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Young ladies continue to recycle with purpose for the Library

Pam Dudding
 Contributing writer

While some wonder what is happening to our younger generation, there are many young people who are doing things to preserve our world. Who knew that soft plastic bags could be made into a usable and sturdy bench?

The young high school ladies responsible for this wonderful effort are Kallie Fisher, Kammie Fisher, McKenna All and Cheyanne Bell. Plastic is stuffed into garbage bags, and they are being stored in Stacey Fisher's barn.

Three months ago, these girls started collecting plastics to try and collect enough to send to the recycling center for a new bench for the New Castle Library. With much effort and work, they were able to do so, "collecting 500 pounds of plastics," Librarian Director Letha Persinger shared. "Plus they had to separate and weigh it all."

This seemed to spark a fire within them as they chose to keep collecting and now have enough to take to the recycling center to get a second bench for the Library.

Marge Lewter is the transport person who takes the bags to the recycling center, where they get monetary credit for a new bench that will be given to the library.

Fisher added a special "thank you" to Food Country for saving the plastics for them and allowing them to pick up from their stocking and order days and to the New Castle Library for being a collection point. Community members have really pitched in to help this feat become real for the second time and the ladies are excited to have completed this task, yet again.

Who knows—maybe they will start collecting more plastics for benches on Main Street? (hint hint!)



Kammie and Kallie Fisher sit on bags of plastics that they, along with McKenna All and Cheyanne Bell, have collected for the second time to send to the recycling center.



Cheyanne Bell sits on the first new bench at the New Castle Library, which the young ladies received for the plastics they turned in to the recycling center.



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

The Waiteville Community Center will be hosting their Annual Memorial Day Dinner on Sunday, May 29, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Waiteville Community Center stays busy with upcoming events

Pam Dudding
 Contributing writer

Small towns tend to bring people together in a more personal setting, and Waiteville has always had that special legacy. Regardless of when you go to an event, there are lots of hugs, smiles and handshakes that create a sweet 'family reunion' atmosphere amongst friends.

The Waiteville Community Center has members that are keeping busy renovating the center as well as hosting many events for their community.

Their next event will be their famous annual Memorial Day Dinner on Sunday, May 29. The dine-in or take-out meals will be served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost will be \$8 for children 5 to 12 and \$12 ages 13 and up (children under four eat free). The menu will consist of a choice of ham or chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, deviled eggs, roll, dessert selections, and a drink.

Also, Woodman Life is donating a flagpole and US Flag to the Com-

munity Center in memory of Patrick Woods. Plans are to install it by the Memorial Day Dinner with a dedication ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

Available at the dinner will be The Waiteville Cookbook, entitled Remembering the Past - Looking To the Future, highlighting recipes from past Waiteville cooks, current residents, family members and friends who have connections to Waiteville, has been published. \$12 per copy.

Upcoming events include:

Waiteville History Event and Book Signing with Mary Kay Williams, on July 16, at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served

Annual Meeting - open to all community members, held on July 16, at 2:30 pm

Second Annual Waiteville School Reunion - September 24, 10 am - 2 pm. Lunch served

Hunters Dinner - November 20

WCC is pleased that The State Historic Preservation Office in Charleston has awarded a grant of

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FFA and Ag Dept host successful Fair



PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING

The Dudding Boys and Friends helped to bring some sunshine of music on the rainy day of the FFA and Ag Fair. Some just decided to "stay and sit a spell," saying, "This is my kind of music!"

Pam Dudding
 Contributing writer

The first annual Future Farmers of America and Agricultural Department Fair drew much attention and many visitors to Craig County High School on Saturday, May 14. Though the downpour of rain washed everyone inside, it didn't dampen the spirits.

It was obvious that much work had gone into planning the event.

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Spinning was taught during the day for those who enjoyed old time ways that some still use today.



The boys' basketball team sold hot dogs. Their line seldom seemed to end as they fed a lot of people that day.



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The Rose Family of Paint Bank, VA

Authored By: Julie Michelle Wilson, Great-Granddaughter of Kenneth Watson Rose and Gladys Gwendolyn (Caldwell) Rose, Granddaughter to Robert Wesley and Carolyn R. Simmons, Daughter to Walter E. and Brenda S. Wilson
Contributions By: Chalmus Bryan "Bobby" Rose

In the Allegheny Mountains of southwest Virginia, between Potts Mountain and Peters Mountain in Craig County, at the intersection of State Route 18 and State Route 311, you will find the historic frontier town of Paint Bank. Its name originated from Native Americans using iron ochre and red clay taken from the banks of Potts Creek, as war paint, and for pottery. Later the clay was used in commercial paint and red bricks for permanent buildings. In the early 1900s, during the mining and timber boom, well over 2,000 people lived around Potts Creek, with the Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Company (I.C. & C. Co.) being the largest employer, mining iron ore and magnesium and using timber for props in the mines. A hotel, hospital, schoolhouses, and many stores and homes were constructed to accommodate the bustling town. The Potts Valley Branch line of the Norfolk & Western Railway had daily trains that carried out minerals and timber, and brought in passengers and goods. The Rose family, consisting of Kenneth Watson Rose, Gladys Gwendolyn (Caldwell) Rose, and children, Carolyn, Christine, Chalmus Bryan "Bobby," and Kenneth C. (who did not survive infancy), were a part of the community during this time. Kenneth was the Postmaster and Manager of four stores in town: the Paint Bank General Store, Service Station, Commissary, and store in the Paint Bank Hotel.



Photo taken in 1934

General Store

W.L. Bryan built the General Store, and leased it to C.J. Casdorph & Son from Ronceverte, who already had 19 grocers in West Virginia. This would be his only location in Virginia. He hired Kenneth to manage the store which included accommodations of living on the second floor above the General Store. In the 1930's the store was not self-serve as today. He was the clerk who would collect the items you needed per trip to the store. They primarily sold dry and canned groceries, candy, and tobacco. In the store they had metal barrels of loose beans, lentils especially. There was a feed room for cow and horse feed, and they sold horseshoes. Most everyone grew their own vegetables in gardens at home. Bobby said if you didn't grow it, you didn't eat it, it was that simple. He remembers the family garden contained: tomatoes, potatoes, beans, onions, lettuce, cabbage, cucumbers, sweet corn, turnips, and radishes. They raised their own apples and pears up on the mountain in the orchid. To preserve the fruits and vegetables (potatoes especially) they would dig a hole up on the mountain, place them inside, and then cover them over with hay. On Wednesday afternoon's Kenneth would close the store and drive to Covington to buy fruits. He would buy bananas by the stalk, which Bobby found to be impressive. Gladys always accompanied Kenneth on these buying trips for the store, and would check out the latest fashions while in town. Interestingly, they did not sell milk in the General Store, as everyone had access to a cow, and refrigeration was a premium. The electricity for the General Store came from Tingler's Mill. Carolyn's husband, Robert Wesley Simmons's, Great-Grandfather, Henry Tingler, built the mill in 1873. Robert and Carolyn's daughter, Brenda, remembers playing upstairs in the General Store; looking through the cracks in the floor, she could see and hear all the town gossip! She also had fun lending a hand in the store, and was allowed to select one treat a day for her efforts, preferring the hard candy sticks or ice cream. The whole family worked the store stocking shelves, assisting customers, and accepting deliveries. The General Store was the place of many wonderful family memories, and several sad memories with the passing of William C. and Nora Rose (Kenneth's parents), and Oscar Ferdinand Wiley Craig Caldwell (Gladys's Father) in the private residence on the second floor. Kenneth was the Manager of the General Store for 37 years.



Brenda S. Wilson standing in front of the Paint Bank General Store in 2002

Schoolhouse

The Paint Bank Schoolhouse, located up on the hill along Route 311, served the community from 1910 until the 1960s. During the mining boom, 135 children were educated at one time in this schoolhouse. The building was heated; however there was no inside plumbing or water. Carolyn told stories of walking two miles to school every day even in the snow, as school was never closed due to weather. The schoolhouse had two classrooms on the first floor; one taught 1st-3rd grade, and the second room taught 4th-7th grade. Each room had its own teacher, instructing on all major subjects including English, math, and history. The second floor had a large room with a stage area for performances. Mother Maybelle Carter and the Carter Sisters (Helen, June and Anita), Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs entertained there in the 1940s. Carolyn, Christine, and Bobby attended grade school in this schoolhouse, and Bobby was on the school baseball team. He was also on the Paint Bank Baseball Team which played games on the weekends against teams from Wakefield, WV, Sweet Spring, WV, Union, WV, and Gap Mills, WV. They practiced and played behind the train depot, with a concession stand that served refreshments during games, still present today. The siblings graduated from New Castle High School, and all went on to higher education: Carolyn, Radford College; Christine, Business School; and Bobby to Emory & Henry College.



Paint Bank School Baseball Team of 1938. Bobby is seated third from the left.

Humphreys Chapel United Methodist Church

If the General Store is the town hub, Humphreys Chapel is its heart. It was built on land donated by William Harve Humphreys and dedicated in his honor in 1917. The Rose family was very involved with the construction and purchasing of materials to build the church. Bobby has check stubs going back to the 1800s showing the cost and payment of materials. Building supplies at that time were carried over the mountains on horseback. The church is traditional in design, classic white, with a bright red door. The tower has a cast iron bell rung from a rope before service each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. In the 1920s, and 1930s the church was packed with people every Sunday, most having walked to church. All were wearing their Sunday Best, including full suit, nice dress, hat, gloves, jewelry, and a shine on their shoes. Kenneth was the Sunday School Superintendent for 57 years at Humphreys Chapel. Robert and Carolyn's daughter, Brenda, sang in the choir, while Robert played the piano and organ by ear during services. Gladys routinely made aprons to help raise money for the church. She would sell them for 50 cents apiece. Baptisms for the Rose family took place in Potts Creek. All three siblings were married in Humphreys Chapel by Reverend Charles Snead, who also presided over the Rose family funerals. Additional family weddings have taken place at Humphreys Chapel; it remains an important symbol of faith to the Rose family.



Robert Wesley Simmons in Humphreys Chapel United Methodist Church in 2002

Past, Present, Future

The Rose family plot is located in the Paint Bank Community Cemetery located on a hilltop with scenic views of the Appalachian Mountains. Carolyn passed December 30, 2021. Her funeral in February paid tribute to her outstanding civic leadership in Maryland. Christine is currently 94 years old, enjoys working puzzles, watching baseball games (Go O's!), and trips to the Williamsburg Premium Outlets. Bobby is 93 years old, very active with his local Methodist church, enjoys watching baseball games (Go Nats!), and going out for dinner. Christine and Bobby are both still living in Virginia, and visit each other often. Every year it is tradition for the Rose family to head back to Paint Bank for the 4th of July picnic at the Fire House.

The Rose family tree continues to extend its branches with the births of new generations. We are very proud to have Paint Bank running through our veins. It remains the compass for our family, reminding us of the simple things in life. Where you grow your own, make your own, do for your family and community, and love one another as much as you can. It's a slice of the past that we proudly carry with us into the future.



Carolyn R. Simmons, Chalmus Bryan "Bobby" Rose, and Christine R. Looney, taken in 2014, at Bobby's 80th Birthday celebration

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Patrick Woods. Plans are to install it by the Memorial Day Dinner with a dedication ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

* The Craig County Fairgrounds will host their spring Demolition Derby on Saturday, June 4.

In Loving Memory Brenda S. Wilson

Brenda S. Wilson, age 74, passed away on September 4, 2021, surrounded by her loving husband of more than 52 years, Walter, and her only child, Julie. Brenda was born in Roanoke, VA, on July 23, 1947 to Carolyn (Rose) Simmons and Robert Wesley Simmons. As a young girl Brenda enjoyed singing in the choir at Humphreys Chapel United Methodist Church, minding the General Store with her Grandfather Kenneth Watson Rose, and tending the vegetable garden with her Grandmother Gladys Gwendolyn (Caldwell) Rose in Paint Bank, VA. Brenda grew up in Arbutus, MD, graduating from Catonsville High School where she met her beloved Walter. She competed in the Miss America beauty pageant as Miss Arbutus. Brenda graduated from the John Robert Powers Modeling Academy. Her fashion career consisted of photographic and runway modeling. She attended Strayer Business College, and had a career spanning over 35 years in the medical field.



Brenda and her daughter created a ballroom dance dress company called Encore Ballroom Couture, a ballroom dance dress cleaning company called The Dress Spa, a charity program benefiting Walter Reed National Military Medical Center called Toppers for Troopers, a donation program benefiting a youth dance charity program called Gold Stars, and a seasonal fashion editorial called Hairpins to Hemlines. Their company is home to the Dancing with the Stars Costume Museum featuring original showpieces from the hit ABC show.

She was an avid tennis player and co-captained two USTA tennis teams. Brenda managed a tennis flight at the

local athletic club where she was a member for over 30 years. Brenda was a member of the Henry Clay Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and Martha Washington Chapter, of the Order of the Eastern Stars. In addition to her husband and daughter, she leaves behind her Mother and an extended family. She is preceded by her Father, Robert Wesley Simmons.

Visitation took place on Sunday, October 10, from 1 P.M. until 7 P.M., with a 7 P.M. Ceremony featuring the DAR and Eastern Stars. Visitation also took place on Monday, October 11, from 11 A.M. until 2 P.M., with Funeral Service at 2 P.M. All events took place at Annandale United Methodist Church, with Sr. Pastor Charlie Wood officiating, and Reverend Clarence Brown celebrating the sparkling life of Brenda with a moving eulogy. Penelope Gross, Mason District Supervisor, presented a beautiful plaque encouraging a day of remembrance on her birthday, July 23. There was a butterfly and dove release, and the church dedicated the bench on the front porch to Brenda with a photo and plaque. Brenda was laid to rest in a family plot at the Annandale United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Please make all charitable contributions to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, alexandrianimals.salsalabs.org/memoryofbrendawilson. To date, over \$5,000 has been donated in memory of Brenda. The animal shelter is planning to dedicate the front gardens and entryway in her honor this spring.

For more information please see: BrendaSWilson.com

Carolyn R. Simmons

Carolyn R. Simmons, age 95, passed away of natural causes in her sleep on December 30, 2021. She was born on August 12, 1926 at home in Paint Bank, VA to Gladys Gwendolyn (Caldwell) Rose and Kenneth Watson Rose. Her parents managed the Paint Bank General Store, and her father was the Postmaster. Carolyn attended grade school in a two-room school house in Paint Bank, graduated from New Castle High School, and attended Radford College where her studies focused on accounting. Carolyn had a long career working as an accountant for private clients and businesses.



Carolyn married Robert Wesley Simmons on August 20, 1945, at Humphreys Chapel United Methodist Church, enjoying a loving 59 year marriage. While Robert was serving in the Army, Carolyn worked at the C&P Telephone Co. They celebrated the birth of their only child, Brenda, on July 23, 1947.

Once the family moved to Baltimore, Carolyn began her civic work for the city of Baltimore, and the State of Maryland, while her husband worked for General Motors. She was the President of the Women's Civic League for consecutive terms, and a member for over 60 years. She worked closely with Mayor Kurt Schmoke, consecutive Baltimore Mayors, and Governors, starting with her close friend Governor William Donald Schaefer. Carolyn was the Chairman of the Breakfast of Flowers event held at the Sculpture Court at Walter's Art Museum, and Agora at the Marburg Mansion. She enjoyed hosting "A Day at the Races" at Pimlico Racetrack,

handing out the winning trophy on behalf of the Women's Civic League. A tree has been planted in Carolyn's honor at the Women's Civic League Headquarters, on 9 Front Street, in Baltimore, Maryland. As a cherished Civic Leader, Carolyn focused her life on celebrating community, her love of Maryland and Baltimore, and all of its people.

Carolyn was the Chairman of the popular Flower Mart event at Mt Vernon Place in Baltimore. She created the famous "Lemon Bake Off," with the wives of Baltimore Orioles players as judges. Carolyn, in collaboration with Governor William Donald Schaefer, assisted in the production of Flowermart Recipes and Reflections cookbook with proceeds benefiting Flower Mart. Carolyn was honored with the Volunteer of the Year Award, for her outstanding work and devotion to the Flower Mart.

As a travel agent, Carolyn took many cruises to the Caribbean on the QEII, her favorite ship. She especially enjoyed day trips to the beautiful islands and the friendly hospitality of the people.

Carolyn is preceded by her husband Robert Wesley Simmons, and her daughter Brenda S. Wilson. She leaves behind her granddaughter Julie Michelle Wilson, son-in-law Walter E. Wilson, siblings Christine Rose Looney, and Chalmus (Bobby) Rose. As head of the Rose Family, she leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation took place on Tuesday, February 22, at Gary Memorial United Methodist Church, at 10 AM, Funeral Service followed at 11:30 AM. During the Funeral Service Carolyn was praised for her dedication to city, state and country by Lary Hogan, Governor of Maryland; Brandon Scott, Mayor of Baltimore; Calvin B. Ball, Howard County Executive; and Amelia Campbell, President of the Women's Civic League. Her casket was draped with the Maryland State flag. She was laid to rest next to her loving husband Robert, at Crest Lawn Memorial Gardens, on Tuesday, 2/22/22 at 2:22:22 PM, celebrating being "Together Forever."

Donations may be made in Carolyn's memory to the Gary Memorial United Methodist Church. <https://www.carolynsimmons.com/donate>

For more information please see: CarolynRSimmons.com

Family, Faith, Fellowship, and Freedom - the Fabric of My Life

Authored By: Julie Michelle Wilson

Many picturesque towns pepper the United States, offering a wonderful and charming place to call home. A place where you have generations of one family running local businesses, everyone uniting in one church, a place where neighbors become family, and there is more of a sense of make it yourself or grow it at home. A place where you can awaken to local birdcalls, hear the water rippling down the creek out back, or the rustling of a crisp newspaper before breakfast. A place where you may walk through and smell the heavy dew in the grass early in the morning, or the taste of sweet tea or hot pie at supertime, all while breathing fresh mountain air. Life is simple, peaceful, and holding onto classic American values. This place in my heart and history is Paint Bank, VA. Deep in the Blue Ridge Mountains, in Craig County, this valley town weaves together Family, Faith, Fellowship, and Freedom - the Fabric of My Life.

My Great-Grandfather, Kenneth Watson Rose, was the Postmaster and Manager of four stores in town. As a little girl I remember working the garden with my Great-Grandfather, and Mother, Brenda S. Wilson, digging up potatoes, and harvesting tomatoes. Each potato was exciting to find! Inside the house, there was a cash register, where I spent hours pretending to ring people up. A treat was getting to visit the Paint Bank National Fish Hatchery. It was exciting to see the trout in various stages of growth, which would soon stock the Thomas Jefferson and George Washington National Forests. Family meals were very important parts of the day, and going to church was a major event. I can remember getting all dressed up, and climbing the front church steps at Humphreys Chapel United Methodist Church, which seemed very steep at a young age. The Rose side of my family was instrumental in the construction of the church, and many family weddings have taken place there. It has great significance and meaning to my family,



Brenda S. Wilson, Julie Michelle Wilson, and Kenneth Watson Rose, harvesting potatoes in the family garden in Paint Bank.

and I cherish having it as a part of our story.

The Rose's and Caldwell's (My Great-Grandmother Gladys Gwendolyn (Caldwell) Rose's side of the family), have been living in and around the Blue Ridge Mountains for generations. I recently discovered the marriage license belonging to my Grandfather, Robert Wesley Simmons's, Great-Grandparent's Charles E. and Ingabo E. (Lowry) McGuire. The Minister who signed the license was Harvey B. Rose, Robert's wife, Carolyn R. Simmons's, Great-Grandfather, on September 18, 1866. My 3rd Great-



Walter E. Wilson, Carolyn R. Simmons, Julie Michelle Wilson, at the Paint Bank National Fish Hatchery.

Grandfather Henry Tingler built Tingler's Mill, which is a serene place to visit; you can watch the wheel circle around and there is trout swimming in the nearby pond.

My first trip on the winding mountain roads to Paint Bank was at 12 weeks of age. In later years this became a highlight to visiting, as my parents would tell me family and local stories, as well as history of the mountains. We would stop along the way at the scenic overlooks, and I would go exploring! Through the many years, I found countless treasures, which I have kept to this day. I have always had a fascination and curiosity for rocks and fossils, whereas my Mother preferred her gems polished and set in jewelry. In celebration of my Birthday a few years ago, my Mother and I were granted a private tour of the gems and minerals vaults at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, in Washington, D.C. The catalog of space rocks, gems, and minerals, was astonishing. My Mother and I found it extremely interesting as we had done extensive research and education through the years on these natural wonders. My favorite piece in my personal collection is a dinosaur tooth, and one of the more interesting pieces in my collection, is a meteorite pendant, which ironically set off the metal detector at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.



My Grandparents (Robert Wesley and Carolyn R. Simmons)



Julie Michelle Wilson and Brenda S. Wilson

In 2011, and 2017 I had the great honor of representing the state of Virginia in two separate pageant systems. Many of the small towns that I visited throughout the state during my reign as Ms. Virginia, reminded me of Paint Bank. The festivals and fairs were held at the local schoolhouse, and many tradesmen would bring their goods to sell; soaps, woodworks, ice creams, and baked goods, were handcrafted to perfection. On one trip to Monterey, VA, I attended the Highland County Maple Festival, and visited with many families who produce maple syrup in the region. It was refreshing to see so many generations preserving their family heritage



Julie Michelle Wilson, Ms Virginia 2017, at the Highland County Maple Festival.

and tradition. They did a great job of explaining the history of the industry, and made me feel right at home. It is well north of Paint Bank, but the flavor of the people, and the beautiful views were very much the same. (msvirginia2017.com)

I eagerly study the stories of my ancestors and enjoy discovering more branches on my family tree. In 2018, after extensive research, I traced my family roots back to Ireland. I decided to honor my Irish heritage by participating in an Irish pageant system. I won the national title of Ms. Ireland USA 2018, representing Irish women throughout the United States. I was a part of many St Patrick's Day festivities, Irish charity fundraising events, and parades in New York City, South Boston, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. In 2019, I traveled to Ireland to visit my ancestral homeland at Castle Caldwell, also visiting Belleek Pottery founded by John Caldwell Bloomfield, and the Titanic Museum honoring Albert Francis Caldwell, wife Sylvia, and 10-month-old baby Alden, who all survived via Lifeboat 13. I had



Julie Michelle Wilson, Ms Ireland USA 2018, St Patrick's Day Parade, New York City.

the privilege of documenting our Irish family history with the Famine Museum located in Dublin, Ireland. I won the title of Miss Ireland International 2020, and couldn't have been more thrilled to represent Irish women throughout the world. (missirelandinternational.com)

My 9th Great-Grandfather, Captain John Caldwell and family arrived from Ireland, at the port of New Castle, in the Colony of Delaware, late in the year of 1727. He was granted authority to create "The Caldwell Settlement," on 30,000 acres in Cub Creek, Province of Virginia, by Governor William Gooch. On May 26, 1738, Captain John Caldwell initiated approval from the government to ensure frontiersmen the right to worship as they pleased, assuring religious freedom, and it was granted. At first, he held services under a tree, and then a log church was built. Captain John Caldwell was Justice of Peace for the circuit court (commissioned by King George II), as well as Founder and Ruling Elder of the Cub Creek Church. At a meeting on October 13, 1774, in the Cub Creek Church, the seed was planted for two schools of higher learning to be established in Virginia. One of the schools was Washington and Lee University, founded in 1749, which is the ninth oldest institution of higher education in America. The other school discussed was to be a seminary in Southside Virginia, named Hampden-Sydney College, founded on November 10, 1775. It was the last American college founded in British Colonial America, 10th oldest college in America, and last college founded before the start of the American Revolution. James Madison and Patrick Henry were among the first Trustees of Hampden-Sydney College.



Julie Michelle Wilson having a private moment of prayer.

Caldwell, NJ, in northwestern Essex County, approximately 16 miles outside of New York City, is named for Captain John Caldwell's son, my 8th Great-Uncle, General James Caldwell; who was a passionate Minister, Chaplain and Commissary General. He was known as a hero and true patriot of the American Revolution. His nickname was the "Fighting Chaplin." He was an ardent supporter of the American Revolution, which he proclaimed from the pulpit, containing his Bible flanked by guns. Reverend Caldwell's sermons were eloquent and moving, often bringing his congregation of over 350 people, as well as himself, to tears. He pleaded "loyalty to the cause of liberty!" Sometimes he would become so excited; his voice would overpower the drum, fife, and musket fire. During a battle General Caldwell's troops ran out of wadding papers. He ran into a nearby church, collected up the hymnals, and distributed them to his troops. He famously declared, "Give 'em Watts boys!"



Battle of Springfield, N.J. "Give 'em Watts, Boys" 1780, artist John Ward Dunsmore.

He and his wife were assassinated by British troops; their children were taken in by George Washington, and General Lafayette, who officially adopted Eric Caldwell. After being educated in France, Eric returned to Washington, D.C. and single handedly saved all of the important Supreme Court documents from the burning of the Capitol by the British. There is a portrait of Eric Caldwell in the Supreme Court chambers. He was also a pallbearer for President Abraham Lincoln, accompanying his body to its final resting place.

Oscar Ferdinand Wiley Craig Caldwell is my 2nd Great-Grandfather. His brother George Charlton Caldwell and wife Lorena are my 2nd Great-Aunt and Uncle. Their children William Addison and Milton were the first students to register at the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (V.A.M.C.). The Virginia Commonwealth's new land-grant institution eventually became known as the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. William Addison, 16 years of age, and Milton, 18 years of age, left their home in Sinking Creek (Craig County, VA), and walked 26 miles through the Blue Ridge Mountains to Blacksburg. On October 1, 1872 they were registered as the first students. There is a statue of William Addison Caldwell on campus. "GO—HOKIES!"



William Addison Caldwell, first student at Virginia Tech, on campus statue in his honor.

I stand in awe of the incredible pillars my family was built on. It is a great source of pride, knowing their courage, strength, and commitment to faith and values. Seeing their fellowship among family, community, and congregation, has been a great example to me. When I visit Paint Bank, I tune to the compass of my ancestors, and it grounds me to **Family, Faith, Fellowship, and Freedom - the Fabric of My Life.**

Julie Michelle Wilson currently lives and works in Northern Virginia. She is the Owner of Encore Ballroom Couture, a ballroom dance dress company; Owner of The Dress Spa, a ballroom dance dress cleaning company; Owner of the Dancing with the Stars Costume Museum, featuring original showpieces from the hit ABC show; Founder, Topper's for Troopers, a program with Walter Reed National Military Center; Program Coordinator, Gold Stars, a youth ballroom dance dress donation program; Creative Director, Hairpins to Hemlines, a fashion editorial; Professional Ballroom Dancer; and Guest Lecturer on fashion technology.



Carolyn R. Simmons, Brenda S. Wilson, Julie Michelle Wilson, three generations.

In the past few months, Julie lost her Mother, Brenda S. Wilson, and Grandmother, Carolyn R. Simmons. She finds comfort in memories, and sharing their stories.

Julie's Birthday is on May 23rd, and The New Castle Record would like to wish her a wonderful Birthday! May friends and family surround her with happiness, laughter, and love.



Julie Michelle Wilson dancing at the Country Western World Championships in Nashville, TN.

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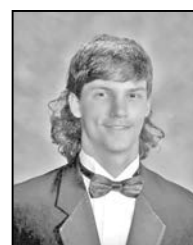
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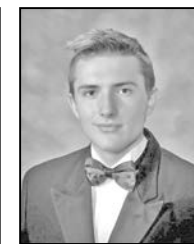
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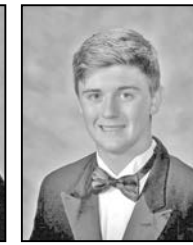
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REVIVAL Gathering at Gravel Hill Christian Church

Submitted by Gravel Hill Christian Church

Gravel Hill Christian Church of Newport, Va. will be hosting a REVIVAL gathering from June 2 - 5, 2022, at 6 p.m. The Gathering will fea-

ture Evangelist Jordan Midkiff. Jordan is a 19-year-old young man born and raised in Giles County in the shadow of our old circuit rider preachers, the likes of Robert Sheffey and Chester Bullard. He was called to the ministry at the tender

age of 12 and has the wonderful presence of an old-time preacher with a commanding knowledge of the Bible. He is truly a "young man with an old soul." All are invited to share in this gathering for a time of

spiritual uplifting and renewal. You will leave glad to have been a part of this event. If you have any musical talents you would like to share, we would love the opportunity to be blessed by your addition to the service. Please contact Judith Ayers at

(540) 250-1318 or (540) 544-6905. We look forward to seeing many new faces in our little country church on the hill! Gravel Hill Christian Church is located at 197 Gravel Hill Road, Newport, Va. 24128.

Salem Museum Memorial Day Weekend Event: Fallen Defenders—Past to Present



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Salem Museum and Historical Society presents Fallen Defenders—Past to Present on Saturday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Submitted by the Salem Museum and Historical Society

On Saturday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., experience a unique display of military uniforms and Fallen Soldier Battle Crosses. The display will represent almost every major conflict in American history from the Revolutionary War through Operation Inherent Resolve. The display will be set up on the grounds of the Salem Museum and is presented by the 24th Virginia Infantry Living Historians, who will be onsite to answer questions. This event is free and open to the public.

Traditionally, in conflicts past, the spot where a soldier or a marine fell in battle was marked by a helmet placed on a rifle with its bayonet thrust into the ground. This marker was a powerful symbol of respect, but also of courage, sacrifice and loss.

Our current day military rarely has the need to mark the locations of the fallen. Instead, the Fallen Soldier

Battle Cross is often displayed at memorial services that are held after a battle. The Fallen Soldier Battle Cross combines the helmet, rifle, and boots of each fallen comrade as part of a visual tribute.

This is an outdoor event. Masks are optional inside the Museum, but highly recommended for those who are unvaccinated or attending group functions.

The Salem Museum & Historical Society is an independent, nonprofit organization preserving and celebrating the history of Salem, Virginia, which was founded in 1802. The Salem Museum is located next to Longwood Park in the historic 1845 Williams-Brown House at 801 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. Museum admission is free, but donations are appreciated. The Museum has ample free parking. For more information call 540-389-6760 or visit salemmuseum.org.

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Donald "Donnie" Wayne and Sonja Carroll Jones will celebrate their 40th Anniversary on May 28th. In 1982, Donnie and Sonja tied the knot at New Castle Christian Church. The couple is blessed with 3 children: Joshua Jones, Chelsea Grippo (Gregory) and Triston Jones (Hannah). They also have 2 grandchildren: Raylee Huffman and Killian Grippo.

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 - 9. Trefoil
 - 10. Father of Paris
 - 12. Asian nut for chewing
 - 13. Machine gun from the air
 - 16. The communion table
 - 17. His razor
 - 18. Father
 - 19. Doctor of philosophy
 - 22. Cologne
 - 23. Black tropical Am. cuckoo
 - 24. Diversifies
 - 28. Razor author 14th C
 - 31. Maple sugar fluid
 - 32. A corp.'s first stock offer to the public
 - 34. The premier bike race
 - 42. References
 - 43. Extremely high frequency
 - 44. Actress Farrow
 - 46. Not good
 - 47. State of annoyance
 - 48. S. China seaport
 - 51. Bengal quince
 - 52. Provide the means
 - 54. A large and imposing house
 - 55. Excessively fat
 - 57. Spars
 - 58. Former wives
 - 59. Repeat
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Podetiums
 - 2. Frankenberg river
 - 3. Feel ill
 - 4. 12th state
 - 5. "Anything Goes" author's initials
 - 6. Daily time units (abbr.)
 - 7. Cagiva ___; motorcycle
 - 8. Drug agent (slang)
 - 9. Study of poetic meter
 - 11. Ceremonial staffs
 - 12. Russian pancake served with caviar
 - 14. Supervises flying
 - 15. Large Australian flightless bird
 - 16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
 - 19. Before
 - 20. Hall of Fame (abbr.)
 - 21. Constitution Hall org.
 - 24. Atomic #35
 - 25. Ducktail hairstyle
 - 26. Independent ruler
 - 27. Oval water scorpion
 - 29. Modern London Gallery
 - 30. On top
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 - 35. 2002 Olympic state
 - 36. Tease or ridicule
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 - 38. Opposite of begin
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 - 42. S. China seaport
 - 44. Woman (French)
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In Flanders Fields by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel

with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. It's difficult to prove the origins of this day as over two dozen towns and cities lay claim to be the birthplace. In May 1966, President Lyndon Johnson stepped in and officially declared Waterloo, N.Y. the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Regardless of the lo-

cation of origins or the exact date, one thing is crystal clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War (which ended in 1865) and a desire to honor our dead. On the 5th of May in 1868, General John Logan who was the national commander of the Grand Army of the republic, officially proclaimed it in his General Order No. 11.

Part of the history of Memorial Day will show that in the Order, the General proclaimed, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." Because the day wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle, the General called

it "The Date of Decoration Day." On the first Decoration Day, 5,000 participants decorated the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried at Arlington Cemetery while General James Garfield made an historic speech. New York was the first state to officially recognize the holiday in 1873. It was recognized by all northern states by 1890. Differently, the South refused to acknowledge the day and honored their dead on separate days. This went on until after World War I when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. With the Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363), it is now observed on the

last Monday in May by almost every state. Library News: The Craig County Public Library will resume its Bake Sale this year on the

porch of the Old Brick Hotel before and after the Memorial Day Service. Please come by for some goodies baked with love.



Craig County Public Library

BAKE SALE

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There were vendors set up side by side down several halls, animals were set up outside to pet and the new covered awning had been completed for the cows to stand under while the pouring rain continued to come down. They also had games set up in the secondary gym where kids of all ages could enjoy searching for animals in the sand, roping a steer, feeding the pig,

playing floor games and much more. Laughter was all around, and people seemed to enjoy helping to make it a successful day.

They also had a large variety of plants for sale that the students had grown themselves in their greenhouse.

Vendors had everything from yarn weaving to handmade crafts, wooden beauties of all kinds, handmade

afghans, keychains, clothes, earrings, Scent-sy, plants, books by the hundreds and much more. The Farm Bureau ladies had a beautiful quilt they were selling raffle tickets for as well as other items. The Garden Club was selling wonderful flowers and plants and the VFW was helping to educate people about their local post. There was something for everyone there.

The boys' basketball team seemed to always have a line, as they could barely keep up with the hot dog sales. The sweet aroma of Kettle corn drew many people into buying it as well. One could eat in the cafeteria while enjoying live music, by The Dudding Boys and Friends as Joey Mayo provided the high-quality sound system.

The FFA and Ag students were very grateful for the community for pitching in to help, both vendors and those who purchased from the vendors. Their sights are set high as these funds will help them to continue to build more onto their new Land Lab which they are excited to have.

Any donations are greatly appreciated to bring their visions to fruition and their education to a higher standard of learning, hands on.

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Community Center

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\$4,137 to pay a consultant to assist with preparing the National Register of Historic Places Application for National Historic Designation of Waiteville School. The WCC will need to provide a 25% match of cash and in-kind hours valued at \$1,034 to fund paying for the consultant. The Contract to receive the grant has been signed and Requests for Quotation have been submitted to 6 consultants. The target date for hiring the consultant is May 31 and completing the Application by October 31. If you have historic information about Waiteville School or are willing to contribute toward the cash match, please contact Janet McDaniel at mcdaniel.janet@gmail.com or 304-772-5465.

WV State Grant Money of \$12,000 was received for establishing an Emergency Warming Center for citizens living in Waiteville and the Potts Valley. The former Waiteville School Building is the only building within 30 miles that is large enough to house and feed community residents during severe storms and power outages. The WCC is using part of the \$12,000 grant to upgrade the electrical service in the building as part of the plan to purchase a generator that will afford electricity during power outages. This helps meet the WCC goal of providing Emergency Services for Waiteville citizens.

of the garage doors, update of electrical outlets and lighting, and new gutters. The Fire Hall is now rented with the tenant also paying the electric bill

On September 27, 2020, the IRS determined the Waiteville Community Center INC is a 501(c)(3) organization so contributions are tax-deductible

Waiteville Community Center INC is now recognized by GuideStar (<https://www.guidestar.org/profile/27-0073043>)

On May 13, 2021, a letter from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History stated, "It is our opinion that the property (historic Waiteville School) is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A: Education."

The Monroe County Commission approved \$9,640 from the Hero Fund from the Governor's Office to start the WCC's "Shelter Project" for an Emergency Center

During the fall of 2021, lights were replaced in the hallway, and lighting was upgraded to LED bulbs in the main/auditorium room, kitchen, and men's bathroom

Windows were replaced in the basement

The basement stairwell was repaired with new railing

In Spring 2022, handi-

capped toilets were installed

On March 31, 2022, Richard Miller with the Monroe County 911 Center and Angela Akers with the American Red Cross surveyed the WCC and was certified to be an "Emergency Warming Station" and identified actions to be taken to provide up to 24 hours of Emergency Assistance in collaboration with the Monroe County 911 Center and Red Cross if extended power outages occur in the community

New Kitchen Sink and Faucet have been installed

A new 200-amp service has been installed in the kitchen and new 200-amp service in the basement. The transfer switch (for a future generator) has not arrived and is holding up completion of the planned work

The flowers that several people donated for the beds in front of the Center last fall are now beginning to put out leaves and some are blooming

Renovations Still Needed:

- Install 13 Compression-Fit Storm Windows on the main floor - \$15,000
- Upgrade the Handicapped Ramp to Meet ADA Requirements and Gravel Driveway for Accessing Ramp - \$3,000
- Install seven 4000-Watt/240 Volt Forced Air Heaters - \$3,600
- Establish the WCC as an

Emergency Warming Station by installing a generator and propane tank cost - \$25,000

Paint exterior of building

The Center is available for private events for a \$50 donation. Contact David Furrow at 304-772-3060 or waiteville@frontier.com or Shelby Jennings at 304-772-5503.

Opportunities for Community Members to Participate in WCC:

Identify one or more renovations - contribute money or volunteer time

Sign up for Committees such as the Memorial Day Dinner, Annual Hunters Dinner, Building Renovation Assistance, or fundraisers

The WCC is still selling 8 x 10-inch plaques to honor military members, family members, and other members of the community who have made significant contributions to the Waiteville Valley. The plaques are displayed in the hallway of the community center. Cost is \$50 contact David Furrow at 304-772-3060, or email to waiteville@frontier.com.

The WCC is listed as a Charity option for Amazon Shoppers. If you need assistance in registering for AmazonSmile or using the AmazonSmile Charity List, contact Janet McDaniel at 304-772-5465 or mcdaniel.janet@gmail.com.

Enroll in Kroger Community Rewards Program and designate Waiteville Community Center INC as your charity

Contribute food and supplies for special functions

Assist with preparation of the National Register of Historic Places application for recognition of the former

Waiteville School

The WCC wishes to extend a warm "Thank You for supporting our historic Waiteville School and helping to guide the future directions of the Waiteville Community Center, as your donations are greatly appreciated."

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, 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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CRAIG COUNTY, VIRGINIA

RECRUITMENT FOR RESEARCH STUDY

Virginia Tech researchers are recruiting participants for a research study about commuting experiences (IRB-19-1077). Participation will consist of completion of an online opt-in survey (approximately 30 minutes) and an eight-week daily survey period (two approximately 10 minute online surveys per day; Monday – Friday) during which participants will have in-vehicle video and driving performance recording equipment installed into their personal vehicle and wear a device that tracks physical activity and sleep. Participants may receive \$30 - \$500 depending on the extent of their participation. For more information and to determine your eligibility for the study, please contact Dr. Charles Calderwood (540-231-5870; WSRLab-g@vt.edu), Virginia Tech Department of Psychology.

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Public comment on the application may be submitted in writing to the County Administration Office, P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127, by calling 540-864-5010, or in person at the public hearing.

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ROCKETS OPEN REGION 1C BASEBALL TOURNEY AGAINST DEFENDING STATE CHAMPION AUBURN



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Dylan Crawford pitched a shutout against East Mont.



Zachary Peters catches for the Rockets.



Drew Duncan takes a rip.

The Craig County boys will have their work cut out for them when they open the Region 1C baseball tournament on Thursday. The Rockets drew defending Class 1 state champion Auburn for the first round of play at 5 pm in Riner.

The Rockets finished fourth in the Pioneer District tournament last week. They opened with a 10-0 shutout of Eastern Montgomery in the tournament opener in New Castle. The Rockets got on the board with a run in the first inning and never looked back. Craig scored five more in the second inning and then four in the fourth. The game was called after four and a half frames due to the 10 run slaughter rule.

Sophomore Matthew Lucas went two-for-two while sophomore Tyler Huffman was two-for-three at the plate. Lucas led the team with two stolen bases.

Junior Zachary Peters had a big bases loaded triple to center to clear the bases. Peters would also score on a wild throw to third.

Senior Dylan Crawford got the shutout win on the mound, pitching all five innings. Crawford had seven strikeouts in just five innings.

Senior Brayden Frango made a diving highlight reel catch in center field in the fifth inning for the last out of the game, securing the shutout for Crawford.

"This was the best game we played all year," said coach Zachary Peters. "The kids were relaxed and they were having fun. The kids have started playing their best ball at the right time."

The win clinched a region spot for the Rockets and sent into the district semifinal against Narrows, the regular season champ. The Rockets fell behind early but didn't give up and battled back to make it a 12-6 final in favor of the Green Wave.

"Narrows took the win but it was a great game for the Rockets," said coach Peters.

Senior Crawford, junior Zachary Peters and freshman Jaycob Wolfe led the Rockets

with two hits each. Crawford led the team with two runs batted in on a two-run homer to left field.

Sophomore Hayden Reynolds took the loss on the mound, pitching four innings. Peters and Lucas both saw time on the mound as well.

"We played a good all-around game," said coach Peters. "We were down 8-6 going into the bottom of fifth, then fielding errors hurt us. We made four errors in the bottom of the fifth that cost us three runs. It was still a great showing for us, it showed we came to play."

The loss put Craig in the third place game on Friday in Covington. Both teams had already clinched a berth in the regional, so this one was for seeding and the Cougars took an 11-1 win to earn the higher seed, with Craig having to take on Auburn in Riner.

"We started out playing a great game and after an overturned triple play we made in the second the boys lost their spunk," said Peters. "It's hard to get back in the game when some-

thing happens like that.

Peters, Brayden Frango and sophomore Drew Duncan each had a hit for the Rockets. Frango hit a stand up triple during the game while Crawford had the only RBI of the game, scoring Peters on a ground out to the shortstop. Crawford took the loss on the mound despite striking out seven Cougars.

Coach Peters was aggravated with how the game went down, but proud of his boys for showing good sportsmanship in a tough loss.

"I, as a coach, spent a lot of time with the ump's and with the rule book in hand," he said. "The boys kept their cool even with balls being thrown at them after three outs, smacking of their gloves trying to knock the ball out and grabbing and twisting of arms when trying to make a tag. I'm proud of the boys for keeping their cool, letting me try to deal with the calls."

"Thanks to the fans for their support and cheering the boys on. We will not let this keep us down as we start the regional."

GIRLS TAKE 3RD IN PIONEER SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AFTER WALK-OFF WIN OVER EASTERN MONTGOMERY



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Chasity Wolfe bats at a recent game.



Kylee Clifton squares to bunt.

The Craig County girls will play in the Region 1C softball tournament this week as the third seed from Pioneer District. The Rockets' opponent was yet to be determined at press time.

Craig won one and lost one last week in the Pioneer Tournament, which was won by Covington. The Cougars defeated Parry McCluer, 7-6 in nine innings, to take the district title and earn the top seed from the Pioneer is the regional.

The Rockets opened with a semifinal game at Parry McCluer and dropped a 20-5 decision. Coach Elaina WolfeCarper used Chasity Wolfe and Karly Potter on the mound, saving ace Sara Jones for Friday's game. Wolfe and Potter did an admirable job but didn't get much support.

"Our girls just didn't back up Chasity and Karly in the field with 15 errors," said WolfeCarper.

Jennifer Fitzpatrick had Craig's only hit against Parry McCluer's starting pitcher.

When the Blues went to the bullpen with a big lead Craig had more success, as Jones and Kylee Clifton hit back-to-back triples followed by a single each from Potter and Madison Underwood.

On Friday the Rockets hosted Eastern Montgomery in the third place game and the Rockets took a 5-4 win in a nail-biter. Craig trailed 4-3 into the bottom of the seventh before Annabelle Gregory and Lily Hutchison both walked to start a game-winning rally. Kaitlyn Radford drove Annabelle home to tie the game, followed by a walk off single from Jones that scored Lily with the winning run. Radford led the Rockets in hitting with a two-for-four game.

"We just didn't hit as well against them as we had previously," said WolfeCarper. "Sara pitched an outstanding game."

Jones finished with a dozen strikeouts and only one walk. The Mustangs were held to five hits, and of their four runs only one was earned.

REGION 1C TRACK MEET IS AT GILES TODAY

Four Craig County athletes will be heading to Giles today to compete in the Region 1C track meet. All four qualified for the meet with outstanding performances in the Pioneer District meet last week, which was also held on the Giles oval.

Tyler Fitzpatrick had the best finish among Rockets competing in the district when he took second in the discus. Tyler flung the disc 116' 3" for a runnerup finish while Isaiah Garey was fourth with a toss of 100'

5". Isaiah was also sixth in the shot put at 37' 7".

Isaac Morris qualified for the region in two events, taking fourth in both the 800 and 1,600. Isaac finished the 800 in 2:41.16 and ran the 1,600 in 5:33.65.

For the girls, Summer Huffman took third in both the shot and the discus. Summer put the shot 25' 7" and her best in the discus was 80' 2".

The Narrows team swept the team titles, taking the boys' champion-

ship with 217 points and the girls' title with 200. Eastern Montgomery was second in the boys meet with 116, followed by Highland with 32 points, Craig County with 21, Parry McCluer with 20 and Covington with 18.

East Mont also took second in the girls' meet, finishing with 169 points. Parry McCluer was third with 40, Highland had 16 and Craig had 12 with six points each from two fourth place finishes by Morris.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Tyler Fitzpatrick was the district runnerup in the discus.

ROCKETS FINISH FOURTH IN PIONEER SOCCER

The Craig County soccer team came to an end as Eastern Montgomery won the Pioneer District championship last week.

Craig opened the Pioneer tournament with a 2-0 win over Narrows as Austin Hickson scored off a throw in and Hannah Caldwell scored the other goal. In the semifinal round Craig lost to Bath County, 5-1, while East Mont defeated Covington, 5-0, in the other semifinal. The Mustangs then beat Bath in the final, 3-1, and Craig lost to Covington, 3-2, in the third place game. Alex Drake scored both goals for the Rockets. That ended Craig's season.

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