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Kindling School encouraging 'active creativity' in the youth

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

There is no better investment that one can make than their personal time into a child's life.

On Saturday, April 29, the Kindling School in Craig County hosted a Kids Crafters Craft Show and they had 48 "kid makers" represented at the event.

The kids were encouraged to make a craft and to sell it on this day. They paid a \$10 entry fee and the school wanted them to learn how to budget their monies and see how running a small business could be.

There were many creative handmade items along with many desserts and homemade lemonade being sold.

The kids seemed happy to tell shoppers about their goods when they were approached.

The families that were represented were Altizer-Brason, Beaudoin-Malachi, Judah, Deacon, Abel, and Magnolia, Bowman-Hailey, Brooke, and Clay, Spence-Henry, Benjamin, and Sam, Deel-Titus, Payden, and Haley, Mabes-Tripp and Autumn, The Kindling School Toddler Class, Walker-Eve and



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING
Raegan, Jonah and Luka were happy to tell everyone what they had made, and how their beautifully painted rocks could help people remember what they planted in the row. They also enjoyed selling their marshmallow guns.

Gratton, Matyas-Norabel, Elijah, Samuel, Levi, Adeline, and Annalea, Keith-Jonah and Luka, Braelith-Lily, Willow and Anaiah, Dellinger-Luke, Isaac, Phebe, and Piper, Christian-Lane, Saunders-Bethany, Hayden-Jena and

Nora and Stebar-Aleena and Aiden.

"Our Kid Makers enjoyed both the making AND the selling of their goods!" Melissa Beaudoin shared. "We saw kids

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PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING
Mike's Ice House is already becoming a popular stopping place for the community to enjoy a sweet treat. Now he even offers refreshers and iced coffee frappes.

Mike's Ice House offers new items this spring

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When spring flowers start and the weather gets warmer, many people start thinking "snow cones and ice cream."

When Mike Kendall started his Ice House on Route 311 beside the park, he never guessed that the community would be as supportive as they have been and enjoyed his business.

"What I enjoy most about my business is that it is community friendly, and it is a very good tool for getting scripture passed out," Kendall shared. "We enjoy the fellowship with everyone."

He runs the business, with the help of his daughter Maddie and niece Emily.

"However, my wife does a lot of behind the scenes for it to operate smoothly," Kendall added.

This year, the Ice House has many new flavors for the sno-cones, added to the many previous ones, banana, birthday cake, black cherry, blue bubble gum, blue cotton candy, blue raspberry, blueberry, butter beer, candy apple, cherry, cinnamon, coconut, cola, daiquiri, egg custard, grape, green apple, kiwi, lemon, lime, mango, orange, passion fruit, peach, pina colada, pineapple, pink bubble gum, pink cotton candy, pink lemonade, root beer, sour apple, strawberry, tigers blood, tootsie roll, vanilla, and watermelon.

He also offers about 50 snow cone combo flavors for those who like a little pizzazz added to their sno-cone.

You can also make it a snow fusion

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Craig County School Board addressing range of issues at April meeting



The members of the Craig County School Board addressed many topics at the April meeting. Present were, Trace Bellassai - chairman and Craig City District representative, Faye Powers - vice chair - Potts Mountain, Randalyn Taylor - student school board representative, Jeanette Warwick - superintendent, Walter Marsden - New Castle, Darren Gilreath - Simmonsville and Kevin Altizer - Craig City.

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At the April Craig County School Board meeting, there were many subjects to address for the evening.

Superintendent Jeanette Warwick announced the names of the Craig County students who participated in the 2023 Roanoke Valley Governor School Project Forum.

Certificates were awarded to these students as they were recognized.

- Craig Isaac Morris for his participation in the forum

- Shawn Cady for placing first in Systems Software Python One-time CAD encryption, which is an easy-to-use Python library for building parametric 3D CAD models
- Tyler VanDyke took first place Systems Software for Assimilation Experience as well third place in the Western Virginia Science Fair in the Region. Warwick shared that Tyler was in preschool and that it made her "so proud to know that the child in Ms. VanDyke's preschool class is doing some great things and is already accepted into Virginia Tech. It is a very humbling experience for me and makes me very proud of you." Tyler demonstrated his arm gauntlet that he stated is a "martial arts simulator that recognizes certain moves based on color filtration." His prototype 2 was what he presented at regional, stating that "it is more user friendly and recognizes another move of his strikes, using 150 lights of code."

Much discussion was noted on the driver's education program, having

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a parent and student representative to address the board. The board is working diligently to find a person to do the behind the wheel education.

Warwick shared that the current budget is based on the governor's version, which is the most conservative. It is based on a total enrollment of 434 students. She spoke of the decline of students in most school districts.

"The budget is still being tweaked from the county administrators meeting and decisions made earlier this month, however the Board of Supervisors are scheduled to approve the final budget on May 4, at their monthly meeting," Warwick said. "Once they approve their budget, we will come back to our May meeting and adjust our budget according to their final allocations."

Warwick shared the variables in the budget, including a five percent salary increase. She added that the insurance premiums went up nine percent overall in the division, adding that they are currently obtaining a quote from a comparable insurance company.

"If this is comparable and will save our employees money, we wish to look at that avenue," Warwick said. "We know that our employees do not want less coverage."

It was shared that some staffing reductions will take place, as some positions did not need to be filled and some due to funding.

Also, they will be combining some of the shorter town routes and not replacing the bus driver that will be retiring. Retiring staff and vacated positions will not be replaced due to student

enrollment.

Warwick showed the breakdown of the incentive programs that require a local financial match to be able to access the funds of several possible monies to be available for CCPS.

One example was a requirement of the Compensation Supplement. "We have to contribute \$145,000.24 from our local budget or we cannot use the supplement money of \$286,000 of the state share," she said.

Warwick also went over other supplement options.

Representative Darren Gilreth asked the question, "If we are unable to provide enough bus drivers now, why are we not hiring another bus driver?"

Warwick shared that they have all the school transportation bus routes filled, however they lack bus drivers that are willing to run extra-curricular routes.

The school has approached the coaches, asking if they would like to obtain the Class B CDL license, whom their employee, Mr. Crowder who has been training the bus drivers for eight years, including the classes and training.

Land Lab students updated the board with all of their competitions they have entered and winning top places. They added that they received first place at Va. Tech in the meat competition.

They have also been doing activities with the McCleary Elementary students and other events, including having a small petting zoo at their last school event.

The Land Lab students shared that they had a baked potato bar for the teachers to show their



One of the Craig County students, Michael shared, "This driver's ed program is very important to me and getting my license. I think this would be a definite harm to our student body if we don't have it. I have already taken the written classes and gotten my learner's license so the only thing I have left is behind the wheel training."



The Land Lab students updated the board on all their accomplishments, how the Land Lab was proceeding and also invited them to the upcoming Land Lab Fair at the school on May 6, where they already have over 50 vendors signed up.

appreciation.

They sold three cows and will be getting more this month. Their newest little one is called Ruby and it was said that she "likes her bottle."

The Land Lab students were excited to share that they received a \$10,000 grant that will help them to bring their dreams and visions into fruition a little earlier than planned.

They invited everyone to their Land Lab Fair

which will be on May 6 with over 50 vendors already registered.

Warwick shared that she was so proud of all the work the teacher, Emily Nolen, along with many others who have done, to not only get the Land Lab up and going but seeing everyone "continuing to move it forward".

It was reported that Craig County EMS trained the schools bus and car drivers and other

facility and maintenance crew in CPR, and First Aid. They will be training the staff in August along with a Stop the Bleed training.

Chairman Trace Bellasai inquired about getting teachers certified as instructors. Warwick shared they are currently checking on the cost and programs.

Student board member, Randalyn, inquired about getting the Community

and Emergency Response Team, CERT program started again in the school.

A new science program is being purchased for the elementary school to help further the children's education.

The board discussed the children's absenteeism guidelines. Warwick reported that regardless of why a child is absent whether sick, broken leg

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Henry, Sam and Benjamin made a variety of creative crafts, from popsicle airplanes to painted rocks and much more.

and parents partner together to create beautiful products! The energy and excitement when their products were purchased was really sweet to see."

She added, "In a time when kids are often passive consumers, specifically when it comes to screens, it was wonderful to see them as active creators! In a time when parents and their kids are so busy, the market provided an outlet for them to spend intentional time together--both in the creation and selling of goods."

There were handmade book markers, specially designed plates, plants, painted rocks to set place in one's garden to designate what had been planted, carved walking sticks, earrings and jewelry,

popsicle stick airplanes, hot pads, bird feeders, doggie treats, wooden coasters, scrunchies, playdough, bouquets, thank you cards, lavender oat balls and even a PVC sword and marshmallow shooter. And, that is not even half of what they had made.

They had homemade jellies, including dandelion, violet and strawberry, cakes, brownies, cookies and fresh lemonade.

The Craig County Public Library set up giving away books to kids as well.

The parents of the kid-makers were very supportive.

"They 'invested' in their kids' goods,

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Aleena made several things to have at her booth to sell. She was happy to sell two of her handmade book markers, which she sold for \$1 each.



Adeline picked dandelions and violets and said that she Googled how to make her jelly. However, she added, she doesn't eat the dandelions.

Upcoming public meetings in Craig

May 4
The Craig County Board of Supervisors will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Craig County Courthouse.

May 15
The New Castle Town Council will meet from 7-8 p.m. at the New Castle Town Hall at 339 Market Street in New Castle.

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...lending a hand during the creation phase, helping them to create appealing displays, teaching them about market economics, and cheering on their many successes during the day of the event," Beaudoin said.
Though it took a lot to organize the event, it was suggested to maybe have one again soon.
Beaudoin said that they will absolutely be back for another Kid-Made Market, although they do not have a specific date set aside but are aiming to make this an annual Spring event.
The Burger Bin was open, and everyone seemed to enjoy their food, as the line did not appear to end most of the day.
"This event was a resounding success!" Beaudoin exclaimed. "The community was incredibly supportive, patronizing both the Burger Bin and the kids! Many of our kids were nervously anxious about

how the day would go and whether anyone might purchase their goods."
It was shared that many kids sold out of everything they made!
"I am confident the support of the community was a huge encouragement to each of the makers," Beaudoin said. "Thank you so much, to our New Castle community. Your smiles and purchases and words of praise for our kids were invaluable. Truly, we live in one of the best communities to raise children."
She added, "Thank you to every parent who consistently shows up to support their kids! You nurture their ideas and their dreams of being ball players, princesses, and dragon slayers when they're little, and, when they're grown, they'll know you always have their back. Keep showing up! Keep cheering them on, even if their dream is to be a professional water balloon yo-yo maker...for now."

OBITUARIES

McCormick, Theodora L.

Theodora L. McCormick, 83 of New Castle, passed away Monday, April 24, 2023. He retired from the Air Force. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Blanche McCormick; and 5 sisters and 3 brothers. He is survived by his wife of 62

Church with Pastor Steve Tilley officiating. Interment followed at the McCormick Family Cemetery, 1559 Red Brush Rd. New Castle, VA. The family received friends one hour prior to the service 1-2 p.m. Arrangements by Paitself Funeral Home: www.paitselfh.com.

years, Margaret E. McCormick; children, Margaret Ann Woodall (Todd), Theodore McCormick (Lisa), and Robert Lee McCormick; and many nieces, nephews, & cousins.
Funeral Services were held 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Paxton Chapel

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or covid, if they miss 18 days, they are flagged as being chronically absent which is a Virginia Department of Education issue.
"Everyone is trying to lobby the state to try to change that," Warwick said. "This is a part of our accreditation rating. But right now, it is a flaw in the reporting system, and we cannot do anything else right now."
She noted that in speaking with other district superintendents, that all gave their same responses.
Principal Susan Stimeling reported that they have a Student Support Committee.
"At five unexcused absences, I send a letter and then at 10 unexcused absences we request a conference with the parent and make a plan she said. "If the unexcused absences continue, then the control will have to be given to someone else. We are learning ways to get the students more involved."
Stimeling shared that she is looking forward to seeing the results at

the end of the year as she feels the students are doing much better with their new protocol.
Principal Horton shared that at McCleary, she was able to identify about 22 students who could be considered chronically absent.
"I put together the data from the state report and 50% of these students unexcused absences had decreased. I do feel like it is working though it is slow and steady," she said. "We also have a plan for these students, as our school counselors check in with the students and some of them mentioned they like to play basketball before school, so we are trying to create ideas of positive motivation instead of relying on just letters and threats."
Principal VanDyke added, "The DOE complimented us on the decrease that they have seen."
Also reported was that they looked at all the students from grades nine through 12 and identified any students that needed attendance, grade support, or in

need of a mentor and recommended those students for the new "Engage" program the state has provided.
Maintenance Director Shane Gills shared, The auditorium is being completed and the students and teachers are very excited about this.
Waco was working on water lines and installing a new breaker, all completed over spring break.
Locker rooms are being revamped and a new sprinkler system is being installed.
The gym is being scheduled for it to be completed by the start of the school year.
The new paint is LEED, which they use in nursing homes which are eco-friendly.
Bathroom destruction was discussed, and it was reported that there has been less. They also reported that the VAPE sensor is working great.
New stall doors are being ordered.
The next school board meeting will be in May and the community is encouraged to attend or watch online.



The Kids Craft show started at 10 a.m. and the Burger Bin was ready to serve. The line continued most of the day, as well as the community stopping by to show their support and purchase items from the kids booths.



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING
Brason made dried flower book markers and homemade brownies to sell.

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CLUES ACROSS
1. Hot meal
5. Razor clams
10. Blood-sucking African fly
12. Chauvinists
14. Windy City football player
16. An alternative
18. Federal Housing Administration
19. Styles hair
20. Arabic female name
22. Paddle
23. Area once separated from Germany
25. Marketplace
26. Gode Airport
27. Upset
28. Where wrestlers sweat
30. Garland
31. Robert __, poet
33. An iPad is one
35. Fruit of the oak tree
37. Della __, singer
38. Women's clothing retailer
40. Mailed
41. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
42. Pouch
44. Radioactivity unit
45. Month
48. Nanosecond
50. Domestic
52. What a boy becomes
53. Breezes (anc. Greek)
55. Jogged
56. At the stern
57. Lawrencium
58. Destructive to both sides
63. Arterias
65. Removes
66. Pretentious people
67. Tropical Asian plant
CLUES DOWN
1. Type of whale
2. Type of medication
3. Land of the free
4. Formed an opinion of
5. Logo
6. No (Scottish)
7. Leaves tissue
8. Sacred state to Muslims
9. Thus
10. African nation
11. Someone who has a stake in
13. Parties
15. Subsystem producers
17. Large, flightless birds
18. Compromises visibility
21. A ballet enthusiast
23. More (Spanish)
24. Skeletal muscle
27. Hands (Span.)
29. Weighed
32. Businessman
34. Famous clock Big __
35. Unkeyed
36. Break between words
39. Ink (slang)
40. Disappointed
43. Stroke
44. Curdled milk
46. Restaurants
47. Explosive
49. Type of terrier
51. Disfigure
54. Innermost cell layers
59. Bar bill
60. Distinct period of history
61. Mode of transportation
62. Equal (prefix)
64. Operating system

OPINION

News from the 9th: Limit, save, grow



Morgan Griffith
Representative

I have long believed that Congress has a responsibility to the American people to “rein in” wasteful and excessive spending. Since joining Congress, I have not voted for a debt ceiling bill that did not include cuts or reforms to our spending practices.

When House Republicans established the rules for the 118th Congress earlier this year, I worked to get the Holman Rule included in the rules package. First passed in 1876, the Holman rule is a tool that can be used to curb out-of-control federal spending.

A high national debt stemming from out-of-

control spending means high interest, higher inflation, and lower job opportunities. Never have we felt the effects of a high debt than this past year.

In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, Congressional Democrats passed \$5.2 trillion in spending, much of which was not put towards COVID-19, but towards other Democratic priorities, such as the Green New Deal.

As it stands, the debt is now at \$31.4 trillion. It’s clear the path we are on is no longer tenable. For too many years, Congress has raised the debt ceiling without a plan to rein in reckless spending.

House Republicans recently put forth H.R.2811, the Limit, Save, Grow Act, to address this issue, which passed on the House floor days before writing this column.

H.R.2811 limits federal spending by capping

spending, for fiscal year (FY) 2024, at FY 2022 levels. It also allows for only 1% annual growth over the next 10 years.

The legislation includes a number of measures to save taxpayer money. It claws back unspent COVID-19 funds, estimated to be about \$30 billion.

It eliminates funding for the 87,000 new IRS agents charged with going after families and small businesses.

Further the bill reverses Biden’s efforts to cancel up to \$10,000 in student loan debt for some borrowers. This would save taxpayers an estimated \$460 billion.

Lastly, this legislation repeals Democrats’ uncapped green energy tax credits and subsidies, saving Americans an estimated \$540 billion.

While saving money, this legislation also aims to grow the economy.

A few weeks prior to the House passing this legislation, we also passed H.R.1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. This legislation would unleash American energy production, reduce our

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Connection

Library Corner Jennifer Lovejoy

As fresh green starts emerged, gardeners began thinning their flower beds. They bagged and potted their excess. Neighbors collected from neighbors. On Sunday afternoon, at the plant Swap Day, cars rolled into the library parking lot, trunks opened, and plants poured out. Volunteers, old and new, helped arrange them on tables, opened the book barns, and brought books out into the sunlight. People came. They brought more plants and books. They eagerly sorted through the goods, helped search for books for their kids and neighbors. Chatted with strangers. What

emerged was a common connection, drawn by books and plants.

One family arrived early, led by a passionate young daughter, who wanted every plant in sight. As Mom tried to manage the enthusiasm, Dad went from book shed to book shed, arms piled high with books. A home bound lady made a request for her favorite books. Everyone in the book barn joined in the search. She had a full supply by the time she left. A nurse from Catawba Hospital left contact information to set aside books for his patients. Just about closing the family that arrived early, returned. Out jumped the daughter straight for the plant table. She wanted more. Her Mom reported that they had already planted the earlier haul. Mom and Dad returned to the books as the daughter loaded the car with as many plants as she could while her parents were busy. Watch out New Castle Garden

Club. You have a future Master Gardner in the making!

Books are the recording of one person’s view of the world enticing others to come along. As readers, we find connections that bring us to a place of knowing ourselves, teased by a story. A thread from our past or an opening to our personal curiosity. The magic is that we find that we have more in common than we think. That bond allows us to share a laugh with a stranger. That connection makes us all feel whole.

Library News:

The Craig County Public Library has a tag line: “Get Connected!” Connect through books, connect through volunteering, connect to the internet, connect to free internet help at the library, connect to so many services through your Public Library!

Annual Friends of the Library Meeting: May 25 at 6 p.m., Lasterday market, with special guest, author, Beth Macy. Sign up required: 540-864-8978

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - BUDGET PROPOSAL 2023 –2024
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given of the public hearing to be held by **New Castle Town Council** on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024. The hearing to receive public comments is scheduled for **Monday, May 15, 2023** at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible in the **NEW CASTLE TOWN HALL – 339 Market Street**. A copy of the proposed budget can be obtained for public review by contacting: Town Clerk, Nina Davis (540) 864-5380.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 58.1-3005, 58.1-3000, 58.1-3506B, and 58.1-3008 the proposed tax levies per \$100 of assessed value are Real Estate & Mobile Homes \$0.04, Merchants Capital \$0.50, No change in tax levies from previous budget year.

(GENERAL TOWN REVENUE ESTIMATES:

BEGINNING BALANCE (FROM CURRENT BUDGET)	\$ 89,590.00
LOCAL REVENUE (Property Tax, Franchise Tax, Sales & Cigarette Tax, Interest)	\$ 110,500.00
STATE REVENUE (Fire Grant Funds; Communication Tax-Cable TV)	\$ 18,950.00
TOTAL REVENUE ESTIMATES	\$ 219,040.00

(GENERAL TOWN EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION & INSURANCE	\$ 16,800.00
GENERAL FINANCIAL	\$ 16,600.00
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PUBLIC WORKS – (Operating Expenses, Street Lights, Mowing, Library Support, Refuse Collection, Park & Sidewalk Maintenance, etc.)	\$ 59,040.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Park Equipment & Sidewalks	\$ 50,000.00
CONTINGENCY FUND – Unallocated expenditures	\$ 20,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES	\$219,040.00

By the authority of New Castle Town Council – Lenny Macdonald, Mayor
Comments can be sent to Clerk, Nina Davis ninad628@swva.net; phone (540) 864-5380 or by mail to: P. O. Box 347, New Castle, VA 24127.

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The Craig County Public Library is continuing to sign up toddlers through the age of 5 for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Each month, the child receives a free book in the mail just for them. Parton shares that she is dedicated to inspire a love of reading through this program. Ellie was very happy to receive her first book, "The Little Engine That Could."

Library signing up toddlers for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

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dependency on foreign adversaries like Russia and China, and remove red tape for new project permitting.

Given the importance of improving energy production in the United States, Republicans also have included that legislative language within H.R.2811 to help ensure it gets across the finish line.

Additionally, this bill will strengthen work requirements for Medicaid and SNAP program recipients, requiring these recipients to "work" 80 hours a month. Work is defined as traditional work, of course, but also as volunteering to do community service, taking classes to further one's education, attending a substance abuse program, etc.

The bill includes some exemption to these requirements, including if you are disabled, caring for a disabled child, or are caring for a child under the age of six. The goal is to get abled-bodied people off the couch and into the workforce, making them a contributing

member of society, which will ultimately lead to a higher level of self-esteem. Further, the country is currently faced with more job openings than people looking for jobs, so this is not an unreasonable proposal.

In exchange for fixing the most immediate problem and increasing the debt limit by \$1.5 trillion, the legislation will save Americans an estimated \$4.8 trillion over the next decade.

As an aside, there been a focus on the future of Medicare & Medicaid and Social Security and whether the programs would face cuts. The spending cuts in this legislation were crafted to

save Americans trillions of dollars without touching Medicare & Medicaid and Social Security.

But wait there's more. Also included in this legislation is the REINS Act. The REINS Act requires every new "major rule" proposed by federal agencies to be approved Congress, reasserting Congress' legislative authority as intended by our Constitutional framework.

H.R.2811 is responsible legislation to rein in our country's out of control spending, while also dealing with our current debt limit situation, benefitting all Americans.

Garden Club Plant Auction offers fun for the community



PHOTO BY PAM DUKING

The New Castle Garden Club Plant Auction did not disappoint last week. Pam Dukes holds two huge plants that auctioneer, "Bluebell," said were called "mother-in-law tongues." Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time, bidding for all the plants. An article about the auction will appear in next week's issue.

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with your choice of drizzle, chocolate, raspberry, vanilla, or caramel.

He offers dye free and sugar free flavors for those who want to enjoy a nice treat without the adds.

Cyclones are a new add with vanilla or chocolate ice cream, including, cookie monster, strawberry cheesecake, s'mores, peanut butter and jelly, dark matter, nutty monkey and chocolate Oreo cheesecake.

Adding to his smorgasbord of options he now has refreshers which are water-based or seltzer water. Some of these are pink passion, red dragon, pina colada, scarlet rose with strawberries, tropical escape and the midnight storm.

He recently added an iced coffee frappe to the menu thanks to the consistent suggestions from his nieces, which

he said that the adults are really enjoying.

His niece, Olivia, stated, "I promise you; they are better than Starbucks!"

He also offers flavor bursts which include coffee and cream, raspberry, strawberry, birthday cake, cotton candy, orange, butterscotch, blue goo and peanut butter.

Due to his other construction business, Kendall shared that he works a lot of hours and sometimes cannot predict his opening times.

"We shoot for 2 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the moment," he said. "However, as it stays daylight longer, we will stay open longer and when summer break starts, Maddie will start

opening at 1 p.m." They are closed on Sundays.

Kendall also has his third business, Mike's Dog House which he sets up on occasion beside in the same lot.

He said people can look on Facebook to see when he will be open, to check out the daily specials at the Ice House and the hours or message him if you have any questions.

One can sit at the new picnic tables with umbrellas during the day or the nighttime lights in the evening and enjoy snow cones, sundaes, banana splits, shakes, hot fudge sundaes and whatever Mike comes up with on a spur of the moment surprise for his customers.



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Tyler Huffman of the Rockets is hit by a pitch

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ROCKETS SPLIT WITH BATH, BEAT MUSTANGS IN BASEBALL

The Craig County baseball team won two of three games last week to improve their overall record to 6-9. All three were Pioneer District games, lifting Craig to 4-6 in the district.

The week started out with a doubleheader at Bath County and Craig dropped the first game, 8-3. Jaycob Wolfe pitched for the Rockets and had one bad inning as the Chargers scored seven of their eight runs in the second.

Offensively, the Rockets were held to just three hits, one each by Matthew Lucas, Drew Duncan and Luke Potter. It was a five inning game since it was a doubleheader.

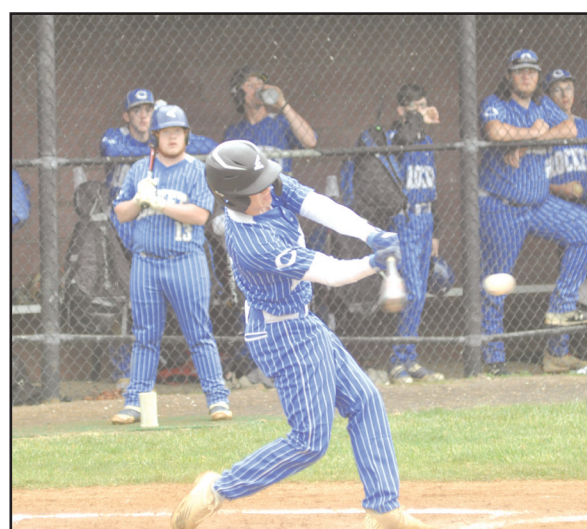
In the second game, also five innings, the Rocket offense exploded for a 15-2 win. Bath took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first but the Rockets put a crooked eight on the board in the top of the second. Craig batted 13 men in the inning and benefited from doubles by Joseph Charette, Zach Peters and Lucas and a single by Tyler Huffman around three hit batters and three walks. Craig had eight hits in the five inning game, including two by Duncan and two by Huffman.

Peters picked up the win on the mound. Zach struck out five and gave up just one walk.

On Thursday Peters



Craig's Luke Potter slides safely into third in last week's win at East Mont.



Matthew Lucas connects for a hit.

was on the mound again as the Rockets avenged an early season loss to Eastern Montgomery, defeating the Mustangs 6-3 in Elliston. The Rockets staked Zach a 5-0 lead before the Mustangs scored two runs in the fourth. Peters struck out 10, six swinging and four looking.

Offensively, Lucas and Duncan had two hits each. Wolfe reached base three times with a hit and two walks.

This week the Rockets will try to keep the momentum going with a home game against Glenvar Tuesday and a trip to Narrows on Thursday.

SOCCKER TEAM LOOKING FOR FIRST WIN

The Craig County High School soccer team will have two more shots at picking up their first win this week. The Rockets were scheduled to host Narrows on Monday, and on Friday they host Buffalo Gap at Mitchell Field at 6 pm.

The Rockets come into the week at 0-6-1 and their best effort of the season was a tie at Buffalo Gap on April 21. Alex Drake scored Craig's goal in the Mexican Standoff.

Last week the Rockets dropped two games, failing to score in both.



Jordyn Price plays a wing for the Rocket soccer team.

They fell at Bath a home game to Eastern County, 12-0, then lost Montgomery, 9-0.



Montana Stein of Craig kicks the ball.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

LOONEY TAKES CHECKERED FLAG AT MOTOR MILE SPEEDWAY

FAIRLAWN, Va. – For the first time since the season-opening night in March, engines roared around Motor Mile Speedway for the Southern Ground Pounders night this past Saturday. The .416-mile track welcomed racers from six different divisions and hosted seven different races for the nearly 1,000 fans in attendance.

Craig County's Mike Looney was back on the track for the first 50-lap twin for the Price's Body Shop Late Model Stock Car Series. Following a sweep of the two races back in March, Looney proved once again why he's a force to be reckoned with in the New River Valley.

Looney, who started at the tail end of the field, quickly fought his way through the pack and found himself in second behind defending track champion Kyle Dudley. Looney and Dudley continued to battle for nearly 15 laps before contact between the two gave Looney the advantage. Some noticeable damage on Dudley's car affected his ability to get back to Looney but they both managed

to secure the top two spots for the third race running. Polesitter Kar Budsevski led the first few laps of the race and managed to bring his car across the line third.

The final event of the evening was 50 laps for the late models and Looney dominated the race. He worked his way through the field and found himself alongside Dudley, who tried to dive to the inside and got loose and brought out the caution. That was enough for Looney to pull away on the ensuing restart and make it a perfect 4-for-4 start to the year.

Christiansburg, Va. native Derrick Lancaster finished with a season-best second place finish, his third podium finish in four races. Dudley managed to battle back after his spin and came across the line third, capping off his 140-lap night.

Racing returns to Motor Mile Speedway on Saturday, May 20 for the Super Cup Series Night presented by Shively Electric. There will be seven races across five divisions, and the green flag will drop at 7:00 p.m.



Hannah Ratliff lays down a bunt for the Rockets.

CRAIG SOFTBALL TEAM WINS TWO GAMES

The Craig County girls improved their softball record to 5-4 with two wins last week. The Rockets hammered Giles, 22-6, and beat Eastern Montgomery, 8-4, in two road games.

At Pearisburg Sara Jones pitched all five innings and had five strikeouts and only gave up five hits and one walk. Sara also went four for five at the plate with three singles, a double, three RBIs, and four runs scored. Karly Potter and Ashlyn Keen had doubles with two RBIs each and Jenna Boitnotte also had a double.

“Still more errors than I'd like to see defensively, but their bats really picked up and more than made up for it,” said coach Elaina Wolfe-Carper.

On Thursday in Elliston Sara pitched again and threw an outstanding game with seven strikeouts and only five hits against.

“Our girls played great defense to back her up in this game,” said Wolfe-Carper. “Lily Hutchison



Daileigh Donithan(left) and Nevaeh Hypes converge on a Texas Leaguer.

had her best game behind the plate yet, keeping runners tight to bases.”

Lily was two-for-four at bat with three runs batted in. She had a single and an inside-the-park home run down the right field line. Jones was two-for-three with a double and a home run to drive in three runs while Kallie Fisher also contributed a double and a single. Annabelle Gregory had five stolen bases as the Rockets went over .500 for the season.

Also, Craig's JV eligible girls played a double header scrimmage

against Bath last week, splitting the two games.

“Two major bright spots from the scrimmages were my younger pitchers,” said Wolfe-Carper. “Kammie Fisher and Nevaeh Hypes pitched five innings each. Both girls pitched very well.”

The Rockets stay busy with three games this week. They were scheduled to host Glenvar on Tuesday, play at Narrows today, then after a day off Thursday, they go to Bonsack Elementary School Friday to play Roanoke Valley Christian.



Annabelle Gregory(#2) of Craig reaches for a tag a little too late.

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