

Paw Print Press

Proudly Serving Itasca "The Big Little Town" since 1997

Itasca, Texas 76055

Vol. 2010 Issue #13

March 26, 2010

Wampus Cat "Guys" Make All-State Basketball Teams

Junior Jasmine Guy, Senior Desmond Guy Receive Top Hoopster Honors



Two weeks ago the Texas Girls Coaches Association voted junior point guard Jasmine Guy a spot on the 2009-2010 All-State Basketball Team, but before we could report the story, the Texas Association of Coaches voted her older brother, senior Desmond Guy a spot on the Boys All-State Basketball squad.

Making an All-State team is a difficult task but to make one as a 5 foot 4 inch junior is almost impossible. Jasmine has played varsity basketball since her freshman year and has continued to grow in both the ball handling aspect of the game as well as the leadership side. With another year on the high school court, the fans are looking forward to another great season. This year during the playoff games, Jasmine's game reached a new level. Lady Cats'



Head Coach Clint Wallace is very proud of his team and all of the hard work they have exhibited.

"I am very proud of these girls and their dedication to the Itasca Girls Athletic Program," he said.

Senior Desmond Guy is no stranger to the limelight, having received numerous football, basketball and track medals and trophies over the last four years, but to make the All-State Basketball Team both your junior and senior year is like putting icing (with sprinkles) on the cake.

Desmond is always surprised when he receives the basketball awards because he is only 5' 10" tall. In a recent interview he said that he was leery about playing against tall players, but in Des, the fans only see a player who can handle a basketball like a "Globetrotter" and jump so high as to shoot over everyone's head. His percentage at the free throw line is exceptional and has been the edge in many Wampus Cat victories.

Itascans Earn Tae Kwon Do Trophies

Press Release



In February 60 students from the Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School-125 W Elm-Hillsboro traveled to Giddings to compete in an invitational Tae Kwon Do Tournament. Pictured are three Itasca Elementary students with their trophies. Jonathan Ramsey, Destini Ramsey and Brandon Sifford along with Timothy Friesenhahn, Black Belt Instructor, of the school.

Classes are taught each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night at 4:45, 5:45

and 6:45 p.m. The first two classes are free and parents are always welcome. If you would like to receive an information brochure and DVD advertisement, call 582-5111. Also check out our web-site www.hillsborotkd.com.

Ag Youth to Hold Annual Meeting

Press Release

The annual meeting of the Hill County Ag Youth, Inc. Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, March 30, at 6 p.m.

Four new board members will be elected during the meeting for two-year terms. The terms of Nick Pustejovsky from Justice of the Peace (JP) Precinct #1, Sherry Abbott from JP Precinct #2, Jack Ward from JP Precinct #3 and Charlie French from JP Precinct #4 are expiring.

In addition to the election, rules and dates for the 2011 Hill County Fair will be set. The meeting will be held at the Hill County AgriLife Extension Service meeting room on South Covington Street in Hillsboro.

Dues for voting members are \$10 per person. Those attending are only eligible to vote for a candidate from their JP precinct. For more information, contact board President Janet Wallace at 254-694-4798.

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>3rd 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 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

2nd 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

11th 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.

What: Way of the Master Evangelism Class

Who: All Christians

Where: Itasca Longterm Care

When: Tuesday Nights beginning April 6 - 27
(Four short weeks)

What time: 7:00 p.m.

Why: Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20)

How Much: Free

Hens & Eggs for Sale

1 yr old Auracana hens that lay Easter Eggs!

Large pastel blue, green and peach colored eggs -

Great foragers - Hens \$10 ea - Eggs \$2 a doz.

Call K. Buckner @ 687-9220

Itasca ISD Booster Club Meeting

April 13 7:00 p.m. IISD Library

Nominations for new officers will be discussed

Elections for officers on May 11

Everyone is welcome!

Official Public Notice

The Itasca Planning and Zoning Committee is holding a public hearing to discuss amending the Zoning Ordinance of properties located in Itasca OT Blk 28 Lt 3-4 & pt 5. All interested parties are asked to attend, the hearing will be held Monday April 12, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the Itasca Council Chambers at 136 N Hill St

Itasca Garden Club Hears Wedding Bells During March Meeting

Press Release



Itasca Garden Club met Thursday, March 11, 2010 at Mimi and Papa's in Hillsboro for a lovely breakfast meeting. The ladies then traveled to the Wedding Design Group located at 213 IH NW, Hillsboro for a presentation by the owner Terri Crawford.

Ms. Crawford showed the Itasca Garden Club many different creations using water, candles, flowers, décor and furniture for special events and enhancing their own homes. Unique inspirations using simplistic and imaginative measures created magical and romantic statement pieces.

The Itasca Garden Club had a most enjoyable morning with the Wedding Design Group which is made up of one person, Ms. Terri Crawford.

Pictured are the Itasca Garden Club admiring a lovely romantic statue and Club member Angelia Orr and proprietor Terri Crawford.



Employment Available

Due to census growth, Homestead of Hillsboro has openings for c.n.a. and Med-Aide. Call Connie @ 254-582-8416 EOE

Area Hoopsters Selected to Play in Mineral Wells All-Star Game

Press Release

MINERAL WELLS - Sixty boys and girls from North Texas high schools have been selected to play in the 21st Annual Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce-Chicken Express All-Star Basketball Classic. The classic tips off 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Mineral Wells High School gym. Representing IHS are seniors Megan Goff and Desmond Guy.

The All-Stars represent the best nominees from 60 area schools invited to participate. Both boy and girl honorees--all of whom are seniors--are selected by an independent committee after being nominated by their respective coaches.

One of the goals of the event is to gain exposure before college coaches for senior players. The Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce and Chicken Express invite college coaches from throughout Texas to watch the students play. All students are guaranteed four (4) minutes of playing time per half.

As an added attraction, Chicken Express sponsors a three-point shooting contest during halftime of both the boys' and girls' games. Chicken Express awards a \$1,000 scholarship to the winner of both contests. Chicken Express has sponsored the All-Star Classic for 20 years. The Classic is also sponsored by Clark Gardens Botanical Park, which is hosting its spring festival March 27 and 28.

Communities are encouraged to support their participating athletes. Cost to attend the event is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Restaurant and lodging information for guests to Mineral Wells may be obtained from the Chamber at (940) 325-2557, or online at www.mineralwellstx.com.

FIRST BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT ROUND-UP

Saturday, March 27 10:00 - 12:00

First Baptist Church in Hillsboro

(use the Elm St. or Pleasant St. entrance)

1. Preview our Curriculum!
2. See our Classrooms!
3. Talk to Teachers and Parents of currently enrolled students!

Pre-K classes - Tues., Wed., Thurs. 8:00 - 12:00

Kindergarten - Mon. - Fri. 8:00 - 12:00

****Please call 582-2973 or 582-3418 for more information, a tour of our facilities or to request a registration packet.**

Senior Spotlight Abigail Saldierna

Reporter Megan Goff
Caricature by Michelle Ignacz



Another one of our true natives is the lovely, Abigail Saldierna. Abby's authentic spirit is another thread in the senior class.

Abby is the daughter of Casimiro and Maria Saldierna. She has an older brother, Johnny, who graduated from IHS in 2007, and a younger sister, Jocelyn, who is currently a junior. Abby turned 18 on December 13.

"Abby is very sweet," Jocelyn Saldierna said, "She is my only sister, and I love her."

Abby has gone to Itasca since she was in pre-kindergarten. One of her childhood traits was her very long, shiny, black hair. Abby held on to her long hair until junior high, and then she slowly started cutting it shorter and shorter. Other ways to remember Abby is as an ex- Cinco De Mayo Duchess, her role as a folklorico dancer and the gorgeous dresses she would wear as Cinco de Mayo royalty.

Some of the things that make Abby the woman she is are the things she enjoys. Abby likes the color purple and eating pizza. She likes to watch television shows like *16 and Pregnant* and *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*. Another favorite is shopping at Forever 21.

Looking back at some of her high school classes, Abby decided that her favorite class was World History, taught by her favorite teacher, Mrs. Petrash.

"Mrs. Petrash is a really good teacher," Abby said. "She treats everyone fair, and our curriculum was fun."

This may have encouraged Abby to become a PAL her junior year. Abby took rotations through Pre-K through second grade. Her old PAL students still see her and recognize her as their "PAL."

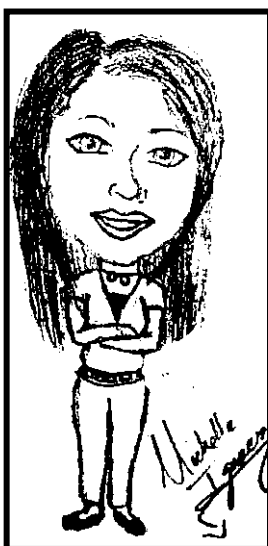
"I really enjoyed being a PAL," Abby said. "It was fun to be around the elementary students and play with them. Sometimes I read to them, and other times I helped the teachers."

Along with the rest of the senior class, Abby is ready for May 28.

"I'm sad about leaving such an awesome class behind," Abby said. "But it's time for change. It's time for new things. I'm ready to graduate and do something different."

Abby is interested in the accounting and business area. She plans to attend college in the future.

"I don't want people to doubt my mindset," Abby said. "I AM going to college, and I am going to do something with myself."



Senior Spotlight Rosendo Zavala

Reporter Mary Maddox
Caricature by Michelle Ignacz



Rosendo Zavala is usually seen at school either looking up abstract drawings on the internet, or drawing something different that only he could imagine. He not only loves to draw, but he is also very talented in that area. Throughout

the years, he has won many first place ribbons at the Hill County Fair for his artwork. This spring he entered two drawings in the fair and they both earned first place ribbons.

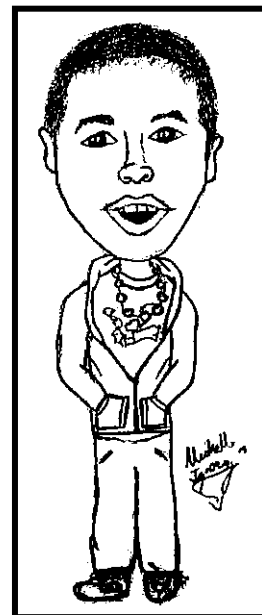
Rosendo moved to Itasca with his parents from San Luis Potosi, Mexico when he was twelve years old. His parents are Rosendo and Christina Zavala. He has six younger siblings (look for them in years to come) and three older siblings, Jose Carlos, Myra -Class of '04 and Miguel - Class of '09.

Rosendo has attended school at Itasca since 6th grade.

"I'm not much of a school person," Rosendo said. "I'd rather be at home, or anywhere else."

Even though he hasn't enjoyed high school to the fullest, Rosendo has experienced some things he will never forget, such as Ag Teacher Mr. Bill Nickell and his favorite, free access to the internet.

He will also remember one of his favorite classmates, Mary Maddox (writer of this article) who said, "Rosendo and I are pretty cool. I wrote this story without an interview because he wouldn't answer any questions."



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

In the Lady Cats' Dugout

Sports Reporters Shelby Ledwig & Ashley Spain

The Lady Cats played in the San-to tournament the weekend before Spring Break. Playing 2-A teams the Lady Cats pulled a fourth place finish in the tournament.

They started off strong Thursday morning winning the first game against Santo, tying the second to Bryson and then lost their last game to Millsap. Saturday morning the Lady Cats came out ready to play some softball.

"Facing Boyd was difficult for the Lady Cats, the pitcher was slower than the teams we faced had earlier in the tournament," Senior Ashley Durham said. "It is sometimes really difficult to hit a slow pitcher."

After a hard loss to Boyd the Lady Cats took a break and rested for their big game against DeLeon. In the first 4 innings, neither team could manage to score a run against the others strong defense. But it was DeLeon that managed to put runs on the board giving them the win.

Ashley Durham pitched all the three games Thursday and behind the plate Mary Maddox kept the defense alive, talking to everyone so they knew where the next play was. These two seniors played some great heads up ball.

Over the Spring Break week the Lady Cats had a couple of practices to prepare them for their first District game on Tuesday, March 23. They also played one game against Perrin Friday morning. Freshmen Celeste Rodriguez and Ashley Spain both had impressive hits and Senior Ashley Durham had a good game on the mound. Durham pitched the whole game with Rodriguez catching behind the plate. Even when the Lady Cats were down, they managed to keep a positive attitude and do their best. The Lady Cats played a decent game, but unfortunately they lost by 3 with a final score of 5-8.



Softball Practice

"Player of the Week"

Shelby Ledwig's Hustle Inspires Lady Cats

By: Head Softball Coach Calvin Wright



The play of the year so far for the Lady Cat Softball teams could have very well happened last Friday night in the JV game against Fort Worth Castleberry. Shelby Ledwig, the Junior Varsity catcher, played the ricochet off of the back-stop on a wild pitch perfectly and just in the nick of time made a diving lunge toward home plate to cut-down the runner trying to score from third. Not only did

Ledwig make an incredible play, she also played with great enthusiasm and hustle and also won "Practice Player of the Week" honors. Ledwig commented that the play was probably one of the greatest softball moments she has ever been a part of.

Ledwig, who has been playing since the fifth grade, has shown an incredible attitude and enthusiasm during practice. Not only has she been striving to make herself better, but numerous times has been working with other players, trying to improve her teammates just as much as herself. What is even furthermore impressive about her work ethic is that she will not be eligible to play on the varsity team until next season. Those type circumstances could be enough to make even the most hard-nosed hustling players to get a little down. Not Ledwig however as she claimed, "I have had a lot of fun so far. I am excited about the rest of the season and I have already learned so much."

Ledwig also takes care of business off the softball field as well. She will be working a tough job with her grandparents company this summer, just to make a few extra dollars. In the classroom, she is enrolled in all honors classes and has a strong determination to be a member of student council next year. Judging by her attitude on the softball field, voting for her to represent you in the student council sounds like a pretty safe bet.

Wampus Cats 2010 Track

March

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 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

2010 Little Dribblers

Saturday before Spring Break the eighteen Little Dribblers' teams were hard at play making up the games that had been postponed due to the snow and bad weather. Coordinators of the Itasca Youth Association, Jason and LeAnn Kirkpatrick work hard all year organizing the various sporting activities for the young people of Itasca and the surrounding area. With the culmination of basketball season they are hard at work signing up baseball and softball players. Itasca is fortunate to have parents who are willing to give their time to work with the future leaders of our community.

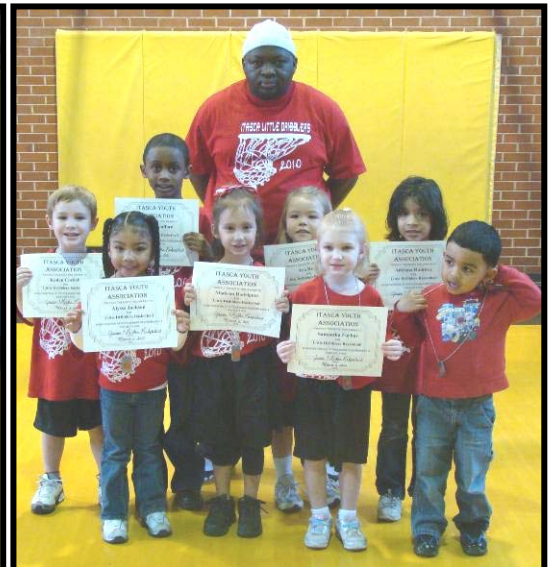
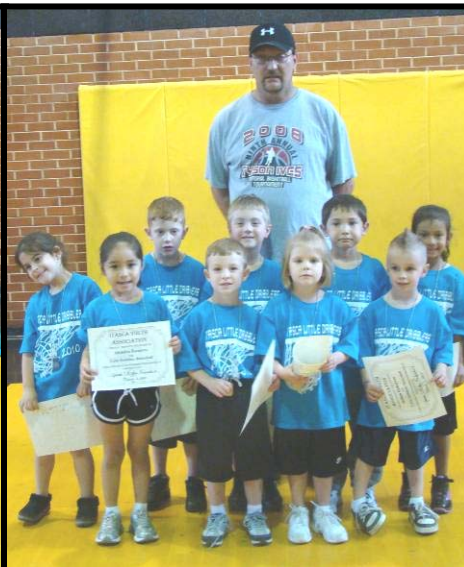
Open Letter to the Community - Thank You Itasca!

On behalf of the Itasca Youth Association we want to personally thank all that were involved in the Little Dribblers Program. We have concluded another successful year. Thank you Mr. Pittman for allowing us to utilize the junior high gym again this year. Thanks to all the parents for allowing your children to participate in the program. We want to thank the volunteers for all the help with books, score clock, cleanup, and filling in for a referee when we were short handed.

A special thanks to Paul Solis for refereeing. He has been dedicated to the Little Dribblers Program as a referee for many years, and this year he coached a 1st & 2nd Grade team. Each year we learn from the program and we hope to better the program every year. We also want to thank the elementary for allowing us to send home forms and keep the community involved through the school. Thank you Mrs. Petrash for coming out and taking pictures for the paper. This will be a highlight for the children and their families to be able to see their picture in the paper and show for years to come.

Special thanks goes out to all the coaches! Thank you coaches for helping teach the children, spending your time with them and enabling them to participate in team activities. Thank you community for the support and involvement in the youth programs. It is with a great amount of gratitude we publish this public "Thank You". We are looking forward to next year.

On behalf of the Itasca Youth Association, Jason & LeAnn Kirkpatrick



Pre-K & K – Coaches Melony Richters & Lisa Snider – Canaan Richters, Brendon Heath, Haley Jenkins, Mackenzie Hernandez, Natalia Savala, Morgan Holiday, Laney Bell, Jacoby Searcy and Cash McIntyre

Pre-K & K – Coaches Kevin Lightsey, Kaleigh Lightsey & Chelsae Faries - Kayd Lightsey, David Arellano, Wyatt Beam, Jediah(JK) Roberson, Brayden Cole, Gracee Cole, Jasmyn Rodriguez, Alondra Ramirez, Aliyah McGill

Pre-K & K – Coach Willie Jackson - Alyssa Jackson, Willie Bible, Braylon Stafford, Kaden Cordell, Madison Rodriguez, Grace Anderson, Ava Rugh, Samantha Forbus and Adriana Ramirez

More Little Dribblers



3rd & 4th Grade – Coach Willie Jackson – Jeff Knight, Jacob Renfroe, Ethan LaFountain, Cameron Brandstetter, Jeremiah Perkins, Tito Savala and JT Cordona

3rd & 4th Grade – Coach Tom Farquhar – Jacob Farquhar, Jordan Shelby, Nathan Ramos, DeeJay Dulaney, Landon Lain, Brayden Hennig, Cameren Hight and Pepper Rodriguez

3rd & 4th Grade – Coach Chalo Cavazos – Ethan Greeson, Chalo Cavazos, James Savala, Stephen Upton, Justin Feazel, Austin Karr and Daniel Coronado

1st & 2nd Grade – Coach Paul Solis – Anthony Salazar, Jennifer Martinez, Avery Barfield, Felicity Cockerham, Marshall Woods, Jacob Ramos, Danny Molla and Donavan McGill

1st & 2nd Grade – Coaches Steve Vaughan & Eric Markwardt – Blaine Vaughn, Ryan Markwardt, Logan Strona, Jaedyn Campos, Morgan Ward, Nathalie Willman, Bree Brown and Eric Mozon



1st & 2nd Grade - Coaches Susan Bason & Kelly Tinklenberg - Ashton Tinklenberg, Parker Richters, Clay Pittman, Mason Griffin, Jesse Harris, Chloe Sherber, Aiden Sargent, Fayth Searcy and Lane Burt

3rd & 4th Grade - Coach Jason Ervin - Neo Arellano, Samuel Sulak, Dylan Beam, Layton English, Rick Ortega, Harley Snider and Wyatt Helms

More Little Dribblers



3rd & 4th Grade - Coach Rochelle Grisham - DeAjanae Diggs, Sophie Hennig, Brianna Bolden, Payton Gonzalez, Malacia Guy, Kyra Henderson, Chasity Roberson, Chloe Dumas and Katie-Lynne Younger

3rd & 4th Grade - Coach Josh Kirkpatrick - Bethany Kirkpatrick, Demarya Jarrett, Lakashia Frederick, Ladybug Mayberry, Samantha Farries, Kyn-

del Basye, Halie Ramos and Sydney Williams

1st & 2nd Grade - Coach Jason Abbott - Travis Abbott, Courtney Upton, Davonte Grisham, Jimmy Heath, Chase Rutherford, Jonathan Bustin, Kyerra Rockuemore and Anna Anderson

1st & 2nd Grade - Coach David Arellano - Andrew Arellano, Weston Helms, Samuel Bonds, Tempest Arellano, Aleesia Sarli, Kaylei Cole, Bryson Nipp and Kyle Kirkpatrick

3rd & 4th Grade - Coach Jason Kirkpatrick - Emili Sarli, Halie Sarli, Meadow Valeriano, Haley Jo Hubbard, Tamara Jackson, Rebecca Arellano, Katlyn Sherber and Baylee Smith

5th Grade - Coaches Susan Bason & Melony Richter - Karon Webb, Mason Richters, Miranda Valeriano, Gracie Rugh, Janae Davis, Autumn Throckmorton, Callie Pittman, Chandley Sargent, Dana Schuman and Aliyah Rodriguez

5th & 6th Grade - Coach Jason Kirkpatrick - Tanner Graig, Robert Kirkpatrick, Kaleb McGill, Derrick Nipp, James Melson, JaQuiest Long, Lydon Lain, Marshal Couldron and Daniel Garcia

5th & 6th Grade - Coach Dru Lacy - Jacob Lacy, DeMarcus Parkerson, Cameron Wells, Shaun Castro, Daniel Montes, Justin Dubose, Kenneth Fails, Harley Germer, Tommy Ashley and Tyler Kittoe

Remember When . . . “Will Rogers”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



With all the hype today on TV and in the newspapers and other publications about our world situation, our government's efforts to correct the current economic situation. The cartoons about these things and the downright character assassinations that are prevalent in our society today reminds me of Will Rogers, a columnist, writer, movie actor and a Broadway actor. His remarks and stories about our politicians, our government and other world situations. However, his work and remarks were not vicious or vindictive, they were just plain benevolent chiding. It was meant to be funny, and at the same time describe the situation that existed at that time, which strongly enough, coincides with the situation that exists today.

It doesn't seem possible that Will Rogers and his pilot, Wiley Post were killed in a plane crash seventy five years ago. Mr. Roger's pilot was well known at that time he was a famous pilot who had won many races and other accomplishments in the aviation industry. He had lost an eye and at the time of the crash; he was identified by a black patch on that eye. When they crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska Aug. 15 1935, Will Rogers was only fifty six years old when he was killed. I think of all the humor satire and other contributions he could have made had he lived to eighty six. Will was born to part Cherokee parents in Oklahoma. He left school in the tenth grade to become a cowboy. He also became a writer, a columnist and worked in vaudeville. He also made forty-four movies during his short fifty-six years. His rope tricks got him into vaudeville. He also had his own radio show although his fame was ubiquitous. Will was as common as an old worn out hat. I guess he was best known for his one liners and jibes at the government and officials. Some of them were as follows:

*** “I never met a man I didn't like, I belong to no organized party, I am a democrat. Diplomacy is the art of saying, ‘Nice Doggie’, while looking for a rock.”

*** “Be thankful we are not getting all the government we are paying for.”

*** “Nothing you can't spell will ever work. There's nothing to being a humorist, you have the whole government working for you.”

*** “I'm not a movie star; I have the same wife I started with.”

*** “Only one thing can kill the movies and that is education.”

*** “A successful man is one who can make more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.”

*** “The best doctor is the veterinarian, he can't ask his patients what is wrong, and he has to know.”

*** “We can't all be heroes, some of us have to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.”

*** “He is so stingy he would skin a flea for the tallow.”

*** “Procrastination is the thief of time.”

*** “Sometimes it is better to remain a fool than open your mouth and remove all doubt.”

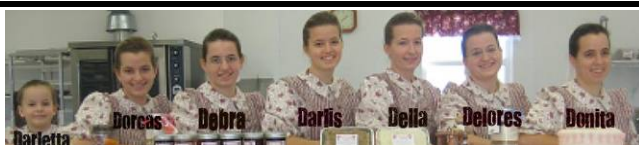
*** “The happiest people don't necessarily have everything; they make the best of everything they have.”

The sayings are much funnier when Mr. Rogers said them. His old sayings are as true today as they were then, even the current events, and our world situation. There is a museum and memorial to Will Roger at Claremont, Oklahoma; a fitting memorial to a man who endeared himself to all who knew or saw him, and to those of us who personally remember him.

Seven Sisters Bake Shoppe!

5 kinds of Breads, sweet Cinnamon Rolls, scrumptious cookies, Sweet Breads, our own Homemade Jams and much more.

Everything is made at our Bake Shoppe by Seven Sisters who love baking and sharing their products with you! You are welcome to call or email your order and we will give you a pickup date.



OPEN Every Weekend!

Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Seven Sisters Bake Shoppe
Itasca, TX 76055

Phone: 254-687-9209 3682 FM 934
Email: sevensistersbakeshoppe@gmail.com



Paw Print Press
123 N. College
Itasca, Texas 76055

Wampus Cat of the Week

Brittany Reid Good Deed Pays Off

Reporter Megan Goff



During the past snow storm (the first one), the very dedicated and responsible freshman *Paw Print Press* business manager, Brittany Reid found a wallet containing “millions of dollars” outside the HILCO main office building while delivering the newspaper. She took the wallet inside and it was

returned to its owner, Susan Ernest, who was currently experiencing a spell of bad luck. This do-good cheerleader’s act of accountability brought a turn in fate for Mrs. Ernest. So today, we praise this girl. Brittany: you are so awesome.

Special of the Week



“Thank you Brittany for being honest and turning in the wallet intact. You are a true Wampus Cat.”

2007 Escape XLS Loaded, One-Owner



Only 35K miles!
\$13,985

Lloyd Ford – Proud Supporter of the Wampus Cats