

# Paw Print Press

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**Itasca, Texas 76055**

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## Alumni Create A&M-Wampus Cat Scholarship

Reporter Mary Maddox



Austin Texas.

Faye Ludwig (not pictured) graduated from Itasca High in 1943. According to a close friend, she said that although she has been many places, Itasca is the only place where she truly feels at home. Mrs. Ludwig is currently in a nursing and rehabilitation center in Austin recovering from a stroke she suffered in June of 2009.

Ms. Monica Delisa, Director of Development at Texas A & M assisted Mr. Ludwig in setting up the scholarship. The goal was to form a scholarship that would benefit both of the schools that they love.

"We are very appreciative of the Ludwig's generosity," IISD Superintendent Glen Pittman said. "The district works hard to help every student who wants to continue their education achieve that goal and with the help of citizens such as the Ludwigs, it becomes a little easier."

## Itasca Polling Location for May 8 Elections Changed

Patsy Damschen's office issued an announcement last week stating that Pct 10, Itasca, will vote in the Courtroom of Itasca City Hall, located at 126 N. Hill St. in downtown Itasca. The Itasca ISD voting on the bond election will also be held at the same location on Saturday, May 8. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## Benefit Bake Sale for Jacob Whitlock

**Friday – May 7 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Citizen State Bank**

All proceeds will go to the Whitlock Family! Jacob age 4 was diagnosed with Acute Leukemia. He is at the Cook's Children Hospital located in Fort Worth.

## Playoff Softball, Baseball Games Scheduled

**Itasca Lady Cats vs.  
Valley Mills Lady Eagles  
Softball Area Playoff Games (Best 2 of 3)  
Waco ISD Sports Complex**

Wednesday, May 5	5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 7	5:30 p.m. (Double-header if needed)

**Itasca Wampus Cats vs. Dawson Bulldogs  
Baseball Bi-District Playoff Games (Best 2 of 3)  
Hill College - Hillsboro**

Thursday, May 6	5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 7	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 8	10 a.m. (If needed)

## 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.

Youth (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](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 - 6:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study (all ages)

Wednesday 6 p.m. - Youth Choir Practice (ages 11 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](mailto:itascapfc@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 11 a.m. - Worship Service

6 pm - Praise/Worship (Sanctuary)

6:30-KFC/Hour of Power

Tues. & Thurs. - 10 a.m. Exercise Class - Barton Hall

Wed. 6:30 Vespers Service Chapel - 7:15 Choir practice

ANGEL FOOD SITE

## Second Missionary Baptist Church

120 W. Marrion St. Itasca TX 76055

Rev. George Demmeritte Jr. (Pastor)

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 5:30p.m.

2BC\*2 Youth Meeting 6:30 - 8:00pm Wednesday

### Itasca Ministerial Alliance

May 8 - First Presbyterian 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, 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-6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### IISD Booster Club Meeting

May 11 7:00 p.m. IISD Library

2010-2011 Officers will be elected!

## Democrats of Hill County Meeting

The Democrats of Hill County holds its monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:lanore@dixonpen.com) or call 254-221-0511

2010 Junior/Senior Prom May 8

IISD Awards Week May 10 - 14

2010 IHS Graduation May 28

## Guy Invited to Play in FCA Super Centex Victory Bowl



Senior Desmond Guy has received an invitation to play in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Super Centex Victory Bowl on Saturday, June 12 in Baylor Stadium.

The Bowl game is held each year to highlight graduating seniors' talent to college recruiters. Both junior colleges and four-year universities send representatives to scout talent and offer scholarships to the players. For many of these athletes that is the only way they are able to attend college.

Demond is looking for sponsors for his "highline page" in game program. The cost is \$500 and any donations would be appreciated. All sponsor's name will be included on the page. Please e-mail his mother, Felicia Guy at [fguy@hilco.coop](mailto:fguy@hilco.coop) or call 254-548-6526 or mail all donations to P.O. BOX 62 ITASCA TEXAS 76055. He only has one week to get in his sponsorships (his invitation was lost in the mail).

The FCA Victory Bowl was created with the intent of providing the resources required to fund the ministry of the Heart of Texas FCA reaching nearly 200 campuses in 12 counties. Kick off time for the game is 6:30 p.m.

## Hill County Genealogical Society May Meeting

Press Release

The Family History Center of the Latter Day Saints in Waco will be the topic of the Monday, May 10, monthly meeting of the Hill County Genealogical Society. The program will be presented by a representative of the Center. It will begin at 6:30 pm in the rear meeting room of the Hill County Court House Annex located at 126 South Covington Street in downtown Hillsboro. Visitors are welcome.

The Hill County Genealogical Society meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the same location. Anyone interested in history and genealogy is welcome. The Society maintains a section of the Hillsboro City Library on the second floor. Members of the society are usually available to assist with your research. A quarterly, "Hill County Crossroads", is published by the association. Queries may be placed in the quarterly. For further information, please call Cleo Young Davis, VP/Program Chairman, 254-582-3603, and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

## Mother

*(Our most precious family member)*

Written & Submitted by Charles Murrah

For those of you who still have your moms with you, you should know just how lucky you are. To those whose moms have gone on to a better place, you know what a hole it leaves in your heart.

Mothers are the main fabric that holds the family together.

She is the family historian and the most important person in your life.

Memories that we build now are so important, for without the here and now relationship with moms, there will not be anything to draw our memories from after she is gone.

I have beautiful memories of my mom but oh, how much better I could have done. If I had gone to see her more often, even though it was two hundred miles away, I would gladly walk to see her now. My reasons for not going back then are so trivial now.

These words are being drafted now to suggest to you that you should evaluate your situation and build that relationship now before it is

too late. Mothers have a special heart. They never demand attention, they are all forgiving, and you can do no wrong. Mothers sit in silence and wish you would come and bring the kids (but don't stay too long).

Hopefully these simple words will make you stop and think about your relationship with your mother. I do know when you reach the fading years of your life; you will fully understand the intent of this message. Do with this message as you wish, it is only a feeble attempt to allow you to look through older eyes before it is too late for you.

Just remember there is no love as true as your mother love for you.



**The Paw Print Press Wishes Every Mom, Grandmother & Caregiver a Wonderful & Fulfilling Mother's Day!**



## Senior Spotlight – Megan Goff

Reporters Shelby Ludwig & Ashley Rodriguez Caricature by Martin Martinez



Running. Skipping. Perhaps even a cartwheel. Megan Goff never just walks anywhere. “I feel more comfortable when I’m running,” Goff said with a smile. “It’s going to be hard to walk across the stage when or if I graduate.”

Megan is the daughter of Wally and Sandy Goff. She is the youngest of four Wampus Cat alumni: Laura Class of ’99, Mike ’01, and Danny ’02.

“My parents and siblings are by far the greatest people I know. I love them all so much,” Goff said. “I am the person I am because of their love, their examples and their support.”

Wearing #20, Megan played basketball for four years. She was selected to play in the Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce Chicken Express All-Star Basketball Classic this year. She was named Offensive Player of the Year for the district and was named to the All-Region team.

“I’ve had quite a few injuries over the last four years from basketball,” Goff said, “But it was worth it.”

Not only did Megan play sports, she cheered on her fellow Wampus Cats as they competed, this year serving as the Head Cheerleader. She ran track all four years, competing in the pole vault, 100 meter hurdles, high jump and on the sprint and mile relay teams. Earlier this week Megan placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the pole vault at Regional competition to advanced the State Track Meet.

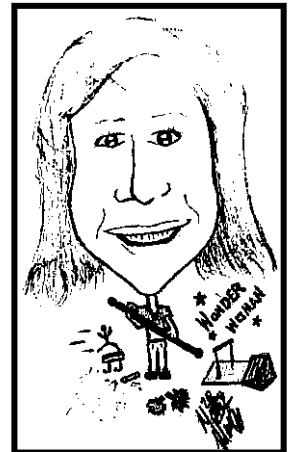
“Track has taught me dedication,” Goff said. “I’ve learned that if you want to be good at something, you really have to work at it.”

Although sports are very important to Megan, she has had a very active and diverse four years at IHS. She has worked on the *Paw Print Press* all four high school years and this year she is one of the editors, is President of the National Honor Society, has advanced to Regional UIL competition in News and Feature Writing for the past four years (this year she is competing at State in Feature Writing) and will graduate in the top 10% of her class with 25 college credit hours.

“I can’t believe how fast high school has gone by,” Goff said. “This is all I have known since forever. I’ve been with great friends, wonderful teachers, and a very supportive community, but I’m still very excited about my future.”

Megan is moving to San Antonio over the summer where she will attend college to earn a degree in nursing.

Her advice to the underclassmen is: “The only limits you have are the ones you set for yourself.”



### 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, evaluaci6n, y colocaci6n de ninos en el programa de Seccion 504, favor de ponerse in contacto con el Coordinador de 504 del Distrito al numero 687-2922 ext 143, o por correo a la siguiente direccion: Amy Reyna.

### Benefit Bake Sale

Friday, May 7  
9 a.m. – sold out

Citizens State Bank

Proceeds for Jacob Whitlock’s doctor bills. Jacob was recently diagnosed with acute Leukemia and he began chemo treatments at Cooks Children Medical Center in Fort Worth last week.

Please come by & show your support by buying a baked good or with a donation.



### Angel Food Ministries

Order Date – Tuesday, May 11  
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church Itasca

## Senior Spotlight – Devin Corbitt

Reporter Hannah Johnson Caricature by Martin Martinez



*“In second place, from Itasca... Devin Corbitt!” Devin walked proudly up to the announcer to receive her medal for Editorial Writing at the State UIL Competition. She had already accomplished so much during her high school years, and she was only a junior.*

Devin Nicole Corbitt, 18, was born March 2 in Maryland to Alan and Susan Corbitt. She has one younger brother, David, a freshman at IHS, and an adopted sibling, Australian Sheepdog Cowboy. She loves to read, spend time with her family and hang out with her boyfriend Cody in her spare time.

“I love my brother,” Devin said about her family. “We act goofy together and have fun but we never fight. We’re cool with each other because we can always talk together about serious stuff.”

Devin has attended IISD since kindergarten. She will graduate in the top 10% of her senior class, but you would never know that she is such a “brain” from the way she is always laughing and joking.

“She makes me laugh every time she talks in her little-girl voice,” Brittany Bourland said with a giggle.

In UIL, Devin participates in Editorial Writing, Headline Writing, Ready Writing, Informative Speaking, CX Debate, and One Act Play. Her junior year, she placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in State in Editorial Writing and will compete at State again this year in Editorial Writing. She was a drill sergeant for the IHS Wampus Cat Marching Band her sophomore and junior year and this year she was one of the drum majors who helped lead the band to State. She is an editor and reporter for the *Paw Print Press* and a member of the National Honor Society.

“I have so many great memories from school,” Devin reminisces. “The most embarrassing thing that’s ever happened to me at school was in One Act Play my freshman year when I fell off the stage and had a huge black mark on my forehead for the longest time!”

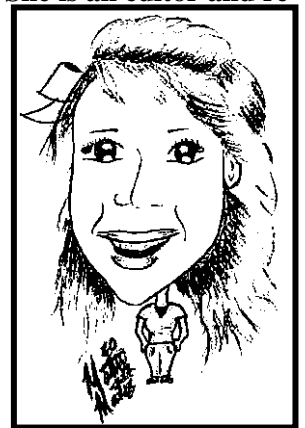
Devin is a member of Central Baptist Church in Hillsboro, where she sings with the Youth Band and plays flute on Sunday mornings. She also works in the Itasca ISD Library after school.

“Working in the library is a lot of fun. It lets me get my homework done in peace and quiet and I get paid for doing it!”

In the fall, Devin will attend Southwestern University in Georgetown. She plans to major in English with the goal of becoming a teacher. Ten years from now, Devin sees herself teaching English at a high school.

“Mrs. Gordon is the reason I decided to become a teacher. I want to be just like her (No offense to Mrs. P, of course).”

Before heading off into the great unknown, Devin wants to leave her underclassmen a very important piece of advice: “Start writing down everything that happens to you when it happens. That way, you can remember how great you’ve been when you’re a senior.”



### Itasca PD March Report

Arrests	Cases Filed
1 Felony	1 District Attorney
3 Misdemeanor	3 County Attorney
1 Class “C”	1 Justice of the Peace
Total calls for service – 80	
Traffic & Citations	
631 – Moving	94-Non-moving 147 Warnings 1 JP
Class “C” Citations	
1 Minor in possession (alcohol)	14 Open container
2 Minor in possession (tobacco)	
19 Possession of drug paraphernalia	
City Ordinance	
1 – Littering	1 – Noise
1- Failure to maintain water service	

### Itasca VFD March Report

Type of Call	City	County
Assist EMS	7	5
MVC	1	1
Residence./Structure	1	1
Trash Fire		1
Vehicle Fire		1
Other		1
Total Call	19	Total Calls YTD 65
Total Man Hours	55	Total Mileage 117
Total Members 10		
Mutual Aid Given – Hillsboro – 2		
Aid Received – Hillsboro-1, Covington-1, Grandview-1		
Missed Calls – 0		



# 2010 Cinco de Mayo (Smiling Faces in the Crowd)

Photos by Sally Crouch & Collage by Faviola Mandujano



FAVIOLA MANDUJANO



**Photos by Brittany Reid & Collage by Rebecca Cisneros**



Rebecca Cisneros



# 2010 Cinco de Mayo (Babies & Dancers)

Photos by Brittany Reid - Collage by Katy Worth





# Remember When . . . “Itasca Area Doctors”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



After extensive research, it seems that Itasca and vicinity has been well represented and served by medical doctors over the years. In fact there have been so many over the years it would take a whole column just to list them. In future columns we will give more details and history of a few of the best known of the lot.



The first doctor to practice in Hill County was Dr. Steiner. Steiner Valley in western Hill County was named for his family. Dr. Steiner was the post surgeon for Fort Graham. Major Arnold was the post commander. It seems that the two had a dispute that escalated to the point where Dr. Steiner shot and killed Major Arnold. There is a long story connected to the incident that we will not go into here.

A Dr. McClain was said to be the first doctor to practice in Itasca. Once a man named Bob Miller got his arm caught in cotton gin machinery. He was carried to the home of Jasper Pruitt and placed on the kitchen table. Dr. McClain removed the arm. It was said that Miller was back down town in a little over a week. Dr. McClain is not to be confused with Dr. J.D. McClain, who was one of the founders and executive directors for the Presbyterian Children's Home, near Itasca.

About 1880 Hill County's medical association was organized. There were many well known men who were members. The founders of the organization were Dr. John S. Scofield, Dr. Kennedy, Dr. A. M. Douglas, Dr. B. H. Vaughn, Dr. Harris, Dr. Pitts, Dr. H. W. Dudley, Dr. B. F. Smith, Dr. A. J. Porter, Dr. Sessions, Dr. Benton, Dr. J. W. Hunt, Dr. Weatherred, Dr. McClain, and a Dr. Williams. Sorry we don't have first names or initials for all of them.

One of Itasca's first doctors around 1918 was Dr. J. H. Young. He was a popular doctor as well as a supporter of city, local, and social activities. He built a home on the corner of Monroe and Wesley streets which still stands today as an apartment house. It is still referred to as “The Young House”.

Dr. J. A. Speer was also a popular and prominent practitioner in and around Itasca including the communities of Pluto, Files Valley and Iverson. He delivered the writer of this article (Carl Sweeney) in Pluto on September 8, 1920. Dr. Speer also served the Presbyterian Children's Home for little or no pay.

There was a Dr. J. A. Lawless who practiced in Itasca, but I do not have much on him. There was a Jimmie Lawless who was not a doctor who was prominent in the area. He was born in Ireland in 1834 and came to the USA in 1846. He came to Texas in 1858 as a stagecoach driver out of Woodbury, which was founded in 1858. Mr. Lawless raised cattle, horses and cotton in various parts of Hill County mainly in the White Rock Creek area. He was also active in and around Itasca.

In 1915, Mr. Jimmie Lawless donated the Lawless Park lot to the city of Itasca with the stipulation that it would always be used as a park. If not, it would revert back to the heirs of Mr. Lawless. There has been some confusion as to who donated the park, Mr. Jimmie Lawless or Dr. J.A. Lawless but records indicate that it was Jimmie Lawless.

In 1918 there were eight doctors serving Itasca and vicinity. They were; Dr. D. K. Robinson, Dr. John Lawless, Dr. J. A. Speer, Dr. R. R. Wier, Dr. J. T. Holland, Dr. N. W. Springs, Dr. J. H. Young, Dr. G. R. Ritchey, and in the fall of 1918 came Dr. C. E. Campbell. Other doctors that served Itasca over the years were' Dr. T. K. Miller, Dr. F. M. Douglas, Dr. F. M. Maner, Dr. R. I. Tibbs, Dr. Garland McPherson, Dr. J. H. Young, Dr. Youngberg, Dr. Zumnalt, Dr. Foster, Dr. C. G. Allen.



A Dr. Harris was the first school superintendent in Hill County. I do not know if he was a medical doctor. Dr. Frank Maner practiced and lived in Files Valley in 1854. He moved to Itasca in 1857. A Dr. Killian practiced in eastern Hill County and Ellis County during the 1920s and 1930s. He used the Waxahachie hospital.

We have had some very able veterinarians in our history, one of the first being Dr. W. L. Botkin. A very popular and well-known one was Dr. H. R. Alman. We all remember his daughter Betsy. Also there was Dr. Hearne Bobbitt. If memory serves me correctly, Dr. Bobbitt died from what they call “Milk Fever” he contracted from walking with cattle; we also remember his wife Tennie Bell and the daughter Ida Irene.

Osceola and Covington were early settlements in Hill County. They were very prosperous and active in early days, especially when the train, The “Boll Weevil” came through. It is said that Dr. A. J. Weatherred was the first doctor in Osceola. Others later were Dr. J. E. McKee, Dr. George McKown and also a Dr. Cansler was practicing there in 1895.



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## Wampus Cats of the Week

### Cinco de Mayo Organization Committee Members



The Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Committee works hard all year to ensure that the funds will be available for the numerous scholarships that they award each year to IHS graduates.

On this year's committee are (Back row - Left to right) Larry Dominguez (committee member) Chunk Dominguez (Vice President) Lupe Carranza (Reporter) James Bouldin (President), Jeffrey Sepulveda (Board of Directors) Sue Rivera (Secretary/Treasurer) and Chris Rivera (Board of Directors). (Front row l to r) Frances Salinas (Committee Member and manages the dance groups), Gloria Rodriguez (Board of Directors) and Elizabeth Solis (Board of Directors). Not pictured are Karon Farquhar, Sharon Dominguez, Chris and Melissa Shuffield, Tina Cavazos and Judy Medina (All committee members).

### Special of the Week



"The community involvement by the citizens of Itasca is what makes my town – Grrrrrrreat!"

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