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Town of Ceredo Town Council Regular Session July 1st, 2019 at the Ceredo City Hall

The Town of Ceredo, Town Council, met in regular session on Monday, July 1st, 2019 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 of Minutes

The Mayor asked if Council had any corrections or additions to the minutes of the June 3rd, 2019 Regular Session. None being heard, on a motion by Dennis Adkins and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to wave the reading of the June 3rd, 2019 Regular Session and accept the minutes as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Robert Leslie presented Council with account balances in each account and the expenditures as of June 30th, 2019.

The Mayor asked for questions on the report. None being heard, the Mayor requested the report be made part of the minutes. The Mayor also addressed the balance of the Coal Severance Fund and the General Fund, after which he asked for a motion to approve the report.

On a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Dennis Adkins, Council voted to approve the report as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Holy Smoke Barbeque

Mr. Ron Kilgore, owner of the Holy Smoke Barbeque, addressed Council about his intent to relocate his business from Huntington to Ceredo at the previous Iron Skillet location in the Ceredo Plaza.

After discussing the needed space for preparation, the Mayor advised Mr. Kilgore he and Council would be glad to have his business in the Town of Ceredo and would contact Mr. Trimbley to support his effort.

American Antique Car Association (AACA)

Mr. Carroll Browning of the American Antique Car Association presented plaques to the Mayor and Council in recognition of their support and help with the 2019 AACA Auto Show.

Playmates Building Proposal

The Mayor advised Council that staff from Playmates had contacted him about the purchase of the Powell property on Third Street East and they would be coming to Council with plans for a new consolidated office building on the site.

2017-2018-2019 Audit

The Mayor reported that letters had been sent to accounting firms requesting bids for the performance of the 2017-2018 and 2019 audit. The Mayor stated the bids would be due by the 15th of July 2019 and the goal was to have the accounting firm chosen by the 1st of September, 2019 and the audit completed by the 1st of November 2019.

Town Dump

The Mayor addressed the illegal dumping at the old Town dump and advised the cable had been reinstalled to prevent access to the area.

Street Lighting Project

The Mayor addressed Council regarding the street light upgrade project, informing Council that BB&T Bank has offered financing at the rate of 2.85 percent on a lease-purchase financing agreement. The amount to be financed would be \$50,000.

On a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Dennis Adkins, Council voted to authorize the Mayor and Recorder to move forward with the financing from BB&T as discussed, understanding that the term of the lease-purchase agreement would be thirty-six (36) months and the monthly installments would be approximately \$1,400. All were in favor, motion carried.

Court Cost Increase Remitted to the State Treasurer's Office

The Mayor read a letter outlining the court cost increase remitted to the West Virginia State Treasurer's Office and to be deposited into the Law Enforcement Training Fund. A sheet outlining the increase was discussed and the Municipal Court Judge explained the State increases. See attached correction letter and rate increase page.

Ordinance 175.5 Fee For Funding, Maintenance, Replacement and Purchase of Police Equipment

The Mayor addressed a clerical error in the last clause of Ordinance 175.5, starting date March 2nd, 2015. On a motion by Oscar Adkins and a second by Dennis Adkins, Council voted to amend the date to July 1st, 2019. All were in favor, motion carried.

Spring Valley Varsity Cheerleaders

The Mayor advised Council of a request received from the Spring Valley Varsity Cheerleaders to purchase an advertisement in the 2019 Fall Sports Program for \$125.

On a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to approve an advertisement in the Spring Valley Varsity Cheerleaders Fall Program for \$125. All were in favor, motion carried.

American National Rubber (ANR) Taxes and Fees

The Mayor addressed the ANR taxes and fees that were delinquent and possible actions that could be taken if the taxes and fees were not brought up to date. He also stated the chief financial officer of ANR had indicated the matter would be addressed.

Crescent Hill Cemetery

The Mayor addressed the funding required to care for the cemetery and the possible alternatives available to help with the manpower requirements for maintenance of the cemetery. The transition from burials to cremations in the future and the effect the change would have on the cemetery were also discussed.

TTA Annual Operating Fee

The Mayor advised he had received the \$2,500 invoice for service from the TTA, which would be due after the 15th of July, 2019. On a motion by Joe Ratcliff and a second by Oscar Adkins, Council voted to approve the \$2,500 payment for the TTA invoice as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Police Department

Police Chief, Tony Poston, addressed the help Deputy Wellman had provided by filling shifts until officers are certified. He also reported that Matthew Thompson had returned to the Department and Officer Matt Chapman would be graduating from the academy.

Chief Poston updated Council on a mutual aid call to assist the officers at Kenova and advised the tasers should arrive within a couple of weeks.

Stormwater/Administrative Assistant Report

Mr. Dustin Long, Administrative Assistant/Stormwater Manager, reported on the completion of the Pickle Ball Courts and the great number of people utilizing the courts. The Mayor and Council commended Mr. Long for the exemplary job that had been done on the project. Mr. Long reported on the unsafe housing demolitions at 341 Third Street East, 725 Main Street & 741 Main Street. He also updated Council on the demolition preparations underway for the property at 862 Riverside Drive.

Maintenance Report

Maintenance Superintendent, Ronnie Jarrell, updated Council on the repair estimates, pothole repairs, and paving projects.

Adjournment

No further business was brought before the Council. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Town of Ceredo Town Council Special Session July 29th, 2019

The Town of Ceredo Town Council met in special session on Monday, July 29th, 2019 at the Ceredo City Hall. The Mayor, Paul A. Billups, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Those present included the Mayor, Paul A. Billups; the Recorder, Stanley E. Fink; and Councilmen Dennis Adkins, Steve Diamond, Robert Leslie and Joe Ratcliff.

Purpose

The meeting had been called to address the renewal of the Town's property and liability insurance.

Property and Liability Insurance

The Mayor presented, for Council's consideration, a policy from Commercial Insurance in the amount of \$98,554.90 for the period of 2019-2020.

On a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Joe Ratcliff, Council voted to approve the awarding of the 2019-2020 property and liability insurance to Commercial Insurance in the amount of \$98,554.90. All were in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment

No further business was brought before the Council. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR PAUL BILLUPS, MAYOR

One of the early priorities of this administration was to make Ceredo a healthier place. Given the number of publications that identify West Virginia as one of the unhealthiest states, and our population as the most obese in the nation, we decided to take steps to cure the problem, such as it may exist in Ceredo.

The first step in this process was the establishment of the Farmer's Market. Now in its third year, the market has provided us with fresh, locally grown produce that weekly finds its way to our tables. As much as I like pizza and hamburgers, the Market has made me and many others rethink our eating habits. According to our farmers, sales have grown each year and are currently running around 10% higher than last year. This was a great

first step and a solid indicator of how we are changing.

We have done a good job of making our streets clean and inviting, while encouraging residents to exercise, whether it is walking through your neighborhood, working in the yard, riding a bike, jogging or some other form of exercise. As a result of this encouragement and an indicator of how our residents enjoy the town, there has been a noticeable increase in residents taking evening walks, our lawns are absolutely beautiful this year, and a significant number of us have started riding bicycles. These are solid second steps in the "Get Healthy Ceredo" plan.

The beautiful thing about exercising outdoors is that we are once again becoming a true community, visiting neighbors, helping each other, and living

in the fashion that has largely vanished in much of America. It truly makes me proud when visitors to the town comment on how nice it must be to have safe streets on which to take evening walks, beautiful yards, and neighbors that know each other.

One observation heard many times at Town Hall this summer has been that we are once again seeing a number of children riding bikes around town. This was once the common form of travel for children, but almost disappeared as we, as parents, became increasingly afraid to allow our children this freedom. Hopefully, this resurgence is in part due to how safe the town now appears.

The next step in the plan was to find an organized physical activity for adults. This has

been accomplished with the refurbishment of unused tennis courts into pickleball courts. Pickleball has been a resounding success for adults of all ages, and surprisingly, children and teenagers have taken to the game in record numbers. There had not been a true game of tennis played on the courts in twenty years, and now there are waiting lines for pickleball most mornings and evenings.

The collateral benefit of refurbishing the pickleball courts is the refurbishment of the park basketball court. Before, it was a rough asphalt surface with no lines and broken backboards. With minimal work, the court now has a painted surface, is fully lined, and new fiberglass backboards. This improvement has increased usage with children from as far as Kenova

riding their bikes to our park to play on a "real" basketball court. The indicator to me is that parents feel safe in allowing their children to ride to a clean, well-maintained park. This has been a winner all-around.

The last three planned steps in the "get healthier" plan are now in progress. The town has taken possession of the former elementary school. The playground equipment is in excellent condition, and will soon be moved to the town park, giving children a place to play while parents walk on our track or participate in other park activities. At least one classroom is being converted into an exercise room where classes will be offered for adults, starting with Zumba and Pilates. This will be great for both exercise and socializa-

tion for our seniors.

The final part of this project is the refurbishment of the school gym. The floor has now been painted and is ready for indoor pickleball. An adjoining lounge area is being renovated to include a television and comfortable chairs, with plans to have coffee and snacks for those residents that would like an indoor place to walk during the winter months.

As the old saying goes, it is good when a plan comes together. This plan has indeed come together, and the result is an atmosphere conducive to a healthier town. Thanks to each of you that have seized the opportunity to make life in Ceredo a little better, and I encourage those that may not yet have participated to join the movement.



Ceredo Farmer's Market



Avery and Griffyn Butler riding their bikes down B Street



The Indoor Pickleball Court



The Outdoor Pickleball Court

Animal Ordinances

Ceredo residents and visitors should be aware of several ordinances and regulations that pertain to animals within the town.

Vicious Dogs – It is against the law in Ceredo to own, keep, or harbor any vicious dog, and specifically any Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier (commonly known as “Pit Bulls”). “Vicious Dog” is defined as a dog having a propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack, cause injury, or otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or other domestic animals.

Leash Law – Ceredo law requires all dogs to be kept under restraint and not allowed to run at large in public areas. This rule requires dogs to be leashed when in public areas.

Dog License – Persons owning dogs in Ceredo are required to obtain a license each year from the Clerk’s Office. The license fee is \$1.00 per year, and a metal license tag is issued.

Pet Waste – Persons owning or harboring dogs or cats are required to remove animal waste from public places or property of other persons. Waste cans are located at most intersections for the purpose of disposing of pet waste.

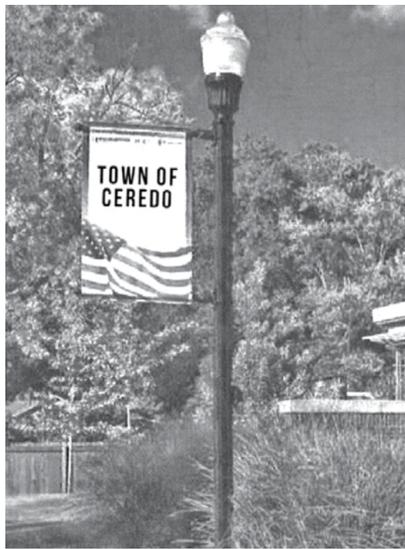
Barking Dogs – No person may keep or harbor any dog which, by frequent and habitual barking or howling, creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity, and duration to disturb the peace, quiet, and good order of the Town.

Lighting Project

Ceredo will soon be a bit brighter at night. The new street lights have arrived, and installation should start later this month. The 32 lights – ten-foot decorative black poles with LED acorn-style lamps – will be installed on Main Street, B Street, 1st Street West, Greenwood Drive and Fairwood Drive. Nineteen old light poles will be replaced and 13 poles will be installed at new locations.

The new light poles are equipped to handle banners, signs, and flower baskets. This will eliminate the need to “band” things to light poles, and each pole will have an electric outlet to allow illuminated decorations to be added. The decorative poles will hopefully add to Ceredo’s “hometown look” and make our town more attractive than ever.

Funds for this project will come from the Special Levy that was passed earlier this year.



Recycling

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 storm water 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. Storm water runoff is a fact of life. How we deal with storm water runoff requires everyone’s involvement.

Recycling is an essential stormwater and water quality protection practice. How does recycling affect stormwater? During a rain event, the water that lands on paved surfaces like roads and parking lots picks up everything in its path. The plastic bag from the grocery store, the styrofoam cup from your local coffee shop, the plastic water bottle, the paper bag from the fast food place...they are not in your car anymore, but that is not the end of their stories. Objects picked up during a rain event are carried from the road or the parking lot which drain to the ditch that drains to Jordan Branch or Twelvepole Creek that flows into the Ohio River where you get your drinking water. Most of the items that are discarded are recyclable. Paper and plastic bags are reusable and plastic bags can also be recycled in many of the stores you visit. Many plastic water bottles have a nickel return now just like cans. Even if you cannot return the plastic bottle, it can be added to your recycling bin. Styrofoam never breaks down.

Rain water that lands in unpaved surfaces also collects debris and carries it to Jordan Branch, Twelvepole Creek and the Ohio River, but objects collected by stormwater flowing over unpaved surfaces are more likely to be collected as small particles. If the stormwater flows over metal material, the particle could contain iron which is a pollutant that impairs Twelvepole Creek. If the stormwater flows through feces, the particle will contain fecal coliform, which is another pollutant that impairs Twelvepole Creek.

Nearby locations that accept recyclable materials are as follows:

Wayne County Solid Waste Authority accepts paper, plastic, metal, and cardboard materials as well as electronics. For a more extensive list of accepted and unaccepted materials, visit their website <http://waynecountyswa.weebly.com/accepted-materials.html> or call (304) 272-6706.

Advance Auto Parts in Kenova accepts used residential motor oil. For more information call (304) 453-3064.

Taylor Iron and Metal will give a monetary return for aluminum cans and other metal materials. For more information call (304) 525-6390.

To learn more, please follow our periodic articles in this newspaper on stormwater and Ceredo’s MS4 program regarding water quality, storm water 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.

Reger Funeral Home acquires C-K Funeral Home

The New Crescent and the Town of Ceredo welcome Reger Funeral Home to our town. A fifth-generation business headquartered in Huntington, Reger has acquired the Ceredo-Kenova Funeral Home located at the intersection of Route 60 and B Street.

The newly acquired business will be known as Reger Funeral Home & Crematory – Ceredo-Kenova Chapel. Andrew Reger, a licensed funeral director and son of owner Patrick Reger, will manage the Ceredo facility and will manage daily operations. The Chapel will offer updated spaces for funeral and memorial services along with an on-site crematory.

“Our family has more than a century of experience in providing dignified, respectful and compassionate care to our community in Huntington, and we’re excited to be able to extend that care to the Tri-State region from Ceredo,” said Patrick Reger. “With the addition of our own crematory, families who choose cremation can rest assured that their loved one stays completely within our care.”

Patrick Reger further stated that funeral arrangements made with the former owners will be honored and prepayment plans will continue seamlessly. “We welcome families to consider preplanning and prepayment now to provide peace of mind and to create memorable, individual services.”

The Ceredo facility was originally built in 1979 and owned by the late Tom Ferrell and his wife, Della Dalton Ferrell. The funeral home was sold to the Loewen Group in 1998, and later sold to West Virginia Funeral Group, headquartered in Parkersburg. In 2003, an adjacent property owned by Burlile Oil Company (the former Hal McFann Pure Oil Station) was acquired to provide additional parking.

In 2005, the business was sold to Charles Patrick and Matthew Chambers, re-establishing local ownership and a family operated business. In 2012, Chambers became the sole owner and operated the business until the sale to Reger.

Given the Reger family’s long history in Huntington, we are certain that they will be good corporate neighbors in Ceredo. Persons wishing to learn more about Reger Funeral Home & Crematory or interested in preplanning a funeral or cremation can visit the Reger website at www.regerfuneralhome.com, or stop by the Ceredo location.

CHIEF ROCCO

Chef Rocco Muriale recently became Chief Rocco Muriale. The owner, along with wife Joan, of Rocco’s Ristorante in Ceredo, was recently honored with the title of Honorary Fire Chief by the Ceredo Volunteer Fire Department.

For many years Rocco has worked with the CVFD on their annual fundraiser, “Dinner With Rocco.” Many of us can remember when the Fire Department was forced to conduct bakes sales and stand in Route 60 doing “boot drives” to support the Department. Thanks to Chef, now Chief, Muriale, the Department is able to remain financially solvent and provide a good meal for our residents at the same time.

It’s likely that Muriale works with flames on a daily basis, and probably has encountered a kitchen fire or two during his career as one of West Virginia’s most famous chefs. Now we may see him riding in a fire truck. The presentation was made by Fire Chief Rob Robson and Fire Marshal Dave Caudill, and could not have been made to a more deserving person. The many years of assistance from the Muriale family has played a significant part in making the CVFD one of the premier volunteer departments in West Virginia. Hail to the Chef, ... er ... Chief!



Rocco Muriale was made an honorary Chief by the Ceredo Fire Department at his restaurant Rocco’s Ristorante.

L to R: Fire Chief Rob Robson, Rocco Muriale and Fire Marshal Dave Caudill.

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AROUND TOWN

Ozzie Hawes, Columnist

Many thanks to the family of Jack Riggs for providing lunch to our maintenance staff earlier this month. Jack's daughter, Natalie, is the Food Editor of the New Crescent, and it is obvious that the entire family is talented in the kitchen. Mike and Linda Boshell treated the maintenance staff to doughnuts this month, another welcome treat for the boys. Our staff appreciates the generosity of residents doing these favors and showing gratitude for the work the boys put in each day. On behalf of the Town, thanks.

Former Ceredo resident David Pennington, 76, once more flirted with shooting his age at Sugarwood Golf Club on August 8. On the 18th tee Pennington's score stood at 70, meaning he only needed to bogey the par 5 eighteenth hole to accomplish the feat. Alas, in an act reminiscent to the movie "Tin Cup," Pennington was in trouble off the tee and left with a decision between clubs – play it safe and likely tie his age, or "go for it" with a different club and risk a penalty. After much deliberation and discussion with his caddy, Pennington chose "go for it" with his favorite club, Ottie-Bo, and suffered a meltdown that resulted in a final score of 77. It's a safe bet that David, former Caddy Master at Ceredo's Wayside Country Club and an excellent golfer, will be shooting his age a number of times over the next

few years.

The Ceredo hanging baskets are now in full bloom and looking great under the care of David Patrick. It took a while this summer to adjust the water and nutrient mix for the flowers, but things are now on track and the baskets are beautiful.

It has been reported that a number of stray cats are around town. Unfortunately, the Cabell-Wayne Animal Control center has only one "Animal Warden" to respond to calls in both counties. It stands to reason that stray cats are not a priority with Animal Control. When strays are located in a particular area, residents should contact police dispatch and efforts will be made to obtain help from Animal Control. The town simply has no means of gathering or keeping stray cats and we are thus dependent on Animal Control.

South Ceredo resident Milt Shannon reports that during one recent evening he counted 49 people on the pickleball and basketball courts in the town park. Prior to the renovation it is doubtful that 49 people a year visited the court areas. The addition of pickleball and new paint and backboards on the basketball portion of the court area has had its intended purpose of attracting people to the park. With the interest in pickleball, the town is planning a tournament later this year.

Former Ceredo resident Mike Watts, the Oklahoma state senior division pickleball champion, will be visiting soon to challenge Ronnie Jarrell in a "grudge match." Jarrell, a bit younger than Watts, claims that his youth will win the day despite Watts' experience. The winner of this match has agreed to take on Elba Gene "Hush Puppie" Cox in a winner-take-all finale. Cox was an early pickleball player during his time in the Air Force, once being ranked number 2 in the Pacific Basin before losing to former Australian tennis professional Rod Laver. Odds for the match have not yet been posted at Tri-State Greyhound Park and Casino.

The Maintenance Department is planning at least two more days of minor blackout work this Fall to patch any potholes missed earlier this year and to repair any road damage done while repairing utility lines. If you are aware of an area that needs patched please contact the Clerk's Office. The Maintenance Department in conjunction with our floodwall staff will be installing flood gates later this year on Route 60. While this will be a minor inconvenience, it is mandated by the Corps of Engineers that every flood gate must be installed at least once every three years. This is the third year since the Route 60 gate has been installed, so we have no choice but to comply with the mandate. This allows the Corps to be sure each gate is

in working order, and in turn keeps most of our residents from having to pay flood insurance premiums.

The athletic facilities at the Ceredo-Kenova Elementary School look great. While it was sad to see the old high school bleachers go, the new bleachers are very fitting for the new school. The Youth Football League has done a nice job with the football field and the scoreboard, donated by Russell High School, looks brand new. With some assistance from Ric Griffith, the stadium will have a usable concession stand and the asphalt paving beneath the bleachers looks good and provides some additional parking. All-in-all, this is a fine project and those involved should be proud.

The Unsafe Building Commission has at least three houses on the demolition list, but work has been delayed until the demolition contractor is ready to go. The Commission has done a commendable job in staying in front of the dilapidated house problem that plagues many cities. Houses that fall into such bad condition soon become homes to unwanted rodents and animals, plus often becoming places for drug users to avoid the public eye.

Asplundh Tree Company has been working around Ceredo as a contractor for AEP, trimming trees that have grown over power lines. The power

company holds a right-of-way for their lines, thus the Town has very little control over their work. For the most part the tree trimming process doesn't bother us much, but in a few places around town the trimmed trees look somewhat akin to a bad haircut. The Town has exerted what influence we can to see that trees aren't badly damaged, but it may be a hazard of the profession that we don't like many of the results. Our landscaping expert assures us that by the time the trees leaf out next spring we won't notice the difference. I hope he is correct.

Ceredo resident Donnie Elkins celebrated his 50th birthday with a party at the American Legion on August 17th. Donnie got a ride to the party in a police car, escorted by the Fire Department and Ceredo and Kenova police vehicles. Mayor Paul Billups declared it to be "Donnie Elkins Day" in Ceredo, and presented Donnie with a framed proclamation. A good time was had by all, especially Donnie. Thanks to those that arranged this most worthy event.

Thanks to our "Resident of the Month," Scott McCoy, for clearing overgrowth from the flood levy behind his property on B Street. Every few years there develops a growth of weeds and saplings in the stone rip-rap along the levy,

and Scott took it upon himself to clear the brush and keep the levy in good condition. This is a tough job, and we are most fortunate to have residents like Scott that are willing to work for the town good by assisting with such projects.

Construction will soon be underway on a new office building for Playmates. The Ceredo-based business will soon start work at 109 4th Street East, next to the Playmates Child Care Center. The building will be a two-story brick construction, housing eight offices, administrative support space, a conference room and storage space. As with all Playmates facilities, this should be an attractive addition to Ceredo.

The extended Griffith family was spotted last week making a journey from their Kenova home through Ceredo, presumably to visit Austin's Ice Cream. Patriarch Ric Griffith appeared to be in charge of the bike train, reminiscent of the wagon train that brought early immigrants to Ceredo. An exact count wasn't made, but there appeared to be ten or so boys and girls in the parade, all getting exercise, fresh air, and ice cream while not playing with social media devices. We invite the Griffiths to move back to Ceredo soon.

All dog owners who reside in Ceredo are required to obtain an annual dog tag license for each dog at that residence. The cost is \$1.00 annually and can be purchased at the Town Hall in Ceredo Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am and 4pm. Please make sure your dog is registered.



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Jennifer Ferguson	10/19
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Brenda Francis	03/20
George Keigley	03/20
In Memory of Houston & Gladys Woolwine	03/20
Katrina Childers	03/20
In Memory of Herb & Helen Stephens	08/20
In Memory of Coach Dale Craycraft	08/20
Rhonda & Barry Scragg	04/20
In Memory of Robert (Pete) & Carolyn Sullivan	04/20
In Memory of Alberta "Dossie" & Sherman Medley	04/20
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Dr. Ron & Lucinda Akers	06/20
In Memory of Clarence & Dotty Clarkson	07/20
Marlene Simmons	07/20
Herm Matney	08/20
In Memory of Anagene Wooten Gibbs	08/20
In Memory of Kathleen Wooten Marcum	08/20
In Memory of Larry Cole	08/20
Jim & Pat Billups	02/21
Jeanette & Roger Barker	03/21
Jack & Ann Riggs	05/21
Leigh Ann Johnson	04/22

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CHARACTERS OF CEREDO

Ozzie Hawes, Columnist

EDITOR'S NOTE: There was a time in America when every small burg had a handful of "characters," people that marched to the beat of a different drummer, lived life their way, and had no desire to conform to societal expectations. From every social, financial, and political class, these characters could bring a smile to your face, cause you to shake your head in wonderment, and often make those living in the social norm to vicariously enjoy the personal freedoms expressed by a character. Ceredo has had its share.

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

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

For a number of years during the 1950s and 60s, Woody Asbury operated a neighborhood grocery store on the southwest corner of Main and D Street in Ceredo. As with most neighborhood stores of the day, Asbury's Grocery was an open-interior building that allowed patrons to see the entire operation from anywhere inside the store. Woody operated a good business, stocked

well for a neighborhood grocery and always clean and friendly. Mrs. Spence handled the checkout counter, always with a smile, and most often "Peanut" was scurrying about the place.

The excitement, and character, in Asbury's Grocery was the butcher, Tom Fry. The meat department was in sight of everyone entering the store, and Tom greeted every customer from his work area, wearing the standard white butcher's apron spotted with blood that matched his flaming red hair. A jovial fellow with a booming voice, Tom was perfect for the job – a good butcher, a good entertainer, and a good employee – so good that people would often stop in the store just to share tales with him, and he had a few to share.

The Fry family lived on Main Street, just south of where the I-64 bridge now crosses. Tom had several children, including at least three boys, Tom, Jr., and twins Teddy and Freddy. From their front porch the Fry family would often entertain southside residents on summer evenings with a concert of sorts, mostly gospel singing that could be heard for blocks. The Fry's were good singers and could have, according to Tom, taken their act on the road.

Tom Fry disappeared from Ceredo with the closing of Asbury's store, probably moving to another butcher job in another small store in another small town. He was a true character during his time here, a storyteller supreme, and one of that lost breed of butchers that actually had contact with customers, preparing orders to the customer's specifications. We miss fellows like Tom Fry, a true character of Ceredo.

Scarecrow Ceredo

The C-K AutumnFest Committee has done a splendid job in growing our annual Fall celebration. What started in Ric and Sandi Griffith's front yard as a local attraction has expanded to a full week of celebration that includes a great parade, car show, tractor show, beauty contest, craft show, baking competition, canning competition, and of course, the now World-Famous Pumpkin House. Every person that has served on this committee deserves our appreciation.

Two or three years ago the committee initiated a scarecrow decorating contest for local businesses. Our merchants grasped the idea, used some great imagination, and we have all been entertained by the results. This year the AutumnFest Committee will be sponsoring a residential scarecrow decorating contest – another great idea and one that the New Crescent believes will take us to another level during the celebration.

In conjunction with the AutumnFest residential scarecrow contest, the New Crescent will be awarding prizes to the top three residential scarecrows in Ceredo, with \$100 to the winner, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place. Judging will take place on October 18 and 19, and we expect Ceredo residents to kick their feet out, open their imaginations, search the internet for ideas, and build some great scarecrows!

This is intended to be a family friendly event, so no overly gruesome, distasteful, or politically motivated scarecrows will be considered. The scarecrows may not be commercially purchased – this is a "get the family involved and build your own" event. The goal is to create whimsical, mischievous, humorous or lovable displays that will entertain residents and visitors alike.

Get started planning now! More details will be in the next issue of the New Crescent, and contest Rules and Regulations are available on the AutumnFest website – ckautumnfest.com – or at Ceredo Town Hall. Let's do our part to help make this the best AutumnFest ever!

You're invited to participate in the
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Who: C-K Businesses and Residents.
Where: Ceredo-Kenova City Limits
When: October 18 & 19 (judging)



Contest rules and registration will be available on the C-K AutumnFest website for businesses and residents. ckautumnfest.com
For any questions, contact Kim Adkins at kimkadkins@gmail.com or call 304-544 1676.

Contest sponsored by Austin's Homemade Ice Cream

Happy Birthday, Donnie!

One of Ceredo's special ambassadors celebrated his 50th birthday this month with the help of his friends from the Ceredo and Kenova Police Departments, the Ceredo Fire Department, Ceredo Mayor Paul Billups, a deejay and a host of other friends. Donnie Elkins, a popular figure around Ceredo, is well known for his cheerful, smiling demeanor as he helps his mother and brother care for Ceredo's beautiful landscaping. He is also known as a strong athlete and talented runner who competes annually in the Special Olympics. Donnie enjoys listening to his police and fire scanner, and was picked up at his home and escorted to his birthday party by members of the Ceredo and Kenova Police and Ceredo Fire Departments.

At his party, Donnie danced almost non-stop, taking a break to receive a proclamation from Mayor Paul Billups acknowledging Donnie's loyalty to Ceredo, his contributions to the community, and declaring August 17th "Donnie Elkins Day."

In lieu of gifts, Donnie and his family requested contributions be made to the Wayne County Special Olympics, but Donnie did receive a new Ceredo police hat among other gifts and he enjoyed having members of the police and fire departments join the party for a great dinner. Kudos to our first responders who made Donnie's birthday so exciting, and to Donnie for making Ceredo even more special.

Happy Birthday, Donnie!



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The Crescent Kitchen



Banana Oatmeal Muffins

by Natalie Riggs Hemann

Fortunately I am not gluten intolerant and do not need to eat gluten free foods, but I like oatmeal and it's health benefits. I was looking for an oatmeal muffin recipe and found this one that uses oat flour instead of all purpose flour and decided to try it. I am glad I did. These muffins are moist, tasty, and healthy (if you don't put lots of butter on them like I do!).

BANANA OATMEAL MUFFINS
YIELD: 12
BAKE: IN 400°F OVEN FOR 20 MINUTES

- 1 1/4 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup yogurt, plain low fat
- 1/2 cup milk, low fat
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup oil, sunflower or vegetable oil
- 2 bananas, large, ripe, mashed
- 1 egg, large, lightly beaten
- 1 1/2 cup oat flour (you can buy in the store)

but I make my own by putting oats in my nut chopper and grind to a flour consistency)

- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Instructions:

In a bowl mix together rolled oats, yogurt and milk. Let soak for 10 minutes. Mix oat flour, salt, spices, baking powder and baking soda in a bowl. Add brown sugar, mashed banana, egg, oil, vanilla, and walnuts to rolled oats mixture. Mix well. Add dry ingredients to the rolled oats mixture. Mix well. Fill greased or paper lined muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake for approximately 20 minutes.

All In The Name

The nickname is as American as baseball, apple pie, and Main Street. Americans have been inventing nicknames for public personalities since the founding of the country, and those of us living in the "country" seem to have grasped the everyday use of nicknames more than our city-dwelling counterparts.

Nicknames have been codified, analyzed and interpreted by legions of linguists, sociologists and anthropologists. Their findings, not to our surprise, has been that nicknames have been on the decline for about 50 years. There are still a few boarding school types nicknames – Buffy, Muffin, Kipper – but the real nicknames, the ones associated with people we know on an everyday level, are disappearing. The cause for this decline is likely to be the boatload of social ills that beset America – bureaucracy, alienation, anomie, impersonality – and quite simply, no longer having friends at the hardware store or the bowling alley. We no longer know each other intimately enough to assign, and appreciate, nicknames.

Buffy and Muffin aside, nicknames have always been more predominate among males than females, more common among poor than rich. It was a working-class phenomenon that people

tended to lose as they moved into a higher-class stratum. Perhaps that's why Ceredo has had its fair share of nicknames, we being a working-class community and once having those gathering places where people truly knew each other and could share the group relationships that nicknames bring.

In our town we have had the colorful nicknames – Red, Blackie, Whitey, Blue, Frosty, Cotton, and even Green. We have had the insect and animal names – Spider, Weasel, Mutt, Rabbit, Bull, Calf, Dog, Puss, Skeeter, Fox, Mouse, Rat, Donk, Monk, Sheep, and the legendary Coon Foot – and of course the nicknames reflecting body styles, Slim, Fat, Tiny, Shorty, Tubby, Bones, Cannonball, Baldy, Nine-hair and even Bad-hair. We have likewise had our share of generic nicknames – Buck, Duke, and, somehow, Cobb.

Probably not politically correct by today's standards, and vanishing as they may be, during our first 150 years having a nickname meant the recipient was a member of the group, which was a good thing. I doubt any of the lads would trade their nicknames, politically correct or not, for the social closeness that a nickname brings.



Mystery Photo

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Ramsdell Celebration September 8th

The long-awaited reopening of The Ramsdell House Civil War Home Museum is taking place on Sunday, September 8th at 3:00 p.m. and it promises to be an exciting afternoon of serious "old-fashioned" fun! The keynote speaker will be Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams. Entertainment includes the C-K Alumni Band, River Magic Chorus and 5\$Red folk duo. There will be reenactors on horseback and a blacksmith, an appearance by Civil War Chaplain Rabbi Ferdinand Leopold Sarnar (portrayed by Rabbi David Wucher), an ice cream social courtesy of Austin's Homemade Ice Cream, and free tours of the home and grounds. Area history authors Robert Thompson and Matthew Perry will be available for book signings in the Ramsdell bookstore. The Ramsdell Home was donated to the Town of Ceredo in the early 1980s to be preserved as a museum, and renovations

were completed at that time which allowed the home to be utilized for three decades until it began to fall once again into a state of disrepair. The home was necessarily closed for a time, until Mayor Paul Billups and city leaders started the process of resurrecting the home for a second time. A project coordinator was recruited in January and initial renovations required for safety were begun. In the process, a systematic harvesting and cataloguing of newly uncovered documents and relics also unfolded. Grant monies were sought to further stabilize the structure, and the town was recently notified that state grant monies will be forthcoming to assist, with matching funds provided by the community. One of the interesting aspects of the Ramsdell House story was the fact that over time, the graves of the Ramsdell family members and others buried on the property became unidentifiable, and structures were built

on what are likely the resting places of several members of the Ramsdell family, a number of Ceredo settlers, as well as soldiers from both sides of the civil war. A proper memorial marker has been commissioned by the town of Ceredo and will be dedicated during the celebration festivities. Members of the Ramsdell family will be present for the dedication of the memorial. The home will be open for tours following the dedication ceremony until 6:00 p.m. B Street immediately in front of the Ramsdell House will be closed to through traffic from noon until approximately 7:00 p.m., and parking will be available in the church parking lot behind the Ramsdell House. The first floor of the home is handicapped accessible. More information is available by calling The Ramsdell House at 304-908-9696, logging onto www.RamsdellHouse.com or checking the Ramsdell House Facebook page.

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Ramsdell house receives grant

The Town of Ceredo has been awarded a historic preservation grant from The West Virginia Division of Culture and History to assist in the ongoing preservation and stabilization efforts on the Ramsdell House.

The historic home, completed in 1858, was initially renovated in the early 1980s and was used as a community event venue and museum for three decades. It became necessary to close it in 2017 to reassess its use and address necessary upgrades. In January of this year the Town of Ceredo hired a project coordinator to establish a plan and implement immediate upgrades while grant monies were sought to address necessary structural stabilization due to the age of the home.

The historic preservation grant was presented last month and is specifically earmarked for the structural stabilization of the house, including the front wall, floors and side porch, and masonry work on the bricks.

Interior upgrades have progressed to the point where the home will be re-opened to the public on September 8th. Structural stabilization projects will continue in the future under the supervision of state and federal preservation monitors. On the National Register of Historic Places, the home is also protected by The National Park Service and the Department of the Interior.

There were only twenty-one preservation grants given in the state this year, and the receipt of a grant for The Ramsdell House establishes it as a viable and important historic treasure for the Town of Ceredo, the State of West Virginia and the United States.



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The primary farms will be Greenbrier Farm and Rocky Knob Farm, both located in Wayne County. It is expected that several smaller farms will participate as their particular crops are ready for harvest, and back by popular demand will be Amish doughnuts and baked goods.

Farmers interested in selling at the market should contact Dustin Long at Ceredo Town Hall, 304-453-4675.

