

## Town of Ceredo Town Council Regular Session September 1st, 2020 at the Ceredo City Hall

The Town of Ceredo Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1st, 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 August 3rd, 2020 regular session meeting. None being heard and on a motion by Dennis Adkins and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to wave the reading of the August 3rd, 2020 regular session minutes and accept the minutes as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Robert Leslie presented Council with the account balances of each account and the expenditures effective August 31st, 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.

### COVID-19 Update and Impact

The Mayor reported on the continuing affects of the COVID-19 mandates and applying for the CARES Act funds.

### Police Vehicle Accident

The Mayor updated Council on an accident involving one of the police department cruisers and a vehicle that ran the red light at the Route 60 and Main Street intersection. The Mayor informed Council that because of the extent of the damages, the cruiser would need to be replaced.

### Carpet for the Council Chambers and Water Office

The Mayor updated Council on the carpet being installed in the Council chambers and the water office.

### FY'2020 Audit

The Mayor advised Council of the items that would be needed for the audit and the raise in the sewer fund line item.

The Mayor also addressed the costs associated with supplying sewer service based on the increases from the City of Huntington Sanitary Board, the existing bond payments and the maintenance and cost of the utilities.

### KRT Property

The Mayor recommended placing the purchase of the KRT properties on hold until further notice because of unforeseen circumstances.

### General Liability Insurance

The Mayor presented a proposal for the general liability insurance for the Town from Travelers Insurance in the amount of \$75,000.

The Mayor recommended Travelers for the Town's general liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$75,000 for 2020 to be paid in two (2) payments, one-half this month and one-half in six (6) months.

On a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to award the bid to Travelers for the 2020 general liability insurance in the amount of \$75,000, and to be paid in two (2) installments, one this month and one in six (6) months. All were in favor, motion carried.

### Region II

The Mayor presented Council with a request from Region II for the Town's annual \$500 membership dues.

On a motion by Dennis Adkins and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to pay the \$500 Region II annual membership dues. All were in favor, motion carried.

### Water Office Countertop

The Mayor proposed purchasing a new countertop for the water office from Chandler's for \$600. On a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Robert Leslie, Council voted to purchase a new countertop for the water office from Chandler's in the amount of \$600. All were in favor, motion carried.

### Ceredo Grade School Property

The Mayor discussed purchasing the Ceredo Grade School property from the Stark heirs for a total of \$7,000.

On a motion by Oscar Adkins and a second by Robert Leslie, Council voted to purchase the Ceredo Grade School property from the Starks for \$7,000. All were in favor, motion carried.

### Route 60 Underground Cable Project

The Mayor reported that a cable company had inquired about installing an underground cable along Route 60.

### 2020-2021 Budget

The Mayor discussed the proposed line items of the 2020-2021 budget.

### Abandoned Alley

The Mayor discussed abandoning the remaining alley that lies in the 1100 block, between A & B Streets. No action was taken at this time.

### Adjournment

No further business was brought before the Council. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR PAUL BILLUPS, MAYOR

The pandemic continues. Because of a recent spike in COVID cases in and around Ceredo and at the county courthouse, it was necessary to again close the Town Hall lobby. This presents an inconvenience to some, particularly to persons wanting to visit the county tax office that is open on Mondays and Tuesdays, but the safety of our employees is paramount. If you need to meet with a member of the town staff, please call 304-453-4675 and a meeting will be ar-

ranged. Hopefully, the lobby will re-open next week.

Despite the pandemic, our town weathered the summer well. Thanks to our outstanding maintenance employees, our streets have never been cleaner. Our flower gardens were beautiful this year, maintained by David Elkins, and our common areas have been manicured all year. Somehow, our employees keep our alley-ways looking like streets in most towns, and it is uncommon for discarded

items or cut brush to stay in an alley for more than 24 hours. We simply have a great group of employees.

The cancellation of AutumnFest, Trick-or-Treat, and the Ceredo Halloween Street Party was a difficult decision. These events, including the AutumnFest Parade and Pumpkin House, have made Ceredo and Kenova a "destination" location each October. If we all participate in the pumpkin carving program established by Ric Griffith, we can still

create a great "drive-by" display across both towns that will be both safe and enjoyable. If you need assistance picking up a pumpkin from the Pumpkin House, or with carving a pumpkin, just call Town Hall. Our employees have volunteered to provide assistance to anyone needing the same in Ceredo.

Special thanks to our farmers, Bill Stewart of Greenbrier Farm and Jason Ekers of Rocky Knob Farm, for making our fourth season of the Farmers Market a

success. It was a difficult undertaking this summer, given the coronavirus restrictions, but Bill and Jason still provided fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits to our residents. We are looking forward to the return of Four Mile Bakery doughnuts next season with the pandemic behind us.

We will soon start the annual leaf removal program. Residents are asked to rake your leaves to the area between the sidewalk and curb, and our employees with the

vacuum truck will pick them up from there. Our many trees are beautiful, the changing colors are spectacular, and removing the leaves from our streets is difficult. Please be patient, our staff will be working daily to complete this task.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call Town Hall at 304-453-1041. Our purpose as town employees and officials is to make Ceredo the best small town in America.

## AROUND TOWN

Kudos to the Kenova Beautification Committee for their fine Autumn displays in front of the new city building and along Route 60. Even though AutumnFest was cancelled, our towns will still look great with Halloween decorations. Job well done!

Wreaths have been ordered for Ceredo's participation in the Wreaths Across America program this December. This December, wreaths will be paced on the grave of every military veteran buried at Crescent Hill. Special thanks to all that donated toward this project. At the

very reasonable cost of \$10 per wreath, in conjunction with the Gold Star Mothers and assistance from the Cemetery Board, this should be a most meaningful project. If you have a relative or friend that is a veteran buried at Crescent Hill, please consider making a \$10 donation to this program.

Time remains for persons wishing to donate Trick-or-Treat candy to our schoolchildren. Bags of candy may be left at the Ceredo or Kenova Police Departments, and will be transferred to our schools where teachers will bag the candy for

distribution. This isn't a perfect solution, but with door-to-door activities being cancelled it is a safe method to give the children some holiday joy.

Thanks to B Street resident Jim Smith for making the maintenance department aware of some lighting issues in his neighborhood. The town electrician was able to cure a couple of the issues, and AEP was contacted to repair their service.

The street department completed two days of asphalt patching work this month, and plans call for one more day of mis-

cellaneous patching this season. If there is a large pothole or other asphalt issue in your neighborhood, please contact Town Hall to be sure your problem is included on the repair list.

The town has received notice that Animal Control will be working in the Ceredo and Kenova areas over the next few weeks. Please keep in mind that all domestic pets such as dogs and cats must be on a leash when off the owner's property. Animals running loose are subject to be picked up by Animal Control and taken to the pound. Be considerate of your neighbors and leash

your pets to avoid having to retrieve them from the pound.

Local golfers competing in the Hal McFann Pure Oil Cup contest were not surprised that last year's runner-up, David Pennington, has surged back into the lead after shooting 75-73 in his last two rounds. Pennington again has a slim lead over Clarence Pratt and Gary Runyon as the season winds down.

Reigning champion Elba Gene Cox was unable to enter the tournament this year. Cox was originally scheduled to attend a reunion of the

"All Services" 1959 softball team, but that event was cancelled due to the pandemic. Citing similar concerns with being exposed if he entered this year's McFann Cup, Cox is protecting his health with intentions to play indoor pickleball later this year.

Thanks to town employee Montie Adkins for his work in maintain Crescent Hill Cemetery this summer. The Cemetery Board expressed pleasure with how well the grounds were maintained, and hopefully Montie will be able to undertake the assignment again next summer.

# 2020 CEREDO-KENOVA AUTUMNFEST CONTESTS

While disappointed that they won't be holding all the events associated with the C-K AutumnFest this year due to COVID-19 safety concerns, the Board of Directors is happy to announce that they are going to continue the Business Scarecrow Contest and the "Great Scarecrow Hunt" this fall.

Additionally, they will also be sponsoring a contest for residents, The C-K AutumnFest Home Decorating Contest. The contest is FREE and open to all residential homes in Ceredo and Kenova. The Judging categories will be BEST Fall Theme, MOST Festive Street (most decorated homes on one street throughout Ceredo & Kenova), and Award for BEST OF SHOW. Winners will be announced on the C-K AutumnFest Inc. Facebook Page on October 26th.

To be eligible for awards, you must register by October 18, 2020. Judging will take place October 23th-25th. As part of COVID-19 precautions, judges will not get out of their vehicle, they will judge your home's outdoor display based on what can be seen from the street. The Great Scarecrow Hunt will take place the week of October 26th -31st and clues will be posted on the C-K AutumnFest Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/CK-AutumnFest](http://www.facebook.com/CK-AutumnFest)).

Bring the AutumnFest Spirit out for everyone to enjoy! This is a fun, festive and safe way for families and workplace employees to celebrate the fall season! Let's spread PUMPKIN JOY throughout our Ceredo-Kenova Community!

Registration information and contest guidelines can be found at [www.ckautumnfest.com/activities](http://www.ckautumnfest.com/activities)

or contact:

Business Scarecrow- Kim Adkins – E-mail: [kimkadkins@gmail.com](mailto:kimkadkins@gmail.com)

Residential - Amy Keyser – Text: (304) 634-8340

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Residential Home Decorating | Text: 304-634-8340



## PUMPKIN DISTRIBUTION

The pandemic has forced the world-famous Pumpkin House to cancel the annual 3000-pumpkin display, but Kenova's "Pumpkin Man", Ric Griffith, has found a way to keep his skills sharp and allow the public to enjoy a gourd-filled Halloween.

Griffith has purchased

1000 pumpkins, and will draw various figures on each of them. When the drawings are complete, around October 28-29, residents of Ceredo and Kenova can pick up a pumpkin from Griffith at no cost. The residents will need to carve the pumpkins where Griffith has

drawn, and the gourds will be ready for display. Hopefully, the end result will be two towns with a great pumpkin display, perfect for drive-by viewing on every street.

This is a typical wonderful idea and gesture by Griffith. Details on when and where the pumpkins

may be picked-up will be provided on Facebook and local media sources. Please participate in this event. Pumpkin carving is a great family activity, Griffith has performed the most "skill required" part of the exercise, and if enough of us participate the result will be a

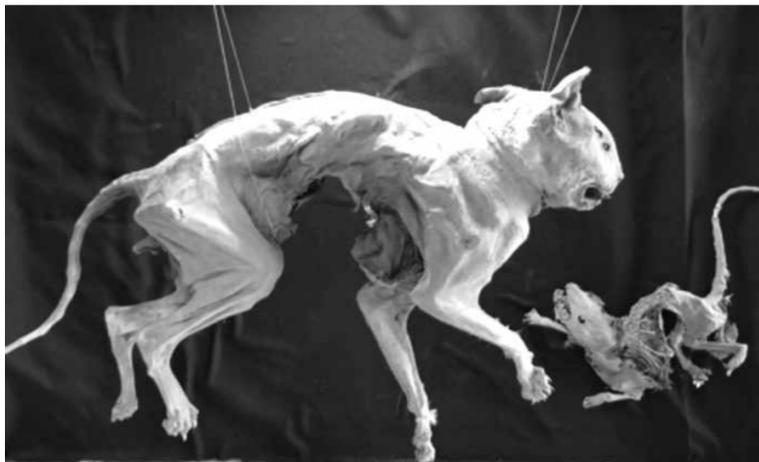
very unique way to enjoy Halloween in spite of the pandemic.

For elderly Ceredo residents that may be unable to pick-up or carve a pumpkin, town employees will be volunteering time to carve a pumpkin for you. Please call Town Hall at 304-453-4675 and

request that a Griffith pumpkin be brought to your house, and our employees will carve it, deliver it, and assist with setting up your display. Let's make this an event to be remembered!

## HISTORIC HALLOWEEN AT THE RAMSDELL HOUSE AND C-K COMMUNITY

This is definitely a historic Halloween and harvest season. Our time-honored traditions of AutumnFest, Pumpkin House and Trick-or-Treat will remain pretty much on the shelf or in our memories this year, but hopefully we will make next fall's celebrations bigger and better than ever. In the meantime, local businesses and neighborhoods are planning to make their storefronts and yards super fun and festive with seasonal displays, and everyone is encouraged to make preparations for a drive-by Halloween caravan to tour all of the neighborhood decorations in Ceredo and Kenova. Ric Griffith of the Pumpkin House will be receiving and distributing approximately 1,000 pumpkins, and will pre-draw simple designs on the pumpkins and offer them to families and businesses in Ceredo and Kenova for them to cut out. Small pumpkins will be sent home with all the children at C-K Middle School during pickup time, with instructions on how to carve and light them to display on Friday October 30th and Saturday October 31st (Halloween). Residents and business owners of Ceredo and Kenova may also come by The Pumpkin House the week of October 25th – 28th (Sunday-Wednesday) between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to pick up larger pumpkins to carve and display at their homes or businesses. There will be an informational display posted in front of The Pumpkin House by mid-October with more details. Ad-



RAMSDELL HOUSE "MUMMIES" - the mummified remains of a cat and rat which were found in the crawl space under the floor.

ditional details will also be posted on Facebook pages and websites for Ceredo and Kenova, The Ramsdell House and The Pumpkin House. Already, historic apparitions have taken their place in the windows of The Ramsdell House, and the "mummies" featured in the Ramsdell House "Name the Mummies" contest are on display in the West (left)-side porch window, up the ramp and to the right of the side door. Children who would like to see the mummies "in person" before participating in naming the "cat" and "rat?" mummies may view the display through the window during daylight hours, and a drop box has been put below the window where entries may be placed. Entries may also be submitted by email to: [dwolfe@ramsdelhouse.com](mailto:dwolfe@ramsdelhouse.com), or on the Ramsdell House Facebook page. Be sure to include the entrant's name, age and phone number. The winner will be contacted by phone and announced in the November Crescent. If Co-Vid numbers allow, The Ramsdell House is offering two nights of

"candlelight tours" on Saturday, October 10th and Saturday, October 24th from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Reservations, masks and social distancing are required with family groups of no more than five. Reservations may

be made by calling 304-908-9696 and leaving a message with your preferred date and time, and number of participants in your group. Tours will be confirmed in the order of their calls. As always, the Ramsdell House

offers free tours every day with daytime and evening hours available, but during this CoVid season, appointments are required to maintain safety requirements and social distancing. Families

are welcome to visit the Ramsdell grounds to view the window displays and drop off their "Name the Mummies" entry forms any time. Happy, Healthy Halloween!

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Sarah Lester (Zumba Gold)

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Silver Sneakers 10-11am  
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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

# “FIRST THINGS FIRST”

– Devotional thoughts from Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ceredo.

“Seek *FIRST* the kingdom of God...” (Matt. 6:33)

## “It’s Fall, Y’all!”

With the turning of the calendar to September 22, we marked our earth’s change of position to the sun and with it the change from summer to fall (or autumn for others). Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, many if not most of the fall activities we are accustomed to will not happen. I was especially looking forward to seeing the Pumpkin House this year, this being my first October in the Ceredo-Kenova area. But, alas, it wasn’t meant to be!

However, there will still be the display of nature’s beauty that always shows itself this time of year in the changing of the leaves’ colors and the crisp,

cool air that marks fall weather. We pride ourselves in West Virginia for living in what is sometimes called, “Four Seasons Country.” When I was growing up, the distinctive features of each season were clearly evident. Maybe you can identify with that. But, as with so many things, even that seems to have changed in recent years. It seems that we transition directly from summer to winter and vice versa. However, that may still not be as bad as it is for our neighbors to the north in Maine. There it is said that they have two seasons: winter and the Fourth of July! If that is truly the case (which it isn’t, of course), I think I’ll take my chances here!

The changing of the seasons is even spoken of in Scripture on a couple of occasions. In the creation ac-

count of Genesis, we are told that the heavenly bodies of sun, moon and even stars were created “for signs and seasons, and for days and years” (Genesis 1:14). Creation was built with its own internal calendar, as it were, and the “laws of nature” confirm with clock-like accuracy the working of this intricate time piece.

Even after the disruption of the world-wide flood of Noah’s day, God promised, “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22). So, with the changing of the seasons, we are reminded of the gracious faithfulness of God to His promises to us as His creation.

However, as wonderful as this reminder is, we must also bear in mind that the changing of the seasons, and

particularly fall, carries a warning. God’s prophet Jeremiah gave this mournful message in Jeremiah 8:20, “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!” As important as it is to remind ourselves of God’s great care and faithfulness, it is just as necessary to heed God’s warnings whenever we read them. For God’s people in the past, they were all too quick to ignore the warnings, and for that, they faced horrible consequences. That should teach us that when God says something to us, we should listen closely and do what He says. While true that God loves us (a love He demonstrated through the death of His Son on the cross), God still calls on us to repent, believe in His Son, and be “saved,” delivered from future judgment. May the changing of

the seasons remind us of our own need to heed God’s Word, remembering that He will always be faithful to what He said!

Jeffrey F. Canterbury is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, 448 Main St., Ceredo WV. For more information about the church, including service times and archived messages, please visit the church’s website at [www.fbcceredo.com](http://www.fbcceredo.com). Or

you can call the church at 304-453-2092. All scripture quotations are from the New King James version of the Bible. If you have any questions related to the Bible you would like answered, please send them to Pastor Jeff at [fbccsecretary@zoom-internet.net](mailto:fbccsecretary@zoom-internet.net) or mail them to P.O. Box 967, Ceredo, WV 25507.



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### 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 09/20
- 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 W.W. 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

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## CEREDO BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE OCTOBER 2020 YARDS AND BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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## From Ceredo To Nashville ... Almost

The Tri-State area has a rich tradition of supplying country music performers to Nashville. Route 23 in Kentucky is known as the "Country Music Highway", thanks to such stars as The Judds, Ricky Scaggs, Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gail, and Billy Ray Cyrus hailing from the area. Kenova produced Grammy Award winner Michael W. Smith, and southern Ohio sent Johnny Paycheck, Bobby Bare, and Connie Smith to Nashville stardom.

While the stars have circled us, Ceredo hasn't produced its own country music icon, but that is not because the talent wasn't here. During the 1940's and 50's, a number of local bars and nightclubs in our area featured live music - Bobby Bare often played at Sabra's Inn near Ceredo - and it was not uncommon for touring country music acts to visit

such establishments after playing at the War Memorial in Huntington or other larger venues. These after-show visits allowed the established stars to see local talent



Carmie Akers

performing.

Such was the case with late Ceredo resident Carmie Akers. From early in life, Carmie had a unique

musical talent that allowed him to be proficient with many instruments and to "play by ear" any song he heard. The favorite instrument of Mr. Akers was the fiddle, and

according to those that heard him play, Carmie could have played with any band in Nashville.

The chance for

Ceredo to provide talent to Nashville presented itself when country music icon and Hall of Fame member Ernest Tubb heard Carmie make his fiddle sing. Tubb offered Carmie a contract to join his band, and although Carmie declined, Tubb called on later occasions to repeat his request.

Carmie Akers spent most of his work life employed by Minter Homes Corporation in Huntington, and likely realizing the damage that a life on the road could do to his family life, Carmie chose to remain in Ceredo. He did, however, pass his musical knowledge along to his son, Mickey Akers. Mickey was employed by the Corps of Engineers, but spent his leisure time becoming an excellent fiddle player in his own right.

Many will remember the WSAZ Barn Dance that aired on Saturday nights for

many years, often featuring the "Wayne County Whippoorwill", Ralph Shannon, as the lead singer. One evening Shannon was appearing at the Hill Top Inn near Kenova, and those in the audience convinced Mickey Akers to get his fiddle and play with Shannon. Shortly thereafter, Mickey Akers was appearing on the weekly television show with Shannon.



Mickey Akers

## THE WONDERS GO SANDLOT

Former Ceredo-Kenova football coach Carl Ward was known for two things - having a well-established playbook of running plays and avoiding the forward pass at all costs. When Ward arrived at C-K in 1960 he introduced the Wonders, from midget league through varsity, to a book of roughly twenty running plays and demanded that every boy playing football in C-K learn to run those plays, and only those plays. As for the pass, Ward often commented that three things could happen with a thrown ball, and two of those things were bad.

Ward's theories were proven to be correct. Ward is in the WV Sports Hall of Fame, the Wonders set records for

most state championships won, and in most years between 1960 and 1980 when the Wonders didn't win a championship, they finished the season ranked in the top four of their class.

For all of those twenty seasons, every play called by Ward came from his playbook - save one.

On October 25, 1968, the Wonders were facing a strong Huntington East team at Fairfield Stadium in Huntington. The Wonders entered the game with a 26-game regular season winning streak, their last loss having occurred in the opening game of the 1966 season to Huntington East. The Highlanders, a Class AAA power, entered the contest with 6 wins and one defeat.

East took an early 6-0 lead, and scored again before the half to take a 13-0 lead at the break. A physically stronger team, East stifled the C-K rushing attack for most of the first three quarters before Ronnie Murphy got the Wonders on the board late in the third period. The teams played back and forth through the fourth quarter until C-K took possession after an East punt with just over two minutes remaining.

Murphy rushed for a first down off right tackle on the Wonders' first play, and Mike Skeens gained 13 yards on a sweep around left end on the second play of the drive, but time was running out. With 1:04 on the clock, the ball at the East 39 yard line, and the

Wonders' title hopes on the line, Ward sent state track champion Bobby Sullivan into the game with the next play.

Sullivan entered the huddle and announced the play as "Sullivan run as fast as you can, Ferrell throw it as far as you can." Those in the huddle looked bewildered. For the first time since midget league football, there was a play called that wasn't in the playbook. The play made sense, as quarterback Tommy Ferrell had designed the same play hundreds of times while playing sandlot football in the golf course. It wasn't a question of whether the players knew what to do, it was the simple fact that Coach Ward had never

deviated from his playbook.

Not having time to think much about a sandlot play, the Wonders went to the line with Sullivan at left end. At the snap, Sullivan showed his state-record speed running down the sideline. Ferrell, a solid quarterback and even better basketball player, sent a spiraling ball toward Sullivan and two East defensive backs with the game on the line. It was perhaps C-K's version of the "Hail Mary" desperation pass.

Collective silence fell over both stands while the ball was in the air. The respective linemen from both teams turned to watch the result of C-K's sandlot play. Ferrell's pass flew into the

scrum of Sullivan and the two defensive backs at the two-yard line. Six arms reached for the ball as the three players collided, and in what appeared to be slow-motion the ball was deflected at shoulder level back toward the playing field where the C-K right end, Paul Billups caught the deflection in full-stride and in two steps entered the end zone to tie the game.

With 42 seconds remaining on the clock, Tom Ferrell kicked the extra point and a happy Wonders team returned to Ceredo-Kenova with a 14-13 victory and a perfect record intact, having perfectly executed a sandlot play to win the game.

### American Legion Post 93

302 8th Street

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## TRICK OR TREAT, STREET PARTY CANCELED

The latest local events falling victim to the coronavirus pandemic are the Ceredo Halloween Street Party and Trick or Treat in Ceredo and Kenova. After much deliberation, the governing bodies of both cities decided that the risk of spreading the virus is simply too great, given that our sidewalks are usually crowded shoulder-to-shoulder with children of all ages. Since both cities have aging populations with many at-risk individuals, the decision was made to exercise caution this year.

In place of the door-to-door activities, Ceredo and Kenova are asking residents to donate a bag of candy that will be distributed at local schools. Persons may leave bags of candy at either the Ceredo or Kenova Police Departments. The candy will be taken to Ceredo Kenova Elementary and C-K Middle School, where volunteers will prepare mixed bags of candy for each student. Zim's Bagging has been gracious in providing individual bags for the children.

The Ceredo Street Party, the longest-running such event in the state, will resume in 2021. "None of us can say with certainty how the virus will be spreading in October, but we are certain that there will not be a vaccine by that time and there is a significant risk, especially to our elderly residents, should they be exposed. It is simply best to err on the side of caution, find alternative ways to celebrate Halloween this year, and be healthy in 2021," said Mayor Billups.

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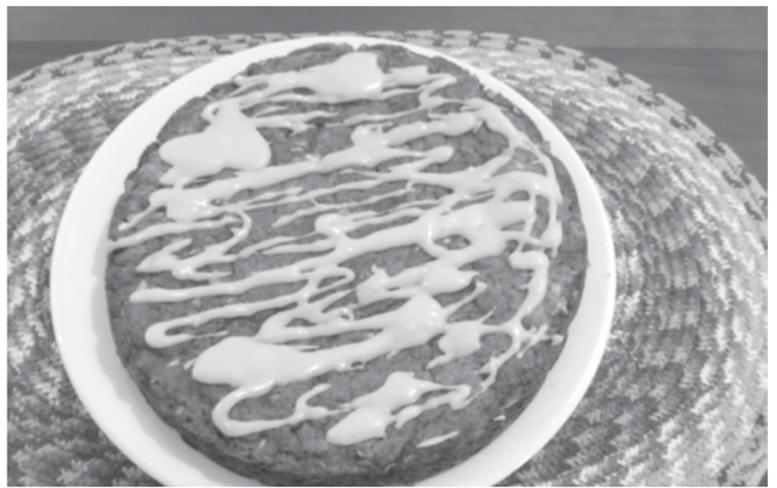
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## The Crescent Kitchen



### APPLE COFFEE CAKE

by Natalie Hemann

As soon as the leaves begin to fall and the temperature cools, it seems that the flavor "pumpkin spice" is around every corner. As my husband and I were driving through Barboursville the other day we saw a sign that said, "Pumpkin Spice Oil Change." Someone has a good sense of humor! I also like pumpkin spice flavored foods but when autumn arrives, my thoughts turn to apples and maple syrup. This recipe has both ingredients which is why I decided to try it. I'm glad I did! I will make this recipe again, and not just when the weather gets cooler. Hope you enjoy!

#### Ingredients:

- ½ cup Butter, Softened
- ¾ cup Sugar
- 1 Egg
- 1 tsp. Baking Soda
- ¼ tsp. Salt
- 1 ½ tsp. Cinnamon
- 1 tsp. Nutmeg
- ½ tsp. Vanilla
- ½ cup Chopped Pecans
- 2 cups Finely Chopped Apples

#### Glaze:

- ¼ cup Butter
- 1 2/3 cup Confectioner's Sugar
- 1/3 cup Maple Syrup
- ¼ tsp. Maple Extract

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl beat the butter; add the sugar and beat until fluffy. Add the egg and beat until well blended. Mix in the soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and vanilla. Add the flour and stir, not beat, until just blended. Stir in the pecans and apples; batter will be thick. Pour into a greased 9" cake pan and bake for 20 - 30 minutes. (I use a convection oven so oven times will vary). To make the glaze, put the butter in a saucepan and melt over low heat; add the confectioner's sugar, maple syrup, and maple extract and stir until well combined. After cake is cooled, drizzle glaze over cake (you will have extra glaze leftover).

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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.

- One of the most 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 hexachlorobenzene (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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