

# Ceres Alumni Association

March 2026 ✦  
Newsletter



## A Message from President, G.H. Peery, III

Hope everyone has survived this winter in great shape. It has been a difficult one compared to the past few winters we've had. We are preparing ourselves for the coming summer season of activities. We are hoping that our summer events will be better attended than last year. Hope to see everyone at our May Day event. If you would like to have a space to sell your merchandise, please contact Sara Kidd or one of our other members to reserve your spot. We always enjoy this "kick off" day to begin our season with. If anyone has anything they would like to see us do differently on this day or at any of our other events, again, please let one of us know. We are always looking for new ideas. If you're not sure of our summer schedule, you can go to the Ceres Alumni website and preview what we have planned at this time for the summer. I want to take this time to thank everyone who works so hard to make this association what it is. It makes this community a great place to live. Please come join us for a summer of fun and fellowship.

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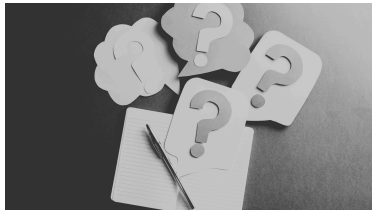
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2026 Officers



## FFA Visit

Tuesday February 17th, the Henry C. Groseclose FFA Museum welcomed over 60 FFA Faculty and students to the Ceres Campus. The morning began with National FFA Officers and staff as part of their Goodwill Tour and preceding National FFA week. Throughout the day Hillsville High School, Hillsville Middle School, Holston High School, and John Battle toured the Museum and lunch on the grounds. As always, the students are enjoyable and mannerly. A special thank you to local Teachers and Staff who organize these events and continuously dedicate time and busy travel schedules associated with FFA. The Ceres Alumni Association welcomes anyone who would like to schedule a visit to the Museum!



## Fitness Room & Gym Reservations

### **Fitness Room -**

You must watch a short video on the use of the fitness equipment prior to receiving a key to the facility. A \$5 monthly donation is requested for use. To schedule your training, contact Wade Hall at 276-613-0789.

### **Gym Reservations -**

To reserve the gym for parties, reunions, showers, sports, you may call Wade Hall at 276-613-0789 or Betty Hubble at 276-682-4255. Donations help cover utilities and upkeep. **After use, please clean up and remove all trash.**



## FAQ - Dues

We frequently receive calls regarding dues. To quickly find out if your dues have been paid, please check this envelope. If there is a number listed by your name, it indicates the year your dues are paid through. (26 indicates your dues have been paid through 2026) The letter "L" indicates you have paid lifetime dues. No number or letter indicates you have either never paid dues or it has been a long time.

We do not charge for back dues.

Dues are welcome to help support CAA but are not required to attend events or utilize the facilities.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



## Upcoming Events

### Calendar

- March 14, 2026 @ 5pm - Saturday Night Breakfast
- April 11, 2026 @ 5pm - William "Bill" Creggar Scholarship Dinner
- May 2, 2026 @ 8am - Ceres Day
- June 13, 2026 @ 5pm - Pork Roast
- July 4, 2026 - TBD
- July 18, 2026 @ 5pm - Beef Roast  
Central Pickers
- August 15, 2026 @ 5pm - Pork Roast  
Central Pickers
- September 12, 2026 @ 5pm - Fish Fry
- October 2026 - Festival of Leaves
- October 17, 2026 @ 9am - Homecoming
- November 3, 2026 - Election Day Breakfast
- December Christmas Potluck - Date TBD
- December 18, 2026 - Christmas Meat

### Ceres Day 2026

- Join us on May 2nd starting at 8:00 AM at the former Ceres School Campus for a full day of food, fun, and heritage. Enjoy a delicious sausage biscuits and gravy breakfast served in the gym beginning at 8:00 AM, with crafts and exhibits starting at 10:00 AM. Throughout the day, there will be a flea market, yard sale, bake sale, homemade ice cream, handmade crafts, farm equipment displays, heritage demonstrations, corn shelling, and much more. The museum will also be open for visitors.
- Vendor spaces are available with indoor spots for \$10, outdoor spots for \$5, and table rentals for \$5 each. To reserve your space, call Sara Kidd at 276-210-7888.
- Stay for lunch and enjoy baked potatoes with all the fixings! Bring your family and friends and spend the day with us!



## William "Bill" Creggar Scholarship

The Ceres Alumni Association is proud to announce the **William Moore "Bill" Creggar Scholarship**, awarding \$1,000 to a college-bound 2025–2026 senior at Bland County High School. Established in 2010, this scholarship honors Bill Creggar's 35 years of dedicated service to the Bland County School System as a teacher aide and bus driver. Bill impacted the lives of countless students and is fondly remembered in the Ceres community for his unwavering support, encouragement, and commitment to the youth of our county.

Students interested in applying may obtain scholarship information and eligibility requirements from the guidance counseling office at Bland County High School. All completed applications must be submitted by **April 24, 2026**.

To support this scholarship and continue Bill's legacy, donations to the Bill Creggar Scholarship Fund may be mailed at any time to: Ceres Alumni Association, P.O. Box 32, Ceres, VA 24318.

We also invite you to join us for our fundraising meal on **April 11, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM**, as we come together to invest in the future of Bland County's students.



## 2026 Officers

President - G.H. Peery, III	276-722-2624
Vice President - Sara L. Kidd	276-210-7888
Secretary/Reporter - Rachel R. Gray	276-613-0182
Historian/Museum - Laura B. Mustard	276-266-6089
Treasurer/Membership - Betty C. Hubble	276-682-4255
Co-Treasurer - Brenna Doane	540-313-5413
Past President - Wade Hall	276-613-0789

## Association Directors

Evelyn H. Groseclose - 2026	Rebecca M. Perry - 2028
Elizabeth Kimberlin - 2026	Amanda U. Hancock - 2028
Sandra Sayre - 2026	Lisa Hall - 2028
Karla "Pat" Turner - 2027	
Peggy Stevenot - 2027	Wade Hall - Past President
Janet R. White - 2027	

## Endowment Trust Fund Directors

Melissa Renninger - 2026	Cody Gray - 2028
Robin U. Repass - 2026	William H. Crabtree - 2028
Lorraine Waddle - 2026	Chris Rife - 2028
Edd Houck - 2027	
Iris C. Pruett - 2027	Betty C. Hubble - Treasurer
Glen Repass - 2027	

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# THANK YOU



Until next time...

As we close this edition of the Ceres Alumni Association newsletter, we are once again reminded how grateful we are for the unwavering support of our community. Whether you attend our meals, volunteer your time, share our events, or contribute financially, you are helping preserve the spirit and legacy of Ceres for future generations.

Your generosity allows us to provide upkeep of the gym and museum, fund scholarships, support local initiatives, and continue the traditions that mean so much to so many. We truly could not do this work without you.

The Ceres Alumni Association is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and all donations made to the association are tax deductible as allowed by law. Every gift, large or small, makes a meaningful difference.

Thank you for standing with us, believing in our mission, and continuing to invest in our community. We are proud to serve, and even prouder to serve alongside you.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

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<a href="http://www.ceresva.org">www.ceresva.org</a>	P.O. Box 32 Ceres, VA 24318

## Funds Transmittal Form

Return to:

Ceres Alumni Association

P.O. Box 32

Ceres, VA 24318

<b>Name(s) and Address</b>  _____  _____  _____		
<b>Dues for 1 year</b>	<b>\$25</b>	
<b>Dues for 5 years</b>	<b>\$100</b>	
<b>Lifetime Dues</b>	<b>\$250</b>	
<b>Donation to Endowment Trust Fund</b>		
<b>Donation to Association</b>		
<b>Donation to Scholarship Fund</b>		
<b>Donation of \$_____ In Memory/Honor of</b>  _____		
	<b>Total Enclosed</b>	