

## Mrs. Wakefield Turning 100

On April 25th, 2019, Mrs. Marian Wakefield will join an elite list of Centenarians as she turns 100 years old. 1919 was a monumental year. Henry Ford's son Edsel took over the Ford Motor Company, Woodrow Wilson helped negotiate the Treaty of Versailles, the First World War ended, and our very own Marian Patterson Wakefield was born.

Mrs. Wakefield comes from a musical family. Her father played the organ, her mother sang, and both of her sisters played the piano. She started taking piano lessons at age 5 but had to quit in the 6th grade due to the Great Depression.

After her husband, Doug Wakefield, joined the Air Force, Mrs. Wakefield took a cosmetics course in order to have a job that would allow her to travel with her husband while he was in the service. Mrs. Wakefield states, "But, that was not what I wanted to do; I wanted to get back into music." She was determined to take music again after WWII ended and eventually teach music.

After the war, Mrs. Wakefield attended Anderson College and Erskine College for music studies and began teaching piano in 1946. She remembers Charles Evans being her first student and charging him 50 cents a lesson.

She taught many of us to appreciate and play Beethoven, Mozart, and Chopin. She has always been kind to those around her, but to her students, she is also very patient and caring. She states, "I enjoy seeing [students] take advantage of my teaching." Most of Mrs. Wakefield's former students are still involved in music. In fact, she is still teaching and currently has five students. She states, "I love working with people. They give me joy in my life especially my students."

In addition to teaching music, Mrs. Wakefield also plays the organ. She began playing for First Baptist Church of Iva in 1953 and was a key advocate for the purchase of a pipe organ. She played for 47 years before retiring. Then, in 2005, she returned to play the organ for Good Hope Presbyterian Church where she still serves today.

Deborah Jordan, one of Mrs. Wakefield's former students and the current music director at Good Hope Presbyterian stated, "Mrs. Wakefield, with her love and passion for music, helped to instill in me a love for music that has been with me since I was her little seven-year-old piano student. I continue to learn from her even today, and it is a great privilege to be able to work with her each Sunday at Good Hope Presbyterian Church. I am amazed at her ability and I only hope that I can one day be a fraction of the musician she



Mrs. Wakefield playing at Good Hope Presbyterian. Photo by Sarah Jordan

is. Her talent in music is but one of the many attributes I admire about Mrs. Wakefield. I love her gentle heart and sweet spirit. I see Christ in her every single day and she brings joy to everyone around her."

Music Minister Addrian Wilson is also appreciative of Mrs. Wakefield. He states, "I came to Iva in 1986 looking for a job. Little did I know the interview with Mrs. Wakefield and the music search committee at First Baptist Church would result in a journey that would guide the life of my family in such a positive way. It didn't take long to experience the passion Mrs. Wakefield had for church music and the passion she had for instructing her students. The organ lessons she provided helped me to pass my proficiency requirements at Erskine. It also didn't hurt that my music professors knew of her reputation and influence as a private teacher. Mrs. Wakefield's influence on church

music is heard across the state with her students serving the local church and church music conferences. I will be forever grateful for the influence and guidance she provided."

Mrs. Wakefield continues to play the piano every day and still does yardwork most days when the weather is nice. Music has been a huge part of Mrs. Wakefield's life and one of the things keeping her young. "Music has been my life, and of course, my children." Mrs. Wakefield was married to Mr. Doug Wakefield for over 60 years until his passing in 2007. She has two children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

According to Mrs. Wakefield, the key to her longevity is staying busy and doing what she loves.

Mrs. Wakefield says she doesn't feel 100. "The Lord has blessed me. He has given me good health. He has given me opportunities to enjoy life...I've had a happy life."





# Hunting & Fishing Report

by **Marty Young**

If you are thinking of fishing this area in April, the first species to come to mind is crappie! Easy to catch (sometimes) and delicious in the kitchen! Right now, the crappie are busting with roe and ready to lay out. The big females will be the first to move to the bank with smaller ones moving in later.

To catch crappie during this time, use medium minnow or jigs under a cork about 10-24 inches, and throw to every target near the bank. With the

minnow, you can sit back and let him do the work. With a jig, a slow constant retrieve works best.

As the dogwoods bloom, every other fish species will also begin to prepare for the spawn and will be easier to catch as well. Catfish will move into shallower water and can be caught with worms or cut-bait. Big flat heads are caught better with live bait.

Largemouth and spotted bass are being caught best on 5-10 feet running crankbaits. Variants of red seem to be working the best.

Turkey season has also opened up on March 20th, 2019. After a steady decline, turkey numbers are increasing again. If you really want a thrill, get a gobbler strutting and drumming at 30 yards. You'll feel like you are having a heart attack!

Spring is a time of regeneration and new life for plants and animals alike. You only live once. Get out and enjoy God's beautiful creation while you can!



Congratulations to **Roger McCarter** who won the February Crappie Contest with this 2 Lb 6 Oz crappie!

## Streetscape Improvements Underway



East Front Street getting a makeover. Photo by **Marty Minto**



Pictured above are **Olivia and Elizabeth Dixon**

## Twinning at Iva First Learning Center



Pictured above are **Barrett & Brixton Price**

By **Marlene Wiles**

Sometimes those who stop by Iva First Learning Center think, for a minute or two, they may be seeing double. IFLC is blessed with two sets of identical twins and expect another set to register soon. It is not easy, and sometimes impossible, to tell these identical little people apart! Detailed records have to be kept on each infant's daily routine so the teachers had to come up with some creative ways to identify them. One may have a unique birthmark or maybe smile a little more than the other. Although identical twins are usually the same size, body shape can vary slightly and therefore becoming a distinguishing factor. Parents often help by going against the

grain and dressing them differently. Regardless of all efforts, every day we hear the question, "Which one is this?"

Our little ladies are Olivia and Elizabeth Dixon, daughters of Brandon Dixon and Melanie Padner, granddaughters of Adrienne Padner, Shelby Dixon and Steven Cox.

Our boys are Barrett and Brixton Price, brothers of Beckett Price (another IFLC student), sons of Jeremy and Kayla Price, grandsons of Tim and Kathy Hipp, great-grandsons of Jerry and Kaye Dickerson.

They are definitely a joy to us but we have learned that there are two things in life for which we are never truly prepared: Twins!



### SIMS Student to Attend Deshaun Watson Football Camp



By Amy Russell

**Killian Barnes**, a special needs student at Starr-Iva Middle School, will be attending the Deshaun Watson Football Camp at Clemson University on May 18. Killian is an amazing young man and always draws a smile from students and teachers at Starr-Iva. Killian is also active outside of school and participates in swimming, bowling, and basketball through the Area 14 Special Olympics.

According to the co-area directors of the Area 14 Special Olympics, Kathy Schofield and Molly White, "Area 14 Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of

Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The Special Olympics gives those with special needs the opportunity to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community." Area 14 Anderson County Special Olympics currently offers the following:

masters bowling (ages 21 and up), 20 and under bowling, basketball, masters bocce, 20 and under bocce, cheer, swimming, power lifting, equestrian, track and field, volleyball, and young athletes (ages 2-7). To get involved, please email Area14@so-sc.org or call the office at 864-260-4142.

Through successful experiences in sports, children and adults with physical and intellectual challenges gain confidence and build a positive self-image which carries over into the classroom, work place, and community. We are confident that Killian will enjoy his experience at the Deshaun Watson Football Camp and know that he will spread joy while he is there as well. Congratulations, Killian!

### Iva Rec Hosts Baseball/Softball Clinic



By Amy Russell

Nearly 100 boys and girls ages 6-12 from the Starr-Iva area attended the first annual Iva Rec Baseball and Softball Camp held at the Parker Bowie Athletic Complex on a beautiful Saturday morning in March. The free camp was led by Crescent baseball and softball players and coaches, along with several Rec coaches and parent volunteers. Participants rotated through three stations: base running, out-fielding, and hitting. During a snack break, Coach Jeff Craft spoke to the softball girls while Coach Blaire Carson spoke to the baseball boys.

Coach Craft made three points. First, he encouraged the

girls to always say, "Thank you" to their parents and coaches. Next, he encouraged the girls to face their fears on the field and to never play scared. Lastly, he encouraged the girls to just have fun.

Coach Carson stressed the importance of fundamentals and reminded the boys that everyone has a role to play. He also emphasized that every position is important and encouraged the boys to learn to play as many different positions as possible.

Each boy and girl left the camp with a new t-shirt, some great advice, and hopefully a new confidence and excitement going into the Rec season.



**Spring Express & Car Show**

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

10:00AM - 3:00PM • Downtown Iva and Burris Field

CRAFT, FOOD & VARIETY VENDORS - LIVE CONCERT - CAR SHOW - GAMES & RIDES

Don't miss this family fun day - Concert starts at 12:30 p.m.



## Anderson Institute of Technology Opening



By Dylan McCullough

Anderson Institute of Technology, a collaboration between Districts 3, 4, and 5, is set to open for the 2019-2020 school year. The state-of-the-art facility will provide career pathways through 19 technical programs, promising to give our students a competitive edge and prepare them to positively impact our community for many years to come. Construction of the facility is nearing completion. A link to current job offerings can be found at [acsd3.org](http://acsd3.org).

## Eyes on Pets

by Dr. Danielle Nixon, Crescent Animal Hospital

### Warm Weather Means More Bugs: Is Your Pet Protected?

The weather is starting to warm up, and the sun is starting to come out which means that we will be noticing more bugs like fleas, mosquitos, and ticks. Where we live, they are around all year long but we tend to notice them more when the weather starts to get more pleasant. Are your pets protected? Here is what you need to know about each of the categories of parasites.

#### Fleas

Fleas are the most common parasites that pet owners treat in the warmer months, but indoor pets can have flea infestations year round. Even indoor-only pets can have fleas from other pets or humans bringing them into the house. Fleas love to live in humid, shady, and moist areas. It is always recommended when a pet has a flea infestation to treat the pet, the house, and the outdoor environment. There are topicals and pills to treat your pet. Consult your veterinarian for your pet's best option.

#### Mosquitos

Did you know that heartworms are contracted through the bite of a mosquito but they can be completely prevented with the help of your veterinarian? Heartworm disease affects both cats and dogs, and 25%

of indoor-only cats have tested positive for heartworm disease. There is a treatment for dogs for heartworm disease, but it is much more costly and has more side effects than life long prevention. If left untreated, heartworm disease is fatal to a pet after causing effects on the heart, lungs, and liver.

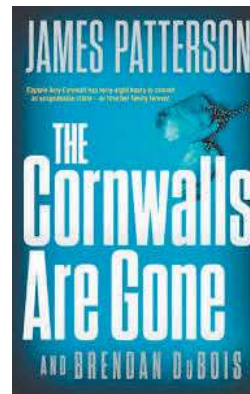
#### Ticks

These parasites are not only a bother to your pets but can also transmit diseases to you. There are many species of ticks that are common to this region, and the bite of one tick can transmit many diseases. Some of the disease that can be transmitted are Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Tularemia, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, Ehrlichiosis, and STARI. The diseases can also have effects long term on patients.

With any medication, it is always best to consult with your veterinarian for the best option for your pet. A lot of topical medications that are over the counter can be toxic for cats, and you should never use a dog product on a cat. Remember that—"an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure", so keep your pets on year-round flea, tick, and heartworm prevention.

## New Books at the Iva Library!

by Brianna McDonell



The "New Fiction" shelves at the Iva Library have some familiar – and not so familiar – authors this month. Whether you're keeping up with your favorite mystery or thriller series or looking for a book by a new author, the Iva Library has a book waiting just for you.

First, in keeping up with some of our favorite series, James Patterson's has a brand new, high-octane thriller - The Cornwalls are Gone. This quick page-turner finds a new heroine in Army Intelligence Officer Amy Cornwall as she must race the clock on a mysterious mission – a mission that the lives of her kidnapped husband and young daughter's lives depend on.

For a cozier historical mystery, the Victorian adventuress Veronica Speedwell is back in her 4th book, A Dangerous Collaboration by Deanna Raybourn, this time investigating a mysterious dinner party at the estate of Lord Malcolm Romilly.

Rounding out some of our "usual suspects" is the next Eve Duncan thriller: best-selling author Iris Johansen's Dark Tribute, in which Cara Delaney must confront her family's dark past in order to protect the ones she loves – including her guardians Eve Duncan and Joe Quinn.

If you're looking for a new author, though, you might try

Swedish author Niklas Natt och Dag. His bold historical mystery, The Wolf and the Watchman, creates an intricate puzzle surrounding a dangerous murderer in 1793 Stockholm. Dark and evocative, it brings together an unlikely band of investigators: an ex-soldier, a brilliant lawyer, an ambitious aspiring doctor, and a young woman who may be the next victim of Stockholm's sordid underbelly.

For a much more lighthearted mystery that's not part of a series, the delightful The Library of Lost and Found by Phaedra Patrick brings charm and heart to the story of librarian Martha Storm, who finds the courage to shape her destiny when a book of fairy tales appears at her front door and prompts her to discover the clues surrounding her grandmother Zelda.

If you loved Celeste Ng's Little Fires Everywhere, you may want to check out the speculative domestic drama If, Then by Kate Hope Day. As the residents of the sleepy town of Clearing, Oregon, are quite literally confronted with parallel versions of themselves, four neighbors suddenly must face their personal flaws and struggles if they want to preserve their families, their marriages, and themselves.

And finally, G. Willow Wilson's second novel, The Bird King, is a lush historical fantasy set in the final days of Granada in Spain in 1491. Rich in history and infused with a bit of magic, the former concubine Fatima and her only friend, the royal mapmaker Hassan, undertake an epic journey to find a new home and their freedom - and discover what exactly that means.

All of these books, and more, are available now at the Iva Library, whether you're looking for a modern thriller, a domestic mystery, or even a bit of fantasy.

## Battle of the Books at Flat Rock



Pictured above are Muhamed Ali Hjiri, Luke Gray, and James Gray as they compete against Amira Hjiri, Miley Jones, and Abby Linker

By Krista Gray

Flat Rock Elementary students recently participated in their school's second annual Battle of the Books competition. 91 teams, comprised of 3 students per team, competed in grades 1st through 5th. In addition to these teams, 6 teacher teams participated in a teacher's edition of Battle of the Books.

The week kicked off with the Anderson County Elections office bringing their voting machines for all Flat Rock students (K4-5th grade) to vote for their favorite SC Award Nominee book of the year. After the school wide elections, the battles kicked off for the school competition.

Students in 3rd-5th grades, as well as the teacher teams, read and answered questions on ten different books, which were selected from the current year's South Carolina Children's Book Award list. The Battle of the Books tournament was a single-elimination competition with brackets (much like March Madness basketball). Students had to give the correct title and author of the book to earn five points per question with twenty questions per round. The excitement built throughout the week to see who would be the last team standing. The final competition was held in the gymnasium for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to

watch. The Robot Rockers, a 4th grade team consisting of **James Gray, Luke Gray, and Muhamed Ali Hjiri** went up against The Best Readers - a 5th grade team consisting of **Amira Hjiri, Miley Jones, and Abby Linker** (pictured above). The Best Readers won the championship round in a close match and are the school-wide winners for 2018-19.

Students in 1st and 2nd grades also participated in Battle of the Books. These students held up pictures of the book covers to answer questions for ten different books taken from the South Carolina Picture Book Award list. Thirty-three teams battled throughout the week in a single-elimination tournament. On the final day, the winning first grade team, made up of **Ryleigh Byrum, Jack Gray, and Brianna Gilbert**, battled the winning second grade team made up of **Rowan Adams, Jaxon Kidd, and Dustin Ross**. The second graders won the championship battle that all 1st and 2nd graders were able to attend.

Battle of the Books is a program that encourages reading and shows students how life-long reading can be both exciting and fun. The second annual Battle of the Books competition was a huge success and Flat Rock students are already talking about next year's Battle of the Books challenge.



## Starr-Iva Students Receive Recognition at the Anderson Arts Center

By Amy Russell

Youth Art Month (YAM) is administered at the national level by the Council for Art Education (CFAE) and is celebrated each March. According to [arteducators.org](http://arteducators.org), "Youth Art Month encourages support for quality school art programs, and promotes art material safety." Students, teachers, and faculty at Starr-Iva Middle School (SIMS) support YAM each year in a variety of ways. One way is by participating in an art show at the Anderson Arts Center during the month

of March. This year Mrs. Sarah Jordan, the art teacher at SIMS, chose ten pieces of art done by Honors Art students to be displayed at the Arts Center. Two SIMS students, **Estafany Melgoza** and **Ava Floyd** received recognition as Honorable Mentions. Every school in Anderson County, including the Home School Association, participates in the art show so it is certainly an honor for the work of these two students to be recognized. In addition, Ava's piece will be displayed at AnMed for the next year.



## SIMS Beta-Club Induction

By Amy Russell

Starr-Iva Middle School recently honored several of their students at a ceremony where they were inducted into the Junior Beta Club. To qualify for the Junior Beta Club, students had to score exemplary in all areas of state testing from the spring of 2018. The following students were inducted:

**Christian Evans, David Ervin, Katie King, Cheyenne Gilmer, Abby Grace**

**Rainey, Allie Dickerson, Lydia Gray, Chase Pepper, Jaxon Blanton, Levi Marchbanks, Micah Branton, Jozie Stone, Abby Ezzell, Blakely Russell, Kyle Barton, Eli Bishop, Jesse Tope, Kendall Blackwell, Garrett Bowen, and Solomon Vernon.**

The Junior Beta Club at Starr-Iva is sponsored by Mrs. Anna Farr.



### Governor’s School, Here We Come!



By Amy Russell

Two eighth grade students at Starr-Iva Middle School will be attending the Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities Odyssey program this summer. **Sydney Broadwell** will attend for visual arts and **Jessi Wiles** will attend for drama.

Sydney started art when she was just a child. She says, “Art is something I can remember doing since forever.” Sydney went on to share that her favorite thing about art is that no matter who you are or how talented you can be, you can always get creative and view things from a different perspective. She also thinks that art is a way to express the way you feel even without words. “What inspires me to do art is the way it makes me feel; art makes me feel so much better after a long day. You can use relax and let your creativity flow.” Sydney closed by saying, “My sister and my art teacher, Mrs. Sarah Jordan, motivate me to pursue my passion of art because they are so eager to help me with any challenge that comes my way.”

Jessi Wiles shared that, “I was four years old when I started acting and I am positive that the Governor’s School will make me even better.” The thing Jessi loves about acting is that it is fun impersonating someone.

These young ladies will enjoy a week of experience at the Governor’s School that promises to be both fun and challenging beyond what is offered in the traditional classroom.

### Starr Students Compete in Jet Toy Challenge



By Laura Sutherland & Dylan McCullough

Two teams from Starr Elementary competed at the Regional Jet Toy Competition on Friday, March 8th. The Turbos team including **Alyssa Wood**, **Willie Webb**, and **Blake Kelley** won second place. They will compete in the International Competition in April in Detroit. The Rockets team including **Jarrett Latham**, **Cade Toney**, and **Kenlee Crawford** placed 5th in the competition.

We are so proud of both teams representing Starr Elementary and Anderson School District 3.

Jet Toy is an Anderson School District Three Initiative that allows 5th graders to construct and test balloon-powered toy cars. The cars are then tested to meet specific performance criteria such as: distance with and without weight, speed, and accuracy. Concepts discussed when completing the Jet Toy challenge include jet propulsion, friction, and air resistance.



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

Artwork: “Sig”

by: **Shiloh Holbrooks**  
7th Grade  
Media: linocut



### CHS Student Participates in All-State Chorus

by Rayanna Cape

The 2019 South Carolina All-State Chorus recital was held at Winthrop University on March 7, and Crescent High School student, senior **Bradley Dyar**, had the honor of representing the Starr and Iva communities by practicing and performing in the All-State Choir.

The prestigious South Carolina All-State Choir allows for superior choral students to grow in their talent and skill sets such as self-discipline and musicianship. It also brings development to local program as participants take what they have learned and put it back into their fellow choral members.

Being a part of the All-State



Pictured above is **Bradley Dyar** with **Lindsey Foster**, Choral Director at CHS

Choir is a phenomenal opportunity and a great accomplishment. Congratulations, Bradley.