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Ribbon Cutting Officially Welcomes Cindy Lou's



Itasca Chamber of Commerce members gathered at Cindy Lou's Café for an official welcome and ribbon cutting last week.

Attending were (l to r) Chamber Secretary Karon Farquhar, Bob Wilson, Clay Dean Hamilton, Denise Howell, Cindy Lou (manager & chief dishwasher), Chamber President Angelia Orr, Beverly Fehnel and Martha Strona. Continued on page 3.

Poster Contest Kicks off Back to School Fair



Winners of the "Community Awareness Back to School Fair" poster contest are (l to r) Ashton Tinklenberg, Chandley Sargent, Aiden Sargent, Chloe Dumas and Alex Gonzalez. The 1st place winners received a savings bond from Citizens State Bank, Continued on page 3.

"Master of Plants" Educates Reading Camp Attendees



In an issue of the *Paw Print Press* around this time last year (Issue 31 Vol. 2009) we printed a story about Dan Weaver earning his Texas Nursery & Landscape (TNLA) Certification. He was designated a Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional. Weaver is one of only about 400 people to hold this title.

Weaver and his wife, Kathy own the Weaver Plant Nursery in Cleburne. Last month Weaver took a break from the job and donated a morning to teaching the students of the summer reading camp how to plant and care for a plant.

"It is important to have good soil and be sure to use a cutting that has a nice white stripe," a five year old repeated after Weaver's lesson on how to start an airplane plant from a cutting. The students and Ms. Holly Malke were very appreciative of Weaver sharing his expertise on gardening.

The Weaver Plant Nursery, a full service nursery that specializes in plants that are best adapted for this area, is located at 711 S. Main St. in Cleburne.

Itasca Heritage Museum and Education Center
Open 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 14

Churches of Itasca

<u>Bethlehem Missionary Baptist</u>	W. Spurgeon 687-2800
<u>Central Baptist Church</u>	401 E. Monroe 687-2343
<u>Church of Christ</u>	200 N. Aquilla 687-2774
<u>First Baptist Church</u>	107 S. Lamar 687-2783
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	106 N. Lamar 687-2243
<u>First United Methodist</u>	Main & King St. 687-2475
<u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>	FM 2959 East of I-35
<u>Second Baptist Church</u>	120 W. Marrion 687-9134
<u>Shiloh Community Church</u>	254-582-0487
<u>St. John Missionary Baptist</u>	506 S. Weaver 687-2821
<u>3rd Day Worship Center</u>	107 E. Adams 214 564-2185
<u>Itasca Nursing Home</u>	Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Everyone Welcome	Monday Evening 6:00 p.m.

Central Baptist Church

200 E. Monroe St.

Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:50 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Youth (7th-12th) 7:00 p.m. website - itascacbc.org

First United Methodist Church

401 E. Main St, Itasca, TX 254-687-2475

E-mail: itascaumc@digitex.net

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 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

2nd 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, September 13, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Come And See What You Can Do!

Sunday, August 29

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. 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!

“HOT” IHS Marching Band Welcomes Record Numbers



Just as the thermometer decided to hit the big 100+ mark, the calendar rolled around to the start of band camp. Band Director Patrick Middleton and Assistant Director Jared Bass welcomed a record number of horn blowing, drum banging eager faces last week. Over 120 students reported for camp with ap-



proximately 25 listed as no shows. Those 25 might possibly still be on vacation or they may have elected not to continue in band in high school. Either way the size of the band will grow considerably this year. This is not a state year so they will have two seasons to work the larger numbers into the program. Fans will be in for a “loud treat” at the games when the Wampus Cats blow everyone away both on the football field and at half time.



Helping train the eighth grades and sharpen the marching skills of the veteran band members are ten drill sergeants and drum majors, Maria Coronado (missing from picture) and Kenneth Clary.

Cindy Lou's Café

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The café has been open for business for several months but various events have delayed the ribbon cutting until recently.

Cindy Lou's which is owned by Roger and Jean Scholting is open Monday- Thursday and Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. On Friday, the hours are 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with an “All U Can Eat” Catfish dinner special for \$9.99. You can also order a single catfish plate for \$7.99. The café is closed on Sunday.

During the week, the café has a \$5.99 lunch special for \$5.99 that includes a meat, 3 vegetables and a dessert. They also sell some delicious homemade pies. There are a variety of flavors at \$2.49 a slice or you may special order a whole pie for \$13.00 or a Pecan for \$15.00. Call 254-687-9982 for to-go orders.

Back to School Fair

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2nd place winners received a 2010-2011 Mowana yearbook and the 3rd place winner earned a year's mailed subscription to the *Paw Print Press*.

Everyone is urged to attend the 2nd annual back to school fair Saturday, August 14 by the Special Events Center.

Numerous businesses are participating in the fair by passing out cards, goody bags and school supplies. There will also be some drawings that attendees can register for. Carter Blood Bank 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 school nurse will be available to discuss immunizations needed for the various age groups.

The Itasca Heritage Museum and Education Center will be open for visitors during the fair (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.), also.

All students attending will be given school supplies (while they last) and the first 50 Itasca students to attend the fair will receive a free tote bag!

Registered Child-Care Home
One Opening (6 Months to Toddler)
References/Food Program
Teaching Basics before Pre-K
15 years experience
Kim Graig 687-2467

Garage Sale
302 E. Henderson St.
Saturday
August 14, 2010
8:00 a.m. - ?
Lots of good stuff!

Public Notice

Texas Community Development Program

The City of Itasca will hold a Public Hearing at 5:05 PM on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at the Itasca City Hall, located at 126 N Hill St, Itasca, Texas in regards to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, development of local housing, comprehensive planning and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds.

The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this Public Hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Mayor Matt Fehnel, 126 N Hill St., Itasca, Texas 76055-2103. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Secretary, Cynthia Lewis, to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Secretary at the City by calling (254) 687-2201 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Citizens requiring assistance must make contact at least two (2) days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Need to Hire

Elementary Crossing Guard

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Contact Principal K. Farquhar 687-2922 ext 120

Must be able to pass background check.

Public Notice

First day to file for a place on the ballot for the Itasca Municipal Election on November 2, 2010 to elect two Council members was July 25, 2010. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is August 24, 2010.

First day to file for a place on the ballot for the Itasca ISD Board of Trustees Election on November 2, 2010 to elect three Trustees was July 25, 2010. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is August 24, 2010.

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

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 in Itasca

Corner of S. Wesley & E. Henderson Sts.

Call 817-368-1772 or 254-205-0704

for more information

Local Artists Needed

September 17-19, 2010

Antique Alley Texas and 25 MILES of SALES Downtown Grandview is seeking LOCAL ARTISTS to take advantage of the crowds of people in Grandview. Vendor Inquiries Welcome! If you are a talented artist and want to sell your work contact AntiqueAlleyTexas.com or call 817-240-4948.

Early Childhood Intervention

Public Service Announcement

Do you know a child from birth to age 3 who is behind other children their age in learning how to sit up, walk, talk, or understand what others say? Call Itasca ISD Special Education Department at 687-2922 ext. 114.

Intervención Temprana Infancia (ECI) ofrece un sistema estatal de servicios para el niño menos de tres años que en comparación con otros niños de su edad, presenta un retraso al sentarse, caminar, hablar, o entender lo que lo dicen. Llame a 687-2922 ext. 114.

2009-2010 Middle School 2nd Semester Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll

5th Grade – Alaina Cavazos, Fen Tao Chen, Callie Pittman, Chandley Sargent

6th Grade – Madison Bassett, Claire Eaddy, Amanda Rodriguez, Amber Schronk, Chelsea Searcy

7th Grade – Kassandra Cruz, Rachel Freeman, Luis Montoya

8th Grade – Amanda Anderson, Shelbee Coleman, Taylor Coulter, Chelsae Faries, James Faulkner, Fisher Hennig, Kaleigh Lightsey, Ben Maddox, Emma Orr, Sam Orr, Darrell Rasco

"A-B" Honor Roll

5th Grade – Garrett Arellano, Isabella Botello, Deja Clark, Karla Cruz, Jose Delgado, Justin Dubose, Kenneth Fails, Francisco Garcia, Jacob Lacy, Aliegha Rodriguez, Gracie Rugh, Jacob Schronk, Autum Throckmorton

6th Grade – Tommy Ashley, Alyssa Bledsoe, Cheyenne Camp, Esteban Cruz, Cesar Diaz, Brandi Fehnel, Adrain Flores, Harley Germer, Leticia Gonzales, Tanner Graig, Jesus Gutierrez, Tyler Kittoe, Wesley Neese, Stephanie Pacheco, Lizbeth Ramirez, Haley Rodriguez, Bryant Wilson

7th Grade – ShaQuarius Ashford, Skylar Campbell, Peyton Cordell, Robert Farquhar, Bryanna Flores, William Gunn, Jermy Hall, James Hearin, John Helms, Devin Hernandez, Samuel Hoard, Gabriel Macias, Kierra Mayberry, Logan Richters, Shannon Rodriguez, Reagan Rugh, Megan Scoggins, Zachary Smith, Kathie Wilkins

8th Grade – Gabrielle Bell, Destiny Brooks, Jack Daniel, Axel Fuentes, Breelle Garcia, Jacklynn Green, Macabe Hoard, Noah Karr, Joshua Lacy, EmaLee Payne, Nathaniel Portlock, Tristen Prescott, Carter Reid, Ashlie Rodriguez, Victoria Silva,

IISD Calendar

August

14 Football Scrimmage Hubbard 10:00 a.m.

16-20 – Teacher In-Service

17 Mandatory meeting for all juniors & seniors taking dual credit courses. Library 7:00 p.m.

19 5th grade Parents Night – Middle School 6:00-7:00 p.m.

19 Elementary "Meet the Teacher" 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

19 Football Scrimmage Mildred 6:00 p.m.

23 School Starts 8:00 a.m.

2010 IHS Wampus Cats Football Schedule



August

19 Scrimmage Mildred/Rio Vista Away 6:00 p.m.

27 Ranger Away 7:30 p.m.

September

3 Rice Home 7:30 p.m.

10 Open

17 Tolar Home 7:30 p.m.

24 Wortham Home 7:30 p.m.

October

1 Teague Away 7:30 p.m.

8 *DeLeon Homecoming 7:30 p.m.

15 *Bosqueville Away 7:30 p.m.

22 *Valley Mills (Senior Night) 7:30 p.m.

29 *Santo Away 7:30 p.m.

November

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*Depicts district games

FUMC Taco Supper Fundraiser

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Itasca First United Methodist Church

\$6.00 includes

taco salad w/all fixings, tea/coffee & dessert



Attention Incoming Juniors & Seniors Mandatory Meeting!

There will be a Mandatory Meeting for juniors and seniors taking Hill College Dual Credit Courses on Tuesday August 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Parents are required to attend also as there will be paperwork to sign.

Need a Place to Stay During Homecoming? Make Reservations Now!



The Windmill Bed & Breakfast

Harry & Lisa Von Borstel
Owners

441 Hill County Road 2421E
Hillsboro, TX 76645

(800) 951-0033
 (254) 582-7373
www.windmillbb.com
 Email: windmillbb@hillsboro.net

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Itasca ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM 08/30/2010 in Itasca ISD Library, 123 N College, Itasca, TX. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.265000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Debt service	155.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	13.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$245,942,752	\$237,365,827
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$3,517,130	\$4,881,340
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$222,584,265	\$208,153,468
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$3,134,640	\$4,640,950

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$8,445,000

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operations</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund *</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year's Rate	\$1.170000	\$0.104100*	\$1.274100	\$3,832	\$6,033
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.395030	\$0.114880*	\$1.509910	\$4,457	\$5,340
Proposed Rate	\$1.170000	\$0.265000*	\$1.435000	\$4,302	\$6,010

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$65,890	\$68,678
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$50,431	\$52,903
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.274100	\$1.435000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$642.54	\$759.15
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$116.61

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.435000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.435000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,469,591
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$34,832

2% Water Rate Increase to Appear on October Bill

In keeping with the precedent set in July 2007, the Council passed a 2% water rate increase last month at its regular meeting. The actual amount of increase will be \$0.50 on each bill. The increase is only on the initial 1,000 gallons of water. The minimum cost for water will go from \$24.95 to \$25.45 beginning in September. The increase will first appear on the October bill.

The initial increase passed in 2007 was the first one since December 2003 and it was implemented on the advice of the city's auditors. They explained to the Council that Itasca's rates were so far behind other communities similar to Itasca and that at times we barely met and sometimes did not meet cost of expenses. They also said that the low rates were hindering Itasca in procuring any grant money for the city. Since implementing the annual increases, Itasca has received a grant in every round of "grant awards" that the city was eligible for, including this year's \$250,000 grant for sewer repair.

A city can only apply for a grant every two years. The 2008 grant was used to fix the main sewer line that runs on Aquilla St. The grants specify that the money must be used in an area that will benefit all the citizens of Itasca and since every sewer line in Itasca empties into the Aquilla line on its way to the plant that qualified. A large portion of this grant will be used on a generator at the sewer plant.

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology (Vocational) Education Programs

Itasca Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Agricultural Science, Business Education, and Diversified Career Preparation. Admission to these programs is open to all Itasca ISD enrolled secondary students and is based on student interest.

Itasca ISD provides a free, appropriate education consisting of regular or special education and related aids and services in Career and Technology Education programs that are designed to meet individual educational needs of disabled persons as adequately as the needs of non-disabled persons.

It is the policy of Itasca ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Itasca ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Itasca ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX and 504 Coordinators, Mr. Glenn Pittman or Ms. Amy Reyna, at 123 N. College, Itasca, TX 76055, and 254-687-2922.

Notificación de no Discriminar en los Programas de carreras y educación de tecnología

Itasca ISD ofrece programas vocacionales en la ciencia de agricultura, la ciencia de tecnología, la preparación de carreras diversas. La admisión a estos programas está abierta a todos los estudiantes de Itasca High School y se basa en el interés del estudiante.

Itasca ISD provide una educación gratis y apropiada consistiendo de una educación regular o especial y asistencias y servicios en el programa de CATE que han sido hecho para las necesidades individuales de las personas de inhabilidades tan adecuadas como las necesidades de las personas que no tiene inhabilidades.

Es norma de Itasca ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen, nacionalidad, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios or actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y las sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Itasca ISD tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que le falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinadors del Título IX y Sección 504, Mr. Glenn Pittman y Ms. Amy Reyna, en 123 N. College St., Itasca, TX 76055, 254-687-2922.

Remember When . . . “The Mai Kai Club”

Typist & Carl's Assistant Brittany Reid
Photo from *Itasca Item* Archives



In 1961, Mrs. La Nita Buie conceived the idea of a young woman's club in Itasca. It was to become known as the Itasca Mai Kai Juniette Club, in affiliation with the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs of Texas." The idea was for young women to learn all the social graces that came with development to the benefit of self, family, and community, with leadership and civic responsibility, and service to others. Mrs. Buie was assisted and advised by Mrs. Sam Slay, a member of the Texas Federation, and Mrs. Seth Orr, both of Hillsboro. Mrs. Buie came to Itasca in the 1930's as a home economics teacher in the Itasca schools. She married Leroy Buie a prominent businessman.

As we know, ceremonies are as old as we presume is the human race. In ancient times as well as today, the gathering of the harvest was cause for celebrations and ceremonies. A symbolism of ritualistic music and dancing and drama was performed. Today we still practice these forms of ceremony, demonstrate our meanings of visions, aspirations and high ideals. The Mai Kai club chose the method to candle lighting to convey their thoughts and to indicate by the candle lighting ceremony the fusion of the group into one. The whole ceremony is too lengthy to describe here. Each New Year was started with a new slate of officers and a "so-called" initiation.

Mary Cloud was the president of the newly formed club. Other officers and charter members were; Linda Alverson, Judi Buie, Carolyn Cordell, Dorothy Crow, Becky Curry, Cheryn Hooks, Linda Gardner, Linda Gray, Judi Lackey, Mary Margret McDonald, Dian McEver, Nancy Shelton and Joan Traugher.

The girls met twice a month, compiled a yearbook of their activities, made reports to the Texas Federation of Women's Club, held a Luau each year, a Thanksgiving dinner, a Christmas dinner and dance, other social and civic activities during the year such as talent shows, varsity shows, the Miss Lake Whitney Beauty Pageant, selling Christmas Seals, March of Dimes, picking up trash, working in the city park, babysitting for mothers to shop or whatever and Easter Seal participation. They also helped with the Centennial Celebration when Mr. Eddie Chiles gave the main address. They won first place in the Centennial Parade. They participated each year with the 4th of July celebration, visited the nursing home frequently, and always made Valentine cards for the nursing home residents. They made educational trips also. One memorable one was going to the Confederate Research Center at Hill College to hear Col. Harold Simpson speak.

The Itasca Mai Kai club had many successful years, with many accomplishments and honors. The Club was a favorite with the Texas Federations of Women's Clubs. They bestowed many honors on the Itasca Club. The premier year for the club was the 1960-70 year when they received five awards from the Federation.

They won first place award for the presidents' report, first place for their yearbook in the capitol district, and second place in the State for the yearbook. They were given a special award for civic projects during the year, first place in Class "A" for the Texas Federation Division.

President Karen Sweeney was nominated for outstanding Juniorette of the Capitol District. The officers and members of the club for that year were; Karen Sweeney-President, Jan Wilson-Vice President, Elaine Waldie-Secretary, Martha Ellison-Treasurer, Janet Coutret- Reporter, Darla Upchurch- Historian, Teresa Rejcek- Parliamentarian. Other members were; Marcia Alverson, Tonya Applegate, Gail Cordell, Jeanna Curry, Debbie Cole, Susan Davis, Saundra Dilling, Susan Daniel, Sharon Lewis, Cyndi Powers and Lodon Rosson. The Senior Sponsor was Ella Peirce, Junior Sponsor was Mrs. Jerry Bailey and the Honorary Sponsor was Mrs. La Nita Buie.

For some reason the club became inactive during the 1982-83 and 1983-84 years. The club was reactivated for the 1984-85 years through the efforts of Debbie and Susan Gilstrap along with Cindy Littlejohn and others. Cindy was president that year. They had a successful year, but for some reason we do not find evidence of the club's existence after that. We hated to see the club no longer in existence. We feel that it was of great benefit to the young ladies and also to our community.



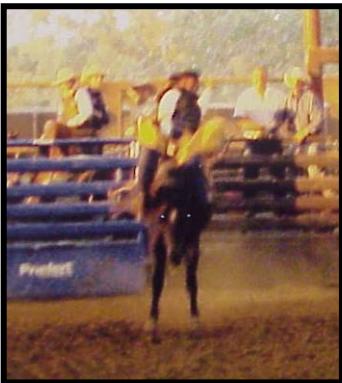
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Rutherford Continues to Add to Scholarship Total

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Chad Rutherford eases onto the back of the yet another challenge. The beast's wild eyes roll as he waits for the signal. Finally, the gate swings open, and Chad braces himself. But this isn't just any ride, it could be a \$1,000 ride.

Three weeks before the FFA Rodeo competition, Chad broke his fibula bone bareback riding at a rodeo. However, that did not keep him off the horses for long. The FFA Rodeo ride was impor-



tant to Chad since a scholarship was on the line. In the end, there was only a two-point difference between Chad's first place win and the second place slot. Chad received the \$1000 scholarship and was reimbursed his entrance fee.

"There was so much adrenaline, I couldn't feel much,"

Chad said. "It was an intense run."

At the IHS Senior Awards Night, Chad received a Hill County 4-H Scholarship (\$500) and the TEEA 4-H Scholarship (\$300) from Ms. Jane Patrick, the Cody Allen Scholarship (\$250) from Ag teacher Mr. Bill Nickell as well as a Hill College Scholarship (\$400).

In the fall, Chad will attend Hill College where he will continue to compete in rodeo events. He hopes to continue his bareback riding in the professional ring and own his own ranch.

