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## 2009-10 Wampus Cat Band Earns Sweepstakes Trophy Receives All 1s at Concert, Sight Reading Contest

Reporter Hannah Johnson



The large band of over 100 students piled onto three buses and traveled to Groesbeck for their Concert/Sight Reading competition on March 4. They performed three songs, "Bonds of Unity," "Greenwillow Portrait," and "Legend of Knife River." After their concert performance, they continued on to the Sight

Reading room where they played, without practice, a song they have never seen before.

The judges from both the concert and sight-reading portion of the contest rewarded the band with all 1s, congratulating their hard work and success. A few commented on how large the size of the band was, and complimented on how well they kept their sound balanced.

"I am very proud of our students," director Patrick Middleton said. "Not only have they worked hard, but they have behaved very well and have made this year of teaching fun and easy for me."

The Itasca High School Band was awarded the Sweepstakes Trophy, which means that they received a rating of Division 1 in all of their competitions - marching, concert and sight-reading. The last time the band received a Sweepstakes Trophy was in 2005. The band was overjoyed with the new trophy and they could hardly wait to add it to the shelf.

"The band has worked hard since day one of band camp all the way up to the Concert Competition," assistant director Jared Bass said. "I am very proud to be a part of this band program and work with these amazing students."

The band will now begin working on their Spring Concert music to perform for the community in appreciation for all of the people who helped the band achieve success this year.

### TEA Releases Accreditation Status

"Each year, the commissioner of education shall assign to each school district an accreditation status under Texas Education Code (TEC), §39.071(b) and (c)," the TEA direction about school accreditation reads.

Accreditations are posted each March. Last year Itasca ISD had a "Pending" status that remained in place until this year's status of "Accredited" was released this week.

After Itasca ISD received an "Accredited" status for 2009-2010, the 2008-2009 status was changed to "Warned."

### IISD Bond Election Set for May 8 District Continues to Grow & Excel

The Itasca ISD Board of Trustees decided at the March meeting to call for a May 8 bond election. The bond package is for \$6 million and will be used primarily to add classrooms in the elementary and high school, to expand the lunchroom and band hall and to address traffic patterns.

The \$6 million bond will increase the local school tax rate by approximately 17 cents per \$100 valuation, but for everyone over 65 their school taxes are frozen and they cannot be raised.

The district has been very frugal with the taxpayers' money over the last two decades. The last bonds requested were in 1998 for the first section of the middle school and in 1999 for the Special Events Center. Both of those additions were built with bond funds that were matched by state money.

Overcrowding in halls and school gathering areas can be dangerous and disruptive. Overcrowding in the classroom is unproductive and IISD's goal is now and has always been - student education.

## 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

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](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

April 10 - Central 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

Monday, March 15, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

## Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

Monday, April 12, 2010 7:00 p.m.

## Itasca Depot Heritage and Education Center Spring Schedule



March 27 - open 10 a.m. - 12 noon

April 24 - open 10 a.m. - 12 noon

## Public Announcement from desk of Itasca Chief of Police



"Each afternoon at 4:30 p.m. during the week and for the whole weekend, the Itasca Police Department phone number (254-687-2020) is forwarded to the Hill County Sheriff's Department. As soon as you hear the recorded greeting, press 2, and you will be connected to dispatch. If you have an emergency, do not hesitate to dial 911."

## Child Find Screening

for children from birth to age 5

Itasca Elementary School

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

1:00-3:30 pm

- \* hearing/ vision screening
- \* screening for speech & fine/gross motor skills
- \* educational screening
- \* ALL screenings are provided at no cost
- \* free book for participating children

For additional information, please contact:

Hill County SSA- (254) 582-3814, ext. 214 or

Itasca Elementary School- (254) 687-2922

## H1Ni Immunizations Available

Itasca ISD March 8 - 12 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily

Adults & Children (over 3 yrs) Free Nurse's Office

For more information call Vickie Macias RN

254-687-2922 Ext 127

## Defensive Driving Classes

Saturday, March 20 8:00 a.m.

125 W Elm Hillsboro

Ticket dismissal & insurance discounts.

For more information, call 582-5111.

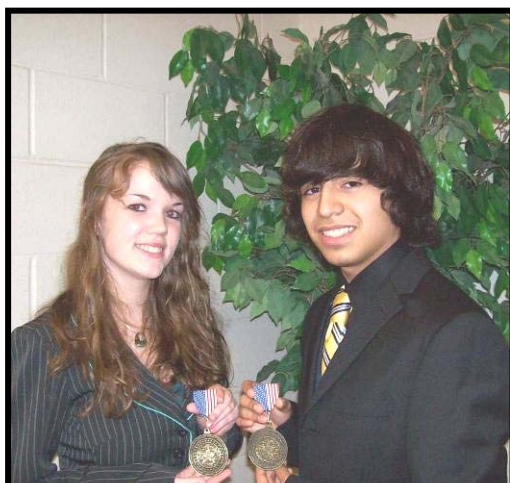
Walk-ins welcome.



## IHS Sweeps District CX Debate

Teams of Corbitt/Martinez, Corbitt/Duby  
to Compete in Austin March 14-16

Reporter & Debater Devin Corbitt



Three teams from Itasca competed in the District UIL Debate Meet on February 11. Itasca won the District 19-A Championship trophy by sweeping the contest 1,2,3.

The team of Devin Corbitt and Martin Mar-

## Itasca 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Take 2<sup>nd</sup> in GYA Little Dribblers

Press Release - Photo by Brian Bassett



A team of Itasca 6th grade girls recently competed in the Grandview Youth Association Little Dribblers program and won 2nd place.

Left to right are: Coach Clint Wallace, Claire Eddy, Haleigh Ward, Chelsea Searcy, & Brandi Fehnel. Kneeling l to r are: Madison Bassett, Lili Delattore, & Haley Rodriguez. Not pictured is Sha'Shana Fennell.



tinez took 1st place, David Corbitt and Brandon Duby came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and James Hanes and Trinton Crawford received the 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals.

The first and second place teams will travel to the State UIL Meet on March 14, 15 and 16 to compete.

## Looking for A Home

Three 3 puppies that are 12 weeks old and need good homes. They are 1/2 Fila and 1/2 Border Collie. 2 males and 1 female. They will be large but very sweet dogs. If you know anyone who would be interested, they are adoptable for 35.00 each. Contact PPP 254-687-2922 ext 158.



## Sign up for Itasca Cinco de Mayo Folklorico Dancers

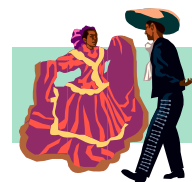
Ages 5 years and up

Sign up by calling 254-580-8276

Deadline Saturday March 13, 2010

Leave name & phone number &  
brief message.

For more information, call  
Frances Salinas @ 254-580-8276  
Come join our dancers and have  
lots of fun



## Order Your Angel Food Online

It is not too late to order your March Angel Food. You may order on line until March 15. Angel Food is offering two new boxes this month — An After School Box for \$21.00 and a Family Meal Kit for \$35.00.

Log on to [angelfoodministries.com](http://angelfoodministries.com) and order online. You need to follow the links to find our local church. You may pay with a credit, debit or Lone Star card.

## Senior Spotlight

### Loretta "Loree" Alexina Ward

Reporter Devin Corbitt - Caricature by Martin Martinez



*Loree Ward pulls into the parking lot. It is her first day at the veterinary hospital that she helped found. A look of satisfaction passes over her face, and she steps in the door. Inside is not only a hospital dedicated to the care of animals, but also a full rehab center that specializes in birds of prey. This hospital works in cooperation with the local zoo. And Loree is the head of it all.*

This scenario is what Loree Ward hopes to accomplish in her life. After graduating from Itasca High, she plans to attend TSTC. Eventually she wants to get a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine.

"I love animals. I like helping them when they are sick and being the reason that someone else's pet lived."

Loree is the daughter of Joseph Ward and Dorel McKay. She has one sister, Jackie, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Itasca Middle School. She has no pets, but she really loves dogs.

"My dad is my role model. He has taught me almost everything I know, and he has never steered me wrong. He is mostly the reason I am who I am."

Loree came to Itasca at the beginning of this semester. She has never lived in one place for more than two years. Before moving to Itasca, Loree lived in Harlingen, a town with a population of over 65,000.

"Itasca is really small, but the people here are very nice, and I've always liked living in a small town."

Although she has only been here a short time, Loree has already figured things out. Her favorite class is Physics, and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Petrash.

"I like Physics because it's fun, intriguing, and hands on. I've never been bored. Mrs. Petrash reminds me of myself: straightforward and to the point."

Her time outside of school is dedicated to hanging out with her friends and boyfriend for a while, but she mainly stays home and helps her dad. She and her family are also very involved in Renaissance Fairs.

"We dress up and everything. We used to own our own fair, but now we just go to other ones. My favorite part was being a squire for the master falconer. I really like working with birds of prey."

Some words of wisdom from Loree to the underclassmen: "Be yourself and true friends will find you. But, you still need to listen to your parents. They will never steer you wrong."



## Senior Spotlight

### Demetric McVea

Reporter Megan Goff  
Caricature by Martin Martinez



"Da-Da is always smiling and laughing," Senior Tevin Mayberry said, about his good friend Demetric "Da-Da" McVea.

It's true. He is a very important member of the senior class, as he can always be counted on to bring on the positive side and a big smile. He is one of

the original Class of 2010 as he started as a Pre-K student.

Da-Da is looking forward to graduation but also to June 10, as he will turn 18 and "be grown." He listed his favorites as the colors red and blue, fried chicken from Golden Chick, burgers from Dairy Queen and of course basketball.

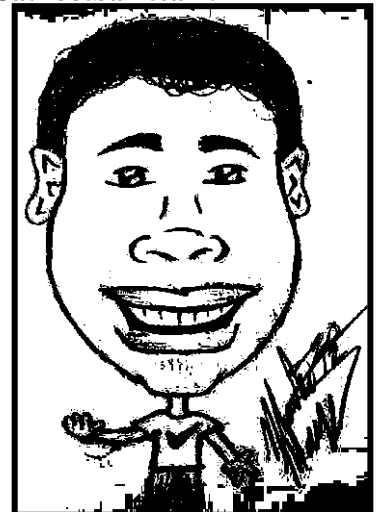
"My best shot is my 3-point shot," Da-Da said. He has proved this numerous times to the fans during halftime at the games when he took to the court for a few shots. He was also an important part of the Wampus Cat football team.

"I was a football manager," Da-Da said. "I helped coach the boys and even got them water, too."

When not busy learning at school, Da-Da likes to play football and basketball on the Xbox. His favorite NBA star is LeBron James.

Da-Da is the son of Kandy and Deric McVea and he has three older siblings: Kandace, Class of '07 and Kelvin, Class of '08. His two best friends are Tevin Mayberry and Desmond Guy.

"I can't imagine school without Da-Da," Senior Desmond Guy said. "He has been very important to our football and basketball teams over the last four years and we appreciate his support and help."





## In the Wampus Cat Dugout

Sports Reporters Shelby Ledwig & Ashley Spain  
Sports Editor Ashley Durham

Coming out of an extended basketball season, the Itasca Wampus Cats are ready to hit the field. With a new coaching staff, Head Coach Vance Estel and assistant Coach Nathan Morrill, it is a learning experience for both the players and the coaches.

"We are having fun so far, we try to keep a relaxed atmosphere in order to keep practice as fun as possible. We are learning a lot from each other." Coach Estel said.

There are equal opportunities for everyone to have a starting position on the varsity team since there are only five returning players, but with 21 boys and only 16 uniforms, it will require a lot of hard work and dedication.

The starting pitchers would appear to be returning senior Tevin Mayberry and junior Jack Panting. With the new underclassmen trying out, comes some new talent. Sophomore Matt Colbert and freshmen Michael Macias and Cole Coleman are also pitchers, so the mound looks to be strong this season.

## Wampus Cats 2010 Baseball

### March

11-13	Venus Tournament	Away	TBA
23	Holland	Home	4:30
26	Life Schools-Red Oak	Home	4:30
27	Coolidge	Away	2:00
*30	Meridian	Home	5:00

### April

2	Bye		
*6	Covington	Away	5:00
9	Life Schools-Red Oak	Home	4:30
*13	Covington	Home	5:00
*16	Meridian	Away	5:00
20	Meridian JV	Home	5:00
*23	Covington	Away	5:00
*26	Meridian	Home	5:00
30	Meridian	JV	Away 5:00

Head Coach Vance Estel

## Our School

Kudos to the following employees who have not missed a day this year (being out on school business does not count). Mr. Jonathan Bass, Ms. Karan Boyd, Ms. Felicia Coleman, Ms. Darcy Kirk, Mr. Jeffery Mayberry, Ms. Norma Merkel, Mr. Bill Nickell, Mr. Glenn Pittman and Coach Calvin Wright.

Happy Birthday to Mr. Clay Strawn (March 16).

## Softball Practice Player of the Week

### Exceptional Start for one Lady Wampus Cat

By: Head Softball Coach Calvin Wright



The Lady Wampus Cat Softball team began their practices last Monday and one Lady Wampus Cat has gotten off to a great start, beginning the new tradition of "Softball Practice Player of the Week" honor. Faviola Mandujano has put forth outstanding effort working on all aspects of her game including putting in the extra hours at Sunday's voluntary open softball field.

Mandujano, a sophomore, has been playing softball since she was in the fourth grade and is working hard to earn a spot in the varsity starting lineup. Her above average speed, tremendous throwing arm and all-business attitude have given her a great opportunity to do just that. Her greatest softball moment came last year when she scored the go-ahead run in a tight Lady Cat contest.

Outside of softball, Faviola plays on a rec-league volleyball team out of Fort Worth, where she is originally from. This summer she plans on making her annual family trip to Mexico to visit with relatives as well as look for a job, which one could probably expect from this hard-working girl. When asked to quote about the upcoming year for the softball team she said, "I want us to be successful and I know everything happens for a reason." After watching her practice, the Lady Wampus Cats being successful this year would definitely happen for a reason.

## Lady Cats 2010 Softball

*Enthusiasm Breeds Success!*

March 12	@Axtell	V	6:00
March 12	@West	JV	6:00
March 16	Maypearl	JV/V	2:00/4:00
March 19	Perrin	V	10:00
March 23	@ Wax. Faith Family	V	4:30
March 25	Bosqueville(DH)	JV	4:00
March 26	Red Oak Life	V	4:30
March 30	@ Wax Advantage	V	TBA
April 1	G.P. Advantage	V	4:30
April 6	@Covington	V	TBA
April 9	Wax Faith Family	V	4:30
April 12	Itasca Women's World Series		TBA
April 13	Santo	JV	4:00
April 13	@Red Oak Life	V	5:30
April 14	Itasca Women's World Series		TBA
April 15	Itasca Women's World Series		TBA
April 16	Wax. Advantage	V	4:30
April 20	@ GP Advantage	V	5:30
Head Coach Calvin Wright		Assist. Coach Justin Wood	

# Healthy Woman Announces Anniversary Dinner Speaker

Press Release



Plans have been set in motion for the 2010 Healthy Woman Third Anniversary Celebration on April 15. Keeping in step with the three previous celebrations, HW has again engaged an outstanding speaker, Lisa Smartt.

Lisa is a 46 yr. old woman who loves to laugh! Born in a small town in West Kentucky, she now writes a weekly humor column from her home outside Dresden, Tennessee. She lives on 16 wooded acres with her husband of 21 years, two sons (who sometimes fight), and a male cat who desperately needs Prozac. Her first book was released in 2007 entitled, "The Smartt View: Life, Love, and Cluttered Closets."

Public speaking is Lisa's passion. She has spoken to groups around the country on subjects like "Contentment in a Discontent World" and "We're All in the Same Boat, So Grab a Lifeline." Lisa believes laughter is a gift and LOVES to share with others her personal weaknesses, struggles, and the sheer JOY of daily living!

Comments from previous engagement attendees include: "You were amazing. I learned some valuable lessons from your speech that I will never forget!" "When I turned on the radio this morning 107.9 was bragging about the best keynote presenter they had ever heard – Lisa Smartt!!" "You just rocked and I wish there were more people like you in the world to help us keep things in perspective." "Lisa gave one of the most humorous yet motivational presentations I have ever heard!!" "Her columns and motivational speeches are empowering and inspirational in a way that leaves you wanting more."

The evening will begin with a ticketed Meet the Speaker Reception at 5:00 p.m. with complimentary wine, coffee and cheese, at Suite 159, Outlets at Hillsboro. The dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. in Suite 102, Outlets at Hillsboro. Tickets for the evening are \$15.00, with limited seating. Reserved tables of 9 can be purchased for \$140.00.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Becky Jones at (254) 580-8887 or by coming to the Healthy Woman office at Hill Regional Hospital. Tickets may be purchased by check, cash, credit or debit cards. Deadline for reservations will be April 9 or until all tickets are sold.

The HW programs are sponsored by various businesses and anyone interested in obtaining partnership level information can contact Becky Jones at 580-8887. To date, the following have come on board to be 2010 HW Partners: Platinum Partners: Hill Regional Hospital, KHBR/The Reporter, Oncor, and Outlets at Hillsboro. Silver Partners are Martin, Showers, Smith, and McDonald, LLP, Attorneys at Law, Citizens National Bank, Hill College, and Texas Home Health.

## Commissioners Attend Training

Press Release



Members of Hill County Commissioners' Court recently joined over 500 county judges and commissioners from across the state for the 52nd annual County Judges and Commissioners' Continuing-Education Conference and Educational Exposition in College Station.

The conference is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Commissioners earned up to 16 hours of state-mandated continuing-education credit at the conference.

Attending were (l to r): Danny Bodeker, Lee Harkins, Steven Sulak and Larry Wright.

## Order Vol. II Now

Press Release

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

David Bice of Heritage Publishing Consultants estimated that the book will be completed and 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 or about Vol. I of the Heritage of Hill County Texas contact Richard Greenhill, 254 582-8912.

## February Itasca Police Blotter

- 2-1 – Report of theft of product – 200 blk. S. Hill St.  
2-1 – Assisted HCSO w/panic alarm – FM 934 east of city  
2-1 – Report of Theft (Residence) – 300 blk. N. Aquilla St.  
2-3 – Assisted DPS w/Rolling hazard (Flat bed 18 wheeler lost bricks) – 1200 blk. S. Files St.  
2-3 – Assisted citizen w/tools (Car trouble) – 1200 blk. E. Main St.  
2-3 – Responded to burglary alarm – 1500 blk. E. Main St.  
2-4 – Welfare concern (Elderly female B/F 78 from Dallas driving wrong way on I-35-W) – 1200 blk. S. Files St.  
2-4 – Animal complaint (Dog chained w/no shelter) – 800 blk. Shuttle St.  
2-5 – Suspicious vehicle – 800 blk. E. Wilkerson St.  
2-5 – One car accident (No injuries) – HCR 4419 & FM 66  
2-5 – Report of stolen motorcycle (listed on Craig's List) – Itasca PD  
2-6 – Assisted citizen w/problems with stove – 800 blk. E. Adams St.  
2-6 – Traffic stop (Open container citation W/M 45) – 800 blk. S. Files St.  
2-6 – Citizen complaint (Loud music) – 300 blk. W. Main St.  
2-6 – Assisted HCSO w/truck & train wreck – CareFlight flown (1 injury) – FM 4272 & Hwy 81  
2-6 – Report of suspicious activity (Possible theft) – 2800 blk. FM 66  
2-7 – Unsecured building – 300 blk. E. Monroe St.  
2-7 – Traffic stop (Speeding 92mph/65mph) Vehicle impounded (Citations drivers license, concealed weapon – knife w/7½ inch blade) – I-35W northbound mm 8  
2-8 – Assisted citizen (Sewer back up) Contacted city employees – 500 blk. E. Henderson St.  
2-8 – Theft of service report (Phone service) – 400 blk. E. Adams St.  
2-9 – Report of theft (jewelry) – 600 blk. S. Files St.  
2-9 – Animal complaint (Barking dog) – 400 blk. N. Hill St.  
2-10 – Traffic stop (Possible intoxicated driver) – Driver was ill – family was contacted – I-35W northbound mm 8  
2-11 – Animal complaint (Doghouse flooded) – 100 blk. S. Aquilla St.  
2-11 – Investigated hold-up alarm (Set off by mistake) – 200 blk. E. Main St.  
2-11 - Animal complaint (Chained w/no shelter) – 100 blk. S. Aquilla St.  
2-11 – Assisted HCSO (Possible assault) – FM 66 east of Itasca  
2-11 – Assisted motorist (18 wheeler stuck in roadway blocking both lanes) – FM 66 1 mile east of Itasca  
2-11 – Citizen complaint (Loud music) – 200 blk. S. Lamar St.  
2-13 – Traffic stop (Possibly intoxicated) – No drivers license – Public intoxication arrest – I-35W northbound mm 7  
2-13 - Citizen complaint (Loud music) – 200 blk. S. Lamar St.  
2-16 – Report of possible theft (Gasoline) – 100 blk. N. Hill St.  
2-16 – Report of assault (W/M 20) – 500 blk. N. Wesley St.  
2-16 - Animal complaint (Dead dog on chain in yard) – 800 blk. Mill St.  
2-16 Arrest for assault & outstanding warrants (B/F 64) – 800 blk. Mill St.  
2-17 – Welfare concern call (Citations for open container & public intoxication) W/F 57 – 1200 blk. S. Files St.  
2-18 – Minor accident (2 vehicles) No injuries – E. Martin & N. Wesley Sts.  
2-18 – Warrant arrest made (Dallas County warrant) – 600 blk. E. Adams St.  
2-19 – Investigated road hazard (Work crew throwing items across I-35W) – I-35 W south of Itasca  
2-19 – Animal complaint (Dead dog in yard for 2 weeks) – 500 blk. N. Wesley St.  
2-19 – Citizen asking for help disciplining a child (4 years old) – 300 blk. W. Main St.  
2-20 – Traffic stop (Driving in left lane) Vehicle impounded (No drivers license H/M) – I-25W northbound mm 8  
2-20 – Citizen complaint (Loud music) – 400 blk. E. Henderson St.  
2-20 – Report of possible criminal mischief – 500 blk. E. Adams St.  
2-21 – Assisted HCSO (Deadly conduct – Man w/gun pointing at vehicles on I-35W) W/M 19 – I-35W southbound  
2-24 – 911 Hang up call – 400 blk. S. Hill St.  
2-25 – Traffic stop (Speeding 75 mph/65 mph) Smell of marijuana – drug dog alerted (B/M 19 arrested on Tarrant County warrant) Citations issued – I-35W southbound mm 8  
2-26 – Report of possible suicide – 400 blk. S. Hill St.  
2-26 – Assisted DPS w/2 vehicle accident – I-35 W northbound mm 6  
2-26 - Traffic stop (Report of possible reckless driving) - Speeding 77 mph/65 mph - Citations issued – I-35W northbound mm 6  
2-26 – Suspicious person (Begging money & causing disruption) – 300 blk. S. Hill St.  
2-27 – Assisted driver (Driver was ill) – I-35 W southbound Exit 8 on ramp

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## Recent Death

**McGill, Vera A.** – Our loved one, Vera McGill, of Itasca was born March 29, 1952, and was called home to the Lord Monday, February 22, 2010. She was the fourth-born child of William Diggs Sr. and Gladys Diggs Jackson. She graduated from Itasca High School in 1970. She later pursued a career as a certified nursing assistant at Itasca Nursing Home. She was preceded in leaving this life by her father, William Diggs Sr., mother-in-law, Willie Pearl; and a very special nephew, Justin Brooks.

She leaves behind her husband of 37 years, Ollie McGill; in their union they had three children, Derrick McGill (wife Jennifer), Tylana McGill and Monae McGill (Kristen Harris); three stepchildren, Jill Washington, Stafford Rector and Jerrica McGill; Shariff and Rocko Henderson of Houston, whom she considered as her sons; grandchildren, Kaleb, Donavon, Braylon, Aliyah, Jada, Jordan, Jase and Xavier; special nephew, Tremayne McGill; mother, Gladys Jackson; three brothers, Rev. Henry Diggs Sr., William Diggs Jr. and Michael Diggs Sr.; four sisters, Ella Ashford, Maye Mosely, Carilyn Diggs and Marilyn Houston; a very special friend, Faye Foster; and a host of other relatives and friends.

She touched the lives of all who knew her and will be truly missed. Funeral services were held February 27, 2010, at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Itasca. Burial was at Itasca Cemetery.

### Card of Thanks

The Lara Family would like to extend a big thank you to family and friends during our time of bereavement. We know our mom touched many lives in her 79 years. We are very appreciative of the prayers and support during mom's illness and the cards, flowers and food that were provided at the service.

We would also like to say "Thank You" to Clayton Kay Vaughn Funeral Home in Itasca for handling everything with such grace and beauty.

From the family of Adela Cavazos Lara

### Free Dance Lessons

Willie's Line Dance Team (formerly Hill-Tex Line Dancers) invites all members of the community to join them for free line dance lessons every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Theater at Willie's Place located at I-35E at Carl's Corner.

For more information, call Jane Rizo at 254-582-0268.



### Income Tax Preparation

**\$65 for most returns - Add \$15 to e-file**

For more information call Oscar Salinas

682-225-7442 or e-mail [oas4562@gmail.com](mailto:oas4562@gmail.com)

### In Memorial



The Paw Print Press staff would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pollard for their generous donation to the Paw Print Press Journalism Scholarship Fund made in

memory of Susan Wilson Hix (Class of 1957).

The staff joins the Pollard family in extending their sincere condolences to the family of Susan Wilson Hix, especially her daughter Ms. Deborah Wright and the Sammy Wilson family.

### Piano Lessons

I have 2 openings for Beginner Level Piano lessons. I live in Itasca, have over 30 years piano experience and provide a Christian based atmosphere.

For more information call 214-212-5798.



### Need a Responsible Babysitter?

**Will do babysitting & will also clean your house!**

**16 years old – Very responsible!**

After school call or text Kristen Worth 254-266-3074

### FOR SALE

**1.4 acre country home sites**

**located off FM-67**

**Gated, underground utilities, deed restricted, great Itasca schools**

**Owner/Broker-817-366-1106 anytime**

### Germer's Smokehouse

**New Hours 11:00 – 2:00 & 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Monday – Spaghetti & Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread**

**Tuesday – Cheese & Beef Enchiladas Rice & Beans**

**Wednesday – Mesquite Grilled Chicken & 2 sides**

**Thursday – Meat Loaf - Mashed Potatoes**

**Friday – Catfish – French fries, cole slaw, beans**

**Saturday – Ribs (while they last) +2 sides**



# Rescue Airlift Bridge to Aspen, Colorado Well Traveled

Press Release

Since last September, three additional rescue airlifts with some 30 Hill County dogs were arranged to move north to Colorado to a better life, or just to have a life since these dogs were either abandoned and would have met certain horrific death or scheduled to be unceremoniously euthanized. By arrangement from Carole and David Huens, of Paw Pals adoption committee, the dogs were airlifted to Aspen, Colorado on the private jet of philanthropists Cheryl and Sam Wyly as it repositioned from Dallas Love Field to Aspen (Carole, of Whitney, is the mother of Cheryl Wyly). Aspen is the home of a group called Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter (FAAS)([www.dogsaspen.com](http://www.dogsaspen.com)) where the animal shelter is proudly named Cheryl and Sam Wyly Aspen/Pitkin County Animal Shelter. To date, over 100 dogs from Hill County have been airlifted to Aspen and with an overwhelmingly successful 100% adoption rate—some of Hill County's abandoned dogs have found homes with celebrities; one now resides on Park Avenue—a real Cinderella story!

Cheryl promoted the idea of adopting Hill County Paw Pals as the sister organization of the Aspen group. Although our two organizations are 873 miles apart, our causes parallel one another - providing shelter and hope for unwanted companion animals. Citizens of Hill County, particularly volunteers with Paw Pals, are forever grateful to Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter for their benevolent outreach to Hill County - particularly to directors Seth Sachson and Anne Gurchick who make the pet adoption process happen. Last year this group also made possible 200 "free" pet sterilizations for Hill County citizens of which Paw Pals administered.

Thanks to the efforts of Paw Pals ever rising adoption program, fortunate animals of Hill County are being saved from certain death. Paw Pals adoption program's growing success stems from the supreme dedication of volunteer workers. Outstandingly are director Lana Crow, Andree Luallen, Kathy Moore, and already mentioned Carole and David Huens. Hillsboro Animal Control Officer James Deluca is also to be thanked for his unwavering dedication with life saving initiatives. However, despite the happy ending for the dogs airlifted to Aspen, there are hundreds more that don't get a second chance each year in Hill County. Transporting unwanted pets to another state is not the answer to pet overpopulation in our county. We must continue to look at already identified proactive programs of education, enforcement of existing Texas animal control laws (legislation), and low cost pet sterilization. To support these proactive programs, we must move forward to build an animal shelter for Hill County and implement animal control for our citizens. Isaac Newton once wrote: "If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants". We thank Cheryl and Sam Wyly and Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter to allow us to stand upon their shoulders and view first hand how a county can achieve success with stamping out pet overpopulation and achieving a shelter where pets are adopted and not euthanized.

Please continue to support the endeavors of Paw Pals as we reach towards the reality of installing an animal shelter and correcting our county's pet overpopulation issue. Visit [www.hcpawpals.org](http://www.hcpawpals.org) or [www.helphillcountyanimals.com](http://www.helphillcountyanimals.com) for information about Paw Pals or simply call: (254) 580-0679 or email: [hcpawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawpals@yahoo.com).

## Yard Sale

101 S. Lamar (across from  
Itasca bank)

Saturday, March 20

9 a.m.-3 p.m. 4 families

Kids clothes, toys, household items and more.



## Itasca February PD Blotter

Continued from 7

2-27 – Report of theft (Inspection & Registration stickers) – 400 blk. N. Hill St.

2-27 – Report of reckless drivers – 2 Vehicles impounded (Citations - no drivers license - Citation for littering & open container for throwing beer bottle on ground) H/M 23 & H/M 17 – I-35 W northbound mm 8

2-28 – Burglary of vehicle (Laptop computer) – Recovered – 400 blk. S. Front St.

## Daylight Saving Time Begins

Spring Forward

March 14 2:00 a.m.

## Wampus Cats 2010 Track

March

12	Pirate Relays	JV-V	Granbury HS
19	Pirate Relays	JV-V	La Vega HS
26	Bluebonnet Relays	JV-V	Ennis HS

April

1	Bulldog Relays	JV-V	McGregor HS
2-3	Texas Relays	V*	UT Austin
7-8	19-A District Meet	JV-V	Hubbard HS
23	Regional Qualifiers	V*	Lancaster HS

May

3-4	Regional Meet	V*	Palestine HS
4-15	State Meet	V*	UT Austin

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**123 N. College**  
**Itasca, Texas 76055**

## Wampus Cats of the Week

### City Maintenance Employees Take the Bounce out of Our Drive

Reporter Mary Maddox



wet holes, as it will only wash away (our tax dollars down the drain).

But just as soon as the weather gave the community a few sunny days Albert Arellano and his crew, Ben Patrick and Teddy Rios were on the job filling the “never-ending holes” that were on pretty much every street in Itasca.

Itasca hasn't necessarily been known for the town with the best streets in Texas. This year turned out to be one of the coldest and wettest Itasca has seen in a long time; therefore, the maintenance crew has had a difficult time keeping up with the potholes. It is pointless to use asphalt to fill

### Special of the Week



“City employees work hard in all types of weather. A little asphalt in the right place sure makes everyone's drive smoother.”

### 2009 Grand Marquis LS Leather, Loaded, Luxury



**Only 17K miles!**  
**\$17,985**

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