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Itasca, Texas 76055

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Lloyds Named "Itasca's Citizens of the Year"



Dwight and Marquita Lloyd were honored as the "2009 Citizens of the Year" at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet Monday night. The Lloyds moved to Itasca in 1984 when they bought Girault Motor Company, renaming it Lloyd Ford. The couple has been very involved in community affairs since moving to Itasca.

Mrs. Lloyd has served as a Trustee of IISD for over 20 years, many of those years as its president. She has always been very involved with the youth of Itasca working with the PTA and booster clubs.

Dwight was honored as "Alumni By Choice" at Baylor in 1994 and currently serves as a regent of Hill College, is on the Board of Files Valley Water Supply Corp and is on the Board of Directors for Ford Direct.

The Chamber presented a Community Service Award to Ms. Shirley Anderson, a Community Enhancement Award to Ms. Judie McClure, an Economic Development Award to Dollar General Store and Youth Awards to Ashley Durham, Devin Corbitt, Eva Mayberry, Mary

Maddox and Megan Goff. Ms. Mary Margret McDonald Rhea and Ms. Betty Sumner were inducted into the Hometown Hall of Fame and Mr. Carl Sweeney and Mrs. Marguriet Sweeney were honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards. All of these will be featured with pictures in future editions.

Senior Circle/Healthy Woman Presents a *Sweet Heart Luncheon*

Press Release



On February 5, Hill Regional's Senior Circle and Healthy Woman groups will be privileged to hear Carol Allred present "Straight from the Heart, a survivor's story".

Mrs. Allred serves as President of the Board of Directors of WomenHeart, The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease.

She speaks often to clubs and

organizations locally, regionally, statewide and nationally and has spoken about women and heart disease at a congressional briefing on Capitol Hill and as the voice of the patient in a recent briefing about health care reform on the hill. In addition, Mrs. Allred served as a guest speaker at a delegate event sponsored by Medtronic during the Republican National Convention, and at the Texas Conference for Woman and the Massachusetts Conference for Women in 2008. She has also been featured in various magazine articles, including U.S. New and World Report and enjoys participating in Radio Talk shows, video and newspaper interviews.

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PawPals Reschedule "Meet the Candidate" Meeting

Press Release

Paw Pals has re-scheduled the public meeting for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 2. The meeting location will be the same at 1500 S. Abbott Ave (recently purchased property south of TXDOT).

An overview of the new facility will be provided along with a comprehensive operations plan for the upcoming pet adoption center. In addition, to help make an informed vote for the upcoming primary election, candidates have been invited.

Candidates invited are Honorable County Judge Justin Lewis, Honorable Commissioner Steven Sulak (Precinct #2), Honorable Commissioner Lee Harkins (Precinct #4), Mr. Rudy Matthaei (candidate for County Judge), Mr. James Buzbee (candidate for Precinct #2 Commissioner), Mr. Harley Davis (candidate for Precinct #4 Commissioner) and Mr. L.D. Jackson (candidate for Precinct #4 Commissioner).

Early voting is February 16-26 and primary election date is March 2.

The original meeting date was changed because of a conflict with Lake Whitney Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Churches of Itasca

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist W. Spurgeon 687-2800
Central Baptist Church 401 E. Monroe 687-2343
Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla 687-2774
First Baptist Church 107 S. Lamar 687-2783
First Presbyterian Church 106 N. Lamar 687-2243
First United Methodist Main & King St. 687-2475
Loveview Baptist Church FM 2959 East of I-35
Second Baptist Church 120 W. Marrion 687-9134
Shiloh Community Church 254-582-0487
St. John Missionary Baptist 506 S. Weaver 687-2821
3rd Day Worship Center 107 E. Adams 214 564-2185
Itasca Nursing Home Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
 Everyone Welcome Monday Evening 6:00 p.m.

Central Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:50 a.m.
 R.A.'s & G.A.'s (1st-6th) - Youth (7th-12th) 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 10:45-12:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Supper 6:00 p.m. (\$2.00 ea. w/\$10.00 max/family)
 Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m. - Youth (7th-12th)
 7:00 Kids' Choir 7:00 p.m. website - itascacbc.org

First United Methodist Church

Guaranteed no-nap Preaching, or double your doubt back.
Where Worship Is Joyous
Experience the energy of God's promise in a beautiful, historic sanctuary.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m.

Itasca Church of Christ - 200 N. Aquilla St.

Are we taking a test without reading the book?
 That is exactly what many are doing when it comes to the Bible. They go by what they feel, think, or what others have told them, but have never read for themselves the complete book. This is the most important test you will ever take! Join us at the Itasca Church of Christ?

Sunday mornings - 9:45 a.m. - Bible classes-
 10:45 a.m. - Worship - 5:00 p.m. - worship
 Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Bible study All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church

106 N. Lamar Itasca 254-687-2243
itascapc@sbcglobal.net www.fpcitasca.org
 "In mission to and with the Presbyterian Childrens Home to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ."
 Sundays - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship in Barton Hall
 10:00 - 10:45 Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 - Worship Service
 6:00 - Praise and Worship in Sanctuary
 6:30 - KFC and Hour of Power
 Tuesday and Thursday - 10:00 Exercise Class in Barton Hall
 Wednesday - 6:30 Vespers Service at PCH Chapel
 7:15 Choir practice
 ANGEL FOOD SITE

Itasca Ministerial Alliance

February 6 - St. John's Baptist Church - 9:00 p.m.

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 6:00 p.m. - 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

February 8 7:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, February 22 5:30 p.m.

Report on Racial Profiling

Traffic Related Contact Information - (1/1/09-12/31/09)

See actual report at Itasca PD or City Hall

Race/Ethnicity*	Contacts		Searches		Consensual Searches		PC Searches		Custody Arrests	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Caucasian	3,836	64	224	47	130	49	94	43	9	42
Black	730	122	93	19	46	18	47	22	6	28
Hispanic	1,321	220	158	33	83	32	75	21	6	28
Asian	57	.01	4	.01	2	.01	2	.009	0	0
Native American	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	53	.01	2	.004	2	.01	0	0	0	0
Total	5997	100	481	100	263	100	218	100	21	100

Since 2002 all Itasca police officers were instructed as specified in S.B. 1074 to adhere to all Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) training and the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) requirements. To date all sworn officers of the Itasca Police Department have completed the TCLEOSE training.

It is important to recognize that the Chief of the Itasca Police Department has also met the training requirements as specified by the Texas Racial Profiling Law in the completion of the LEMIT program on racial profiling. The satisfactory completion of the racial profiling training by the sworn personnel of the Itasca Police Department fulfills the training requirement as specified in the Education Code (96.641) of the Texas Racial Profiling Law.

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Itasca Independent School District's Academic Excellence Indicator System 2008-2009 Report

The Itasca Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., February 8, 2010 during the regular board meeting in the IISD Library at 123 N College to present the Itasca Independent School District's 2008-09 AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicator System) report.

Playground Equipment Needed

The Itasca First United Methodist Youth Group is looking for any used outdoor playground equipment. If you have any to sell or donate, that is in good condition, please contact Susan at 817-240-3553 or email at sbasonmkay@sbcglobal.net FUMC Youth

Boy Scouts Corner - Flag Ceremonies and Flag Etiquette

Press Release



One of the classic images of many people have of the Boy Scouts is the flag ceremony. The Boy Scouts are often seen “presenting the colors” before important civic events, athletic competitions, and of course, parades. Our Troop 366 enjoys every opportunity we get to properly present the colors of our country and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. So why is it that Boy Scouts are so involved with flag ceremonies? The short answer is because we know how to do it correctly and we enjoy the opportunity.

One of the first steps of advancement in Boy Scouts is to learn proper flag etiquette. This is becoming a lost art in our country. Many people associate awareness of how to respect the flag with the military. While proper flag etiquette is taught in the military, it is not re-

served for active duty or former members of the military. Proper flag etiquette is something every American citizen should know. Here are some simple rules of flag etiquette –

The US flag should always be the highest flag flown on a pole. The US flag should be lowered each night, unless the flag is illuminated. The US flag should be raised first, and should be raised quickly. When lowering the flag, the US flag is the last to be lowered and should be lowered slowly and with respect. You should always show respect to the flag when it is either being lowered or raised by stopping and saluting or pacing your hand over your heart. You should also remove your hat during the raising or lowering of the flag. The same is true if the US flag passes by you, say in a parade.

There are many more elements of proper flag etiquette, but if you would like to learn more, stop by one of our meetings. We meet every Saturday at the Scout Hut at 10:00 am. If you are interested in stopping by or want to learn how to be a part of our troop, please call Alan Corbitt at 254-205-1536 or Will Orr at 817-917-8395.

Sweet Heart Luncheon

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Serving on the NFRW Committee on Women’s Health Issues, the Executive Advisory Board of Scott and White Hospital Women’s cardiovascular Center, The Texas Education Foundation and various church and community organizations are very important endeavors to Mrs. Allred. After suffering a major heart attack with substantial damage, Carol needed information on how to live with heart disease. Women-Heart helped educate her about the needs of women living with or at risk of heart disease. Carol knows from personal experience that not only can you survive; you can learn to thrive with serious heart disease and become empowered through helping others. Carol, a C.P.A., lives in Harker Heights, Texas with her husband and best friend, Robert. They have three children and seven very special grandchildren.

As a special pre-Valentine offer, Sherri Hemrick will be on site taking individual 4 in. x 6 in. color photographs for attendees at a cost of \$5.00 per sitting. These photos will come in a display jacket and be available at the time of purchase.

Blood pressure monitoring will be offered along with information from the Hill Regional Hospital Trauma coordinator on safety in the home and “Women In Your Life” packets.

Healthy Woman and Senior Circle would like to invite the public to attend this very informative, complimentary luncheon. To have your name put on the reservation list, call Becky Jones at 254-580-8887 or Judie Dibbern at 254-580-8888. Reservations must be received no later than Monday, February 1.

The Heritage of Hill County Vol. II

Press Release

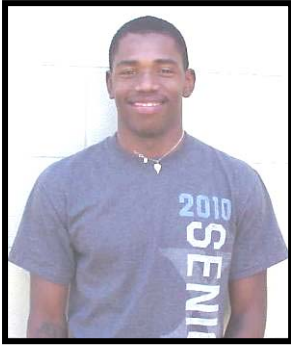
Volume II of The Heritage of Hill County, Texas has been sent to the publisher. Copies that are to be picked up in Hillsboro may be ordered at the pre-publication price of \$50. Books to be shipped cost an additional \$5.00.

The books should be ready for distribution sometime this summer. People who have ordered books will receive a letter notifying them when the books will be shipped or available in Hillsboro. At that time, the price to order a book will be \$60 picked up in Hillsboro. Books to be mailed cost an additional \$5.00.

To order a book, send a check or money order to Hill County HBC Vol. II, P.O. Box 555, Hillsboro, TX 76645. Please include your name, street address, and city and zip code as well as telephone number. For information on ordering by credit card, contact Richard Greenhill, 254 582-8912.

Senior Spotlight Stanley Johnson

Reporter Aren Barton
Caricaturist Michelle Ignacz



Gallantly riding his horse and swinging his rope overhead, Stanley Lamar Johnson Jr. roped a calf in the ring and won points for his excellent team roping skills. Stanley enjoys and is devoted to roping and riding his horses. He has participated in several tournaments where he had the opportunity to win money, saddles, trailers, breast collars, and trucks. So far he has won money and a breast collar for his horse.

"When I'm roping, and I win, it's really fun," Stanley said. "I love it."

Stanley is the youngest son of Maria and Stanley Lamar Johnson Sr. He has four siblings, Lance, Rosie, Eva, and Baylen.

"I look up to my dad a lot," Stanley said. "We ride horses together and we enjoy doing the same things."

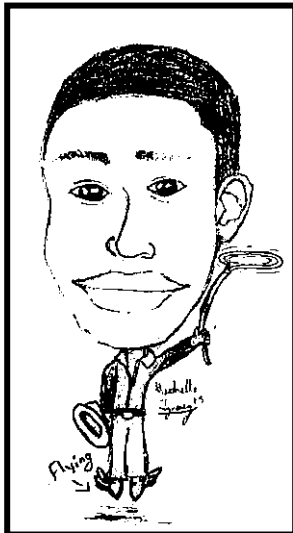
Other than riding his horse, Stanley likes to hang out with his friends and play sports at school. He participates in football and track. In football, he is #4 on the varsity squad as a receiver/corner. In track, he runs in all of the relays.

"In football, I love all the action, and in track, I like beating people," Stanley said with a grin.

Stanley drives a beige Dodge truck, enjoys watching his favorite movie, *The Ringer*, and listening to country and rap music.

"My favorite rap artist is definitely 'Lil Wayne, and my favorite country artist is George Strait," Stanley said. "I like the way they sing."

Following graduation Stanley plans to enlist in the US Army or Navy. To all underclassmen, Stanley leaves these words of wisdom. "Keep your head up and stay strong."



Welcome to New IISD Chefs

Reporter & Photographer Megan Goff

Donita Odom



A bright new face in the cafeteria belongs to Donita Odom. This is Odom's second semester to work in the cafeteria. Odom had lived in Itasca for nearly twenty years and is the mother of '05 graduate Bradley Marler, sophomore Daniel Odom, and triplet freshmen, Heather, Megan and Tyler.

Melissa Arellano

"I love the school, especially that my children are going here," Melissa Arellano said. "The staff is great, too."

Arellano works as part of the excellent cafeteria crew and is married to David Arellano. They have two children that attend Itasca Elementary: Andrew, 2nd grade and David Jr. in Kindergarten.



IISD Maintenance/Housekeeper

Sandra Diaz

Reporter Mary Maddox



Sandra Diaz first began working in the maintenance and housekeeping department of IISD about two years ago.

In 1994, Diaz had just planned on staying in Texas for a vacation, but when it was time to go back to Tampico, Mexico, Diaz decided that "Everything's better in

Texas" and relocated to Milford, Texas.

Diaz married Chefo Diaz and they moved to Itasca. Together they have three children, who all attend Itasca Schools; Cesar, 6th grader, Aileene 3rd grader, and Chris is in second grade.

"I really enjoy working in Itasca. My sister told me that this was the best school she knew about," Diaz said. "I agree, like it myself, especially for my children."

When not working, Diaz enjoys shopping and attending church at 3rd Day Worship Center in Itasca.

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Wampus Cats' Basketball



Sports Editor Ashley Durham
Sports Reporters Ashley Spain/Shelby Ledwig
Cartoon by Martin Martinez

The Lady Wampus Cats dominated the court in their 5th district game last Friday against Waxahachie Advantage. #2 Jasmine Guy and #15 Chantel Courtnier really showed off their skills against the Eagles. Guy being the high scorer with a couple of impressive 3 pointers and Courtnier played non-stop defense with great steals. Together, the Lady Cats played a good game with a lot of teamwork. The JV girls that were moved up to the Varsity level got a lot of experience and playing time. The Lady Cats ended the game with a score of 71-6.

Tuesday night the Lady Cats traveled to Italy to take on a much tougher competitor, The Lady Gladiators. The Lady Cats had to dig deep and play their best game as Italy shot ahead of the Lady Cats at one point with an impressive press that resulted in some steals. But each player did what they do best and outscored the Lady Gladiators 43-39. They will meet

Dallas Gateway at home Friday night as they continue in the 2nd half of district play.

Both the varsity and JV boys played awesome games last Friday night against the Waxahachie Eagles. It was their third district game and they are in it to win. The JV came out strong and had a very well played game. Brandon Kelly started the game off by scoring the first points, while Aaron Rodriguez was hot from the 3-point line. Posts Walker Hoard, Joaquin Reyes, and David Maddox scored big under the basket. The final score was 60-28 with a victory for the JV Cats. The Varsity boys played a blow out game. Outstanding players and scoring big for the Cats were #34 Matthew Colbert and #10 Isaac Perez (Isaac is pictured taking a hard offensive charge from an Eagle player, yes, they got the penalty). In addition, #24 Tevin Mayberry had some great blocks that made the crowd go crazy. Shakeal Mozon was still on the injured list. The Cats slaughtered the Eagles 71-12.

Tuesday night against Italy was a different story. Italy pulled out to a quick lead, which they held all night. It was a catch-up ball game from the first tip off for the Wampus Cats. Matt Colbert and Opie Mayberry played an excellent game, with Colbert hot once again from the 3-point line. Italy had a very strong inside game that the Cats were unable to stop. The Wampus Cats lost their 4th district game when Italy defeated them 69-55. They will meet also meet Dallas Gateway at home Friday night.



Lady Wampus Cats Basketball

District - Won - 5 Loss - 1 Overall - Won - 20 Loss - 6

JV District - Won - 2 - Loss - 0

Jan. 29 *Gateway Acad Home JV, V 4:00

February

2 * Grand Prairie Away V 6:00

5 *Faith Family Home V 4:00

5 Italy Away JV 4:00

9 *Waxahachie Adv Away V 6:00

Junior High Girls Basketball

Jan. 28 Rio Vista Girls Away All 5:00

February

Feb. 1 Grandview Girls Home All 5:00

Wampus Cat Basketball-

District - Won - 3 Loss - 1 Overall - Won - 12 Loss - 7

JV District - Won - 1 Loss - 1

Jan. 29 *Gateway Acad Home JV, V 5:00

Feb. 2 * Grand Prairie Home JV, V 5:00

5 *Faith Family Home JV, V 6:00

9 *Waxahachie Adv Home JV, V 6:00

12 * Italy Home JV, V 5:00

16 *Gateway Acad Away JV, V 5:00

Junior High Basketball

Jan. 28 Rio Vista Boys Home All 5:00

Feb. 1 Grandview Boys Away All

8 Keene Boys Home All

Head Coaches - Jimmy Lott & Clint Wallace

December IISD Trustee Meetings

Called Workshop Trustee Meetings – December 12, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in a called session on Saturday, December 12, 2009, in the Itasca ISD Administration Office at 8:00 a.m. Trustees present were President Susan Bason, Vice President Oscar Castillo, Jr., Secretary Angelia Orr, Nancy Bowman, Marquita Lloyd and Brian Bassett. Absent was Kevin Cordell. Administration present was Superintendent Glenn Pittman and visitor Dr. Steve Johnson. The meeting was called to order at 8:12 a.m. and Dr. Steve Johnson led the workshop. Board Operating procedures and the superintendent evaluation instrument and process were discussed. The meeting broke from 8:45 a.m. until 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 9:11 a.m. The TASB Board effectiveness review was discussed. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Regular December Trustee Meetings – December 14, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2009, in the Itasca ISD Library at 7:00 p.m. Trustees present were President Susan Bason, Vice President Oscar Castillo, Jr., Secretary Angelia Orr, Nancy Bowman, Marquita Lloyd and Kevin Cordell. Absent was Brian Bassett. Administration present were Superintendent Glenn Pittman, Principals Rickie Harris, Keith Hannah and Karon Farquhar, Business Manager Kim Eaddy, Special Programs Director Amy Reyna, Coordinator of Student Services Kristi Sargent and Secretary Norma Merkel. Visitors present were Dr. Steve Johnson, Barbara Petrash, Itasca Kindergarten classes, K Teacher Michelle Cole and Jeff Slotvig.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the President Susan Bason. She welcomed all visitors to the meeting. The kindergarten classes sang Christmas songs for the board of trustees and the Board thanked them with a round of applause.

Jeff Slotvig updated the board on the booster club's proposed new scoreboard for the Special Events Center to be used for basketball. Kristi Sargent went over TAKS data. The status of the board's continuing education hours were announced. It was explained that IISD elections are held in November, therefore; no new training hours have been officially recorded.

Motions were made and passed to approve the Itasca ISD Board Operating Procedures Manual, to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2009 board meeting and to approve the bills and financial report. The Board approved the third 2009-10 budget amendment with funds being changed from one code to another, not effecting the overall amount of the budget.

Superintendent Pittman went over the first reading of the TASB policy update 86. A motion was made to approve additions to the substitute teachers. Superintendent Pittman reported receiving official notification from TEA that Cindy Michaels would be removed as conservator for the district. The district is working on the continuing improvement plan. Dr. Steve Johnson reported he will be in the district as the only conservator until May.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Letter to Editor

Dear Paw Print Press, thank you for doing such a great job keeping us informed about the goings and comings of all that goes on in the old hometown. You are truly a great asset to all of us that love the town we grew up in.

I hope all of the students in IHS know how lucky they are to live in the U.S.A, live in Texas and reside in one of the best small towns in the world.

Go Cats!
Bill Farrow

BBQ Benefit Dinner
for cancer patient Scott Baccus
February 6
Covington Masonic Hall
Lots of food – BBQ, cole slaw, potato salad, beans, dessert & drink
\$8.00 donation
Everyone urged to attend

In Concert
Heaven's Harbor
January 31, 2010
10:45 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Hillsboro
Church of the Nazarene
306 FM 286
582-3736 or 205-0876



2009-10 Super Citizens

3rd Six Weeks

Pre-K	Kayd Lightsey Adriana Ramirez
K	David Arellano Michael Battleson
1 st Grade	David Hernandez Orlando Hernandez
2 nd Grade	Aidan Sargent Chris Diaz Donavon McGill Chase Rutherford
3 rd Grade	Brianna Bolden Ryan Hoard Jamesa Long James Savala
4 th Grade	Danny Coronado Brayden Hennig Halie Sarli

EXHIBIT C-3

ITASCA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2009

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,205,189	\$ 61,209	\$ 315,818	\$ 2,582,216
5800 State Program Revenues	4,452,157	-	338,752	4,790,909
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	227,910	562,158	790,068
5020 Total Revenues	6,657,346	289,119	1,216,728	8,163,193
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	3,744,721	-	514,755	4,259,476
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	185,890	-	-	185,890
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	35,645	-	-	35,645
0021 Instructional Leadership	100,796	-	21,580	122,376
0023 School Leadership	317,597	-	7,974	325,571
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	558,883	-	-	558,883
0033 Health Services	50,958	-	-	50,958
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	68,841	-	-	68,841
0035 Food Services	-	-	329,560	329,560
0036 Extracurricular Activities	428,859	-	40,315	469,174
0041 General Administration	490,054	-	-	490,054
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	856,112	-	11,179	867,291
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	4,279	-	274	4,553
0053 Data Processing Services	220,920	-	1,854	222,774
0061 Community Services	404	-	17	421
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	17,971	-	130,000	147,971
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	74	-	125,090	125,164
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	-	856	856
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	12,060	170,348	-	182,408
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	118,482	-	-	118,482
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	61,539	-	-	61,539
6030 Total Expenditures	7,274,085	170,348	1,183,454	8,627,887
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(616,739)	118,771	33,274	(464,694)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	121,514	-	-	121,514
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	-	(118,771)	(2,743)	(121,514)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	121,514	(118,771)	(2,743)	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(495,225)	-	30,531	(464,694)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,489,953	-	101,771	3,591,724
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,994,728	\$ -	\$ 132,302	\$ 3,127,030

**Please join our family to
celebrate the life
of our loving father
Tom Miller
Sunday, January 31
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Curry Building**



A covered dish luncheon will be offered

**I have worked in the fertile earth and planted a
garden, so I know what faith is.
I have listened to the birds caroling in the morn-
ing and dusk, so I know what music is.
I have seen the morning without clouds after
shadows, so I know what beauty is.
I have sat before a wood fire with old friends, so
I know what companionship is.
I have walked in the path of quietness along the
forest floor, so I know what peace is.
I have dwelt in the valley of remembrance on the
hills of home, so I know what love is.
I have seen the miracle of spring, the fruits of
summer and the beauty of autumn, followed by
the repose of winter, so I know what life is.
And because I have perceived all of these things,
I know what God is.**

Everyone Come at the Fair!

**Creative Arts Auction
Friday, January 29 7 p.m.
Live Stock Auction
Saturday, January 30 6 p.m.**

**Public Notice
City Of Itasca
Texas Community Development Program
Request For Proposals For Engineering Services**

The City of Itasca has recently received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) Texas Community Development Fund (TxCDF) for waste water system improvements under 2010 CDBG Sewer grant. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with an Engineer or Engineering Firm licensed to practice in the State of Texas to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, to assist in the securing of property easements, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections.

A complete Request for Proposal package outlining services required by the City, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain copies of this Request for Proposal by contacting Cynthia Lewis, City Secretary at (254) 687-2201.

Please submit six (6) copies of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications. Proposals must be received by the City no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 to be considered. Proposals may be hand delivered or mailed to City Hall located at 126 N. Hill St, Itasca, TX 76055. Faxed or emailed proposals will not be accepted.

The City of Itasca reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. The City of Itasca reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

The City of Itasca is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

**MEET THE
★CANDIDATE**

**ANGELIA
ORR**

**Republican Candidate
for
Hill County
District Clerk**

BURSON GALLERY
207 E. Elm • Hillsboro
Thursday, January 28
Reception from 4 to 6 p.m.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!

Hosted by: Bonnie Burson and Barbara Bearden
Political Ad paid for by Angela Orr for District Clerk. Will Orr, Treasurer



Remember When . . . “Joe Price”

Columnist Sweeney
Typist/Editor Brittany Reid

****Note from Brittany, My friend, Mr. Sweeney came through his surgery just fine and is on the road to recovery. He and his wife can still use your prayers.**

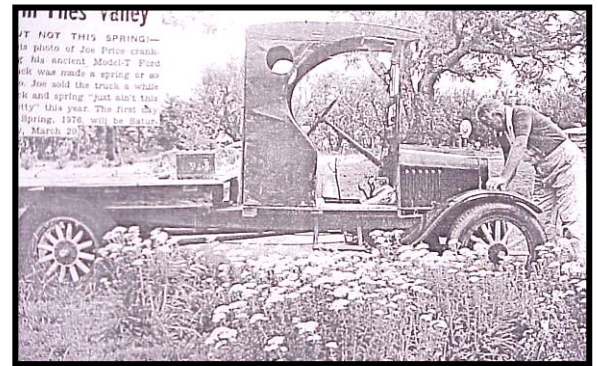
In the past, we have written about some of Itasca's colorful and interesting people such as Will Massey, John Teal, Jay Faries, and the Wilson Family. Today I would like to write about another that fits that category, a good friend, Joe Price. Joe was born in Files Valley, March 6, 1909. He was the son of Foster and Lillie Reeves Price. He had two brothers, Lonnie and M.D., two sisters, Jennie and Velva. Joe and Jackie, his wife, had one daughter Shirley. Joe was a fun loving, congenial upbeat person who always enjoyed a joke or funny story or a tall tale. There were no negative attitudes around Joe.

He was a ginner and gin manager by trade, probably worked at Stufflebeeme's Files Valley Gin and also in West, Texas and the Rio Grande Valley, where he retired and came back home in the 1970's to his Files Valley home. Joe was an avid antique collector. He had a house next door to his home that was full of antiques and collectibles. When he came home from the valley he had about three hundred clocks he had collected during the twenty some odd years he was there. Some of the clocks were gifts and some he had paid five or ten dollars for. I know that some sold for as much a three hundred dollars. Joe was a member of the Methodist Church, and he was also know affectively as “The Mayor of Files Valley.” One of his favorite collectables was an old Model “T” truck that is pictured.

I remember when Joe came to town from Files Valley; he always came by the lumber yard to visit with Marguriel and me. We talked about old times and the various people who were always associated with Files Valley, Iverson and Pluto. After reminiscing a while he would tell one of his funny stories that he loved. I did not remember his being from West, Texas but one day he came by and started out. “Back in West, Texas where I came from we met in the café early each morning for coffee, tall tales and conversation. When the girl who opened up the café was late, we went to her house and banged on her door to come and open up.” If you knew Joe, you might even want to take that one with a grain of salt, also.

Joe was always fascinated with the “Liars Club of America.” It actually started in Burlington, Wisconsin. This group of men went to the café each morning. One time they started telling tall tales, and one of the men suggested they see who would tell the biggest lie or tall tale. From this came the idea of a “Liars Club.” You had to tell a whopper to become a member. Now it should come as no surprise that Joe Price would become a member. In fact, he told such a whopper, they made him a lifetime member and he would not have taken anything for that membership. After submitting his story to the club, he received a letter from the directors saying that after due consideration, the officers of the Liars Club declares that Joe Price is a member and with such a whopper, he will be a lifetime member, and entitled to courtesy from Liars everywhere. Needless to say, that letter was one of his prized possessions. Joe's winning story is available to those interested. Joe was in good company by being a member as there were several famous people who also belonged to the club; Bob Hope being one of them. Joe always said jokingly that another reason he was proud to be a member if the Liar's Club was that his brothers said that he would never amount to anything.

Joe Price died Sunday, July 12, 1992 at his home in Files Valley. Burial was in the Files Valley Cemetery. Pall bearers were John Pockett, Carl Sweeney, Jr., Charles Johnson, Stuart Brown and Wayne Henderson. Honorary Pallbearers were Robert McEver, Bo Psencik, G.W. Cates, Charles Barnes and Mack Ellison, all close friends of Joe. We all miss him, his upbeat humor, positive attitude and his love for people, and also that mischievous twinkle in those blue eyes when he was telling a funny story.



Our School

This week we would like to acknowledge our teachers and staff who have children in the military.

Ms. Lisa VonBorstel (son in the Navy in Italy), Ms. Debbie Preissinger (nephew), Ms. Connie Grogan (son), and Ms. Gayla Cockerham (son-in law). IISD thanks you for your service & sacrifice. Congratulation to Mrs. Preissinger for earning her BA in Psychology and on her EEF Award from the Texas Counseling Association.

Happy Birthday to Ms. Jane Cardona (January 30), Ms. Nellie Cavazos (February 3) & Ms. Lisa Strickland (February 3).

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Wampus Cat of the Week

Varsity Boys' Basketball Coaches

Reporter Megan Goff



This week the spotlight is on the Varsity and JV boys' coaching staff. Head Coach Jimmy Lott is new to the district this year and has added his own touch to the program. Coach Jeffrey Mayberry assists him with the team. Their combined training skills have led the boys to 3-0 in district play and a 12-6 overall record.

"My coaches are very cool and very smart and they help us to be the best players we can be," Senior Desmond Guy said. "We would not be the true Wampus Cats we are without them."

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