

# Paw Print Press

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## IHS Junior Crowned Miss NARC & SP of 2010

Press Release



Christina Manasco, the 16-year-old daughter of Linda Jarvis and Kurt Manasco, was crowned the 2010 Miss NARC & SP (National Association of Riding Club and Sheriff Posses) representative in October. She began to serve her year in January.

Christina's goal since becoming a member of the National Association of Riding Club and Sheriff Posses at the age of 8 was to become Miss NARC & SP when she was old enough. Christina worked herself up through the rank as Club Sweetheart, District Queen and then when she was old enough to run for the highest rank the National Queen.

The competition began June 1, 2009 and continued until October 10. Christina was required to be judged in many different areas such as personal appearance, riding competition, speech competition, and by silent judges that were at different events to see that the contestants were meeting and greeting the other members of the association. On top of winning the overall competition Christina was also awarded the best in personal appearance, riding competition, silent judges award, most popular vote award and the Miss Congeniality award that was voted on by only the District Queen's that she was riding and visiting with at different events. (Continued on page 3)



## Police Chief Escorts Unwanted Customer from Business

Last month as the weather began to heat up and water was getting scarce, IPD Chief John Griscavage received a frantic phone from Big "B"'s Truck Stop about an unwanted customer. A 4 ½ foot snake had made its way into the store and curled up next to the donut container. The lady at the counter first thought it was a play snake and a joke until it moved a bit. A customer and Griscavage removed the unwanted customer.

Area residents should be aware that the snakes make be more plentiful this year than in year's past. They are urged to be cautious, especially where children play.



## Top Readers Receive Trophies

At the 2009-2010 Elementary Awards assembly, the top readers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grades were recognized. IES Principal Karon Farquhar presented Ethan Agreda and Katlyn Sherber with the coveted Accelerated

Reader Trophy. Agreda earned 660.2 points and Sherber 306.5 points.



## 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

No Meetings in June, July, August

### Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month 6:00 p.m. - 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, June 21, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

### Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

Monday, June 14, 2010 7:00 p.m.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### CITY OF ITASCA

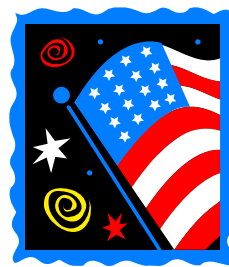
### PROPOSED FY 2010-2011 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Itasca, Texas will hold a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget on Monday, June 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will take place during regularly scheduled City Council Meeting in the Council Chambers at the Itasca Municipal Court, 136 N. Hill Street, Itasca, Texas.

Mayor Matthew Fehnel

## Itasca Volunteer Fire Department Plans July 4 Community Event

The Itasca Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual fundraiser in conjunction with a July 4 Community Celebration on Saturday, July 3. The festivities will begin with a "Red, White & Blue" parade (everyone is invited to participate) at 9:00 a.m. The parade will line up in front of Central Baptist Church on Monroe St. and after following a route through town will end at the Itasca Depot Heritage and Education Center on Wampus Cat Drive.



The fun and festivities will include lots and food, drinks, bounce house, dunking booth, games for the children and lots of other activities. The museum will be open for tours also.

The IVFD is also planning a fireworks display in the evening. The location and time will be announced at a later date. They have also issued a "call to arms" for new volunteers. The organization is in need of firefighters and auxiliary personnel. Junior volunteers are welcome (16-17 years old) with parents permission.

For more information on the July 4 event, to make a donation or to volunteer contact Wayland Price or Mark Gropp at City Hall.

## Cinco de Mayo Canine and Feline Style

Press Release

Storm clouds looming on the horizon did not deter the hundreds who came to celebrate the Pet Fiesta hosted by Outlets at Hillsboro for the third consecutive year. Tractor Supply Company's Annual Chihuahua Dog Races drew a record crowd this year with over 100 dogs registered. Even though she had more competition this year, "Libby Lue" from Whitney held onto the first place title and received the \$250 prize for the third consecutive year! This speedy girl owes much of her success to her coaches, Katie and Tabitha Grantham, also from Whitney. Preceding the race was a pet fashion show open to all domestic animals and many dogs and cats swallowed their pride to wear the costumes chosen by their loving owners.

The popularity of these annual events grows as persons from all walks of life across Texas gather to demonstrate their love of their pets and support the goals of Hill County Paw Pals to facilitate the establishment of an animal shelter and county animal control program.

The successful outcomes of all these events stems directly from the enthusiastic and professional management of Rebecca Galuppo, Marketing and Special Events Manager with Outlets at Hillsboro. Chad Neville, Manager of Hillsboro Tractor Supply, is to be commended for his generosity and professional involvement in bringing the event to a successful fruition. Tractor Supply also sponsored monetary awards for First, Second, and Third place winners of the Pet Fashion Show.

Outlets at Hillsboro has taken a leadership role in demonstrating how business can contribute to community improvement efforts. This is especially prevalent with the support of Paw Pals' goals. Outlets at Hillsboro currently hosts the monthly Low Cost Pet Sterilization and Vaccination Clinic on the first Tuesday of each month in Suite 102. They have reached out to host Paw Pals' annual County-wide Garage Sale, scheduled the first weekend in November. In addition, Outlets at Hillsboro hosted the Waggin' Trail Bike Ride 2009 in support of not only Paw Pals but Hill County Boys and Girls Club. Hill County is most fortunate to have the local support by Outlets at Hillsboro and Tractor Supply that demonstrate most aptly the impact that businesses can contribute to community enrichment. Hill County Paw Pals is most grateful for that support and publicly offers our appreciation and thanks.

## Manasco Crowned Miss NARC, SP

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As Miss NARC & SP 2010 Christina is required to make personal appearance at all national functions, parades, and any other public appearance that the queen's committee requires her to attend. Christina is also responsible for her court of District Queen that comes from all of the different districts in the Association. This year there are 8 girls that are from 8 of the 9 districts that represent the NARC & SP. One of Christina's goals this year was to take her court and go to the airport and greet the US troops that are returning from overseas. She was able to fulfill that goal in March. She describes the event as very emotional and gratifying to see the families reunited.

A part of the Miss NARC & SP crowning, Christina received a \$1,000 scholarship to the school of her choice, a saddle with breast collar and matching headstall along with a check for \$900 to complete her wardrobe.

Christina represents over 300 families from Texas and Louisiana. The area spans from north of Bowie to west of Lubbock and south of Waco to the eastern part of Louisiana.

"I was so excited the day I was crown," Christina said, "I have been working toward this for eight years. It was also extra special because I am the 40th Queen of the National Association of Riding Clubs and Sheriff Posses."

## June Democrats of Hill County Meeting

Press Release

Democrats of Hill County hold monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held Monday, June 14, 2009 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.

## Our School

Belated and Future Happy Birthday wishes to Ms. Sally Crouch (May 17), Ms. Toni Daniels (May 18), Ms. Susan Edens (May 28), Ms. Gayla Cockerham (June 4), Ms. Elida Gutierrez (June 5), Ms. Lisa Von Borstel (June 6), Ms. Kelly Tinklenberg (June 9), Ms. Leah Wells (June 19), Ms. Diana Johnson (June 20), Ms. Amy Reyna (June 25), Mr. Aaron Romero, Mr. Gary Cotton (July 3), Ms. Barbara Pettrash (July 4), Coach Jimmy Lott (July 5), Coach Clint Wallace (July 7), Mr. David Briggs (July 9), Ms. Melissa Arellano & Coach Craig Horn (July 15), Ms. Cecilia Grisham (July 20), Ms. Connie Grogan (July 24), Ms. Janet Covington (July 27), Ms. Tammie Owens (August 11), Ms. LaTasha Bell (August 13) and Ms. Karon Farquhar (August 24)

## IISD Board of Trustees April Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2010, in the Itasca ISD Library at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were President Susan Bason, Secretary Angelia Orr, Members Nancy Bowman, Brian Bassett, Kevin Cordell and Marquita Lloyd. Absent was Vice President Oscar Castillo, Jr. Administration members present were Superintendent Glenn Pittman, Principals Rickie Harris, Keith Hannah and Karon Farquhar, Special Programs Director Amy Reyna, Student Services Coordinator Kristi Sargent, Business Manager Kim Eaddy and Secretary Norma Merkel. Visitors present were Dr. Steve Johnson, Joanna Durham, Barbara Petrash, Scott Stephens, Cory Cole, Michelle Cole, Naomi West and Naomi Stephens.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. All visitors were welcomed to the meeting and Karon Farquhar introduced the students that collected the top amounts of money for the St. Jude's Mathathon. The students were presented certificates of recognition.

Wayne Reynaud of PBK firm presented an overview of PBK and plans for the facility upgrades with a preliminary timeline.

Motions were made and passed to approve the amended board meeting minutes from March 1, 2010 and March 8, 2010, to approve the financial report for March and to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> 2009-10 budget amendment by moving already budgeted funds to different areas. The TASB policy update 87 which included CVB, CVA and CH local policies was approved along with the 2010-2011 district calendar.

Superintendent Pittman updated the board on the residential facilities tracker report from TEA. He reported that the district will question some of the findings. The district was notified that the 2008-09 accreditation status is warned and the district accepted that status since the 2009-10 district status is accredited. He also reported that the special education program is working on compensatory services and which students are eligible for services.

The board went into executive session at 8:26 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 8:30 p.m. A motion was passed to approve a probationary contract for Jared Bass for 2010-11. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

## Board of Trustees April Workshop

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in called session on Monday, April 12, 2010, in the Itasca ISD Library. All Board members were present except for Vice President Oscar Castillo, Jr. Also present were Superintendent Glenn Pittman and Dr. Steve Johnson. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m. and the Board discussed and reviewed board effectiveness to identify areas that needed attention.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

### Nourishing Children's Bodies and 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."

### Families Instructed in DNA Collection for Child ID

PSA

Itasca PD and IISD students joined in sponsoring a Child ID program last month. Police Chief Griscavage urges parents that did not bring their children to collect DNA samples on their own and store them away.

To take a hair sample use a clean brush or comb used only by your child and brush or comb the child's hair. Remove from the brush or comb several strands of hair with a follicle at the end. Place the hair strands in a clean envelope and seal with tape. **DO NOT LICK THE ENVELOPE!**

To take a blood sample apply a clean band-aid to your child's scrape or cut. After one hour, replace the bandage with a clean one. Allow the bandage to dry for at least 2 hours. Place the bandage in a clean envelope and seal with tape. **DO NOT LICK THE ENVELOPE!**

Use a separate envelope for each sample. We will print the instructions for saliva sample at a later date.



## Itasca Elementary Honors Parent Volunteers



During the IES award ceremonies in May, Principal Karon Farquhar acknowledged and thanked the parent and grandparent volunteers who have helped in numerous areas throughout the school year. Many assisted by giving AR Tests on the computer, reading to the students at story time and helping in the lunchroom.

On hand to receive their Certificate of Appreciation were (left to right) Ms. Samantha Rugh, Ms. Angie Moore, Ms. Tammy Hyder, Principal Farquhar, Ms. Robin Plumlee, Ms. Deborah Rasco, Ms. Mercy Gonzalez and Ms. Amanda Younger. Missing from pictures were Ms. Cathy Coffey and Ms. Jamie Rodriguez.

The district is very appreciative of these parents and grandparents who assisted this year.

### Card of Thanks

The *Paw Print Press* staff would like to thank Ms. Karen Gillette Norrell for her generous donation made in memory of Susan Wilson Hix who passed away November 13, 2009 to the *Paw Print Press* Scholarship Fund.

Ms. Norrell related that she worked with Susan Wilson on the 1957 Mowana, along with Robert Kyle, John Patton, Betty Perkins, Patsy Neal, Glenna Cottingame, Bob Spence, Miller Bailey, Mary Kay Calfee, Donna Bailey and Miss Lela Nowlin.

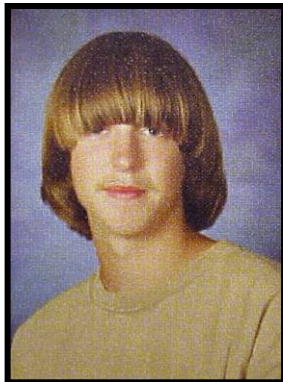
The student reporters of the *Paw Print Press* greatly appreciate your donation toward their continuing education.

Sponsor Barbara Petrash

### Congratulations!

The family, friends, classmates and teachers would like to congratulate Bryan Pearson, 2009 Itasca graduate, for being named to the President's Honor Roll for the 2010 Spring Term at TSTC.

All of his hard work and good grades are paying off. His family is especially proud of him.



(Picture from 2008)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Published Poems

During the 2009-2010 school year, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders wrote poems and submitted them to a poetry contest sponsored by Creative Communication, A Celebration of Today's Writers. Thirty-five students had their poems chosen to be published.

We will feature some of these poems each week during the summer.

#### Riding Down Town

I went down town to meet Mrs. Brown  
She gave me a nickel to buy a pickle

The pickle was sour,  
So she gave me a flower  
The flower was dead,  
So she gave me a thread  
The thread was thin,  
So she gave me a pen

The pen was sharp,  
So she gave me a harp,  
The harp began to sing

With a me, me and a haa, haa, haa

Angelina Botella

#### CANDY

It's sweet, it's sour, it's all kinds of flavors  
You chew it, you suck on it, sometimes you spray it  
It's green it's yellow, it's a rainbow of colors  
Can you guess what it is – it's CANDY

Lucas Sayers

## Itasca City Council April Meeting

The Itasca City Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 19, 2010 in the Council Chambers, 136 N. Hill St., Itasca, Texas. Mayor Matthew Fehnel called the meeting to order. Council members present were James Bouldin, Susie Davis, Denis Heyse, Doug Farquhar and John Laird. Also present were City Administrator Mark Gropp and City Attorney Stephanie Johnson.

Motions were made and passed to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting and to approve the payment of bills. Monthly department and committee reports were given by Wayland Price (Fire Department), Chief John Griscavage (Police), Wayne Upchurch (Water/Sewer Operations), Holly Pelt (Planning and Zoning, Office of Code Enforcement and Building Standards Commission).

Barbara Petrash representing the Chamber of Commerce requested the 100 block of W. Main Street be closed for the annual Barbeque Cook-off on May 21-22, 2010. The hours of the activity will be from Friday at 12:00 noon May 21, 2010 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday May 22, 2010. Resolution #041510-1 for the request was approved unanimously.

Gandolf Burrus addressed the council to consider and possibly take action on Letter of Agreement with Grant Development Services to prepare CDBG grant application request for competition in 2011/2012 Texas Department of Rural Affairs TxCDP funding cycle. Burrus stated the only difference in the letter of agreement from previous contracts is the date. The application is for a \$250,000 grant, which will be for the construction of water and/or wastewater services and improvements. A motion to approve signing Letter of Agreement with Grant Development Services was passed.

The rezoning of Itasca OT Block 28 Lots 3-4 & Part of Lot 5 from SF-1 (Single Family Residential District-1) to MH-1 (Manufactured Home District) was considered. Holly Pelt explained to the council where the property is located in the city, which is currently a residential area. The property owner has requested a zone change. The rezoning would enable the property owner to place a manufactured home on the property. The first reading to adopt an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Itasca by rezoning Itasca OT Block 28 Lots 3-4 & Part of Lot 5 from SF-1 (Single Family Residential District-1) to MH-1 (Manufactured Home District) was read by the Mayor. The City Attorney recommended adding an attachment describing the property more in detail with the ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map). A motion to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 041910, rezone lots describe with the attachments was made and passed, waiving the second and third reading.

The Council discussed and considered taking action on Chapters 1-10 of the Policy and Procedures for the Police Department presented by City Administrator from March 2010 meeting. The City Attorney stated that she still had some things to go over with the Police Chief. After reviewing Chapters 1-10 the Council agreed to take action at a later meeting. The City Administrator asked the Council to review the next 10 chapters which he would like to discuss at the next meeting.

The Council discussed considering amendments to the Policy and Procedures regarding Vehicle Operator Standards. The Police Chief explained that a driver's license check would be run for all city employees who would be authorized to operate city vehicles. The police department record check goes thru TCLEOSE; the fire department and city employees will be checked thru DPS. A motion was made and passed to table the amendments until a future meeting.

A motion was approved to rescheduling the Regular Council Meeting from Monday, May 17, 2010 to Monday May 24, 2010. Mayor Matthew Fehnel called an executive session at 6:50 p.m. to take place pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code regarding personnel matters to discuss the appointment of candidate for Fire Chief. The Council changed venue to Police Station at 132 N. Hill St. Open session resumed at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened to Council Chambers, 136 N. Hill St., Itasca, Texas. The Mayor and City Administrator recommended appointing Wayland Price as the Fire Chief. A motion was made and approved by a 5-0 vote; unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

### HELP WANTED

Assistant needed for out-of-town estate sales. Applicant must be hard-working and adventurous. Job responsibilities include: cleaning, display, break-down, customer assistance, etc. Must be able to work out-of-town for several days at a time. Contact Philip at (254) 580-0005 or (512) 663-9976.

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682-225-7448 or  
[steph.salinas@yahoo.com](mailto:steph.salinas@yahoo.com)



## Simmons test for Black Belt

Press Release



On March 6, six students traveled to Houston to test for Black Belt and 2nd Degree Black Belt. Jenifer Simmons from Itasca was one of these students.

Jenifer is a student at Hill College and is currently helping teach at the Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School-125 W Elm-Hillsboro while also working to earn her 2nd Degree. Students testing for Black Belt must perform many patterns, recite a number of meanings, while also sparring and break boards.

Pictured is Grand Master BK Park-Houston, Master Kevin Kight and son Quinton-Lorena, Grand Master BuKang Park-Las Vegas, Nevada and Master Charles Kight-Osceola. Centered is Jenifer Simmons new Black Belt.

If you would like to receive a free informational brochure and DVD call 582-5111. The first two classes are free and parents are always welcome. Your welcome to check out our web-site also [www.hillsborotkd.com](http://www.hillsborotkd.com)

## Letter to the Editor

Dear *Paw Print Press*, Last week, Nathalie and Joseph had been asking me to take them to the park in town to play. We gathered up our snacks and were looking forward to a nice evening in the park.

As the kids were playing and enjoying themselves, I went over to the picnic tables to watch. Imagine my outrage when I noticed that they were already covered with names and graffiti. In addition, these names were not of small children, but older students. The citizens of Itasca, both young and old, have worked hard to keep a nice place for everyone to enjoy. So take pride in your community and what it has to offer and do not destroy what others have worked hard to accomplish.

Thanks – Pam Willman

## IHS Students Participate in Under Armour Camp

Reporter Hannah Johnson



Coach Estel nominated junior Jack Panting (right) and sophomore Walker Hoard (left) to participate in an Under Armour Baseball camp in Cedar Hill on April 25. Panting and Hoard were the only Itasca representatives selected to attend the camp.

During the camp the boys' potential talents were evaluated and they were taught new skills to help them as they continued to play baseball throughout high school and with the possibility of continuing into post high school play. Along with the many coaches, a player from the Astros MLB team made an appearance to teach the young men new tips on how to improve their baseball performance.

At the culmination of the camp, Jack was selected to play on a summer team in Cape Cod, Massachusetts and Walker was selected for a team in Dodgetown. Both boys represented Itasca well in the camp and the Wampus Cat fans look forward to watching these two players on the field during the 2010-2011 season.

## Summer Track Set to Start June 7

The summer track program will began on Monday, June 7 at 6:00 p.m. on the IISD football field. The program is open to boys and girls 18 years of age and under. The program includes practices and workouts and several track meets in Waco and the surrounding area. The Regional meet will be in Temple on July 9 & July 10 and the program will culminate at the State Meet (if you qualify) in Waco August 5-8.

Children who have not registered can do so on June 7. The cost is \$35, which includes a track uniform, TAAF Card, and other items associated with the program through the Regional Meet. For more information call Coach Campbell at 254-8555716 or Coach Bates at 214-298-1297.

## Recent Deaths

**Tetzlaff, Mary S.** – Mary S. Tetzlaff was born in Itasca, TX on February 10, 1916 to Elbert and Annie Leatherwood Baker. She was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist Church in Itasca. Mary attended Itasca Public Schools. After completing high school, she went to college in Dallas. While in college, she met and married Emil V Larson DVM on December 27, 1935. They lived in Texas, California and Idaho before moving to Minnesota. They bought the family veterinarian practice and settled in Evansville, MN. They had four children, Lee Scot, Lucia Karen, Harold Milton and Janie Ann. Mary worked in the veterinary office with Emil until he died in 1963. In 1966 she married Chester M. Tetzlaff and worked at the Ashby Equity Bank with him until 1971 when he died. She went to work at Farmers State Bank in Evansville. After retiring from the bank, she worked for Ione and Phyllis Larson in Fergus Falls.

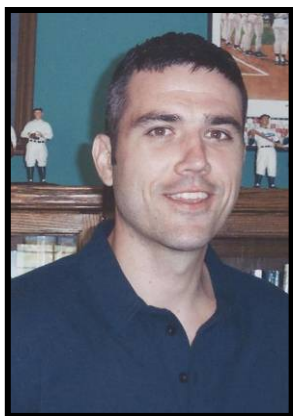
Mary loved to read, fish and garden. She was a member of the Garden Club in Evansville for as long as she could participate. She dearly treasured her moments with people. She said she could never separate her family and friends because she loved almost everyone with all of her heart. Mary was very proud to share this love because God had shared his with her. She was a member of several churches during her life including the Presbyterian Church in Evansville and Ashby. She belonged to St. Petri at the time of her death.

Mary died April 8, 2010 at the age of 95 in Evansville Care Center after suffering a stroke. She was preceded in death by several family members and friends.

She is survived by one child, Janie (Terry) Torgrimson of Evansville; one sister in law Janie Baker of Itasca TX, as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

**Castle, Doris Hobbs** - Doris Hobbs Castle, 86, passed away Monday, May 10, 2010 at her home in Cleburne. She graduated from Itasca High School in 1942. Graveside services were held May 12 in Itasca with interment in Itasca cemetery. Doris was preceded in death by her daughter Leah Deann, her parents, four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include her loving husband of 65 years, Lee Castle, granddaughters Janet Harwell and husband, Mark and Jean Halverson; ten great-grandchildren and five- great-great-grandchildren.



**Barker, Christian Shane Rinehart** - Mr. Christian Shane Rinehart Barker, 30, of Cleburne passed away Wednesday, May 19, 2010, in Fort Worth. A memorial service was held Saturday, May 29, 2010, at Crosier-Pearson Cleburne Funeral Home. He was born July 20, 1979, in Cleburne. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Cleo and Ethel Rinehart and Bill Barker.

Shane is survived by his mother, Dr. Kim Barker, DDS of Cleburne; fathers, Don Rinehart and wife, Tresa, of Whitney and Larry Barker and wife, Shirley, of Cleburne; one sister, Erin Rinehart of Whitney; grandparents, Dr. Cecil and Martha Frederick and Jane Barker, all of Cleburne and Benny Walker and wife, Jane, of Azle; aunts and uncles, Charles and Linda Frederick, Shari Frederick and Cindy Barker Mash; and a host of cousins, relatives and many friends. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

**Brown, Danny** – Danny Brown passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2010, in Covington. He was born September 25, 1962, in Cleburne to Jackie Daniel and Joyce Carolyn Conner Brown. He married Judy Lynn King on December 13, 1986, in Itasca. Danny was a welder and member of First Baptist Church of Covington. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Brown, in 2003.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Judy Brown of Covington; one son, Michael Brown and wife, Cassandra, of Itasca; one daughter, Amber Reeves and husband, Mike, of Covington; mother, Joyce Brown of Covington; three grandchildren, Madison, Bree and Ely; one brother, Mike Brown and wife, Sue, of Covington; two sisters, Talana Walls of Blum and Robin Parks and husband, Alan, of Cleburne; a number of nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Funeral services were held May 28, 2010, at Crosier-Pearson Cleburne Chapel with Rev. Eric Black officiating. Burial was at Woodbury Cemetery. Pallbearers were Earl Hickey, Richard Smith, Chris Allison, Eric Brown, Donald Johnson and Don Tingle. Honorary pallbearers were Joe Don Lewis and Joe Reyna. Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Heart, 210 North Bosque Street, Whitney, TX 76692.



# Remember When . . . “We Made Our Own”

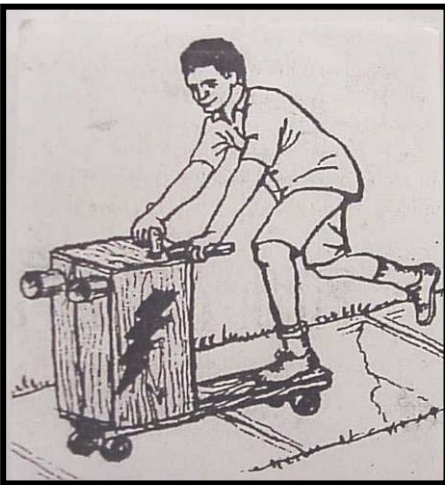
Columnist Carl Sweeney



Fifty to eighty years ago and beyond was when we used innovative ideas to aid in our daily lives, and also our amusement. We made our own toys and work related objects to aid in our pleasure and work.

The first work related object that comes to mind was what we called a “King Drag.” We usually lived on muddy roads and when it rained we had ruts that were extremely hard and rough when dry. The drag we made was pulled by mules and later tractors. It was constructed of heavy timbers and angle irons with single or double trees to be pulled by mules or a hitch for the tractor. It worked very well to smooth our dirt roads. I can remember that part of the instructions to get to our house was, “Turn off the main road!” There were many other innovations and gadgets to help us with the farm work, but let’s get to the ones for play; they were more varied and interesting.

Skateboards are popular now, but we had them years ago; although perhaps of a little different construction, homemade of course. We went to the dump ground and found an old discarded pair of skates. Remember the ones that fit over your shoe and had a key, which was a problem if you lost it. We got a 2x4 or a 2x6 about 14 inches long separated the front skate rollers from the back and nailed them to the board, it was now a skate board. Those of us who lived in the country had to wait until we were in town to use them on the sidewalk.



Another popular invention was the skateboard car. It was made the same way except we attached a body to it, usually an apple box. We used tomato cans for headlights and a couple sardine cans painted red for the rear tail-lights. There were handles or a steering wheel, which was optional. Locomotion was the same as with a regular skateboard.

Another make-believe plaything was a movie camera. We used an old box, attached a crank on the side and used the old tomato cans again for the lens. Then along with the director, we pretended to make westerns like we saw on Saturday afternoon in town.

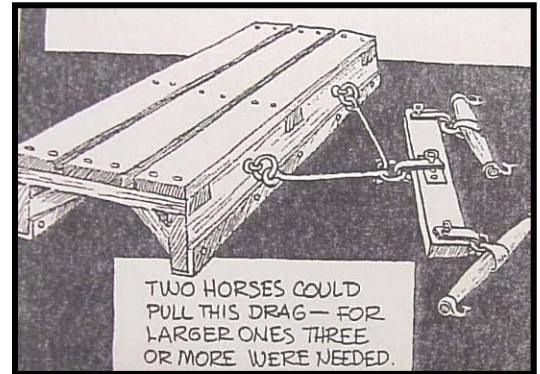
Another device we came up with that often got us into trouble was the peashooter. The elderberry limb made a good shooter when the pitch was removed. All sorts of “ammunition” was used such as black-eyed peas, pellets from shot gun shells, small round rocks or even homemade darts.

My personal favorite was a rubber band to shoot paper wads and paper clips, which was fun when we bounced them off the light reflectors that were in the study hall ceiling of the old three-story school. For that activity, I along with James Weaver and H.C. Baker, received a paddling administered by the then Coach Johnny Naylor. He had a vicious left hook with that paddle.

Another popular toy and weapon was the slingshot. We also hunted with that one. We did an article on the sling shot in a *Paw Print Press* article in the June 7, 2007 issue. There was a sport we often engaged in that I do not hear of today, and that was fighting bumblebees. We found a nest usually in an old lumber or trash pile and when disturbed they attacked us. We made paddles for the purpose of fighting them. My favorite tool for that purpose was a dry broom weed. We often got stung but it was not a deterrent. We did it again.

Another simple device, especially for younger boys was the tomato-can telephone. We fastened a can to each end of a wire, usually about 50 feet; the length was optional. We could tap on the can and hear the sound on the other end, and of course, we were close enough to converse and pretend it was coming through the line.

Homemade stilts were another plaything we built. It could be as tall as the maker desired. There were many other things we made ourselves such as seesaws, slides, sand beds and the inevitable automobile tire swing, pistols that shot rubber bands and a host of others.



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## Wampus Cats of the Week

### 2009-2010 “Perfect Attendance Award”



Pictured left - Receiving “Perfect Attendance” Certificates for the school year were (Front row l to r) Rosendo Zavala (12<sup>th</sup>), Rebecca Maul (10<sup>th</sup>) and Belinda Reyes (9<sup>th</sup>). (Second row - l to r) Faviola Mandujano (10<sup>th</sup>), Michael Macias (9<sup>th</sup>) and Dexter Green (9<sup>th</sup>). Back Row - l to r) Dakota Hardesty (10<sup>th</sup>), Dakota Cox (10<sup>th</sup>), Philip Thomas (11<sup>th</sup>) and Brenda Jordan (12<sup>th</sup>).

### 2009-2010 “A” Honor Roll



Pictured right – Honored with “A Honor Roll” medals were (Front row - l to r) Becca Durham (9<sup>th</sup>), Martin Martinez (10<sup>th</sup>), Devin Corbitt (12<sup>th</sup>) and Rebecca Maul (10<sup>th</sup>). Back row – Mr. Harris, Keyre Ortiz (11<sup>th</sup>) and Aaron Rodriguez (10<sup>th</sup>). Missing from picture is Michelle Ignacz (10<sup>th</sup>).