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## Chamber Honors Two with "Hometown Hall of Fame" Awards

Special thanks to Judie Underwood for information.



Two ladies who graduated from IHS and left to experience the big wide world were inducted into the Hometown Hall of Fame at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. The award goes to individuals who were born or raised in Itasca, left and then returned to their roots (Wampus Cat Country) and contributed to the community. Both Mary Margaret McDonald Rhea and Betty Sumner, although from different generations, fit that description.

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## 2010 Complete Census Count Committee Meeting

Press Release

The 2010 Complete Census Count committee will meet at 2 p.m., Monday, February 8, in the Hill County Courthouse Annex meeting room at 126 South Covington Street, Hillsboro.

Mr. Bob Crabtree, Chairman, will give a report on the recent activities of this committee. The meeting is open to anyone who is willing to help get the word out that Hill County needs every individual counted in the 2010 Census.

Volunteers are needed to speak to groups and to help distribute informational material.

## Chamber Acknowledges Citizens Role in Community Enrichment



The Chamber of Commerce presented three awards recognizing dedication, hard work and or investment from three very different sources. (Left to right) – Ms. Shirley Anderson – Community Service Award, Mr. Kevin Losciuto, Manager of the Dollar General – Economic Development Award and Mrs. Judie McClure – Community Enhancement Award.

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## Wyly to Speak at Hill County Genealogical Society Meeting

Press Release

Mr. Charles Wyly of Hewitt, TX, will be the guest speaker at the Monday, February 8, meeting of the Hill County Genealogical Society. Mr. Wyly is a historian, genealogist, and author and has been a teacher at Hill College in Hillsboro. He is also a former resident of Bynum, TX. He has many stories about the area and about many of its pioneers.

The meeting will be held in the Hill County Courthouse Annex meeting room at 126 South Covington Street beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 8. It has been necessary for the organization to change its meeting day to the second Monday of each month instead of the first Monday. Guests are always welcome. Refreshments are served after the program giving everyone an opportunity to visit with the guest speaker.

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## Churches of Itasca

<u>Bethlehem Missionary Baptist</u>	W. Spurgeon 687-2800
<u>Central Baptist Church</u>	401 E. Monroe 687-2343
<u>Church of Christ</u>	200 N. Aquilla 687-2774
<u>First Baptist Church</u>	107 S. Lamar 687-2783
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	106 N. Lamar 687-2243
<u>First United Methodist</u>	Main & King St. 687-2475
<u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>	FM 2959 East of I-35
<u>Second Baptist Church</u>	120 W. Marrion 687-9134
<u>Shiloh Community Church</u>	254-582-0487
<u>St. John Missionary Baptist</u>	506 S. Weaver 687-2821
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Day Worship Center</u>	107 E. Adams 214 564-2185
<u>Itasca Nursing Home</u>	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

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### 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](mailto:itascapc@sbcglobal.net) [www.fpcitasca.org](http://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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### 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 [shasonmkay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shasonmkay@sbcglobal.net) FUMC Youth

### Youth Baseball Sign-Ups

Community youth baseball signups are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 8 p.m. through February 23 at the IISD old gym. There will be only one Saturday signup and that will be on February 20 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Signup forms will be sent home with children through the elementary school and they must be turned in by February 23. No late applications will be accepted.

For more information or if you have questions contact Jason or LeAnn Kirkpatrick at 817-219-6134 or e-mail at [leannkirkpatrick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leannkirkpatrick@sbcglobal.net).

IISD Booster Club will hold its February Meeting on Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m. in the library.

Everyone Invited.

### 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

### Bake Sale for Third Day Worship Center Citizens State Bank

Saturday, February 6 (9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

Fundraiser for Youth Group (please come by to support)

Remember to order your "Sweetie" a sweetie Valentine's Day is just around the corner

## Community Celebrates Life of Tom Miller



A party with lots of people eating, drinking and telling interesting and sometimes funny stories is an unusual way to mark the passing of someone, especially a community leader who had the respect of everyone. But that is exactly how the community and his children honored Tom Miller's life Sunday afternoon.

It was a celebration that was attended by hundreds. Everyone had a story to relate of how Tom Miller touched him or her in some way and they were all positive. Many people knew Tom from when he owned Handy's Quick Stop, which he built in 1983. Others knew Tom from his involvement in the Itasca Senior Citizen Center. From the time, that Tom begin attending and working at the senior center, it became his passion.

At the 1998 Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet Tom was honored with a Chamber Community Service Award for his contribution to the community through his business and his volunteerism at the senior citizen center. The following year in 1999, the *Paw Print Press* featured Tom in a story spotlighting community leaders.

Itasca certainly lost a leader and a friend with the passing of Tom Miller on January 22, 2010. (More family information on page 8).



## Hill County Genealogical Society February Meeting

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Membership is open to anyone interested in history and genealogy. Dues are \$18.00 a year from January thru December and members receive the quarterly, "Hill County Crossroads." Queries are always welcome for publication. For further information please contact Cleo Young Davis, Vice President/Program Chairman, by calling 254-582-3603 and leaving a message. Your call will be answered after 6 p.m.

The next time you are in the Hillsboro City Library visit the north mezzanine where the Genealogical Section is located. Dora Nolan and Peggy Fox serve as librarians for the HCGS and will be happy to help you with your quest for family history. Many of the books are memorial gifts in honor of deceased HCGS members or family members and provide an extensive coverage of the history of Hill County pioneers.

## *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.

## Vets Can Gift Education Benefits

Veterans can gift up to 150 college credit hours to children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and/or step-grandchildren. This is part of the Hazlewood Legacy Act of 2009. You can follow the link provided for more information and the application process. <http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=579>

There is paperwork that a Veteran can fill out today, sign, and save in a very secure place until a "grandbaby" needs these college hours years from now.

## Senior Spotlight - Leo Coronado

Reporter Aren Barton  
Caricaturist Michelle Ignacz



"God is #1 in my life. I couldn't be here without him," Leoncio Coronado, Jr. said with conviction. "My favorite verse is 1 Timothy 4:12. Look it up. It is a very encouraging verse." Leo's life is centered around two things: family and God. A lot of his free time is spent at the 3rd Day Youth

Center Church. He is active in the drama department.

Leo is the son of Leoncio and Elizabeth Coronado. He has three brothers, Isai (Class of '08), Eddie, (also a senior) and Danny (4th grader), and a sister, Karen, an 8th grader. He also has a large extended family in Itasca.

"Isai and Eddie have really been an inspiration and help to me throughout high school," Leo said. "I look up to them and I try to set the same example for my cousins. I love my family!"

Girlfriend, Belinda describes Leo as being "very hard-headed and he takes everything literally, but when he sets his mind on something, he gets it done. He always achieves his goals."

His favorite quote comes from Pancho Villa and gives an insightful look into his feelings: 'I'd rather die on my feet than live on my knees.'

Leo came to Itasca seven years ago from Hillsboro. When he is not at school, working, at church or with his family, he enjoys drawing and playing baseball and soccer.

"I like Itasca better than Hillsboro because I have a lot more friends here, but I do wish Itasca had a soccer program. I have played soccer since I was five, but now it is very hard to travel to Waco or Cleburne to play in a league. So, I just play with my family instead."

After high school, Leo will attend Hill College to finish his basics before transferring to A&M or Texas State to get a degree in Accounting so that he can help his mom with her business. However, before he goes to work full time, Leo wants to travel.

"My lifetime dream is to go to Spain and visit Barcelona, where the heart of soccer is," Leo said.

He leaves this quote for underclassmen to ponder, "Everyone should remember that whatever you do in life, make the best of it."



## IHS Welcomes GCS Paraprofessional

Reporter Mary Maddox



Anissa Bell joined the Itasca Wampus Cat faculty team in August 2009. She is a paraprofessional for the GCS/A+ Lab. She is also going to Hill College to get her Associates Degree, before going on to a 4-year school to become a high school teacher.

Prior to coming to Itasca, Bell worked at Hillsboro ISD for 3 years. She lives in West, Texas with her three children who all attend Itasca ISD. Her son JaQuiest Long is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and daughters JaMesa Long is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Jada Kellaum is PK.

"Itasca is a very friendly town," Bell said. "I like the faculty and environment for my children."

## Sargent Promoted to Administration Position

Reporter Megan Goff



Mrs. Kristi Sargent is IISD's Student Services Coordinator, a new position created this school year. From her storage closet office in the middle school she tends to district testing, text books and works on building relationships with parents and the community.

Sargent was the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher for five years before this title change. She has taught for twelve years, 7 being in the Maypearl school system.

"I love my job," Mrs. Sargent said. "I get to be involved with the whole district."

She is married to Kyle Sargent and they have two daughters: Chandley, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Aiden, 1<sup>st</sup> grade. She graduated from IHS in 1991.

## Itasca Depot Heritage and Education Center Spring Schedule

February 13 - Open 10 -12:00 all Pre-K-4<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to come and make "Old Fashion" Valentines.

February 27- open 10-12  
March 27-open 10-12  
April 24- open 10-12



## Wampus Cats' Basketball

Sports Editor Ashley Durham

Sports Reporters Ashley Spain/Shelby Ledwig



Last Friday night the Lady Cats played the only District team that has previously beaten them this year, the Dallas Gateway Gators. "Everyone played outstanding," Coach Wallace said. "All the players did their jobs to the best of their abilities."

Although Megan Goff received a broken nose from an opponent's elbow during the third quarter, the team didn't let the injury get in their way of winning. The designated "Players of the Game," were the 4 seniors, #13 Mary Maddox, #20 Megan Goff, #12 Jessika Rodriguez, and #15 Chantel Court-nier. The game was a back and forth rumble the entire four quarters, but the Lady Cats came out strong and won with a score of 48-40.

The Lady Cats met the Grand Prairie Advantage Eagles Tuesday night for their final match up and once again the Lady Cats blew them away with a 63-17 victory, giving the Lady Cats a 7-1 district record.

The Wampus Cats also met the Gateway Gators in what ended up being a close game last Friday night. The Wampus Cats played a good defensive game even though the Gators had a height and weight advantage. Desmond Guy, #12 was the high scorer with a total of 26 points. Tevin Mayberry hit for 13 points and Matt Colbert and Opie Mayberry both put up 12. The Wampus Cats managed to keep a lead of at least ten points throughout the game and by the third quarter the Cats were up by twenty with a score of 55-35.

During the fourth quarter the Cats started getting sloppy with consecutive turnovers allowing the Gators to score a total of 31 points in the fourth quarter. At the final buzzer the Gators had almost closed the gap. With the 68-64 win the Wampus Cats are still the team to beat in District 15-A. The varsity Cats also defeated Grand Prairie Advantage Tuesday night 48-24.

Both teams will play Faith Family Charter at home Friday night. This will be the Lady Cats' last home game and the seniors will be honored before the home crowd.



### Wampus Cat Basketball

#### Varsity Boys

District - Won - 5 Loss - 1  
Overall - Won - 19 Loss - 7  
(Including forfeits)

#### Lady Cats

District - Won - 7 Loss - 1  
Overall - Won - 22 Loss - 6

#### February

5	*Faith Family	Home	JVB, VG, VB	6:00
5	Italy	Away	JVG	4:00
9	*Waxahachie Adv	Away	JVB, VG, VB	6:00
12	*Italy	Home	JVB, VB	5:00
16	*Gateway Acad	Away	JVB, VB	5:00

### Junior High Basketball

#### February

8 Keene Boys Home All  
Head Coaches - Jimmy Lott & Clint Wallace

### Income Tax Preparation

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### Bake Sale - February 13

front of Methodist Church

9:00 a.m. - sold out

Fundraiser for youth camp



## December City Council Meeting

### Regular City Council Meeting - December 21, 2009

The Itasca City Council met in a regular session on Monday, December 21, 2009 in the Council Chambers at 136 N. Hill St. Mayor Matthew Fehnel called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem James Bouldin, Susie Davis, John Laird, Denis Heyse and Doug Farquhar also present was City Attorney Stephanie Davis.

Motions were made and passed to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2009 meeting and to approve the bills for payment. Monthly department and committee reports were given by Fire Chief Randy Kline (IVFD), Itasca Chief of Police John Griscavage (IPD), Wayne Upchurch (Water/Sewer Operations), Chris Barnes (Planning and Zoning Committee, Office of Code Enforcement and the Substandard Building Committee).

Sue Rivera, a representative of the Cinco-de-Mayo Organization, requested the 100 block of W. Main Street be closed from Friday, April 30, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Sunday, May 2, 2010 for the annual Cinco de Mayo festival. Resolution 122109 for the request was approved unanimously.

Proposals for administrative services received in regard to the CDBG-R grant received from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for sewer system improvements were presented by Gandolf Burrus and evaluated by the Council. The agenda item to consider and possibly take action to award a contract for administrative services for the CDBG-R grant received from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs was discussed and the Council voted unanimously to award the contract and accept the Grant Development Services Letter of Agreement for administrative services.

The Council tabled the discussion and decision concerning forming a committee for Itasca to participate in Antique Alley until next month's meeting. Motions were passed to reschedule the regular January Council Meeting from Monday, January 18, 2010 to Tuesday, January 19, 2010 due to Martin Luther King Day and February's meeting from Monday, February 15, 2010 to Tuesday, February 16, 2010 due to Presidents' Day. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

## Boy Scouts' Corner - Swampus Cats

One of the best parts of Scouting is doing things outdoors. But, a Scout must always be prepared. Before doing any outdoor activities, Scouts must learn the safe way to do the activity while still having a little fun. One of the activities the Scouts are hoping to do this spring is to go on a canoe trip. Anyone who has ever been in a canoe knows that they have a tendency to flip, especially when boys are in control. As part of Itasca's troop training and work on their Canoeing Merit Badge, the "Swampus Cats" of Troop #366 spent the day learning how to handle a canoe, which included swamping the canoe and "un-swamping" it. It was a lot fun.

\*\*\* Note from Troop Master – The boys did not have life jackets on as the pool depth was not over anyone's head and several adults were always within reaching distance.



## HILCO Electric Cooperative Announces Teen Video Contest

In conjunction with Texas Co-op Power magazine, HILCO Electric Co-op will begin accepting videos for the 2010 "Co-op Teens Power Texas" video contest on Monday, February 8, through Friday, April 9. "Co-op Teens Power Texas" is a statewide competition open to high school students residing with a parent or legal guardian in a household served by an electric cooperative. Participating students, either working alone or in a group, will create a one-to three-minute video providing information about a developing area of renewable energy. The first-place winner will receive \$1,500. If there is school sponsorship for the winning entry, the school will receive \$1,000. The second-place video will receive \$500. Four runners-up will each receive \$250 for exemplary achievement in one of the four judging categories: Creativity, Educational Value, Youth Appeal, and Technical Quality.

For rules, entry forms and information on how to submit the video go to [www.texascooppower.com](http://www.texascooppower.com) under the "Co-op Teens Power Texas" contest link. To see the 2009 winning video, submitted by Pedernales Electric Cooperative member and Canyon Lake High School senior Ray Brown, go to Texas Co-op Power magazine's YouTube page: <http://www.youtube.com/user/TXCOOPPOWER>. For additional updates about the contest, become a "Fan" on Texas Co-op Power magazine's Facebook page, by logging into Facebook, and then searching "Texas Co-op Power magazine."

## IISD Middle School

### “A” Honor Roll

### 2009-2010 1<sup>st</sup>

### Semester



5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Isabella Botella,

Alaina Cavazos, Fen Tao Chen,

Callie Pittman, Gracie Rugh, Chandley Sargent

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Cesar Diaz, Claire Eaddy, Amanda Rodriguez, Amber Schronk, Chelsea Searcy

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Peyton Cordell, Kassandra Cruz, Rachel Freeman, Devin Hernandez, Samuel Hoard, Luis Montoya

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Amanda Anderson, Shelbee Coleman, Taylor Coulter, Chelsae Faries, James Faulkner, Fisher Hennig, Kaleigh Lightsey, Ben Maddox, Emma Orr, Samuel Orr, Darrell Rasco

## 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

### “A-B” Honor Roll

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Wayne Arellano, Taylor Campbell, Deja Clark, Karla Cruz, Jose Delgado, Justin Dubose, Jacob Lacy, Henri Martinez, Augustin Pacheco, Brandy Prosser, Alexandra Rocha, Aliegha Rodriguez, Jacob Schronk, Dana Schuman, Autum Throckmorton, Miranda Valeriano, Karon Webb, Cameron Wells, Elizabeth Wood

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Fathe Altum, Tommy Ashley, Madison Bassett, Cheyenne Camp, Shaun Castro, Michaelas Caufield, Esteban Cruz, Brandi Fehnel, Sha'Shana Fennell, Adrain Flores, Harley Germer, Leticia Gonzales, Tanner Graig, Jesus Gutierrez, Ana Hernandez, James Melson, Wesley Neese, Stephanie Pacheco, Lizabeth Ramirez, Haley Rodriguez, Bryant Wilson, Crisol Zavala

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Skylar Campbell, Julissa Cruz, Robert Farquhar, Bryanna Flores, Brandy Fontanez, Hunter Germer, Juan Gonzales, William Gunn, Jermay Hall, Gabriel Macias, Kierra Mayberry, Logan Richters, Shannon Rodriguez, Reagan Rugh, Tristan Sulak, Kathie Wilkins

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Nicholas Arellano, Gabby Bell, Cayd Biggs, Destiny Brooks, Nicholas Castillo, Jack Daniel, Darion Diggs, Andrew Fails, Jessica Farquhar, Natalia Filio, Seth Frailey, Axel Fuentes, Breelle Garcia, Jacklynn Green, John Helms, Macabe Hoard, Noah Karr, Katie LaFountain, Nathaniel Portlock, Tristen Prescott, Carter Reid, Ashlie Rodriguez, Jesusa Rodriguez, Dylan Schuman, Amber Shelby, Victoria Silva, Whitney Thompson

## Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do

### School Introduces Black Belts.

Press Release



The Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School located at 125 W Elm-Hillsboro proudly acknowledged their current Black Belts and Second Degree Black Belts. Individuals who are not involved in Martial Arts do not understand how many hours of hard work and dedication goes into becoming a Certified Black Belt. Many hours of training and approximately three years from White Belt to Black Belt while learning discipline, focus, respect, self-defense, self-improvement, ultimate goal setting and having a great time.

Pictured above are the current Black Belts at the Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School. Emmanuel Suarez-Hillsboro, Xavier Jung-Whitney, Ja'Retta Turner-Hillsboro, Regina Hauser-Bynum, Jordan Satterfield-2nd Degree Black Belt-Hillsboro, Heather Odom-Itasca, Cassandra Hauser-Bynum, Kevin Devers-West, Master Kevin Kight-5th Degree Black Belt and son Quinton, Michelle Steele-Hillsboro, Shelby Sifford-2nd Degree Black Belt-Itasca, Kaydee Jean-Blum, Kayla Butnor-Covington, Megan Odom-Itasca, Luke Steele-Hillsboro, Lindsy Price-Hillsboro and Austin Rodriguez-Mertens.

Classes are taught each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4:45, 5:45 and 6:45 p.m. The first two classes are free and parents are always welcome. Anyone who would like to receive an information brochure can call 582-5111 or go to the web-site at [www.hillsborotkd.com](http://www.hillsborotkd.com).

## Helpful Hints for Winter Weather

From a reader – Have not tried them – Write us & let us know

Ice-proof your windows with vinegar! Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water & spritz it on all of your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water---preventing water from freezing!

Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray! Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber

## Recent Deaths



**Stansell, Joyce Day** - Joyce Stansell, 81, of Itasca passed into the arms of her Savior, Jesus Christ, January 22, 2010, after a long fight with heart failure. Funeral services were held January 25, 2010, at Clayton Kay-Vaughan Funeral Home Chapel in Itasca. Burial was at Itasca Cemetery. Ms. Stansell was born in Dallas and loved to fish, read and work crossword puzzles. She spent her last years enjoying the company of the staff and residents of Itasca Nursing Home. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Jack Day Jr. of Dallas and Bill Stansell of Arlington.

Survivors include: three daughters, Diane Cummings of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sandy Leamons of Itasca and Andra Glasco and husband, Gary, of Venus; devoted sister, Gretta Shaw of Mesquite; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 57, Itasca, TX 76055.

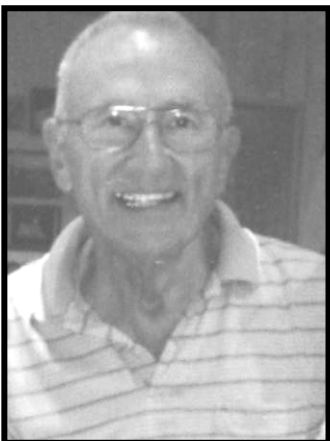
**Butler, Alpha Burkhalter** - Mrs. Alpha Butler, 74, of Itasca passed away January 24, 2010, at a Burleson nursing home. She was born January 18, 1936, in Rising Star to the late Arlin (A. F.) and Vera Hogan Burkhalter. She grew up and attended schools in Rising Star, where she graduated from high school in 1954. She married Earl Lee Butler on August 31, 1956, and they shared 45 years of marriage before his death in 2001. She enjoyed sewing, doing crafts, and cooking for her family, but most of all she loved and enjoyed her grandchildren. She was a very active member of First United Pentecostal Church of Hillsboro, where she served as Sunday school secretary.

Survivors include: one daughter, Ruby Butler of Itasca; four sons, Elbert Butler and wife, Bobbette, of Frost, Edward Butler and wife, Vickie, of Whitney, Donald Butler and wife, Sylvia, of Itasca and David Butler of Burleson; two brothers, Travis Burkhalter and wife, Francine, of Odessa and Don Burkhalter and wife, LaWanda, of Granbury; three sisters-in-law, Dorothy Farmer of Abilene, Mary Nell Smith of Amarillo and Faye Butler of Weatherford; four grandchildren, Brett, Brandon, Nicholas and Katelyn Butler; three step-grandchildren, Katrina and William Casey and Nathaniel Martin; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held January 27, 2010, at First United Pentecostal Church in Hillsboro with Rev. R. Clay Strawn and Rev. W. L. Williams officiating.

Burial was at Ridge Park Cemetery.



**Reece, Ruth Mildred** - Ruth Reece passed away on January 29, 2010 at the Grandview Nursing Home. Services were held February 1, 2010 at the Clayton Kay Vaughan Funeral Home Chapel in Itasca. Interment was in the Itasca Cemetery. She was born on April 26, 1915 in Three Rivers, TX to Ira and Rosa Lee Davis Gilbreath. Her early childhood was spent in the Pluto and Hillsboro area communities. She married Paul N. Reece on April 17, 1932 in Hillsboro. They lived on their ranch in Hill County, east of Itasca for over fifty years. During her long life, she was active in the Eastern Star, Central Baptist Church, Texas Flying Farmers and Ranchers and the North Texas Airstream Community. Mr. & Mrs. Reece were active during the founding of the NTAC in Hillsboro and traveled extensively in their Airstream for over twenty years. Mrs. Reece was an accomplished homemaker, taking great pride in caring for her husband and son. She was happiest seeing family and friends, enjoying one of her delicious meals.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Ira and Rosa Lee Gilbreath; husband of 71 years, Paul N. Reece; sisters, Myrtle Lee Smith and Mary Taylor; brothers, Jack and Bill Brackett. She is survived by son, Paul A. Reece of Itasca, Richard Benton of Itasca; sisters-in-law, Nelwyn Jackson, Bettye Reece and Mildred Adkins of Fort Worth, Jackie Hughes of Temple, Ruth Neal of Austin, Betty Brackett of The Woodlands and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Miller, Tom** - Tom Miller of Itasca passed away January 22, 2010 at his home. He was born January 22, 1930 in Cleveland, Ohio. He and his ex wife Wanita Miller had 6 children. Ken Miller, Kathy Miller, Laurie Miller (deceased), Mike Miller, Maria Miller Wood and Charlie Miller (deceased).

Mr. Miller's body was donated to science and the community celebrated his life at a party given in his honor on Sunday, February 31, 2010 in Itasca. See page 3 for more information.

## “Hometown Hall of Fame” Recipients

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Chamber of Commerce Director Diane Barnes praised both women and explained their return to Itasca as she presented the awards.

“Rhea returned to Itasca when her mother became ill and decided to stay. She works at HILCO in the Marketing Department where she designs and prepares all advertising layouts and other graphic artwork; designs and produces all bill inserts and newsletters; writes the local pages in the monthly magazine which is distributed to over 18,000 HILCO members and others every month. Volunteerism was not something Rhea planned; it just happened, mainly because of her giving nature. She has been a committee mainstay in the Chamber’s Barbeque Cook-Off and served as the chairperson of the judging committee for many years. She served on the HILCO CancerKicker’s team as part of the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life fundraising effort. She helped organize bus trips to Shreveport, dances, all-night marathons and sold luminary candles to aid in finding a cure for cancer. Rhea is always one of the first to offer help whenever a need arises, whether it is a sick friend or co-worker, a family in needs or someone who has had a death in the family. Regardless of her own personal trials, she does not excuse herself from helping her friends and her community.

Barnes presented the second award to her aunt, Betty Sumner. “She is an Itasca, through and through and although she traveled and worked in a variety of areas including Saudi Arabia, it was back to Itasca where she came to settle down and then to retire. Ms. Sumner has served on the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and was instrumental in organizing the Board of Revitalization. She taught school for 45 years, 31 of those in Itasca. She is a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church. She has served as a Sunday School teacher, Youth Advisor, Elder, leader of Vacation Bible School, Circle Chairman, Bible Study Leader in the Women’s Organization, directed the choir, and has directed the Community Christmas Cantata Choir for several years. Over the years, she has represented her church in the Ministerial Alliance, delivered Meals on Wheels and been involved in many worthwhile endeavors. Her biggest impact on Itascans besides her 31 years in the classroom has probably been with the Board of Revitalization, which she was instrumental in organizing in the middle 1990’s. It was through this entity that she supported the school becoming involved in the museum, the students putting out the town newspaper, helping to get the Dollar General to Itasca and many other community projects.”

## Chamber Honors Service, Development, Enhancement

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The first award from the Chamber went to Ms. Shirley Anderson for her “Community Service,” especially among the youth of Itasca. Anderson was praised for being an inspiration to many people throughout her life. She is a very generous person, has taken in foster children throughout the years, and eventually adopted many of them so that they can have a family of their own and not be part of the system any longer. She has a great love for children. She volunteers her time at the school and at church to instill values into the youth of our community.

Mrs. Judie McClure was honored with a “Community Enhancement Award” for her dedication and hard work to the community on many levels. McClure has taught the youth of Itasca for almost thirty years and in that time she has been responsible for helping to implement many new and innovating programs at IHS. Over the years, she has taught Government, Social Studies, Home Economics, Diversified Career Preparation and several different Computer Technology courses. This year she added a Ready, Set, Teach course (preparing students for the education field) to her repertoire. It was through some of these classes that the restoration of the Itasca Depot began. She applied for a grant from TxDOT that involved her U.S. History classes renovating the old Itasca Depot Museum. The project quickly took on a life of its own when McClure’s class went to Austin to argue their case and won a \$1.7 million dollar partial matching grant from TxDOT.

McClure wrote the matching grants, oversaw all the work on the project and spent hundreds of personal unpaid hours physically working on the project herself. The Itasca Depot Heritage and Education Center held its grand opening last fall and McClure serves as the Curator of the complex.

The Chamber honored the Dollar General Company with its “Economic Development Award” for their contribution to Itasca’s economy and to their contribution to the ease of life in the community. The store first located in Itasca in December of 2000. Since that time, they have continued to add items and make improvements until in December of 2009 they moved to their new location at E. Main St. near Wampus Cat Drive. The new store is larger and has room for lots of new items.

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Junior High Dance Saturday, February 20

Grades 5-8 7:00 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Sponsored by the United Methodist Church Youth  
Fundraiser for summer camp

It will be held at the church the admission is \$2.  
NO in & out privileges. For more information,  
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## Wampus Cats of the Week

### Senior Lady Cats Megan Goff #20, Chantel Courtnier #15

Reporter Mary Maddox



Seniors Megan Goff #20 and Chantel Courtnier #15 have been strong assets to the Lady Cat Varsity basketball team since they were freshmen. Beginning with the 2009-2010 season, they both learned to step up their game and be the example for all the underclassmen.

Goff is a starting post and knows how to get the job done when two points are needed in critical situations. During this season, she has also learned to play a guard position to assist the team during playoffs.

Courtner is a starting guard and plays point guard. Her quickness and ability to steal the ball from an opponent which results in an easy open lay-up gives the Lady Cats numerous added points.

Both of these athletes have shown their team, coach, and fans that they play for the team and will not give up until the last buzzer goes off.



### Special of the Week



My Lady Cats are on a roll. Megan and Chantel represent the Wampus Cat Pride principle both on and off the court.

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