

Town of Ceredo Town Council Regular Session October 5th, 2020 at the Ceredo City Hall

The Town of Ceredo Town Council met in regular session on Monday, October 5th, 2020 at the Ceredo City Hall. The Mayor, Paul A. Billups, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present included the Mayor, Paul A. Billups; the Recorder, Stanley E. Fink; and Councilmen Dennis Adkins, Oscar Adkins, Steve Diamond, Robert Leslie and Joe Ratcliff.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The Mayor asked if Council had any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 1st, 2020 regular session and the September 11th, 2020 special session. None being heard and on a motion by Dennis Adkins and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to waive the reading of the September 1st, 2020 regular session and the September 11th, 2020 special session and accept them as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Robert Leslie, Treasurer, presented Council with the balances of each account and the expenditures as of September 30th, 2020.

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

First Baptist Church of Ceredo Tree Removal

Mr. Greg Jarrell, representing the First Baptist Church of Ceredo, addressed Council about removing the trees along Main Street in front of the church. Mr. Jarrell stated the berries from the trees were picked up on the shoe soles of those attending the services causing stains on the carpet. Mr. Jarrell also stated the church would pay for having the stumps removed and grass planted in the area until an appropriate replacement for the trees could be planted by the church.

The Mayor advised Mr. Jarrell that it would be best if the church worked with a horticulturist to help determine suitable replacement trees for the area.

The Mayor asked Council to grant a deviance of the ordinance on cutting trees for this one project and approve the replacement of the current trees with suitable trees at the Church's cost in a reasonable time.

On a motion by Oscar Adkins and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to grant a deviance of the Ordinance for the project and replacement with suitable trees at the Church's expense in a reasonable time. All were in favor, motion carried.

Sharon Walker

Mrs. Sharon Walker addressed Council about a street sign for 1st Street East and the condition of the Amis property across the alley from her property.

The Mayor advised Mrs. Walker he would take care of the sign and that the Unsafe Housing Committee would be looking into the problem at the Amis property.

Also discussed was a parking problem at the southwest corner of D and Main Streets. Vehicles are being parked in that area, which are blocking the view of oncoming traffic while crossing and turning onto Main Street.

The Mayor advised he would be working with the church to find a solution to the situation.

Covid-19 Update and Impact

The Mayor updated Council on the Covid-19 infection at the Wayne County Courthouse and the effects it has had on the City Hall. He also updated Council on the application for the CARES Act funds.

Ceredo Volunteer Fire Department Update

The Mayor advised Council of the Fire Department's purchase of an additional ambulance, which will help with down times while other units are being serviced. Also discussed was a Communications Grant the Department had received.

Hoard Property Status

The Mayor reported he had received three (3) of the signed deeds for the property sale from the Stark family members.

Water Office Countertop and Protective Shield

The Mayor updated Council on the new countertop and the plexiglass shield that had been installed in the water office, which will help protect the employees while working with the customers.

Governor Jim Justice Water and Sewer Program

The Mayor advised he had received a letter from Governor Jim Justice, in which he indicated the State had agreed to pay water and sewer utility bills with funds from the CARES Act for those who had not paid their water and sewer bills beginning March 1st, 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

KRT Property

The Mayor reported he received a call on Thursday, October 1st, 2020, from KRT, informing him that KRT had accepted the Town's offer for the Harold Perdue property, which includes the welding shop, the playground property on A Street, the Gun Club property and all of the property on the southside of Route 60 to the bridge.

The Mayor also stated he should receive a deed to the property sometime during the week of October 5th, 2020.

PSC Water and Sewer Report

The Mayor presented, for Council's review, the revenue, expenses and the profit/loss figures for the water and sewer departments for 2019-2020.

Thrasher Proposal/GIS Survey of Utilities

The Mayor reported he had spoken with Thrasher Engineering concerning the infiltration of stormwater into the sewage system and how to locate areas of infiltration. A discussion was held regarding Thrasher Engineering conducting a GIS survey of the Town's utility systems.

On a motion by Joe Ratcliff and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to have Thrasher Engineering perform a GIS survey of the Town's utilities for an initial cost of \$2,500 with an additional \$2,500 for hourly work. All were in favor, motion carried.

Carpet for Police Dispatchers' Area

The Mayor recommended installing the same carpet in the police dispatchers' area that had been installed in the City Hall. The approximate cost is \$1,000.

On a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Dennis Adkins, Council voted to install carpet in the police dispatchers' area at an approximate cost of \$1,000. All were in favor, motion carried.

Police Vehicle Replacement

The Mayor advised Council he had spent a couple of hours with a sales representative from Statewide Emergency Vehicles of Ohio concerning a replacement vehicle for the cruiser that had been totaled. The Mayor reported that Statewide Emergency Vehicles of Ohio could supply a 2020 Ford Explorer for approximately \$42,000, which would be ready to go into service upon receipt of the vehicle. The Mayor explained that the insurance settlement would be \$16,000, which would bring the cost of the vehicle down to the \$26,000 and that the funds could be taken from the Special Levy.

On a motion by Oscar Adkins and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to purchase a 2020 Ford Explorer from Statewide Emergency Vehicles of Ohio for approximately \$42,000 to replace the police cruiser that was totaled in an accident. All were in favor, motion carried.

Decorations for Halloween

The Mayor advised the items for decorating the Town for Halloween would be arriving on Tuesday, October 6th, 2020 and that decorating would begin.

Adjournment

No further business was brought before the Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR PAUL BILLUPS, MAYOR

The pandemic continues. Most of our lives have been interrupted, some more than others, by the coronavirus pandemic. There is a full spectrum of opinions ranging from whether the virus actually exists to whether we should cease all non-essential activities until a vaccine is available. As a municipal official without a medical degree, I am left to analyze the available information, follow state mandates, and make decisions regarding town services and employees that will hopefully keep our employees safe while continuing essential services that will mitigate the spread of the virus. I trust that our residents will under-

stand that any disruption of services will be temporary.

A combination of colder weather, more time spent indoors, and the start of cold and flu season is likely to impact the spread of COVID-19. We each need to be aware and not become complacent in our efforts to mitigate the virus. From a purely lay perspective, the next two or three months will likely be the worst part of the pandemic. Please exercise caution and follow guidelines.

As reported elsewhere in this issue, the town is in the process of obtaining several parcels of real estate formerly owned by KRT. There are no immediate

plans for these properties, with the exception of a few acres of floodplain along Twelve Pole Creek that may be converted into a frisbee golf course. The course will be designed by local resident and disc golf player Darrell Spurlock. Construction labor will be donated and costs will be minimal to complete this project that fits with the overall town wellness plan.

I am pleased to confirm that a contract for installation of new street lights has been awarded. Work is scheduled to begin during the second week of December, first on Greenwood and Fairwood Drives, before moving to Main Street. These lights will be a

great addition.

Congratulations to all of our winners in the monthly "Yard" and "Business" contests. As usual, we had many more nominations than available awards. Thanks to all our residents for again making Ceredo the "Most Livable Small Town in West Virginia."

Looking back at summer projects of 2020, the landscaping project along Route 60 near Larry McCoy Auto stands out. A joint effort between Scott McCoy and the Town, this project eliminated a safety hazard by directing stormwater off Route 60, and resulted in a beautifully landscaped area. As with any change, many of us

cringed as the old trees were removed, but the new plantings are even better. Thanks to Scott McCoy for initiating this project.

In conjunction with the Route 60 landscaping project, installation of a new entry sign near the floodwall to replace the green "Ceredo" billboard sign should begin soon. The current sign has served us well for over thirty years, but is showing its age.

We have received a number of calls concerning the county tax office located in Town Hall. The office, open on Mondays and Tuesdays, is a service provided by the Sheriff and Assessor. The town has no direct control over the tax office, other

than closures when the Town Hall lobby has been intermittently closed due to the pandemic. Having this local office, even for two days a week, is a true convenience for Ceredo and Kenova residents.

Tax collections for the third-quarter of the calendar year are now complete, and as expected our revenue is well behind that of the prior twenty years, and a bit less than budgeted this year. We will continue to "live within our means" as a municipality, while maintaining public services. In addition to business taxes being affected by the pandemic, real estate and personal

AROUND TOWN

The public-private partnership between the Town and the Golden Girl Group Home to create a health and fitness facility for Group Home members and town employees is nearing completion. The Town provided space at the former elementary school and labor to assemble equipment, while the Group Home obtained grant funding to acquire exercise equipment. The facility should open within a few weeks, with the intended purpose of improving the health and fitness of both groups. Group Home employees Nikki Thomas and Tanya Basham have spearheaded this project.

Unseasonably warm weather has allowed many residents to extend summer outdoor activities. On November 8, temperatures approached 80 degrees and the Paul T. Billups

Park was alive with activity. By late afternoon, the pickleball and basketball courts were full, a softball team was practicing, about twenty boys were engaged in a sandlot touch football game, two families were picnicking, and a number of residents were utilizing the walking track. A truly great day, indeed.

Indoor pickleball season is fast approaching. The indoor court located at the former elementary school is now open to Pickleball Club members. Memberships may be obtained at Town Hall, and court time is available by reservation. If you haven't tried this game (especially our more mature residents) you should do so. Free instruction is available by request.

Town employees have been spending all available time removing leaves from our streets and sidewalks. Given the

number of trees in our town, removal of leaves is a month-long project. By removing the leaves, we are keeping the storm drains clear and, hopefully, keeping residential yards as beautiful as ever. Any person wanting leaves for compost purposes should contact Town Hall.

Residents are asked to place leaves between the sidewalk and curb for pickup by the town vacuum truck.

Kudos to the Kenova Beautification Committee for refurbishing the city clock located near the police department. The clock is functioning properly for the first time in quite a while, and new paint has given it a great look. The Kenova group has done a great job this summer, and we are anxious to see what they have in mind for Christmas decorations.

Considering the extra

time that many of us have as a result of pandemic closures, this may be a great year for Christmas decorations. The weather has been good for outside decorating and this is a good way to channel your free time and energy. The South Ceredo Official Holiday Decorating Committee – Delcie Elkins, Suzanne Woods, and Sherry Johnson – will undoubtedly be competing with Ashland's Central Park again this year for the tri-state's best decorated area. Our ladies do a super job.

Town employees Jeff White and Jake Skeens are in charge of Ceredo's holiday decorations this year. Both fellows are experienced and enthusiastic, so a banner year is expected. The Ceredo Manor will be decorated under the watchful eye of Elba Gene Cox, who has declared that the Manor will be

visible from Cemetery Hill to Virginia Point.

Construction is underway on the C-K High School "Wonder Wall". Located on the northwest corner of 8th Street and Oak in Kenova, the wall will memorialize the former high school along with former elementary schools in Ceredo and Kenova. We salute Ric Griffith and Rick Chaffin for championing this project, along with the many residents that have donated funds and labor to complete the wall. From all appearances, the wall will fit well with the new elementary school while providing future generations a glimpse of our past.

Closure of restaurant lobbies at McDonald's and Burger King, along with restrictions at the War Memorial, have interrupted the morning meeting schedules of many of

our retired residents. In response to this situation, former Ceredo maintenance superintendent Ron Jarrell has undertaken to design and construct a morning meeting place at the former Ceredo elementary. In conjunction with the Town, Jarrell is painting a lounge area that will have a coffee area, television, restrooms, and indoor walking area. Thanks to Ronnie for making this happen so our older fellows will have a gathering place.

Town Acquires Properties

The Town acquired several properties over the last month, including the property adjoining the former elementary school. When the old school was deeded to the town by the Board of Education, there was an adjoining deed that included approximately twenty feet of the southern classroom extension and the Jordan Branch flood impoundment area. These properties were purchased from the heirs of Henry J. Stark and Julia

Hoard Stark. This purchase prevents the town from having to demolish the portion of the school building that infringed on the adjoining property.

In separate transactions, the town has acquired several parcels from KRT. These include a property on the corner of A Street and 2nd Street East that has been used as a playground for several years; the former Harold Perdue welding shop property located east of the floodwall

on B Street, the former Amoco service station property located east of the floodwall on Route 60, and the parcel surrounding the Ceredo Police gun range. These are properties that KRT acquired over the years, but no longer are of benefit to the coal company.

There are no immediate plans for any of the acquired properties, but each should have a use for the public good in years to come.

Pandemic Closures

The coronavirus continues to spike in our area, causing continued closures as we attempt to mitigate the spread of the virus. The County Tax Office branch located in Town Hall, usually open on Mondays and Tuesdays, was closed for a couple of weeks in October. The office has re-opened and will remain so, providing no future local spikes.

All persons entering Town Hall are required to wear a mask in common areas. Glass shields have been installed in the tax office and utility office for the protection of our employees when dealing with the public, and residents are asked to make payments online, by mail, or by using the drop-box located in front of Town Hall whenever possible.

The town will continue to collect trash and make

utility calls, but asks that residents recognize social distancing when our employees are in your area. The town staff, by necessity, must be in contact with numerous people during the course of a day, and we need to exercise caution to keep the staff healthy.

Town recreation facilities have functioned reasonably well during the summer and our thanks to those of you that utilized the walking track and other common areas for using good common sense and following guidelines. Outdoor pickleball operated very well through the season, and guidelines are now being formulated for the indoor pickleball court.

The pandemic has had a detrimental effect on a number of town businesses, resulting in diminished tax revenue for the

town over the second and third quarters of 2020. The Town Council foresaw this possibility, and budgeted accordingly. To date, no municipal services have been cut, and absent a deeper recession, town services should remain intact over the next six months.

The pandemic version of AutumnFest worked very well, given the times. The difficult decision to eliminate door-to-door Trick or Treat was made in consideration of our older residents that would be considered "at-risk" should they contract the virus. To keep the children (and local dentists) happy, both Ceredo and Kenova collected candy and, with the help of Zim's Bagging and our local schools, assured that every child received a plentiful amount of miniature candy bars.

Employee of the Month

Our newest employee, Chris "Chief" Mullens, is the Employee of the Month for November. Chris is a native of Mullens, West Virginia, and has the distinction of being a great-great-grandson of A. J. Mullens, founder and namesake of that town.

"Chief" attended Pin-ville High School and moved to the Huntington area approximately twelve years ago, deciding that the opportunity for work was better here. Around five years ago, "Chief" moved to Ceredo, where he now resides with his

wife and family. Prior to joining the Maintenance Department, Chris was employed by Food Fair in Ceredo.

"My family is very happy to be living in Ceredo. This is a safe town and a great place to raise a family. I became acquainted with several town employees, and jumped at the opportunity to join the town staff", said Mullens. "Every resident has been great to us, and I take pride in helping our residents with whatever problems may arise."

When deciding on a career, "Chief" considered

being a public speaker or truck driver, as he likes to talk and drive. With his current job "Chief" gets to talk to many residents each day, and while he doesn't get to drive all day, he does get in a few miles.

"Chris is quickly becoming a valuable member of our staff", said Maintenance Supervisor Dustin Long. "He is filling big shoes as the replacement for Tommy Workman, but with his best effort we expect great things from him."



Chris "Chief" Mullens – November Employee of the Month

CEREDO TOWN STATS

POPULATION 1,412

MALE 42.6%

FEMALE 57.4%

ELEVATION 552

AREA 2.26 SQ. MI.

LAND 1.53 SQ. MI.

WATER .73 SQ. MI.

MEDIAN AGE 48.9

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Single (18+) \$180.00/Yr
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Additional family members 13-18 who resides in the same household is \$70/Yr per family member.
Seniors (60+) \$110/Yr
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Classes Available

MONDAY
Toning 9-10am
Silver Sneakers 10-11am
R.I.P.P.E.D. 5:30-6:30pm
Zumba Gold 6:30-7:30pm

TUESDAY
Zumb Toning 6:30-7:30pm

WEDNESDAY
Toning 9-10am
Silver Sneakers 10-11am
Zumba Gold 6:30-7:30pm

THURSDAY
R.I.P.P.E.D. 5:30-6:30pm
Zumba 6:30-7:30pm

FRIDAY
Toning 9-10am
Silver Sneakers 10-11am

SUNDAY
Zumba Sentao 2-3:15pm

CHARACTERS OF CEREDO

EDITOR'S NOTE: There was a time in America when every small burg had a handful of "characters," people that marched to the beat of a different drummer, lived life their way, and had no desire to conform to societal expectations. From every social, financial, and political class, these characters could bring a smile to your face, cause you to shake your head in wonderment, and often make those living in the social norm to vicariously enjoy the personal freedoms expressed by a character. Ceredo has had its share. Unfortunately, characters are a vanishing breed. Perhaps because characters stood out in situations of social interaction, and today we have become a Facebook, Twitter, and cell phone society where social interaction is less valued and less used, we just don't see the characters.

It's safe to say that none of the characters of Ceredo would have had much use for social tools, preferring to exhibit their traits in a brutally honest, "what you see is what I am" fashion.

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

Between 1920 and 1975, the intersection of Main and High Street in South Ceredo was a busy place. Many of the early homes in Ceredo were on the south side, and the "business center" of the south side, such as it was, was located at that intersection. At various times, two grocery stores, a bar, and a gasoline service station were located at Main and High.

The service station located on the north-

east corner had the distinction of being the first gasoline station in Wayne County. A Pure Oil franchise, the station operated from the early 1920s until 1975 when American National Rubber terminated the property lease. For the majority of those years, the proprietor of the Pure Oil station was Clyde "Donk" McFann.

Following the abolition of Sunday Blue Laws in West Virginia, the Pure Oil station was open seven days a week, offering gas that never got far above thirty-cents a gallon, oil at .65 cents a quart, and free water and air. Inside the station, cigarettes were a big seller at .32 cents a pack, cigars were a nickel, cold bottles of pop were a dime, and a large cabinet held every variety of five cent candy bars along with a selection of "penny candy".

At one time the station was a Western Union location, but that service ended in the 1940s.

The station operated at a time when gas stations provided full-service, meaning the attendant pumped the gas, checked the oil, and cleaned the windshield of most every customer. Donk McFann provided these services as a one-man operation, all the while keeping up with walk-in business wanting to buy sundries. A quiet, humble fellow, Donk was known and liked by every resident in Ceredo. In days before credit cards, Donk was liberal with extending credit until payday, and no doubt his good will and helping hand resulted in lost profits, but he remained willing until the end to help locals "get by."

As with many small businesses of the day, the

Pure station had a chair for the proprietor and a bench seat for loafers, and Donk's had many loafers, men that would stop most days just to talk a spell. About anything a person needed to know about Ceredo, present-day or over the prior 50 years, was discussed at Donk's Pure Oil.

There has been speculation over the years as to just how Donk got his nickname. While no one knows for sure, it probably has something to do with having cousins nicknamed Sheepee, Coon Foot, and Cobb. However it happened, it stuck and everyone knew Clyde McFann as "Donk." In the days of mom and pop businesses, Donk McFann was a great example of a good man finding a trade, and through hard work and perseverance, earning a living by

providing a service to the community. Donk had a passion for rabbit dogs, and if time had permitted during his natural prime, he would have hunted and fished more than he did. Still, he would listen to every story from the many outdoorsmen of Ceredo in those days, always happy for what others were able to do.

Of the many fine men that have resided in Ceredo, Donk McFann belongs near the top. Donk, and the mom and pop businesses such as he ran, are sorely missed in today's world.

HONOR ROLL

Eleanor Terry.....	10/20
Jim and Pat Billups	02/21
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.....	10/20
Dinah and Dale Ledbetter	10/20
In Memory of Herb & Helen Stephens	08/20
In Memory of Coach Dale Craycraft	08/20
In Memory of J. J. & Roma Gail Billups	08/20
In Memory of Houston & Gladys Woolwine.....	04/21
Katrina Childers.....	05/21
In Memory of Alberta "Dossie" & Sherman Medley	04/21
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	09/20
Jeanette & Roger Barker	03/21
Karin & Mike Dawson.....	02/21
American Legion	01/21
Ceredo-Kenova Community Center.....	01/21
Evaroni's	01/21
CUMC	12/20
Roberta and Charlie Mitchell	03/21
In Memory of Robert (Pete) & Carolyn Sullivan.....	04/21
Jennifer Ferguson.....	04/21
Oscar, Bonnie, Michelle Booth.....	04/21
John M. Spangler, Esq.....	05/21
In Memory of Frances Cornell.....	05/21
In Memory of WW. Mills, MD.....	05/21
In Honor of Larry Jack Heck.....	06/21
Floyd Mays	06/21
Mike & Karen Skeens.....	07/21
Keith and Freda Chadwick.....	07/21
Tyler Dawson, DDS	07/21
Raymond Keigley.....	07/21
Brenda Francis	07/21
O'Dell Mannon	07/21
Dr. Ron & Lucenda Akers.....	07/21
Dale & Dinah Ledbetter.....	08/21
Marlene Simmons	07/21
The Flanagan Family of Saratoga Springs, NY.....	10/21
In Memory of Milton J. & Evelyn Mills	10/21
In Memory of Charles & Bet Pratt	10/21
Vernon & Cindy Blaine	11/21

The New Crescent Honor Roll is intended to be a way we give special recognition to those persons who donate at least \$50.00 during the year to support our publication. Since the Honor Roll is a twelve-month feature, you will need to renew your contribution every twelve months to remain on the Roll. Your name not appearing indicates your year had expired. A very special "Thank You!" to all of you who have helped us to continue the paper with your gifts. With your help, we have been able to publish and deliver The New Crescent to every home in Ceredo since February 1990!

CVFD Rocco's Dinner

The annual Volunteer Fire Department "Dinner With Rocco" was, despite changes necessitated by COVID guidelines, another great success. In prior years the Department provided seating inside the garage and walk-up service to go. This year all service was "drive-up", with patrons simply stopping their vehicles in front of the Fire Department garage where food was delivered.

The line from opening stretched to Third Street, and stayed that way until food was sold-out at around 3:30 in the afternoon. Delivery to vehicles was quick and orderly, the spaghetti was outstanding, and over 1,000

people assisted our fire brigade while enjoying a great Rocco's meal.

The Rocco's dinner is the Department's largest fundraising event of the year. Chief Rob Robson and his staff pulled this event off, despite the necessary changes, in great fashion. Special thanks to Rocco, Joan, and Rocco Muriale, Jr. for their assistance. Without them this event couldn't happen, and they willingly step forward every year to ensure that our fire department can raise enough funds to operate.



Cars lining up for a Spaghetti Dinner to support the CVFD

Silent Volunteer

Ceredo and Kenova have long been blessed with a group of residents willing to volunteer time, money, and labor for the good of the communities. While "volunteerism" in America has dwindled over the past years, we still have a strong core group willing to do as prior generations did in making our public facilities the best they can be.

The list of people that worked tirelessly during the 1950's and 60's to improve our athletic fields is too long to mention, all being folks that worked all day at their "paying" jobs, then went to a different field or court in the evening or on weekends to voluntarily work a few more hours so that our children would have great facilities. We are most fortunate for these volunteers, and when we look today at our common areas in Ceredo and Kenova, we should pause to thank their efforts.

One fellow that did more than his share, all the



Pete Lowe

while deflecting the spotlight, is Pete Lowe. A true character in his own right, Pete played Little League at Mitch Stadium and later played football at C-K. During his school years, Pete became involved with the volunteer fire departments of both towns and perhaps that kindled his belief that volunteering makes a difference.

From the early 1970's until his retirement for health reasons, Pete Lowe was instrumental in most every community proj-

ect in both Ceredo and Kenova. Probably the best non-degree engineer in the state, Pete worked at KRT as the Maintenance Director, where he did everything from welding broken pipes to designing and erecting barge loading facilities. After his day job, Pete was always helping others in some fashion. For a number of years Pete umpired Little League games, and before his son Scott advanced to Babe Ruth, Pete designed, welded, and helped hang chain link fence, thirty feet high, on a new backstop at that field.

It was not a difficult conversation to get Pete's assistance with building the backstop at the local softball field, and when the renovation of Mitch Stadium began in 2002, Pete was one of the first volunteers. Without his

assistance and guidance, the job could not have been completed. Pete designed the state-of-art batting cages that remain the best in the area, and through his connections was able to build the cages at no cost to the league. When sunken dugouts were suggested, Pete made them a reality. The largest Little League scoreboard not located in Williamsport, all engineered by Pete Lowe. The anchoring poles for a twenty-foot backstop net, not a problem for Pete.

In addition to his day job and almost regular volunteer work, Pete was a boating and motorcycle enthusiast, making annual treks to rallies around the country. Pete was a "first resident" of the famous Mid-Town Apartments in Ceredo, and performed much of his community service work while residing there.

Pete was forced into retirement due to health issues several years ago, and never received the gratitude he is due for his many years of volunteer service to Ceredo and Kenova. America needs more volunteers like Pete Lowe, and The New Crescent, along with the residents of Ceredo and Kenova, salute Pete for his work in making our community a better place.

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Golf Results

The season-long battle for the Hal McFann Pure Oil Cup ended with final rounds played on October 30. Defending champion E.G. Cox was unable to defend his title due to COVID restrictions and a previous engagement to appear at Subic Bay, Philippines, for a reunion of the 1959 All-Service softball team, leaving Gary Runyon, Clarence Pratt, and David Pennington as favorites for the Cup.

Pennington took an early season points lead, but health problems slowed his mid-season play and opened the door for Runyon and Pratt. The steadiest of the contenders, Pratt maintained his pace through the season playing primarily at Diamond Links in Kentucky and took the lead in August. Runyon refused to fall back, and by the time

Pennington regained his strength the three golfers were in a virtual tie by September, when play heated up and every stroke had meaning.

The final month of the season saw all three players shooting below their age on a weekly basis. Pennington made a late-season club change that resulted in a gain of 20.8 yards off the tee, and shot 73-71-68-71 over the final month. Runyon, playing at Grayson Lake, rose to the top of the leaderboard with a hole-in-one, and Pratt continued to score impressively every week. Over the final month the margin between first and third place was never more than one stroke.

Fittingly, when the final tally was made the three Ceredo boys were in a dead heat, tied for the points lead. The Organizing Com-

mittee, never before faced with a three-way tie, turned to defending champion Cox for guidance. Cox declared that Runyon, Pratt, and Pennington would be declared tri-champions, and that each player would receive a Cup trophy along with a free lube and oil change at Hal's garage. The trophy presentation will take place when Hush Puppy returns from the Philippines.

"I regret not being able to participate this year, but in my absence the three winners all played well. I know next year some younger boys like Ronnie Jarrell and Bill Bailey will reach the appropriate age to qualify, so competition will be better than ever," said Cox. "I really hope Mike Watts is able to arrange for next year's finals to be held at Oak Tree National in Oklahoma. I played

there several years ago with Bob Tway and Gil Morgan, and it will be a true test for McFann Cup championship." *****

The Byard Brothers Open was held September 24-26 at Shoal Creek Golf Club in Birmingham, Alabama. Shoal Creek, sometimes compared to Ceredo's former Wayside Golf Club, has been the host site for two PGA championships and the U.S. Amateur. The eldest Byard brother, Chris, best remembered in Ceredo for hitting a walk-off game winning home run in the 1965 Little League tournament, is a Shoal Creek member and hosted the event.

Brother Brian, a Huntington insurance executive, held a brief lead before Chris' local knowledge of the course became evident. Youngest brother Mark, playing just days

after undergoing a procedure to alleviate back problems similar to those suffered by Tiger Woods, took the lead after the second round but was visibly in pain over the final eighteen holes as Chris

pulled away for the win and bragging rights for another year.

The Byard brothers are sons of Marlene Byard and the late Eddie Byard, and all participated in local youth sports in our area.



David Pennington with caddie, Tom Chenault

Wreaths Across America Ceremony

The Ceredo Crescent Hill Cemetery Board, in conjunction with the Gold Star Mothers organization, will host a formal ceremony on Saturday, December 19, 2020, to honor those military veterans interred at Crescent Hill. Prior to the ceremony, wreaths will be placed on the grave of every military veteran buried in the cemetery.

Our thanks go out to all those that donated \$10 toward this most worthy cause. The Cemetery Board will be making up the difference in funds this year so that every veteran is honored, and we urge all that may have a veteran relative buried at Crescent Hill to consider donating \$10 to offset

the cost of the wreaths.

This is a most worthy project to honor our veterans, and the cemetery will be beautiful when the 166 wreaths are put in place. All residents are encouraged to attend the ceremony on December 19, or to drive through the cemetery between December 19th and 25th to view the wreaths in place. Additional details on the ceremony, including the time, will be published in the December issue of the New Crescent.

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The Crescent Kitchen



Keto Shepherd's Pie
by Natalie Hemann

It's hard to believe that the holidays are almost upon us. I think everyone indulges over the holidays, and I think we deserve to, especially this year! To get ready for all of the delicious holiday favorites like turkey and dressing, red velvet cake, and homemade candy, you might want to try this recipe. I love all things "British" and this is a low carb version of a classic British dish.

(Note: On the last recipe I submitted, "Apple Coffee Cake" I omitted the amount of flour. It calls for 1 cup of all purpose flour.)

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground sirloin
- ½ tsp. Salt
- ½ tsp. Pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped onions
- 1 Tbs. Butter
- 2 tsp. Minced Garlic
- 3 Tbs. Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 - 12 oz. Bag of Frozen Mixed Vegetables
- 1 - 12 oz. Box of Sour Cream & Chives Mashed Cauliflower
- 1 Cup Cheddar Cheese

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Microwave the bag of mixed vegetables and mashed cauliflower according to directions and set aside. Chop the onion; melt the butter in a large skillet and add the onion. Cook the onions until they are transparent. Add the ground sirloin, salt, pepper, and garlic and cook until the beef is browned; make sure the beef is broken up and add the bag of cooked vegetables. Spray a shallow pie pan or some type of oven safe baking dish. Drizzle the Worcestershire sauce over the ground sirloin filling. Top the filling with the cooked cauliflower mash and spread out with a spoon and sprinkle the cheddar cheese on top. Bake for approximately 25 minutes and if you want to brown the cheese more, set under a broiler for 2 - 3 minutes.



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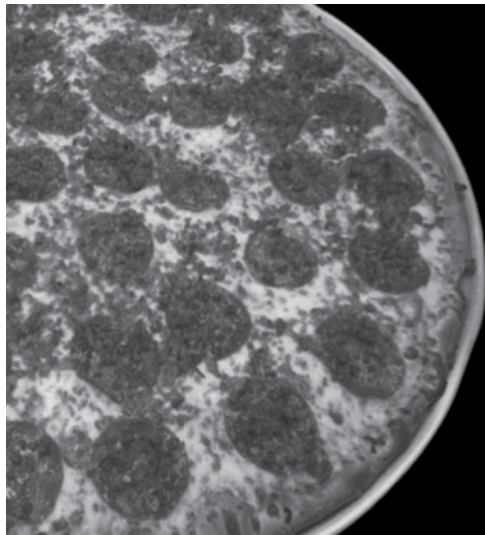


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OPEN BURNING

The Town of Ceredo is regulated as a Phase II Small MS4 Program. MS4 stands for stormwater discharge from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. The stormwater sewer in Ceredo is separate from the sanitary sewer. Sinks, toilets, and interior floor drains must be connected to the sanitary sewer system. The wastewater discharged to the sanitary sewer receives treatment to remove pollutants prior to release to creeks and rivers. Pollutants contained in stormwater runoff flow directly into local waterways, without treatment, where they can be harmful to humans and the environment. Oil and grease, food waste, paint, concrete-related wastewater, chemicals and even dirt must be prevented from entering the storm drain system in order to preserve our local waterways. Stormwater runoff is a fact of life. How we deal with storm water runoff requires everyone's involvement.

What is Open Burning?

“Open burning” means the burning of any type of combustible material where smoke and other emissions are directly released to the outside ambient air. “No person shall place burning materials in a garbage can or dumpster container in the Municipality or shall set fire to anything in such receptacle.” (Town of Ceredo Ord. 4-7-80). The practice of open burning and, particularly burning of trash, can result in many harmful public health and environmental effects. The maximum fine for open burning in the Town of Ceredo is a fine in the amount of \$500 plus 10 days imprisonment.

What problems are associated with open burning?

Burning of residential trash often releases high levels of particulates, acid gases, heavy metals, carbon monoxide, dioxins, and other toxins which are carcinogenic (having the potential to cause cancer). As described below, these pollutants can cause very serious human health problems and can impact you, your neighbor, and your family's health.

harmful pollutants released during burning of trash is dioxin. Dioxin is a known carcinogen and is associated with birth defects. Dioxin can be inhaled directly or deposited on soil, water and crops where it becomes part of the food chain. Dioxin is one of the pollutants which impair the Ohio River.

- Burning trash can release hexchlorobenzene (HCB) to the environment. This compound is a highly persistent toxin that degrades slowly in the air; therefore, it can travel long distances in the atmosphere. HCB bioaccumulates in fish, marine animals, birds, lichens, and animals that feed on fish and lichens. HCB is a probable human carcinogen and, based on animal studies, long-term, low-level exposures to HCB can damage a developing fetus, lead to kidney and liver damage, and cause fatigue and skin irritation.

- Formaldehyde is released when pressed wood products, paints, coatings, siding, urea-formaldehyde foam, and fiberglass insulation are burned. Exposure to formaldehyde can result in watery eyes, a burning sensation in the eyes and throat, nausea, difficulty in breathing (i.e., coughing, chest tightness, wheezing), and skin rashes. Prolonged exposure to formaldehyde may cause cancer.

- Burning of plastics, or polyvinyl chloride (PVCs), can produce hydrogen chloride gas, or hydrochloric acid, which can cause fluid buildup in the lungs and possible ulceration of the respiratory tract.

- The visible smoke from burning is composed of tiny particles (particulates), which contain toxic pollutants. If inhaled, these microscopic particles can reach deep into the lungs and remain there for months or even years. Breathing particulates increases the chances of respiratory infection, can trigger asthma attacks, and causes other problems such as coughing, wheezing, chest pain, and shortness of breath.

- Carbon monoxide is generated from the incomplete combustion of trash. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that prevents oxygen from being absorbed by the blood and lungs. It is especially dangerous when inhaled by young children with

immature lungs, the elderly, and people with chronic heart conditions or lung diseases.

What should homeowners do with household trash?

The Town of Ceredo provides curbside pickup twice per week per household for a nominal fee. Call the Town Hall office at (304) 453-1041 if you have any questions about where residents can take their trash for proper management. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to properly recycle glass, plastics, aluminum, newspaper, cardboard, used motor oil, and other recyclable materials as much as possible. Composting appropriate wastes and using leaves and grass clippings for mulch are good alternatives to open burning of waste. Leaves, grass clippings, manure, coffee grounds, and vegetable and fruit peelings are all suitable for composting. Composting produces valuable soil fertilizer through the natural process of decomposition. Compost piles are simple to begin and maintain and take up relatively little space. Finished compost can improve soil texture, increase the ability of the soil to absorb air and water, suppress weed growth, decrease erosion, and reduce the need to apply commercial soil additives.

To learn more, please follow our periodic articles in this newspaper on stormwater and Ceredo's MS4 program regarding water quality, stormwater management. As you read these articles, you will see that we all have the ability to have an impact on our most precious natural resource by promoting responsible methods or making small changes in our everyday lives. In addition, the Town of Ceredo's MS4 program is routinely discussed at town council meetings and the public's involvement is encouraged.

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C-K AUTUMNFEST CONTESTS

The C-K AutumnFest would like to thank all of the residents, businesses and the CKES classes that participated in the Home Decorating and Scarecrow Contests! As well as the fans on the C-K AutumnFest Facebook page that ran around town solving clues for the Great Scarecrow Hunt! Planning for next year's C-K AutumnFest is already underway! They hope to be back in 2021 with more events, more fun, more food, and more PUMPKINS!

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