

# Paw Print Press

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Itasca, Texas 76055

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## Senior Wampus Cat and Senior Lady Cat Earns "Offensive Player of the Year" Honor

Both Invited to Play in 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Chicken Express All-Star Basketball Classic  
Lady Cats Receive 8, Wampus Cats 6 All-District Slots



The Wampus Cats finished district play in the runner-up position and collected six All-District Awards. The Lady Wampus Cats finished the district season as Co-



Champions with Dallas Gateway, both 9-1 in district and garnered 8 spots on the All-District teams.

Both #20 Megan Goff and #3 Desmond Guy received superlative honors by being named "District 15-A Offensive Player of the Year." They have been selected to participate in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce – Chicken Express All-Star Basketball Classic.

The games will be played on Saturday, March 27 at the Mineral Wells High School Ram Gym. The girl's game starts at 6:30 p.m. and the boys' game will follow. There is a 3-point shooting contest during halftime of each game, with the winner receiving a \$1,000 scholarship from Chicken Express.

Three Lady Wampus Cats received 1<sup>st</sup> team All-District spots. Named were (left to right) Chantel Courtmier, Jasmine Guy, and Mary Maddox. Other All District awards on Page 3.

## Itasca PD new Patrol Cars



Itasca PD recently acquired four new 2010 Ford Crown Victoria with a unique paint job. They are painted black with

Wampus Cat Gold lettering. Three of the cars read Itasca Police but the fourth car is lettered as a K-9 Drug Unit. The interiors are top of the line with an interestingly uncomfortable molded plastic seat in the rear for prisoners.

The Itasca PD have worked diligently for several years to eliminate the drug traffic in and through Itasca. They have been successful in that they have made a number of drug busts that resulted in some forfeitures of vehicles and cash and the PD receives a percentage of those funds.

## Mason Invited to Play in FCA Centex Victory Bowl Sponsorships Needed



IHS senior Greg Mason has been invited to participate in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Super Centex Victory Bowl on June 12. The bowl is a high school all-star football game for seniors. Students are selected from over 80 schools in the Heart of Texas area.

Mason is looking for sponsorships in any amount. Coach Craig Horn is the contact person for sponsorships. He can be contacted at IHS 254-687-2922 ext. 160. For more information go to [www.fcawaco.org](http://www.fcawaco.org)

## 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, April 19, 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

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber of Commerce Barbecue Date Change

The 2010 cook off will be held Friday, May 21 & Saturday, May 22. More information will be published in future issues.

## 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.

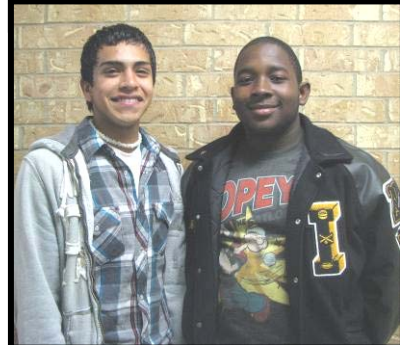


## Lady Cats, Wampus Cats All-District Honors

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Shamonica Anderson and Christina Manasco (top left) were named to the All-District 2<sup>nd</sup> team and (top right) Beruke Namanga and Jessika Rodriguez received Honorable Mention honors.



Earning 2<sup>nd</sup> team All District spots on the boys teams were (left to right) Matt Colbert, Tevin Mayberry and Opie Mayberry.

B. J. Jackson and Isaac Perez were named to the Honorable Mention team.



I would like to personally thank the voters along with each and everyone who assisted me in my campaign for county commissioner precinct 4. Your prayers and support mean so much to me. I look forward to working for each of you while serving as your commissioner. I am humbled by the voice of many who gave of their time to vote in the March 2<sup>nd</sup> primary.

Sincerely,

*Harley F. Davis II*

## YOUR VOTE NEEDED!

Political Announcement



Hello - My name is Angelia Orr and I am seeking the Republican nomination for Hill County District Clerk.

I am a native Texan and a 1992 graduate of Texas A&M

University's College of Architecture. I reside in Itasca with my husband and fellow Aggie, William Seth Orr '90, and our children, Sam and Emma who are both students at Itasca ISD. My family and I are active members of the First Baptist Church of Hillsboro. The Orr family has farmed in Hill County since the late 1800's. We moved our family to Hill County 11 years ago so that our children would be reared in a community where our family roots run deep and our neighbors share conservative Texas values.

**WHY** - Why is the District Clerk's office important to you? This office is essentially the data manager of the court system. The current paper-based system is challenged by the increasing volume of court cases. Records pertaining to our liberty, safety, and peace of mind are simply too critical to be managed without the most current technology - which I will change if elected.

**SERVICE** - Over the years, I have served Hill County in numerous ways. Current service includes Itasca School Board of Trustees secretary, First Baptist Church of Hillsboro Finance Committee and Itasca Chamber of Commerce president. Past service includes serving as chairman of the Hill County A&M Club and chairman and treasurer of the historic Philotechnos Preschool.

**BUSINESS** - My previous experience as a consultant at GE Capital, where I worked with software engineers and hardware specialists, resulted in systematic reform to the warranty contract processing procedures. As owner of Orr Development, I manage contractors of all trades including electrical, plumbing and HVAC. Additionally, I work with building inspectors, realtors, attorneys, title companies, and many other small business owners. I have a solid reputation for turning out successful projects that add to the Hill County tax base and improve our community.

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## Senior Spotlight Meagan Prescott

Reporter Aren Barton  
Caricature by Michelle Ignacz



“Challenges make life interesting,” Meagan Prescott said. “However, overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.”

Meagan Prescott is one of the highlights of the IHS student body. She is a true Itascan, born and raised here. Her parents are John and Becky Prescott. Meagan has one brother, John, who graduated from IHS in 2008.

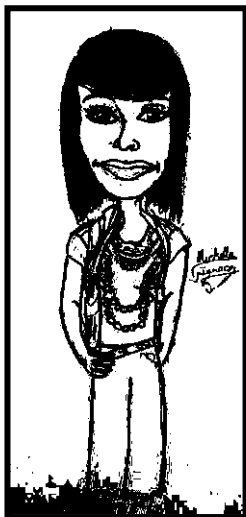
“I admire my mom because she has been through a lot, but she had the strength to never give up.”

Meagan enjoys hanging out with her best friend, Maria Coronado, watching Tyler Perry’s Madea movies, listening to the radio station 94.9 KLTY and country music, texting, and running errands for her family. She has a white Kia Rio, but also enjoys driving the rest of her family’s vehicles. Meagan attends church at Third Day Worship Center.

Meagan bases her life decisions on this quote from Matthew 19:26. “And looking at them Jesus said to them, ‘With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”

Her freshman through junior years, Meagan was #2 on the Lady Wampus Cat softball team. After she graduates from Itasca, Meagan plans to keep her options open to see where life leads her. One occupation she is considering is going into the medical field to become an X-ray technician. When she departs from Itasca, she will be starting a new chapter in her life. She said that she is not sure whether she will miss Itasca or not and she may even decide to return to her roots someday.

She leaves her friends some interesting advice, “Respect the people around you because you never know who they will be.”



## Oops

Last week in Demetric “Da-Da” McVea’s senior spotlight, we inadvertently covered his dad’s name, Deric McVea, with a picture and omitted his older sister’s name, Derice “Dee-Dee” who graduated from IHS in 2005.

## Senior Spotlight Forest Tyler James Elkins

Reporter Hannah Johnson  
Caricature by Martin Martinez



Out of all of the 44 seniors at IHS, one of the students with the most unique talents is Forest Elkins. He is a play-by-ear musician, an artist, pin-point accuracy in archery, and knows a lot about electronics, vehicles, and cooking.

“Another unique quality that I have is that my eyes change colors with my mood.” Forest said.

Forest Elkins, 17, was born in Fort Worth on August 24 to his parents Ronald Jr. and Donna. He has one older sister, Brittany, 21, and a younger brother, Jacob who is an eighth grader at IMS. He also has a cat and two dogs. Forest attended Itasca ISD for four years – his fourth through sixth grade years, and now his senior year.

“Living in a small town is alright, but I loved living in Austin.”

When he graduates, Forest plans on going to the Job Corp or to the University of Texas to study graphic design or counseling. In the future, he hopes to marry, have a child, have an okay paying job and a big house. But while he’s here in Itasca, he’s looking forward to spending his last year with his friends and having a good time.

“One of my most embarrassing moments was when I fell down the stairs in the Special Events Center.” Forest said with a laugh.

Forest just recently got a part time job at HILCO and he is enjoying it very much. He also enjoys the perks that go along with employment and having some spending money – a steak dinner at Applebee’s. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, playing video games, archery, talking on the phone, and reading the Inheritance Series and the Vampire Chronicles, along with other types of fantasy books. He attends the First United Pentecostal Church in Hillsboro.

“My role model is my grandpa, Norman Lee Honeycutt. He’s the only fire chief in Texas to be an employee for 38 years with a third grade education.”

Forest’s advice for his underclassmen comes from the heart, “Whatever you do, stay in school! Find something you want to do and do it!”





## In the Wampus Cats' Dugout

Sports Reporters Shelby Ledwig & Ashley Spain  
Thanks to Mrs. Crouch for the photos.



The Cats dominated their first games last week against Hubbard and Coolidge. They met the Hubbard Jaguars last Friday as Jack Panting took the mound as the starting pitcher. Sophomore Walker

Hoard came in as relief and with their strong arms and some Cat power at the plate the Cats were victorious 12-8.

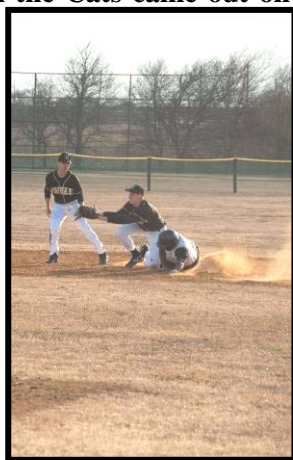
With the new underclassmen competing for a jersey, comes new talent. Sophomore Matt Colbert and freshmen Michael Macias



took to the mound on Saturday in the Cats' second game, this time against Coolidge. Macias heated up the game with 8 strike outs. Once again the Cats came out on top, with a 10-3 win.

Along with Macias, underclassmen Brandon Kelly, Tyler Snow, Cole Coleman and David Maddox were all given a chance to show off their skills Saturday.

As the PPP goes to press (due to Spring Break) the Wampus Cats are preparing for a Thursday through Saturday tournament (March 11-13) in Venus. They will resume regular schedule games on Tuesday, March 23 at home against Holland.



## Our School

Hope everyone enjoys their Spring Break. Kudos to Mrs. Susan Crawford and the cast and crew of the UIL One-Act Play which will spend a lot of their off time practicing for their competition next week.

Happy Birthday wishes go to Ms. Kristen Beck (March 23).

## Wampus Cats 2010 Track

### March

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

\*Only qualifying varsity athletes will attend these meets.

Head Coach Trey Bates Assistant Jose Rodriguez

## Lady Cats 2010 Softball

### Enthusiasm Breeds Success!

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 13	Santo	JV	4:00
April 13	@ Red Oak Life	V	5:30
April 16	Wax. Advantage	V	4:30
April 20	@ GP Advantage	V	5:30
April 23	Covington	V	4:30
April 26	Itasca Women's World Series		TBA
April 27	Itasca Women's World Series		TBA
April 27	District Certification		
April 28	Itasca Women's World Series		TBA

Head Coach Calvin Wright Assist. Coach Justin Wood

## Wampus Cats 2010 Baseball

### March

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

Assistant Nathan Morrill

## February IISD Trustee Meetings

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2010, in the Itasca ISD Library at 7:00 p.m. with President Susan Bason presiding. Trustees present were Angelia Orr, Kevin Cordell, Brian Bassett, Nancy Bowman and Marquita Lloyd. Absent was Vice President Oscar Castillo, Jr. Administration present were Superintendent Glenn Pittman, Principals Rickie Harris, Keith Hannah and Karon Farquhar, Coordinator of Student Services Kristi Sargent and Secretary Norma Merkel.

Visitors present were Dr. Steve Johnson, Barbara Petrash, Grace Hennig, Bobby Coleman, Dmytro Nayda, Rebecca Durham, Cory Cervantes, Dennis Frazier, Raven Nichols, Carter Reid, Noah Karr, Amy Karr, and Wally Goff.

Grace Hennig presented an overview of the Awareness of Teen Dating Violence program that was presented to the public. Students made videos for a public service announcement and posters for the event. The videos and posters were voted on by the attendees. The winning videos and posters were displayed for the board.

Motions were passed to approve the board meeting minutes from January 11, 2010 and to approve the financial report. A motion was made to approve the fourth 2009-10 operating budget amendment as follows: A total of \$3880 would be moved from Instructional (Classroom) to Security & Monitoring Services, to School Leadership (Principals), Instructional Administration and Staff/Curriculum Development.

Superintendent Pittman discussed district facilities improvements and/or expansions. Following a discussion on the board team self-assessment instrument, a board workshop date was set for March 1, 2010. Superintendent Pittman presented the districts' 2008-2009 Academic Excellence Indicator System report to the public and board.

A motion was passed to accept the local Board of Trustees textbook certification.

Superintendent Pittman updated the board on the district demographics. The special education program was discussed regarding the upcoming residential facilities tracker visit and compensatory services.

The board went into executive session at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 8:09 p.m. A motion was passed to approve Kristen Grogan and Ashley Johnson being added to the substitute teacher list.

The board went into executive session at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 9:09 p.m. Motions were made and passed to offer Kristi Sargent and Keith Hannah an administrative term contract for 2010-2011, and to extend Amy Reyna's term contract for 2010-11 (Farquhar & Harris have continuing contracts). The Trustees also approved the superintendent evaluation instrument for 2010-11 as presented and extended the superintendent's contract for five years through 2014-2015. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

### Orr Seeks Your Support

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Political Announcement

An example is the complete renovation of 212 North Waco Street in Hillsboro which was accomplished in six months and included the complex process of asbestos abatement. This historic structure was transformed into a beautiful commercial structure thereby doubling its taxable value for the city and county.

**VISION** - If elected as your next Hill County District Clerk, I will respectfully serve you and be a good steward of YOUR tax dollars. I will use my skills acquired through years of public service and hands-on business experience to update the current processes and systems. The demands of this office require fiscal responsibility and accountability to all the citizens of Hill County. Most importantly, this office requires discretion, diplomacy, and true compassion for the people it serves. I have a proven record of service to this community and I am committed to moving Hill County forward.

I respectfully request your vote on April 13.

### Income Tax Preparation

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

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

### FOR SALE

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**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**

## More Itasca Sports

### IISD Softball/Baseball Fields Vandalized



The IISD Softball/Baseball Complex was vandalized on the weekend of March 6 & 7. Several sponsor spirit banners were destroyed at a cost of \$100 each. The destruction was no childish prank.

If you have information about this vandalism, please call the Officer David McPherson at the Hill County Sheriff Department (254-582-2153 ext. 8) in regard to Case #151097. Everyone's help stopping this destruction would be greatly appreciated.

### “On the Finish Line” (Track)

Sports Reporters S. Ledwig & A. Spain

With the end of basketball, the spring sports have taken over even though the weather still feels like winter. Joining the baseball and softball teams, the “tracksters” have put on their running (and jumping) shoes and hit the asphalt.

The Wampus Cats have attended two track meets and have seen lots of success at both. At the Rice meet the Lady Cats did an outstanding job by placing fourth overall. The field of participants included some 2-A schools.

Senior Megan Goff placed first in pole vault with a height of 9 feet and in high jump. Freshman Chase Patterson earned a second place in pole vault with a height of 8 feet and Alaina Valentine got third with a height of 7'6". The sprint relay team of Megan Goff, Beruke Namaga, Emilee Nalley, and Shamonica Anderson, placed second and the same team came in fourth in the 800 relay. The mile relay team of Rebecca Durham, Beruke Namaga, Katisha Hall, and Emilee Nalley, placed fourth. Ashley Spain ran the mile in a total of 7min. 21sec.

The Wampus Cats track team of Desmond Guy, Stanley Johnson, Greg Mason, Martel Wallace, Shakeal Mozon and Philip Thomas were equally as successful.

Greg Mason finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the long jump and triple jump. The boys relay team finished 1<sup>st</sup> in both the Sprint and 800 relay.

### Softball Practice “Player of the Week”

#### Maddox leads Lady Cat attack into Santo to Tournament

By: Softball Coach Calvin Wright



The Lady Cats Softball team entered the Santo tournament last weekend behind the strong senior leadership of catcher Mary Maddox. Through the first couple weeks, Maddox has been one of the most coachable seniors I have encountered throughout my tenure as a softball coach. This willingness to still learn and improve herself has set the tone for younger players in the program to do the same.

It has also paid off in game situations, with Maddox starting the year off hot with a .300 batting average and two doubles in ten at-bats.

As many of you know, Maddox does not stop her successes on the softball field. She was also a key starter on a dominate Lady Cat Basketball team and she is also a part of the *Paw Print Press* staff, a cheerleader, a representative of the student council, and obviously takes care of business in the classroom as she is part of the National Honor Society. This summer, she will begin her quest to become a nurse at the Huguley Medical Center in Burleson. This hands on experience and her hard working attitude will have her more than ready for this coming fall where she will begin nursing school at the University of Texas at Arlington.

This has not been the only year that Maddox has been in the softball spotlight either. She has been playing in front of the Itasca community since she was in the 5th grade and made a huge splash as the catcher on the varsity team as a freshman when she made a spectacular diving catch right in front of the Itasca bleachers.

Maddox is determined to finish up her softball career with some unfinished business exclaiming, “I have already seen so much improvement throughout the team this year. I am very excited to what we will be able to accomplish.”

With her attitude, I think everyone can be excited as to what the Lady Cats can accomplish this year.



## Recent Death

**Cavazos, Julio Joe** – Julio Cavazos, age 57, passed away on March 8, 2010. A Memorial Service was held Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Clayton Kay Vaughan Funeral Chapel in Itasca. Survivors: wife Christina Palomino of Bedford; son, Dustin Smith of Mexia; daughters, Gina Cavazos, Sarah Cavazos, Jamie Cook, Amber Gellno, Stephanie Sierra all from Bedford and Danielle Pizana of Waco; grandchildren, Perry Adkison, Julian Pizana, Brandon Cavazos, Blaine Cavazos, Claudia Pizana, Sarah Pena, Danny Pena, Jessica Sierra Naomi Smith and Mia Mejia; great-grandchild, Robert Anthony Britto; brother, Nick Cavazos; sisters, Terri Cavazos, Sherry Cook, Barbara Molina, Rita Rodriguez and Mary Felan.

**Baskett, Lewis Randall** - Mr. Lewis (Randy) Baskett, 46, of Burleson passed away suddenly Monday, March 8, 2010. He had one daughter, Katey Kendall Baskett of Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his father, L. R. Baskett, Jr. In addition to the light of his life, Katey, he leaves behind his mother, Ramona, of Itasca; three sisters, Cindy Rubio and husband, Jasper, of Cleburne and Linda Gardner and Abby Jackson and husband, Jack, all of Burleson; one brother, Burl Baskett of Cleburne; numerous nieces and nephews; and lots of other family members and friends. Memorial services were held Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Covington Church of Christ.

### March Itasca PD Blotter

3-1 – Assisted IVFD with truck/tractor fire (Vehicle totally engulfed) – transported driver to 1200 blk. of S. Files St. – I-35W southbound mm 3  
 3-1 – Traffic stop (Driving While License Invalid) B/M 50, S. Hill & Harris Sts.  
 3-1 – Answered burglary alarm – 1000 blk. E. Main St.  
 3-1 – Assisted HCSO with Burglary in Progress at David's Processing Plant – IPD caught and detained two male suspects (Turned over to HCSO) – FM 67  
 3-2 – Responded to road hazard report – Removed wooden pallet from lane of travel – I-35W northbound mm 7  
 3-2 – Domestic disturbance – 200 blk. W. Forrest St.  
 3-3 – Accompanied Code Enforcement Officer while notices to abate were posted – 300 blk. E. Monroe, Corner of Lamar & Spurgeon Sts., 200 blk. N. King St. and 100 blk. Minnie Drive.  
 3-3 – Felony warrant arrest made on outstanding warrant – B/F 55 – 100 blk. E. Marrion St.  
 3-4 – Took report & investigated telephone harassment charge – 800 blk. Loom St.  
 3-4 – Assisted EMS with subject who requested hospital care (W/M 54) – I-35W northbound mm 12 on ramp  
 3-4 – Report of possible burglary at business – 900 blk. E. Main St.  
 3-4 – Report of possible run away – Itasca PD 100 blk. N. Hill St.  
 3-4 – Report of theft of service (Cut lock on water meter) – 400 blk. S. Hill St.  
 3-6 – Assisted Covington PD with warrant arrest (W/M 20) – HCR 171 & FM 67  
 3-7 – Report of interference with emergency phone call (Broke phone) Arrest made – 300 blk. E. South St.  
 3-7 – Suspicious activity (Appearance of home invasion) – 200 blk. S. Lamar St.  
 3-7 – Domestic disturbance – Criminal Trespass Warning issued against (B/M 33) – 100 blk. Martin St.  
 3-7 – Animal complaint (Skunk on porch) – 400 blk. S. College St.  
 3-8 – Warrant arrest made (DWLI) B/M 50 – 800 Weave St.

### "Skin Cancer" Presentation for Senior Circle

Press Release

Dr. Michael Charles will be presenting a power point concerning "Skin Cancer" to all interested HRH Senior Circle members at the March Lunch & Learn on March 19 at 12:00.

Dr. Charles' presentation will cover several facets of prevention, including catching cancer early by knowing the signs, self exams and keeping your skin healthy. Learning to identify skin cancer and forms of treatment will be discussed as well.

This event will be held at Suite 102 at the Outlets at Hillsboro. Reservations may be made by calling Judie Dibbern, Senior Circle Director, at 580-8888.

Beau Bailey from IntegraCare Home Health, along with Hill Regional Hospital, will be providing the complimentary lunch. Informational handouts will be available and special door prizes will be awarded.

### Yard Sale

101 S. Lamar  
(across from Itasca bank)

Saturday,

March 20

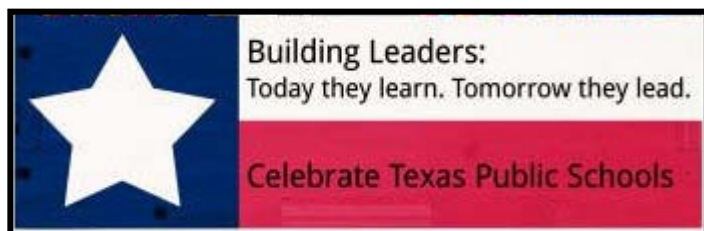
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

4 families

Kids clothes, toys, household items and more.







## Elementary Celebrates Texas Public School Week

Reporter Aren Barton

Itasca ISD joined many districts and schools celebrating Texas Public School Week March 8-12. The elementary teachers and students were especially active as they commemorated the week. All grades Pre-K through fourth grade participated in a series of festivities that also included their parents.

Monday, the Pre-K student's parents came to school and ate breakfast with their student and participated in an art show where the students displayed the pictures that they had drawn of themselves.

Tuesday the third graders joined in the celebration with Book and Breakfast, where their parents came up to the school, ate breakfast,



read a book and they took an AR test together. Also the second graders participated in Growing Graduates where they planted marigolds and presented a paper flower to their parents.

Wednesday the first graders had a Recipe Sampler Day where the students put together a cookbook filled with their favorite recipes and then brought their dish up to the school to sample with parents and the other students.

Thursday the fourth grade students participated in their own Book and Breakfast. The kindergarteners had a Dog Show where the students brought their homemade pets from home to display to their class.



The week ended Friday with an Elementary Career Day which was held at the Special Events Center.

## TSTC Gives IHS Seniors Helping Hand with FAFSA



Texas State Technical College representatives came to the high school the first week in March to help seniors fill out their online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) information.

The assistance from Verna LaStrapes and Travis Beach (pictured with Katelyn Seaman and Chantel Courtner) was very helpful. The TSTC admissions advisors were on hand to answer questions that students or parents had. They came prepared as the big trailer had laptops on both sides.



"I'm glad they came to help," Senior Chantel Courtner said. "It was pretty easy and stress-free."

## Piano Lessons

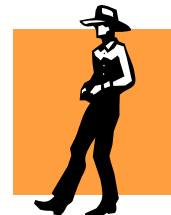
I have 2 openings for Beginner Level Piano lessons. I live in Itasca, have over 30 years piano experience and provide a Christian based atmosphere.



For more information call 214-212-5798.

## 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.

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## Wampus Cat of the Week

### Sophie Hennig Breeder of Champion Bunnies



Earlier this year at the Hill County Fair and Livestock Show, 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Sophie Hennig received the Reserve Champion Trophy for her rabbit.

Sophie lives in Whitney but attends school in Itasca and shows under the Itasca 4-H Livestock group.

She is the daughter of Grace and John Hennig. This

was Sophie's first year to show an animal but with her success, it will probably not be her last.

### Special of the Week



"Way to go Sophie. You represented Itasca well. You are one of my best Wampus Kittens."

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