

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 even 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).



Coach Gary D. Adams and his wife, Kathy. Picture by Dylan McCullough

- 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 ever 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 dug-out 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.



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.

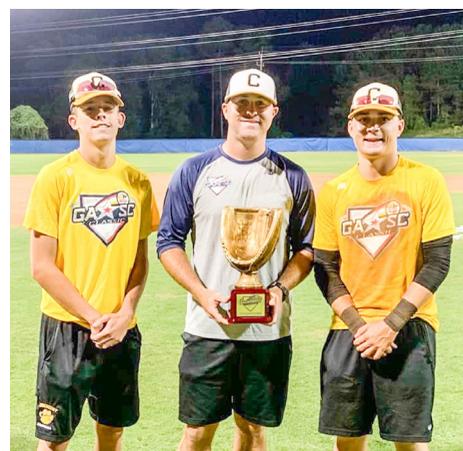
The Anderson and Iva Quilts of Valor volunteers awarded 392 quilts in 2018. 215,440 quilts have been awarded throughout the United States with most costs absorbed by the volunteers.

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!



Vets Helping Vets

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



Pictured above is Iva citizen and veteran, Rock Reinhart, who invites all veterans to join "Vets Helping Vets."

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 it 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 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 Oreos 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 Ilic, 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.

10U: Kailey Campbell, Kin-



8U Team



10U Team



12U Team

leigh Crawford, Alyssa Dawkins, Lila Hendrix, Mac Newman, JuJu Owens, Ashlynn Parker, Kyndal Parker, Hannah Phillips, Niya Rice, Kayleigh Rouse, and Abi Stowe. Head coach: Adam Parker.

12U: Rylee Ashworth, Abigail Burdette, Madison Burdette, Jessica Cape, McLane Drawdy, Panga Ethridge, Lindsay Frith, Malory Fortune, Caroline Gray, Sarah Katherine Nixon, Reyna Parker, and Nevaeh Willingham. Head coach: Cade Gray.

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 Declaration is also further from fact. Ben Franklin and John Adams, founding fathers in their own rights, were first asked to draft this document. The Declaration was not the sole creation of Jef-

erson, but rather, the feelings and sentiments of the entire Congress through the craft of Jefferson's pen.

The first Independence parade actually occurred on July 8th shortly after the men of Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. The members of Congress voted on the acceptance on July 4th, 1776, but many of them did not sign the Declaration until much later. Many celebrated in the streets in the consecutive days while others mourned the loss of "established order." A new government under the Articles of Confederation emerged to ratify the Declaration and the rest, well, that is history. Soon after the surrender at Yorktown, the Treaty of Paris (1783) allowed Americans to realize true freedom.

So, why do we celebrate the Fourth of July? Each person sees the independence 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.

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.

WCTEL Hosts Freshwater Coast Community Foundation Competition



Pictured above is Shannen Foster, Junior at Dixie High School; J.D. Carter, Junior at Dixie High School; & Kalee Laflamme, Freshman at Crescent High School

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 pro-



vided 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."

Kalee Laflamme, a freshman from Crescent High School, won first place with her innovative

plans followed with questions from the judges. Crescent High School sent three representatives (pictured above with Heather Dickerson, Business teacher at CHS): **Jesse Sauve** presented Renewed Shoes, **Kalee LaFlamme** presented LaFlamme Care and Tutoring Services, and **Jacob Ramsey** presented Ramsey Photography.

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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?! (Continued on Page 12)

Eyes on Pets--Beating the Heat

by Dr. Danielle Nixon, Crescent Animal Hospital

The heat of the summer is upon us and your pets are at an increased risk for a heat stroke because they are unable to cool themselves as easily as we are. Pets

start to have a fever whenever their core body temperature is elevated above 103, but a fever of 106 or greater associated with extreme temperatures is considered a heat stroke.

Your pet's body is usually in a harmonious balance to expel heat when there is an increase in heat production. When there is an imbalance in either of those mechanisms a heat stroke can occur. If your pet has one of the following conditions, then they are not able to dissipate heat or cool off as well, and you need take special precautions with them in the summer: “smushed face dogs” (bulldogs/pugs/boxers), heart disease, pets with seizures, overweight pets, older pets, and pets on certain medication (consult your veterinarian).

There are also certain situations that can also can increase in heat production in conjunction with the extreme temperatures outside such as extreme exercise, seizures, hormones, toxins, poor ventilation, and humidity.

Once your pet's core body temperature reaches 106, it can start to take a toll on all of the internal organs. One of the first clinical signs that you may notice is that your pet may be panting excessively and that their gums may be bright red or a purplish color. After a pet has been panting for an excessive amount of time, it can lead to fatigue of all of the respiratory muscles.

One of the mechanisms of the pet's body to cool itself involves a process that dilates the blood vessels and increases the heart rate to allow the heat to escape through the skin. When a pet is having a heat stroke, the vessels



dilate so much to try to cool down the body that it can cause shock, heart injury, and secondary liver and gut injury. Their kidneys are also affected from the high internal body tempera-

tures and lack of blood flow to them during the heat stroke. A heat stroke can also effect the central nervous system and ultimately cause brain damage.

The first step is to try to prepare your pet for these hot days of summer. Make sure to take them for walks in the early mornings or late evenings. If you must walk them on sidewalks or pavements, be sure the check that it isn't too hot that it may burn their pads. Always make sure your pet has fresh cool water available at all times. Bring your pets indoors when there are extreme heat indexes. If you are unable to bring your pets inside, make sure that there is shade and plenty of ventilation to keep them cool. One of the most important reminders— do not leave your pet in you car unattended during the summer, EVER! It only takes a few minutes for your car to reach extreme temperatures.

If you are unfortunate to experience a heat stroke with your pet contact your veterinarian first and then begin the cooling process. DO NOT give your pet an ice bath. This interferes with the cooling process of your pet. You may hose down your pet or give a cool water bath and use a fan on your pet. If your pet starts to have a seizure secondary to a heat stroke, make sure to be safe because your pet is unaware what is happening and may bite those around them. As soon as you're able to, safely get your pet to your veterinarian for further care and treatment.

The summer is a time to enjoy the sun and outdoors with your pets, but just remember to keep them safe and cool!

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 as 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 Snelings 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 Clickscales 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.

CHS Cross Country Hosts Camp



The Crescent High School Cross Country team hosted a running camp for rising 4th-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 lunched 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)

11 Consecutive State Championships from 1987-97 (National Record)
8 State Runners-up
National Coach of the Year
1991, 2002
SCACA Hall of Fame - 1997
NFHS Hall of Fame - 2002
Crescent/New Deal Athletic Hall of Fame - 2015/16
Gaston County Sports Hall of Fame
2018

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 Elementary Honor Rolls

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
 Watkins, Cameron Charles
 Barton, Daniel Wylee
 Beard, Briley Isabella
 Brown, Skyler Gayle
 Burdette, Landen Blake
 Burriss, Aiden Dale
 Gilhooley, Nathaniel Emmett
 McElreath, Rafe Austin Ellis
 Paul, Alyssa Lynn
 Ricketts, Braxten Hunter
 Bigby, Cecilia Elizabeth
 Ciempola, Amelia Lydia R.
 Henderson, Brailynne Rhett
 Horne, Sara Elizabeth
 Larsen, Willough Rayne
 Locke, Maxwell King
 Martin, Addison Riley
 Millican, Rosalie Grace
 Moon, Lydia Paige
 Wolvington, Ariana Annmarie
 Burdette, Madison Ava
 Nixon, Sarah Katherine
 Partain, Evana Beebe

AB

Bannister, Mychal Hope
 Brown, Ameriah Kianna
 Erwin, Grace Leanne
 Fulwood, Darryl Paul
 Godfrey, Austin Morgan
 Green, Damien Jeramiah
 Gurley, Briley Scott
 Hagood, Selena Rae Zora
 Harris, Colton Luke
 Jones, Alexander Christian
 Keaton, Cassidy Michelle
 Long, Braylen John-Lucas
 McCall, Alli Rae
 Moon, Joshua Thomas
 Moore, Kylen Randall
 Rich, Aron Bruce
 Rowland, Samuel Mitchell
 Tiller, Isabell Nicole
 Waters, Mackenzie Marie
 West, Shimir Timothy James
 Whitten, Eli Blaze

AB Con't

Wilson, Adrian Luke
 Wilson, Noah Shane
 Boyd, Portia Emily Danielle
 Brewer, Bransen Earlin
 Gentry, Izabella Victoria
 Gosling, Savanna Grace
 Guadalupe, Izaiah Anthony
 Hagood, Natalie Rae
 Holbrooks, Baleigh Gene
 Honeycutt, Kambre Renee
 Moore, Grayson Kyler
 Shaw, Averi Brooke
 Stephens, Joceline Renee
 Vaughn, Ryann Elizabeth
 Williams, Keeleigh Ann Renee
 Ashworth, Paislee Day
 Black, Nikolai Isreal Alexander
 Briggs, McKenzie Leigh
 Butler, John Allen
 Dorriety, Rebecca Abigail Diane
 Fulwood, Darra Giavanna
 Golden, Camilla Deavah Lee
 Keller, Michael Achilles
 Lowe, Michaela Rayne
 McClain, Savannah Danielle
 Miller, Josiah Benjamin
 Moon, Jackson Kyler
 Morgan, Tristan Gabriel
 Newton, Scarlett Vivian
 Paul, Kailee Nicole
 Powell-New, Emily Piper
 Simpson, Cade Wilson
 Simpson, Calli Brooke
 Smith, Zycoria Aaliyah
 Strickland, Colt Douglas
 Taylor, Akira Jade
 Walters, Ella Grace
 Androvett, Hailey Renee
 Brawner, Caron Montez Noah
 Burdette, Colby Bryce
 Burgess, Caleb Dale
 Carver, Chyna Niy'Asia
 Doss, Samantha Nicole
 Elrod, Brody Luke
 Farrow, Bailey Nicole
 Gilhooley, Trenton Matthew
 Higney, Luke Aaron
 Holcombe, Azalea Madeleine
 Honeycutt, Brannigan-Lane Snow
 Hudson, Tyler Carlton
 Hulme, Allie Nicole
 Junkins, Macie Laine
 Keller, Maximus Anakin

AB Con't

Langley, Madlyn Risse
 Latham, Gage William
 Martinez Perez, Victor Hugo
 McCollum, 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
 Burdette, Miranda Evelyn
 Clark, Patrick Heith
 Deahn, Kamron Ryan
 Driver, Bryson Samuel Lane
 Fleck, Savannah Renay
 Gable, Jacqueline Lynn
 Golden, Karma Denae Romelia
 Gosling, Bryson Shane
 Gosnell, Travis Allen
 Harris, Kylie Dale
 Hawkins, Madelyn Alexandra
 Herring, Gabriel Landon
 Kelley, Jake Wilson
 London, Zeffie Katelynd
 Machen, Samuel Luke
 Martin, Abigail Lena
 Martin, Chessley James
 McAlister, Akin Zahkasius
 Millican, Makenzie Lee
 Newton, Natalee Synclaire
 Nichols, Eli Landrum
 Parker, Jaylin Marina Arguello
 Quinn, Ty Owen
 Santosky, Jennifer June
 Suttles, Michael Lee
 Tope, Ellie Grace
 Trotter, Landin Edward Wayne
 Troyer, Amos J
 Ware, Kylan Zachariah
 Young, Natalie Morgan

Starr Elementary 4th Quarter

All "A"

Bearden, Klohie Carah Jeanette
 Brown, Kaydence Marie
 Crisp, Klaydi Savannah
 Dubose, Karsen Aleena
 Duncan, Charles Cannon
 Kirkman, Maddox Lathan
 Lindsey, Imari Jade

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
 Lowe Raudales, Kimberly Fran-
 cisca
 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
 Bowen, Anna Kathryn
 Chambers, Carter Matthew
 Glenn, Annabelle Rose
 Jordan, Campbell Wyatt
 Lorenzen, Shyllynn Rivers
 Pressley, Joshua Phillip
 Rutledge, James Parker
 Simpson, Brylee Katherine
 Trotter, Caylee Alexis
 Wiles, Kylee Joy
 Wrenn, Janiya Maliyah
 Atkins, Tony
 Gray, Caroline Annlouise
 Helms, Abby Michelle
 Lindley, Logan Cade
 McGee, Gracelyn Elizabeth
 Mullis, Rylee Brooke
 Sonefelt, Kaylee Brooke
 Bowen, Jacob Todd
 Fortner, Mary Katherine
 Kelley, Preston Blake
 Miles, Kylie A
 Morrill, Carah Ellen
 Smith, Mayci Aleia
 Solano, Liani Elise
 Tripp, William Bradford
 Vaughtner, Jake Alan

Starr AB

Adams, Cayden Ryan
 Allen, Addison Grace
 Atkins, Hunter Brian
 Baker, Jorja Olivia
 Brown, Bentley Mason
 Brown, Cameron Roy
 Campbell, Houston Coe
 Chanes, Kristopher Greyson
 Dubose, Keegen Hadlee
 Evans, Maddox Miles
 Hall, Miracle Sky
 Hicks, Kadence Rain
 Holden, Kayden Rebecca
 Jefferson, Bonnie Rayne
 King, Clayton Guy
 Knecht, Caiden Isaiah
 Knecht, Mason Oscar
 Lowe Raudales, Marcos Javier
 Martin, Kali Kendall
 Martin, Queenie Madison Eve
 McGee, Ella Cate
 Nance, Karter R
 Oakley, Jayden Dray
 Ortiz Herrera, Christopher
 Pearson, Zoie Lynn
 Phillips, Zada Leigh
 Power, Logan Joseph
 Rios, Rosbiel
 Roper, McKenna Fayth
 Sills, Christopher Ryan
 Simpson, Ryann Olivia
 Thrasher, Rycen Jarek
 Wrenn, Jayren Michael
 Bailey, Anslee Nicole
 Brown, Alexia Nicole
 Brown, Morgan Danielle
 Burdette, Lacey Nicole
 Dyar, Emma Rose
 Groves, Le'Kingden Kwame
 Hart, Chloe Madison
 Johnson, Hayden Bentley
 Land, Jesse Lee
 Martin, Emileigh Abbagail
 McMahan, Wyatt Knoxx
 Murr, Aysan Winter
 Poole, Silas Mason
 Purdy, Leia Faye
 Ricketts, Jada Grace
 Rudder, Savanna Jane
 Tomlinson, Mason Chance
 Watkins, Grady Steel
 Whitfield, Raelyn Christine
 Whittaker, Isaiah Lucas
 Whittaker, Jeremiah Caden
 Williams, Jamarion Dmarkel
 Barnett, Chloe Grace

Starr AB Con't

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'veon Kyrell
 Goldsmith, Camden Walker
 Green, Augustus Blaze
 Grindstaff, Celeste J
 Hoskins, Andrew Conner
 Houchell, Gabriella Elizabeth
 Krope, Reagan Maria
 Martin, Aubrie Michelle
 Morgan, Caylee Renee
 Nance, Karman L
 Nelms, Helen Sarabeth
 Pierce, Sawyer Scott
 Powers, Makensie Faith
 Price, Jalynn Reese
 Scott, Katriel Nisan
 Scott, Logan Eric
 Shaw, Lily Alaina
 Shiflett, Jackson Lee
 Stanley, Abigail Grace
 Vainboim, Veronica Vlad
 Vaughter, 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, Makiyah Lee
 Krope, Alison Jackie
 Norris, Kaitlyn Rose
 Owens, Juliann Elyse
 Pitmon, Kannon 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 Elementary Year-end

All "A"

Dominic Alonzo
 Madison Campbell
 Lilianna Cespedes
 Isabella Cumbow
 Zacch Hatchett
 Jaylee 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

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
 Raelyn McCoy
 Chiah Pollard
 Donovan Regehr
 Marbella Reyes-Wilson
 Landon Roberts
 Levi Rosenburg
 Angel Vaughn

Uldrick Builders Donates to Abbeville Promise Program



Pictured (Left to Right): (Back Row) Jerry Latier, Uldrick Builders Project Manager; Daniel London, Uldrick Builders Project Manager; Steve Lyle, Uldrick Builders Project Manager; Jacob Cochran, Uldrick Builders Project Manager. (Front row) Riley Lane, Uldrick Builders Project manager; Robin Brock, Uldrick Builders Electrical Project Manager; Andy Timmerman, Abbeville Promise Co-Chairman and CEO of Abbeville First Bank; Mark Grey, Uldrick Builders Project Manager; and Robert Parnell, Uldrick Builders Project Manager

Uldrick Builders Project Managers Daniel London, Steve Lyle, Jacob Cochran, Riley Lane, Mark Grey, and Robert Parnell along with Uldrick Builders' Electrical Project Manager Robin Brock present a check for \$10,000 to Abbeville Promise co-chair Andy Timmerman of Abbeville First Bank. The Abbeville Promise scholarship program will provide any Abbeville resident who earns a high school

diploma the opportunity to earn an associate degree at Piedmont Technical College free of tuition and fees. The goal for the campaign to endow the Abbeville Promise scholarship program is \$1.2 million. 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



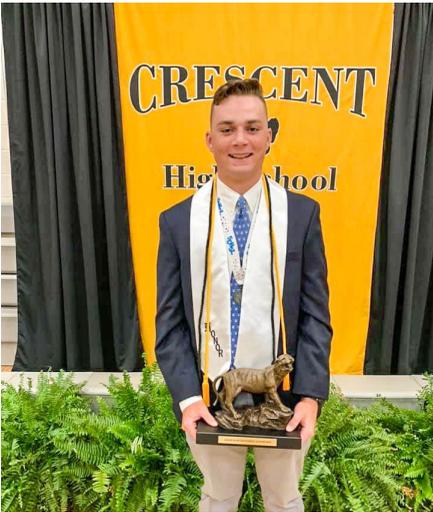
Brody Russell is the recipient of this year's Billy T. Daniel award. The Billy T. Daniel award is given annually to the Starr-Iva Middle School eighth-grader who best exhibits strong academic achievement, leadership, character, and citizenship. It is the school's most prestigious award. This award is 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!

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!

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.

Iva Elementary DAR Award



Congratulations to **Bee Partain**, 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.



September 17, 1962

This article was first printed in Sara McDonald's former column called Life at the Corner of Betsy and Broad in September of 1962.

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 had 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 whispered 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 clapping 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 with show box carts on empty spool wheels, pot lids to clank, playhouses outlined with rocks, grasshopper nests made out of bent grasses, clover chains made into crowns and sashes, toad frog houses cool and heavy on little bare feet, and the feel of polished brown buckeyes in a pocket. It was the fun the way all children have fun.

New Principal at Starr-Iva Middle

Mr. Adam Coats will be assuming the position of principal of Starr-Iva Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Coats is a native of Anderson, South Carolina. He holds an undergraduate degree from Clemson University along with a Master Degree (emphasis in Instructional Technology) from Ball State University and an Education Specialist (Ed.S) Degree from Clemson University



in Educational Administration and Supervision.



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 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 8 - 10

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

July 8th

Summer Reading Activies @ 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 Activies @ 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 Activies @ 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