Legendary Coach Gary D. Adams Announces Retirement

by Anne Marie Rogers

After 43 years of coaching and numerous successful seasons at Crescent High School, Gary D. Adams is retiring. Some may think it is past time and others do not want him to leave. No matter your thoughts, his achievements have brought him to legendary status. However, if you are looking for an article that is going to focus on the accolades of Coach Adams, please turn to page seven. Coach Adams has no doubt had a large impact on our community and helped shape the lives of hundreds of athletes.

Whether or not you played for him or had a relative play for him, no one can argue about the influence Coach Adams has on our community. Many of his players have gone on to become successful teachers and coaches. Undoubtedly, all who have played for and coached under him have been impacted in a positive way.

That isn’t to say that being a softball player at Crescent is all good times and sunshine. Playing for Coach Adams isn’t easy or for the faint of heart. There is a level of expectation that is extremely high, and some sort of retribution is there (usually running) for when that level is not reached. Also, everyday mundane things for his players seem extreme to anyone on the outside looking in. Magic 21, sprinting the bases, and even routine warm-ups look like punishments to other teams and players.

Not only did the coaching strategies, drills, and high expectations make us better softball players, but also helped create in us a strong work ethic and good habits that shaped our lives into productive individuals. In addition, players were not just athletes, but became one of the family and learned how to manage in a large “family” and support each other as teammates. Coach Adams’ eyes always light up when he sees a player from past seasons.

It’s very hard to name all of the lessons learned from Coach Adams because there are so many and so many ways he impacted his players individually. However, here are some of the main ones learned from playing for Coach Adams that applies not only to softball but real life:

• Concentrate on the little things. If you practice them and learn to do them well, you will do the big things well.
• Practice like it’s the real thing. Then, the real thing is a piece of cake--no hesitation or nervousness.
• Hard work really does pay off (hence the number of region, upper-state, and state titles). Believe me, it was hard work!
• Life isn’t fair. You may work hard and always finish first in drills, but that doesn’t mean you are going to get to play. Don’t get disheartened, but keep working hard (see above lesson).

• Don’t just reach for the stars, expect to get there. Coach Adams has very high standards and high expectations. As one of his players, you are not just encouraged to meet them, you are required to meet them. Guess what? When you expect to win and practice that way, you normally do.
• Over 80% of the game is mental, not physical ability. Think positively. If you think you can’t do something, then you won’t even do it. Go up to bat concentrating on hitting the ball, not hoping you won’t strike out. If you think about striking out, you will. Say, “I can.” Not, “I’ll try” or even “I think I can.” Be stubbornly positive and know you can do it, and you will.

The impact of Coach Adams on the lives of hundreds if not thousands of athletes and families in our area will never be fully measured because the lessons learned on the field have transferred to life and passed down to our children and will continue to be passed to future generations. It will be odd not to see him in the 3rd base dugout or swinging his arm sending a runner home, but the spirit of his coaching will always be present. Diamonds may be a girl’s best friend, but the one at Crescent will always sparkle for Coach Adams.

Thank you, Coach.
Hunting & Fishing Report

by Marty Young

Spring is a memory and summer heat is a reality. The summer sun has already warmed the water up into the mid to upper 80’s. When the water begins to heat up, the fish start looking for cooler water, which means deeper water.

If you are crappie fishing, look back at the brush piles that they were holding on to in early spring in 15’ to 20’ of water, and you will likely find them there. They prefer smaller bait this time of year. Small minnows

and small slow pulled jigs will be the trick.

Bass will be in the ditches and can be caught with shaking heads, jigs and pigs, or by slow rolling a spinner bait. In our local lakes, all green colored plastic baits will do good. Green pumpkin or watermelon seed are the biggest sellers in Zoom products for a reason. They catch fish!

Catfish love this hot weather and can be easily caught with cut herring, live worm, or chicken liver. It’s best to target catfish on points that drop off in creek channels during the day and on shallow flats at night. If fishing for big flatheads, gear up big rods to 20-30 pound line and use live bream. All our local lakes hold flatheads in the 40-50 pound range and bigger. Night fishing is particularly enjoyable. It’s usually quiet and relaxing and not nearly as hot. Get out and enjoy the great outdoors that our area holds! And, share it with friends!

Congratulations to Blake Low who won the May Crappie Contest with this 2 Lb 11 Oz crappie!

Tyler Reid Graduates from the Criminal Justice Academy

Eyes on Iva congratulates Austin Tyler Reid who graduated from The Criminal Justice Academy on May 3, 2019 and from Highway Patrol School as Class Leader on June 11, 2019. He also received the Colonel P. F. Thompson Award for Outstanding Physical and Academic Achievement.

Tyler was a friendly face in Cam’s Cafe before he decided to enter the arena of Law Enforcement. Linda Graham, owner, states, “Tyler has come a long way since that first day he walked into Cam’s Cafe for a job interview. He has worked hard and proven many people wrong as to how his life would turn out. He is proof that if you set a goal and work hard you can achieve whatever you want.”

Congratulations to Tyler on his achievements. We are excited to see where all of his hard work will take him.

Red, White, and Blue Quilts of Valor

A small group of ladies with a love of sewing, gather each week in Iva to honor military veterans and service members. These women convert their artistic verve and long-practiced quilting skills into a thank you for the sacrifices of our veterans. The Iva Quilters are members of the Quilts of Valor Foundations which has the mission “to cover service members and veterans touched by war with Quilts of Valor.”

The Quilts of Valor program began in 2003 when Catherine Roberts of Seaford, Delaware envisioned a program of volunteer teams donating their time and materials to produce quality, individually-crafted quilts as tokens of gratitude for our service members. These quilting teams are composed of a quilt-topper that pieces various fabrics into a design, and a quilter using a longarm quilting machine to sew intricate patterns throughout. Each quilt becomes a unique piece of art instilled with the quilting team’s flair.

Local Quilts of Valor members meet Thursdays in Iva and Mondays with the larger Anderson Chapter. The quilters become experts in all facets of quilting from color and pattern selection to mentoring the new volunteers. Quilters often bring unexpected skills to the groups. Becky Gilliam has decades of sewing and quilting experience, but she is also a master sewing machine mechanic. Iva quilter Debbie Smith graduated from the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Design and worked as a Textile Designer for over twenty years before joining the Iva quilters.

Quilts of Valor are always presented to recipients without cost. The presentation is known as “wrapping” because the quilt is literally placed around the recipient’s shoulders. The quilts are usually bestowed on unsuspecting service members and veterans secretly nominated by friends or family.

The Anderson and Iva Quilts of Valor volunteers awarded 392 quilts in 2018. 215,440 quilts have been awarded throughout the United States with most costs absorbed by the volunteers.

To learn more about becoming a quilter, nominate a service member or veteran, make a donation, or other questions about the Iva organization, please contact Kim Price at (864) 328-8113. To learn more about Quilts of Valor, please visit www.qovf.org.

CHS Baseball Players Participate in the FCA Baseball Classic

Crescent Tiger Baseball was very well-represented at the 2nd Annual FCA GA/SC Baseball Classic by Drew Parnell ‘19, Coach Blair Carson, and Dawson Merk ‘19! Always PROUD of our Tigers!
**Eyes on Iva**

*by Marlene Wiles*

Eyes on Iva cannot say enough about our veterans and how thankful we are for their service. We will be forever indebted to them for the devotion they have shown to our country and its citizens.

Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM a group of veterans, Vets Helping Vets, meets in Anderson at the Elks Lodge at 225 McGee Rd., to fellowship and meet each other's needs.

They begin their program with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and then have a short business meeting, staying away from discussions regarding religion and/or politics. Being completely self-funded, this group then passes the hat for donations from its members. They then acknowledge “first-timers” and welcome them to their unique group. The microphone is then passed around to everyone giving each individual the opportunity to share their branch of service, the job they did and when and how long they served. This time also allows to each member to express any needs they may have, any problems or assistance they may need so that the group is aware and can offer support. After this portion of the meeting a prayer is offered and the meeting is then adjourned.

This group was started in 2014 by Jesse Taylor, Combat Vet, and had 14 members. From there is has grown to 99 members as of June 2019 with another Chapter in Abbeville, SC. All veterans have an open invitation to attend. You can take a look at this special group at vetshelpingvetsanderson.org.

**Celebrate Apollo 11 Anniversary at the Library**

*by Brianna McDonell*

July 20, 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11’s Moon landing – the first time humans stepped on extraterrestrial ground. To celebrate this monumental achievement, with a display of ingenuity and bravery, here are some upcoming events for families as well as some recommended reading for all ages – all available at the Iva Library.

On Monday, July 8 at 3:30 pm, library staff will share the story Mousetronaut by astronaut Mark Kelly and Chicken in Space by Adam Lehrhaupt, then children can make their own simple rocket.

On Monday, July 15 at 3:30 pm, NASA Solar Ambassador Ekaterina Michonova will take children on a moon expedition, investigating the Moon’s phases using Oreo cookies and conducting experiments with gravity and density. Dr. Michonova will even have real moon rocks that kids can examine.

On Monday, July 22 at 3:30 pm, the Iva Library will have a Moon Landing Party for children, celebrating the end of our Summer Reading program. Kids who completed the Summer Reading program will also be able to pick up their medal, certificate, and Greenville Drive ticket voucher, if they haven’t done so already.

Young readers who want to read more stories about the moon can check out The Moon’s Time to Shine by Scott Emmons and illustrator Nikolas Illic, a Juvenile Easy Reader and part of the popular StoryBots series.

Older children may want to try Drew Brockington’s graphic novel CatStronauts: Mission Moon, which tells an adventurous tale of a team of cat astronauts’ journey to the moon.

For nonfiction, Apollo 8: The Thrilling Story of the First Mission to the Moon brings the full story of the Apollo 8 mission to life from the very first rocket tests to the iconic Earth-rise photo. The author, Jeffrey Kluger, additionally wrote Lost Moon: The Perilous Voyage of Apollo 13, the basis for the Apollo 13 film.

Finally, Moon Shot: The Inside Story of America’s Race to the Moon is the epic story of the space race and golden years of NASA’s space exploration, told by author Alan Shepard, the first American in space and the fifth man to walk on the Moon.

For more reading recommendations, plus events happening across the Anderson County Library System, visit online at www.andersonlibrary.org or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Share photos of your Summer Reading with #AndersonLibrary and #SummerReading.

**Starr-Iva Girls to Compete in State Rec Softball Tournament**

*By Amy Russell*

Members of the Starr-Iva Community came out in full force to support our 8 and under, 10 and under, and 12 and under all-star softball teams as they competed in the District 7 Dixie Softball Tournament from June 15-June 19. The tournament, which was hosted by Iva Rec, was played on the fields at both Crescent High School and the Parker Bowie Athletic Complex. An inspiring display of teamwork from rec board members and community and parent volunteers ensured that the 20 team tournament ran smoothly.

Every Starr-Iva parent, coach, player, and fan left the field with a smile on his or her face Wednesday night not simply because the tournament was over but because all three teams advanced to the state tournament! The 8u and 10u teams both finished first in their age groups, and although 12u came in second both the first place and second place 12u finishers advance in the state tournament. The teams will play in Moncks Corner in July where they are sure to continue to make represent our community well.

Team members and head coaches are as follows: 8U: Briley Beard, Kaydena Brown, Ashlynn Cann, Bella Davis, Camila Farr, Maddie Fuller, Khloe Glenn, Jozey Holden, Savanna Rudder, McKenna Roper, Leilah Schmuck, and Averi Shaw. Head coach: Cole Rudder.


12U: Rylee Ashworth, Abigail Burdette, Madison Burdette, Jessica Cape, McLane Drawdy, Panga Ethridge, Lindsay Frith, Mallory Fortune, Caroline Gray, Sarah Katherine Nixon, Reyna Parker, and Nevaeh Willingham. Head coach: Cade Gray.
**Why We Celebrate July 4th**

*by Daniel Thomason, US History Teacher and Social Studies Dept. Head at Crescent High School*

Picture it, a grill hard at work cooking hamburgers and a group of fun-loving Americans gearing up to celebrate Independence day. Fireworks are imminent and groups are enjoying the time in the sun and, possibly, at the lake or around the pool. Most Americans would like to cite that July 4th was the day we officially proclaimed our status as an independent nation. We all swell with nationalistic pride and joy knowing we live in the greatest country in the world. Sadly, America did not do this on July 4th. The official date of our “split” was actually on July 2nd when the members of Congress voted to sever our bonds from England. This was on the heels of a failed attempt to reconcile with the Crown and Parliament called the Olive Branch Petition. So, why do we celebrate July 4th if not this?

Others might claim July 4th is the day when the Declaration of Independence was written. This is even further from the truth as the entire arduous process took months. The concept that Thomas Jefferson was the first to come up with the notion of the United States in a different light. A day by the lake or enjoying the company of family and friends is a great reminder of all the things that the founders initially fought for. They wanted the right of choice--to live in freedom by whatever means necessary. Does it really matter when specific events happened? Or is it more important that they did occur? For me, independence is a bright burning banner in my heart and the Fourth of July allows for me to celebrate that fact. God Bless America.

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**WCTEL Hosts Freshwater Coast Community Foundation Competition**

WCTEL hosted the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation (FCCF) business plan competition at their Abbeville Office. This event was planned, coordinated, and executed by Wilder Ferreira, Director of the Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development. Competitors were comprised of 8 students from the local high schools who won their school business plan competitions. Students were asked to present an 8-minute presentation displaying their unique business idea to provide daycare service combined with tutoring service to children under the age of 6. J.D. Carter, a junior from Dixie High School, won second place with his plan to provide sanitation services for homes that needs items sanitized with Clorox. And third place went to Shannen Foster, a junior at Dixie High School, with her idea of Foster’s Home Cleaning, a business to provide general home cleaning services.

Lunch and prizes were provided by WCTEL, first place won $500, second won $300, and third won $100. Jeff Wilson, CEO of WCTEL, stated “I was very impressed with the exceptional quality and tremendous amount of research and effort that was shown in each business plan. The students all portrayed business knowledge and skills that will enable them to succeed in whatever they do in the future.”

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**Save the Date for Iva High Reunion!**

The Old Iva High School will reunion will be held Sept. 28, 2019 from 11-3. We would like to encourage you to attend if you are a graduate of the Iva High School. A registration will be mailed out on July 1, 2019. This form will give all the information including the cost of the meal. This event will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Be sure to keep your eyes on the mail! For any questions call 864-348-6544 or 864-940-3881 or 864-617-3885.

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When Your Child Doesn’t Receive an Award
by Michael Kotlarczyk, Pastor of Youth & Children, First Baptist of Iva

My wife, Sarah, recently posted a blog about our first experience with awards day at our local schools. With her permission, I want to share her blog as my article this month. Her goal as well as mine is to “challenge and encourage others and start necessary conversation about academic success with specific regard to kiddos who struggle in school.”

Let me give you a little background information about us so you understand why this was so heavy on my heart today. My husband and I have been fostering for about 8 months. We have a super sweet 3rd grade boy whom we love dearly! When he moved in with us, he had to switch schools for the second time this year. Academics are a challenge for him. He struggles to sit still long enough to finish or focus on his work. Typically, foster kiddos have so much going on emotionally and mentally as a result of trauma and being removed from their families of origin that they struggle socially, psychologically, emotionally, and certainly academically. Our kiddo is no different. He has difficulties making friends at school, his emotions and thoughts distract him from class, and he has had to leave school early too many times for medical and other foster child specific appointments.

If your kiddo received an award, be excited and proud. Do not feel like you need to soften your excitement in any way. Take the pictures, hoot and holler for them and share with them and the world how proud you are. Your kiddos need to be fed your praises and reinforced for their hard work. They have earned it! We are excited for you and your kiddos!

Today was my first ever grade school awards day as we didn’t have annual awards when I was in grade school. Our kiddo told us yesterday that he was pretty sure he wasn’t getting an award. You may think I’m an awful parent, but I really don’t care if he gets an academic award or really any other award on awards day. I feel like our culture has over emphasized the “everyone is a winner” mentality through participation awards and the like. I think it is fair that the people who exceed get an award and do not feel that everyone should get an award solely to avoid hurt feelings. Kids need to learn how to process disappointment and this is a great opportunity for them to learn before they enter the working world. I also believe his value runs so much deeper than his ability to get the highest score in math or be recognized for his artistic abilities or whatever else they provided recognition for.

But, as a parent I still would LOVE for him to get an award and for him to be told that he is GREAT at something. I cannot even imagine how much that would positively impact his self-esteem and self-talk. I would love to have an opportunity to snap a picture of him beaming with his certificate. I would love for him to not have to sit on the floor in front of 200 people watching as his classmates stand to receive awards all while he becomes increasingly aware of his respective failure, being one of a few number of students not to receive any recognition. And, I would love to avoid having to teach the life lessons in disappointment when after an hour, the ceremony ended and he was left empty handed in front of all his classmates and their families.

For those of you whose kiddos watched in misery as all their classmates received awards and they didn’t, don’t despair. I am certain that God made each of our kiddos with different strengths and capabilities. For some of us, our children just do not excel at school but excel in other ways in life. Some of our kiddos may not figure out where they fit in or what they excel at for a while, and this is perfectly okay. As a parent, I know you desire the best for them. If your heart is anything like mine, it was breaking to hear all the awards get called and sit in silence knowing your child was watching this all go down fully aware they were not receiving an award.

We are now tasked with helping our kids find their worth, encouraging them to keep doing their best, and ensuring they overcome their disappointment with grace and growth. This may not be easy, but our children are resilient and they will overcome. I am certain of this. Now, we pray for our children and grasp every opportunity we can to praise their successes. So you didn’t get any awards and your report card was average to below average. Who cares?!

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Crescent Students Receive State FFA Degrees

Six students from Crescent High School received their State FFA Degrees at the 92nd South Carolina State FFA Convention in June. Kaetlin Carnes, Abi Clinkscales, Rachel Eades, Michaela Herring, Jesse Willis McGee, and Hannah Wooten have all completed the requirements and received degrees. In addition, the Crescent FFA Chapter was recognized as being one of eleven chapters in the state to receive a Gold ranking in addition to being recognized having 100% plus membership. Also, the following students had state winning proficiency awards due to their outstanding SAE projects: Hannah Wooten, Katelyn Robinson, Michaela Herring, Abi Clinkscales, Luke Bowman, Rachel Eades, Eric Brown, Torry Kelley, and Dani Nicholson (pictured above). FFA Sponsor Carolina Snel-lings states she is “thankful for a great past and present officer team and for so much support from our school, district, and community!”

CHS Student Wins Star Farmer

Abi Clinkscales won Region 1 Star Farmer and advanced onto the state level announced at the June SC State FFA Convention. Region 1 Star Farmer is awarded to an FFA member that has the top production agriculture Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) in our region. The member must demonstrate outstanding achievement, active FFA participation and an exemplary scholastic record. The winner of this award has also mastered skills in production, finance, and management.

CHS Cross Country Participates in Global Day of Running

Every year, the CHS Cross Country team tries to participate in Global Day of Running, 6/5/2019, by inviting team members, friends, and family to run 3 miles in downtown Iva. This year was our biggest turn out and together, as a group, we ran 76.5 miles that day.

The Crescent High School Cross Country team hosted a running camp for rising 4th-rising 7th grade students the May 20-24 where students focused on form, breathing, pacing, and was exposed to different types of workouts that runners do. It concluded on Friday, May 24th with a fun run, where the kids, friends, family, and members of XC could run half of a typical cross country course, which is 1.55 miles, and they could run throughout the campus of Crescent. It was a great event and ended in sno cones, which cooled everyone off on that hot day.

Flat Rock Elementary Thanks Mrs. Madden

Deb Madden, Flat Rock’s Reading Coach, retired this year after 28 years of service. Mrs. Madden has been a pillar at Flat Rock Elementary School since it’s opening in 2009. She has spent her career in education in Anderson School District 3, teaching second grade (or “the littles” as she affectionately called them) at Starr Elementary and then moving to Flat Rock the first year it opened. Deb has served the students and teachers of Anderson 3 with compassion, strength, and love throughout her career. She continued teaching “the littles” when she moved to Flat Rock, but has spent her last four years supporting all students and teachers as the Reading Coach. Deb always had an open door and listening ear, sharing her years of wisdom and advice with our faculty and students. Mrs. Madden also had a giving heart, willing to serve in any way she could. For many students, she was the first face they saw in the morning as she would read books to children who arrived early. She was one of the last faces they would see in the afternoon as she waved goodbye to them in the carpool line. Teachers and students always smiled with delight at the costumes she would wear during Red Ribbon Week and other dress-up days. She also spent many summers teaching summer school to students involved with Anderson District 3’s Reading Camp. Her parting words to our faculty were how she lived her life in education: “Love the students.” Flat Rock wishes Mrs. Madden all the best!
FORMER CRESCENT STUDENT GRADUATES FROM PROJECT SEARCH

By Dylan McCullough

Thad McDonald, a former student of Crescent High School, graduated from the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department’s Project Search program. The program is designed to allow students with disabilities to experience total immersion in the workplace with a goal of competitive employment in an integrated setting. The student’s goal is to have completed three, 10-week internship rotations at AnMed Health’s Main Campus. These are unpaid internships that allow students to gain a variety of transferable employability skills. In the mornings and afternoons, Thad spent an hour in the classroom/training room learning independent living and employability skills. Lessons in the classroom include information related to real-world employment about health and wellness, safety, team building, financial literacy, using technology, self-advocacy, preparing for employment, and maintaining employment.

Thad’s first rotation was in the Food Service department at AnMed. He worked in the kitchen and learned how to operate an industrial dish washing machine. He also assisted in preparing drinks at lunchtime that accompanied patient meals to their respective rooms in the hospital. Thad’s second rotation was in the Environmental Services Department (EVS). Every morning, he sorted, folded, and put away cleaning cloths used by EVS technicians. This sounds simple, but every day, the EVS technicians use approximately 600 cloths that must be a wash, dried, folded, and put away. The remainder of the day, he worked alongside a floor tech who was responsible for keeping all of the sixth floor’s common areas sanitized and in working condition. His third rotation was split between two departments. The first 5 weeks, he returned to the Food Service department and continued to work on skills from his first rotation. During this time, he also learned how to wash the industrial-sized pots and pans by hand, which is required. The second 5 weeks, he joined the Engineering department’s landscaping maintenance crew. He was responsible for assisting in keeping the outside of AnMed Health’s campus clean and aesthetically pleasing. He removed trash from the parking lot and outside garbage cans, planted trees, shrubbery, and flowers, spread mulch, and had lessons on driving the golf cart with his supervisor, Mary. Thad loves to be outdoors and reported that this was his favorite part of Project SEARCH.

By the end of the program, Thad gained a ton of workplace experience and was able to meet and interact with people throughout the hospital. Thad’s experience in the project search will allow him to have an easy transition to the workforce.

Freshwater Coast Local-Buy Reward Card Program

By Wilder Ferreira

The Freshwater Coast Local-Buy Reward Card Program started this past May in Abbeville, Calhoun Falls, Due West, McCormick, Mt. Carmel, and at the local Farmers Markets. They will be distributing 20,000 reward cards at approximately 90 local locations.

To participate, the local business owners from Iva must sign up for the program. There are no costs for businesses to participate in. The program has been sponsored by WCTEL, Abbeville First Bank, and the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation. After signing up, the participating business will receive a card puncher, 100 reward cards, a decal for the store window, and a card holder.

Each participating business will give a 10% discount to a customer after the reward card is fully punched (10x) at any other participating business. It is one punch per purchase. It is one card redeemed per purchase. The more residents shop locally, the more discounts they get, and the more sales to the local businesses. This program was created to strengthen these Freshwater Coast communities, including Starr and Iva.

Wilder Ferreira, the Director of the Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development and responsible for the program, will be visiting businesses in Iva in July for information and recruiting. The program will be launched in August in Iva. Please, look forward to Wilder’s visit in the days to come. Wilder works for Clemson University as a Regional Economic and Community Development Agent for almost 20 years.

Business can also sign up at the Starr-Iva Water & Sewer District’s office.

CHS Softball Field to Get a New Name

By Kathy Hipp

For 43 years as softball coach at Crescent High School, Coach Gary Adams built a legacy on the foundation of individual players working as a team to be “Champions.” In 1995, he also led the community in a joint effort to raise over $50,000 to build a “Field of Dreams” at the high school. Upon completion of the field, the School Board approved a proclamation at the September 11, 1995 meeting to name the new softball field at Crescent High School the Gary D. Adams Field. When Coach Adams retired from coaching, he made one request that further emphasized his belief in a team effort. He asked that the field that bears his name be changed to include his wife. At the June 10, 2019, Anderson District Three Board of Trustees meeting, the Board unanimously approved his request to rename the field, Gary and Kathy Adams Field, to recognize the team that has left a lasting impact on our school, our district, and our community. A new scoreboard along with the new name will be erected at the Gary and Kathy Adams field in the fall of 2019.

Legendary Stats of Coach Gary D. Adams

Basketball (1977-96)
Basketball Coaching Record 258-155
AA Boys State Champions - 1983
AA Boys State Runner-Up - 1985
AA Boys State Champions - 1986

Softball (1977 – 2019)
Softball Coaching Record 1043-169
34 Region Championships
(33 consecutive)
19 State Championships
(National Record)

Iva Summer Nights
July 2019 Summer Concert Schedule

July 4th – “Jimmy Sanders Band”
July 11th – “City Street Band”
July 18th – “Band Silver”
July 25th – “Magic”
Bring your lawn chairs and dancing shoes
downtown every Thursday night through September.
Concerts start at 6:30 p.m.
Iva Elementary  
4th Quarter

All “A”
Gwinn, Angel Faith  
Hanks, Creighton Thomas  
Junkins, Ella Kate  
Kelly, Alyssa Grace  
Nethercott, Dawson Robert  
Nixon, John Boone  
Sutton, Kayden Isaiah  
Waters, Mackenzie Marie  
West, Shimir Timothy James  
Whitten, Eli Blaze

AB Con’t
Partain, Evana Beebe  
Nixon, Sarah Katherine  
Burdette, Madison Ava  
Wolvington, Ariana Annmarie  
Moon, Lydia Paige  
Martin, Addison Riley  
Locke, Maxwell King  
Miner, Autumn Zee  
Tiller, Isabell Nicole

Starr Elementary  
4th Quarter

All “A”
Bearden, Kholie Carah Jeanette  
Brown, Kaydence Marie  
Crisp, Klaydi Savannah  
Dubose, Karsen Aleena  
Duncan, Charles Cannon  
Kirkman, Maddox Lathan  
Lindsey, Imari Jade

AB Con’t
Langley, Madlyn Risse  
Latham, Gage William  
Martinez Perez, Victor Hugo  
McCullum, Megan Jane  
Merck, Ethan Michael  
Parker, Ashlyn Elizabeth  
Parnell, Miranda Jade  
Powell, Kaden Max  
Russell, Branyon Townsend  
Whitaker, Emma Mae  
Wilkins, Brooks Hunter  
Bostick, Sadie Alivia  
Branton, Jonah Pharell

All “A” Con’t
Mawyer, Kaylee Dawn  
Norris, Treyleigh Rose  
Simpson, Carter McGee  
Simpson, Gracie Darlene  
Taylor, Charlie Gat  
Wiles, Alan Clay  
Wilson, Ava Ruth  
Castanuela Martinez, Maximiliano  
Dennis, Jewel Taylor  
Fulton, Colton James  
Gaines, Konner Brantley  
Hatcher, Paxton Kyle  
Heaton, Noah Andrew  
Law Raudales, Kimberly Francis  
Norris, Corbin Jace  
Sawyer, Braxton Blaze  
Schmuck, Leilah Ann  
Sorensen, Bella Reign  
Strickland, Chaylen Neaveh  
Tilley, Clayton John  
Vickery, Caroline Paige  
Wiles, Jecht Austin  
Alexander, Austin Thomas  
Bowe, Anna Kathryn  
Chambers, Carter Matthew  
Glenn, Annabelle Rose  
Jordan, Campbell Wyatt  
Lorenzen, Shyllyn Rivers  
Pressley, Joshua Phillip  
Rutledge, James Parker  
Simpson, Brylee Katherine  
Trotter, Caylee Alexis  
Wiles, Kyle Joy  
Wrenn, Janiya Malay  
Atkins, Tony  
Gray, Caroline Annlouise  
Helms, Abby Michelle  
Lindley, Logan Cade  
McGee, Gracelyn Elizabeth  
Mullis, Rylee Brooke  
Sonefelt, Kaylee Brooke  
Bowen, Jacob Todd  
Fowten, Mary Katherine  
Kelley, Preston Blake  
Miles, Kylie A  
Morrill, Carah Ellen  
Smith, Mayci Aleia  
Solano, Liani Elise  
Tripp, William Bradford  
Vaughter, Jake Alan
Starr AB

Beatty, Keira Addaley
Busby, Elliott Sarah Elizabeth
Carter, Sophia Loren
Castaneda, Hector De Jesus
Crawford, Kinleigh Paige
Dyson, David Michael
Gilbert, Paisley Ellacyn Bellz
Glover, Tre’eon Kyrell
Goldsmith, Camden Walker
Green, Augustus Blaze
Grindstaff, Celeste J
Hoskins, Andrew Conner
Hounchell, Gabriella Elizabeth
Krope, Reagan Maria
Martin, Aubrie Michelle
Morgan, Caylee Renee
Nance, Karman L
Nelms, Helen Sarabeth
Pierce, Sawyer Scott
Powers, Makensie Faith
Price, Jaylyn Reese
Scott, Katriel Nisan
Scott, Logan Eric
Shaw, Lily Alaina
Shiflett, Jackson Lee
Stanley, Abigail Grace
Vainboim, Veronica Vlad
Vaughn, Logan Taylor
Zappitella, Brianna Grace
Anderson, Analia Grace
Atkins, Kathrine
Bogan, Ryker Rewel
Dale, Shane Christian Hunter
Elrod, Gabriel Alexander
Elrod, Lola Love
Evans, Mason Myers
Garrett, John Samuel Wyatt
Howard, Jesse Thomas
Jones, Lee Ann Lanay
Kirkman, Mackayah Lee
Krope, Alison Jackie
Norris, Kaitlyn Rose
Owens, Juliann Elyse
Pitmon, Cannon James
Rouse, Kayleigh Danielle
Brown, Michael Wayne
Crisp, Gracyn Elizabeth
Diaz, Leilany Rain
Goldsmith, Seth Jacob Jakall
Gurley, Brayden Michael
Johns, Saylor Grace
Long, Justin Samuel
Mapp, Turner Davis
McClain, Georgia Dean
McGill, Macie Paige
Montgomery, Jeana Lee
Patterson, E’senyce Ar-Terriana

Starr AB Con’t

Patterson, Emilee Elizabeth
Scherer, Madison Denise
Trotter, Reese Michael
Webb, William Hogan
Wood, Sarah Alyssa

Flat Rock AB

Mya Blackwell
Ryleigh Byrum
Conner Campbell
Lawton Crowe
Easton Elrod
Gabriele Gladney
Jack Gray
Jeremiah Hall
Gracie Harrell
Brendon Jennings
Avery Johnson
Kinsley Kellum
Holly Lollis
Raelynn McCoy
Chiah Pollard
Donovan Regehr
Marbella Reyes-Wilson
Landon Roberts
Levi Rosenburg
Angel Vaughn

Flat Rock Elementary

Year-end

All “A”

Dominic Alonzo
Madison Campbell
Lilianna Cespedes
Isabella Cumbow
Zach Hatchett
Jayleel LeCroy
Kenny Morris
Soniyah Norris
Kyla Porter
Aiden Powell
Peyton Telford
Rallye Williamson
Jayden Wright
Samaria Allen-Smith
Julianna Cespedes
Cassidy Cummings
Justin Loftis
Skylar Olexy
Mason Powell
Jayden Wright

Uldrick Builders Donates to Abbeville Promise Program

Uldrick Builders Project Managers Daniel London, Steve Lyle, Jacob Cochran, and Robert Parnell present a check for $10,000 to Abbeville Promise co-chair Andy Timmerman. For more information about the Abbeville Promise or to donate contact the Freshwater Coast Foundation at 864-446-2773 or abbevillepromise@wctel.net.
A3 Top School Awards

SIMS Billy T. Daniel Award

Brody Russell is the recipient of this year’s Billy T. Daniel award. The Billy T. Daniel award is given annually to the Starr-Iva Middle School eighth-grader who best exhibits strong academic achievement, leadership, character, and citizenship. It is the school’s most prestigious award. This award is named in honor of Mr. Billy T. Daniel, former principal of Starr-Iva. He is a man of high character who embodies kindness, dignity, and hard work. Congratulations, Brody!

CHS Crescent Award

Dawson Merk was honored with the “Crescent” award, at the 2019 CHS Senior Awards Day. The Crescent award is given to the student who displays the best overall character and best represents the Crescent Spirit.

Starr Elementary Starr Award

Jake Vaughter was honored with the Starr award at the 2019 Starr 5th-grade graduation and awards day. The Starr Award is presented to the 5th-grade student who has shown excellence in academics, leadership, citizenship, and in all ways possible during their years at Starr Elementary. Congratulations, Jake!

Iva Elementary DAR Award

Congratulations to Bee Parnell, recipient of Iva’s DAR Award, given to a 5th-grade student. This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. Congratulations, Bee!

Flat Rock Elementary Tiger Award

Amira Hjiri was selected at Flat Rock Elementary’s 2019 recipient of the Tiger Award. The Tiger award is Flat Rock’s highest award and is presented to the 5th-grade student who exemplifies the Flat Rock spirit and possesses a great deal of leadership and citizenship qualities. Congratulations, Amira!

Anderson School District 3 Honors Retirees

Anderson Three honored 2019 retirees that had been with the district for over twenty years.

Eric Hughes, Deb Madden, Cindy Rousey, Trish Thompson, and Ellen Fountain (not pictured) were honored at the June 10, 2019, Anderson Three Board of Trustees Meeting.
Oh, I’ve said it many a time, that children don’t have the fun they used to have and always I can count on those around me to agree with me.

We’re a little wistful about it, of course, remembering the things that used to occupy our free time, the resourcefulness with which we made up games or lived fantasies more far-fetched than the most far-out of TV programs. Maybe there is reason to rue these days when so much is ready-made for the kids; pre-packaged and pre-bewtowed before they’ve had the chance to savor the desire. Maybe there actually is evidence that imaginations which have no better outlet will channel themselves in unwholesome directions. Maybe so, but if it’s so, I doubt if the danger is anything new.

Admittedly, it’s a different world. When I was coming along, I never saw a white streak lengthening in the sky, spreading and thinning itself in winds too far away for me to feel. Clouds they were, of course, and I used to sit on a plank in the side yard, face up to the sky, and find in the clouds all sorts of shapes and messages to me alone.

No scary shows on TV were there in my childhood days, but we made up for that defect with our imaginations. Down the sidewalk one afternoon comes Rhonda walking. No pony borrowed, no tricycle, just Rhonda in her everyday shorts and shirt in the blazing sun. There was a peace about her, you could tell, even before you could see what she was carrying; and her voice, when she spoke as she neared the corner of the lane was definitely on the dreamy side.

“I’ve got something I’m gonna keep ALL DAY,” she said, turning in the front gate. “It’s a bottle of hot water, and it feels so GOOD.” She moved what appeared to be a bleach bottle now turned into a crystal-clear treasure so that its warmth touched her cheek then held it up for me to see. I never would have thought of a bleach bottle full of water as being a thing of beauty, but I could see what she meant. I could even understand how, on such a hot day, warmth would feel good. She could never have bought a bleach bottle full of hot water, but she somehow thought of it and a most satisfying toy it was.

“See, it has a sound it makes,” she said as she unscrewed the cap. Sure enough, it did have its own special swoosh, a sort of whistled swoosh that satisfied Rhonda’s sense of hearing as much as the bottle’s sight and temperature. “And, things look so pretty through it,” she said, “and funny too.”

She looked at me and laughed to see how the water in the rounded bottle contorted my face and eyes. I looked at her with the bottle mashed against her face, and it was at her I laughed; her eyes all magnified and twisted, her mouth visible through the bottle’s lower curve as an impossibly comic thing.

We had a good time, and it was a good time in depth. It was my own children finding all sorts of ways to have fun with beach towels or old curtains. It was my contemporaries clopping around on tin cans tied by strings tightly hand-held. It was the acorn cup dishes my mother played with when she was as a child. It was all the children through the ages finding all sorts of ways to have fun with beach towels or old curtains.

By Amy Russell

The halls of Starr-Iva Middle School were uncharacteristically bare for several days at the end of the school year when approximately 150 students and teachers headed out on overnight field trips.

Seventh graders made the annual trip to St. Christopher Barrier Island where they enjoyed walking on the beach, participating in team building activities, and an educational hike through a maritime forest. In addition, students and teachers were taken on a boat ride during which they saw dolphins, two sunken ships, and an eagle’s nest. For many students a highlight of the boat ride was a stop at a sea shell covered shore line. Students walked the shore line and were allowed to select three shells to keep. One student even found an intact sand dollar! Many other students found a highlight of the trip to be participating in something called seining. Students worked as a team to pull a large seine net through the surf. Although the students did not catch much, they were able to haul in one large crab and a jellyfish and enjoyed getting soaking wet in the process.

Eighth graders headed north and made the most of an action packed trip and rigorous itinerary. The first stop was Arlington Cemetery where they watched the Changing of the Guard Ritual at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The teachers and students went on to view many of the monuments and memorials in D.C. such as the Vietnam Memorial Wall. The next stop was Philadelphia where the students spent time learning about the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and of course ran up the “Rocky Steps” outside the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Students and teachers went on to spend time at the National Archives, the National Air and Space Museum and the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. A highlight for many students was an evening out when they headed to Columbia, Maryland to enjoy a meal and a show at the Toby Diner Theater where they saw a rendition of “Grease”. On the trip home students and teachers stopped in Charlottesville, Virginia at Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. The students made the most of the long hours on the bus by making music videos that they shared with the entire student body up their return. It was certainly a trip to remember!
Habitat Happenings
By Kathy Secrist

Just the other evening, we were sitting on our porch sipping our “Matcha Latte’s.” Then, a mama doe and her tiny fawn came out of our prayer garden to greet us.

It is good to be surrounded with the beauty of nature on this... Our Fourth of July celebration of Independence Day.

“The view is great; Our friendship is free. Won’t you sit on the porch with me?”

When Your Child Doesn’t Receive an Award Con’t
(Continued from page 5) You succeeded at starting in your third school this academic year, maneuvering relationships with new classmates, learning new teachers and policies, moving in with strangers, adapting to a different lifestyle and you still finished your grade despite all the setbacks and obstacles. As far as I am concerned that makes you the most resilient and most determined kiddo in your grade level and I am SO PROUD. For your children, I pray that whatever their obstacles were, they too recognize their worth does not lie in their academic successes or failures. And for mine, I pray that he will understand this and learn to find his worth in the Lord rather than finding his worth in the world.

While we pray for our kiddos and find ways to encourage them, we should also pray for, educate, and advocate for changes in our communities and culture. How do we balance awarding those who succeed without shaming the few that don’t? Would letting kids sit with their parents so they can process their thoughts and disappointment safely without being publicly humiliated by having to sit on stage while everyone else receives an award help? Or do we add awards so each kiddo is recognized for their personal and/or academic achievements? Or, maybe changes should happen on a broader level?

Town Trivia

Last Month’s Question:
Who was crowned the first Miss Iva?
Answer: ?

No one has answered correctly yet, so you get another chance!

This Month’s Question:
How many consecutive region titles has CHS softball won?

Send your answers in to eyesoniva@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

July 8th
VBS at Carswell Baptist Church in Iva
6:30 - 8:30pm

July 8th
Summer Reading Activities @ Iva Library
Starting at 3:30 pm

June 9th
Storytime at the Iva Library
Starting at 10:30 am.
For children ages 1-5
Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday

July 11th
REVIVA
9:00 am
Iva Town Hall

July 11th
Sunrise Seniors
11:00 am
Iva Civic Center

July 15th
Summer Reading Activities @ Iva Library
Starting at 3:30 pm

July 17th
Circle of Hope
11:00 a.m.
Iva MAC Center – 205 Betsy Street
3rd Monday of each month

July 22nd
Summer Reading Activities @ Iva Library
Starting at 3:30 pm

July 23rd
Storytime at the Iva Library
Starting at 10:30 am
For children ages 1-5
Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday

July 24th 6:30 - 8pm & 27th 9am -2pm
VBS “Camp Out” at Lowndesville Baptist Church

Do you need a place to rent for an event?

Call the Iva Town Hall at 864-348-6193 to reserve a facility

Iva Civic Center - $115
Iva MAC Center - $80