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## Author Ted Carroll to speak in Craig

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

Craig County is a small place, and so is our neighboring Catawba Valley. Therefore, people really enjoy getting to know one another.

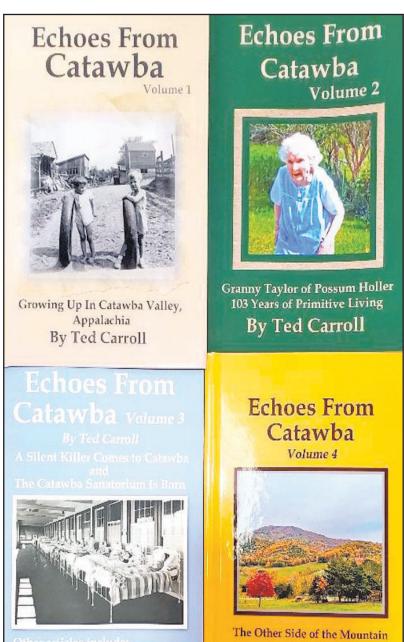
On Sunday afternoons, at 4 p.m. at the New Castle Firehouse, "bookworms and all others are welcome to come and enjoy local artists share their individual stories." The first event will be Sunday, May 15 as local author Ted Carroll shares true stories from his series of books about growing up in Catawba and Craig in the 1930s through the 1950s.

Not only will you hear some of the stories, but Ted will also tell the backstory of authoring his four-book series Echoes From Catawba, which includes Growing Up in Catawba Valley Appalachia, Granny Taylor of Possum Holler: 103 Years of Primitive Living, A Silent Killer Comes to Catawba and The Catawba Sanatorium is Born, and The Other Side of the Mountain.

Carroll shared that the "amazing journey Echoes has taken me on has allowed me to reconnect with kin, make new friends and share the love of Catawba." He will convey his experiences and the process of gathering material, interviews and research as well as how he underestimated the scope of the project and amount of time it took to bring it all together to produce one book per year for four

"My passion to preserve and pass on the history of growing up in the Appalachians during a different time foreign to today's generation and the encouragement and interest from others has kept it going," he said. "The success and widespread accep-

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Local author Ted Carroll has completed his four-volume series Echoes from Catawba, which also include Craig County stories. He will be sharing his books stories at the New Castle Firehouse on Sunday, May 15 at 4 p.m.



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Fifth graders drew people with head pieces raising up and thoughts were drawn under it.

# Art show at CCPS shows great talent

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

Who would have thought that so many students could draw or create such beautiful and unique art pieces? It seems that art teachers, Sierra Frazier (middle/high school) and Courtney Lantz (elementary) do, two teachers who continuously encourage the students to be creative in their work.

On Tuesday, May 3, one by one, families drove into

to the Craig County Public Schools to view the hundreds of pictures and art projects that the school had on display. As you walked into McCleary a line was formed for students and kids to sign in and drop their name in a box for drawings of several art prizes, like kinetic sand, sand art and rock painting. Also, there were cupcakes that were decorated in a rainbow of colors which were for

everyone to enjoy. Every wall in McCleary

See Art Show, page 5

# Craig teams pay tribute to JMU player

PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING



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At the Thursday softball game, Craig County and Vinton Recreation teams wished to show their support to JMU Lauren Bernett's family and team members and school by showing the number 22.



Both teams took a knee before the game and also wore purple ribbons in their hair to show their support for JMU's team and Bernett's family.

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

Spring has arrived and the Field of Dreams ballfield is packed for practices and games with many rec teams. Kids are elated that they get to play since the COVID mandate has been lifted.

However, it was heartbreaking to hear of a star player for JMU, Lauren Bernett, who lost her life to what the medical examiner for the Western District of Virginia ruled was suicide on April 25 (however, reports shared said the Rockingham County Sheriff Bryan Hutcheson is

continuing an investigation). Sadly, area news reported that this was the fifth college student-athlete to tragically commit suicide in the past two months. James Madison University chose to cancel the remainder of its softball season as the school tries to cope with the suicide of Bernett. Lauren Bernett was a sophomore catcher and cleanup hitter for the JMU Dukes.

College team members have been wearing a purple ribbon in their hair, the colors of JMU. At the Craig County Rockets verses Vin-

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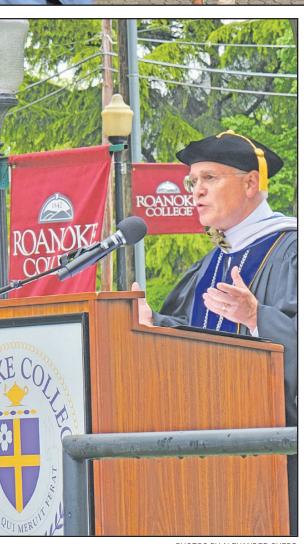
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## Roanoke College Class of 2022 celebrates commencement

-The Class of 2022 is comprised of 449 graduates from 30 states and nine countries. VA record five students earned the honor of valedictorian and two students earned salutatorian honors.-





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Roanoke College President Maxey gives the Class of 2022 commencement address.

Roanoke College Class of 2022 walked across the commencement stage on Saturday, May 7 through the Turbyfill Quad of the College campus in Salem. The predicted forecast of rain was accurate, and guests held umbrellas and wore rain ponchos through-

out the ceremony.

The Class of 2022 is comprised of 449 graducountries. One hundred seventy-six graduates earned the Bachelor of Arts degree, 81 received the Bachelor of Business Administration, and 192 obtained the Bach- are: elor of Science degree.

Roanoke College President Michael Maxey presided over his final commencement ceremony as president. He will retire this summer after 15 years as president.

"You have the opporgreatest generation because of what you handled and the way you prevailed," Maxey told the graduates. "That is your gift. There are always gifts that come from adversity and difficulty. Sometimes we call



them silver linings. History and literature are filled with examples of heroism in response to adversity. In fact, heroism only happens in response to adversity. Only from being tested can we grow. Certainly, you have been tested."

A record-breaking five students from the Class of 2022 earned valedictorian honors. The Class of 2021 ates from 30 states and nine held the record for just one year, with four valedictorians. In both 2019 and 2020, Roanoke College had three valedictorians.

The 2022 valedictorians

- Lillian Rose Blair, a mathematics and economics major from Salem, Vir-
- Bennet David Franz, a public health major from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- Bryn Madeline Haden, tunity to become another a public health and health and exercise science major, from Katy, Texas.
  - · Claire Michelle Mc-Donald, a psychology major from Annapolis, Maryland.
  - · Charissa Beth Roberson, a French and creative writing major from New Market, Maryland.

"It is the little things in life that matter the most," Blair said in her valedictory address. "We've reached an incredible accomplishment today, and we celebrate every single small moment that has led us to this point. Every hour spent in the library, every wing night at Mac and Bob's... These are the things that we are celebrating today."

Franz drew inspiration from "Silver Linings," a song by his favorite band, the indie rock group Mt. Joy.

"Our class is a class of Silver Linings," said Franz, who will enter medical school in the fall. "We persevered ... Even today, we are managing to find joy in this rain. Through a tumultuous college career, we've not only survived but thrived through the challenges we have faced."

While I don't claim to have mastered finding the good in the not so good, I'm confident the chalhave prepared us to move forward in a way that makes Dear Old Roanoke proud,"

Haden, who will work for the Virginia Department of Health after graduation, said her time at Roanoke College has been an experience "nothing short of amazing."

"I am extremely lucky to have gotten to know many of you, and what I know is that this Quad is filled with people who will do amazing things — people who are brave enough and strong enough to overcome any fear that gets in the way,"

McDonald wished all mothers in attendance a "Happy Mother's Day" and noted that her father asked her to be sure to tell everyone that, "I got my intellectual gift from my mother." In closing, McDonald, who was involved in Roanoke College Choir and Theatre Roanoke College, said, "Thank you for your time here today and please support your local arts!"

Roberson, during her valedictory remarks, referenced the "incredible support" she received from faculty and administrators during her years at Roanoke, including President Michael Maxey who once stopped to help carry her stitches in her knee and was walking with a cane. It is that generosity "that makes Roanoke so special," she

"I pray that we will be good stewards of what we have learned here, and that we will give to others in the same way that our professors, friends and family and everyone else here has given to us," Roberson said. "We have been greatly blessed. May we now be a blessing to wherever life should take us next."

Two students earned the honor of salutatorian: Sophia Albertina Kachur, a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania native, who is graduating with majors in political science and Spanish; and Christopher Willis Rowsey,

lenges we've faced as a class a business administration major from Roanoke, Virginia.

Three honorary degrees were awarded during the ceremonies. Dr. Peter Hotez, public health scientist and frequent media commentator during the pandemic, received an honorary Doctor of Science degree. Dr. Hotez has spent his career developing vaccines designed to attack a number of disease-causing human parasites. He is the Endowed Chair in Tropical Pediatrics at the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston and the University Professor of Biol-

ogy at Baylor University. Hotez is also the founding Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and is Professor of Pediatrics and of Molecular Virology and Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine. He also serves as Co-Director of the Texas Children's Hospital Center for Vaccine De-

velopment. Roanoke College First Lady Terri Maxey was bestowed an honorary Doctor of Education degree. Terri Maxey has been a beloved member of the campus community who is well known for her warm and personal relationship with students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Before becoming First Lady of Roanoke College, she worked in financial aid for groceries when she had Averett University, Roanoke College and Jefferson College of Health Science and in student affairs for University of New Hampshire. President Micĥael Maxey received an honorary Doc-

tor of Humane Letters degree. Under his leadership, the College implemented the Intellectual Inquiry core curriculum, earned recognition as a top producer of academic scholarships such as the Fulbright and Truman scholarships, added eight new academic majors and an M.B.A. program, the College's first master's degree in more than 100 years. Maxey led several initiatives to diversify Roanoke College as well. He spearheaded the College's Roanoke Rising campaign, which led to the construction of the Morris M. Cregger Center, a state-of-the-art athletic and academic facility. Five new athletic teams were added as well as e-sports and an expanded roster of club sports and outdoor adventure opportunities. Maxey retires this summer but will remain involved in higher education as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Council of Independent Colleges.

Several retiring faculty members received the Simon Carson Wells medal, an award bestowed upon tenured retiring faculty members.

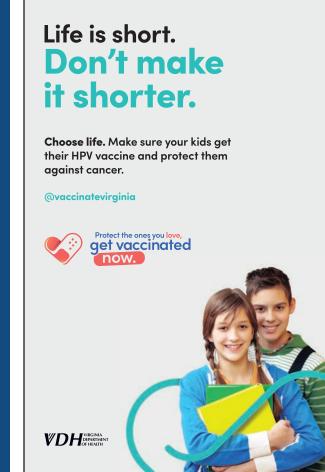
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## Navy Command Investigation finds crew blameless in fatal helicopter crash

-A 2021 incident aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln claimed the lives of five sailors including James P. Buriak of Salem-

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In August 2021, a tragic accident aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln claimed the lives of five sailors of the US Navy, including Naval Air Crewman (Helicopter) 2nd Class James P. Buriak, 31, of Salem. Members of the "Eightballers" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 8 (HSC-8), all five sailors were lost after their MH-60S Knighthawk helicopter malfunctioned while landing on the flight deck of the Abraham Lincoln and fell into the ocean off the coast of California. A new report released following a command investigation into the incident showed that a system failure in the helicopter was to blame rather than crew error.

The other four sailors lost in the crash were pilot Lt. Bradley A. Foster, 29, of Oakhurst, Calif.; pilot Lt. Paul R. Fridley, 28, of Annandale, Va.; HM2 Class Sarah F. Burns, 31, helicopter sank. of Severna Park, Md.; and HM3 Bailey J. Tucker, 21, ter were not recovered of St. Louis, Mo.

the accident occurred af- the Navy concluded that ter the helicopter touched the crash was caused by down on the flight deck and began to experience a vertical vibration from the tail wheel that increased in severity and caused the helicopter to rotate left. The tail of the helicopter then collided with a gutter of the Abraham Lincoln. The report states that the crew members may have unsuccessfully attempted to stabilize the helicopter, which ultimately collided again with the ship and lost its blades before falling into

The five crew members who were lost were all restrained within the helicopter by their harnesses or gunner's belts. One crew member survived, likely due to being by the left gunner's window, which was facing up toward the surface as the

The crew and helicopuntil October 2021. After According to the report, recovering the helicopter,

a failure in one of the vehicle's damper hoses. The damper hoses are responsible for providing fluid to the damper system in the rotor for each blade. According to the report,

damper hoses are typically only replaced after failing or showing problems during inspection. HSC-8's Knighthawk helicopter had passed inspection and completed two previous flights

the same day. The report ultimately concluded that the hose failed due to a flattening of its braids, which did not turn up during inspection, and was not the fault of any crew member.









Five crewmembers of HSC-8 perished in a fatal helicopter accident last year.

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## Ted Carroll

tance of the books have been unexpected and the partnership Echoes From Catawba has with the Salem Museum has sparked opportunities for presentations about local history to be made to schools in the

He added that he is grateful for The Emporium General Store in New Castle and the Salem Museum and Historical Society for providing an avenue for him to get the books out to people as "they have helped

us distribute hundreds of copies of Echoes and they have been vital to its suc-

Ted Carroll is a native of Catawba and a graduate of Virginia Tech. After an early retirement from Virginia Tech's extension faculty, he studied at Southeastern Seminary Extension in Greensboro, North Carolina and served as a Pastor of a church for 14 years. He and his wife Tina now make their home in Salem, where Ted spends much of

his time writing about Catawba's history and speak-

His first book shares his recollection of his firstgrade teacher telling him that he was the person to write about Catawba and the Garmans, the family of his mother, who had 16 siblings. Through his "guilt" he turned to God, who assured him that it was not too late to start. So, in 2018, he started writing, being one of 66 grandchildren. His wife Tina took on

the typing and marketing for this wonderful series.

Volume II tells his story of his dad becoming ill, diagnosed with tuberculosis. Carroll was only four, though having to grow up quickly, becoming the "man of the house." Stories of cousins and incidents you don't want to miss.

Volume III was written during the Coronavirus pandemic and contains 12 articles of interesting people and a variety of subjects, especially the Catawba Sanatorium. Also, there are stories of Craig County.

Volume IV has more stories that touch the heart and all books are currently at The Emporium General Store on Main Street for purchase, both in hard back and soft.

To learn more about Echoes From Catawba, visit www.echoesfromcatawba.com

Additional authors are scheduled for:

• June 26 (4pm) Marian McConnell - Murder Hole, a caving experience and a new children's book

• July 10 (4pm) Tom Perry – numerous and very interesting books on Virginia and North Carolina

Feel free to attend these wonderful Sunday afternoon story times and get to know our local authors.

## **Tribute**

ton game on Thursday, May

5, the other team's coach suggested they honor Bernett's memory by wearing the purple ribbons in their hair. Coach Stacey Fisher immediately agreed, and Gina Smith provided them for the Craig players as Vinton had theirs already.

On Saturday, both teams took a knee before the game in memory of Bernett, also holding up their fingers with the number 22, Bernett's jersey number.

It was stated that her death, "Followed a stellar weekend series against Drexel, for which she was named the Colonial Athletic Association's player of the week for batting .778 with seven RBIs and four runs in a three-game weekend sweep."

"This was an extremely difficult decision and one that was not made lightly,"

JMU coach Loren LaPorte stated in a news release of the cancellation. "We are so grateful for the support of our fans all season and for the love from the softball community during the past week. We will use this time to continue healing and to honor Lauren's memory while finishing the academic semester strong."

Vinton Coach Darren Conner shared, "We did this to honor Lauren, and her friends and family and to show support for all of them, plus to bring awareness to mental health and to show support to their JMU softball team."

Fisher added that she shared with her team the story and the importance of awareness when the decision to wear the bows were made.

Life is so precious, and it is so very important for each

of us to be aware of any signs of suicide. Don't ever assume or take it lightly, as in our world of "today," kids seem to be going through much more than we even know.

Blue Ridge Behavioral Health has many seminars and helpful websites to guide you to becoming more aware of suicidal signs. Feel free to contact them.

Sometimes, each of us need to slow down and take time to watch and listen, then to be involved in kids' lives, even if it is just to attend a game (when you have no family playing), say hello to a kid, buy them a soda, talk, and laugh a little or just give them a smile and a

needed hug. You never know how much what we may think is 'little' could change the 'life' of a child. You may have just

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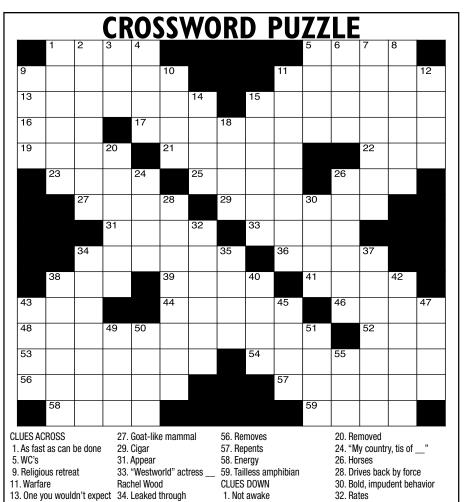
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## Book Lovers Reconnect

### **Library Corner**

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

For the past ten years our library has had a fanclub in Haymarket: the Cover to Cover Book Club. The contact had blurred over the years until recently. One of the longstanding members, Jacquelyn Omsted, sent a warm note in their Christmas card with the club's annual donation. So what was the connection between our library and a book club in a retirement community in Haymarket?

Jacquelyn reported that an article in the Coop Living Magazine in April 2012 was the link. The story featured our small library and its service to our community, clearly endearing to

passionate library lovers such as Cover to Cover book club. Members have never been to New Castle but former library director, Carla Ritzler Old, corresponded regularly on programs and changing needs that the library was providing.

Haymarket is in the buzz of Washington and has a strong military presence. The twelve members of Cover to Cover meet monthly. They have lunch at their retirement community at a round table, discussing the latest book they have read. Each member expresses their opinion about the book judiciously which takes close to two and a half hours. The books they choose to read are from a list the members present and vote on.

Our two places in Virginia are quite different but our passion for

books and the power of community is the same. We are grateful for this group's ten years of support and look forward to our rekindled connection. We hope to keep sharing each other sto-

Here is a list of recommended books passed on to us by The Cover To Cover Book Club:

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

The Barbizon by Paulina Bren (this book was selected as we are in our 70s and several ladies were either born, worked, traveled, stayed, or moved to NYC during its heyday)

This Tender Land by

William Kent Krueger The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah

The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles



# T-Rex Trail Coming to **Explore Park Summer 2022**

-Event Starts Saturday, May 28, 2022 -

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event over the span of 64 days from May 28 to August 14. Visitors will experience the sights and sounds of dinosaurs including a stegosaurus, velociraptor, triceratops and tyrannosaurus rex, as well as a dino dig pit and photo ops.

T-Rex Trail will operate on the following days, beginning Saturday, May 28:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday -9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Advance tickets will be sold for the event, with assigned arrival times. Walk-up tickets can be purchased at the Explore Park Visitor Center based on availability. Tickets can be purchased in the follow-

Online: Visit ExplorePark.org/T-Rex for advanced ticket pur-

Walk-Up: Purchase







tickets at the Explore minimum of 20 guests. Birthday party rent-

Tickets purchased in advance are \$14 for adults (ages 16+) and \$9 for children (ages 2-15).

Group rentals are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 AM, 11:00

als will take place on weekends at 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM. Call (540) 427-1800 or email explorepark@roanokecountyva. gov to book your group or birthday party rental.

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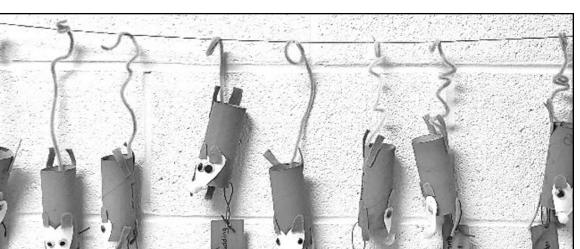


Eden and Lila Jo enjoyed digging for mini farm animals in corn kernels with their shovels at the Future Farmers of America Agricultural Fair in Craig.



Brittany Sarver was busy at her booth, as many people purchased her attractive items.

## Art Show from page 1



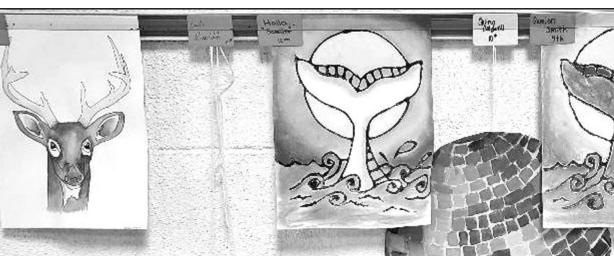
Kindergarten kids enjoyed their artistic work in making their mice, which were totally adorable.







Pre-K enjoyed getting in the paints, making their hand pictures.



High school students draw, making moldings and other artistic pieces and show their extreme talent.

pictures, excitedly picking admire. There were painted out their art and showing pictures, photographs, moldthe child but on every parent, gallery completely full. It apgrandparent, and friend that they were showing them to.

There were painted picthat kindergarten kids made from construction paper. From Kindergarten to fifth grade, the walls were covered on both sides for everyone to

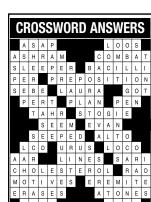
Glee filled the halls as people smiled and acknowledged other kids' art as well. Frazier shared that she was very happy about having the art show back in school again, being previously halted due to CO-VIĎ. "I have always had an art show for the elementary school and when I moved to the high school, I inquired about having one campus wide, and it was approved,"

In the halls displaying the middle and high school,

was lined with hundreds of there was art of all kinds beautifully painted or indi- displayed on easels, on the vidually drawn pictures. The walls to the gallery and in the kids were running to their school gallery for everyone to their parents. Smiles were a ed animals, and other forms mile wide, and not only on of art. The students had the pears that there are many art-

ists in Craig County schools! If you would like to contures, drawn pictures, and tact the art teachers to say even little mice that were thank you, their emails are: dangling down from twine sfrazier@craig.k12.va.us and

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The petitioner's object of this proceeding is to obtain a divorce of bond of matrimony from the Defendant on the ground of having lived separate and apart for a period exceeding one year.

It appearing by affidavit that the Defendant's last known address was 1101 Joyce Street, Apartment 2318, Arlington, Virginia 22202. the Defendant's present whereabouts are unknown, and diligence has been used by the Plaintiff to ascertain in what county or city the Defendant is without effect, it is ORDERED that the defendant appear before this court on July 20, 2022 and protect her

interests herein.

It is further ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the News Messenger, a newspaper published in Montgomery County, Virginia, and having general circulation in Montgomery County, Virginia, and a copy of this order is to be posted at the front door of the Montgomery County Court House of Virginia.

May 4, 2022 Erica W. Conner Clerk of Court

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LINDY MICHAEL SANTOS MONTANA, JR The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that LINDY MICHAEL SANTOS MONTANA, JR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 16, 2022.

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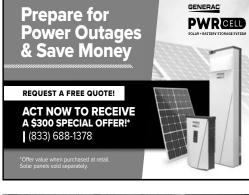
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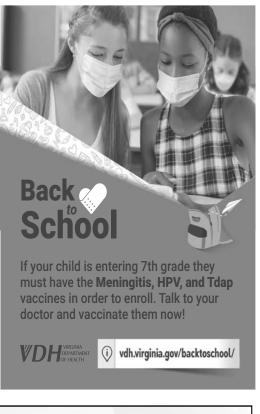
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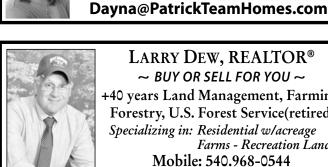


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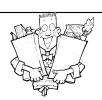
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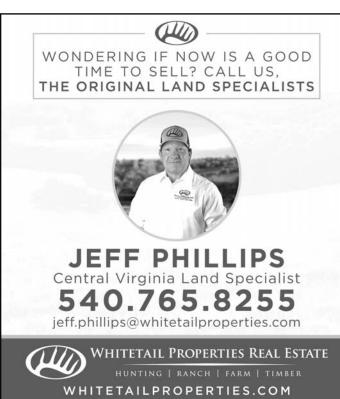
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### **SOFTBALL TEAM HAS BACK-TO-BACK HOME GAMES**

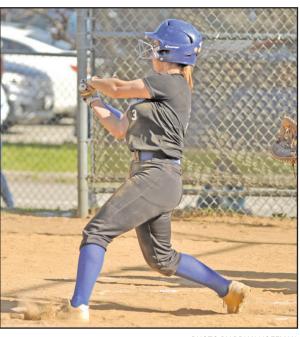


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Narrows. The Craig County softbeing focused and concen-

Hannah Ratliff had a home run in last week's win over

ball team will host Parry McCluer today and Eastern Montgomery Thursday as the regular season is about to wrap up. The Pioneer District tournament begins next Monday, May 16, at the sites of the higher seeds.

Today's game against the Blues is "Senior Day" for the Rockets. Seniors on the team include Kylee Clifton, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Gabriella Hypes, Kaitlyn Radford and Chasity Wolfe.

Last Thursday in Narrows the girls pounded a 15-3 win over the host Green Wave. Hannah Ratliff homered and Sara Jones and Radford both had triples.

"We worked a lot on

trated on basics," said coach Elaina Wolfe-Carper.

Craig also lost to Alta Vista last Monday, 9-0, and Giles on Tuesday, May 3rd, in a slugfest. The Rockets fell 16-12 to a team they had beaten the first time

"Errors cost us," said Elaina. "They had just two earned runs."

Craig was scheduled to host East Mont last week but that game was moved to Thursday of this week due to poor playing conditions on the New Castle diamond due to heavy rain the day prior. The Rockets were scheduled to visit Covington on Tues-

## **PIONEER TRACK MEET IS AT GILES MAY 17**



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Pioneer District track meet will be held at Giles High School on Tuesday, May 17. The Rockets will be familiar with the track as they were scheduled to run in the Giles Invitational on Monday of this week. Last Saturday Craig athletes competed in the annual Cosmopolitan Club meet at William Fleming High School in Roanoke. Here Craig's Summer Huffman competes in the discus competition on a rainy day at Fleming. The Pulaski County boys and Patrick Henry girls were team champions at the Cosmo.



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## ROCKETS SWEEP EASTERN MONTOMERY IN BASEBALL, WILL OPEN PIONEER DISTRICT TOURNAMENT MONDAY

The Craig County Rockets had a busy week on the baseball diamond last week as they played three games in as many days, defeating Eastern Montgomery around losses to Giles and Narrows.

The Rockets swept the season series with East Mont on Wednesday of last week, taking an 8-7 walk off win in New Castle on a two out hit by Tyler Huffman in the bottom of the seventh. Junior Zachary Pe-

ters started on the mound for the Rockets and struck out nine while pitching six and two-thirds innings. Senior Dylan Crawford got a strike out for the

last out, picking up the win as Peters was removed from the mound due to reaching max pitch count. The Rockets were down one run at the time but rallied to win in the bottom of the seventh.

Sophomore Drew Duncan hit a two run homer in the first to put the Rockets on the board. Multiple players had hits during the game, led by Crawford with three hits in four at bats.

Duncan and sophomore Huffman had three runs batted in each. Matthew Lucas led the team in steals with three out of the 10 total by the Rockets.

Huffman was the

hero for the game. With the Rockets down by one with bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the seventh Huffman connected with a line shot to center field. With that hit the tying and winning runs scored for a big "walk off" victory. "I was proud that the

boys never gave up, they kept fighting," said coach Zachary Peters.

The Thursday prior the Rockets traveled to Eastern Montgomery and after three innings it looked to be a pitching battle between the two rivals. The action picked up in the fourth with the Rocket bats coming alive for six

"We started hitting the ball but fielding errors by East Mont was getting us extra bases to get into scoring position," said coach Peters.

The Mustangs answered with four runs in the fourth inning, coming off fielding errors by Craig. The Rockets would score three more in the sixth and three in the 7th to put it away, 12-4

Lucas led the bats for Craig, going three-forfour at the plate. The Rockets stole 13 bases, led by Hayden Reynolds with three. Junior Peters got the win on the mound, ending the game with 14 strikeouts, no walks, and allowing only three hits.

Last Tuesday in New Castle the Rockets lost to Giles, 16-5. Freshman Lefty Jaycob Wolfe took the loss on the mound for the Rockets. Wolfe pitched into the fourth

struck out four. Reynolds came in to finish the game for the Rockets.

The Rockets had six hits in the game. Peters and Huffman led the team with two hits each. Peters led the team with three RBIs and three stolen bases.

" We just weren't hitting the ball well in the game," said coach Peters. 'Giles came into the game hitting the ball. Our defense played a good game. We only made a couple errors which was a big improvement over the last couple of games"
On Thursday of last

week the Rockets traveled to Narrows and took a 15-3 loss to the top team in the Pioneer District. Crawford took the loss on the mound, fanning four over three innings, and Reynolds mopped up.

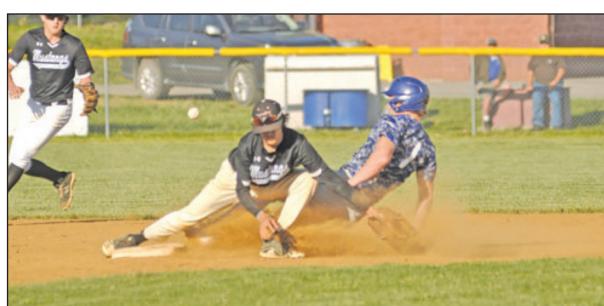
The Rockets only had four hits in the game, led by Huffman who went two-for-two.

"Narrows was hitting the ball in gaps the whole game," said Peters. "They have a good hitting coach that has worked with them a lot and it shows. It didn't matter if we would shift to fill in one gap because they would just find another. I don't mind losing to a team that flat out beats us and us not making errors to give them the game."

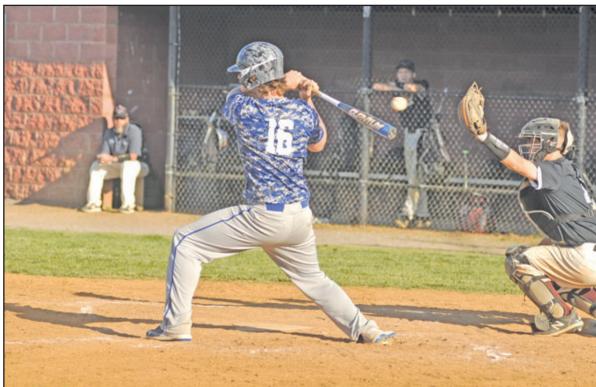
This week the Rockets are at Covington Tuesday and at Highland for a doubleheader on Friday. On Monday the Pioneer District tournament starts at the home of the higher seeded teams.



**Zachary Peters pitched a gem against the Mustangs** to pick up a win in Elliston.



Brayden Frango slides safely into second against Eastern Montgomery.



Tyler Huffman leans away from a high and tight pitch.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## **CRAIG SOCCER TEAM SHUTS OUT NARROWS**

The Craig County soccer team shut out Pioneer District rival Narrows last Thursday on the Mitchell Field pitch, 3-0, for some sweet re-

Alex Drake scored all three goals

for the Rockets as he completed a

"hat trick." Austin Hickson had

The win was payback from a day

two assists and Mason Huffman

prior when Craig lost at Narrows, 2-1. Hannah Caldwell scored the goal for the Rockets in that game.

Drake also scored on March 29 as the Rockets defeated Parry Mc-

Cluer, 1-0, in Buena Vista. Craig will be back home this Friday as the Blues come here for a rematch.

The Rockets were scheduled to host Covington on Tuesday of this week, and the Pioneer District tournament will begin next Mon-