who made that 1962 season so very special. "We had Raymond Lucas, Charley Akers, Gary Lanham, Clifton Pack, Darrel Bowen, David Scites, Johnny Mack Brown, Bobby Billups, Tommy Ward, Steve Woolwine, Jim Frazier and John Frazier, all of them were very talented. I know I'm forgetting a bunch of others who were on that outstanding team."

I wanted to know what made Coach Ward the excellent coach he was. "You can't

think of Coach Ward without thinking about Coach (Dale) Craycraft. It was like two good coaches rolled up into one to make one great coach. Both were outstanding Christian men who never used four letter words and were exemplary role models to those who played for them. They most definitely wanted to make men out of each team they coached. During almost each first quarter, Coach Ward would tell me with spittle coming out of his mouth that I was a chicken. Well, he knew how to motivate me and that got me to play with more fire in my belly."

Canterbury was recruited to play college ball for Marshall, the University of North Carolina, even New Mexico State, to name a few schools. He did land a nice scholarship with West Virginia University, first playing on the Freshmen team (Freshmen were not allowed to compete on the Varsity team at that time) and then lettering for three years on the Varsity team. Canterbury was recruited to play tight end and defensive end for the Mountaineers.

The first college indoor football bowl game was played when Canterbury was a sophomore on the WVU squad. The Liberty Bowl was contested in the Atlantic City, New Jersey, Convention Center. Utah beat WVU 32-6. "Four inches of sod had been placed on the concrete floor of the Convention Center. However, the game had to be stopped multiple times to allow the ground crew to replace the sod. Many times during the game the

concrete became exposed due to players getting tackled, along with just the natural occurrences that happen during a game," Canterbury explained. "It was a novel idea that really didn't work out very well. In no way did the field cause us to lose the game, Utah was just much better on that day."

Upon his graduation, some National Football League (NFL) teams gave Canterbury the opportunity to become a free agent. NFL teams such as Washington, San Diego and Dallas were interested in having Canterbury come to training camp.

"Dallas was the most interested as they came to campus on a regular basis to time me and get my height and weight." Ultimately, Canterbury went to work at a full-time job forgoing any opportunity of playing professional ball.

Canterbury and his wife, LaDonna, have five children, Larry, who played football at Marshall University, Lorri, Lance, Leigh-Ann, and Lee, who played football for Appalachian State.

Canterbury, who is now retired, was employed in public education during his working career. His last position was as an Assistant Principle at Middle Creek High School in Apex, North Carolina.

Whether Canterbury scored in the Wayne game will be debated from "now until the cows come home" but make no mistake, Larry Canterbury knows, yes he knows beyond a shadow of a doubt, that he scored!

WONDERMAN!

His life was of short but fanciful duration. Existing for only three years, dressed in a costume that most likely was influenced by the 1960's television show "Batman", he brought spirit and school pride to the students of Ceredo-Kenova High School. Wonderman!

Prior to the basketball season of 1967-68, CKHS had no mascot. The school had the best athletic teams, the best band, the best majorettes, the best cheerleaders, and the best community following in West Virginia, but something was missing. Team mascots were relatively rare at the high school level in West Virginia, and while the exact origins of Wonderman have been lost by time, it is believed that CKHS art teacher Marty Rollins, after watching a college mascot on television during the 1967 football season, decided that the Wonders needed a mascot of their own.

The school administration was apparently in agreement, and with a little help from the designers of the popular "Batman" costume seen weekly on television, the Wonderman costume was soon being sewn. It was decided that Wonderman would debut during the basketball season, or as quickly as a person could be persuaded to wear the costume.

Enter Dale Harris, starting center on the 1967 state championship football team. A student of quick wit with advanced acting skills, athletic, and most of all, willing to parade around basketball arenas in a costume with white leggings. By memory, we called them tights in those days. In any event, not many people would poke fun at Dale Harris, a wonderfully nice fellow but a pretty tough hombre, even with the tights and mask covering his eyes for disguise.

Harris was the perfect choice to introduce the Wonderman mascot. The student body loved him, and an already great school spirit soared even higher. Harris prowled the sidelines during basketball games, did some skits with the cheerleaders, and led the crowd in cheering for the Wonders as they captured the 1968 state basketball championship.

Dale Harris departed C-K to pursue a career in New York following graduation, and speculation started with the nest school year about whether a new Wonderman would be appointed, or anointed, before the 1968 football season. The student body was not aware that the pool of candidates for being Wonderman was limited to football players. For reasons that we can now only guess, the administration decided that the mascot would be limited to basketball season, and only non-basketball playing football players need apply.

Enter Steve Little, a senior running back on the 1968 football team. Like Harris, Little was a student with quick wit, athletic, and secure enough in his person to wear the white tights. The only problem was that Steve's father wasn't so sure he wanted his son jumping around in front of basketball crowds wearing white tights. A family compromise was reached, and Little took the

job.

Steve performed admirably, working even more with the cheerleaders and making Wonderman an accepted part of the Wonders entourage for each game. But again, Wonderman was a one-and-done proposition as Little graduated and the costume unmanned.

Late during the 1969 football season, Assistant Principal Frew Rice approached sophomore football lineman Keith Chadwick about becoming the third rendition of Wonderman. Chadwick took to the job like a duck to water, being honored to have been offered the position as an underclassman.

Chadwick recalls that Minetta Rice, a guidance counselor at the school, sewed his Wonderman costume. "I was really proud to have been chosen. I knew that Dale and Steve had done a good job, so I was determined to work hard as an underclassman so as not to let the student body down," said Chadwick. "That year we had a tumbling team and the cheerleaders used the tumbling team's trampoline to practice summersaults. I was able, with much help, to learn how to do summersaults. That really excited the crowd."

Now retired after 24 years as a teacher and administrator in Texas, Chadwick clearly remembers the excitement and school spirit generated by the Wonderman mascot. "In our school system in Texas we initiated a "spirit week" competition between classes, and for 22 of my 24 years the class I led won the competition. My time as Wonderman allowed me to see the benefits of great school spirit, and I did my best to instill the same pride in the students here. Each year I would promise my students that if they won the spirit competition, I would do a summersault, like I did as Wonderman, and I'm proud to say that until I retired, I could still do it, albeit the last few years it was into a pool," said Chadwick.

Chadwick recalls his most interesting game being a C-K and Vinson tilt. Vinson had a tiger mascot, and before the game the tiger came toward Wonderman to show-off for the crowd. Chadwick surprised the tiger by grabbing his tail, and the tail tore away from the mascot's costume. Keith retained possession of the tail (perhaps that's why the administration required a football player to be Wonderman) and gave it to Mr. Rice the following day.

By the 1970 football season, Chadwick was unable to participate due to work obligations. When basketball season rolled around Keith was still working every evening, and with his absence Wonderman disappeared from the Wonder's entourage. Thus, the short but fanciful life of Wonderman. The idea was great, and the three students that combined for the first rendition of the mascot were perfect choices. Chadwick still has his costume, and plans to loan it for display to the Ceredo Museum. For those of us that witnessed the short life of Wonderman, it will be good to one again see the caped crusader's outfit.



Original Wonderman Dale Harris



1968-69 Wonderman Steve Little and Cheerleader Jeannie Hardwick



1969-70 Wonderman Keith Chadwick

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