

# Paw Print Press

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## Fire Destroys Empty Home Quick Response by Fire Departments Save Neighboring Structures

Some Information from *The Reporter*  
Picture from Susan Bason



A home in the 100 block of Minnie Drive in Itasca was destroyed by fire Saturday night, March 27. The Hill County Sheriff's Office received the initial 9-1-1 call at 9:45 p.m.

Firefighters arrived to find the home heavily involved in smoke and flames. Mutual aid was provided by fire units from Hillsboro, Covington and Grandview.

The home had been vacant for at least a year and there was no power to the building according to officials. The fire started in the northeast corner of the home but the investigation into the cause of the fire is still ongoing.



## T3C3 Annual Yard Sale

Trail To The Cross Cowboy Church of Hillsboro will hold its annual yard sale on Saturday, April 10 beginning at 8:30 am at 226 Stadium Road, which is located behind the high school football field. All donations will go towards the building fund. For more information, call 972-571-2603.

## 3-point Accuracy Earns Guy \$1,000 Chicken Express Scholarship



Last Saturday night while his friends were out messing around and having a fun time, Senior Desmond Guy, was working hard on the basketball court to further his education.

Desmond and Megan Goff represented Itasca well as they played in the invitational 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce-Chicken Express All-Star Basketball Classic. Both scored (Megan 6 points) and Desmond (15 points) for their winning "East" teams.

During half time of both games the players competed in a 3-Point Shoot Out for a \$1,000 Scholarship. Desmond was the only boy out of the 30 players to make all 3 of his 3-pointers to earn the scholarship.

"I was very proud of Dez's effort against some of the top talent in the state (classes 1-A through 5-A were represented)," IHS Head Basketball Coach Jimmy Lott said. "He played a great game and is very deserving of all of the honors he has received."

Coach Kirby Basham (former IHS head basketball coach) was also at the game and he was quick to try and take credit for Desmond's success.

## Itasca Easter Sunrise Service

The Itasca Ministerial Alliance's annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held Easter Sunday, April 4, at 7:00 a.m. in Lawless Park.

In case of bad weather, the service will be moved into the Presbyterian Church across the street. Please come and start your Easter Day off by celebrating Christ's resurrection with others in our community!

## 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

401 E. Main St, Itasca, TX 254-687-2475  
 E-mail: [itascaumc@digitex.net](mailto:itascaumc@digitex.net)  
*Where Worship Is Joyous! Experience the energy of  
 God's promise in a beautiful, historic sanctuary.*  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.-10:30 (All ages)  
 Sunday Worship Service 10:50 a.m.  
 Refreshments between Sunday School & Church Services  
 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday 5:00-6:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study (all ages)  
 Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - Youth Choir Practice (ages 11 and up)

### 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  
[itascafpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:itascafpc@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 - 10:45 Sunday School (All Ages) 11 am. - Worship Service  
 6 pm - Praise/Worship (Sanctuary) 6:30-KFC/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



April 24 - 10 a.m. - 12 noon

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber of Commerce

#### Barbecue Date Change

The 2010 cook off will be held Friday, May 21 &  
 Saturday, May 22. Contact Bob Wilson at HILCO  
 for more information.

What: Way of the Master Evangelism Class

Who: All Christians

Where: Itasca Longterm Care

When: Tuesday Nights April 6 - 27 (4 short weeks)

What time: 7:00 p.m.

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

How Much: Free

### Itasca Garden Club Annual

#### Flower Show

Thursday, April 8 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
 Itasca Depot Heritage & Education Center  
 "A Tribute to Elvis"

### 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

### Democrats of Hill County

Monday, April 12 6:00 p.m.  
 Texas Heritage Museum Theater at Hill College  
 Lanore Dixon - 254-221-0511



## Help Save an Animals' Life by Volunteering with Paw Pals

Press Release

We will always be grateful to all the selfless people for continuing to believe and work towards our stated and achievable goals:

Hill County Paw Pals, a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation, is a grassroots group that organized with two stated goals; 1) Facilitate installation of a county animal control program and promote and contribute to building a county animal shelter; and 2) Organize to challenge the overpopulation of unwanted companion animals (dog and cats) with four programs working simultaneously—Education, Legislation, Spay/Neuter, and Adoption (Project ELSA).

With our recent purchase of property at 1500 South Abbott Avenue (US Hwy 81 south Hillsboro next to TXDOT), we will soon start construction of the animal shelter. Initially, the facility will be operated solely as a limited pet adoption center with volunteers and private funds.

"The more volunteers we have, the more kennel space will be utilized for the saving of unwanted pets", says Lana Crow, Paw Pals Vice President and Adoption Chairperson.

A volunteer work force is now being organized based on people's area of interest with a survey designed by Carol Knight. To see where one can help, please visit [www.hcpawpals.org](http://www.hcpawpals.org) and link to "volunteers" and complete and then electronically submit the "Volunteer Survey".

As Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." For more information about Paw Pals, call (254) 580-0679 or email [hcpawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawpals@yahoo.com). Our next public meeting is 6:30pm April 1 (first Thursday) at our new property location.

### Employment Available

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

### 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

### Community Spring Clean-Up

April 10 – April 17

*"It is time for Everyone to pitch in and work on beautifying our community"*

## Tae Kwon Do Students Attend Tournament

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 tournament. Students competed in patterns and sparring. Pictured are some of the students who competed along with the trophies they won.

Top row: Kelly Smith-Whitney, Jennifer Clark-Hillsboro, Melissa Renfroe-Itasca, Kevin Devers-Black Belt-West, Timothy Friesenhahn-Black Belt and Instructor, Danny Smith-Whitney, Shawn Rejcek-Bynum

2<sup>nd</sup> row: Alyson Rea-Hillsboro, Hunter Smith-Whitney, Neida Gallardo-Hillsboro, Jonathan Ramsey-Hillsboro, Angelina Bollela-Itasca, Humbarto Mancella-Hillsboro, Marcos Meza-Hillsboro, Hayden Allen-Bynum and Angel Funes-Hillsboro.

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Asher Renfroe-Itasca, Cameron Rejcek-Bynum, Jorge Gallardo-Hillsboro, Mauricio Mancella-Hillsboro, Morgan Bledsoe-Itasca, Ollie Monice-Hillsboro and Litzy Funes-Hillsboro.

Bottom Row: Kathryn Devers-West, Heather Odom Black Belt - Itasca, Joey Robinson-Blum and Megan Odom Black Belt from Itasca.

Classes are taught each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4:45, 5:45 and 6:45 p.m. The first two classes are free and parents are always welcome. If you would like a free informational brochure and DVD call 582-5111. You may also check out our web-site [www.hillsborotkd.com](http://www.hillsborotkd.com)

### 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)

## Senior Spotlight – Marsha Guy

Reporter Aren Barton

Caricature by Martin Martinez



To some people, debating a political topic against another student in front of an audience would not seem very appealing, but to Marsha Guy, this is one activity she enjoys and her efforts do not go unnoticed.

"I like to argue," Marsha said with a grin. "It takes my mind off of everything."

Marsha is involved in LD (Lincoln-Douglas) Debate. Much preparation goes into this UIL event. The debate team spends months gathering and researching information on possible topics and practicing their debate skills. Another challenge in this type of debate is that rather than having a partner with you, you debate alone against your opponent.

For the past four years, Marsha has been a superstar in debating. Every year since her freshman year, Marsha has advanced to the Regional UIL competition with her clever debating abilities. Her junior year she took home a 1st place medal and received a plaque for being Top Speaker. Last weekend at the 2010 UIL District Academic Meet, she once again took 1st place in LD Debate.

"I'm usually pretty quiet and shy," Marsha said. "But in debate I'm always loud. Mrs. Anderson has been my debate coach and my teacher. She has helped me a lot."

Marsha Lynette Guy is the daughter of Edith Guy and has three siblings, Yvenone, Khaled and Dheveeon. Both of her younger brothers are in elementary school and her older sister is 31.

"My sister is my role model," Marsha said. "She taught me how to get through hard times and how to deal with bad situations."

When not at school, Marsha enjoys listening to all genres of music, sleeping, reading mystery and medical mystery books, eating her favorite dish (chicken tetrazinni), going to church in Hillsboro, and hanging out with her friends, Rebecca Cisneros and Cody Dominick.

After high school, Marsha plans to attend UTA to get a nursing degree in neonatal nursing which is a branch of nursing that deals with the care of sick newborn babies.

"I really like babies," Marsha said, "and I just want to help the sick ones so they have a chance to live too."

To all of the younger students, Marsha has some advice to share. "Study hard in school and it will pay off later."



### 504 Child Find Notice

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504 programs, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator Amy Reyna at 687-2922 ext 143

### Aviso Sobre La Identificacion de Estudiantes Incapacitados bajo la Seccion 504

Bajo la Seccion 504 del Decreto de Rehabilitacion de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y proporcionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a estudiantes incapacitados que califican para recibir servicios bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas informacion sobre los derechos de padres de ninos incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificacion, evaluacion, y colocacion de ninos en el programa de Seccion 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con el Coordinador Amy Reyna de 504 del Distrito al numero 687-2922 ext 143.

### Happy Birthday



Chandley Sargent, 5<sup>th</sup> grader at IMS celebrated her upcoming birthday with a skating party this past Saturday. Chandley's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday is April 6.

### Republican Runoff Election

April 13

Early voting - April 5-9

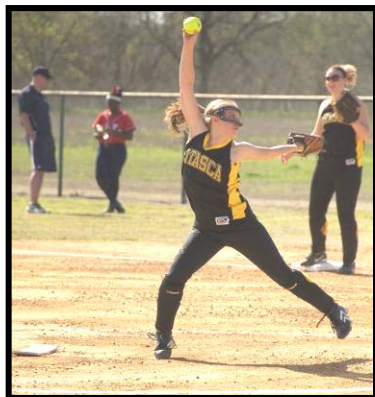
Hill County Courthouse

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



## In the Lady Cats' Dugout

Sports Reporters Ashley Durham & Mary Maddox  
Thanks to Mrs. Crouch for the photos.



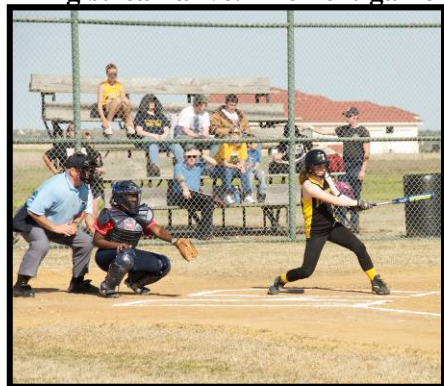
Last Tuesday, March 23, the Lady Cats played Waxahachie Faith Family in their first district game. The game was a blowout 14-0 in favor of the Lady Cats. The game was called in the 5<sup>th</sup> because of the run rule.

This week the Lady Cats have a full schedule, 3 games, due to a rainout last Friday. The first game was played Monday night against Red Oak on Itasca's home field. This was only a practice game for the girls and they did come out on the short end of the score 6-3 but the practice was invaluable.

Tuesday evening the Lady Cats traveled to Waxahachie Advantage to take on the Lady Eagles in their second district game. They won 10-0.

The Lady Cats are 2-0 in district and are working hard to keep the winning streak alive. The next game is with Grand Prairie Advantage on Thursday and then it is on to Covington next Tuesday night. They return home next Friday evening to meet Waxahachie Faith Family as they start the second half of district play.

The Lady Cats ask that their fans come out and support them. The weather is getting better and there is lots of seating at the ballpark on Wampus Cat Drive.



## Our School

A very special thank you to Elementary Principal Karon Farquhar and her faculty and staff for hosting parents for breakfast all week long during Public School Week. It went great! Also, Way to Go to Kristi Sargent for a great TAKS testing week. Now, how many more test do we have to go?

Happy Birthday wishes go to Mr. Rudy Romero (March 28) and Mr. Richard Wilson (March 30).

## Lady Cats Make Run towards Playoffs behind Shortstops Leadership

By: Head Softball Coach Calvin Wright



The Lady Cats started district play last week with a commanding 14-0 victory over Waxahachie Faith Family. A key contributor to the victory was freshman shortstop "Lulu" Rodriguez who went 1 for 3 at the plate with a walk, an RBI and two runs scored along with a couple slick defensive plays out in the field.

As good as Rodriguez has played out in the field however, she has been even better at Lady Wampus Cat practices. If you want to see softball played the right way, day in, and day out, Rodriguez is the player to watch. Running the bases with reckless abandon, sliding hard to avoid tags, making constant adjustments in her swing, and putting in extra time outside of practice to work on her game. My favorite moment however, is when Lulu insisted that I keep hitting groundballs just out of her reach until she had one that she could take a tremendous diving catch on. This is the style of play every coach wants to see, the kind that makes people watch the games and makes little children fall in love with the sport.

When it comes to softball, the free-spirited Rodriguez is all business. She began playing tee ball when she was four years old and has been playing ever since. One of her favorite softball moments was when she was a member of a summer league team "Tomboys" that qualified for the National Tournament in Louisiana. She wants to continue her softball career after high school by impressing a college coach enough to give her a crack at playing at the collegiate level. But at the moment her mind is totally on the Lady Cats and their push to the playoffs.

"We have become a better team, and for the rest of the season I hope we are able to take the district championship," she said.

Rodriguez shared a quote with me that she says defines the way she plays. When I read it, I couldn't have described her better,

"When it comes time to step out onto that field, (I) get a little more dedicated, a little more serious, and nobody stands in my way." (Caitlin Sumpter, University of Kansas Catcher).

### Lady Cats 2010 Softball - Enthusiasm Breeds Success!

	District Results	Won - 2	Loss - 01
April 1	G.P. Advantage	V	4:30
April 6	@Covington	V	4:00
April 9	Wax Faith Family	V	4:30

### Wampus Cats 2010 Baseball

April 2	Bye		
*April 6	Covington	Away	5:00
April 9	Life Schools-Red Oak	Home	4:30

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Career Fair

Reporter Devin Corbitt



In conjunction with Texas Public School Week, Itasca ISD hosted its first annual career fair on March 12. All campus took part in the fair and learned about a wide array of careers and jobs. The elementary part was conducted outside and in the special events center. In the high school students chose their four ideal or most interesting careers out of the 12 options. The careers that were offered and the presenters were Sgt Billy Shue (Helicopter Mechanic), Beverly & Andy Barton (Nurse), Ken Henderson (Radiologist), Thomas Sympton (Exec. Director Clinical Relations), Pam Master (Director of Development), Dawn Radke (Carter Blood Care), Judge Kenneth Davis (Elected Official), Marty Jungman (Entomologist), Karen Kuhlwein (County Extension Agent), Gideon Jennings (County Extension Agent), Apollo Morse (Navy), Darrell Sulak & Chance Wohleb (HILCO Electrical Lineman), Darrin Collins & Alicia Slotvig (Ambulance), Mike Grogan (Information Technology), Doug Volcik (Game Warden), Matt Hines (Meteorologist), John Hennig & Richard Mowly (Rancher), Jeff Murray (Brazos Valley Equipment) and Lorenzo Chavez (Fire Investigator).

The community involvement was incredible and the students received a lot of information. In each session, they were given an idea of what work was like for each career, what schooling was needed, the benefits of the job, and much more.

"It was a successful program and we look forward to doing it again next year," High School Principal Mr. Rickie Harris said.



## “Cans for Paw Pals” - Community Bringing Positive Change

Press Release

Hundreds of conscientious Hill County citizens have leaned towards “green” by donating their aluminum cans to support the goals of Hill County Paw Pals. Paw Pals formed some six years ago with attainable goals to correct our community’s horrific pet overpopulation issue by establishing an animal shelter in order to support a proactive county animal control program.

Credit for the success of this recycling project goes to Jean & JD Landis who named and manage “Cans for Paw Pals.” This project, where eight loads weighing some 8,000 pounds have already been harvested, has generated over \$4,200 towards the goals of Paw Pals. 8,000 pounds of aluminum cans equate to some 224,000 cans. Interestingly, if one were to place 224,000 cans end to end, the cans would stretch 17.2 miles or from Hillsboro, past Malone, to nearly Penelope! To put this into symbolic perspective, each of these donated cans was handled by a person who consciously made a determination to place the empty can into a receptacle destined to “Cans for Paw Pals”—a seemingly slight but in reality a major contribution in correcting pet overpopulation since the success of our endeavors is based on a determined and positive mind-set. The Landis’ selfless devotion and contribution to Paw Pals’ undertaking bring great commendation and represents the warm and progressive spirit that exists in our community.

The 16’ caged trailer used for this worthy project (valued at \$1,600) was graciously donated by Ronnie & Dana Fuchs, proprietors of Cen-Tex Trailers of Hillsboro.

If you would like to participate with “Cans for Paw Pals”, please bring your clean aluminum cans to Brookshire’s in Hillsboro, our Low Cost Spay/Neuter and Vaccination Clinic on the first Tuesday of each month (Outlets at Hillsboro, Suite #102), drop them off at Jean and JD’s home which is located one mile west of Hackberry bridge on SH 22 (west of Hillsboro), or call to arrange pick up. Please, do not donate aluminum foil, pie tins or cat food cans (recycler will not accept these items).

For more information about Hill County Paw Pals, please visit [www.hcpawpals.org](http://www.hcpawpals.org); email [hcpawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawpals@yahoo.com); or call (254) 580-0679. Please make plans to attend our next public meeting at 6:30pm April 1 (first Thursday) at 1500 S. Abbott Ave (Hwy 81) next to TXDOT or north of Hillsboro High School.

## Itasca High 1<sup>st</sup> Semester “A” Honor Roll

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Christian Avila, David Corbitt, Becca Durham, Michelle Ignacz, Belinda Reyes, Alaina Valentine, Jessica Zint

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Aren Barton, Kenneth Clary, Martin Martinez, Rebecca Maul, Emily Offutt, Aaron Rodriguez

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Vincenzo Miale Merola, Keyre Ortiz, Nancy Reyes, Bob Slotvig

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Courtney Barton, Krystal Benefield, Devin Corbitt, Ryan Crouch, Ashley Durham, Marsha Guy

### “A” Honor Roll

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Emily Basye, Cole Coleman, Christian Cruz, Mercedes DeLaTores, Brandon Duby, Nenia Forcey, Eric Garcia, Katisha Hall, James Hall, Brandon Kelley, Shelby Ledwig, Taylor Ledwig, Michael Macias, David Maddox, Emilee Nalley, Beruke Namaga, Megan Odom, Brittany Reid, Da’jae Wells, Ashley Wilkens, Samantha Wills, Katherine Worth

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Shamonica Anderson, Cole Coleman, Courtney Conway, Dakota Cox, Robert Duby, Cecil Forcey, Jaci Gutierrez, Walker Hoard, Stephanie Ignacz, Hannah Johnson, Faviola Mandujano, Ben Nickens, Daniel Odom, Reyna Ramirez, Joaquin Reyes, Jonathan Reyes, Josh Shelton, Maria Zuniga

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Hali Carranza, Rebecca Cisneros, Sarah Farquhar, Michael Garcia, Nicole Gatewood, Jasmine Guy, BJ Jackson, Christina Manasco, Dmytro Nayda, Jack Panting, Alex Sparks, Colton Sullins, Phillip Thomas

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Eddie Coronado, Leo Coronado, Chantel Courtner, Megan Goff, Cherri Lloyd, Mary Maddox, Eva Mayberry, Tevin Mayberry, Demietric McVea, Elizabeth Olguin, Dillon Payne, Jesse Payne, Isaac Perez, Meagan Prescott, Abigail Saldierna, Katelyn Seaman, Ciera Thompson, Vanessa Webb, Rosendo Zavala, Justin Zint

## IHS National Honor Society Induction Scheduled

Fifteen new members will be inducted into the IHS National Honor Society on Monday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Special Events Center. Students must have at least an 88 GPA and a high character reference from teachers.

## 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.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor, We would like to say that we are extremely saddened for our friend who lost his family home to a fire Saturday night. We also wish to express our sincere gratitude to Timothy Potter and his family for their quick notice to us when they spotted that the house next door to us was on fire. Also Jason Kirkpatrick for keeping our house watered down until the fire department arrived, to LeAnn Kirkpatrick and Shirley Anderson for making sure my grandkids and friend were taken care of and the many neighbors, family and friends who came quickly to make sure we were all safe.

Finally to our Itasca Fire Department and those from other towns who worked diligently to get the fire under control and protect the surrounding houses.

I have said it before and will gladly repeat it, there is not another community that could ever compare to our hometown!

With sincerest thanks,

Daniel and Susan Bason

Dear Editor, I personally would like to encourage everyone to get out and vote in the Republican Runoff Election on April 13. Early voting will be April 5-9 at the Hill County Courthouse from 8 am until 5 pm daily. Even if you didn't get a chance to vote in the Primary you can still vote in this Runoff. I would appreciate your support!

Angelia Orr for Hill County District Clerk

Dear Editor, On behalf of the Itasca Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Committee, we would like to invite everyone, to come celebrate with us, on April 30-May 1, 2010, downtown Itasca, TX. We are not only celebrating the real meaning of "Cinco de Mayo" but we will be celebrating, the Itasca Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Organization for providing 20 years of service to the Itasca Community.

It all started with a few kind-hearted women, who wanted to make a difference and help the youth of Itasca, and today, 20 years later, it is still going strong. Over the 20 years, \$80,000 dollars or more, has been given out in scholarships to Itasca High School Seniors, to be used to continue their education by going to college.

### Our motto

### "CELEBRATION FOR EDUCATION"

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

James Bouldin-President

Silverio Dominguez-Vice President

Sue Rivera-Secretary/Treasurer

Lupe Carranza-Reporter

Board of Directors: Jeffrey Sepulveda, Gloria Rodriguez,

Elizabeth Solis, Chris Rivera

Members: Karon Farquhar, Chris & Melissa Shuffield,

Martin & Amy Carranza, Martin Rodriguez, Kimberly

Woods, Larry & Sharon Dominguez, Frances Salinas, Tina

Cavazos, Judy Carranza

## Itasca Cinco de Mayo Booth Application

P.O. Box 345 Itasca, TX 76055

Our festival will be 2 days this year!

Friday, April 30 & Saturday, May 1, 2010

### Booth prices

\*\*\*2-day booth rental (Friday & Saturday)

\$70.00 with electricity or \$60.00 w/out electricity

\*\*\*1-day booth rental (Friday or Saturday)

\$40.00 with electricity of \$30.00 w/out electricity

# of spaces \_\_\_w/electricity \_\_\_ w/out electricity \_\_\_

\*\*Please specify if you will be renting space for 1 day or 2 days \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Type of merchandise you are selling \_\_\_\_\_  
(food booths located in Food Court area only)

Please circle

Trailer Tent Concession Stand (2 tables max)

If you require electricity, you will need to furnish a 100' 16 gauge electrical cord. Each outlet will only handle one 16 gauge cord. Please limit the number of plug in's on one 16 gauge cord. ONLY ONE SURGE PROTECTOR WILL BE ALLOWED. If you require use of an additional 16 gauge cord, you must provide the cord and pay an extra \$10.00 for each cord. If you will be staying for the street dance, there will be an additional charge of \$15.00. Two people per stand will be allowed, all others will have to pay. Only 2 free tickets per stand will be given, even if you have more than one booth space. Booth stands are first come, first serve only. Deadline for booth rental money is Thursday, April 29, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

### SETUP TIMES FOR BOOTHS

\*\*\*Friday, April 30.....Noon - 5 p.m.

No booths will be allowed to come in after 5 p.m.

\*\*\*Saturday, May 1.....5 a.m. - 9 a.m.

No booths will be allowed to come in after 9 a.m.

\*\*\*Rain or shine, Festival will take place!! No refunds if it rains.

\*\*\*2 street dances this year also!!

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## Remember When . . . “Easter Traditions”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



The egg is one of the oldest symbols known to civilization. Some have said it stands for new life. As Christianity developed, the egg became more important as a symbol of life, and often it stood for the resurrection. In the distant past, eggs were dyed red to commemorate the passion of Christ, and for others it symbolized the stone that was rolled away from the tomb.

Eastern Orthodox people gave eggs on the morning of the resurrection as a renewed commitment of faith. Some early Christian graves were found to contain ostrich eggs. The custom of sending eggs on Easter is thought to have originated with the Persians. Eggs were scarce in

those days, and the gift of eggs was special.

As to the origin of the Easter Bunny as it is known today, it is said to have originated in Germany. There was a practice of delivering gifts to children. There is a story that has been told over the ages about the beginning of Easter egg hunting.

Once there was a princess who decided to reward children with eggs. In order to make them more attractive and exciting, they were brightly colored and placed in baskets and made to resemble nests. They were hidden in a wooded area for the children to find. As they were looking for the eggs, a rabbit ran through the group of children. This somehow led to the rabbit being linked to Easter Traditions, and that has led to chocolate rabbits and other candy animal creations and also live pets given as Easter gifts. People should give some thought to giving live pets. These pets have to be taken care of, especially as they grow. Small children often do not have the expertise for their care.

In the older days as eggs became more plentiful, they began to color them. Some were even embellished with gold and precious stones. In recent years, we now use candy eggs, rather than colored real ones. When real ones were used they were boiled and then colored by hand painting or by being dipped into dye water. In order to use boiled eggs the best way is to use clean white eggs, let them set in room temperature for an hour, the shells will not crack when boiled like cold eggs. Do not use soft aluminum pots because the aluminum will cause a harmless chemical reaction and the color will not adhere as well. Let the eggs sit in the pot for 30 minutes, rinse in cold water and let them stand at room temperature for a few minutes, making sure they are dry. They can now be colored with a commercial coloring material or other methods or color. If you want eggs with no yellow or yoke inside, use a large needle or an ice pick to punch a hole gently at each end. After punching the holes the contents can be removed by blowing into the hole at one end.



Since the time of Abraham Lincoln the White House has hosted an Easter egg hunt on the lawn of children under twelve. The event was discontinued during World War II and resumed in 1953 by order of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

I am sure many of us remember Easter's past when everyone dressed in the finest for Easter Sunday morning services. There was the new hat, dress and gloves for mother, along with a corsage. There were the special little dresses for the younger girls; quite often they were home-made with great care. It was not usually possible to purchase them with limited funds. Special effort was put into the crinoline petticoats, full pastel skirts with tight bodices. This was the day when every girl wanted that special new dress. The girls also wore hats and gloves, and new patent leather shoes. The men wore top coats in brown, black, or gray, stiffly starched white shirts with ties. It would be quite a few years before colored shirts came into style. I remember a banker once who wore a colored shirt to work and was reprimanded for doing so.

An Easter story would not be complete without the story about the mother who wanted very much for her little girl to have a special Easter dress. She had no money to buy one. One of her friends had given her a brown dress that she had outgrown. The lady decided to cut the dress up and bleach it white, then dye it to make the little girl's dress, she wondered how she was going to color it since she did not have the dime to buy a package of Rit dye. She put the dress parts into the bleach solution and when it came out, behold! It was a beautiful green color. She made the dress for her little daughter, believing all the time that there was a divine intervention with her efforts.

As we go to Lawless Park this Easter for the sunrise service, let us also remember the wonderful experiences we have had during our Easter's past.

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## Wampus Cat of the Week

### Kirkpatrick's Exemplify Term "Community Involvement"

Reporter Megan Goff



The Itasca Youth Association is now headed by Jason and LeAnn Kirkpatrick. They organize the basketball and baseball events for the youth in Itasca. Along with the title



comes jobs such as ordering uniforms, sign-ups, coaching, fundraising, refereeing, and sometimes working a concession stand. These involved community leaders are greatly appreciated by the community and the little athletes.

"Brian Kelley has been our mentor," LeAnn said. "He served as the representative of the Itasca Youth Association for approximately 12 years. Jason & I plan to carry on the tradition. We also plan to try and broaden the opportunities for the youth. We love kids and sports and what better way to be of service to the community than through the things we enjoy. Jason and I hope to have community involvement with all that we do."

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