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## Field of Dreams continues to expand their vision

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

Spring is here and the field of dreams is alive with children excitedly playing the all-American sport, baseball (or softball). Recently their newest building, a concession stand, was completed.

"Because of the dedicated work of many in the past couple years, there have been more projects completed and woven together at the Craig Field of Dreams that I can remember," shared Debbie Snead. "Beginning with the 2500-foot ditch dug by BJ and Grant Oliver to connect the PSA water to the center of the complex to the commercial single phase service installed by Craig Botetourt Electric Cooperative to provide electricity to the complex; to the creation of a new Learning Lab/Concession stand by Bevins' construction company; to get kids outside learning and earning to professional preparation of the infielders by Rob Coulter and expert mowing and field maintenance by Zachary Taylor and a potential conservation plan for erosion control and field beautification by the Mountain Castle Soil and Water Conservation District and Valley Landscaping."

She added that they are just beginning to construct a commercial septic system to connect to the new building and restrooms enabling a safe and healthy outdoor environment. The work is being provided by Craig's D&C Excavating with funding from the Craig Economic Development Authority and the Virginia Outdoor Foundation's Get Outdoors fund.

"The foundation is established to promote the preservation of open space lands and to encourage private gifts of money, securities, land or other property to preserve the natural, scenic, historic, scientific, open space and recreational areas of the Commonwealth," Snead added. "We are indeed grateful for their funding and support of this critical component of the Field of Dreams making the complex more self-sufficient and



PHOTO BY ABBEY PIERSON

An aerial shot was taken of the Field of Dreams by Abbey Pierson as her husband Branden flew over the field.



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

The Field of Dreams continues to build as they just finished their new concession stand.

sustainable."

She also emphasized that all of these skill professionals cannot be matched except by their volunteer team of sports experts. "Craig Recreation and Conservation Association Sports Director Sheri Sloss guides the coaches and arranges schedules, referees, equipment and uniforms, works with the kids, volunteers, and parents and handles finances," Snead said. "The rest of our team who support this work are also CCR & CA board members: Teresa Oliver, president; Joyce Ashley, secretary; and Debbie

Boitnott, treasurer."

If you are interested in working with the board serving as a coach or volunteering for fundraising the CCR & CA welcomes your participation.

You may contact any of the officers to volunteer or for membership. All donations can be sent to treasurer Debbie Boitnott at PO Box 371, New Castle Virginia 24127.

All donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated as we all work together to build a better place for our kids to enjoy.



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Abby, Elena, Sophie, and Aleena, at the Craig County Child Care Center, help to plant a tree in memory of their beloved teacher Christie Scott who lost her life to cancer.

## CCCCC plants tree in memory of Christie Scott

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

Hearts were joined together in memory of a wonderful worker and friend on May 9 at the Craig County Child Care Center as they planted a Yoshino cherry tree in memory of Christie Scott.

"Christie was a dedicated teacher at the Craig County Child

Care Center from January 21, 2002, until her battle with cancer began in 2021," Director Teresa Oliver shared. "Christie served as the infant teacher from 2002 until 2016. She moved to the older three- and four-years old children, where she taught until August 2021."

While employed at the Craig County Child Care Center she at-

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# CCCCC continues academic success

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

Craig County has been blessed for the last many years to have a child care center, whose staff strive for excellence. The Craig County Child Care Center is celebrating three of their teaching staff: Karen Crush,

Kristin Foster and Laura Wright for their academic successes.

"While working full time, and caring for families, these amazing women will walk across the stage on Friday, May 13 at the Roanoke Berglund Center to receive their advanced certificate in Early Childhood Education from Virginia Western

Community College," Director Teresa Oliver said ahead of the ceremony.

She shared: "Kristin Foster began working at the childcare center in 2018 as an infant room teacher. Working at the childcare center allows Kristin to "enjoy being a part of, and watching the children grow and learn."

"Karen Crush has been employed with the childcare center since 2015. She began in 2015 as a teacher and has since advanced to the Assistant Director. Karen says she enjoys watching the growth of the children and seeing them achieve their individual milestones.

"Laura Wright began working at the center in 2019 as a three-year-old teacher and currently serves as the lead teacher in the preschool class. Laura says the most rewarding part of working at the childcare center is "Getting to know the children and building relationships with their families."

All three employees participated in the Registered Apprenticeship Program. "The Craig County Child Care Center serves as a Registered Apprenticeship Sponsor site through the Department of Labor Industry (DOLI)," Oliver stated. "Participants/Apprentices in the program agree to complete 288 hours of on-the-job training while attending college courses to obtain certification in their desired field."

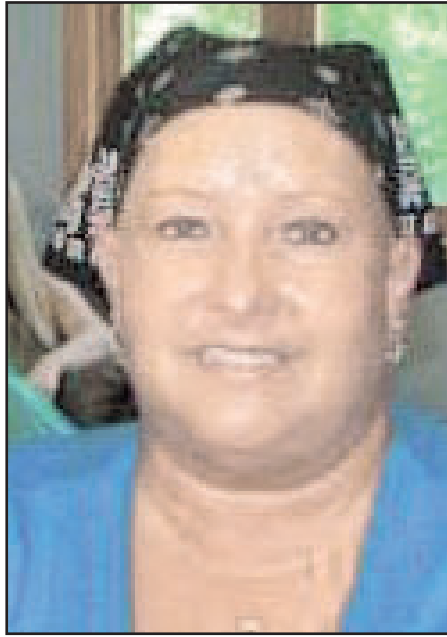
She added that members of the Craig County Child Care Center not only completed the 288 hours of on-the-job training but also completed 10 college courses through VWCC all while working a 40-hour work week.

"We are very proud of all the staff that committed to help raise the quality of early education in community by volunteering participating in these programs," Oliver shared.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

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# National Therapy Dog memorialized at Salem VA

-POWMIA was given a full military funeral at the Salem VA Medical Center on May 13, 2022.-

**Alexander Shedd**  
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The life of POWMIA, known as “The National Therapy Dog,” was celebrated with a full military funeral service and Color Guard at the Salem VA Medical Center on May 13, 2022. POWMIA was a frequent visitor to the Center and was the official mascot of a number of organizations, including the 29th Division Association Post 64, Oakey’s Funeral Home in Roanoke and the 8th Air Force Fellowship. Born as Maya on Feb-

ruary 13, 2012, POWMIA, AKC/CGC/THD/RE/SD, Commando Warrior was the “most famous therapy dog in the country,” according to her resume on the Oakey’s website. She became a Certified Therapy Dog at two years old and spent her entire life serving the emotional and wellbeing needs of veterans.

POWMIA visited medical centers and attended events for veterans constantly in the course of her service. Among her many accolades, she earned a hospice caregiver award

and a brick at the D-Day Memorial. Her handler, Steve “Commando” Roragen, said in an interview with CBS Channel 7, “Ten long years, we were blessed. She changed a life and saved so many more.” POWMIA was also the Channel 7 Good News K-9.

The funeral service concluded with the Color Guard and an American Flag presented to Steve Roragen. POWMIA’s love and kindness will live forever in the countless hearts and minds she touched in her life.



PHOTO COURTESY OF WDBJ7

## OBITUARY

### Caldwell, Linda Gail

Linda Gail Caldwell, age 74, passed away peacefully in her sleep April 17, 2022, in Daytona, Florida. Linda was born on November 21, 1947, to Zona and Clyde Buckner in Roanoke, Va. Linda was successful in many ventures in her life, such as nursing, but if she were here today, she would tell you her greatest success was her family.



Linda was preceded in death by parents, Zona & Clyde Buckner; sisters, Susan Stevens & Bonnie Witt; brother, Robert Buckner; and grandson, Austin Chatfield. She is survived by husband William Caldwell; daughter, Amy Crawford (Shane Brown); grandchildren, Autumn Compton, Angel Compton &

dren, Brayten Tice & Sophia Tice; sister, Shirley Eversoul; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held 2:00 PM Sunday, May 22, 2022, at Paitzel Funeral Home with Pastor Jay Law officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service 1-2 p.m.

Ava Crawford; great-grandchild, Abygail Frymier; son, Richard Saucedo; grandchildren, Timothy & Sarah Saucedo, Richard Saucedo Jr.; great-grandchildren, Timothy Caldwell, Haleigh & Brock Saucedo; step-daughter, Erin & Robbie Tice; step-grandchildren, Kele Tice, Hayden & Victoria Tice, Ryan Kirby, Mckenna Tice, Jameson Tice; step-great-grandchildren, Brayten Tice & Sophia Tice; sister, Shirley Eversoul; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

## St. Mark’s United Methodist of Daleville invites all for Joyful Journey Travel Club

Submitted by St. Mark’s United Methodist Church

The Joyful Journey Travel Club of St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in Daleville, Va., offers trips throughout the year geared towards Sr, citizens but anyone is welcome. Grandparents sometimes bring their grandchildren. The bus leaves from St. Mark’s UMC, 19 Cedar Ridge Dr., Daleville, Va. 24083. Vehicles may be left at the church. Other pick-ups may be available along the 1-81 interstate.

For all trips, information, details on sight-seeing, flyers, and registration

forms may be obtained from the church website, www.stmarkschurch.com (scroll across to More and scroll down to Joyful Journey Travel Club) or by calling Julia Greer at 540-330-7933. We invite you to join us for the following upcoming trips:

Sept. 26-Oct. 1: we will be traveling to The Pioneer Valley of Western, Massachusetts. The price of \$884.00 per person includes motorcoach transportation, lodging, all sight-seeing, three breakfasts, three dinners, taxes and meal gratuities, driver’s tip and luggage

handling. Sight-seeing includes the Norman Rockwell Museum and the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden featuring full-scale bronze sculptures of Dr. Seuss’s whimsical characters and Old Sturbridge Village.

Dec. 6: we will be going to Wyrtheville, Va. to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre for a Christmas meal and musical “A Christmas Spectacular.” The bus leaves the church at 10 a.m. and returns about 6:30 p.m. with a pick-up at the Salem Food Lion. The cost of \$88 is all inclusive.

# National Thought Leadership on Caregiving Conference announces additional speakers and partnerships

Submitted by The Care Colloquium

The Care Colloquium, a national thought leadership conference on caregiving issues will be held November 14 -16 in Roanoke, Va. at The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. The Care Colloquium is a space for care economy leaders to network, build mutually beneficial collaborations, and tackle difficult family caregiver challenges contributing to our nation’s care crisis. The event brings together business and organizational leaders across the nation involved in the care economy and

aging field.

We are six months away from our inaugural colloquium and are excited to announce that even more nationally recognized caregiving experts have accepted our invitation to speak to our ever-expanding list of nationally identified and noted speakers.

Nicole Will, founder of willGather, is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of our aging community by equipping older adults, their family members, and eldercare professionals with valuable information and resources. Nicole is the creator, host, and producer of the willGather Podcast: Navigating the World with

Your Aging Loved One.

Nicole has over 20 years of experience in the field of aging and eldercare services. She spent many years working as a director at a well-respected and large senior living community overseeing the Therapeutic Recreation, Volunteer, and Spiritual Care departments while successfully leading her sizeable team to a zero-deficiency tenure and improved resident engagement success. She served on the MAPA board and as an adjunct faculty member at the University of St. Catherine. She continues her hands-on approach as a private older adult care companion with a deep understanding of family caregiver needs. Nicole will be on the panel: Speaking Caregiver Language in Our Business Practices.

We are partnered

with willGather Podcast, for our event! Podcast creator Nicole Will is setting up a recording station and attendees, all leaders in the care economy, have the opportunity to schedule an interview at the event so they can share their work and their colloquium experience broadly.

Erin Galyean, founder of Badass Advocate, is a professional trainer, author, and public speaker passionate about inspiring and encouraging others to live the life they truly desire. Erin lost her father, Mike, in 1997 to Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma and her sister, Meghan, in 2018 to a rare lung disease. These heartbreaking life events taught her how to effectively advocate for a patient. The most recent loss of her sister led her to a vision of helping others powerfully advocate for

the patient in their life.

In 2020, Erin published her first book Badass Advocate: Becoming the Champion Your Loved One Deserves. In Badass Advocate, she shares 8 badass strategies for advocating for a patient who is either home-bound or hospitalized. In 2021, she published 4 journals to help caregivers better balance self-care with patient care.

Erin will be presenting in our Panel: “How Businesses Can Support Caregivers Throughout the Care Journey” and “Advocacy in the Care Economy: How and Why to Get Involved”.

A very important topic that will be discussed at The Care Colloquium is the financial challenges of family caregiving. Why is it so expensive to cover elder care costs? Why are

families across our country finding themselves in financial crisis when caring for an elderly loved one?

We have leading experts in the field sharing how they are helping families overcome the financial strain of caregiving in one place to tackle this hard issue!

The Care Colloquium is being held at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in walking distance of the heart of Downtown Roanoke, Virginia. Attendance includes ALL meals, two cocktail hours, and a complimentary booth to showcase organizational work.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available at different levels and can be seen at our website at www.TheCareColloquium.com. Registration is also open with early-bird discounts available.

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## VDOT Road Watch

Submitted by VDOT

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always subject to change and weather dependent. New information is noted by “NEW” and updates are noted when a current project has had an update added to the listing. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski and Roanoke.

CRAIG COUNTY (UPDATED 3-25-22) \*

ROUTE 311 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER MEADOW CREEK – Beginning mid-February, replacement of the Route 311 (Craig Valley Road) bridge over Meadow Creek will begin. In February, drivers will begin to see work zone signs and the installation of temporary traffic signals that will be used to allow one lane of traffic on Route 311 to be maintained during construction. On March 17, temporary signals began to control traffic across the bridge. Construction will begin on the northbound side of the bridge and once completed, work will switch to the southbound side. In addition, a section of Route 646 (Allen Street) between

Route 650 and Route 311 will be closed during construction and a signed detour will be in place. All traffic will be detoured to Marshall Street and Kanawha Street to access either 311 or the homes located off Allen Street. Speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph in the work zone with a width restriction of 9 feet. Drivers should expect delays and allow extra travel time through the work zone. The bridge is expected to be open to traffic by the end of 2022.

INTERSTATE 81 (UPDATED 5-13-22) \* INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and

141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81.

## Memory Tree

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tended VWCC to obtain her associates degree in early childhood education. She also completed CLASS training to become an Observer through the Virginia Quality Program.

“She was a mentor to new teaching staff and a beloved friend to all,” Oliver said. “She was deeply loved by all the students, parents and staff at the center and we proud to honor her work and dedication to the children and families of Craig Coun-

ty with the beautiful tree that will remind us daily of the beauty that she shared with us all.”

Oliver added that they would also like to thank Sue Bostic for the donation in Christie’s memory for helping fund this project.

# Holistic Expo 2022: Good Vibes in the Valley

*-Glow Healing Arts hosted the second Roanoke Valley Holistic Expo at the Salem Civic Center with dozens of local businesses-*



PHOTOS BY ALEXANDER SHEDD

**Glow Healing Arts hosted the 2022 Roanoke Valley Holistic Expo at the Salem Civic Center.**



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The Roanoke Valley is home to innumerable holistic traditions, from the rich stories of ghosts and witchcraft that Appalachia is famous for to the myriad newer businesses successfully marketing self-care remedies, massage therapies, essential oils, organic farm products, artwork and every kind of crystal imaginable. On Sunday, May 15, practitioners of these folk arts gathered at the Salem Civic Center from around and beyond the Valley for the second Roanoke Valley Holistic Expo.

Sponsored and hosted by Glow Healing Arts, a holistic wellness center in Salem that offers classes and wellness sessions featuring many different teachers and practitioners, the expo was a massive success throughout the day. Around the three rooms taken up by the expo, local business tables were constantly crowded with patrons. Around the space, visitors were receiving massages, sound therapy featuring a gong, fortune readings and education on arts and crafts they would not otherwise be aware of.

Glow Holistic Arts had their own table set up just inside the space, where they sold crys-

tal and a wide variety of tarot cards. They also advertised for their upcoming events, which include activities almost every day, such as a Supporting Stress, Sleep & Focus session on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m.; an Awaken Community Drum Circle on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m.; and a Group Sound Healing session on Friday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Set up in the lobby behind the Glow table was a small lounge space with couches, put together by Roanoke's Bodhi Lounge. The group puts on a number of events regarding cannabis education and safe consumption, as well as wellness activities, classes

and "lounge parties and chill sessions."

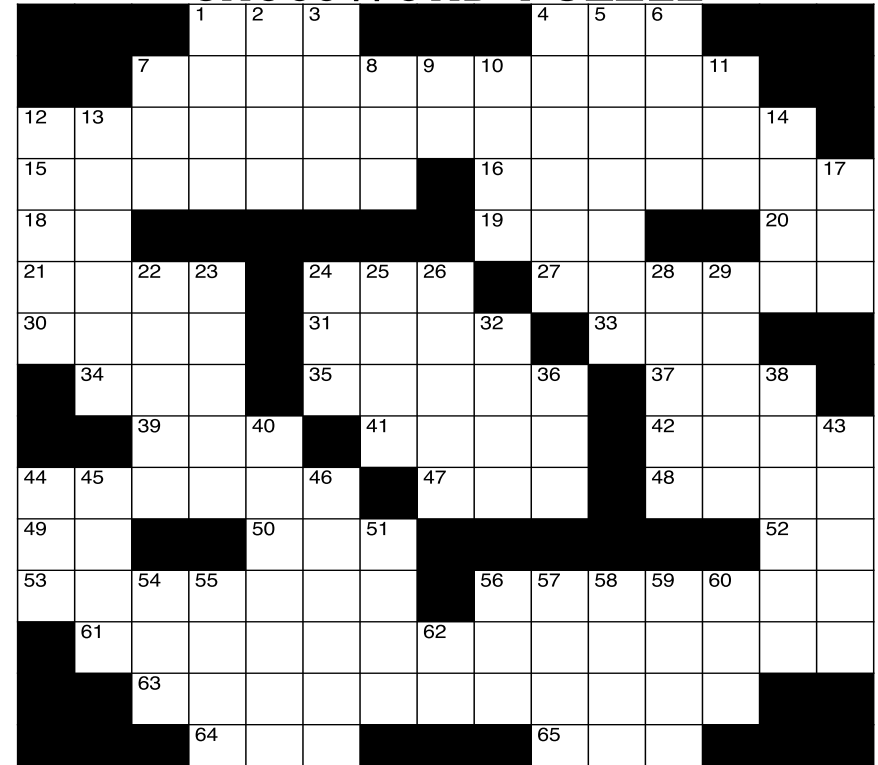
Also in attendance was Salem bookstore Wonderous Books & More, where owner Savannah Oaks sold books on witchcraft and holistic healing, as well as candles, tea packets and "spell box" kits for personal rituals put together by herself and her family and sold under the brand Salem Apothecary.

Other businesses at the expo included Azurae Windwalker Shamanic Healing Arts, The WellNest, Aphrodette North, Balanced Energy Arts, Jillie Intuitive Coaching, Spiritual Insights, Wonderful Land of Oils, JMC Healing and Wellness

Academy, Healing with Yvette, Chinese Medicine Works, Kimberly Olah, Earth's Essentials, Keeter Chiropractic, Charles Stokes-Collins, Clear Space Energy Healing, Zen my Brain, Rebecca Jerrod Consulting, Metta Vibrations, Belightful Healing, Healing Heart Energy Therapy, Jesi V Arts, Tracy and Angie, Jackie Lunger, Healing Harmonics, Rising Lotus, Karen Simpson, Theresa Huber, Wisdom of the Ages, Trinity Divine Metaphysical Study Group, Roanoke Metaphysical Chapel, The Beat Goes On, Spiritually Beaded, Bales Herbal Remedies, and Pellucidity In Live.



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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Small lump
  - 4. Helps little firms
  - 7. A way of performing
  - 12. Lawyers
  - 15. Stirred up
  - 16. Believed in
  - 18. The Bay State (abbr.)
  - 19. Makes computers
  - 20. Sodium
  - 21. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
  - 24. Institute legal proceedings against
  - 27. More compact
  - 30. Ethiopian river
  - 31. Quantitative fact
  - 33. No (Scottish)
  - 34. A concession of no great value
  - 35. Tony-winning actress Daisy
  - 37. More (Spanish)
  - 39. Russian space station
  - 41. Helicopter
  - 42. At the peak
  - 44. Makes ecstatically happy
  - 47. Excellent
  - 48. Material body
  - 49. The Golden State (abbr.)
  - 50. A unit of plane angle
  - 52. Argon
  - 53. Fancy
  - 56. Fried mixture of meat & spices
  - 61. How green plants use sunlight
  - 63. Without wills
  - 64. Unhappy
  - 65. Meat from a pig's leg
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Mentor
  - 2. Lyric poems
  - 3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland
  - 4. Trapped
  - 5. Used for road surfacing
  - 6. Cuckoos
  - 7. Prefix "away from"
  - 8. Seth McFarlane comedy
  - 9. Not out
  - 10. "The Simpsons" bus driver
  - 11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
  - 12. Acclaimed Indian physicist
  - 13. Removes
  - 14. One-name NBA player
  - 17. Revolutionary women
  - 22. Smell
  - 23. Ground-dwelling songbird
  - 24. Midway between south and southeast
  - 25. American state
  - 26. Keen
  - 28. Khoikhoi peoples
  - 29. Int'l defense organization
  - 32. Samoan money
  - 36. A sign of ascent
  - 38. One from Somalia
  - 40. Boat race
  - 43. Trims
  - 44. French coins
  - 45. Indigenous Scandinavian
  - 46. Flew alone
  - 51. Loch where a "monster" lives
  - 54. Japanese title
  - 55. Pros and \_\_\_
  - 56. Present in all living cells
  - 57. Something to scratch
  - 58. Branch of Islam
  - 59. Appear
  - 60. Former CIA
  - 62. Yukon Territory

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# Commencement 2022: history's famous speeches

## Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Graduation Day is a momentous occasion for most college students. It's a time for reflection, a cause for celebration, and of course, an opportunity to soak in words of wisdom from family, friends and A-list celebrities. Each year, numerous movie stars, late-night hosts, politicians, authors and tech entrepreneurs lend their voices to university commencement speeches around the country, helping to set the tone for that year's graduates.

Some commencement speeches, such as David Foster Wallace's famous 2005 "This Is Water" address at Kenyon College, have been memorialized in the form of a published book; others, such as former First Lady Michelle Obama's 2015 speech at Tuskegee University, have been looked to as a marker of the times. And still others, such as Steve Jobs' 2005 commencement speech at Stanford University, are admired as a standard bearer for their poignant emotional core

years after the fact.

What binds all these memorable speeches together is their distinct messages, delivered with a personal anecdote or two, and a dash of humor to keep things light. Those messages have ranged from telling grads to brace for uncertainty, to do what they're most passionate about, or, in the case of Oprah Winfrey's 2013 Harvard University speech, to keep going in the face of adversity. "There is no such thing as failure," she said at the time. "Failure is just life trying to move us in another direction."

Here, we've rounded up some of the most famous commencement speeches of all time, which have messages just as inspirational to long-graduated adults today as they were to their young audiences then.

Steve Jobs at Stanford, 2005

"You've got to find what you love. And that is as true for your work as it is for your lovers. Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the

only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until you find it. Don't settle."

David Foster Wallace at Kenyon College, 2005

"Twenty years after my own graduation, I have come gradually to understand that the liberal arts cliché about teaching you how to think is actually shorthand for a much deeper, more serious idea: learning how to think really means learning how to exercise some control over how and what you think. It means being conscious and aware enough to choose what you pay attention to and to choose how you construct meaning from experience. Because if you cannot exercise this kind of choice in adult life, you will be totally hosed."

Amy Poehler at Harvard University, 2011

"All I can tell you today is what I have learned. What I have discovered as a person in this world. And that is this: you can't do it alone. As you navigate through the rest of your life, be open to collaboration. Other people and other people's ideas are often better than your own. Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life. No one is here today because they did it on their own. Okay, maybe Josh, but he's just a straight-up weirdo."

Michelle Obama at Tuskegee University, 2015

"And at the end of the day, by staying true to the me I've always known, I found that this journey has been incredibly freeing. Because no matter what happened, I had the peace of mind of knowing that all of the chatter, the name calling, the doubting — all of it was just noise.

*It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it.*  
Nelson Mandela

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**Craig County Public Library Party**  
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Old Brick Hotel  
141 Court Street, New Castle

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Barack Obama at Howard University, 2016

"There will be times when you shouldn't com-

promise your core values, your integrity, and you will have the responsibility to speak up in the face of injustice. But listen. Engage. If the other side has a point, learn from them. If they're wrong, rebut them. Teach them. Beat them on the battlefield of ideas. And you might as well start practicing now, because one thing I can guarantee you -- you will have to deal with ignorance, hatred, racism, foolishness, trifling folks. I promise you, you will have to deal with all that at every stage of your life. That may not seem fair, but life has never been completely fair. Nobody promised you a crystal stair. And if you want to make life fair, then you've got to start with the world as it is."

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# Spring Community Fun Day Set for May 21st

Submitted by Goodwill Industries of the Valleys

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys will be hosting a Community Career & Resource Fair and celebrating the Grand Reopening of YouthHQ@Goodwill on Saturday, May 21st from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. outside at the Goodwill Roanoke Jobs Campus located at 2502 Melrose Avenue, NW, Roanoke. The fair and reopening events are in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke and Shiloh Baptist Church's Fun Day at the Kiwanis Centennial Playground beside the Melrose Library located at the Goodwill Roanoke Jobs Campus.

All events are free and open to the community. The Community Career & Resource Fair will be a great event for individuals and families to discover what resources and job opportunities are available in the community including Goodwill programs and working at Goodwill.

The Grand Reopening of YouthHQ@Goodwill will consist of fun activities, live performances, and facility tours for youth and families. During the event, middle and high school students can enroll at YouthHQ for free after school and summer programming. The Fun Day will provide fun-filled activities including zoo animals and wildflower garden planting, food, and music for all ages.

"The Community Career & Resource Fair and Grand Reopening of YouthHQ@Goodwill is an opportunity to bring together local businesses and individuals looking for a job as well as sharing local resources and services for individuals and their families," states Zenith Barrett, Vice President of Business & Community Engagement for Goodwill. "We are excited to be a resource for the Roanoke community alongside the Fun Day presented by the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke and Shiloh

Baptist Church."

Individuals with questions about Goodwill services may contact (540) 581.0620. Businesses interested in being a part of future job fairs, please contact Zenith Barrett at (540) 581.0620 ext. 1266 or zbarrett@goodwillvalleys.com.

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## Library Corner

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John F. Kennedy at American University, 1963

"First, examine our attitude toward peace itself. Too many of us think it is impossible. Too many think it is unreal. But that is a dangerous, defeatist belief. It leads to the conclusion that war is inevitable, that mankind is doomed, that we are gripped by forces we cannot control. We need not accept that view. Our problems are manmade. Therefore, they can be solved by man. And man can be as big as he wants. No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings. Man's reason and spirit have often solved the seemingly unsolvable and we believe they can do it again."

Oprah Winfrey at Harvard University, 2013

"At some point you are bound to stumble because if you're constantly doing what we do, raising the bar. If you're constantly pushing yourself higher, higher the law of averages

not to mention the Myth of Icarus predicts that you will at some point fall. And when you do I want you to know this, remember this: there is no such thing as failure. Failure is just life trying to move us in another direction."

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie at Wellesley College, 2015

"My writing might not have ended up being successful. But the point is that I tried. We cannot always bend the world into the shapes we want but we can try, we can make a concerted and real and true effort. And you are privileged

that, because of your education here, you have already been given many of the tools that you will need to try. Always just try. Because you never know."

Library News:

May 19, 2022 at 6 pm Old Brick Hotel: Annual Friends of the Library meeting and Party. Come and join the Friends of the Library. You'll be glad you did!

May 30, 2022 from

9-11 am Library Ladies Bake Sale on the porch of the Hotel before and after the Memorial Day service at the Courthouse. Sweet and savory treats for your family!

June 13, 2022 at 6 pm Board of Trustees meeting at the library patio. Public is welcome.

June-August Summer reading program at the library. Bring the kids down to check it out!

Thank you to all who helped with the Bench Challenge! We have received one bench lo-

cated on the Post Office side of the building and have qualified for a second. Our collection drive has ended, but please continue to recycle and reduce plastics

in your life! More Swap days are coming! We hope you are enjoying your plants from the plant swap last month!

### CRAIG COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Craig, Virginia will hold a public hearing to receive public input regarding proposed budgets from Virginia Department of Transportation.

This includes the Secondary System Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and the project priority listing for the Secondary System Six-Year Plan for Craig County Fiscal Year 2022-2023 through 2027-28.

The hearing is scheduled for June 2th, 2022. The Public Hearing, which may be continued or adjourned and will be held at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard during the Board of Supervisors meeting at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia in the Court Room. A copy of the budgets may be requested at the Office of the County Administrator. Written comments may be submitted to the County Administrator's office by email [abryson@craigcountyva.gov](mailto:abryson@craigcountyva.gov), or mailed to P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127. All written comments must be received no later than 1:00 p.m., Thursday May 26th, 2022. (540)864-5010

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## ROCKETS ARE THIRD SEED IN PIONEER DISTRICT SOFTBALL



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Karly Potter eases under a fly ball in right.



Randalyn Taylor is ready to move at second.



Sara Jones pitches for the Rockets.

The Pioneer District softball tournament is scheduled for this week and Craig County is the third seeded team.

The Rockets are scheduled to travel today for a semifinal round game against the second seed in the district. That will be either Covington or Parry McCluer, but that wasn't decided at press

time as those two were scheduled to play for the top seed, with the loser hosting Craig as the second seed on Wednesday. The championship is Friday at the site of the highest remaining seed.

Either Covington or Parry McCluer will be a challenge for the Rockets, who lost to both by lopsided scores last week. Craig

lost at Covington, 28-0, last Tuesday and a day later at home they were shut out again, this time by a 15-0 score against Parry McCluer. Sara Jones started pitching both games with Karly Potter and Chasity Wolfe coming in for relief after a couple of innings.

"We got the bat on the ball

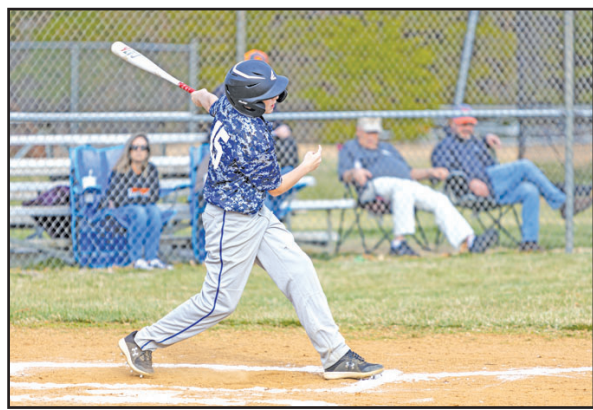
against both very good pitchers, we just couldn't hit the gaps, and both teams played solid defensively," said Craig coach Elaina WolfeCarper.

On Thursday the Rockets finished the regular season on a high note, bouncing back to defeat Eastern Montgomery in New Castle, 13-5. Jones got the win,

striking out nine Mustangs. Sara also had a big day at the plate with two doubles and a triple, driving home five runs.

"Everyone played much better in this game," said WolfeCarper. "There is absolutely talent to build upon, we just have to be more consistent and focused every game."

## PIONEER DISTRICT BASEBALL SEMIFINALS ARE TODAY

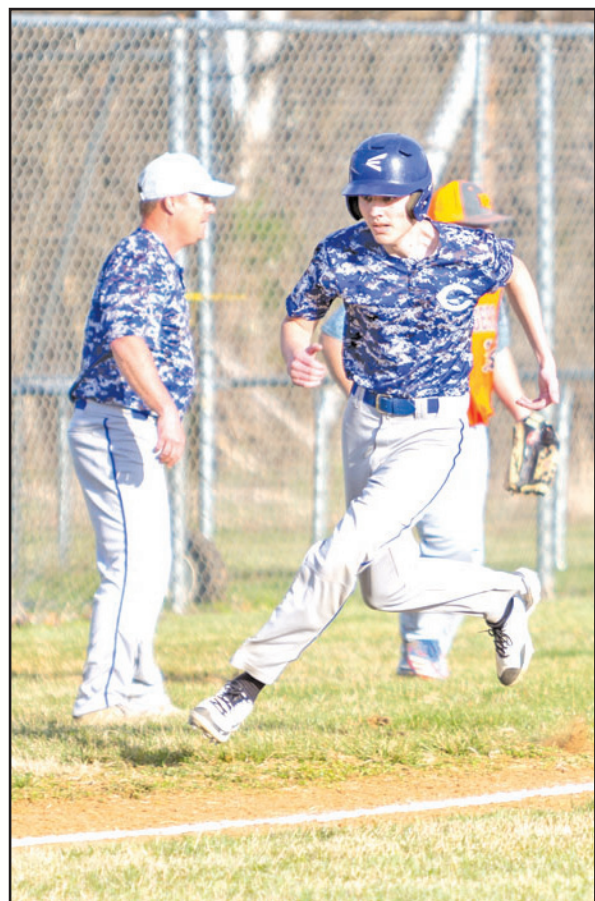


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Hayden Reynolds takes a cut for the Rockets.



Matthew Lucas smacks a hit.



Nathaniel Sarver steams around third and is sent home by coach Jason Lucas.

Narrows is the top seed in the Pioneer District baseball tournament, and if the Craig County team won their opening game Monday they'll play the Green Wave today in the district semifinals.

The Rockets were scheduled to play host to Eastern Montgomery on Monday in the "four-five" game of the tournament. Craig beat the Mustangs twice prior this spring but Monday's game was for advancement in the tournament. Today's semifinal winners will be play for the Pioneer championship

on Friday at the site of the highest remaining seed.

The Rockets closed out the regular season with a 7-1 loss to Covington last week in Covington. Craig had just two hits, one each by Matthew Lucas and Jaycob Wolfe. Zachary Peters started on the mound for Craig and pitched four innings, striking out five. Dylan Crawford pitched the last two innings, fanning two more.

"We were having a hard time hitting in the game, having struck out 14 times," said Craig coach

Zachary Peters. "We started making good contact with the ball but were hitting right to them. We still continue to make mental errors in the field allowing runners to advance an extra base or two. We were trying to limit our pitchers again in this game with a double header coming on Friday so we could use them again."

Unfortunately for the Rockets Friday's doubleheader with Highland was rained out and will not be rescheduled with the post-season due to start this week.

## PIONEER SOCCER TOURNAMENT IS THIS WEEK

The semifinal round of the Pioneer District soccer tournament will be today at the sites of the first and second seeds. Seedings were still being determined at press time.

Craig County was scheduled to host Narrows on Monday in the "four-five" game. The winner of

that game will advance to Wednesday's semifinals, playing at the site of the top seed. That will be either Eastern Montgomery or Bath County, depending on Monday results. The championship game is Friday at the site of the highest remaining seed.

The Rockets beat Covington, 4-2, in their final regular season game last week in New Castle. Mason Huffman had two goals to lead the Rockets while Alex Drake and Bryce Drake had one each. Huffman and Bryce both scored on penalty kicks.

## DISTRICT AND REGION TRACK IS AT GILES

Giles High School is the site for both the Pioneer District and Region 1C track meets this spring. The district meet was scheduled for Tuesday of this week and the regional will be next week on the same track, either on May 25 or 27.

Rocket athletes competed in the New River Invitational at Giles and the Blacksburg Invitational last week. At Giles, Isaac Morris had a personal best with a time of 5:42.5 in the 1,600

meters and he also long jumped 13' 1". Tyler Fitzpatrick took third in the discus at the New River meet with a toss of 118' 7" and had a personal best in the 400 meters at 1:05.50. Summer Huffman took fourth in the girls' discus at 83' 10" at Giles.

Isaiah Garey took sixth in the shot put at the New River Invitational with a heave of 37' 4". He also had a personal record in Blacksburg with a discus throw of 104' 8".



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Isaiah Garey tosses the discus for Craig at a recent meet

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