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HILCO Elects Directors for 2008-2011 Term



Press Release

HILCO Electric Cooperative Board of Directors 2008-2009 Officers are (left to right) Bill Allen, president, Margaret Hill, secretary-treasurer and George Thiess, vice president.

Two incumbent HILCO Electric Cooperative directors and one new director were elected to serve three-year terms on the HILCO Board of Directors at the annual business meeting held September 25 in Itasca.

In the only contested race, Stephen Pape of Oak Leaf won the District 1 seat, opposing incumbent James Perkins, also of Oak Leaf. Pape previously served in various elected and appointed positions including Mayor of Glenn Heights, and director positions for the Red Oak ISD Education Foundation and the state and regional chapters of the Air Conditioning Contractors Associations (ACCA). Continued on Page 3

IJH Student Earns SafeSitter Credentials



Reporter Megan Goff

Brittany Reid, an eighth grader at IJH, attended a SafeSitter program, last month at Walls Regional Hospital in Cleburne. SafeSitter is a program that teaches pre-teens how to handle emergencies when babysitting.

"I learned how to do the Heimlich maneuver and what to do when a baby chokes," Brittany said.

The workshop was from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Brittany was with 10 other girls in her class.

"We all helped each other and learned from each other's past experiences," Brittany said.

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IHS FFA Members Attend Texas Convention



Press Release

Members from the Itasca FFA Chapter attended the 80th annual Texas FFA Convention in Lubbock July 15-18, 2008. IHS members attending were President Chad Rutherford, Vice President Ryan Crouch, Sentinel Journey Douangsouphonh, Reporter Jesse Payne, Brekin Shuffield and Christina Manasco.

The theme for this year's convention was *Ignite the Flame*. For 80 years, FFA members have accomplished their dreams and been successful through the FFA. Continued on Page 3

Leadership Continues to Equal Success

Reporter Ashley Durham
Information from Trainer Sarah Evans



(Left to right) - Jacob Shelton, JJ Gonzales, Jacob Boyd, Frank Sanchez, Zech O'Rarden and Markel Rice.

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Churches of Itasca

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

Central Baptist Church

Sunday: Praise and Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:50 a.m.
R.A.'s & G.A.'s (1st-6th) - Youth (7th-12th) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 10:45-12:15 p.m.
Wednesday - Supper 6:00 p.m. ($2.00 ea. w/$10.00 max/family)
Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Youth (7th-12th) 7:00 - Kids' Choir 7:00 p.m.
website - itascacbc.org

First United Methodist Church

Come join us in our beautiful, historic sanctuary, where worship is a joyous celebration.
Main @ King St. 254-687-2475
Rev. Tom Wood, Pastor Worship 10:50 a.m.

Itasca Church of Christ

200 N. Aquilla St.

Joshua and the children of Israel were commanded to march around Jericho once each day for 6 days, and 7 times followed by loud horn blasts and shouting on the 7th day. The walls of Jericho fell on the completion of the directives - not on any of the 1st - 6th days.

COMPLETE OBEDIENCE

Naaman the leper was commanded to dip himself in the Jordan River seven times. He did not receive cleansing on dips 1 - 6; he was cleansed only on the seventh dip.

COMPLETE OBEDIENCE

Where do you stand with God? If you are unsure, please come study and worship with us, and let's learn of complete obedience.
Sunday 9:45 am, 10:45 am, 5:00 pm Wed. 6:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

9:00 Praise & Worship (Sanctuary) Cross Roads Band
9:15 - 9:45 Fellowship Time in Barton Hall
9:45 - 10:30 Sunday School all Ages (Nursery - Srs)
10:50 - Praise and Worship - 11:00 - Worship Service
Hour of Power 7 - 12 grades Sun. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Barton Hall
Exercise Classes- Sr. Citizens Tues. &Thurs. 10 a.m.
Game Night –3rd Tuesday Night – 6:00 p.m.
Angel Food Ministry Host Site - 687-2243
www.fpcitasca.org.

Itasca Ministerial Alliance

Saturday, November 1 9:00 a.m. Methodist Church

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

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

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, October 20, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

October 13, 2008 7:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, October 27, 2008 5:30 p.m.

Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

2nd Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
3rd Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Itasca Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

The Itasca Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., October 13, 2008 during the regular board meeting in the Administration office at 123 N College to present the Itasca Independent School District's 2007 School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating.

Public Notice
Texas Community Development Program

Public Notice
CITY OF ITASCA
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Itasca is giving notice of the city's intent to submit Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of $250,000 for the improvements to the municipal wastewater treatment plant located at 902 South Hill Street for citywide benefit. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

IISD Students, Home Schoolers Notice

The PSAT will be given on Wednesday, October 15 in the IISD Library. The test is open to all high school students and high school home schoolers. To register contact IISD Counselor Grace Hennig at 254-687-2922 ext. 116 to pay the $13 and receive a study guide

HILCO
2008-2011 Directors

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Pape also served several years as the Texas legislation chairman for ACCA working with state legislators and staff on HVAC and Electrical issues.

George H. Thiess of Hillsboro was re-elected to represent members in District 6. Thiess has been on the HILCO board of directors since 2005 and held the office of vice president since 2007.

Dave Smith of Hubbard was re-elected to serve the members of District 7. He has been on the board of directors since 2005.

In her statement to the board of directors, HILCO General Manager/CEO Debra Cole reported the cooperative had an increase in 2007 of 1.3 million dollars in net margins, surpassing the 2006 margins.

In a closed session following the business meeting, the board elected officers for the next 12-months. Bill Allen, District 5, will continue to serve as president; George Thiess, vice president; and Margaret Hill, District 2, secretary/treasurer. The officers and newly elected directors join other board members Ron Roberts, District 3; and Joe Tedesco, District 4.

Cole said, "We thank Mr. Perkins for serving on the board and welcome our new director, Mr. Pape. We appreciate these HILCO members assuming these immense responsibilities on behalf of the membership of the cooperative. We appreciate their dedication in serving on the HILCO Board of Directors, devoting numerous hours to the co-op every month, in addition to their commitment to becoming certified credentialed directors.

"Our board members work diligently to support HILCO members at the local, state, and national level, facing issues such as increasing fuel prices, lack of energy resources, and remaining in compliance with state and federal regulations. Serving on the board is no longer attending a once a month meeting; it requires knowledge of current state and national issues relating to energy resources and laws and continuous education to insure they are meeting their fiduciary responsibilities."

SafeSitter Program

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Some of the topics covered by the program are behavior and injury management, safety for the sitter and success on the job.

"The injury management taught me to stay safe, stay calm and provide comfort in a situation," Brittany said.

For more information and program dates, contact Marvin Cloud R.N. at MarvinCloud@TexasHealth.org. The program cost is $40 per student and is open for children 11 years old to 14 years old.

"Babysitting is a huge responsibility," Cloud, certified Safe Sitter instructor and coordinator of clinical nursing at Harris Methodist Walls Regional Hospital said. "This course helps the babysitters understand what is involved and how to handle most situations, and parents can feel confident that their babysitter has been properly trained."

FFA Convention

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Members of the agricultural leadership organization spent the week attending leadership workshops, participating in events and activities, being recognized for their achievements and serving as the legislative body for the Texas FFA Association. Brekin and Christina participated in the Texas FFA rodeo for a chance at prize money and scholarships.

Members were welcomed by Lubbock Mayor Tom Martin and Texas Tech University Chancellor Kent Hance. Members were also treated to a speech by Texas Tech Quarterback Graham Harrell and National FFA Advisor Larry Case.

Wampus Cat Leadership on the Field

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Last issue we spotlighted six seniors who bring experience and leadership to the Mighty Wampus Cat football team. They were only the tip of the leadership board. Joining their ranks are Jacob "Tall Boy" Boyd, Zech "Do Work" O'Rarden, Frank "The Tank" Sanchez, JJ "The Cannon" Gonzales, Markell "Killer" Rice, and Jacob "Bro Jacob" Shelton.

8 Jacob Boyd is a wide receiver for the Cats. However, he is also involved in defense and makes many important hits. He recovered an important fumble made by the opponents in the Axtell game and was a big playmaker in the Hubbard matchup. Boyd works well when the Cats are around the goal line and makes most of the Cats' two point conversions.

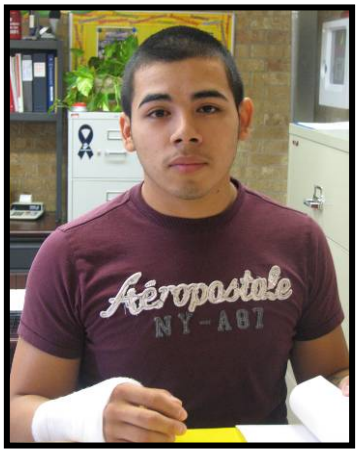
7 Zech O'Rarden is an important part of the Cats' defensive game. He is a tight end and linebacker. He makes many tackles that break down the offense of the opponents. He is also an intricate part of the kick-off and punt special team

12 Frank Sanchez is a running back and linebacker for the Cats. He is famous for his many sacks and tackles. He is fast and mighty. Many opponents have underestimated his power and regretted it as they felt his hit.

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Senior Spotlight
Sal Cardenas

Reporter Aren Barton
Caricature Maria Worth



Salvador Gustavo Cardenas has one of the warmest smiles and nicest personalities in the high school. This year he is working as an office aide and he delights visitors as well as the staff with his charm.

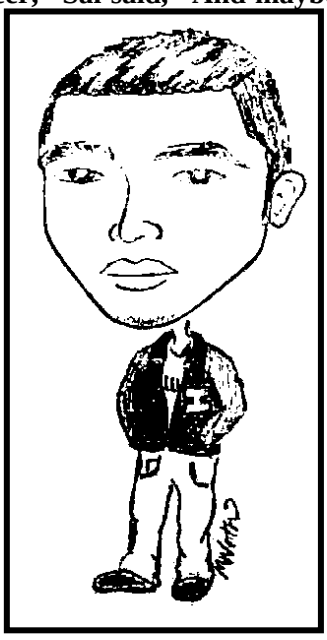
"It is always a pleasure to go to the office when Sal is there. No matter what the request, he always smiles and does his best; He is definitely a people person," Copy Technician Amanda Cranfill said.

Eighteen year old, Sal has lived in Itasca his entire life. He is the son of Martin and Gloria Rodriguez and is the second of three children. His older sister, Gabby is 19 and his younger sister, Celeste or Lulu, is 13.

"I look up to my momma. She's the number one woman in my heart and the only one on my arm," Sal said referring to his tattoo.

This year Sal has his regular classes of English and government, is an office aide and is in the Diversified Career Preparation program that allows him to leave school and go work at his job. He works for Gate Precast in their construction section. They have indicated that they will help him through college.

"After I graduate, I want to go to college and become an architecture engineer," Sal said, "And maybe something with graphic design."



Sal has artistic talents and enjoys drawing pictures and he has entered a number of them in the Hill County Fair.

Sal attends church at Our Lady of Mercy in Hillsboro.

Besides looking forward to graduation, he is also anxiously awaiting the birth of his first child with girlfriend of three years, Katie Rogers. He is working hard to become the best daddy and provider for his baby.

Welcome to New
1st Grade Teacher

Reporter/Photographer Mary Maddox



Miss Kelley McCall began working for Itasca at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. This will be her first year working with first graders. Before working at Itasca, she worked for Country Day School for preschool in Arlington.

"I like the people of Itasca," McCall said. "The students are great, and I'm happy to be here."

McCall grew up in a "teacher" atmosphere. Her mother, grandmother and aunts are all teachers.

"My mom has influenced me the most throughout my life. She is a wonderful teacher," McCall said. "She's also just a good person."

When McCall is not teaching, she enjoys volunteering at her church, Alder's Gate Church in Arlington. She also participates in the American Heart Association organization events.

Meet the Press
Eva Mayberry

Reporter Sarah Evans



Managing a non-profit business is surely an accomplishment for junior, Eva Mayberry. Mayberry has upgraded her Journalism III status to business manager for the 2008-2009 school year.

"I am in charge of the mail-out portion of the business. We mail every Wednesday afternoons," Eva said in a stressful tone. "I take my job very seriously. I also do all the filing and keeping up with subscriptions."

Besides holding such an impressive title, Eva is a varsity cheerleader and is a key athlete in basketball and track. She is taking honor classes and plans on a successful junior and senior year.

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

Marshall Hits 8/8 in the Air, Guy Adds Yards on the Ground

Reporter/Photographer Ashley Durham







Friday night the Itasca Wampus Cats traveled to Hubbard to take on the Hubbard Jaguars. After defeating the Axtell Longhorns, the Cats ran onto the field ready to put another win down in the books.

The Cats took over the field when Greg Mason scored the first touch down of the game and the Jaguar's offense was not able to answer back.

In the second quarter, the Cats continued to roll as Jacob Boyd recovered a fumble and ran in for the touch down. Also contributing points to the Cats was Stanley Johnson who caught a pass from Mikey Marshall in the in zone.

During the second half, Desmond Guy ran in two more touchdowns for the Cats and the defense caught the Jaguars in the in zone for a safety.

The big surprise for Cat fans was the addition of Luis "Pretty Feet" Hoppe to the varsity roster. Hoppe is an exchange student from Brazil and his soccer background makes his point after kicks appear effortless. He was flawless with 5 extra points and one punt that was 50 yards.

Marshall connected 8 times out of 8 attempts for 132 yards and Running Back Desmond Guy rushed for 161 yards to move his total for the year 1113 yards.

Itasca's defense held Hubbard scoreless for final score of Itasca 37 Hubbard 0.

TAIL GATE

Let's all get together and tail gate before our
MIGHTY WAMPUS CATS take on the
WORTHAM BULLDOGS
Practice Field Friday, October 10 5 p.m. - 7p.m.
Bring grills, lawn chairs & your Wampus Cat Spirit.
If you do not grill the Booster Club will be selling
Hot dogs, drinks and chips

GO CATS!

Itasca 2008-09 Wampus Cats

District 21A

	Win - Loss	District Win–Loss	Scored	Allowed
Itasca	6 - 0	2 – 0	267	58
Dawson	3 - 3	2 – 0	153	136
Axtell	3 - 3	1 - 1	167	115
Italy	2 - 3	1 - 0	119	89
Wortham	0 - 5	0 - 0	65	199
Frost	0 - 6	0 - 1	80	235
Hubbard	0 - 6	0 - 1	76	277

October 10	**Wortham	Home	7:30 p.m.
17	**Dawson	Away	7:30 p.m.
24	Open		
31	**Frost	Home	7:30 p.m.
November 7	**Italy	Away	7:30 p.m.

Cross-Country Schedule

Date		Event	Site	Host
Oct 15		Aquilla Invitational		Aquilla
		Latham Springs		
Oct 27	HS/JH	District 19-A Meet	TBA	TBA
Nov 8		Regional III Championship		Humble
Nov 15		State CC Championship		Round Rock

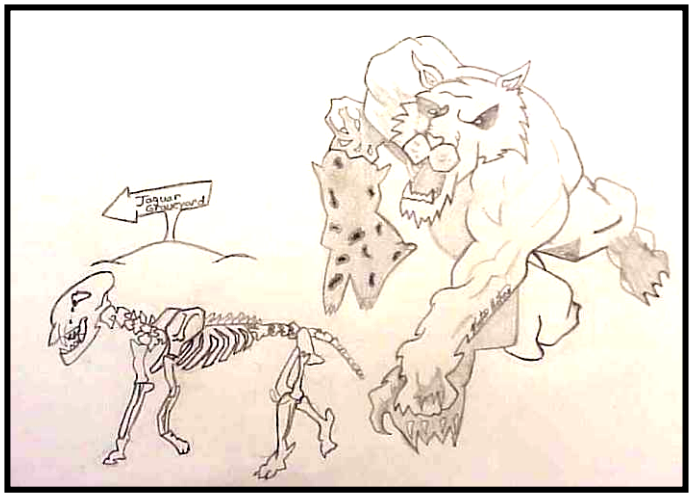
Junior High Football

October 9	*Wortham	Away	5:00 p.m.
16	*Dawson	Home	5:00 p.m.
23	Life School Red Oak	Away	6:00 p.m.
30	*Frost	Away	5:00 p.m.
Nov 6	*Italy	Home	5:00 p.m.

7th & 8th Grade Football
Parents' Night - October 16
Introduction of players & parents will start at 5:00 p.m. & be prior to each game

Cats Skin Jaguars

Cartoon by Martin Martinez



Bundle of Joy Welcomed



Greg and Shanah Sewell of Itasca joyfully announce the birth of their new baby girl! Chloe Jean Sewell arrived on September 15, 2008 at 1:05 pm. She weighed in at 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 1/4" long.

She was welcomed home by her siblings Hanah, Mason and Gavin Sewell.

Sawyer – 50th

Press Release from *San Antonio Express News*



Dorothy and Roy Sawyer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 13, 2008. The former Dorothy Bellos married Roy Sawyer at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, San Antonio, Texas September 13, 1958. The couple has two daughters: Cynthia Asvestas and husband Greg of San Antonio and Patricia Economides and husband Stacy of Houston. They have 5 grandchildren – Stephanie and Matthew Asvestas and Anastasia, Nicolette and Alexandra Economides. The couple celebrated with a dinner given by their children.

Roy is the son of the late David and Essie Sawyer of Itasca. Roy graduated from Itasca High School in 1953. Roy and Dorothy were college sweethearts at Trinity University in San Antonio. They married shortly after graduating from Trinity University.

Letters to the Editor

Editor *Paw Print Press* - Open Letter to IHS Homecoming Parade Organizers

Thank you for your efforts to put together an activity that is an important part of our homecoming weekend. The timing of my drive from Houston every year is set to be in Itasca in time for the start of the parade.

There are several objectives for holding our parade, in my opinion, which includes promoting school spirit as well as student and community participation. However, the most important reason is to honor returning (homecoming) ex-students, especially the honored class which is returning fifty years after their graduation. Many travel some distance to participate in and enjoy the benefits of the homecoming activities.

Parades designed to honor someone or something has the float representing the honored entity near the front. Please consider, in future parades, moving the honored class float forward to near the front of the parade. Those of us IHS ex-students who are homecoming junkies would appreciate it very much.

Regards and thank you for your consideration.

Robert (Bobby) McEver - Itasca Class of 1956

Dear Editor,

Homecoming 2008 has come and gone. The crowns, parades, and traveling ex-students are just memories now. As the high school principal, I am taking a moment to reflect upon what I have to be thankful for during these times of economic difficulties. The Wampus Cat football team is undefeated with hopes of making the playoffs, the band has never sounded better, the student body is well-mannered and studious, and the Itasca school district has been rated exemplary for academic performance. Indeed, Itasca High School is a special place and certainly owes a great deal to its fine community.

I would like to thank everyone for being involved in our school. We could never be as successful as we are now if it were not for everyone's help. Your support for the homecoming parade, all athletic games, The Paw Print Press, our UIL academic teams, the band, and One Act Play is incredible. Itasca High School will continue to experience success because of your cooperation and collaboration. Itasca is truly a wonderful gem of a town. Once again, thank you for your support.

Empowering today's students to be tomorrow's leaders,

Rickie Harris, Itasca High School Principal

For Sale

Cassettes and cd sets of Ingles sin Barreras
Se Vende cassettes y cds de Ingles sin Barreras
Por favor, llama 254-659-7025

Ducks Unlimited Banquet Tickets Now Available

Press Release

The Hill County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited (DU) will hold its annual banquet Wednesday, October 22, at Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street in Hillsboro.

The event will start at 6 p.m. Tickets are $50 per person or $75 per couple. That includes all event costs and a DU annual membership. Space is limited and the committee strongly recommends purchasing tickets in advance to guarantee your participation.

To purchase tickets in advance, contact Chairman Brad Wilson at 254-582-2427. For more information about Ducks Unlimited, including how to join your local chapter committee, visit www.ducks.org.

With more than a million supporters, Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest and most effective wetland and waterfowl conservation organization with almost 12 million acres conserved. The United States alone has lost more than half of its original wet lands, nature's most productive ecosystem, and continues to lose more than 80,000-wetland acres a year.

Relist #6 of Delinquent Taxpayers

Due to the recent publication of the delinquent taxpayers' lists, a few concerns have been brought to the attention of the city tax collector. Should you feel that the information that is or was printed in the *Paw Print Press* is inaccurate, please contact the City of Itasca Tax Collector, Sue Comer at 687-2201.

Changes to the city tax roll can only be corrected and/or changed through the Hill County Appraisal District.

Jose & Gladis Vicencio
Torino Retail (Handys)
Willie Jane Slider
Frazier Mae Crawford
Henry Diggs
Hugh Edgar Channon
Kristi Kitchens
Mrs R C Roberts Est
Felipe Gonzales
Delia Escobedo
Pete Harrison
Clemente & Julie Gonzales
Thelma Guy
Tim Mayberry
Benard & Verna Jackson
Eugene Hewitt
Rebecca Head
Michael Cavazos
Augustina Noyola
Bobby Rios Jr
Roy Dominguez
Antonia Hernandez
Jesus & Mirna Huerta
Pyramid Health Care
Jose Noriega
Delores Evans Est
Willie Olivarez
Phillip Sivils
Geneva Johnson
George Shivers
Doris Nagib

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION

To the registered voters of Itasca, Hill, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 4, 2008, for voting in a City election, to elect Mayor and two Alderman.

Locations of polling places:

Rotary, 103 W. Main Street, Itasca, Texas 76055

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: 126 N. Hill, Itasca, Texas between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on October 20, 2008 and ending on October 31, 2008.

Additional early voting will be held as follows:

Location	Date	Hours
126 N. Hill St., Itasca, Texas	October 23, 2008	7 a.m.–7 p.m.
126 N. Hill St., Itasca, Texas	October 30, 2008	7 a.m.–7 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Cynthia Lewis
Early Voting Clerk
126 N. Hill Street
Itasca, Texas 76055

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 28, 2008.

Issued this 18th day of August, 2008.

Matthew Fehnel, Mayor

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

A los votantes registrados de Itasca, Hill, Texas:

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadow abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de Noviembre de 2008 para votar en la Elección General para elegir Alcalde and dos Concejales.

Direccion(es) de las Casillas Electorales:

Rotary, 103 W. Main Street, Itasca, Texas 76055

La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en: 126 N. Hill, Itasca, Texas entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 4:30 de la tarde empezando el 20 de Octubre, 2008 y terminando el Octubre 31, 2008.

La Votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo de tal manera:

Sitio	Fecha	Horas
126 N. Hill St., Itasca, Texas	23 de Octubre, 2008	7 a.m.–7 p.m.
126 N. Hill St., Itasca, Texas	30 de Octubre, 2008	7 a.m–7 p.m.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en aisencioa por correo deberán enviarse a:

Cynthia Lewis
Secretario(a) de la Votación En Adelantada
126 N. Hill Street
Itasca, Texas 76055

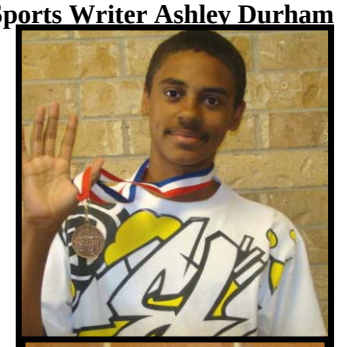
Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en aisencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 28 de Octubre, 2008.

Emitida este dia 18th de Agosto, 2008 .

Matthew Fehnel, Alcalde

Cross Country runners Practice with Sights on District

Sports Writer Ashley Durham





Cross-country season has begun for junior high and high school runners. Since the beginning of school, the runners have either arrived at the school at 6:30 a.m. or stayed after school in order to train for the meets.

To date the runners have competed in two meets. In the Keene Invitational the 7th grade girls' team placed 3rd out of 30 teams with teammate Susie Rodriguez earning a 3rd place individual medal.

At the Hico Meet, Sophomore Phillip Thomas (top right)placed 5th earning him a medal in the JV heat.

The most recent cross-country meet was held in Glen Rose. As a team the 7th grade girls placed 3rd and individually (pictured right) Susie Rodriguez (center) earned a 2nd place medal, Marisela Ochoa (left) a 9th place ribbon and Taylor Coulter (right) 11th place.



The 8th grade girls' team also placed 3rd in their run. Beruke Namaga (middle right) was the first runner to cross the finish line and she took home the coveted 1st place medal.

Hill Street Café

116 S. Hill St. 254-687-9232

Closed Monday

Tuesday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday 5:00-8:00 p.m. Fish Fry

Saturday-Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Daily Lunch Specials - Homemade Desserts

Hill Regional Hospital Recognizes Beast Cancer Awareness Month

Press Release

In the fight against breast cancer, Hill Regional Hospital (HRH) recognizes the importance of an annual screening mammogram. It is with this in mind HRH in cooperation with Hill County X-Ray are offering for the month of October only, a screening mammogram (meaning no problems, present or past) to all uninsured women only for $75.00. The Hospital will collect fee at the time of service.

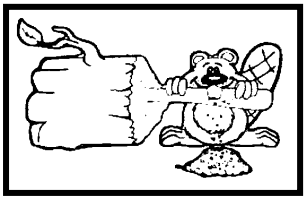
A physician order is not required, but you must provide your physician's name when you make an appointment. If you do not have a physician, a list will be provided for your selection. All mammogram reports will be sent to the physician and follow-ups are required to complete your annual breast exam

Each patient will be asked to sign a waiver at the time of service verifying that they are uninsured.

If you're 40 or over, or considered to be at risk, schedule your exam today. Breast cancer is more easily detectable than every before, So, the sooner you call us, the better. To make your appointment, please call 580-8815.

Edd Nolen's Woodworking

nolenswoodworking@yahoo.com



254-205-3184

Hand turned wood pens with Wampus Cat colors for $10.00 other school colors available upon request. Also, I make custom small CD and DVD holders, do custom engraving, as well as custom furniture. Please call for more information.

Help Clean Up Itasca

Saturday, October 11, 8:00 a.m.

Gather in front of the Farrow Room

115 E. Main St. 8:00 a.m.

for Itasca's First Clean Up Day!

All workers will be entered in a drawing to win a $50 Savings Bond!

Free Hot Dogs & Hamburgers for all workers!

Booster Club Meeting

Tuesday, October 14

IISD Library - 7 p.m.

Everyone welcomed!

Do You Remember...?–"The Clothesline"

Columnist Carl Sweeney





There is one device we used in earlier times that is still widely used today and that is the clothesline. It is still very much in use in all countries. Just in case someone doesn't know it is used to dry the washing.

It might be interesting to know what some other countries call it. In the Ukraine they say klõthžlin the Dutch say wasdraad, German is wäscheleine, in Iceland it is puottasnürd, and in Spanish they say, tendedero.

I suppose at this juncture a description of the device would be superfluous. However, we will simply say that a clothesline is a wire, rope, twine, etc. that is hung between two points to dry clothes on. The points being posts, walls, balconies or other objects. The longer lines have a pole in the middle to raise the line higher and to take some of the tension off the line. Some lines were strung between apartment buildings in the city with a pulley so the clothes could be hung and played out between the buildings to dry.

In Scotland, some tenement complexes have what they call a "drying green." It is a communal area that is used as a recreation area as well as a place for several clotheslines or clothes carousels.

In Australia the rotary clothesline is the predominant type used. It was invented by a man named Lance Hill. They usually call it the "Hill's Hoist". It has a crown and pinion mechanism allowing the device to be raised or lowered, and it also allows the hoist to spin in the wind which allows the clothes to dry faster. The Hill's Hoist has always served as a playground for the kids. They play and swing on it somewhat like a carousel; of course, the kids were told not to play on the hoist, the same as our parents told us not to swing on the clothesline. In any event, the Hill's Hoist has become a part of the Australian cultural identity, also like the Australian barbecue, when they say, "put another shrimp on the 'Barby' as they call it.

Of course there have been other rotary clotheslines invented before, they just have not been as popular or as efficient as the Hill's Hoist. There was an American patent for one in 1890. Also in Australia, an AdeLaide Foundry Company AC Haley advertised a rotary tilting drying rack in an illustrated catalog in 1914. The clothesline is found in 99% of the homes in Australia. Another thing I found unique about Australia while serving there during WWII was their use of a car powered with charcoal. They had a unit in the trunk.

There are advantages and disadvantages in the use of the clothesline. Let's see what we can think of in the respect. The disadvantages are: clothes must be dried in doors during inclement weather, neighbors might find it aesthetically distasteful, sometimes the line broke getting the wet clothes dirty on the ground, if the wind blew during dry weather dust might soil the wet clothes, the goats might eat some the them and fingers could get caught in the pulley. The advantages are: It saves money, makes clothes smell fresh without chemicals, the hanging out and bring in provides exercise, clothes don't shrink, there is no static cling, it reduces greenhouse emissions, reduces air-borne lint, clothes dry more quickly in the sun, it doesn't heat up the house, there is no dryer noise pollution, no risk of fire (dryers have been known to burn down the house), no toxic fumes like perhaps with gas dryers and lastly, hanging out the clothes exposes us to the sun, which provides vitamin D.

Some of those disadvantages mentioned have in the past precipitated some laws relating to the use of outside clotheslines. One of the first ones was rather silly, but was passed just the same. It stated that they were associated with poverty, and were considered unaesthetic. Now due to more sensible thinking, environmental concerns, and the high energy costs we have today, governments have passed so-called "right to dry laws," allowing their use. When families were large and there were lots of clothes, they were hung on yard fences and any other place for them to dry.

Some of us probably remember someone who tied two cats' tails together to see them fight after being hung on the clothesline. Sometimes it was a cat and a possum or a raccoon. Those fights were vicious and probably outlawed today.



Another thing we remember about the clothesline was while running through the yard, we forgot about it and it caught us under the chin and turned us a flip. Now we are more likely to be "clotheslined" while riding a four-wheeler. Another time when someone is "clotheslined" is in football. This usually results in a flag being thrown by the referee.

The clothesline brings to mind another related object, the clothespin, which we will pursue in an ensuing column.

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Wampus Cats of the Week

"Wampus Cat Football"

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 # 11 JJ Gonzales is the Cats' back-up quarterback. He is always ready to step up and call the plays. JJ also plays on special teams and has made numerous important tackles during kickoff.

 # 1 Markell Rice is a new comer to the Wampus Cats. This is his first year at Itasca but he has been a real help to the team. Currently he is on the injured list, but he continues to keep the team pumped up and focused.

 # 51 Jacob Shelton is a key player on the offensive and defensive line. On offense he is part of the "invincible line" that has shut down the opponents defense against the Cats' scoring and has shut down the opponents' scoring when they take the field as the defensive line.

These six senior leaders are not only an important part of the hard-hitting Wampus Cat team, but they are usually the ones who keep their teammates from "getting down on themselves and keeping good attitudes."

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