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IISD Superintendent Announces Retirement

Dr. E. Ray Freeman met with the Itasca ISD Board of Trustees on January 8, and announced that he would be retiring at the end of this school year.

Freeman has headed up the district since July 1996. In his 11 years at the helm of the district he has worked very hard to ensure the education that the students in Itasca ISD receive is the best in Texas. Under Freeman, IISD has introduced many innovative programs that are emulated by much larger and wealthier schools.

"The Board of Trustees expresses its sincere thanks and deep gratitude to Dr. Ray Freeman for his 11 years of service to Itasca ISD," Board President Marquita Lloyd said. "The district has benefited greatly from his professional, caring leadership. Many improvements have been made in the areas of academic excellence, innovative programs and facilities. We wish Ray and Roma the best as they prepare for a well-deserved retirement."

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Woodmen of the World Donates Flags to IHS



Carrie Shuffield-Savala, an agent at the Woodmen of the World Insurance agency in Hillsboro recently presented Itasca High a new American and

Texas flag. On a trip by the school, she noticed that there were no flags flying. On inquiry, it was discovered that the school's flags had become tattered during recent high winds.

Shuffield-Savala invites everyone especially parents to stop by the agency and find out about the Woodmen of the World Summer Camp for youth ages 8-15 years old.

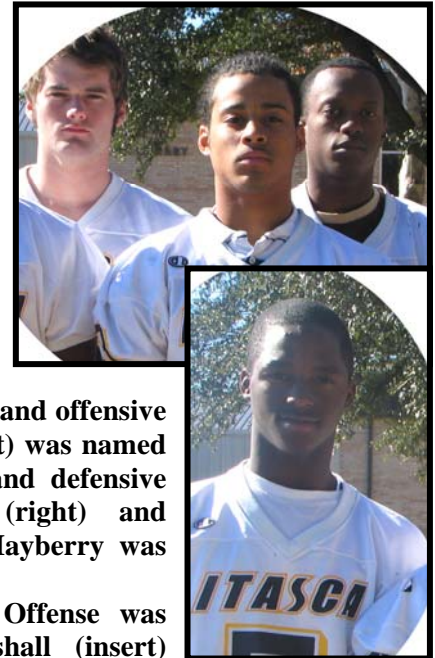
Accepting the flags on behalf of the high school were junior Jake Key and Principal Glenn Pittman.

Four Take Texas Region II Football Team Honors

Football seasons has been over for almost two months but the football honors continue to roll in for players on the 2006 Bi-District Champions.

Recently the Team Texas Class 2A Region II roster was released and four Itasca players were on the list. Wide receiver Kendale Mayberry (front), and offensive lineman Justin Shelton (left) was named to the 1st Team Offense and defensive end Lamar Crawford (right) and defensive back Kendale Mayberry was on the 1st Team Defense.

Making the 2nd Team Offense was quarterback Mikey Marshall (insert) and defensive lineman Justin Shelton made the 2nd Team Defense squad.



IISD Foreign Exchange Students Speak to Rotary

Reporter Oksana Didukh



Left to right – Konstantin Suspitsyn of Russia, Oksana Didukh of Ukraine, Kabeer Chan of China and Inessa Kachuriuska of Ukraine discuss the differences and similarities of going to school in a small town in Texas and in their cities in Russia, Ukraine and Hong Kong.

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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>	20 W. Marrion	687-2224
<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.	

First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church invites you to get to know us through our new website: www.fbcitasca.org. The website contains basic information about our service times, sermon subjects, and upcoming studies. Also, we are making available some audio sermons for listening to at home. These sermons will be updated regularly, and are available for listening, downloading, or podcasting. This is an in-home point of contact, designed to encourage you to come and worship the Lord together with us.

Central Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 10:50 a.m.

Sunday evening Bible Study 5:00-6:00 p.m.

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

Ladies Bible Study Tuesday 8:00-10:00am

Team Kids- for K-4th grade resumes Monday, January 29, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Must have signed permission slip if new member. For more info, call 687-2620

First United Methodist Church

This Sunday's Sermon:

“Why Should I Go to Church? – they’re just a bunch of hypocrites”

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

254-687-2475

WHAT SIN CAN YOU NOT FORGIVE?

Matthew 6: 9 - 13 tells us that we must forgive those who trespass against us, or our heavenly Father will not forgive us.

Church of Christ 300 N. Aquilla

Sunday: 9:45 & 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Wed. 6 p.m.

Presbyterian Church

***Women's Bible Study - 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. 2nd Monday

***Women's Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. 2nd Thursday 687-2243

***Exercise Classes for Senior Citizens or 687-2963

Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 - Fellowship Hall.

Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

February 3 – 9:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 6 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 7:00 p.m.

IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Last Monday of Month

5:30 p.m.

Citizens State Bank E. Main St.

Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

2nd Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

3rd Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.

Fire Station Downtown Itasca

Public Notice

Abandoned & Junk Vehicles

The Office of Code Enforcement would like to inform the community concerning abandoned and junk vehicles, in hopes that it could encourage our citizens to abide by the Itasca Code of Ordinances and continue the beautification of our city.

A “Junk Vehicle,” is defined as a vehicle that is self-propelled and inoperable and does not have lawfully attached to it an unexpired license plate and a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate, wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled or discarded, and has remained inoperable for more than 72 consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property or 30 consecutive days, if the vehicles is on private property.

Anyone violating this ordinance will be sent a Notice of Violation letter informing the property owner/vehicle owner to remove the vehicle(s) within 10 (Ten)-calendar days. If the vehicle(s) are not removed within the stated time and a hearing has not been requested, a citation will be issued and the vehicle(s) will be removed from the property.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the City of Itasca Code of Ordinances, please call 687-2201 during normal business hours.

Felicia Mayberry, Office of Code Enforcement

Superintendent Announces Retirement

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Mrs. Roma Freeman who teaches reading in the elementary will also be retiring. In the last decade Itasca students have made great strides in reading and it has been reflected by the success the students have had on the TAKs test.

It was announced in a public notice last week that Glenn Pittman was the lone finalist for the position of Superintendent of the Itasca Independent School District.

Foreign Exchange Students Speak to Rotarians

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On the January 11, foreign exchange students-Konstantin Suspitsyn (Russia), Oksana Didukh (Ukraine), Inessa Kachuriuska (Ukraine) and Kabeer Chan (China) gave a presentation about their countries at the weekly Rotary meeting.

High school principal Glenn Pittman introduced the students and each of them shared stories about history of their countries and explained some of the differences between Russia, Ukraine, China and the United States. During the meeting, the students displayed books, national clothes and symbols.

The Rotarians were very interested and ask many questions. They were appreciative of the "word trip" into the different countries of Europe and Asia.

Card of Thanks

Words cannot express out deep appreciation and thanks to each of you who were there for us during the recent death of our loved one, Cora Isbell Bruton. Your many prayers carried us through that trying time. The cards, calls, food, flowers and your presence will never be forgotten.

May God bless and keep you is our prayer,
The family of Cora Elizabeth Isbell Bruton

Name the Winery

We have not come up with a new name for our winery and are still accepting suggestions. They can be mailed to 664 HCR 4421 Itasca TX, or you can e-mail us at michael.cox04@sbcglobal.net. The words wild vine cannot be used in the new name.

Mike and Nanette Cox

Cora Elizabeth Isbell Bruton

Mrs. Cora Bruton passed away on December 8, 2006 just six days after celebrating her 95th birthday. On November 28, 2006, four days before her birthday she wrote an open letter to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, telling them about life in Texas 95 years ago.

Her family has graciously shared her words with us and we are proud to print them. Mrs. Bruton was a faithful subscriber to the *Paw Print Press* for many years. She paid to have it delivered to her room in the Itasca Nursing Home so she would be sure to receive it each week.

My Life by Cora Elizabeth Isbell Bruton

I was told that I arrived in this world on December 2, 1911 at Henrietta Texas, in Clay County. Don't know how long I lived there before moving back to Waco Texas. I don't know how long we lived at Waco, before moving to Hugo, Oklahoma, (My papa stayed on the move).

My grandmother gave me the last letter my mother wrote her (after I got grown), she wrote the letter when I was about five. In the letter she said that John (my papa) and my brother and I had gone to church. She didn't go cause so many people with measles and she had never got them before. Of course, we got the measles and she got them from us. (Don't guess they had vaccination shots then). This was in March, well she didn't survive, I was five years old. I don't remember much, mostly hear say. Papa took mother back to Robinson near Waco for the funeral (on the train I suppose). Papa brought us back to Hugo. We stayed with his sister. I don't know how far papa lived from his sister, but back then you had to walk. One day I decided I wanted to see papa, walking by myself. A neighbor lady saw me and called me to her house (sure she knew the problem). That was great because I liked to play with her baby. Don't remember, but guess they got me home.

In the summer after crops were growing good Papa fixed a covered wagon, mostly remember the bed, cause my brother and I rode on it most of the way. So we had a trip from Hugo, Oklahoma to Waco, Texas in a covered wagon. Papa had to go back to Oklahoma to gather his crops. He left us with some folks there, they just had six kids. Papa was paying room and board for us. (I saw on a monument at the cemetery later that lady passed away in December of that year). Then we stayed with papa's sister, don't know how long but papa come back to Waco to farm. Don't know what the deal was, but got man and woman to live with us. Guess that lasted until I was about seven when he married again.

I think I was about seven, I started to school at Rosenthal, south of Waco, when in second grade moved to Hico in Hamilton County. When in fifth grade we moved to Hill County, went to school at Kirby between Hillsboro and Vaughn.

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Senior Spotlight Kendale Mayberry

Photographer & Reporter Sarah Evans
Caricature by Gabby Rivera



There is 10 seconds left on the clock. Kendale Mayberry brings the ball down the court. He stops at the three-point line and looks to his left. No one is open. He looks to his right; once again, no one is open. With 5 seconds on the clock, his only option is to shoot. The audience is silent as the ball leaves his fingertips. His heart is pounding. BBBUUZZZ! The buzzer sounds and the basket is good. Kendale has won the game! This is not fantasy; it is how 17-year-old Kendale Tanner Mayberry has ended a number of the games for his varsity basketball team.

Kendale, the son of Jeffrey and Melissa Dominguez Mayberry, has attended Itasca ISD since pre-k. He has two older brothers, Caleb-19 and Clifton-20 and two younger sisters, Eva-15 and Mary-6.

“One thing I will NEVER forget about IHS,” Kendale said “Is all the people that believe in me in everything I do, like Coach Cranfill.”

Kendale is very active in school. He plays football, basketball, plans on running track, and competes in U.I.L. Math. So far this year Kendale has received many awards and honors in football. He was named District 11-2A Offensive Player of the Year, 1st Team All-District Defensive Back, Super Centex 2nd Team Wide Receiver, Team Texas Class 2A All-Region 1st Team- Wide Receiver, 1st Team Defensive Back, APSE 1st Team All- state Wide Receiver, APSE Honorable Mention All State Defensive Back and most recently to the 1st and 2nd Texas Region II Teams.

When Kendale is not busy with sports or work, you can find him watching the Lakers, eating nachos or just chillin' with his closest buds.

“My best friends are Ryan Crutsinger and Michael Whitfield” Kendale said, “Cuz we go way back like four flats on a Cadillac.”

After graduating, Kendale’s plans are to attend a 4-year college and play football.

“I can’t wait to graduate,” Kendale said. “It’s time to get away!”

Although Kendale is very ready to graduate, he has some advice he wants to leave to the underclassmen.

“Never settle for O.K., strive for great.”



Senior Spotlight Rita Garza

Photographer & Reporter Megan Goff
Caricature by Gabby Rivera



“Friendly, happy, thankful,” is how seventeen year old Rita Garza describes herself. The description is accurate because she always wears a smile.

The Corpus Christi born Rita

has attended Itasca since the first grade. She has been a band member for seven years and plays the bass clarinet.

She was chosen the 2006 Cinco de Mayo Queen. She has represented Itasca and the Cinco de Mayo Committee in many events this year. Her reign will end on May 5, when she has the honor of crowning the next queen.

Rita is the daughter of Kevin and Bonnie Germer.

“My parents have made the biggest difference in my life,” Rita said. “No matter what happens they always support me.”

Rita has two younger brothers Hunter, 10 and Harley, 8.

“Some days I’m ready to graduate,” she said, “and other days I’m not. I do plan on attending college after graduating.”

When Rita is not busy with school, she works as a shift leader at the Itasca Dairy Queen. That is a lot of responsibility for a high school student, but Rita is up to the task. She has been employed by the Dairy Queen for two years.

Rita said that the best advice she can give anyone is, “To always be proud of who you are and always try to do your best.”



Wampus Cats 2nd in District

Reporters Eva Mayberry & Ashley Durham

Friday, January 19, 2007 the Wampus Cats were on the road to Hico to finish out the first half of district play. After the long drive the boys started out a little bumpy but they managed to claw themselves back in the game and came out with a big win - 78 to 48. This win put them 5-1 in district.

On Tuesday, January 22, the Wampus Cats started their second round in district play meeting the Maypearl Panthers. They wanted to take back the lost they had suffered against Maypearl in early December. In the first half of the game it looked as though the Cats were going to come out on top of the back and forth catfight, but the Panthers were just as determined to stay undefeated. In a very tight game the Cats lost 46-45, keeping them in second place behind the undefeated Maypearl Panthers.

The Lady Wampus Cats had a great game against the Lady Panthers. They played great defense and got lots of shot off but the Lady Panthers came out with a 52-45 win.

All Wampus Cat teams will meet the Rio Vista Eagles this Friday night in the Special Events Center. The Eagles are tied for third in district and will be looking to trim the claws of the Cats in this final match up between the two. Next week the Lady Cats will play their final game of the season as they take on the Dublin Lions.

2006 Varsity Basketball

Overall Stats	Won - 14	Lost - 5
District	Won - 5	Lost - 2

February

2	* Rio Vista	JVB, VB	4:00
6	* @ Dublin	JVB, VB	4:00
9	* @ Grandview	JVB, VB	6:00
15	* Hico	JVB, VB	6:00

Boys Basketball Coach: Greg Cranfill 687 - 2922 ext. 160

Lady Cats Basketball

Feb. 2	*Rio Vista	Home	JV, V	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	*Dublin		V, V	4:00 p.m.

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Anderson Receives Heisman Nomination

Reporters Eva Mayberry & Ashley Durham



Senior Rachel Anderson was chosen as one of two students to represent Itasca High School in the Wendy's High School Heisman Award program. Receiving this nomination places her among the top students in the nation.

Anderson plays on the varsity basketball team and last year advanced to Regionals in tennis.

Also nominated from

Itasca High was Kendale Mayberry.

High School 1st Semester "A" Honor Roll

9th Grade - Devin Corbitt, Ashley Durham, Megan Goff, Cherri Lloyd

10th Grade - Maria Worth

11th Grade - Tim Baker

12th Grade - Rachel Anderson, Stephanie Campbell, Candice Kowalski

"A-B" Honor Roll 1st Semester

9th Grade - Connally Baskett, Eddie Coronado, Ryan Crouch, Desmond Guy, Marsha Guy, Mary Maddox, Corey Martinez, Brandy Massey, Eva Mayberry, Tevin Mayberry, Cody Reece, Chad Rutherford, Abby Saldierna, Katelyn Seaman, Cierra Thompson, Justin Zint

10th Grade - Pilar Baskett, Elizabeth Bennett, Jennifer Bustin, Journey Douangsouphonh, Timothy Earhart, Sarah Evans, Susie May, Vidi Reyes, Chelsea Rodriguez

11th Grade - Terrey Brumbalow, Isai Coronado, Jamie Hanes, Tralyn Harden, Zach Johnson, Nicole Kelley, Jake Key, Lindsey Laird, Laura Librado-Acosta, Rikki Mason, Jake Pelham, Kristin Rivera, James Rosas, Clayton Wienecke, Eva Wills, Nick Worth, Colton Yarbro

12th Grade - Paige Bailey, Clayton Beatty, Autumn Bennett, Alecia Evans, Lauryn Laskowski, Gilberto Librado-Acosta, Chelsea Minyard, LB Mosely, Juan Carlos Nolasco, Ashley Swilley

Junior High Lady Cats' Wins Meridian Tournament



Front row (left to right) Erin Rinehart, Nancy Reyes and Jasmine Guy. Back row (left to right) Brittany Bell, Shemonica Anderson, Autumn Pelham, Chan'tira Diggs and Keyre Ortiz. The junior high team is coached by Coach Stacy Mayberry.

All four junior high teams played in the Meridian Tournament on January 20. The girls' A Team was successful by defeating the Rio Vista Eagles first and then the Hico Tigers.

The Lady Cats had played both of these teams prior to the tournament. They had beaten Rio Vista, but had come up short against Hico. Going into the tournament, Hico was undefeated but Itasca took care of that in short order. The other team participating in the tournament was Meridian.

February Meeting of Hill County Genealogical Society

Press Release

Raymond and Clarice Snokhous of West will be the guest speakers at the February 5 monthly meeting of the Hill County Genealogical Society in Hillsboro.

Mr. Snokhous has served as the Honorary Consul General of the Czech Republic for the State of Texas since 1995. They will discuss Czech heritage and genealogy. Mr. Snokhous is better known by Hillsboro Junior College football fans as "Popeye" of the State Championship team of 1948.

Friends and guests are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Hill County Courthouse Annex, 126 South Covington Street in downtown Hillsboro. Refreshments and visitation will follow the program.

For further information, please call Cleo Young Davis, Program Chairman, 254-582-3603.

In Need of TLC

Press Release



Hello, I'm a young adult male cat with a gray tortoise shell pattern coat and **EXTREMELY** affectionate. I found refuge in a

barn after being callously "dumped" in a rural area a day before our recent winter storm. A nice farmer found me and provided me with food and water but at first I didn't know if I could ever trust another human so I didn't get close to her.

Well, the recent winter storm hit with sleet and ice so I took the chance to survive and walked up to their farm house and "howled" to let me in where it would be warm. The farm family welcomed me with love, food and water. They have been really kind and sweet to me but they already have two cats.

Please help me find a loving home by calling Paw Pals at 580-0679 or email my caretaker directly at SANDTR@peoplepc.com. My listing will also be on Paw Pals' website: hcpawpals.org. I will require a standard \$65 adoption fee to cover my sterilization and vaccination expenses. Thanks so much from an affectionate cat waiting to meet and love you!

Heritage of Hill County, Texas Books Available

Press Release

The Heritage of Hill County, Texas book is available and will make an excellent gift for friends and relatives who are hard to buy for.

The Heritage of Hill County, Texas books are for sale for \$60 each at these locations in Hill County: Covington City Hall, 402 Gathings Ave., in Covington during working hours Monday through Friday. Phone: (254) 854-2373; Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, 115 N Covington Street, in Hillsboro Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: (254) 582-2481; Will Lowrance, Hill County Historical Commission, Harris Education Center, 200 Line Street in Hillsboro. Contact him by cell phone: (254) 580-5379 or office phone: (254) 580-0191; Richard Greenhill, (254) 582-8912.

Price, if ordered by mail, is \$65.00 each. To order books by mail send a \$65 check made out to the Hill County Heritage Book Committee to: Richard Greenhill, P.O. Box 555, Hillsboro, TX 76645.

“Hill County Day in Austin” Scheduled

Press Release from *The Reporter*

“Hill County Day in Austin” will be held at the state capitol Wednesday, February 21. The trip gives local residents an opportunity to see their legislators at work on the floors of the House of Representatives and Senate and in committee hearings.

Activities for the day include a group picture on the south steps of the capitol, attending the opening ceremonies for the House and Senate, a Dutch-treat luncheon and presentations by representatives from various state agencies. The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, along with chambers from Lake Whitney, Hubbard and Itasca, is hosting the event.

For the second straight session, two buses have been chartered for the trip. Serving as gold sponsor for the trip is HILCO. Other sponsors include AT&T, TXU, Hill County Farm Bureau and Wells Fargo Bank-Hillsboro and Hubbard.

State Representative Jim Pitts and State Senator Kip Averitt are scheduled to speak at the luncheon, which will be held at Spaghetti Warehouse. The old Court of Criminal Appeals’ chambers on the third floor of the capitol has been reserved for afternoon presentations. Representatives with the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Education Agency, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Railroad Commission and economic-development officials from the governor’s office are scheduled to speak.

For those interested, special tours of the capitol complex have been scheduled for 2 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. They start near the south doors of the capitol. Buses will leave the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce on North Covington Street at 6:45 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:30 p.m. Cost of the trip, including lunch and the bus, is \$25 per person. For individuals taking their own vehicles and wishing to attend the lunch, the cost is \$15.

Reservations can be made by contacting the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce at 254-582-2481, Lake Whitney Chamber of Commerce at 254-694-2540, Eugene Fulton with the Hubbard Chamber of Commerce at 254-576-2050 or 254-576-2721 or Bob Wilson with the Itasca Chamber of Commerce at 254-687-2331.

All reservations, which are required by Wednesday, February 14, must be paid in advance.

Cora Bruton - “In Her Own Words”

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I was there one year and moved to Rockwall Community, just east of Itasca (Hilldale on the report card); finished the ninth grade. (This was as high as Roackwall taught – then you had to go to Itasca and there was no transportation). That was all of my schooling.

Some age in my teens I turned myself over to God and put my trust in him I don’t think we realize about all of our blessings until we get older and look back on all of them, but you still can’t count them all.

I married my school sweetheart July 2, 1929. They said the depression hit about 1930, guess we didn’t know what a depression was. We always had a roof over our head (sometimes they leaked, so we just set out a bucket) we never went hungry; we had chickens and eggs, cows for milk and butter, hogs for meat and lard. Take hog fat and make lard, fry sausage, put in container pour or cover with lard. Kept a long time. Raised garden and after pressure cookers were made could can most any thing. We didn’t go to town much. One time my husband went to town brought back a box of crackers and a block of chili (a treat).

I lived on the farm before I married and sometime after. So I have done lost of farm work, chopped cotton, dug Johnson grass, at harvest shocked and hauled heger, headed maize, pulled corn, picked cotton. Don’t remember ever baling hay or thrashing grain.

We moved to Itasca (in town) I think the late fifties my husband (Pap-paw) worked at Itasca’s cotton mill awhile, then at a glue factory here in town. The glue factory moved to South Texas, and then he retired.

When Ray started to school, I began working at Maloufs sewing room in Hillsboro. Worked there until they put a sewing room in Itasca, at the Buie Building, it didn’t stay long but they put another across the street on the corner. I worked at it until I retired. After retiring I made Barbie and Ken doll clothes, also Cabbage Patch and went to craft shows.

My husband had a stroke in June 1994. He was in a nursing Home until March 1995, when he was called home (I would like to got meet him). I lived by myself about eight years, then I decided to sell my house and come to the nursing home. So I’m still here.

I had one brother, two half brothers, three half sisters, one is still with me. Four children, fourteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren, and eight great, great grandchildren.

P.S. I was baptized at First Baptist church Itasca. We were married in the old parsonage at first Baptist church parsonage, it is gone now.

For Sale

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Recent Deaths



Nuckols, Mayzelle- Mayzelle Nuckols, 91 of Itasca passed away in an Itasca Nursing Home December 9, 2006. She was born September 3, 1915 in Gregory, Texas to C.R. Richardson and Ethel May (Custer) Richardson.

Preceding her in death were her parents, three sisters, Iva Lee Barnett, Annie Marie Kelley, and Emma Ruth Lawrence, her son Richard Hal (Dick) Germer, and husbands Bassett Hal Germer and Ted Nuckols.

Mayzelle lived most of her life in South Texas where she met Bassett Hal Germer, her husband and father of their children, Ethel May Ballard of Itasca, and Richard Hal Germer of Goliad (deceased). Later in life, she married Ted Nuckols of Files Valley and made her home there before going into the Itasca Nursing Home.

She was a wonderful mother and homemaker. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ for her church and played with great passion. She loved entertaining her church family with huge Sunday dinners with delicious salads and desserts.

Mayzelle had several careers in her life and excelled at all of them. She was always a go-getter. She received a business degree and was a legal secretary; she went to cosmetology school and opened her own beauty salon in Bishop, Texas. Later after moving to the Itasca area, she entered nursing school in her 60's, became an LVN, and graduated with top honors. Mayzelle said, "You are never too old to learn." She taught her grandchildren and great grandchildren their multiplications, how to drive, and use of proper grammar. She was a stickler for teaching and learning. After retiring from nursing, she purchased Star Mountain Ranch in Arkansas and commuted back and forth. Mayzelle then opened Town & Country Apparel Shoppe in Itasca and was very successful.

Out of all her accomplishments she was by far the most loving person to all and enjoyed life to the fullest. She was a very special mother, grandmother, great grandmother & great great grandmother and was very proud of this accomplishment the most. Mayzelle was a very intelligent, loving, caring, sharing, giving, entertaining individual with a great sense of humor! She will be greatly missed, but definitely not forgotten for all her love and devotion she has shown her family and friends.

She is survived by daughter Ethel May and husband Gene Ballard of Itasca, daughter in-law Cogie Germer of Goliad, Texas; granddaughter Rhonda Terrell New and husband Randy of Crowley, Texas and their children Bryan Terrell, wife Jocelyn and children, Megan, Michael, Macey, and Matthew of Osceola, Amy Terrell Schenk and husband Daniel and their children Caleb, Hannah, Isaac of Keller, David New of Tyler and Jon New and Tiffany of Hillsboro; granddaughter Karen R. Baker and husband Jerry of Itasca and their children Kyle Baker of Itasca, Jerri Baker of Houston and Clint Baker and wife Patricia of Mansfield and their children Aidan and Ave Baker; grandson Kevin Germer and wife Bonnie and their children Rita, Hunter and Harley of Itasca; granddaughter Karla Germer Ullrich, sons Levi of Corpus Christi, and Dr. Kory Ullrich of Houston; granddaughter Kerra Germer and Brian, their son Kade of Goliad, Texas; 5 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 9 Great great-grandchildren and numerous much loved nieces and nephews.



Day, Mattie Agnes - Mattie Agnes Day, 94, a homemaker, died January 22, 2007, in Arlington. Graveside services were held January 26, 2007 in Greenwood Memorial Park.

Agnes was born October 21, 1912, to Millard and Annie Barnes in Maypearl. She was a member of Polytechnic Methodist Church and a charter member of the Mizpah Class since 1941. Most of her life was spent in Fort Worth. Agnes was a 1932 graduate of Itasca High School and attended Hill College. She was a caring Christian, an excellent cook, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who loved working in her yard. She would always say that Jesus had his arms around us to protect us. Now, he has her in his arms as he watches over her family that she has left behind. Agnes will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years,

Morris C. Day, May 4, 2001, at the age of 90.

Survivors: Sons, Bryan D. Day and wife, Reda, of San Diego, Calif., and Reg M. Day and wife, Claudia, of Arlington; grandchildren, Delana McFarland and Matt Day of San Diego, Calif., Barry Day and wife, Karen, of Houston and Regena Day and Darrell Day, D.D.S., of Arlington; and four great-grandchildren

Grmela, Eleanor Adell - Eleanor Adell Grmela passed away January 20, 2007, at Baylor Medical Center at Waxahachie. She was born October 16, 1934. The celebration of her life was January 23, 2007, in the Pat Boze Memorial Chapel, with Father Guadagnoli as celebrant. Interment followed at Fatima Cemetery in Abbott, Texas.

Do You Remember . . . ? – “Home Remedies”

Columnist Carl Sweeney - Photo - artist unknown



The current winter weather with its cold and damp days reminds us older folk of the winters and early spring back when. You will read this and remember those days. Our younger generation will probably laugh, and disbelieve some of the medical practices we used then. As we look back, it seems that those old remedies had to meet certain criteria. They had to taste bad, smell bad or burn like fire. There was no penicillin, antibiotics, sulfa drugs or any others of the good medicines we have today.

Most of our ailments were not life threatening except pneumonia, diphtheria or small pox. Pneumonia and diphtheria were the most deadly for young people. One can go to any of the older cemeteries, and see the large number of children’s graves. We do not see that today, which attests to the effectiveness of our modern medicines and better methods of treatment.

Getting back to the old time remedies. If we coughed a few times our mothers said we had the croup and this brought out the Vicks-Vapor rub and a flannel cloth to put on our chests. They put us to bed in a room that seemed 90 degrees. I don’t know why a hot room helped, but that was their way. Sometimes they rigged a make shift vaporizer over a coal oil lamp.

If the symptoms were a little more severe, we were subjected to a mustard plaster on our chest, with the old flannel cloths and again, a hot room. They would also pray that it did not turn into pneumonia, which was often fatal.

There were other treatment methods such as an asafetida, it was resin from a plant and it smelled bad. It was hung around the neck, in a little cloth bag. It seemed that the further back in the sticks you lived the more prevalent the asafetida. Fortunately, we lived on the edge of the boonies and never had to wear it. Another questionable practice was the use of slack water. It came from the barrel of water the blacksmith used to cool the hot iron he worked on. They said the slack water helped relieve the itching from poison oak and ivy.

I remember one family that used an unusual method to relieve fever. They heated thick slices of onion and placed them on the bottoms of the feet wrapped in white cloth, and left it on overnight. They said it worked, we never tried it.

When spring came, our parents thought we needed a “cleaning out” as they called it. This meant a dose old Black Drought at our house. It was bad tasting powdered laxative. Some used Caster Oil that was even worse.

Some families believed that kerosene or “coal oil” as it was called then was a miracle drug. It was used as a disinfectant for cuts or mixed with other stuff as a cough medicine. We seldom had infections in those days. However, my grandfather died from an infection as a result of a cut from a barbed wire fence. They called it “Blood Poisoning” in those days. We also used the coal oil in our lamps and we kept a can of the stuff filled with corncobs. These soaked cobs were used to start a fire in the fireplace and later in the iron heater that usually burned coal. The coal came from Hallie Brown’s “coal yard” in Itasca. Also, when we windrowed cotton stalks after harvest, we used the coal oil cobs on a short wire to go along the windrows and burn the stalks. We did not have shredders in those days.

Some families swore by Turpentine to take care of their injuries and illness. It was used the same way coal oil was. As we know, turpentine came from the “rosin” of the pine tree. Quite different from the sap of the maple tree, which makes maple syrup.

There is a small town in South Carolina called Rosinville. They harvest lots of rosin for turpentine and each year has a turpentine festival. They call it “Good Old Turpentine Days.” The rosin is also used to make paint thinners and varnishes.

Another product that has been around since ancient times is vinegar. It was used by to Romans and other earlier civilizations. Japan’s samurai warriors took a daily dose of apple cider vinegar to control their appetite and to maintain well being. Grandma used a spoonful of vinegar in her piecrust. Vinegar had many uses then and in recent years has come into use and found to be beneficial in many ways. There are books now that describe many uses for vinegar especially for our health.

We should be grateful these days for our modern medicine and methods of treatment. We look back with amusement and fond memories of our old remedies and treatment methods.



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Wampus Cat of the Week

Nick Worth named to Super Centex All-Academic Football Team

Reporters Ashley Durham & Eva Mayberry

Utility player Nick Worth was recently named to the Super Centex 1st Team All-Academic football roster. This team is made up of “jocks” that could also be classified as “nerds.” Worth, a junior, was part of the 1st Offense Team. Worth is very proud to be named to this prestigious team. He carries a 98.8 GPA.



Worth is in the top 10% of his class. He takes a number of honor classes and dual credit college classes as well as innovative technology classes offered by IHS.

Worth plays on the varsity football team, is a member of the Top Cats power lifting squad and runs track. He does not limit his extra curriculum involvement to sports. Worth is involved in UIL One-Act Play and CX debate.

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Quaternaglia Guitar Quartet from Brazil.

Press Release



The Hill College Performing Arts Series will begin the spring concert season on February 8, Thursday, at 7:30 pm, in the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center on the Hillsboro Campus with the Quaternaglia Guitar Quartet from Brazil.

Formed by Fernando Lima, João Luiz, Fabio Ramazzina and Sidney Molina, Quaternaglia Guitar Quartet has been a strong international reference of artistic excellency and magnificence of repertoire written for four guitars. During the last ten years, the group has established a real canon of unedited original pieces, almost all of them written by Brazilian composers. The group performance started to call the attention of the international critics in 1998 after receiving the "Ensemble Prize" at the International Guitar Contest of Havana (Cuba) and also after its participation in several important guitar and chamber music series in the United States, like Guitarists of the World, the American Guitar Society Concert Series, Fort Worth Classical Guitar Society, Friends of Music and Round Top Festival Hill.

The launching of the album *Forrobodó* in Europe by Carmo/ECM label (2000), produced by Egberto Gismonti, was the first register of an original repertoire of great virtuosity - almost integrally dedicated to the quartet - which has been an example to the most important guitar ensembles of the present time. The album *Antique*, launched in 1996, has transcriptions of renaissance, baroque and classic pieces. The album helped the group to receive the Carlos Gomes Prize (São Paulo) as the best chamber ensemble of the year (1997).

According to Los Angeles Times' critics, "Quaternaglia Guitar quartet was attracted by opportunity to add experience and spice to a young genre, creating a canon of fire" and "an aura of purity pervaded the concert of the Brazilian guitar quartet, that met all the requirements with equanimity and intelligence in its California debut". The critics of Fort Worth Star Telegram wrote "the four Brazilians performed the entire concert from memory and with a precise interaction" and "not a note was out of place, and every nuance of interpretation was in harmony at this concert that thrilled the crowd".

The first Quaternaglia's concert occurred in São Paulo in As always, our Performing Arts Series admission is free. A reception following the program will be provided by North Texas Airstream Community Women's Club. Please come join us for this exciting evening! For more information, please call Phillip Lowe at 254-582-2555, ext. 270 or Shirley Erickson at ext. 261 or check the Hill College Performing Arts Series website at www.hillcollege.edu/performingarts. For senior citizen transportation information call 582-5851