

# Paw Print Press

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## Sweeneys Honored with Chamber of Commerce "Lifetime Achievement" Award

Special thanks to Pam Willman for photo



The Chamber of Commerce presented the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award to Carl and Marguriet Sweeney. The Sweeneys have lived in the Itasca community all of their lives and have been involved in every aspect of life in Itasca.

Carl Sweeney's list of accomplishments was extensive. He served as City Administrator of Itasca for 11 years, scout master for Troup # 204 in 1948, was a Rotary Club member for 15 years and served as both secretary and president and was a member of the Lions Club for ten years and served as a director. He served several terms on the Itasca City Council and was appointed twice to fill unexpired terms. He was the secretary of the Files Valley Water Corp. during its formation and served on the executive staff for the Presbyterian Children's home as operational manager for a number of years. He served as trustee and board member for the Itasca Methodist Church for a number of years, served for 35 years on the Lake Whitney Water board and has been a Weather Observer for the National Weather Service, receiving many awards for reporting for over 40 years.

Some of his other involvements include Director of Chamber of Commerce, Black Land Water & Sanitation member, City Secretary

Association member and a member of the American Waterworks Association. Carl has been very generous with his time giving presentations and programs for the school, the Garden Club and other organizations. For the last 5 years, he has written a column for the *Paw Print Press*

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## Wampus Cats Remain 1-A in 2010-2012 UIL Alignment

Shelby Ledwig & Ashley Spain

UIL released the new district alignment for the 2010-2012 football and basketball seasons last week. With 185 students on census day, Itasca remains in conference 1-A. In the fall during football season Itasca is in Division 1, Region 2, District 7. They will be pitted against Bosqueville, De Leon, Santo, and Valley Mills.

Itasca's 2010-2012 basketball placing is also Division 1, Region 2 but they are in District 15-A teams matched against Bosqueville, Meridian, Valley Mills, Blum, and Moody.

The new districts and match ups will offer more of a challenge to the Wampus Cat teams. The students and coaches are already thinking about and mapping out strategies for next year.

## Talented Art Students Bring Home 28 Ribbons from Fair

Itasca art students once again did a wonderful job with entries at the Hill County Fair. All upper level students (Art II and Art III) were required to enter at least one piece of art but several Art I students also decided to participate in the competition.

IHS had 28 pieces that placed. Vicktoria Hollifield brought home four 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons and two 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbons for her artwork. Itasca students also entered several photographs. In that category, they received two 1<sup>st</sup> places, two 2<sup>nd</sup> places and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon.

The fair committee has changed some rules that disqualified some of our entries from ribbons. A new size requirement and a \$2.00 entry fee were some of the latest changes.

"I am committed to try and get some changes made," Art Instructor Nancy Watson said.

All of the artwork and photography entered in the fair will be on display next week (February 12-February 19) in the high school. See page 8 for pictures of students and artwork.

## 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 - itascabc.org

### First United Methodist Church

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m.

### Itasca Church of Christ - 200 N. Aquilla St.

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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)

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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

March 6 - Methodist 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

March 15 7:00 p.m.

### Youth Baseball/Softball Sign-Ups

Community youth baseball/softball 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).

### Racial Profiling Policy Public Notice

The purpose of the policy is to reaffirm the Itasca Police Department's commitment to unbiased policing in all its encounters between officer and any person; to reinforce procedures that serve to ensure public confidence and mutual trust through the provision of services in a fair and equitable fashion; and to protect our officers from unwarranted accusations of misconduct when they act within the dictates of departmental policy and the law.

It is the policy of this department to police in a proactive manner and, to aggressively investigate suspected violations of law. Officers shall actively enforce state and federal laws in a responsible and professional manner, without regard to race, ethnicity or national origin. Officers are strictly prohibited from engaging in racial profiling as defined in this policy. This policy shall be applicable to all person, whether drivers, passenger or pedestrians.

The department shall accept complaints from any person who believes he or she has been stopped or searched based on racial, ethnic, or national origin profiling. No person shall be discouraged, intimidated or coerced from filing a complaint, or discriminated against because he or she filed such a complaint.

Any employee who receives an allegation of racial profiling, including the officer who initiated the stop, shall record the person's name, address, and telephone number, and forward the complaint through the appropriate channel or direct the individual(s). Any employee contacted shall provide to that person a copy of a complaint form or the department process for filing a complaint. All employees will report any allegation of racial profiling to their superior before the end of their shift.



## Maintenance of Aerobic Systems Issue In County

### Permits Required For All OSSF Systems

PSA Printed by Request



Problems with on-site sewage facilities (OSSF) or septic tanks have been detected across Hill County. Public Works Director Mike Watson serves as the chief inspector for the systems. Should anyone know of a problem in the county, contact the director at 254-582-0409. Shown left is an overflowing septic tank in the Whitney area discovered by Watson that only had a piece of old plywood covering its top.

Properly maintaining aerobic systems in the county is becoming more and more of an issue as additional units are installed. What are termed as on-site sewage facilities (OSSF) by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) are commonly known to residents by their old name, septic systems. Hill County Public Works Director Mike Watson, who is charged with inspecting systems in the

county, said that maintenance can be a problem with all OSSFs, but more especially aerobic systems.

The options for OSSFs include the standard system with lateral lines. Falling under the non-standard category are aerobic, low-pressure dose (LPD), drip emitters, ET (evapotranspiration) beds and holding tanks. Watson said that soil type in the county, which has a high concentration of clay in most areas, or lot size usually necessitates the installation of an aerobic system.

"If you take moist dirt in your yard and can make a ball, there is too much clay, which requires an aerobic system," the public works director explained. The maintenance issue has become an ever-increasing problem since state lawmakers eliminated mandatory-maintenance contracts for residents with aerobic systems in 2007. "Many people don't even know they have an aerobic system or if they do, they don't know how to maintain it," Watson explained.

Without a properly maintained system, residents are basically operating a small wastewater treatment plant with no treatment. Aerobic systems require that chlorine tablets be installed and aerator filters cleaned periodically in order to produce effluent that is safe when it comes from sprinkler heads in the yard. Watson presented a scenario where a neighbor who hasn't maintained their system is spraying raw sewage on the yard. The neighbor's dog comes to visit and then returns home, tracking raw sewage into its owner's house.

"You can have a serious health issue quickly," he added.

The change in the maintenance-contract law was re-addressed in last spring's legislative session. The revision still doesn't mandate a maintenance contract, but requires property owners to be properly trained on how to maintain their aerobic system and keep or submit maintenance records to the county. That raises another problem because the TCEQ hasn't come up with the training classes for property owners. They are expected to be in place by the end of the year.

The issue of maintenance contracts came before Hill County Commissioners' Court late last year. The state gave counties the authority to mandate maintenance contracts, but voluntary compliance with the state regulations is being attempted first. There are surrounding counties that have implemented the law and mandate the contracts. Watson pointed out that if two complaints are filed over an aerobic system that is not properly maintained, the county can force the owner to enter into a maintenance contract.

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Pictured right - Hill County Public Works Department is stressing the need for residents to maintain their on-site sewage facilities or septic tanks, especially aerobic systems. Aerobic systems are required in most parts of the county due to the high clay content in the soil. Shown is a new aerobic system going into place.



## Senior Spotlight Ciera Thompson

Reporter Aren Barton  
Caricaturist Michelle Ignacz



"I'd say that my style is similar to classic and simple, but with an edge," Ciera Thompson said.

Ciera Nicole Thompson certainly has style and is admired by her classmates. They describe her as funny, unique, random and happy. All of these ad-

jectives paint a picture of Ciera that show her true colors.

"Ciera is the coolest person I know," Mary Maddox said. "She is always herself; she never tries to be someone else."

Ciera is the youngest child of Dorothy Thompson and Steven Howard. She has one older sister, Brittanie Marshall Stevenson, who graduated from Itasca High in 2005.

"I look up to my mom and my aunts a lot. They guide me in knowing right from wrong and they always tell me the truth," Ciera said.

Ciera enjoys going to church with her mom at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

"My church is a place where I'm comfortable and I go to get things off my mind, no matter what it is," Ciera said.

When she is not at school or at church, Ciera enjoys shopping and hanging out with her family and friends. Her favorites reflect her uniqueness: from listening to all genres of music, to favorite color purple, onto favorite movie "Finding Nemo" and culminating in favorite decor "Hello Kitty."

After graduation Ciera's plans are to attend either UTA or Prairie View to earn her BSN in nursing.

"Itasca has been a great place to grow up," Ciera said. "I've been surrounded by my family, but I am anxious to see what is about to come."



## Senior Spotlight – Matt Wilkins

Reporter Hannah Johnson  
Caricaturist Martin Martinez



Out of the 102 students marching on November 2 at the Alamo Dome, there were a few who felt that this was one of the most special high school moments. Matt had been waiting for this moment for over four years, and the fact that it happened his senior year made it all the more special for him. As the drum majors began to direct and the band began marching through their show, Matt realized that this would be his last time to march in a competition with the IHS Band.

"I really like playing the trombone," Matt said. "It's much better than playing a clarinet."

Matthew Wayne Wilkins, 17, was born July 28 in Hillsboro. In his spare time he loves to go to church, drive, text, and play his XBOX 360. He's the older brother of Ashley, a freshman at IHS, and Kathie, a seventh grader, and the son of Lewis Wilkins.

"My dad is like my best friend. He's always been there for me, and I can talk to him about anything. He's been a good role model."

Unlike his classmates, Matt plans on being a multi-tasking overachiever by attending two colleges at the same time, Texas Bible College and Lufkin Community College. He's not sure what he wants to major in, but he knows he wants to go into the technical field. Right now, he's in three college classes and competes in UIL Mathematics.

"I'm looking forward to graduation. I just want to get out on my own and see what's out there," Matt said. "But, I'll still come back to visit, of course."

Matt attends the First United Pentecostal Church where his cousin, Mr. Clay Strawn, preaches. Matt has attended Itasca ISD since fourth grade. He enjoys hanging out with his friends Ryan, Hunter, Chad, Justin, Devin, and others. His favorite subject is math with his favorite teacher Mr. Scott.

"I really like Mr. David Scott because he's a good teacher. But Mr. Strawn is a favorite, too. But mostly because he's my cousin and if I said someone else he would get mad at me," Matt said with a laugh.

To all of those nervous underclassmen, Matt leaves these words of advice: "You can't change the past, but you can change your future."





## Wampus Cat Basketball

Sports Editor Ashley Durham  
Sports Reporters Ashley Spain/Shelby Ledwig



Both varsity teams are at the end of this year's district play. The Lady Cats completed the district Tuesday night and the Wampus Cats will finish next Tuesday night. Since the Lady Cats played their

last home game last Friday Night against Faith Family the IISD Booster Club, fans and coaches took the opportunity to honor both senior girls and boys with a flower and an awesome personal poster made by the Desktop Publishing classes.

The posters show the players in action on the court and with their teammates. Many years from now Mary, Megan, Chantel, Jessika, Tevin, Isaac and Desmond will show their children the poster and reminisce about their winning district basketball teams in 2009 and 2010.

The Lady Cats defeated Faith Family Friday night to move their record to 8-1 in district. Tuesday night's games were scheduled to be on the road in Waxahachie but a last minute change found us playing at home against Waxahachie Advantage. The Lady Cats defeated the Lady Eagles 71-5.

With a 9-1 record in district the Lady Cats are tied with the Dallas Gateway Lady Gators for district champions. Both teams only lost to each other. The coaches for both teams agreed to be Co-Champions of District 15. Itasca is going into the runner up position and they will play the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher from District 16-A on either February 15 or 16. District 16 is a tough district and it is sure to be a good game.



## Wampus Cat Basketball

### Varsity Boys

District - Won - 6 Loss - 1  
Overall - Won - 20 Loss - 7  
(Including forfeits)

|   |       |         |      |
|---|-------|---------|------|
| Feb. 12 * Italy                           | Home  | JVB, VB | 5:00 |
| 16*Gateway Acad                           | Away? | JVB, VB | 5:00 |
| Head Coaches - Jimmy Lott & Clint Wallace |       |         |      |

### Lady Cats

District - Won - 8 Loss - 1  
Overall - Won - 23 Loss - 6

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Boast Awesome 2-Year Record

Sports Editor Ashley Durham  
Sports Reporters Ashley Spain/Shelby Ledwig



This year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' team has had an impressive basketball seasons for the past two years. This season ended last Monday night and the "Lady Kittens" posted a record of 10-2 for the season with an astounding overall record for their two-years in junior high of 22 wins and 2 loses.

The soon to be Lady Wampus Cats played against Rio Vista Eagles last Thursday night. The Eagles had a tough time with Itasca's press which is lead by Kaleigh Lightsey, Chelsae Faries, Whitney Thompson, Destiny Brooks and Amanda Anderson. IJH had numerous steals and managed to turn them into easy fast break layups racking up a 22-2 led at half time.

The team also played a blow out game against Itasca's long time rival Grandview last Monday night. The "Lady Kittens" took an easy 48-19 victory from Grandview. Whitney Thompson, playing as a post and a wing, was the high scorer in the game but Lightsey, Faries and Brooks all added with some nice 3 pointers.

**Valentines Dance Sat., February 13**

**Warehouse in Itasca**

**8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.**

**\$5.00 per person**

**Door Prizes Every Hour!**

## Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday, February 20**

**IISD Cafeteria 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**All-U-Can-Eat \$6.00 at door**

**Pancakes, Sausage & Drink**

This is a summer camp fundraiser for Troop #366. We will have more information on summer camp in next week's issue.

## January Police Report

1-1 – Aggravated assault warrant issued (W/male/22 from Bosque County) Fight – Subject fled scene – 1200 blk. E. Main St.

1-1 – Citizen complaint (Verbal dispute -possible CTW violation) – 900 blk. Mill St.

1-2 – Citizen complaints (Verbal disturbances – 300 blk. S. Park St. & 800 blk. E. Wilkerson St. (No charges filed)

1-2 – Phone harassment report – 200 blk. S. Aquilla St.

1-2 – Animal complaint (Dog at large) – 100 blk. E. Adams St.

1-2 – Suspicious activity (2 males wearing black on premises) Located males (1 detained and transported on outstanding Hillsboro PD warrant – (W/male 20) CTW (Criminal trespass warning) issued – 400 blk. E. Main St.

1-3 – Citizen complaint (Verbal disturbance) – 600 blk. E. Main St. (No charges filed)

1-3 – Assisted Careflite w/medical call (Over medicating – accidental) Transported to Hill Regional – 800 blk. Loom St.

1-3 – Information concerning minors attempting to purchase cigarettes – 1200 blk. S. Files St.

1-3 – Report of minor crash (Hit & run) – I-35W mm 8

1-4 – Report of possible vehicle theft (Wal-Mart) – 600 blk. S. Files St.

1-5 – Suspicious person report – Arrests made (Possession steroids, marijuana, methamphetamine, pills) W/male 24 & W/male 24 – Vehicle & \$2,104 seized – 1200 blk. E. Main St.

1-5 – Citizen complaint (Loud music) – 300 blk. W. Main St.

1-8 – Theft of anhydrous (Fence cut) – 800 blk. S. Hill St.

1-8 – Assisted HCSO & Johnson Co. DPS Trooper with crash following pursuit (Vehicle crashed into concrete picnic table at exit 8 rest area) Driver fled (Unable to locate) Passenger transported via Careflite Ambulance to Hill Regional – I-35W southbound mm 8

1-9 – Assisted HCSO (Located van used in escape from domestic assault) – Hwy. 66 @ HCR 4133

1-9 – Assisted Grandview PD (Attempt to locate aggravated assault suspect) – Hwy 81 southbound

1-9 – Assisted HCSO w/K9 unit – Located marijuana – 300 blk. N. Hill St.

1-9 – Suspicious activity(possible unlawful entry) – 200 blk. S. Lamar St.

1-10 – Assisted city with report of busted water pipe (FM 66), Pump station not working (1200 blk. E. Main St.)

1-10 – Assisted HCSO with unoccupied crashed vehicle – FM 66 @ HCR 4281

1-10 – Secured anhydrous valves (Leaks reported) – 800 blk. S. Hill St.

1-11 – Traffic stop (Speeding) – 3 arrests for possession of marijuana, methamphetamine & loaded 25 caliber pistol – (W/m 19, W/f 23, B/m 23) Juvenile passenger release to adult, Vehicle impounded – I-35W mm 8

1-12 – Traffic stop (Rolling road hazard) Back door open with items that could fall out (Secured) – I-35W mm 7 southbound

1-12 - Citizen complaint (Verbal disturbance) – 200 blk. S. Lamar St. (Warnings issued)

1-15 – Assisted HCSO (Suspicious vehicle) – FM 2959 @ Hwy 81

1-15 – Traffic stop (Failure to signal intent) Arrest made for DWLI w/previous convictions – (B/m 50) – N. Wall @ W. Main Sts.

1-17 – Citizen complaint (Arguing & possible gunshots fired) Results of investigation indicated was probably fireworks – 400 blk. E. Main St.

1-18 - Traffic stop (Rolling road hazard) Unable to locate – S. Files @ Henderson Sts.

1-18 – Citizen complaints - Political sign blocking traffic's view – S. Files @ E. Main Sts.

1-18 – Citizen complaint (Snake in yard) – Animal control killed and removed the snake – 400 blk. E. Adams St.

1-19 – Suspicious person – 1500 blk. E Main St.

1-20 – Reckless driver report (Citation issued W/m 19) – 300 blk. E. North St.

1-24 – Citizen complaint (Loud music) – 800 blk. Mill.

1-24 – Assisted HCSO (Warrant arrest) – 100 blk. E. Martin St.

1-25 Report of theft (> \$50 < \$500) – 400 blk. E. Mar-  
rion St.

1-26 – Citizen complaint (Aggressive dog at large) – Minnie Dr., Grayson St., Beard St., S. Wesley – Unable to locate

1-28 – Warrant arrest (H/male 21) 800 blk. Mill St.

1-28 – Assisted IVFD (Blocking roadways due to high water) – E. Main St. & College St.

1-28 – Welfare check (Female walking in roadway) Hwy. 81 @ FM 4258

1-28 – Assisted citizens (Removing broken down vehicle from roadway) – Lamar & Henderson Sts.

1-29 – Suspicious vehicle - 1000 blk. E. Main St.

1-29 – Report of missing property (Cell phone) – 100 blk. N. College St.

1-30 – Report of minor vehicle accident (Vehicle at fault left scene) – 900 blk. E. Main St.

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## White Belts test for Yellow Stripes

Press Release



Earlier this year, students from the Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School-125 W Elm-Hillsboro graded for new yellow stripe belts. Each student must perform patterns, spar and break boards in front of a panel of Masters and Black Belts in order to advance.

Students testing for the first time and receiving Yellow Stripe Belts and trophies for their hard work are pictured with Grand Master Park from Houston and the examiner. Also pictured is Charles Kight who is a 2nd Degree Black Belt and Master Kevin Kight a 5th Degree Black Belt. Both are instructors at the school.

Earning Yellow Stripes are Princess Hughes-Hillsboro, Amy Tinney-Hillsboro, Tristan Molina-Whitney, Griffin Shropshire-Hillsboro, Mauricio Mancilla-Hillsboro, John Thomas Cardona-Itasca, Spencer Molina-Whitney and Jorden Clark-Hillsboro.

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. For a free informational brochure call 582-5111 or check out our web-site at [www.hillsborotkd.com](http://www.hillsborotkd.com).

## Card of Thanks and Sympathy



The Paw Print Press staff would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Sammie Wilson for their generous donation to the Paw Print Press Journalism Scholarship Fund made in memory of Mary Helen

Wakefield Bridges, Tom Miller, Ruth Reece, and Franklin Bons.

The staff joins the Wilson family in extending their sincere condolences to the families of Mary Helen Wakefield Bridges, Tom Miller, Ruth Reece, and Franklin Bons.

## Itasca Floral & Gift

131 W. Main St.

Owned & Operated by Clay Dean Hamilton

Remember your Valentine on February 14 with roses of all colors, musical animals, balloons, bouquets, and many other gifts!

We have just received a new shipment of many kinds of stuffed animals and flowers. For this special holiday, we are also offering free delivery on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.



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IISD & City Holiday  
Presidents' Day  
February 15, 2010



# Hill County Fair Art Winners, Their Work

Megan Goff



The Art Department did a good job at the Hill County Fair this year. Many students entered artwork and photographs.

Receiving blue 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons were Vicktoria Holifield - 4, Courtney Conway - 1, Dima Nayda - 1, Rosendo Zavala - 2, Rebecca Cisneros - 1 (photo), Aren Barton - 1 and Jessica Johnson - 1 (photo).



Receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> place red ribbons were Kendrick Carranza - 1 (photo), Martin Martinez - 1, Vincenzo Miale - 2, Devin Koerber - 1, Vanessa Webb - 1, Vicktoria Holifield - 2, Michelle Ignacz - 1 and Jorge Vasquez - 1.

Third place ribbons went to Kendrick Carranza - 1 (photo), Emily James - 1, Martin Martinez - 2, Keyre Ortiz - 1 and Aren Barton - 1.



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## Card of Thanks

The Itasca Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone for helping make the silent auction a success, especially these donors.

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Itasca Floral & Gifts      | HILCO Marketing    |
| Stars & Stripes            | Flowers by Karen   |
| Golden Chick               | City Of Itasca     |
| Lone Star Plumbing         | Michael Gates      |
| David & Nancy Bowman       | Lloyd Ford         |
| Hoffman-Taylor Pecan       | Itasca Foods       |
| Itasca Nursing Home        | HILCO Electric     |
| Itasca Post Office         | Itasca Dairy Queen |
| Pam Willman & Mowana Staff |                    |
| Germer's Smoke House       | Hair Cuts Etc.     |
| Darcy Pearson              | Big B's Shell      |
| Weaver Plant Nursery       | Itasca ISD         |
| Paw Print Press Staff      | Lisa Brown         |
| Kings X Dairy              | Bob Wilson         |
| Citizens State Bank        | Evonne Adams       |
| Itasca Co-Op               | Janet Curry        |
| Leach Trailers             | Holly Vaughn       |

W. W. Tree Farms  
Eldorado Chemical Co.

## Public Notice

The City of Itasca will be accepting sealed bids at city hall on the following vehicles that can be seen at the Harris Building at the Mill Block.

1. White 1996 Dodge 4 Doors
2. Purple Saturn 2 Door
3. Blue 1989 Chevy Truck

Bidding will end on Friday, February 19, 2010. Bids will be opened on February 22, 2010

## Bake Sale

February 13

front of

Methodist Church

9:00 a.m. -  
sold out



Fundraiser for  
youth camp



## Aerobic System Issues in County

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The contracts normally range from \$150 to \$200 annually and generally include quarterly inspections, according to the official. In general, Watson said that he wanted to remind the public that a permit is required through his office on any OSSF system installed in the county, no matter the size of the tract of land. The fee is \$325 for standard systems and \$475 for non-standard systems. All fees are non-refundable and must be paid by check or money order to Hill County Public Works.

Watson's office is located at 201 East Franklin Street across from the John Erwin Courthouse Annex in Hillsboro. Among the items that must accompany an application is a site evaluation by a licensed evaluator. Planning materials are also necessary. Standard-system plans may be prepared by the owner or an installer, but non-standard and proprietary-system plans must be prepared by a professional engineer or a professional sanitarian. If approved, a permit to construct will be issued by Watson's office, which is good for one year. Installers must notify the public works director at least five working days before the date of the construction inspection. Watson's office has seven days to issue a notice of approval to the owner if the system passes inspection. Additional fees are required if a second or third inspection is required.

For more information on aerobic-system maintenance or other OSSF issues, contact Watson at 254-582-0409.

## Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award

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Marguriet Sweeney was honored for supporting Carl in all of his endeavors but for also contributing to the community in her own fields of interests. She is a lifetime member of the Itasca First United Methodist Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, the financial secretary, and on the administrative board. She has worked at the Methodist Glen Lakes Summer Camps for many years and is a Lifetime member of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

She worked with Ella Pierce on the formation of the Itasca Museum Organization, helped with the Annual Chamber of Commerce brunch, served as President of the Itasca PTA, also as President of the Itasca Garden Club and helped to re-activate the then defunct Chamber of Commerce.

Both Carl and Marguriet volunteered by delivering Meals on Wheels to senior citizens, they helped to furnish and deliver toys and food at Christmas time to needy families and they furnished and installed the flag and flag pole in Lawless Park. For many years the Sweeneys owned and operated Itasca Floral & Gift Shop in downtown Itasca.

The Sweeneys were unable to attend the banquet as Carl had undergone surgery the week before and he was still recovering in the hospital but their daughter, Karen Sweeney Deagner accepted the award on their behalf.

## 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

- Admission \$2 NO in & out privileges.

For more information contact Susan at 817-240-3553.



## 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 sbasonm-kay@sbcglobal.net FUMC Youth



## 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. For information and the application process go to <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.

## 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

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## Wampus Cats of the Week

### Senior Lady Cats Mary Maddox #13, Jessika Rodriguez #12

Reporter Megan Goff

Seniors Mary Maddox and Jessika Rodriguez are two more strong seniors on the varsity lineup.

#13 Mary Maddox, has played on the varsity Lady Cats' team for four years. She is a strong, starting, shooting guard and quick on defense. Her two-dribble drive to the basket is also a major strength. Defenses have a hard time guarding her wicked three point shot.

Jessika Rodriguez #12, was moved to varsity during the 2009 playoffs and has been an excellent teammate this season. Jessika keeps the team together with her high spirits and support methods. She plays tough defense and is a fighter when it comes to rebounds.

These two seniors are great Lady Cats and are part of what beats through all of us as Wampus Cat Pride.



### Special of the Week



My Lady Cats will start on the play-off trek next week. Come out and cheer the Lady Cats to victory.

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