

## Positive News for the Iva Community

### Town's annual "Depot Day" Heritage Festival a Success



by Tim Taylor

What is one of the best things about Fall in Iva? The town's events of course! Depot Day is held the second Saturday of October every year and is a special day with friends and family. For about 30 years now, visitors to this long-standing festival can enjoy the heart of Iva with live music, a variety of vendors and the warm hearty fare of Iva locals. The smell of funnel cakes, smoke from BBQ, the twang of bluegrass or country music, and the sounds of laughter and hearty conversations make the day joyful.

Depot Day was founded as the main festival event for Iva by REVIVA, now known as the Iva Community Improvement Association. Originally, the event was held at Burris Field, the common name used for the lawn area across from Anderson School District Three Administrative Offices. The group orga-

nized and managed the event for years. The event eventually out-grew the field and had to move to the Iva Ball Field. The set-up to the event was always a fun and memorable time for those involved. Carl Evans was the original event manager. He would work throughout the year organizing the event by looking for new attractions. On the eve of the event, with his clipboard in hand, Carl would direct each detail of the set-up. "Everyone had a fun time being at the ball field to set-up," said JR McGee. "Everyone on hand would just do what Carl told us to do. Everyone worked together and had a good time," he said.

Aileen Alexander was also a huge asset in the early days of Depot Day. Aileen would work throughout the year managing the inventory of vendor files, calling vendors, and assigning spaces. Aileen's son, Steve Alexander, says Depot Day was one of the highlight occasions of her year. "Mom enjoyed working with Depot Day throughout the year because it allowed her to work with other civic-minded like individuals," said Steve. "It also provided her with an opportunity to show off her culinary skills in the baking contest. Mom won several blue ribbons

for her desserts."

There are many individuals that devoted themselves to Depot Day that have passed on now, Carl and Aileen being two of them. This is what has made the event a true "heritage" event--a celebration of Iva's history, and, in particular, a tribute to Iva's people who truly loved their town and its heritage.

With all of the spirited fun and enthusiasm of this past Depot Day, Iva was saddened to hear the news of the passing of the town's centurion, the beloved Marian Wakefield. Mrs. Wakefield passed away in the early morning of October 12, 2019, just a few hours before Depot Day got underway. On a day in which the town celebrates its heritage, a town figure passes on. The crowd quickly learned of Mrs. Wakefield's passing at the event and quickly reminisced on fond memories they had of the Wakefield's. Doug and Marian were central stakeholders in the community. Having served on various boards and commissions, including being on Town Council for years, Doug was a pioneer to the current local government setting of Iva. Marian taught hundreds of children piano lessons in the community for over 60 years.

They both loved Iva with all of their hearts. The impact of the Wakefield's lives in the Iva community were widely talked about throughout the day.

Depot Day has now moved to downtown, utilizing the parking lot and main streets throughout the downtown area. The gazebo serves as the main stage for the event where bands play and announcements are made. A car show was added in recent years more than doubling the size of the event. The 2019 Depot Day had over 200 classic cars on display. The car show organizers, Furman and Ruby Cain, along with others, work all year advertising the show. The car show is very popular among attendees to the event. In addition to judging for various awards for the cars, door prizes are also given out to participants.

"Depot Day is a day when the town comes together," said Mary Forrester, of the Iva Town Council. "I always enjoy seeing everyone out and enjoying themselves. The vendors always have a good variety of things for sell and there is always good food."

Mayor Bobby Gentry stated, "The town would like to thank all of the coordinators throughout the years for making Depot Day the signature event for Iva it has become." He added, "Carl Evans, Aileen Alexander and Debbie Witherow all did a tremendous job. Tonya Stevenson and Amanda Norris are the current coordinators for Depot Day, and they do a fantastic job."

Plans for Depot Day and the Classic Car Show are already underway for next year.



# Hunting & Fishing Report

*by Marty Young*

Fall is finally here! This is an outdoorsman's perfect time of the year. The temperature is comfortable, the fish are eating and the deer are rutting!

Crappie are still fairly shallow. Most are on a 15 to 18 foot bottom holding at 6 to 10 foot on brush. Small minnows and finesse jigs are the ticket for catching limits of crappie right now. Fishing at night under lights is VERY productive, but you may have to wear warmer clothes because it gets cool on the lake at night.

Catfish are biting very good as well. They have moved to the deeper water near the river channels though. If you have never drifted or trolled for catfish this time of year, you are missing out! They will come up in the shallow water at night to feed. Anchor on points that

drop off into the creek or river channels and broadcast cut bait into different depths. If fishing for flathead catfish, bait with live bream and make sure your rod is secure! They will take it away!

Our big bucks are fully in rut right now and deer season is in full swing. A 198.1 lb 13 point buck is leading the race in the Sportsmans One Stop Buck contest. It was rolled in by Dee Mosteller. It still wouldn't surprise me to see one over 200 lbs come in.

Lot of first time deer slayers this year. If you are on facebook, go to the Sportsmans One Stop page and see all you neighbors' trophies.

Get out enjoy the outdoors, and the next trophy could be of you!

## WCTEL Increasing Internet Speeds

*by Virginia Smith*

West Carolina Tel, the area's technology cooperative and gigabit service provider, has increased its internet speeds and in some cases, even lowered internet prices for customers. New prices and speed tiers are as follows:

Plan	Monthly Rate
200x200	\$40
500x500	\$60
1000x1000	\$80

These speeds feature symmetrical upload and download speeds, meaning that the upload speed matches the download speed. Symmetrical speeds are especially useful for customers with high upload needs, particularly people who work

from home or regularly upload media to social networks. As the number of devices in homes are increasing, 4k TVs and other smart devices are becoming more popular and even sizes of websites are increasing, the need for faster speeds is growing.

"We are thrilled to upgrade speeds for customers to help them have the best internet experience possible," said Jeff Wilson, CEO of West Carolina Tel. "The needs of our customers for fast internet continues to grow. The lower prices enable our customers to connect more efficiently and quickly to the things that matter to them—entertainment, news, productivity tools, and staying in touch with family and friends."

## Starr Elementary "Adopt A Pet"

*by Jamie Davis*

Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Vaughn's Kindergarten class at Starr Elementary got to participate in a classroom celebration called "Adopt A Pet"! Each student received a stuffed animal and an adoption certificate for his or her new pet. Each day, Mrs. Davis's students will take home their pets and read to them at night. They also bring them



back each day to read to during guided reading and in the library center. Not only are students learning responsibility, but they are being encouraged to love reading by having a special pet to read to! Mrs. Davis's class was very excited to receive a special friend to call their own to take care of and read to each day.

## Iva Sunrise Seniors Visit Atlanta



The Iva Sunrise Seniors went on a day trip to Atlanta, GA on Monday, October 14, 2019. The tour bus left Iva at 7:00 a.m. from the Iva Civic Center. While in Atlanta, the group toured the Atlanta Aquarium. The aquarium features some of the most amazing aquatic animals, including beluga whales and the massive whale sharks. After visiting the aquarium, the group had lunch at The Varsity, the world's largest drive-in restaurant. After lunch, the group toured the CNN studios. During the studio tour, the group got exclusive behind-the-scenes access to the word headquarters of CNN. The group inside look at how a live broadcast is produced and sent to viewers all over the world. The group headed back to Iva following the CNN tour. The Sunrise Seniors meet the second Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Iva Civic Center. All seniors in the community are welcome and encouraged to participate in this group.



## **Starr 4-H Learns About Soil & Composting**

by Noah Gilbert & Joseph McGee

In 4-H at Starr Elementary, we have been learning about how the soil affects plant growth. To have good soil, you need lots of nutrients so the plants can grow strong and healthy. We have also added worms in to our composter and our vegetable garden. Worms are one of the many types of animals we have learned are good for the soil by helping breakdown table scraps like banana peels, apples, eggshells, coffee grounds, and dead plant matter. Our fifth graders are working on a plan to collect leftover peels and apple cores from breakfast and lunch. This will help us add nutrients to our soil as well as recycle table scraps.

Mr. Marty Watt, a Clemson Extension Agent, visited one of our October meetings and



taught us how to do a soil sample. We learned that with a soil sample, we can actually see what nutrients are needed in our soil. We will then know if we are adding too much or too little of something. We are looking forward to learning about how to read the results. These skills will not only help us in our school garden but at home, too!

## **Kindergarteners Meet the Milk Man**



Kindergarteners at Starr Elementary have been learning about community helpers. Local Dairy Farmer Davis Peeler from Milky Way Farms came to visit. He brought one of his milking cows along with

a calf. He demonstrated how to milk a cow and talked about what it takes to be a dairy farmer. To end his presentation, each student got to taste some of his delicious raw milk.

## **Explore Genealogy at the Library**

by Brianna McDonell

As families gather for the holidays, it can be a great time to explore your family's history with genealogical research through the Anderson County Library System. Starting your research is easy—you can even begin at home with HeritageQuest Online, available through the library's website at [www.andersonlibrary.org](http://www.andersonlibrary.org). With HeritageQuest, you can search or browse through records from the U.S. and Canada Census, the Freedman's Bank, U.S. Indian Census rolls, Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-land Warrant files, U.S. obituaries, the full text of over 20,000 family and local histories, and more.

Also available through the library's website is the new local obituary index. Staff of the South Carolina Room of the Anderson County Library System regularly update this searchable index of obituaries from Anderson County newspapers. Currently it covers 1950-1954, 1980 & 2010-2018, and the indexing project continues to add more obituaries. Copies of the obituaries may be printed from the microfilm records in the South Carolina Room at the Anderson Main Library.

Access to Ancestry.com is available at the Iva Library and all other Anderson library locations through Ancestry Library Edition. Ancestry has extensive historical and genealogical information from the United States and the United Kingdom, including census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as record collections from Canada, Europe, Australia and other areas of the world.

The staff of the South Carolina Room teach classes on these resources as well as how to get the most out of your family research. Upcoming classes at the Main Library include Military Records on November 5; Directories, Maps, and Newspapers on November 6; and Exploring Family History through DNA on December 4. To register or for more information, call 260-4500 x130 or email [scroom@andersonlibrary.org](mailto:scroom@andersonlibrary.org). You can also explore many of these online resources at the Iva Library or at home with your library card.

The Iva Library will be closed Monday, November 11 for Veterans' Day and November 28 and 29 for

Thanksgiving. Family Storytime will be on Tuesday, November 12 and 19 at 10:30 am.

## **Iva Becomes Halloweentown**

by Tim Taylor

On Sunday, October 27, 2019, Iva's main street through downtown was lurking with all kinds of creatures, from ghosts and goblins to superheroes and princesses. The annual Halloween on Main event is held every year on the Saturday night before Halloween. This year, the event had to be rescheduled to a Sunday night due to weather. Various businesses, churches, organizations and individuals line the street to give out candy and treats. Since the event started ten years ago, Furman and Ruby Cain have participated by bringing their 1953 Ford "Iva Police Cruiser" to give candy out of. "Everyone loves to see the car, and we love to see all of the children as they come



through," said Furman. "This year, we completely gave out of candy." The town estimates that well over 2,000 kids passed through with another 1,000 or more adults. "We love to do this event every year" said Mayor Bobby Gentry. "We love our kids and we want them to look back one day with fond memories of events like this."



The Tigerbots presented their idea to the A3 Administrative Team. (Model by Ronnie Fowler) Pictured above are Caroline Gray, Kaitlyn Norris, Kaylee Sonefelt, Kyley Wiles, Gracie McGee, Parker Rutledge, Campbell Jordan, Mrs. Hipp, Anna Kathryn Bowen, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Reinert, Dr. Smith, Dr. Nixon, Mr. Owen, and Mr. Jarrard.

## Tigerbots: Project of the Century!

by Anna Kathryn Bowen  
4th grade student at Starr Elem.

This year, the First Lego League has a theme of City Shaper. The task they have assigned the teams is to improve something or some area in your community. Our team decided to improve the Starr Park by adding a wheelchair accessible playground toy. At first, we all had different ideas. So, we decided on WheelzUpZipz by taking a vote.

Many kids, including kids at our school, use wheelchairs. They are limited at recess due to the lack of equipment. Our playground has a big toy area with a small wall to hold the mulch inside. This area is not wheelchair accessible. There is not even a ramp for them to enter. We also do not have equipment that allows them to join their friends. Mr. Mr.

The way we plan to fix this is the one and only, WheelzUpZipz. The way WheelzUpZipz works is the

child in a wheelchair will roll up a ramp (with rest areas to give the driver a break). Then they will go into a basket with safety features included. The basket will not go forward until all safety gates are closed. When all gates are closed, they will slide forward with a brake system so that they do not crash at the end.

We also decided to add a swing set, possibly a rock wall, or other playground equipment to WheelzUpZipz because our idea was to include people who use wheelchairs, yet that is still excluding them. We thought this because even though they now get to play, they cannot play with their friends. Therefore, if we add other activities, people who use wheelchairs will truly be included.

All of the members of our robotics team hope to make what right now is just an idea, become a reality!

## Ivey Gray Commended in National Merit Scholarship Program

Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered a 2020 competition by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).



Ivey P. Gray, senior at Crescent High School, has been named a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of

## Eyes on School Starr-Iva Middle School Artwork of the Month



**Artwork:**  
“Sunset”  
**by:**  
Klaire Powell  
8th Grade  
**Media:**  
Tempera

## Burying the “Cannots” So the “Cans” CAN Grow!



by Emily Wilson  
& Savannah Ricketts

During the first week of any new school year, teachers, students, and parents alike have worries and doubts about the upcoming year. Students may ask questions like: “Will I be successful?” “Will my friends still be there?” “Will I make new friends?” “Will I like my teachers?” Each year brings much hope and a bright future, but we all know that nerves and anxiety tend to take a toll on middle school students.

Mrs. Pendleton wanted to address those concerns right away and had her 8th Grade Academic Enrichment Class BURY their doubts in a very tangible way in an effort to begin the year on a positive note and watch their potential blossom. Students feverishly scratched out their doubts onto colorful pieces of paper and then quickly shred-

ded them up to prepare them for burial.

Next, Mrs. Pendleton encouraged her students to dress for the part and prepare for the ceremony the following day. The next morning, Mrs. Pendleton led her students to a spot right outside of their classroom window. Students took turns digging the hole to bury their doubts. Mrs. Wilson brought along some Zinnia seeds to add to the doubts so that students can see the beauty of burying the “cannots” and watching the “cans” grow- literally! The ceremony was complete with each student tossing some dirt back onto the seeds and doubts and listening to a eulogy written by Mrs. Pendleton. We will keep you updated on the blooming positivity! Check out the pictures below to see how much fun we had burying our classroom doubts!

## Crescent Cattle Show Team Shows Out at State Fair



The Crescent Cattle Show Team started off the SC State Fair Open Show on the right track! **Brent Erwin** won Grand Champion in the Open Hereford Show. **Cheyenne Gilmer** won Reserve Champion in the Senior Division of the Open Crossbred Show. **Nick Bowman** won Grand Champion in the Calf Division of the Open SimAngus Show. **Kelsi Bradshaw** won Grand Champion in the Open Charolais Show. **Emily Wilson** won Grand Champion in the Open Angus Show where she then went on to win Overall Supreme Champion Female!

The Crescent Cattle Show Team went on to finish out the show season with a bang in the Junior Show at the SC State Fair! **Kelsi Bradshaw** (*pictured upper left*) won Reserve Grand Champion in the Junior Charolais Show, and she also won Champion Showman in Senior Charolais Showmanship. **Emily Wilson** (*pictured middle left*) won Reserve Grand Champion in the Junior Angus Show, and she also won Champion Showman in Senior Angus Showmanship. **Nick Bowman** (*pictured lower*

*left*) won Grand Champion in the Junior SimAngus Show. **Brent Erwin** (*pictured upper right*) won Grand Champion in the Junior Division of the Junior Hereford Show, and he also won Champion Showman in Junior Hereford Showmanship. **Cheyenne Gilmer** (*pictured lower right*) won Reserve Grand Champion in the Junior Crossbred Show, and she also won Champion Showman in Junior Crossbred Showmanship.

Caroline Snellings, CHS Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor, stated, "This was definitely a state fair to remember! Special thanks to everyone who helped make our successes this year possible! I'm so proud of these students and their hard work!"



## State Fair Winnings



- 7 banners
- 5 students
- 5 show heifers
- 3 days

- 1 Supreme Overall Champion
- 1 \$2,500 SC State Fair Jr. Beef Scholarship

## State Fair Scholarships



they evaluated a judging class, participated in showmanship, completed a test, wrote an essay, and concluded with an interview. Congratulations to Emily Wilson for this great accomplishment!



Crescent FFA Vice President **Emily Wilson** received the 2019 SC State Fair Jr. Beef Scholarship of \$2500! Emily, along with Kelsi Bradshaw and Nick Bowman, competed against other SC Juniors where

## Clemson University Cooperative Extension Offering Free Growers Course

The Clemson University Cooperative Extension is offering a free Growers 101 course on December 7th, 2019. Come learn from specialists Adam Gore, Ag/Horticulture Extension Agent, and Wilder Ferreira, Rural Development Agent, about soil management, fertilization, and crop rotation. The course will also cover enterprise budgets and production costs and profits.

The course will be held at the Abbeville Extension Office for those 16 years and older. Please register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

## It's the Holiday Season

*Rev. D. Kyle Caudell, Pastor Union Baptist Church*

Before we know it, the Holiday season will be upon us and what a wonderful time of year it is! Families will gather around a table with a meal fit for a king to celebrate God's blessings at Thanksgiving, we'll sing carols and exchange gifts at Christmas and even gather with friends and stay up way too late to ring in the new year! Yes, the Holiday season is packed with family, food, fun and festivities for all!

Yet, we need to be mindful that not everyone will feel like celebrating. In fact, the season we are soon to embark upon is the most difficult time of year for many. Statistics tell us that it is during this season that depression is most common. The reason is often grief or difficult family situations. Those who've lost loved ones or are walking through some division within the family often dread the holidays because they are reminders of loss and conflict. To avoid the gloom, they typically withdraw themselves from anything that may trigger these difficult feelings and subsequently, that isolation brings about depression.

If I may, I'd like to encourage you who follow Christ to approach this holiday season with a commitment to reach

out to those who've suffered loss or hardship and may be dreading the very season that we are so looking forward to. It's really our obligation to do so, actually (Romans 12:15).

Make it a point to be intentional about reaching out to that widow or widower who lives alone next door by inviting them to join your family for your Thanksgiving meal. Make a batch of Christmas cookies to take to that coworker who's suffered a loss and could use some cheer. Maybe get together with some friends and go caroling at the homes of those who are hurting (Union Baptist of Iva, where I serve as Pastor, does this and we'd be glad to have you join us if you'd like). There are a thousand different things that you can do to add some holiday cheer to someone's gloomy season. The point is: just do something! You never know what kind of impact you can have by simply caring enough to act.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." 2nd Corinthians 1:3-4

## Iva High Reunion a Success

*J. Rice, Treasurer of I.C.I.A (REVIVA)*

Thank you to those who helped make The Old Iva High School Reunion a success. The music set the tone for the day bringing back such good memoires of early years. Thank you Mr. Cheek. Hats off to those who attended, those special guest and the ones that worked so hard to get it together. It took us all to make it work. Those attending from such a long distance thank you for being there, those who were still local people and others as well. Memories of the good old days were shared by those who hadn't seen each other for a while. Thank to those loaning us precious items to make our display's complete. Many thanks to the First Baptist Church for allowing us the use of their family life center and for those responsible for setting up for us. Special guests were Maurice Lopez, Roy Herron, Mayor Bobby Gentry, Rev. Jerry Gray, Hugh Smith, and Kathy Hipp. Thanks to B.R. and Edwina Rhodes for the wonderful food. Good job to I.C.I.A. (REVIVA) for the hard work and to B.J. Cheek and her decorations committee. Prayers for all to have good health, love, joy and peace until we meet again.

## Eyes on Iva

November 2019

## Iva Names New Chili Chef for 2019

*by Tim Taylor*

At the annual Chili Cook-off, a mainstay event for the Iva community, 19 contestants brought chili to a very large crowd gathered in downtown eager to taste chili and listen to live music provided by Band Silver.

Winning the people's choice award for 2019 was the Iva Recreation Association Tiger Wrestling Team. 1st place in judging went to Good Hope Presbyterian Church; 2nd place to Sanctuary of Praise Church; and 3rd place to Iva First Learning Center.

The contestants, consisting of business owner's, churches, organizations and individuals, started setting up a few hours before the event started. Some of the contestants boasted a secret ingredient, while others stuck to the simple basics.

Jay Hodge, of the McDougald Funeral Home, said the firm has participated in the Iva Chili Cook-off since it first

started in 2007. "We love to spend time in the Iva community by participating each year," he said. "Of course we would love to win, but that is not the reason we participate. We truly value our relationship with the Iva community and we always look forward to participating."

"It's great to see residents turn out and support this event each year," Elmer Powell, Town Councilman said. "It's a great event that brings people in the community together, not only to taste chili, but to just experience small-town America."

Deborah Jordan, member of Good Hope Presbyterian Church, said the Iva Chili Cook-off is her favorite town event. "It's something I look forward to each year," she said. "Fall is the perfect time, even though it felt like summer this year, to taste chili. This was our first year to participate...and to win first place. We are just so thrilled."

## Give Thanks

*by Joanna Wiles*

This week, I was having a rather stressful day as I'm sure other mothers can relate. I was cooking supper, and it was turning into one of those "I-should-have-just-called-my-husband-to-pick-up-supper" kind of nights. After washing my hands, I reached for a clean dishcloth to dry them off on, and BAM! Right there on the dishcloth were the words, "Give Thanks." Here I was cooking a meal that I had the ingredients to cook for a family that God blessed me with, reaching for a clean cloth that I had a washing machine to clean. How often do we take for granted all of the wonderful things in our lives?

Back several years ago when people did not post everyday on social media, a friend of mine challenged her Facebook friends to post a thankful status each day during the month of November. I accepted the chal-

lenge since, at the time, I was not a very thankful person. The following year, after another challenge, I did it again. This went on for several years until one year, I realized I no longer needed to post a thankful post on Facebook to be thankful. These days, I pray that God will remind me in stressful moments that I have much to be thankful for whether it be May or November.

I would like to challenge all of those in our community beginning on the first day of November to think of one thing each day that you're thankful for. I will pray with each passing day that in just one month you will be more thankful. I have heard it said that it only takes 21 days to build a habit. Let's make a commitment to build a habit of being more thankful, not just for our community but for our future.

## The Guy Behind the Mask the Starr-Iva Tiger Mascot



by Anna Farr

Starr-Iva Middle School is proud to announce that Leif Chapman is the school's very own mascot. If you haven't met Leif Chapman you should! Leif is a unique young man. He greets everyone in the mornings with a "Good morning", "Happy Friday", or "Hey." Leif is a neat guy to chat with as well. He is knowledgeable about numerous things, such as Coca-Cola collectibles, various toys, and animals.

However, if you haven't met Leif in a costume, you haven't met the real Leif. Leif takes on the role of whatever costume he puts on. In the past, Leif dressed up for the Special Olympics as a Hawaiian dancer. He danced the entire day and made the day extra fun for everyone around him. When Leif puts on the Tiger Mascot costume he be-

comes a totally different person. The change is so significant that you would never realize that Leif is a child with Autism. Just a few characteristics of children with Autism include a need for sameness, avoiding eye contact, and problems with social interaction. Leif, who is normally quiet and stays to himself when approached by others becomes a new person when he is wearing the costume.

Once the mascot suit is on Leif really starts his show. During ball games, Leif walks around for various picture opportunities and dances while he meets and greets fans. SIMS is thrilled that Leif has been given this opportunity and that he is doing so well! Leif, we are so proud of you! Keep up the good work!



## SIMS Tiger Gets Visit from Tiger Cub



Starr-Iva Middle School student and SIMS Tiger Mascot, Leif Chapman, was visited by a special Tiger friend at the Starr-Iva Homecoming Game. The Clemson Tiger Cub and 3 Clemson Cheerleaders visited Leif to thank him for his hard work this year as the SIMS Mascot. During halftime, Leif was presented a football signed by Dabo Swinney himself! Thank you, Tiger Cub and Clemson University Cheerleading, for visiting and making Leif's dreams come true!

## CHS Tiger Qualifies for All Region



**Jesse Sauve** qualified for All Region Cross Country at the Liberty Region Meet on October 24th, 2019. He finished 6th out of 40 with a time of 17 minutes 22 seconds. Congratulations Jesse!

## A3 Sports Update

by Jeff Craft, Athletic Director

The month of November is an exciting time for Tiger Athletics as we begin to transition over from Fall sports into Winter sports! We have had some VERY successful seasons so far in the Fall, and we are not done yet!

Lady Tiger Volleyball had



another outstanding season and advanced to the 3rd Round of the State Playoffs. It's been an outstanding season for volleyball, and we are so proud of our six seniors and all our players and coaches!

Our Cross Country Girls and Boys teams are putting up some of their best times of the year in preparation for the Upper State on November 9 in hopes of qualifying for the State Championship meet! Congrats to junior Jesse Sauve who made All Region for the boys in cross country!

The Starr-Iva Football team completed an UNDEFEATED season with their victory on October

29! It was a great season for the SIMS Tigers, and the future is bright for Tiger football! The varsity team will wrap up the season on the road at West Oak on November 4. A huge highlight of the final SIMS game was when the Clemson Tiger and some of the Clemson Tiger cheerleaders surprised our SIMS mascot Leif Chapman with a visit and a Dabo Swinney autographed football to thank him for his hard work this season!

The Tiger Competitive Cheer team will be competing at the State qualifying meet in November as well. Good Luck to those young ladies as they work for a berth in the State competition.

Very proud of our student athletes and coaches, and excited about the start of Basketball and Wrestling seasons later this month!



## Habitat Happenings

By Kathy Secrist



**"WOW...Let's Be Thankful for all the beauty around us!"**

The Thanksgiving season is upon us...A Wonderful time to enjoy the beautiful colors.  
Back deck, coffee, does a good morning need anything more?

## Recipe of the Month

### Grandam's Corn Bread Dressing

by Tim Taylor

- 1 (16 ounce) package dry corn bread mix
  - 2 tablespoons butter
  - 1/2 cup chopped celery
  - 1 white onion
  - 2 eggs, Beaten
  - 2 cups chicken stock \*
  - 2 tablespoons dried sage
  - Salt and pepper to taste
- \*may substitute with beef broth
1. Prepare the dry corn bread mix according to package

- directions. Cool and crumble.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease one 9x13 inch-Baking dish.
3. In a large skillet over medium heat, melt the butter and sauté the celery and onion until soft.
4. In a large bowl, combine the celery, onions, 3 cups crumbled corn bread, eggs, chicken stock, sage and salt and pepper to taste; mix well.
5. Place into prepared dish and bake at 350 degrees F for 30 minutes.

## Town Trivia

### Last Month's Question:

What cow breed does Kelsi Bradshaw show for the CHS Cattle Show Team?

Answer:

Charolais

### This Month's Question:

Whose class at Starr-Iva "buried" their doubts?

Send your answers in to [eyesoniva@gmail.com](mailto:eyesoniva@gmail.com)

# Calendar of Events

**November 4th & 5th**  
A3 Student/Staff Holidays

**November 7th**  
Circle of Hope  
11:00 am  
Iva MAC Center

**November 11th**  
Veterans Day  
People's Bank & Iva Library will be closed

**November 12th**  
Storytime at the Iva Library  
Starting at 10:30 am.  
For children ages 1-5

**November 14th**  
REVIVA  
9:00 am  
Iva Town Hall

**November 14th**  
Sunrise Seniors  
11:00 am  
Iva Civic Center

**November 19th**  
Storytime at the Iva Library  
Starting at 10:30 am  
For children ages 1-5

**November 27th - 29th**  
A3 Student/Staff Holidays

## Town of Iva Christmas Events

**Monday, December 2nd – Tree Lighting**

6:30 p.m. – Downtown

**Thursday, December 5th – Community Carol Sing**

6:30 p.m. – Good Hope Presbyterian Church

**Friday, December 6th – Town Hall Drop-in**

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Town Hall

**Tuesday, December 10th – Christmas Parade**

6:30 p.m. – Downtown

**Tuesday, December 17th – Cemetery Remembrance Service**

6:30 p.m. – Iva City Cemetery