

# Paw Print Press

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## Democratic JP Candidate Added to November Ballot

Press Release

Itasca resident Karon Farquhar announced her certification as the Democratic candidate, in the November General Election, for Hill County Justice of the Peace Precinct 2.



The candidate is a 1975 graduate of Itasca High School and a 1983 graduate from Texas Christian University with Bachelor's Degree in Education. In 1988, she received a Master's Degree in Education from Texas Woman's University. She currently holds a Mid-Management and Superintendent certificates from Texas Woman's University.

Farquhar is currently the principal at Itasca Elementary and has worked for the district for the past 26 years. She is active in the Itasca Rotary Club, secretary, and member of the Itasca Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Committee. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Itasca and serves on the Community Action Committee.

Politically, Mrs. Farquhar served as a delegate to the 2009 & 2010 Democratic Convention and was Itasca's Democratic Precinct 10 Caucus Chair, in the 2010 March Primary election.

Mrs. Farquhar is married to Ken Farquhar and together they have 4 children and 2 granddaughters.

"If elected, I plan to serve the citizens with fairness and integrity, strive to be knowledgeable on all aspects of the Justice of the Peace Court's laws, and be a full time Justice of the Peace. I believe my background in management and budgeting will be an asset to the office and county. Mrs. Farquhar concluded that a vote for her would be greatly appreciated."

**Community Awareness Back to  
School Fair – August 14 9-12 noon**

## Trustees Focus on Education IISD Board Attends TASB Institute

Press Release



(Left to right) Brian Bassett, Kevin Cordell, Susan Bason, Marquita Lloyd, Nancy Bowman, Board members of Itasca ISD, joined local trustees from across the state at the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) Summer Leadership Institute June 10-12 in San Antonio. Approximately 2,500 school leaders received training on every facet of effective board governance, heard keynote addresses from noted speakers, and gathered valuable ideas for programs that work.

Topics addressed during the institute included effective community collaborations, college and career readiness, technology trends, dropout prevention, and special education law. Breakout sessions examined social networking, school finance, bullying and gang prevention, facilities management, and the changing face of the Texas labor market.

Thursday's general session featured Manny Medrano, a reporter for KTLA News in Los Angeles and former trial lawyer. He delved into the themes of personal obstacles, the irrepressible human spirit, and the invaluable role of educators and mentors in his own personal and professional growth. Jonathan Kozol, Friday's general session speaker, shared his view on how teachers, given support and encouragement, can help students meet state standards without turning their classrooms into test-prep factories. Kozol is a writer, educator, and activist, best known for his books on public education.

Sessions for newly elected trustees and board presidents offered a combination of both breakout and in-depth formats. New board members focused on basics in district planning and budget, school law, boardsmanship, district policy, teamwork and an introduction to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Board presidents explored meeting preparation, parliamentary procedure, key legal duties, team building and facilitation skills. Not pictured is Angelia Orr who also attended the institute.

## 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

200 E. Monroe St.

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)

#### APPLICATION PREACHING!

Sermons for the REAL WORLD that we live in.

What good is a wonderful sermon on Sunday if it cannot be applied to the concerns of your life when Monday morning rolls around?

Find the fun, joy, and comfort you were promised. Bring an open heart and mind.

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.

### Itasca Church of Christ - 200 N. Aquilla St.

*Light The Night By Being Right!*

*Obey Jesus Become A Nightlighter!*

Join us for worship at the Itasca Church of Christ

All are welcome

303 E. Monroe Sunday 9:45 & 10:45 a.m.

Itasca, TX 5:00 p.m.

254-687-2774 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

### 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

## First Presbyterian Church

106 N. Lamar Itasca 254-687-2243

[itascafpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:itascafpc@sbcglobal.net) [www.fpcitasca.org](http://www.fpcitasca.org)

"In mission to and with the Presbyterian Children's 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

### 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, August 16, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

### Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

Monday, August 9, 2010 7:00 p.m.

## Come And See What You Can Do!

PSA

Do you have a passion for helping kids? Do you feel called to reach out to families in need? Would you like to help offer a future with hope to a child?

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) is looking for a few volunteers to assist with their Itasca program. Make plans to attend a "Come and See" informational meeting Sunday, August 29, at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Presbyterian Church of Itasca (106 N. Lamar St. - behind the bank). You can meet PCHAS' Itasca staff, discover volunteer opportunities and learn how to become a volunteer with this vital ministry!

From its humble beginnings as a single orphanage in Files Valley, PCHAS has evolved over the past century to serve more than 3,500 children and families in Texas and Louisiana each year. PCHAS offers group homes, foster homes, community outreach programs, support for single parents and advanced education/aftercare opportunities. To learn more about the variety of Christ-centered services PCHAS offers to children in need and their families, visit [www.pchas.org](http://www.pchas.org). Discussed at this meeting will be

1. Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
2. Long Term Volunteer Opportunities
3. If I want to be a volunteer -
4. Volunteer Training Requirements
5. Information about PCHAS

Please join us! Also, First Presbyterian Church worship services begin at 11:00 a.m. and all are welcome. On August 29, we will also have a potluck lunch before the program. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch, too. Just bring your favorite dish!

## IHS 2009-10 6<sup>th</sup> Six-week Honor Roll

### “A” Honor Roll

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Christian Avila, David Corbitt, Rebecca Durham Michelle Ignacz, Shelby Ledwig

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Rebecca Maul, Aaron Rodriguez

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Vincenzo Miale Merola, Keyre Ortiz, Robert Slotvig

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Courtney Barton, Krystal Benefield, Devin Corbitt, Ryan Crouch, Ashley Durham, Isaac Perez, Rosendo Zavala

### “A-B” Honor Roll

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Emily Basye, Justin Bonds, Cole Coleman, Christian Cruz, Nenia Forcey, Tylor Graham, Katisha Hall, James Hanes, Brandon Kelley, Michael Macias, David Maddox, Angela McAdams, Emilee Nalley, Tyler Odom, Brittany Reid, Belinda Reyes, Jonathan Reyes, Alaina Valentine, Da’Jae Wells, Jessica Zint

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Emilio Amaya, Aren Barton, Kenneth Clary, Courtney Conway, Cecil Forcey, Walker Hoard, Stephanie Ignacz, Hannah Johnson, Martin Martinez, Emily Offutt, Joaquin Reyes,

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Rebecca Cisneros, Maria Coronado, Monnie Green, Jasmine Guy, Catherine Olivas, Maria Ortiz, Jack Panting, Nancy Reyes, Breckin Shuffield, Ellen Stewart, Phillip Thomas, Jorge Vasquez, Kristin Worth

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Eddie Coronado, Leo Coronado, Chantel Courtner, Juan Flores, Michael Garcia, Megan Goff, Katherine Green, Marsha Guy, Cherri Lloyd, Mary Maddox, Eva Mayberry, Demietric McVea, Cody Reece, Abby Saldierna, Ciera Thompson, Vanessa Webb

## 2009-10 2nd Semester Honor Roll

### “A” Honor Roll

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Cole Coleman, David Corbitt, Becca Durham, Michelle Ignacz, Shelby Ledwig, Michael Macias, Brittany Reid, Jonathan Reyes, Alaina Valentine

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Hannah Johnson, Martin Martinez, Rebecca Maul, Aaron Rodriguez

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Vincenzo Miale Merola, Keyre Ortiz, Maria Ortiz, Robert Slotvig

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Devin Corbitt, Ashley Durham, Rosendo Zavala

### “A-B” Honor Roll

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Christian Avila, Emily Basye, Justin Bonds, Christian Cruz, Mercedes DeLaTorre, Brandon Duby, Nenia Forcey, Tylor Graham, Katisha Hall, James Hanes, Brandon Kelley, Taylor Ledwig, David Maddox, Marcos Martinez-Rico, Emilee Nalley, Michael Nolen, Heather Odom, Tyler Odom, Belinda Reyes, Alexandra Rodriguez, Da’Jae Wells, Katherine Worth, Jessica Zint

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## Last of Our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Poems

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### Friends

Friends  
Friends have their moments  
Friends  
Friends trust one another  
Friends  
Friends to the end  
Friends  
Are like brothers  
Friends  
Are like sisters  
Friends  
Friends never leave  
Friends  
Are there for you  
Friends  
I love my friends  
Well Friends are  
Friends!

Jennipher Ignacz

### Sisters

Sisters, Sisters  
Don’t you just  
Love sisters?  
Sisters are good  
Sisters are kind  
Sisters are there  
All the Time.  
They go through  
The good.  
They go through  
The bad.  
Sisters, Sisters  
Like me  
And my sister  
Emilee.  
Sisters, Sisters  
Don’t you just  
Love Sisters?

Katie Nalley

### Hopper

Rabbits here, Rabbits there  
So soft and cuddly  
I just want to hold you tight  
In the cage, out of the cage  
I don’t know where you are  
In the house hopping all around  
Black or White, Brown or Gray  
I don’t know what color you are  
I love you, oh where are you  
I hope I find you soon  
Please come home soon

Patricia Stephens

## IHS Registration Dates Set

12<sup>th</sup> grader - Tuesday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m.

11<sup>th</sup> grader - Tuesday, August 10 at 11:00 a.m.

10<sup>th</sup> grader - Wednesday, August 11 at 10 a.m.

9<sup>th</sup> grader - Thursday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m.

New students will register at this time also and must bring the following documentation to enroll:

\*\*\*Birth Certificate \*\*\*Social Security Card

\*\*\*Proof of residency (current electric bill, Closing statement, Lease Agreement)

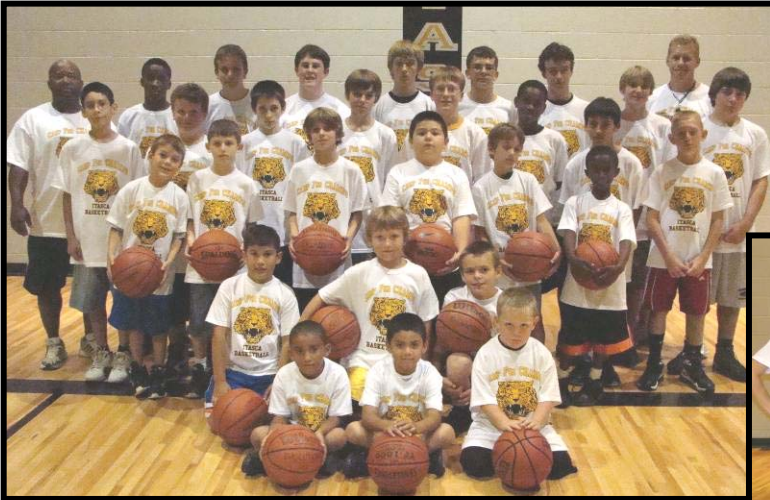
\*\*\*Valid Drivers License of parent/guardian enrolling the student \*\*\*Immunization Record

\*\*\*Withdrawal form from previous school

Middle school students may pick up their schedules the same dates from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

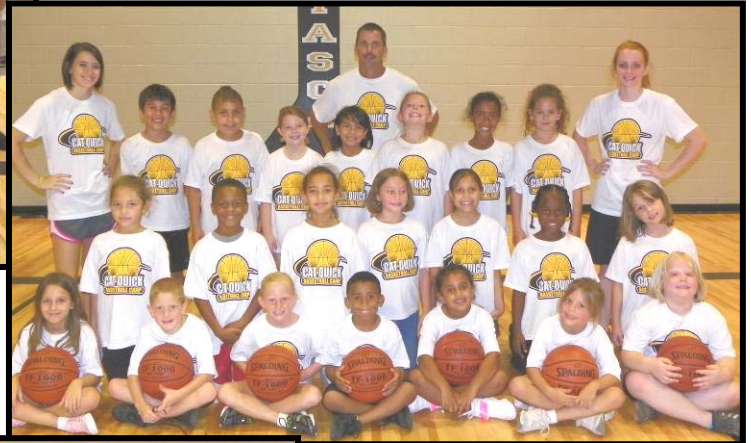


## IISD Students Stay Busy, Fit Over Summer



Some of the organized activities sponsored by the district were the track program, which began early in June, the boys' basketball camp (pictured) also held in June and the girls' basketball camp (pictured) which was held in July. The "Camp Out with a Good Book" reading

Keeping children involved and entertained during the summer can be a hard job for parents, especially in a small community with limited "fun places." Thanks to many dedicated parents, grandparents, community members and the school district, there have been a number of options for children this summer.



camp finished this week and it gave the attendees a break from the outside heat.

The community churches sponsored a large number of Vacation Bible Schools and church camps that were open to any Itasca children who wished to attend.

There were also community-organized baseball and softball leagues and a community cheerleader camp, all sponsored and coached by volunteers.

The number of volunteers in a city says a lot about that com-

munity and its sense of family and dedication to its youth.

### Booster Club Meeting

Tuesday, August 10

7:00 p.m. at

### Football Concession Stand

Members will be cleaning the concession stand and discussing the upcoming year.

### Need to Hire Elementary

#### Crossing Guard

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Contact Principal Karon Farquhar 687-2922 ext 120

Must be able to pass background check.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester IHS "A-B" Honor Roll

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10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Aren Barton, Dakota Cox, Robert Duby, Cecil Forcey, Walker Hoard, Vicktoria Holifield, Stephanie Ignacz, Emily Offutt, Joaquin Reyes, Maria Zuniga

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Rebecca Cisneros, Maria Coronado, Jasmine Guy, Christina Manasco, Jack Panting, Nancy Reyes, Ellen Stewart, Philip Thomas, Kristen Worth

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Courtney Barton, Krystal Benefield, Eddie Coronado, Leo Coronado, Ryan Crouch, Juan Flores, Michael Garcia, Megan Goff, Marsha Guy, Brenda Jordon, Cherri Lloyd, Mary Maddox, Eva Mayberry, Demietric McVea, Elizabeth Olguin, Isaac Perez, Meagan Prescott, Cody Reece, Jessika Rodriguez, Chad Rutherford, Abby Saldierna, Katelyn Seaman, Ciera Thompson, Vanessa Webb

## Letter from Itasca Middle School

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope that all of our students and their families enjoyed a wonderful summer break. The teachers and staff at Itasca Middle School are very excited for the upcoming school year.

As the 2010-2011 school year is set to begin, I would like to discuss some changes in regards to our daily drop-off and pick-up procedures and locations. These changes are being made for the safety of all our children – at both the elementary school and middle school.

Starting the first day of school, all middle school students will need to be dropped off and picked up by accessing the high school parking lot. All students (including walkers) will use the middle school entrance closest to the library which leads into the commons area. Parents who have students at both the middle school and elementary school will also need to follow these new procedures. Elementary students still can be dropped off in front of the elementary building however, all middle school students will need to be dropped off and picked up separately by accessing the high school parking lot.

Parents visiting the middle school will be asked to use the same student entrance nearest the library leading into the commons area. Parents are asked to use available spaces in the high school parking lot.

I want to thank you for your time and consideration. Please join us in having an exciting and successful 2010 – 2011 school year. Sincerely, Keith Hannah, Principal  
\*\*\* See page 10 for picture of new drop off & pick up pattern.

## Cemetery Preservation Workshop

Press Release

The Texas Historical Commission will present a workshop on Cemetery Preservation in Hillsboro from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street. Annette Bethke will discuss Historic Texas Cemetery Designations. Casey Gallagher will discuss the Record Investigate (RIP) Program. Anne Shelton will discuss Cemetery Preservation Current Issues ( including information on cleaning and restoration of tombstones).

This is a great opportunity to visit with representatives from Austin and to have some of your questions answered. Melvin Bryant of the Hillsboro Cemetery Association will also provide information about the electronic “kiosk” in Hillsboro’s Ridge Park Cemetery, which helps families locate their loved ones in the cemetery. This event is free but you are asked to call Cleo Young Davis, 254-582-3603, or email her at [cleodavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cleodavis@sbcglobal.net), to reserve a chair.

## 4 Family Garage Sale

Friday, August 6 & Saturday, August 7

8:00 a.m. – 3 :00 p.m.

1220 Cindy Lane in Cleburne

Will have household items, adult and kids clothes, toys, full size mattress set, some furniture and more.

## Garage Sale – Bake Sale

Saturday, August 7

Bethlehem Missionary Church

Garage Sale - 500 South Hill

Bake Sale at Citizens Bank

## Civil War Information Needed

The Hillsboro Hill County Genealogical Society is seeking locations of Confederate and Union Soldiers buried within Hill County, Texas. If you know of such burials please e-mail Ms. Fox at [peggyfox1861@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peggyfox1861@sbcglobal.net) or mail information to:

Peggy Fox, Confederate Consultant HCGS

P.O. Box 636 Hillsboro, TX 76645

## 30-Year Reunion Planned

The Class of 1980 is making plans for a 30-year class reunion and would like members to contact us with addresses and contact information. Contacts are [Dlvrb31@aol.com](mailto:Dlvrb31@aol.com), [Dlvrb31@yahoo.com](mailto:Dlvrb31@yahoo.com), or on <http://www.facebook.com/deevrba> and you may also contact Debbie Sellers Gregory or Kathy Cadena. Please contact us as soon as possible. Go Wampus Cats! Debbie Vrba

## For Sale - GREAT STARTER HOME

Located on a corner lot with plenty of trees and a large fenced backyard. It's just a few blocks from the Itasca School District. It has been completely renovated from top to bottom and freshly painted inside and out. It has 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, large kitchen, nice size living room with beautiful hardwood floor, central air/heat. It has new plumbing, wiring and hot water heater along with new carpet and energy efficient windows.

\$69,800/OBO (no owner finance). For more info call Willie @ 972.365.7318 or Teresa @ 214.621.8332.

## House for Sale in Itasca

Built in the 1930's this house was completely remodeled in 2006 with new hardwood floors, cabinets, countertop, dishwasher and walk-in marble shower. It has 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, hall, small backroom, screen porch w/ceiling fan and 1 car detached garage. A 13 SEER Rating central AC and gas Central Heat was added in 2006. Call owner - cell # 817-909-1459.



## Ex-Students Association Scholarships

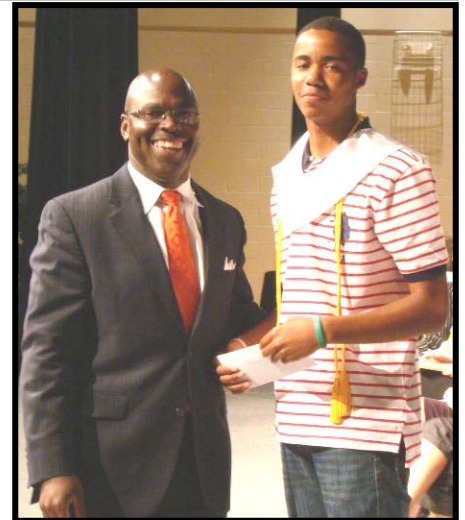
(Right) Ex-Student Association Secretary Kelly Tinklenberg presented Ex-Student Scholarships to Ryan Crouch (\$1,000), Ciera Thompson (\$500), Courtney Barton (\$250) and Desmond Guy (\$250). The funds for these scholarships are generated by the sale of memorial bricks at the Special Events Center and from donations and fundraisers during homecoming week.



## Mowana/Yearbook Scholarships

(Left) Receiving scholarships for their work on Mowana yearbook are (left to right) Cherri Lloyd and Jessika Rodriguez. Justin Zint also received a Mowana Scholarship.

\*\*\*Editors note – There are still 2010 yearbooks available. Contact Mrs. Willman – Cost \$30.00 each.



## Communication Scholarship

(Pictured right) IHS Principal Rickie Harris presented Tevin Mayberry with the Communication Scholarship. This scholarship is funded by students who are “fined” for illegally using their cell phones and other electronics during class. \*Note-We understand that Tevin did contribute to this scholarship on more than one occasion.



## Itasca Nursing Home Scholarship

(Pictured left) IHS Principal Harris stood in for Itasca Nursing Home Administrator Dianne Taylor to present Megan Goff and Mary Maddox with a

2010 Nursing Home Scholarship.

These scholarships are in appreciation to time spent at the nursing home especially during the Easter Egg Hunts sponsored by the Nursing Home and the Super Bowl Pep Rallies held for the residents.

## Principal's Scholarship

(Pictured right) Receiving Principal Scholarships from Mr. Harris were (front row L to R) Corey Martinez, Rosendo Zavala, Juan Flores and Katherine Green.

Back row (L to R) Harris, Marsha Guy, Forest Elkins, Matt Wilkins and Brenda Jordan.

Funds for these scholarships are generated from the healthy snacks sold in machines in the high school.



## Fred N. Stones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship



Ms. Jamie Siddons of Julie Siddons Realtors of Hillsboro presented Ciera Thompson with the Fred N. Stones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.

The scholarship was established in the memory of Fred Stones, Jr., a realtor in Waxahachie. Students who apply must write an essay and have a high GPA as part of the criteria.

## Buster & Mozelle Hardaway Memorial Scholarship



Each year the Buster & Mozelle Hardaway Memorial Scholarship is presented to a student who has indicated they are going to Hill College and are majoring in business. Mrs. Sally Crouch presented the scholarship established in memory of Mrs. Mozelle Hardaway, a long time business teacher at IHS, and her husband Buster.

to Isaac Perez.

## Proctor Baker Memorial Scholarship



The Proctor Baker Memorial Scholarship honors a Hill County educator who taught for many years.

The scholarship was presented by IHS Teacher and 1973 graduate Mrs. Sally Crouch to Vanessa Webb.

## Journalism/Paw Print Press Scholarships



Megan Goff, Ashley Durham, Devin Corbitt and Eva Mayberry.

PPP Sponsor Barbara Petrash presents graduating staffers scholarships. This year was unique in that all five graduates began writing for the paper their freshman year. Receiving scholarships were (L to R) Mary Maddox, Me-

## Community Awareness Wampus Cat Back to School Fair

Itasca ISD, along with the community, will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The fair will be held outside the Special Events Center.

Itasca ISD in collaboration with Citizens State Bank is collecting school supplies to be passed out at the fair to all students who bring their parents to the fair. Supplies may be dropped off at the bank or at any of the school offices before August 13. Supply lists have been published in the *Paw Print Press* and are posted at Citizens State Bank.

Businesses are urged to participate in the fair. It is a great way to acquire new clients. Suggestions for businesses are to set up a table or booth and pass out business cards, coupons (% off or free items), have attendees register for a drawing or just pass out pencils or pens. Any of these suggestions will get your name in homes of potential new customers.

Carter Blood will have a booth at the fair, but there will not be a blood drive as previously reported. The blood drive will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

The first 50 Itasca students to attend the fair and pick up their school supplies will receive a free tote bag! For more information about the fair, please contact Kristi Sargent, Coordinator of Student Services, at 254-687-2922, ext. 125, between the hours of 8-2 Monday-Thursday or 8-12 on Friday.





## Recent Death

**Keller, Denna** – Denna Keller, 63, of Itasca, passed away to be with her heavenly father on July 14, 2010. A memorial service was held on Thursday, July 22, 2010 at Loveview Baptist Church .

Denna was born Sept. 26, 1946 in Sherman, Texas to Mr. & Mrs. James Wareham. She joined the Itasca Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in April of 1995 and was an active member for over 5 years.

Surviving family members are her parents James and Violet Wareham of Missouri; sister Wanda White and her husband Jim of Missouri, brothers Jim Wareham and his wife Maryann of Missouri, and Larry Wareham and his wife Susan of Houston; children Aaron Gates of Corpus Christi, Michael Gates of Itasca, Spencer Keller and his wife Dawn of Kansas, and Laura Whalen and her husband Jason of Whitney; grandchildren Lauren Gates of Rockport, William Keller of Kansas, Jonathon, Lucas, Paul, and Jenifer Whalen of Whitney.

The family wishes to express their great appreciation to Hill Regional Hospital, Dr. Teague, and Mission Hospice for their care to Denna during these hard times.

Memorials may be sent to the Itasca Volunteer Fire Department.

### Pre-K & New Student Registration

Registration for pre-kindergarten and new IISD students for the 2010-2011 school year will begin on August 9, 2010. Parents/Guardians may come to register their child between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the elementary office. Children entering pre-kindergarten must be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2010.

To register for either program, parents must bring the child's:

**\*\*Registered Birth Certificate (not hospital certificate)**

**\*\*Social Security Card                \*\*Immunization Record**

**\*\*\*Parent/guardian should also provide their own picture identification and proof of residence (example: water bill or light bill with name and address).**

**\*\*\*Students may not register if the required documents are not brought during registration.**

### La Registracion la Escuela

Itasca Elementary School matriculará o registrará a los estudiantes que van a venir a pre-kindergarten comenzando con el año de 2010-2011 el jueves el 9 de agosto entre las horas de 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. en las oficina de Itasca Elementary.

La escuela matriculara a sus hijos e hijas prekindergarten que van a cumplir la edad de 4 en o antes de septiembre 1, 2010. Los padres que van a registrar a su hijo (a) deben de traer:

el certificado oficial de nacimiento de su hijo (a) (no un certificado de hospital)

la tarjeta de seguro social

y; record de inmunizacion, las cuales son necesario para la matricula

Tambien el estudiante necesita tener la inmunizacion de viruela o record de la enfermedad

Es necesario que los padres enseñar su identificación con foto y dirección. Llamase a 687-2922, ext. 120, si tiene Ud. preguntas.

### City Hall Soon to Release List of Tardy Taxpayers

The City of Itasca is once again shining the spotlight on businesses and individuals who owe delinquent taxes. According to information received from the city's Tax Collector, Sue Comer, the city of Itasca is once again owed a large amount of back taxes. The names of the delinquent taxpayers will be listed in the *Paw Print Press* following this notification. These names are being posted under a state law that allows the exposure of tardy taxpayers. To avoid exposure taxpayers should pay their outstanding tax debt or set up an installment plan.

An installment plan is an agreement that is arranged by the city tax collector. The installment plan is paid monthly based upon the agreement between the taxpayer and the tax collector. Besides the unwanted publicity that being on the list can create, the interest and penalties make avoiding payments an unattractive option. That means even when a taxpayer is making monthly payments, the amount that's unpaid gets interest and penalties tacked onto it every month. For more information contact the city's Tax Collector, Sue Comer at (254) 687-2201.

### For Sale – 2 Lots

Corner of S. Wesley & E. Henderson Sts.  
Itasca Call 817-368-1772 or 254-205-0704 for  
more information

### Sherry's Licensed In-Home Day Care

**\*\*has openings starting August 23 for 18 months-3 years and before and after school I have 35 years experience, all meals served, structured days, learning program, lots of fun and activities. Come see us. Only a few slots available. Call Sherry @ 817-202-5695**



## Remember When . . . “Do You Want Fries With That?”

Columnist Carl Sweeney Information from “The Potato” Larry Zuckerman  
Typist & Carl’s Assistant Brittany Reid



A phrase we hear quite often now that is connected with an object that is thousands of years old, we call it the Irish Potato, when in fact it did not originate with the Irish. It is sometimes referred to as the “Lowly” potato. It is anything but lowly. As a food source on our planet it is the fourth leading food source after corn, wheat and rice.

The potato originated in Peru with the Incas. Besides the potato the land of Peru was responsible for many other food plants such as corn, sweet potato, wild arraches, wild ocas, the allucu, all tubers. Also the yacon, similar to the artichoke. The Peruvians grew many variations of the potato. It is not uncommon for them to have sixteen varieties in the same field. They also have the coco plant and another that we are familiar with is the cotton plant. The tomato with several varieties including the cherry tomato also came from there, and the list goes on.

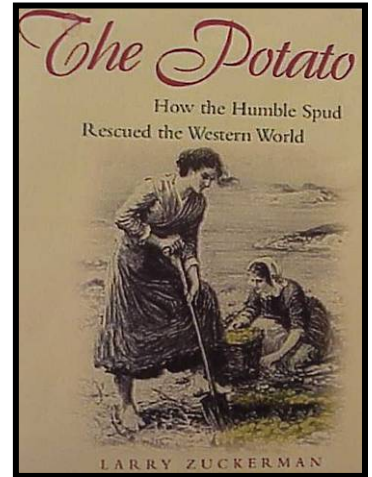
Gold and silver were not the most valuable product the Spaniards took from Peru. It was the potato and its other plants. Archaeologists have found evidence that the earliest forms of the potato plant cultivated by humans dates back at least 7000 years. The western world became aware of the potato around the 1540s when the Spanish Conquistadors brought it back with them. They thought it was a kind of truffle, and called it a Tartuffo. The Spanish did not use it much for food. They considered it food for the under classes.

It took nearly four decades for the potato to spread to the rest of Europe. It was introduced in England in 1580 by the adventurer Francis Drake. It was used in Italy around 1600 for human and also for animal consumption. Around 1750 France and Germany promoted the conversion of fallow fields into potato fields. French physician Antoine Parmentier told the nutritional value of the potatoes. Even King Louis XVI promoted the new crop. Queen Marie Antoinette wore a headdress of potato flowers at a fancy dress ball. The potato became widely used in Europe by 1800. In Russia it became a favorite food and today Russians consume more per capita than any other country, an astonishing two pounds per day.

The potato was introduced to Ireland as a garden crop in the late seventeenth century. Ireland had been used to raising cattle started by the British, as they were lovers of beef, which had an impact on the poor people of Ireland. The Irish then turned to the potato. The population became dependent on the potato for survival. Just before 1845 the potato blight hit the crops in Ireland, and from 1845 through 1849 there was a catastrophic failure of the potato crops. About a million Irish people died from famine. The blight spore was carried by the wind and could spread rapidly over wide areas. As a result of the famine vast number of them immigrated to other countries, Britain, Canada and the United States in particular. It was estimated that a million died and million emigrated. In 1883 French botanist Alexander Millardet developed an effective fungicide against the blight.

Although potatoes had been introduced to the United States several times in the 1600s it was not widely known until 1719 when it was planted in Londonderry, New Hampshire by Scottish-Irish emigrants. Potatoes were planted in Idaho as early as 1838 and by 1900 the state’s production was one million bushels. The potato is also grown in Texas, Washington, Oregon, Colorado and Maine. The potato is a tuber of solanum tuberosum and is also known as “spud” or just plain “Tater.” It comes in several colors, brown, purple, red and white. And as we know it can be cooked in many ways. Frying, boiling, baking, mashed and in many other ways such as from frozen like hash browns. It is high in carbohydrates and vitamin C. Following is a list of the dishes and their origin; AuGratin (France,) Champ (Ireland,) Groshi (Italy,) Potato Pancakes (Hungary,) Potato Chips, Tater Tots (USA,) Rosti (Switzerland) and French Fries, or “Chips” as the British call them.

The United Nations declared 2008 as the “International Year of the Potato.” It hoped that greater awareness of the merits of the potato will contribute to the achievement of its millennium development goals by helping to alleviate poverty, improve food security and promote economic development. Now! Do you want fries with that?



## Planning a Garage Sale?

Remember by City Ordinance you may only have 2 a year!  
You must get a permit from City Hall & it must be displayed!



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## New High School, Middle School Drop Off, Pick up Route



As requested by the letter from Middle School Principal Hannah printed on page 5, all parents are ask to follow the new drop off and pick up plan for middle school students. This rerouting of middle school drop off will help relieve the congestion and back up on Files St. in front of the elementary school.

To drop off and pick up middle school students, enter on Wampus Cat Dr. next to the museum and circle in front of the high school, dropping off at the library and exiting to E. Main St. from N. College St.