

Iva Newspaper is Back!

The Iva newspaper has returned! It's been over twelve years since the last edition of Small Town Talk was printed, and even though there is a new name, Eyes on Iva has a similar mission--positive Iva area news. Eyes on Iva wants to highlight all of the great things happening in and about our great communities.

With so many new and exciting updates happening in and around Iva, now is the perfect time to have a newspaper. If you want to go fishing and want to know what's biting, just turn to page 2 for Marty Young's Hunting and Fishing Report. If you want an update on Crescent

High School sports, go to pages 5-7. Maybe you are interested in upcoming events. If so, there is a calendar of events on page 12.

Mayor Bobby Gentry stated, "We are excited for the return of the local Iva community news. The Iva community is the best place on earth. There are so many exciting things going on with our schools and all of our churches and organizations. I look forward to reading each edition."

The paper will also be in a virtual format online and can be found at www.townofiva.org. Please look for the next edition at the end of March!



Improvements Coming to Downtown

As you may have already noticed, construction has started on streetscape improvements to East Front Street and East Green Street in Iva. The project includes new curbing and sidewalk improvements, parking, lighting and landscaping.

The intersection will undergo a complete aesthetic overhaul as part of the project. The center of the intersection will be stamped and painted to resemble brick, similar to the intersections of East Front, East Broad and East Jackson streets. Curbing and pop-outs will allow for landscaping consisting of tree and shrubbery plantings. New decorative lighting will also be a component of the in-

tersection improvements.

"The town has placed a tremendous amount of effort on beautification and enhancements projects in the last several years to make Iva beautiful", said Bobby Gentry, Mayor. "By continuing to make improvements, we hope to catch the eye of potential new businesses and development that will want to locate here in our downtown."

The town was awarded a Community Development Block Grant for community enrichment. The current project is Phase III of the streetscape improvements which began with the Parking Lot/Square re-development in 2010.

Habitat Happenings

By Kathy Secrist



Casanova

Hunting & Fishing Report

by Marty Young

Fickle February weather has the fish just as confused as the fishermen! Three or four days in the 80°s and the Crappie go to the banks ready to lay eggs. Then, just as quick, we have three or four nights in the 20°s. Then, the Crappie move back a little deeper or even to the Channel ledges. These temperature swings will give you clues as to where to catch crappie this time of year. Most crappie should be on brush piles in 15 to 20 feet of water

when the temperatures are in the 40°s and low 50°s. They go closer to the banks as the temperatures reach 60° and above. Medium minnows seem to do the trick in late winter and then moving to small minnows after the spring hatch.

Large mouth and spotted bass can be caught 4 to 40 feet this time of year as well. Mid-Range (6'-10') Crank baits will catch bass on warmer days, but on cooler days, switch to Carolina Rigged worm or Drop-shot!

The catfish bite will start to improve in February. If we get a warm rain, and it makes the creeks come down muddy, they will usually feed hard. Red worm or cut-herring will catch all you need.

Sportsman's One Stop has a monthly free Crappie Contest through July. No fees—just stop by and weight your fish for a chance to win a Rod-n-Reel.

I've always heard, "If you wait 'til you have time to go fishing, you'll never go." Make time to enjoy our lakes...and carry a friend! Good fishing!



Congratulations to **Ronnie Walker** who won the January Crappie Contest with this 1 Lb 10 Oz crappie

What Are We Doing?

by Michael Kotlarczyk, Pastor of Youth & Children, First Baptist of Iva

The recent Abortion Bill in New York is insane and comes directly from the pit of Hell. The Scriptures clearly state: "Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him" (Ps. 127:3). And, as Christians it is our job to stand up for those who cannot.

However, I am not sure being angry or sharing a post is sufficient. We are to be doers of the word, not just hearers. What are we physically "doing" to help destroy abortions? Those who are pro-life MUST also be pro-adoption and pro-foster care. If you are so upset about the craziness happening in

New York, then become a foster parent, support foster families or volunteer at a women's shelter. Stop posting and complaining and begin to be a part of the change.

Here are some statistics for you:

- 7 out of 10 girls (thats 70%) who age out of the foster care system will become pregnant before the age of 21 (ie. the age of most abortions)

- In the state of South Carolina we need 1,300 more foster homes.

- 400,000 kids needs foster homes in the U.S.

- If every church in the U.S. took on 1 foster kid, there would be not need of foster families.

- Adoption through foster care is nearly free!!! (con't on pg. 12)

Children's Choir Brings Sunshine Inside



Pictured above is **Ryann Simpson** during her solo performance.

Photo by Amy Russell

Sunday morning church-goers braved the winter weather on December 9th to watch the First Baptist of Iva Children's Choir Christmas performance. It may have been dreary outside, but it was sunny inside with great music and drama.

This year's musical entitled "The Christmas County Spelling Bee" focused on the many names of Jesus in the form of a spelling competition. The cast's lead roles were played by Turner Mapp, Macie McGill, and Ellie Tope. Spelling Bee competitors were played by Gracyn Crisp, Kailey Polovitz, Branyon Russell, Kade Brock,

Libby Horne, Ethan Merck, and Shelby Dean.

The musical also included solos from Klaydi Crisp, Gracie Simpson, Benji Ruff, Madelyn Hawkins, Ryann Simpson (pictured above), Jorja Baker, Boone Nixon, Sara Catherine Nixon, and Campbell Graham.

The most entertaining number called "Mighty God" was an uplifting song with a dance routine choreographed by Amber Crisp that included some very enthusiastic cheerleaders.

The Children's Choir is planning to perform again for Easter on Sunday, March 31st.

Iva Native Earns Doctorate at Clemson

Laura Elizabeth McCallum received her doctorate in bio-engineering from Clemson University during the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony in December.

McCallum's dissertation was on "Tissue Engineering Platforms for Cardiac Pathology in Diabetes: In Vitro and In Vivo Studies." While at Clemson, she served as lab manager of the CTERM/BTRL Labs. She also was the interim treasurer of the Bioengineering Society and, as a graduate teaching assistant for tissue engineering, she was

named the 2016 Outstanding Teacher Assistant of the Year in Bioengineering. Following her graduation, McCallum toured Europe, including the Netherlands, Spain and France.

A 2009 graduate of Crescent High School, McCallum is the daughter of Renee McCallum of Iva, and John McCallum. Her grandparents are Jack and Jan Render, also of Iva, and her sister is Anna McCallum Phillips of Hendersonville, NC.

Iva Students Participate In Baptist All-State



Pictured above (left to right) are **Laila Rogers, Wyatt Tope, and Madison Mitchell** who participated in this year's Baptist AllState

Five Iva students participated in the 2019 Baptist All-State Weekend from January 25th through 27th sponsored by the South Carolina Baptist Convention. This is a state-wide music event that includes rehearsals and performances. Students must be nominated by their church music director, music leader or pastor and audition. In or-

der to be considered, students must exemplify excellent singing skills and must be active in the music ministry of their church. Barri Ashlyn Trotter and Rylie Simpson participated with the Youth Singers, Madison Mitchell and Laila Rogers sang with the Chorus, and Wyatt Tope played and sang in the Worship Band. This year's Baptist All-State Weekend was held at Riverland Hills Baptist Church in Irmo, South Carolina.

Circle of Hope

By Tim Taylor

The "Circle of Hope" meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Iva MAC Center, located at 205 Betsy Street. The group was organized by Roxie Moore three years ago to provide grief support for widows in the community. The meetings are very popular among the widows of our community and truly provides support, whether it be through a special speaker, song, or just the aspect of social interaction. "We are always welcoming new ladies to join the group, whether recently widowed or widowed for years, all are welcome", says Roxie Moore. "We want to be there, and sometimes just being there is the most important thing."

As part of the final phase of the East Lake Street Park development, a paved parking area will be installed in early spring. The park is located between East Lake Street and Central Street on the east side of town. The first phase of the park development included installing the new 150,000-gallon water tank, followed by the installation of playground equipment and the construction of a picnic

There's a New Man in Town

Meet Rick Somerville

By Marlene Wiles

Although technically he's not a newcomer, the Town of Iva welcomes Rev. Rick Somerville to the Bethel United Methodist Church located at 100 East Front Street. Rev. Somerville has a wonderful testimony as he shared of his 20-year wrestling match with God before entering into the ministry. He and his wife, Shannon, and two sons, Bailen, 8 years old and Emerson, 6 years old, are from Tamasee, SC. Rev. Somerville is a science teacher at Pickens High School and Shannon is a speech language pathologist. Rev. Somerville also coached wrestling and cross country at Liberty and Walhalla.

He is a Clemson graduate and obtained his Masters from Southern Wesleyan. He also attended Liberty University and is currently a seminary student at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky.

While striving to be as authentic as possible, thanking God for His mercy and His supreme sacrifice for mankind, he states that he loves the Methodist emphasis on openness and grace.



One of Rev. Somerville's favorite quotes is, "We have no control over where we are born and no control over when we die. It is what we do with the time we are given that matters most."

Rev. Somerville extends an invitation to all to come and be a part of the Worship Service at Bethel United Methodist Church at 11 AM on Sunday, if possible, or just to stop by and say, "Hello."

Welcome to Iva, Rev. Somerville, Shannon, Bailen and Emerson!

East Lake Street Park Parking Coming Soon

pavilion. Next up.... is installing paved parking. Once the parking is complete, the town will invest in landscaping the park and purchasing benches and trash receptacles.

The park is funded through PARD grants, which the town was awarded, with the assistance of Senator Mike Gambrell and Representative Jay West. West Carolina Rural Telephone also contributed to the park development with a

donation of \$5,000.

"The town is very appreciative of Senator Gambrell and Representative West in the allocation of PARD grant funds," said Mayor Bobby Gentry. "We are also appreciative of West Carolina Rural Tel for their contribution. "We are looking forward to seeing the park used and we hope that we will be able to add more equipment in the future."

Spring is Just Around the Corner

By Tim Taylor

With the approach of spring in just a few weeks, take an opportunity to give your rose bushes a fresh pruning. The safest time to prune most rose bushes is during the dormant period in winter, between December and early March. Remember though, pruning can cause wounds to the bush which can intensify with a frost. To be safe, early March is the best time to prune as the temperature is more moderate.

So why should you prune? Pruning will reduce the risk of disease. Harmful pests get into the dead wood and create a harmful environment for new growth. Air and water circulation are improved by pruning as well.

So how do you prune? Start by making sure you have the right tools: clean, sharp long-handled loppers and by-pass pruners. You definitely want wear gloves to ensure you don't have issues with thorns.

Pruning Tips

- Always begin pruning from the base of the plant
- Prune to open the center of the plant to light and air circulation
- Cuts should be at 45-degree angles
- Cuts should be clean
- Remove broken, dead, dying and deceased wood
- Cut until the inside of the cane is white

Eyes on Pets

by Dr. Danielle Nixon, Crescent Animal Hospital

Fitness for Your Pets in the New Year!

We all probably started this new year with a resolution to make ourselves better in one way or another. Some of us may have pledged to eat better, exercise more, or lose those few extra pounds that we found in 2018. We may have just resolved to make the best version of ourselves in 2019, and our four legged family members deserve that same opportunity.

There is research that shows that non-overweight animals tend to live 2 years longer than our overweight pets. When our pets are overweight, it can lead to multiple health concerns like diabetes and arthritis.

If your pet has a little too much "love and padding", you and your veterinarian can develop a nutritional and exercise

plan that is best for your pet's individual needs. If your pet is fit and lean, make sure to keep them exercising-they may just be your best accountability partner yet!

Activities for Cold Days

Just because it is cold outside isn't an excuse not to get yours or your four legged family member's exercise in. For your cat, you can use laser pointers or electronic mice. For your dog, you can always play hide and seek with favorite toys. Check out indoorpet.osu.edu for ideas.

Always Start Slowly

If your pet hasn't exercised for a long time or is a couch potato all day, don't expect him/her to go run a marathon or hike to Table Rock the first day. Start in small 5 minute sessions and work up.

Too Busy for the Library? Check out Digital Collections

by Brianna McDonell

Feeling too busy to get to the Iva Library? Explore all the digital options the Anderson County Library system has to offer! Ebooks, audiobooks, music, movies, magazines, and more can all be downloaded straight to your electronic device from anywhere that you have Internet access. Best of all, there are no late fees, since digital items are returned automatically.

With the Libby app from Overdrive, you can browse a vast catalog of new releases, bestsellers, and all your favorite genres and authors. With your Anderson County Library Card, check out eight titles at a time; however, there are limited copies of each title, just like a physical book. So you may need to place a hold on a title if it is checked out. When the title is available, you will be notified. Plus, if you can't find an ebook or audiobook you want, request it! Email us at overdrive@andersonlibrary.org with the name of the book or audiobook you'd like us to add to the collection.

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rating ideas, tips on home improvement projects, or to read up on the latest fashion trends, use the Flipster app for the latest issues of popular magazines. With Flipster, you can download an unlimited amount of digital magazines. Over 40 titles such as Southern Living, This Old House, Cosmopolitan, and Ebony are available, including past issues. There are even kids' magazines like Highlights and National Geographic Kids.

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Visit the Iva Library for your free library card, renew your card, or get help from our staff. You can also visit our website at www.andersonlibrary.org, hover your mouse over Borrow, and click Downloads to learn more.

Storytime at the Iva Library

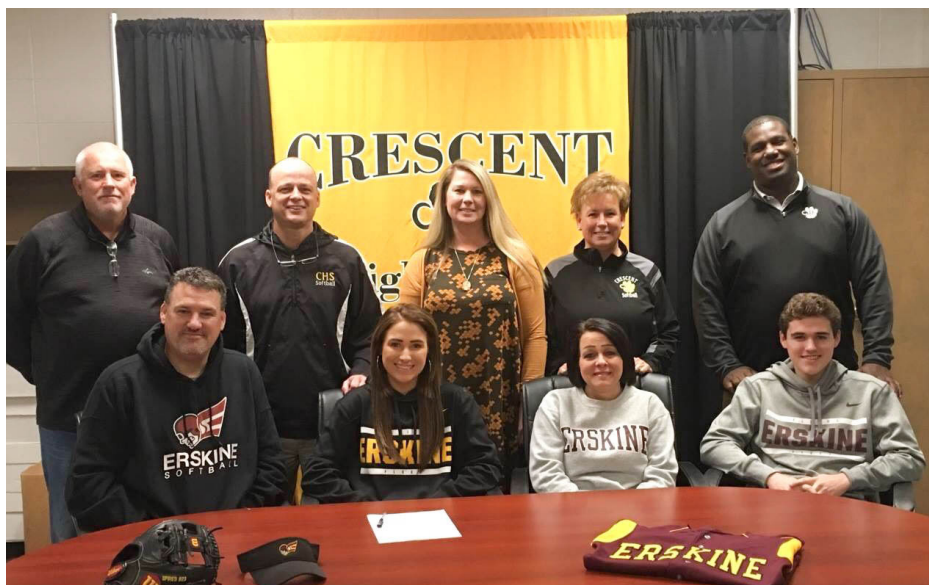
Looking to foster an early love of books with your little one? Come read, sing, and play at our free Storytime at the Iva Library. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10:30 am, children ages 1 to 5 years old and their caretaker will hear a story or two, then play a game or make a craft based on elements of the stories.

Storytime is a great way to develop early literacy skills in children for future success. Rhymes, songs, puppets and more help get young minds active and develop a love of reading and books early. Children

and their parents or caretakers too can meet and socialize with other families.

Storytime at the Iva Library will be on Tuesday, March 12th and 26th starting at 10:30 am. All Library programs are free and open to anyone, though Storytime is aimed at children ages 1 to 5 years old. Located at 203 W. Cruette Street, the Iva Library is open Monday-Wednesday 9:30 am to 6:00 pm, Thursday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm, and Saturday 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. For questions, call us at 384-6150 or visit us online at www.andersonlibrary.org

Crescent Signees & Official Committments



Katie Spires will be joining the Erskine Flying fleet for Softball.



Lucy Bryant signed to play volleyball with Erskine College.



Dawson Merk will be continuing his journey as a student-athlete at The Citadel.



Mason Johnson will be joining the Wolfpack football team of Newberry College.

Eyes on College CHS Seniors Accepted

Hannah Wooten
Clemson University
Riley Sutherland
Erskine College
Jordan Milford
Lander University
Cheyenne Crocker
Lander University
Kaitlyn Charping
Lander University

Emily Beggs
Truett McConnell University
Jaden Carver
Coastal Carolina University
Rayanna Cape
University of South Carolina
Bradley Dyar
University of South Carolina
Henry Land
Tri-County Technical College

Cheyenne Hughes
Tri-County Technical College
Shyann Smith
Tri-County Technical College
Jasmine Chappell
Tri-County Technical College
Sarah Kelley
Coastal Carolina University
Winthrop University

Katelyn Ramey
Winthrop University
Coastal Carolina University
Lander Univeristy
Charleston Southern U.
North Greenville University



Crescent Elite Shooters

The Crescent Elite Shooters club was established in August 2018. The club is a competitive shooting team that competes in 4 different circuits with 3 different disciplines: skeet, trap and sporting clays.

The club teaches the skills for shooting but the main focus is teaching life skills to the athletes. These life skills include gun safety, discipline, mind focus, hand and eye coordination, as well as encouraging a supportive attitude toward all competitors.

The club also gives these athletes an opportunity to advance their education through college shooting scholarship options.

Spelling Bee Winner



Sixth grader Lindsay Frith won the Starr-Iva Middle School spelling bee. The winning word was “humanitarian.” Lindsay first won her class bee, then competed against 25 other students from grades 6th, 7th, and 8th.

Artwork:
“Neon Skies”
 by
Sydney Bradwell
8th Grade
Media: acrylic



New Principals Named for District 3 Schools

by Dylan McCullough

At the board meeting on Monday night, February 11th, the District 3 School Board approved the recommendation of new principals at Crescent High School, Starr-Iva Middle School, and Iva Elementary School.

Crescent High School:
Mr. Cliff Roberts

Mr. Roberts is a 2001 graduate of North Greenville College. He has earned a Masters in School Leadership and Administration Degree from Furman University, and an Educational Specialist Degree from the University of South Carolina. Mr. Roberts has 18 total years of

experience in education, 14 years in administration, and 10 years as a high school principal.

Starr-Iva Middle School:
Mrs. Hannah Arnold

Mrs. Arnold is a 2002 graduate of Anderson University. She has earned a Masters Degree in School Counseling as well as an Educational Specialist Degree from Clemson University. She has also earned her National Board Certification as a School Counselor. Hannah has a total of 12 years experience in education where she has served as Director of Guidance for 7 years and as Assistant Principal for Instruction

at Crescent High School for the past 5 years.

Iva Elementary School:
Mr. Daniel Crawford

Mr. Crawford is a 2004 graduate of Lander University. He has earned a Masters in School Leadership and Administration from Clemson University. Mr. Crawford has a total of 14 years in education where the first 8 years were spent as a classroom teacher in a neighboring district. Mr. Crawford has also served as an Assistant Principal for 3 years and currently is finishing his 3rd year as principal of Starr-Iva Middle School.

Starr-Iva Middle School Artwork of the Month

CHS Volleyball Finishes with 3 winning seasons



Crescent Volleyball celebrated their successful season at the yearly banquet on Sunday, January 13th. All three teams had winning records in the 2018 season with the varsity team only experiencing three losses--two of were to the 2018 state champions.

Even though the varsity team season started off rocky with several injuries, the girls worked hard and ended up with second place in the region also earning a spot in the AAA state playoffs.

Both the JV and C-Team also had successful seasons with the JV team winning the Dixie Invitational Tournament and the C-Team finishing 2nd in their end-of-season tournament.

Crescent Volleyball was honored with three All-Region Players awarded to Kamryn Dove, Ivey Gray, and Mackenzie Hayes. Mackenzie Hayes was also chosen as Region Player of the Year and an All-State Player. Head coach Kristen Fouts was awarded as Region Coach of the Year. Senior Lucy Bryant was selected as an FCA All-Star Player.

Team Awards for the 2018 season include Taylor Richey - JV Coaches' Award, Cailee Pruitt - Purple Heart Award, and Jenna Davis - Varsity Most Improved.

Congratulations to this year's teams and their accomplishments!



2018-2019 SIMS Basketball Team Managers, Players, and Coaches. Front: Kyle Sonefelt. First Row: Bradley Brown, Jace Poole, Brody Linker, Keegan Johns, Steele Sears, Jesse Tope, Kaleb Butts, Joshua Airline. Second Row: Coach Todd Johnson, Reece Binninger, Landen Lecroy, Brody Russell, Levi Garrett, Jacob Powell, Coach Marty Russell. Not pictured: Eli Bishop, Weston Mize.



2018-2019 SIMS Basketball Team Members: First Row: Brantley Davis, Kloe Dove, Jazel Parker, Abbie Payton, Jozie Stone, Emily Blackwell, Zyriah Vance. Second Row: Abby Ezzell, Lillian DiLello, Emily Owens, Blakely Russell, Pressley Latham, Amasia Lyons, Jaylin Hart. Not pictured: Emma Bishop, Coach Stephanie Campbell, Coach Todd Johnson.

Starr-Iva Basketball Girls Share Special Bond

by Amy Russell

For some people, just being part of a close-knit team is better than a successful season, but this year the members of the SIMS basketball girls team got to enjoy both.

The girls finished the season with a 10-6 overall record and were ranked second in the conference going in to the end-of-season tournament. The girls defeated Dacusville Middle School 22-21 in an exciting first game of the tournament; however, the girls fell to West

Oak in the next game. The girls' determination paid off though, and the team fought hard to finish as runner-up in the region tournament.

When asked about the season, Coach Stephanie Campbell said, "I am very proud of the girls this season. They worked hard every day to prepare for success. They worked together, played for each other, and encouraged each other daily. This is definitely a special group of girls."

SIMS Basketball Boys Finish 2nd in Region

Defensively driven. Team-oriented. Hard-working players. Passionate. Disciplined. These words and phrases were used by Coach Todd Johnson to describe this year's team and players.

The boys basketball team (pictured left) finished second in the region tournament. They finished the season with an overall record of 10-8, but winning and losing was not what this season was about.

According to Coach Marty Russell, "This season I saw a lot of growth from all of the play-

ers in terms of their basketball skills, but the most impressive part of the season was the effort and passion they played with. These boys truly played with heart and desire. That is why I can say with confidence that our season was a successful one without even looking at wins and losses."

Coach Johnson added the following, "For me personally, this was one of the most enjoyable and improved teams I have ever been a part of. It was the experience of a lifetime."

Iva Elementary

All "A"

Creighton Thomas Hanks
 Kayden Isaiah Sutton
 Ella Kate Junkins
 Allyssa Grace Kelly
 Kylen Randall Moore
 John Boone Nixon
 Cameraon Charles Watkins
 Dawson Robert Nethercott
 Mychal Hope Bannister
 Alli Rae McCall
 Joshua Thomas Moon
 Skyler Gayle Brown
 Rafe Austin Ellis McElreath
 Braxten Hunter Ricketts
 Daniel Wylee Barton
 Briley Isabella Beard
 Izaiah Anthony Guadalupe
 Alyssa Lynn Paul
 Josiah Benhamin Miller
 Scarlett Vivian Newton
 McKenzie Leigh Briggs
 Akira Jade Taylor
 Michael Achilles Keller
 Savannah Danielle McClain
 Emily Piper Powell-New
 Cecillia Elizabeth Bigby
 Amelia Lydia Clempola
 Brody Luck Elrod
 Brailynne Rhett Henderson
 Sara Elizabeth Home
 Willough Rayne Larsen
 Maxwell King Locke
 Addison Riley Martin
 Lydia Paige Moon
 Branyon Townsend Russell
 Ashlyn Elizabeth Parker
 Rosalie Grace Millican
 Miranda Evelyn Burdette
 Braiden Elizah Bryant
 Nicholas Montana Beck Frost
 Evan Beebe Partain

AB

Ameriah Kianna Brown
 Austin Morgan Godfrey
 Kayleigh Marie Haney
 Alexander Christian Jones
 Shimir Timothy James West
 Destiny Michelle Smith
 Damien Jeramiah Green
 Aron Bruce Rich
 Samuel Mitchell Rowland
 Isabell Nicole Tiller
 Rylee Grace Turner

A3 Honor Roll

AB Con't

Mackenzie Marie Waters
 Eli Blaze Whitten
 James Ethan Atkins
 Grace Leanne Erwin
 Matthew Wayne Gibson
 Colton Luke Harris
 Blaize Joshua Hart
 Lindsey Renee Haynes
 Adrian Luke Wilson
 Landen Blake Burdette
 Nathaniel Emmett Gilhooley
 Savanna Grace Gosling
 Grayson Kyler Moore
 Bransen Erlin Brewer
 Averl Brooke Shaw
 Christopher Carter Adams
 Aiden Dale Burriss
 Baleigh Gene Holbrooks
 Kambre Renee Honeycutt
 Asher Keegan Home
 Joceline Renee Stephens
 Daniel Troyer
 Keeleigh Ann Renee Williams
 Marcos Bautista-Arnold
 Addie Grace Burdette
 Savannah Michelle Gibson
 Lillie Cheyenne Hanna
 Jackson Kyler Moon
 Kailee Nicole Paul
 John Allen Butler
 Darra Giavanna Fulwood
 Michaela Rayne Lowe
 Lilly DeRee Pinson
 Cade Wilson Simpson
 Colt Douglas Strickland
 Julius Teak Gamer
 Calli Brooke Simpson
 Ella Grace Walters
 Gage William Latham
 Hailey Renee Androvett
 Chyna Niy'Asia Carver
 Bailey Nicole Farrow
 Trenton Matthew Gilhooley
 Macie Laine Junkins
 Madlyn Risse Langley
 Ethan Michael Merck
 James Michael Loren Miller
 Miranda Jade Parnell
 Emma Mae Whitaker
 Brooks Hunter Wilkins
 Wendell Austin Burdett
 Samantha Nicole Doss
 Azalea Madeleine Holcombe

AB Con't

Tori Eileen Hollingsworth
 Suanna Nicole Shaw
 Colby Bryce Burdette
 Ariana Annmarie Wolvington
 Patrick Heigh Clark
 Ashlen Kilee Hawkins
 Madelyn Alexandra Hawkins
 Amos Troyer
 Zeffie Katelynd London
 Michael Lee Suttles
 Sadie Alivia Bostick
 Madison Ava Burdette
 Savannah Renay Fleck
 Bailee Elizabeth Fortner
 Karma Denae Golden
 Kylie Dale Harris
 Gabriel Landon Herring
 Jake Wilson Kelley
 Abigail Lena Martin
 Chessley James Martin
 Akin Zahkasius McAlister
 Eli Landrum Nichols
 Sarah Katherine Nixon
 Jennifer June Santosky
 Ellie Grace Tope

Starr Elementary

All "A"

Klohie Bearden
 Bentley Brown
 Kaydence Brown
 Klaydi Crisp
 Karsen Dubose
 Maddox Evans
 Kalie Martin
 Kaylee Mawyer
 Jayden Oakley
 Logan Power
 Gracie Simpson
 Carter Simpson
 Charlie Taylor
 Rycen Thrasher
 Clay Wiles
 Ava Wilson
 Morgan Brown
 Paxton Hatcher
 Emileigh Martin
 Jada Ricketts
 Leilah Schmuck
 Clayton Tilley
 Caroline Vickery
 Jeremiah Whittaker

All "A" Con't

Austin Alexander
 Anna Bowen
 Carter Chambers
 Annabelle Glenn
 Augustus Green
 Campbell Jordan
 Shylynn Lorenzen
 Caylee Morgan
 Parker Rutledge
 Kyley Wiles
 Brianna Zappitella
 Caroline Gray
 Logan Lindley
 Kaylee Sonofelt
 Jake Bowen
 Mary Katherine Fortner
 Turner Mapp
 Emilee Patterson
 Mayci Smith
 Liani Solano
 Reese Trotter

AB

Cayden Adams
 Hunter Atkins
 Jorja Baker
 Cameron Brown
 Houston Campbell
 Keegen Dubose
 Charlie Duncan
 Wyatt Garretson
 Jer'Rayious Heard
 Kadence Hicks
 Bonnie Jefferson
 Cassidy Keaton
 Guy King
 Maddox Kirkman
 Mason Knecht
 Imari Lindsey
 Marcos Lowe Raudales
 Ella McGee
 Karter Nance
 Treyleigh Norris
 Zoie Pearson
 Zada Phillips
 McKenna Roper
 Drayson Rouse
 Christopher Sills
 Ryann Simpson
 Blaze Smith
 Camden Whitten
 Jayren Wrenn
 Anslee Bailey

Starr AB Con't

Jaylan Copeland
 Emma Dyar
 Madelyn Fuller
 Colton Fulton
 Konner Gaines
 Le'Kingden Groves
 Chloe Hart
 Noah Heaton
 Hayden Johnson
 Caydon Looney
 Kimberly Lowe Raudales
 Wyatt McMahan
 Corbin Norris
 Braxton Sawyer
 Bella Sorensen
 Chaylen Strickland
 Mason Tomlinson
 Grady Watkins
 Jecht Wiles
 Jamarion Williams.
 Chloe Barnett
 Keira Betty
 Haleigh Brown
 Sophia Carter
 Kinleigh Crawford
 Aidyn Dicken
 Grant Ducworth
 John Dyson
 Bellz Gilbert
 Camden Goldsmith
 Campbell Graham
 Reagan Kroepe
 Karman Nance
 Sarabeth Helms
 Sawyer Pierce
 Jalynn Price
 Katriel Scott
 Logan Scott
 Lily Shaw
 Jackson Shiflett
 Brylee Simpson
 Caylee Trotter
 Logan Vaughter
 Janiya Wrenn.
 Analia Anderson
 Cooper Brewer
 Hunter Dale
 Gabriel Elrod
 Wyatt Garrett
 Abby Helms
 Jesse Howard
 Makiyah Kirkman
 Gracie McGee
 Rylee Mullis
 Kaitlyn Norris

Juliann Owens
 Kannon Pitmon
 Micayla Rutledge.
 Gracyn Crisp
 Leilany Diaz
 Brayden Gurley
 Blake Kelley
 Georgia McClain
 Carah Ellen Morrill
 Logan Norris
 JB Tripp
 Jake Vaughter
 Willie Webb

Flat Rock Elementary

All "A"

Dominc Alonso
 Isabella Cumbow
 Brianna Gilbert
 Zacchaeus Hatchett
 Justin Loftis
 Kenny Morris
 Soniyah Norris
 Skylar Olexy
 Kyla Porter
 Aiden Powell
 Mason Powell
 Ryan Regehr
 Peyton Telford
 Rallye Williamson
 Ashtyn Bailey
 Morgan Benoit
 Parker Blackwell
 Ryder Cushman
 Madison Hale
 Logan Isbell
 Dustin Ross
 Raelan Snelgrove
 Logan Trotter
 Jolie Truman
 Harmony Atkins
 Cassidy Evans
 Makaela Harrison
 Aicha Hjiri
 Ryder King
 Brian Lee Lewis
 Jackson Moore
 Sydney Smith
 Cameron Ciempola
 Travis Clark
 Alyssa Dawkins
 Linda Elliott
 Tinsley Gable Evans

Flat Rock All "A" Con't

James Gray
 Luke Gray
 Muhamed Ali Hjiri
 Aurora Lewter
 Asher Pamphilon
 Danny Ross
 Brayden Stevenson
 Cayman Stone
 Meagan Breland
 Nyterrious Geer-Harrison
 Malandy Hannah
 Amira Hjiri
 Madison Kelley
 Toby Shore

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Samaria Allen-Smith
 Ryleigh Byrum
 Madison Campbell
 Julianna Cespedes
 Lilianna Cespedes
 Lawton Crowe
 Easton Elrod
 Gabriele Gladney
 Jack Gray
 Jermiah Hall
 Avery Johnson
 Kinsley Kellum
 Kristin Lambert
 Jaylee Lecroy
 Rylee Lewis
 Marbella Reyes-Wilson
 Landon Roberts
 Levi Rosenberg
 Angel Vaughn
 Jayden Wright
 Liberty Arnold
 Blakely Drummond
 Ta'Liyah Ellis
 Grayson Gibson
 Abby Hobbs
 Bentley Howard
 Lexi Jones
 Jaxon Kidd
 Kennedy Lampus
 Richard Landreth
 Mackenzie Mackey
 Marissa Maness
 Pelham Nubern
 Ansleigh Owen
 Dakota Smith
 Emylie Townes
 Taylor Vernon
 Jacob Zappola
 Norah Alexander

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Cooper Bradford
 Ella Drawdy
 Ju'Marcus Hunter
 Gabriel Hurt
 Kayslee Loftis
 Savannah Moon
 Charlee Pollard
 John Richard
 Chloe Rowland
 Demarion Rutledge
 Tahlon Sills
 Tony Tinch
 Charli Weaver
 Brian Whitfield
 Riley Williams
 Jaliyah Baskin
 Korian Baskin
 Ny'Angel Boseman
 Savannah Couch
 Jace Devlin
 Owen DiLello
 Alexander Estes
 Nyleek Geer-Harrison
 Rozalynn Harper
 Maximino Hernandez Velez
 Addison Howell
 Cassittie Jones
 Aaliyah Kellum
 Kayson Lecroy
 Shaelee Lecroy
 Gavin McCoy
 Reece McCullough
 Collin Moore
 Makaila Rodney
 Cloe Shaw
 Braydon Sills
 Dontavious Smith
 Aydin Stephens
 Levi White
 Aubrey Wilkinson
 Lucas Williams
 Zachary Williams
 Makayla Anderson
 Haiden Cummings
 Jared Davis
 John Davis
 Destiny Ervin
 Brendon Glenn
 Ashley Gonzalez
 Ansleigh Hamby
 Aden Hoskins
 Junior Humphrey
 Brody Jones
 Abby Linker
 Brooklyn Loftis

Flat Rock AB Con't

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Allie Lollis
 Joshua McIntyre
 Talasia Merriweather
 Reana Mitchell
 Emalee Osborne
 Bradley Steele
 Aiden Suttles
 Kameron Williams

Starr-Iva Middle

All "A"

Madison Bolen
 Jacob Byrum
 Alyssa Dickson
 Savannah Hill
 Kaylen Kelly
 Opal Mattia-McMullan
 Annalisa McCall
 Joshua McGuffin
 Emily McKinney
 Carter Miller
 Demerio Paul
 Rainah Richey
 Katelyn Schmuck
 Donny Barton
 Eli Bishop
 Garrett Bowen
 Micah Branton
 Nickolas Burdette
 Allie Dickerson
 Christian Evans
 Tristan Garrett
 Katie King
 Sarah Latham
 Weston Mize
 Abigale Payton
 Jacob Powell
 Laylah Richey
 Blakely Russell
 Jozie Stone
 Caleb Beggs
 Emily Blackwell
 Kya Boseman-Nesbitt
 Briana Ford
 Alfredo Gonzalez
 Ruby Mattia-McMullan
 Jessica Wiles

Ziyontay Aiken
 Bryson Arnett
 Cassidy Arnett
 Rylee Ashworth
 Lamarcus Bennett
 Alicia Bogan
 Breelyn Bourgeois
 Carolyn Cann
 Jessica Cape
 Amberlyn Christenbury
 Allie Clark
 Madison Clinkscales
 Rayna Crawford
 Jolie Davis
 Judson James Dodgens
 McLane Drawdy
 Allie Drummond
 Lindsay Frith
 Carmencita Galloway
 Logan Goldsmith
 Jordan Greiner
 Hannah Gymer
 Jasmin Hanna
 Alyssa Harms
 Matthew Howard
 Chrishawna Hubbard
 Bryce Johnson
 Blaze King
 Jasmine Kroppe
 Annabelle Kyle
 Nicolas Largaespada
 Evelyn Lee
 Collin Mahaffey
 Maddox Martin
 John McCall
 Kiley McMahan
 Mercedes Medlin
 Emily Morales De Jesus
 Brianna Ownbey
 Hailee Paul
 Dylan Power
 Hayden Roach
 Lyla Robinson
 Davido Sanchez
 Cooper Smith
 Jayden Smith
 Seth Standridge
 Rachael Stow
 Maggie Taylor
 Jacqueline Thomas
 Maly'jah Thompson
 Brooklyn Vaughn
 Emma Vernon
 Camryn Vincent
 Kaiden Wentzky

Jewell Whitaker
 Briana Whitfield
 Russell Whitfield
 Gavin Williams
 McKenzie Wilson
 Patience Wilson
 Breanna Alewine
 Sydney Binkley
 Kendall Blackwell
 Jaxson Blanton
 James Brady
 Baileigh Burdette
 John Burgess
 Sarah Chapman
 McKenna Cook
 Brantley Davis
 Rayanna Davis
 Elijah Ellis
 Luke Elrod
 Alli Ethridge
 Abigail Ezzell
 Akasha Goldsmith
 Lydia Gray
 Ashtyn Grubb
 Nautica Hagood
 Jaylin Hart
 Laziya Hatten
 Jasheir Hawthorne
 Kyndall Helms
 Emma Hernandez
 Joni Horne
 Emily Human
 Keegan Johns
 Ashleigh Jones
 Olivia Jones
 Devin Kroppe
 Avantae' Lewis
 Austin Linker
 Amasia Lyons
 Levi Marchbanks
 Lee McClain
 Julien McCraw
 Lyla McMahan
 Marisa Minyard
 Wyatt Narducci
 Emily Owens
 Hailey Patterson
 Anslee Payton
 Bryton Pitmon
 Abby Rainey
 Calvin Routhieaux
 Sean Scherer
 Kristina Smith
 Taniyah Smith
 Charles Snelgrove

Tucker Stone
 Kyleigh Tillman
 Camden Wilkins
 Rose Angell
 Courtney Baldwin
 Lydia Barton
 Kinsley Beatty
 Jonathan Binninger
 Audrey Boling
 Sydney Broadwell
 Kaleb Butts
 Ethan Camidge
 Lillian DiLello
 Benjamin Doss
 Landen Edwards
 Sara Elrod
 Nathan Ervin
 Ava Floyd
 McKenna Grace Galvin
 Emma Autumn Gilmer
 Garron Greiner
 John Harbin
 Scott Harms
 Michaela Harrison
 Jordan Hoskins
 Benedict Justol
 Anna Kay
 Ashlyn Latham
 Malerie Latham
 Jake McClam
 Maggie McLane
 Michai Miller
 Natali Parker
 Stephen Pepper
 Branyon Pressley
 Matthew Richards
 Elijah Richey
 Brody Russell
 Rylie Simpson
 Kyle Sonofelt
 Donovan Stamps
 Jesse Tope
 Zyriah Vance
 Solomon Vernon
 Allison Wences
 Caroline Yon

Crescent High**All "A"**

Kiersten Dalain Bouknight
 Jensen Elizabeth Davis
 Annalise Camryn Donehue
 Cody Dillon Drummond
 Caroline Alaina Evans
 Austin Michael Fulbright
 Jonathan Lucas Glenn
 Emma Caroline Johnson
 RoMyiah Tisheeria Lewis
 Laila Anne-Marie Rogers
 Peyton Shirley Simmons
 Avery Lee Sprouse
 Victoria Madison Stone
 Dustin Jose Tamayo
 Emily Jocelyn Truman
 Elijah Thomas Whitaker
 Dylan James Williams
 Savannah Madison Chambers
 Alexander Patrick Groves
 Kalee Kathleen LaFlamme
 Joshua Isaac Marchbanks
 Michael Christopher McCall
 Madeleine Aiken Webb
 Michelle Lynn Wells
 Raven Mackenzie Wilkins
 Elle Marie Banister
 Brysin Andrew Brigman
 Katlin Nicole Brown
 Kent DeLano E. Byrum
 Samuel Trace Center
 Jakob Heath Davis
 Harley Cheyenne Frizzell
 Ivey Parks Gray
 Carly Michaela Gregory
 Mackenzie Grace Hayes
 Chloe Elizabeth Hebert
 Makenzee Joy Hudson
 Ryan Michael Klimkowski
 James Isaiah Sharp
 Jaiden Reanne Shea
 Emily Grace Stewart
 Whitney Nicole Alexander
 Emily Ruth Beggs
 Rayanna Faith Cape
 Kaetlin Charle Carnes
 Kaitlyn Nicole Charping
 Nicholas Hunter Cleveland
 Abigail Amanda Clinkscales
 Camden Gailen Cox
 Cheyenne Brianna Crocker
 Robert Jackson Ezzell
 Iris Brooke Gaines
 Nyhia Tionne Geer
 Dawson Glenn Hanks
 Jasmine Lillian Hawks
 Gabriel Alexander Helms
 Henry Wayne Land

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Kalena Renea Mackey
 Christopher Nathaniel McClain
 Nathen Daniel Norris
 Andrew Russell Parnell
 Katherine Carrington Spires
 Austin James Steele

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Tyler Russell Adams
 Garrett Malone Armstrong
 Anna Grace Brock
 Zachary Gage Brown
 Gracie Madison Burriss
 Alexia Morgan Callahan
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 Cody Kyle Colquitt
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 Isaiah Chamaine Ellis
 Amber Renee Elrod
 Carter Riley Ervin
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 Wesley Cameron Fielding
 Kylie Elizabeth Gaines
 Kaitlyn Isabella Gurley
 Austin Westley Hammond
 Regan Allen Hendricks
 Bryson Aaron Hoffstetter
 Jessey Barrett Holtzclaw
 Brittany Leighann Howard
 Madison Reagan Kelley
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 Brayden Alexander Moore
 William David Moore
 Jillian Grace Neill
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 Prilliyah Brishanti Rinnix
 Emily Marie Rutledge
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 Cameron Charles Androvett
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 Sabrina Ann Byrum
 Caitlyn Shae Carver
 Cassidy Victoria Clark
 Emerson Brooke Davis
 Erika Reese Driver
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 Michael Thomas Hilley
 Jacob Paul Holbrook
 Elijah David Hollingsworth
 Haley Rose Kaciak
 Selena Raechelle Kirkhart
 Lillian Dale Locke
 Madalyn Grace Martin
 Chloe Addison McCoy
 Enrique McMilion
 Jacob Ryan Parnell
 Jacob Lee Ramsey
 Kristopher Dylan Sanders
 Michael Elijah Scruggs
 Jaylynn Mae Elizabeth Shaw
 Sunshine Daisey Smith
 Wyatt Lance Tope
 Sarah Turner
 Colby Hunter Aderhold
 William Luther Bowman
 Izabella Rachel Brock
 Magen Elizabeth Broughton
 Jacob David Butts
 Debreauna Talisha Clemons
 Jade Michelle Dove
 Morgan Ashleigh Dutton
 Jamie Chris Ellis
 Steven Tyler Erwin
 Anna Marie Ethridge
 Emilie Faith Glenn
 Cameron Thomas Grubbs
 Karra Elizabeth Gurley
 Susan Elizabeth Helbert
 Virginia Marie Howard
 Isaiah De'vonte Hubbard
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 Christopher Lucas Latham
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 Gabrielle Faith Loftis
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 Tristan James Meredith
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Holten Wiley Ruff
 Kinley Grace Smith
 Collin Ray Sutherland
 Olivia Calaway Urban
 Laura Grace Vaughn
 Bradley Isaiah Verden
 Jayden Kenneth Vincent
 Charlie Leighana Young
 River Kendrick Anderson
 Brady Adam Bolding
 Zachary Tim Brewer
 Lucy Nicole Bryant
 Katelyn Makel Burgess
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 Marvin Dean DeHaven
 Ethan Paul Dove
 Rachel Leigh Eades
 Braylin Danielle Gillespie
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 Kelvin Ra'Quan Groves
 Cayden Olivia Gunter
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 Katelyn Elizabeth Ramey
 Jason James Santosky
 Julias Damm Say
 Evan O'Dell Scott
 Sean Michael Sharp
 Erica Dawn Shirley
 Shyann Alexis Smith
 Riley Kerigan Sutherland
 Kartia Al'Monty Thompson
 Hunter Eugene Wicker

**Great job to all
 the students who
 made the Honor
 Roll! Keep up the
 good work!**

What Are We Doing Con't from page 2

Turn your outrage of disgust in New York to love and compassion for children and be a part of real change. Yes, it's hard. Yes, our foster kid makes me want to bang my head against the wall, but every day I get to love him and share with him my love for Jesus.

Hopefully, one day he realizes how special he is and how God created him for a purpose in this world, and maybe my family's impact on him can change his life forever. And, maybe he is the one that brings about more good change to this world.

You see, talk is cheap. The Bible says that: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). What are you doing for the Lord? What is your church doing? What can you do? In all reality, there is little that we can do to change laws in New York but a lot we can do to influence people in our town our city and our state. Stop posting your complaints and start doing. Yes, it is hard, yes, it is inconvenient, but so was the cross.

Starr Tigers Win Championship



By Marlene Wiles

Head Coach Brian Cruver and Assistant Coach Nate Sanders are certainly very proud of their team, the Starr Tigers, for winning the Championship for the 8 and under division of the Starr/Iva Basketball League. The Tigers worked very hard this year and their dedication paid off in a 29-21 win over the Starr

Blue Jays coached by Linda Graham and Chris Foster.

Members of the Tigers are: Nate Sanders, Christian Looney, Cooper Sanders, John Michael Gregory, Hayden Johnson, Carter Chambers, Treveon Glover, Liberty Arnold, Collin Moore and Clay Wiles.

Eyes on Iva is very appreciative of the men and women who dedicate their time and effort to train these boys and girls in athletics. They not only learn the fundamentals of their respective sport, they also learn discipline, respect and trust. Please come out and support our Little League in their efforts to train the leaders of the future.

Thank you!

The project of restarting an Iva paper has been in the works for several years, but it took a small group of people and the urging of local supporters to finally get to this first issue. This edition of *Eyes on Iva* includes the effort of many people. We would like to say thank you to all those who contributed articles, pictures, and encouragement. A special thank you to Robyn Sauve for designing our logo. We hope to keep the momentum going and have a great paper that people look forward to every month. If you have questions about the paper or potential news, please email us at eyesoniva@gmail.com or drop a note in our box at the Iva Town Hall.

Calendar of Events

March 2nd

Iva Rec Association Free Baseball & Softball Camp
Saturday, March 2nd 9:30am - 11:15am
Parker Bowie Athletic Complex
(rain date is March 3rd 2:00pm - 3:30pm)

March 12th

Storytime at the Iva Library (*see page 4 for more details*)
Starting at 10:30 am.
For children ages 1-5

March 18th

Circle of Hope (*see page 3 for more details*)
11:00 a.m.
Iva MAC Center – 205 Betsy Street

March 19th

Anderson School District 3 Fine Arts Showcase
5:30 pm Art Gallery
6:00 pm Concert/Art Awards
Iva First Baptist Church

March 26th

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

April 25th

Marian Wakefield Day

Town Trivia

Who was the first mayor of Iva?

Send your answers in to eyesoniva@gmail.com

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