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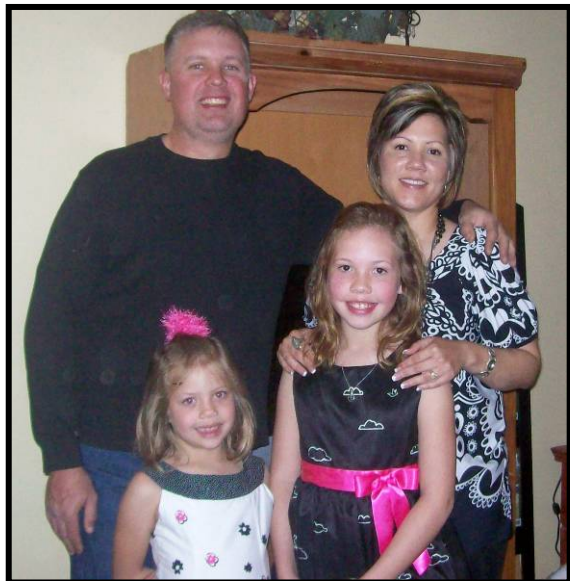
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Sargent to Speak at Cinco de Mayo Anniversary Celebration



Mrs. Kristi Sargent, IHS graduate of 1991 will be the guest speaker at the May 1, Cinco de Mayo 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Sargent, the daughter of Daniel and Susan Bason attended Hill College and Tarleton State University where she earned a degree in Government and History. In 1995 she married Kyle Sargent and they have two daughters, Chandley, 11, and Aidan, 6. Both girls attend Itasca ISD.

She is currently the IISD Students Services Coordinator. She began her career in education at Maypearl ISD where she taught math for seven years. In 2004 she moved to Itasca Middle School where she taught math until being promoted to her new position in 2009. She currently holds a Masters of Education in Educational Administration.

2010 Homecoming Date Set

IISD Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Craig Horn announced last week that the 2010 football schedule had been approved including the 2010 Homecoming date and opponent.

Itasca's Homecoming will be held on October 8, 2010 and the Wampus Cats will meet the Bearcats from De Leon in a district match up. Itasca moved to a new district following the 2009 census and the Cats will face the De Leon Bearcats, Bosqueville Bulldogs, Valley Mills Eagles and Santo Wildcats in district play.

Four Seniors to Compete in State UIL Academic Contest



Twenty-two IHS students competed in eight different events at the Regional Academic Meet held at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches last week-end. Four of those hard working students, all seniors, advanced to the state meet to be held May 6-8.

(Left to right) Marsh Guy, who placed 3rd at Regional, will compete in the L-D (Lincoln-Douglas) Debate Competition on Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8.

Three journalism writers will compete on Thursday, May 6 in three different events. Mary Maddox, 3rd in News Writing, Devin Corbitt, 3rd in Editorial writing and Megan Goff, 2nd in Feature writing will all strive for the gold. Megan Goff also took a 6th place in News at Regional competition and Ashley Durham earned a 6th in Editorial writing.

This is the first state trip for Guy, Maddox and Goff but Corbitt advanced in Editorial writing last year and brought home the state silver medal. L-D Debate is coached by Mrs. Joy Anderson and Journalism is coached by Mrs. Barbara Petrash.

Itasca Cinco de Mayo 20th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, April 30 - Saturday, May 1

Everyone invited to all festivities. Proceeds go to fund Cinco de Mayo Scholarships for IHS students.

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.

Youth (7th - 12th grade) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Youth (7th-12th) 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

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

itascapfc@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 - 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

May 8 - First Presbyterian 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, May 24, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Itasca Depot Heritage and Education Center Schedule



May 15 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fingerprinting & ID

Kits for children

May 28 - Graduation - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Everyone Welcome

Child Identification Program

The Itasca ISD and the Itasca Police Department will host a child ID event on May 15, 2010 at the Itasca Depot Heritage and Education Center from 10:00 a. m. to 1:00 p.m.

Parents of K-6th grade students are urged to bring their child/children to get registered for this free service to help protect them with a missing child. Please take a little time to help protect your child. Refreshments will be served.

Itasca ISD will make up Snow Day on

Monday, May 3 Mandatory School Day

IISD Booster Club Meeting

May 11 7:00 p.m.

IISD Library

2010-2011 Officers will be elected!

Democrats of Hill County May Meeting

The Democrats of Hill County holds its monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 10, 2010 at the Texas Heritage Museum Theater at Hill College at 6 pm.

Contact Lanore Dixon for more information at lanore@dixonpen.com or call 254-221-0511

April 26 - April 30 TAKS Week
2010 Junior/Senior Prom May 8
2010 IHS Graduation May 28

IHS Holds National Honor Society Induction



In early April, fourteen students were welcomed into the IHS National Honor Society. The fourteen inductees included one junior and thirteen sophomores.

In order to be considered for NHS membership, a student must have a GPA of 88 or above and receive a rating of 3.0 or better on the faculty's evaluation. The nominees are rated on service, leadership, scholarship and character. Students are not

eligible to be nominated until the second semester of their sophomore year.

Inductees were junior Alex Sparks, sophomores Aren Barton, Kenneth Clary, Dakota Cox, Walker Hoard, Stephanie Ignacz, Hannah Johnson, Faviola Mandujano, Martin Martinez, Rebecca Maul, Emily Offutt, Reyna Ramirez, Aaron Rodriguez and Maria Zuniga.

National Honor Society Officers for 2009-10 school year are (l to r) Treasurer Desmond Guy, Historian Tevin Mayberry, President Megan Goff, Secretary Ciera Thompson and Vice President Eddie Coronado.



Dr. Kris Auten Next Healthy Woman Speaker

Press Release

The Healthy Woman program has announced the next speaker as Dr. Kris Auten of Auten Chiropractic Sports and Wellness Center in Whitney. The May 6 program will be held at the Church of Christ in downtown Whitney at 6 p.m. Dr. Auten's program is entitled "Keeping Your Groove...The Three Solutions to Health Problems".

According to Dr. Auten, he applies state of the art holistic healing practices in an effort to heal the whole person. He is as devoted to your health as is humanly possible and the team's approach is one of dedication, focus, and steadfastness. Dr. Auten is a graduate of Parker College of Chiropractic and is a State Board of Chiropractic Licensed Practitioner.

The mission statement at Auten Chiropractic Sports and Wellness Center is to apply a multidisciplinary approach to as many people as possible through chiropractic care and to educate them so they can help themselves and in turn, educate others.

The evening will begin with a free barbecue sandwich dinner provided by Integra Care Home Health prepared by Beau Bailey and Hill Regional Hospital. Dinner reservations are necessary to provide an accurate count for Beau. Please make your reservations no later than Monday, May 3 by calling Becky Jones at 254-580-8887 or by visiting the website at www.hillregionalhospital.com, then click on Healthy Woman.

Healthy Woman is a Hill Regional Hospital resource to enhance and empower the power of women in everyday life. The programs are made possible by partners with various businesses in the area. Platinum Partners for 2010 are Hill Regional Hospital, KHBR/The Reporter, Oncor, and Outlets at Hillsboro. Gold Partners are CareFlite and Encompass Home Health. Silver Partners are Citizens National Bank, Hillsboro, Texas Home Health, Hill College, and Martin, Showers, Smith and McDonald, attorneys. Bronze Partners are Integra Care Home Health, It Can Be Arranged and Wal-Mart.

Information about partnerships or about the Healthy Woman program can be obtained by calling Becky Jones at 254-580-8887 or Rosemary Smith at 254-580-8952.

Senior Spotlight – Ashley Durham

Reporter Aren Barton Caricature by Michelle Ignacz



“Softball the only sport I’ve ever been really good at,” Ashley Durham said, “so I go all out for it.”

Ashley has been the pitcher for the Lady Cats’ softball team and wore #8 since her freshman year. She earned the title “Miss Softball” in 2008 and in 2009. She also played basketball her freshman, sophomore and junior years.

Durham is an all-around senior. She has been a member of the *Paw Print Press* for four years, writing the weekly sports updates and training new reporters. She has advanced to UIL Academic Regional competition four times in editorial writing. She honored by the Itasca Chamber of Commerce with a “Youth of the Year” award in January for all of her service to the community during her high school years. She has been a member of the IHS Student Council for three years and has taken numerous dual credit classes. She is ranked in the top 10% of her class.

Ashley attends Whitney Church of Christ where she is very involved. She helps in Children’s Church and is involved in L.T.C. (Leadership Training for Christ) and her church youth group.

“L.T.C. is basically like UIL, except for church,” Ashley said. “We compete against other churches doing dramas, reading scripture, and using puppets. I really love my youth group because we are all friends. We are all close, like my family and I.”

Ashley Brooke Durham is the daughter of Barry and Joanna Durham and the older sister to Rebecca Durham (9th grade) and Brenna (4th grade).

“My dad is my hero,” Ashley said. “He’s pretty much helped me through everything.”

When not working on academics or participating in church activities or sports, Ashley enjoys eating Mexican food, watching old movies, and listening to Christian and country music.

“George Strait is my favorite singing artist,” Durham said. “He is also cute!”

After graduation, Ashley’s plan includes attending Oklahoma State University and majoring in pre-veterinarian animal science.

“I guess I have always wanted to become a vet. I enjoy being around animals,” Ashley said. “I took a big step toward that dream last summer when I worked as a volunteer for six weeks at the Cameron Park Zoo. I watched the kids in the zoo camps and learned how to hold certain animals. It was a lot of fun!”



Senior Spotlight – Eva Mayberry

Reporter Hannah Johnson - Caricature by Michelle Ignacz



Eva is one of the few original 2010 pre-kers. She is also one of the longest *Paw Print Press* business managers, holding the job for two years. She is in charge of the subscriptions, filing and this year, training a replacement.

“At first I thought of *Paw Print Press* as a class,” Mayberry said. “Now I understand that it is a job and I am learning organizational skills that will help me in life.”

Eva Leeann Mayberry, 18, was born November 1 in Hillsboro to Coach Jeffery and Missy Mayberry. She has two older brothers, Caleb (also *PPP* staffer from Class of ’06) and Kendale, Class of ’07. She has enjoyed growing up in a small town because it has allowed her to get to know people as individuals not just people.

“My parents are my heroes. They are always there for me and they always have my back.”

After graduation, Eva’s plan is to attend Hill College and work on her nursing career; an interest she has had for a long time. She has prepared for her college transition by taking four dual-credit classes; U.S. Government, Statistics, and English. During high school, she was a varsity cheerleader, on the track team and a valuable member of the Lady Cats’ 2009 District Basketball Champs.

“I have made many school memories over the years,” Eva said laughing. “I remember once in kindergarten, Megan Goff and I got in trouble for throwing a hair band back and forth across the room during nap time. That is one of those crazy memories that just stick with you. Today I spend my spare time, having fun putting makeup on my friends, especially Lizzie, and taking care of the love of my life, my son Kadence.”



Lady Cats Softball District Champs

Itasca Undeclared in District Play 8-0 Record

Sports Reporters Ashley Spain & Shelby Ledwig



The Lady Cats finish district play Monday when they defeated the Covington Lady Owls 16-5 in a district championship deciding game. They finished the season with an 8-0 record.

Playing on the Lady Cats' championship team is (1st row left to right) Ashley Spain, LuLu Rodriguez, Emily Basye, (2nd row) Jessika Rodriguez, Katelyn Seaman, Ashley Durham, Mary Maddox, Vicktoria Hollifield, Assistant Coach Justin Wood, and (3rd row) Head Softball Coach Calvin Wright, Mercedes De La Torre, Faviola Mandujano, Da' jae Wells and Autumn Pelham.

Although the Lady Cats are losing four valuable seniors, the team is looking forward to next season. With a strong bench this year that held numerous talented players, there is a lot of hope for next season, even though Itasca will be in a new and more competitive district.

Pre-K Registration

May 3 & 10 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Parents need to bring birth certificate, shot record, proof of residence, picture I.D. & social security card. Children should be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2010.

HILCO Needs Help Helping

Each June, HILCO does an electronic recycling event for HILCO members as a way to assist them in the disposal of electronic equipment. HILCO has to put the items onto pallets in order to transport them to the recycling center.

Since this is a free recycling event, HILCO is looking for donations of pallets. If you are able to help in this cause, please contact Lea Sanders at HILCO (800) 338-6425 ext. 1126.

House Cleaning - References Provided

254-687-9715 Cell - 254-652-9759

Free Range Eggs \$2 dozen

Young Laying Hens - \$10

K. Buckner 687-9220

Angel Food Ministries

Order Date – Tuesday, May 11 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian church Itasca

4th Itasca Youth BBQ Cook-off

Sponsored by Itasca Chamber of Commerce

May 21, 2010

Categories: Pork Chop (Supplied by event sponsors)

Age: 6 years to 13 years

- Parents must accompany youth at all times
- Parents can start fire and help with fire problems
- Youth must cook and season meat
- Charcoal fires only

All participants will receive a T-shirt

Ribbons awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd

Estimated start time-7:30 p.m.

Turn in time-9:30 p.m.

Cook's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

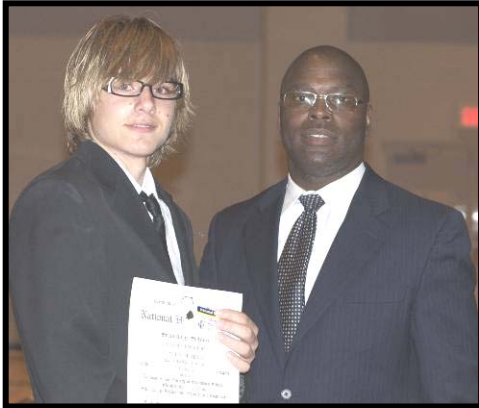
Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day time phone number: _____

Parent signature: _____

2010 IHS National Honor Society Inductees



Alex Sparks - Alex, a junior, is the son of James and Julie Sparks. During his freshman year, Alex was actively involved in 4-H. He participated in a livestock judging team that advanced to Regionals and was the first-vice president of his local club. Alex also showed a heifer at the Hill County Fair and placed 1st in his class.

During his sophomore year, Alex was involved in the 4-H Consumer Decision Making Team that placed 5th in district and on the 4-H Livestock Judging Team. He was the treasurer of the Hill County 4-H Club and president of the local club.

This year, Alex participated in CX Debate, Social Studies, and Literary Criticism in UIL. He participated in FFA and 4-H activities including the Hill County Fair and the San Antonio Livestock Fair and Rodeo. He ran on

the junior varsity cross country team and is on the 4-H Advanced Livestock Judging Team. He is secretary of the county 4-H club and president of the local 4-H group.

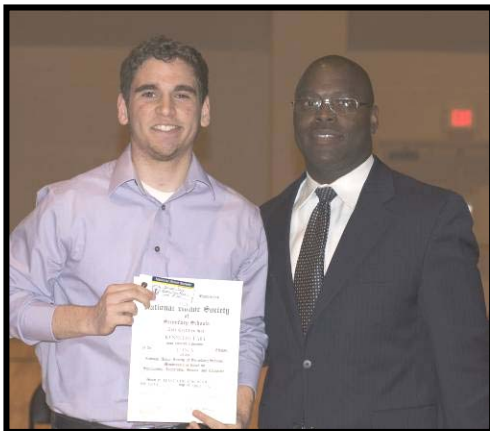
Aren Barton - Aren Nicole Barton, a sophomore, is the daughter of Andy and Beverly Barton. During her freshman year, Aren was a member of the junior varsity basketball team, track and cross country teams and she was a varsity cheerleader. She was in English I Honors, a reporter on the *Paw Print Press*, the lights coordinator for One Act Play and in UIL Poetry where she advanced to Regionals. She was on the A-B honor roll for the 2008-2009 school year.

This year, Aren was the Wampus Cat mascot and cheerleader. She is in English II Honors, a reporter on the *Paw Print Press* and participated in UIL Feature Writing. She earned a 1st and 3rd place on her two pieces that she entered into the Hill County Fair Art Show. This year, she is also on the A-B honor roll. Aren attends Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Whitney.



Kenneth Clary - Kenneth Clary, a sophomore, is the son of Ken and Allison Clary. During his freshman year, Kenneth ran varsity cross-country, track, and played basketball and baseball. He was also a member of the IHS Wampus Cat Marching Band.

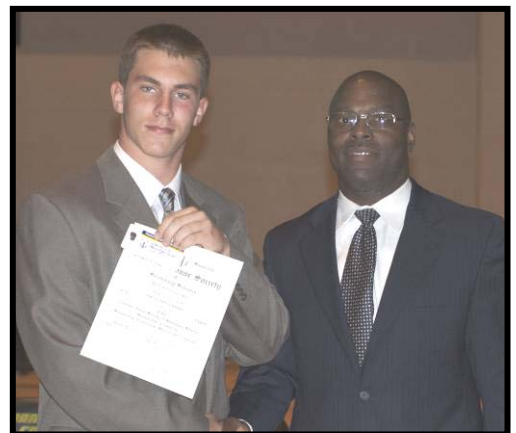
This year, Kenneth participated in cross-country, basketball, and the band. He traveled with the band to the state marching contest in San Antonio where they preformed "Mysteries of the Nile." He tried out for the ATSSB Honor Band earned a 5th place chair with his trombone in the concert band. Kenneth is very involved with his music. He not only plays the trombone, but also the guitar, piano, bass, and mandolin. He hopes to have a career in music one day. He is an active member of Central Baptist Church



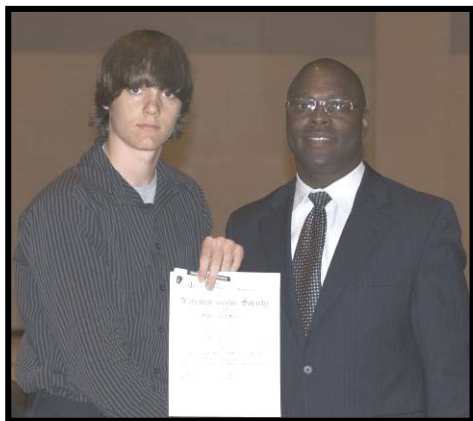
of Hillsboro where he helps lead worship services on Sunday morning by playing trombone, and participates in the youth praise band by singing and playing the guitar.

Dakota Cox - Dakota, a sophomore, is the son of Fred and Dawn Cox. During his freshman year, Dakota played football and participated in shot-put in track. He was in the 4H program and showed in the Fort Worth Life Stock Show and caught a calf in the Fort Worth Calf Scramble in 2009. Dakota was on the A-B Honor Roll.

This year, Dakota played football, was on the power lifting team, and threw the shot-put in track. He is a member of FFA and the Hill County 4-H club. He showed an animal in both the Fort Worth Junior and Fort Worth Open Life Stock Shows. He attends the Central Baptist Church in Itasca.



2010 IHS National Honor Society Inductees Continued



Walker Hoad – Walker, a sophomore, is the son of Annie and Alan Hoad. During his freshman year, Walker played football, basketball, qualified for first team utility player for baseball and was on the pole vault track team. He was in UIL CX Debate and his team placed 2nd second in district. Walker played in the Wampus Cat Marching Band and was commended on his English and Math TAKS tests his freshman year. He was on the A-B Honor Roll. Walker played on a select baseball team in Mansfield over the summer.

This year, Walker played football, basketball and shortstop for the varsity baseball team. He is on the UIL Science team. He is a percussionist in the Sweepstakes Wampus Cat Band that competed at state in the fall. Once again he is maintaining his A-B average.

Stephanie Ignacz - Stephanie, a sophomore, is the daughter of Tammi Battleson and Richard Battleson and Johnny Ignacz and Kymberli Ignacz. During her freshman year Stephanie worked on the yearbook and homecoming float. She participated in the band and took the PSAT. She was in UIL calculator, Prose and Poetry. She took pictures during the Veterans Day Assembly. She was on the A – B Honor Roll and was in the Algebra II Honors class.

This year Stephanie is the editor of the yearbook and worked on the homecoming float committee for the second year. She was on the crew of the One Act Play and went to Regional UIL competition as part of the Calculator Team. She is a drill sergeant in the band and a crew member on WCAT NEWS. She took pictures during the Veterans Day Assembly and made an award winning video (1st place) for Teen Dating Violence week. She has continued to maintain an A – B average, is in Geometry Honors and works in her family's business, Nolen's Woodworking and Custom Engraving.



Hannah Johnson - Hannah, a sophomore, is the daughter of Lloyd and Diana Johnson. During her freshman year, she was in the band and a reporter for the *Paw Print Press*. She was in the UIL One-Act Play where she received Honorable Mention All-Star cast at the Zone and Area competitions. She participated in UIL Editorial Writing and Feature Writing where she qualified for Regional Competition. Hannah was on the A-B Honor Roll her freshman year.

This year, Hannah is a drill sergeant in the award winning band that competed in State competition and earned Sweepstakes Honors for the year. She is the anchor for the WCAT News and a second year reporter for the *Paw Print Press*. She is a member of the UIL Feature Writing, Ready Writing and Headline Writing teams. This year she has maintained an A

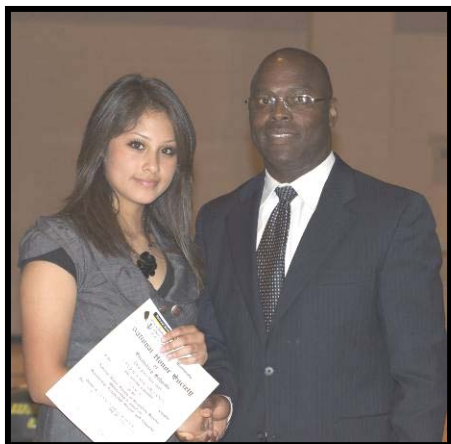
average. Hannah attends Central Baptist Church of Itasca.

Reyna Ramirez - Reyna, a sophomore, is the daughter of Jose and Marlen Ramirez. During her freshman year, she played basketball, ran track and varsity cross country and competed at the Regional cross country meet in Houston. She was a member of the IHS Marching Band and helped out during the Itasca Clean up.

This year, Reyna ran cross country and track, played basketball, and is 2nd chair saxophone in the award winning band. She is a member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Hillsboro.



2010 IHS National Honor Society Inductees Continued



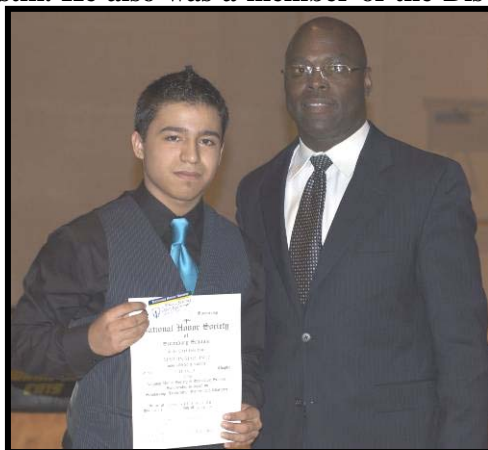
Faviola Mandujano - Faviola Mandujano, a sophomore, is the daughter of Natividad and Roman Mandujano. Last year she played softball on the Lady Cats varsity team and earned the Spanish I "Best Native Speaker" award at the end of year award ceremony.

This year, Faviola was named as the first "Best Practice Player of the Week" in Lady Cat softball. She plays all outfield positions for the district champs Lady Cats' Softball team.

Martin Martinez - Martin, a sophomore, is the son of Martha and Tomas Martinez. During his freshman year, Martin played trombone in the high school band and qualified for All-Centex Band. He competed in UIL CX Debate, winning 1st in District and competing in Austin. He also was a member of the District 1st place UIL Number Sense Team.

He served on the *Paw Print Press* staff as a 1st year cartoonist.

This year Martin takes honors classes, plays the trombone and serves as a Drill Sargent in the IHS State Competing Marching Band. The band also received Sweepstakes Honors for their performance in concert band. Martin advanced out of district for the second year in CX Debate. Martin was part of the UIL Regional qualifying Number Sense Team and One Act Play. He is serving his second year as a cartoonist on the *Paw Print Press*. He is also very active in Art and has won numerous awards at the Hill County Fair Art Show.



Rebecca Maul - Rebecca, a sophomore, is the daughter of Kenneth and Susan Maul. During her freshman year, Rebecca participated in One Act Play, UIL Persuasive Speaking, and band. She was awarded an All-Star Cast Award and Honorable Mention Award in One Act Play. She also received 1st place in UIL Persuasive Speaking at district. Rebecca was on the A-B Honor Roll.

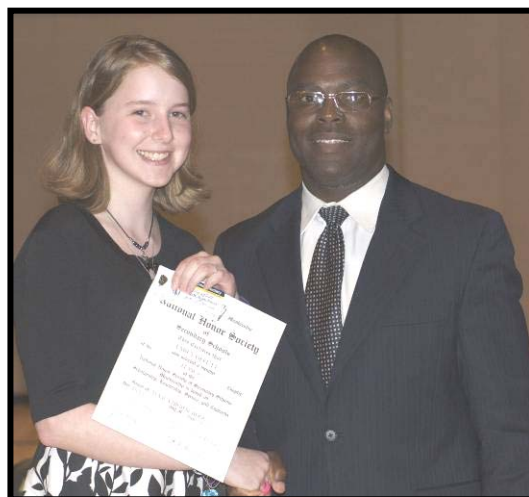
This year, Rebecca participated in One Act Play, UIL Persuasive Speaking (advanced to Regional) and band. She went with the band to the state competition where they were ranked 10th in the State and to concert competition where the band received a Sweepstakes Award. Rebecca is on the A Honor Roll. She is an active member of Central Baptist Church in Hillsboro where she participates in the Praise Band and plays the flute in the Sunday morning service.



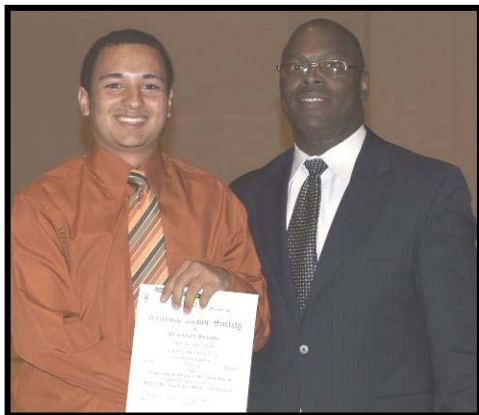
Emily Offutt - Emily Offutt, a sophomore, is the daughter of Kevin and Judy Offutt. During her freshman year, Emily participated in band,

was stage manager for the award winning Itasca One Act Play where she received the Best Crew Award and Best Technician Award. She was on the A-B Honor Roll.

During her sophomore year, Emily has played in the band which traveled to state competition and to concert competition where they were awarded a Sweepstakes Award. She was an actress in the UIL One Act Play, participating in UIL Persuasive Speaking and has maintained an A average this year. Emily is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Itasca where she teaches Sunday School, keeps the nursery and is a member of the Youth Advisory Team for the church's youth group. She has been active in Angel Food Ministries since its beginning. Emily is the percussionist of the band, "Undecided."



2010 IHS National Honor Society Inductees Continued



Aaron Rodriguez - Aaron Rodriguez, a sophomore, is the son of Joe and Susan Rodriguez. His freshman year he attended Alvarado High School. He was ranked number one in his class of two hundred and sixty-four. He played football and basketball on the freshman team, and played varsity golf. He was active in FCCLA and qualified for state in his event.

This year Aaron attends Itasca High School because his father teaches Spanish and coaches here. He played varsity football and junior varsity basketball. He made the Honorable Mention All District Team this year in football. He is still ranked #1 in his class of fifty-four. He attends Saint Jude's Catholic Church in Mansfield.

Aaron plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin in 2012. He wants to get his master's degree in chemical engineering.

Maria Zuniga - Maria, a sophomore, is the daughter of Irma Zuniga and Elias Flores. During her freshman year, Maria was in cross country, basketball, track, and band. She was in UIL One-Act Play, and earned a Best Crew Award.

This year, she is in cross country (6th in district), basketball, and was part of the band that competed in the State Marching Contest in San Antonio this year. The band also earned a Sweepstakes award for receiving all 1s in an UIL Marching and Concert season. Maria is an active member of Centro Cristiano Betel Church where she is vice president of the youth group and plays the drums and piano in the worship group.



IHS Blood Drive

Press Release

Not everyone can donate blood. Currently only three out of every 100 people in America do, and those who donate can only do so every 56 days. Every two seconds someone in this country needs blood, the Red Cross needs not only its faithful donors of the past but new contributors as well.

Please consider yourself invited to donate and become a lifelong hero. One donation may well help save the lives of three individuals – an accident victim a cancer survivor, or one who might be scheduled to spend part of his or her fall recovering from an operation, transplant or a procedure requiring transfusions.

Locally, individuals can donate at the Itasca High School Blood Drive in the American Red Cross Donor Coach on Friday, May 7, 2010, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The process, from check-in to the post-donation visit to the canteen, is usually just about an hour's time. Your time is more valuable than you know – the hour you give may give some one extra days, months or years.

For appointment or information contact Sally Crouch at the Itasca High School, phone number is 254-687-2922 or 1-800-Give-Life (448-3543). Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health the day they donate. There is no upper age limit on donating.

About the American Red Cross: The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

Citizens Urged to Prepare

PSA from Itasca Chief of Police Griscavage's Desk

"Hurricane Preparedness Week in Texas has been set for May 23-29, 2010. This is an excellent time for citizens to update their emergency plans and double check emergency supply kits in the event they have to evacuate. This is also an ideal time for citizens to establish communications plans with family and friends and learn in advance what travel routes to take to safety if a hurricane moves inland. Remember Rita!

Hurricane Preparedness Week materials for the 2010 hurricane season can be found online at: WWW.txdps.state.tx.us/dem".

PetSaver First-aid Class Offered

Press Release

Hill County Paw Pals is presenting an educational opportunity to register for a trademarked PetSaver program that details first-aid for pets. This program is an eight hour course that covers a multitude of topics including: Restraining and Muzzling; Rescue Breathing; Canine & Feline CPR; Choking Management; Bleeding & Shock Management; Injury Assessment; Assessing Vitals; Insect Bites & Stings and Snakebites; Heat & Cold Injuries; Seizure; and Caring for Senior Pets. The class includes the PetSaver Handbook and hands-on skill practice in addition to a Power Point presentation. Upon successful completion each participant will receive a certificate.

This workshop will be on Saturday, June 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hill College Cafeteria (Bullock Room), 112 Lamar Dr., Hillsboro, Texas. The cost is \$120 per person (Paw Pals will receive a \$20 donation for each registrant). An additional \$5 will be charged for lunch with catered sandwiches from Subway. Enrollment for this class is limited to the first 12 registrants. To enroll, please mail a \$125 check payable to Hill County Paw Pals to P.O. Box 1533, Hillsboro, Texas 76645. To be "wait-listed," indicate this on the lower left hand corner of your envelope. If it becomes necessary, an additional class date will be offered. If registrations become full, your check will be returned to you. Cut-off date to register is May 28, 2010. For more information, contact Carol Knight @ 254.694.7768; minispot@earthlink.net or Paw Pals @ 254.580.0679; hcpawpals@yahoo.com. Paw Pals next public meeting is May 6 (always the first Thursday) at their new property location 1500 South Abbott Avenue in Hillsboro.

~Dads & Lads Mowers~ May 8

Get your yards mowed for only \$15. This fundraiser will assist the youth of the First Baptist Church of Itasca. They are working to attend youth and preteen camp.

The male youth of the church will be mowing yards with push mowers under the supervision of a few dads. This is a great opportunity to spruce up your yard and support a wonderful cause. Love offerings are also accepted.

To reserve a mower call Michael Bruton @ 254-266-0308. Please leave message if no answer. Please leave name, number, address and phone number on voice mail.



2010 Cinco de Mayo Festivities

Dance Friday, April 30 The Electric Cowboys/Grupo Vida



Nominated multiple years at the CMA's (Country Music Awards) and also at the Tejano Music Awards in San Antonio.

Dance Saturday, May 1 Baraja de Oro



They have been nominated multiple years at the Tejano Music Awards in San Antonio.

Baby Contest Saturday

Age Categories: 0-12 Months
13-24 Months
25-36 Months

If you would like to enter your child/or children in the baby contest, please contact Frances Salinas @ 254-580-8276, or you may contact any committee member to enter. If you do not have a chance to enter before May 1, you may enter that Saturday morning. Contest begins at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your child early, if you have not signed them up previously. Once contest has began, no late entries, please.



Parade - Saturday, May 1, 2010

If you would like to be in the parade, no need to sign-up. Parade line-up will start at 8:00 a.m., in front of the Central Baptist Church. Judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. and parade will begin at 9 a.m. Hope to see everyone there!

The parade will begin, in front of Central Baptist Church. It will turn left beside Citizens State Bank, then right on Main Street to the downtown area. It will then go left on South Hill Street, left on East Adams St. by the post office and proceed by the car wash and end up at Lawless Park behind HILCO.

For more info: Sue Rivera 254-687-2731

Nourishing Children's Bodies, Minds

PSA

Itasca ISD will Sponsor the Texas
Dept. of Agriculture's Summer Feeding Program

Serving Lunch

June 14, 2010 thru July 23, 2010

10:00 a.m. thru 2:00 p.m. daily Monday -Friday

Itasca ISD Cafeteria

Free to all children under the age of 18 on a first-come, first-serve basis

Because Hunger doesn't take a summer break

Volunteers needed to assist in and around the dining area "In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 800/795-3272 or 202/720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

Yard Sale 302 E. South St.

Saturday, May 1 & Sunday, May 2

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Furniture, go-cart and lots more

For Sale - 2 - 20" Bikes (Boys)

Next Turbo - Grey & Green

Next Wipeout w/bottle holder - Red

Call -687-2467

Our School

Special thanks to students and teachers alike that made TAKS week less stressful.

Happy Birthday to Ms. Monell Weatherly who will celebrate on May 7.

Rotarians Receive Update on Local Boy Scout Troops

Reporter Devin Corbitt



Rotarians are a very active group in their community and in the world community. They are involved in local activities that range from the senior citizens to the Boy Scouts. This month's Rotary guest speaker was Paul Verwers, the District Executive for the Santa Fe District of the Boy Scouts of America. Since the Itasca Rotary Club sponsors the local Boy and Cub Scout troops, Verwers was invited to speak about the various programs of the local troops. He updated the members on several new programs and about Itasca's new district.

Pictured (left to right) is Boy Scout Troop #366 representative Susan Corbitt, Verwers and Rotary President Glenn Pittman.

Notice of Federal Program Planning for Itasca ISD

The Itasca Independent School District is currently in the planning process for the 2010-2011 Federal Applications for the following programs:

- Title I, Part A (Improving Basic Programs)
- Title II, Part A (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment)
- Title II, Part D (Enhancing Education through Technology)
- Title III (Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students)
- ARRA Title I Part A (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act)
- ARRA Title II, Part D (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act)
- SFSF Stimulus- (State Fiscal Stabilization Funds)
- Other federally funded special education programs under the provisions of Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)
- Campus eligibility for Title I is based on low income data and enrollment. Private Nonprofit Schools and/or Homeschools with government nonprofit status interested in receiving program information and/or providing input into program planning for services for eligible students may contact Amy Reyna, Special Programs Director at 254-687-2922 or 123 N. College St, Itasca, TX 76055. Contacts should be made on or before May 15, 2010.

Paw Pals' Upcoming Activities *A Community United to a Cause*

Support for Hill County Paw Pals' mission to correct our community's pet overpopulation by way of establishing a county animal control program continues to grow. Many individual, group and business initiatives highlight this community support:

***On May 1st, Outlets at Hillsboro will host a Cinco de Mayo Pet Fiesta where the 3rd Annual Tractor Supply Co.'s sponsored Chihuahua Dog Races will get underway. \$250, \$100, and \$50 prizes will be provided for the fastest Chihuahuas. Registration is underway now for the first 150 Chihuahuas at www.outletsathillsboro.com. The \$10 entry fee benefits Paw Pals. A Pet Fashion show will also be featured along with a bounce house, live entertainment, and 92.1 FM County Legends on site.

***IHOP will host "Dining for Paws" for each Tuesday in May (4-6pm) where dining profits will be shared with Paw Pals.

***PetSaver Program 8-hour educational course that covers multiple first-aid topics on June 5 (limited registration will open next week @ \$120/person).

***Construction of Paw Pals 2011 Pet Calendar from Expressions Photography by Amanda Bacon will soon open for sponsorships. Donation of \$475 for the cover page and \$250 for each month has been set to cover the cost of printing.

***To help with animal shelter's construction costs, an opportunity to provide a name(s) to honor or memorialize a loved one will be provided by donation of \$1,000 for each kennel and/or \$35 for an engraved brick (14 spaces on 3 lines).

***A giant mural (3D effect) to be displayed on the wall of the upcoming animal shelter that depicts a dog jumping over the moon is being constructed by local artists.

***3rd Annual Waggin Trail Bike Ride has been scheduled for September 25 in conjunction with Cotton Pickin Fair and Roadside America's Classis Car Show.

Helen Keller once wrote "true happiness...is not attained through self gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose." If you want to become involved with the successes of Paw Pals' mission, please consider completing our Volunteer Opportunities Survey form at www.hcpawpals.org or simply call (254) 580-0679, email hcpawpals@yahoo.com; or write to PO Box 1533, Hillsboro, Texas 76645. Our public meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (next May 6) at "your" new property location at 1500 South Abbott Avenue (next to TXDOT or north of Hillsboro High School on Hwy 81). Come to our public meetings and physically watch "your" facility grow!

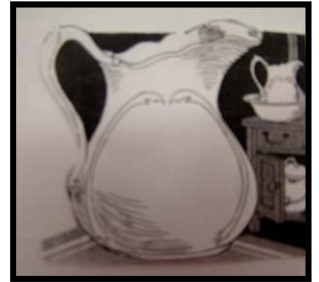
Remember When . . . “Grandma’s Tools”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



The household and kitchen tools we use today are quite different from those used by our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. With modern technology, perm-a-press, and all the other changes in our everyday lives, we have almost forgotten some of those old methods used in our everyday lives.

The first one that comes to mind is the old flat iron we used to iron out the wrinkles in our clothes after they were washed and dried out on the clothesline. The iron was heated in a fireplace or on the old wood cooking range in the kitchen. We also used the flat iron at the foot of our bed, to keep our feet warm in the unheated house. The iron was heated, wrapped, and placed at our feet, as we sank into the old feather mattress. The flat-iron was also used quite often as a door stop, and later simply as a nostalgic decoration. It did do a good job of smoothing the wrinkles from hair ribbons.



Along with the flat iron there was the clothes sprinkler. This was simply a bottle with water and a sprinkler cap. It was used to dampen the clothes to make for better ironing. Sometimes, now even with the steam iron, the sprinkler is still used.

Before the advent of store bought pie crusts, canned biscuits, and mixes, Grandma used a rolling pin to help prepare her dough for baking. She used it for fried pie dough, pie crusts, biscuit dough and sometimes the rolling pin might have been used to keep the husband in line.



Before today's indoor plumbing, we used something that might be called “the well appointed bed chamber.” It included a water pitcher with a matching washbowl and a chamber pot, which most of us back then called a slop jar. It was usually placed under the bed at night, especially when it was cold and dark, and a trip to the outdoors was very undesirable. When one of these things was listed in a sales catalog, it was listed as a “cabinet.”

Another handy tool we used back then was the “stove lifter.” It was used to lift the hot stove lids, when coal, wood, or cob fueled kitchen ranges and pot bellied heaters were used. The stove lid and lifter was a familiar sound with its metal “clank” as it settled into place on the stovetop. That sound was associated with the warmth and fragrances coming from the kitchen.

Another old “tool of torture” as most people called it was the cream separator. Most people were vocal in their dislike of that operation as it usually came at a time when other things needed to be done. It was also an unpleasant chore to clean the thing after each operation.

Another useful tool, if it can be called such, was the button box. Mother, grandmother and every other thrifty homemaker had one. They cut the buttons from old and discarded clothing and saved them for a great variety of uses. They were used on homemade dresses, shirts and all article of clothing. They were sometimes used to make necklaces or charms. They were also collected from wedding dresses and made into what was called a “charm string.” There were also button clubs. Some collected any and all types of buttons, while others only collected political, military or a special category. The early political buttons were flat and made of brass such as the “Andrew Jackson, March 4, 1829” button. The Whig Party used buttons to advertise. Over the years, there have been patriotic buttons for Centennials, ones with the American flag, the Bald Eagle, the Liberty Bell, and just about any patriotic cause one could imagine.



During World War II a compass button was issued to pilots and paratroopers, who might get caught behind enemy lines. They were used to find their way back to friendly territory.

Buttons go back as far back as 2500 B.C. Even primitive people used a crude type of button fashioned from bone, shell, and other materials. There were many other old tools and inventions used in earlier days that we will pursue in future columns.

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Wampus Cats of the Week

Lady Cats' Seniors Players

Reporters Shelby Ledwig, Ashley Spain



Four senior players led the Lady Cats to the district title and the playoffs. According to some, this is the first time the IHS softball team has done this. We do not have the records to confirm or deny this statement. (Ex-Lady Cats let us know).

Seniors Mary Maddox (catcher), Ashley Durham (pitcher), Katelyn Seaman (3rd/2nd baseman), and Jessika Rodriguez (outfield) led the Lady Cats to an undefeated district record this season. Their skills on the field and at bat not only helped the team this season but also will guide the returning players toward success in the future.

All four of these young women have played softball since the second grade and have been on the varsity team all four years of high school.

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