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IHS Takes Tri-Color at Hill County Fair for 7th Consecutive Year

Reporters Ashley Durham & Mary Maddox



John Ellis' pencil portrait was the piece of art picked to receive the Tri Color Ribbon or "Best of Show" at this year's Hill County Fair. This is the seventh year that an Itasca student has taken the top honor.

Receiving first place ribbons were Laura Librado-2, Gabby Rivera-1, J.J. Perez-1, Candice Kowalski-1, Zech O'Rarden-1 and John Ellis-1.

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Itasca Item Printing Presses Get New Home

Reporter Mary Maddox



Two old printing presses that had been preserved in the McDonald building located next to the site where the depot used to set were moved in early January. The destination was a glass enclosed exhibition building located behind the restored museum--depot.

Donald and Gordon McDonald used the presses to put out Itasca's newspaper, *The Itasca Item*. *The Itasca Item* was approximately one hundred years old when it closed the early 1990's.

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There's No Place Like Home Grandmother Receives a Special Christmas Gift

Reporter Mary Maddox - Interview assistant G. Rivera

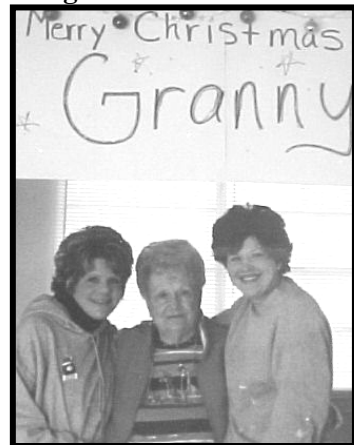


For Dorothy Curry Christmas 2006 was a little different than usual. Early in the year of 2006, she moved to Hillsboro, but every second she lived there, she wished she could be back in her home town of Itasca. Little did she know that her daughter Terri and

granddaughter Bridget were working on the best Christmas present Dorothy Curry could ever have imagined.

Pictured (left to right) Daughter Terri ?, Ms. Dorothy Curry and granddaughter Bridget Moore.

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Wampus Cats vs. Dallas Life in Bi-District Play offs Runner-Up in District 11-2A



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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. More info, call 687-2620

First United Methodist Church

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.

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Schedule
 9:30 Fellowship - 10:00 Sunday School - 11:00 Worship
 Exercise Classes- Senior Citizens Tues.&Thurs. 10 a.m.
 Game Night -3rd Tuesday Night - 6:00 p.m.
 Angel Food Ministry Host Site - 687-2243

Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

March 3 - 9:00 a.m. First Presbyterian Church

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 6 p.m.
 Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, March 19, 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

February 27, 2007 5:30 p.m.
 Farrow Room - HILCO 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

Community Calendar

February 22 - "Coffee House" Rotary Style - 6:30 p.m.
 \$5.00 to help eradicate polio - First Presbyterian Church, Itasca - Music by local groups - Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Punch, Pies & Cake

February 23 - Lady Cats' softball game against Waco varsity girls - Here at 4:00 p.m.

February 24 - Itasca Basketball games - Ages Pre-K -6th grade - IISD old gym 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Admission free

February 27 - Chamber of Commerce Meeting - 5:30 p.m. Farrow Room

February 27 - Lady Cats' softball game against Covington - Here at 4:30 p.m.

March 1 - Healthy Women's Expo & Health Fair - 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Free - First United Methodist Church, Hillsboro, 315 E. Elm St. - Dinner 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. with Dr. Suzanne Metzger speaker - \$12

March 2-3 - Lady Cats' Itasca Softball Tournament

March 3 - Itasca Basketball games - Ages Pre-K -6th grade - IISD old gym 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Admission free

March 5 - Lady Cats' softball game against Maypearl - Here at 4:30 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce February Meeting

The February Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27 instead of on the normal last Monday. The meeting will be held in the Farrow Room in HILCO.

All interested persons are welcome.

Eight Art Students Earn Ribbons at County Fair



Front row (left to right) Gabby Rivera, Candice Kowalski and Laura Librado. Middle row (l to r) J.J. Perez and Romero Zavala. Back row (l to r) Zech O'Rarden, John Ellis and Luis Martinez.

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Earning second place ribbon winners were Candice Kowalski-1, Luis Martinez-2 and Zech O'Rarden-1.

Bringing home third place ribbons were Gabby Rivera with 2 and Romero Zavala with 1.

"Once again our Itasca High School students did a great job," Mrs. Nancy Watson, art teacher for Itasca ISD said. "We had 23 pieces of art entered and 18 received ribbons. I would like to thank all of the students who participated in this year's show."

The students decide whether to enter or not since, they must pay their own entry fee and mat their pieces.

*Publishers Note – we will publish pictures of some of the entries in a later issue.

Chili Supper Fundraiser

Wednesday, February 28

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Itasca First United Methodist Church - Main & King Sts.

\$5.00

Chili, cornbread, crackers, dessert & tea

All proceeds go to the Young Missionaries for Christ to help pay for summer camp. Your support will be appreciated.

A Very Special Christmas Gift

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Curry has worked for the Itasca Funeral Home for the past 44 years and has enjoyed every minute of it. She was born and raised in Itasca, and has always dreamed of staying here until her last days.

The problem started when the house she lived in was sold and she needed to find a smaller place to live. She planned to move into an apartment in Itasca, but found out that there was none available for lease until late in the year. She had to settle for an apartment in Hillsboro.

"I would have done anything to come back to my home town," Curry said.

Her daughter Terri Craigmile and granddaughter Bridget Moore and her husband found a duplex for lease in Itasca in November and swore everyone to secrecy until Christmas.

"They (daughter and granddaughter) said that when they walked into the house, aside from some homey touches, it was exactly what they had been looking for," Curry said.

Every small town knows that there is no such thing as a "secret" but this family was determined. To do so they painted at night and when people would pass by as they worked outside, they would run inside. They would also tell people that they were Christmas shopping when in fact they were putting up ceiling fans, changing window frames, and hanging curtains.

Christmas morning, Terri drove to Hillsboro to pick her mother up, telling her that they were going to visit some people in the Itasca Nursing Home.

"I noticed after turning on the wrong street that something was wrong," Curry said. "We parked along side the road facing a house on Files Street. I was a little confused, but my daughter told me to just get out of the car and follow her. When she opened the door I was amazed at what I saw."

The family has hung a huge sign that read "Welcome Home Granny!"

"If I had heart trouble I would have died that instant," Curry said.

Now Curry's dream has come true.

"If you get anything out of this article," Curry said. "I hope it is that there is a Santa Claus, and dreams really do come true."

Itasca Item Printing Press

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Storing and moving the printing presses was the job of the school district. Maintenance supervisor Patty Miller oversaw the moving and securing the presses in their new building.

"It has taken sometime to get the printing press actually moved," Miller said. "Everyone was waiting on everyone else. But we finished the job and they are going to look great."

Senior Spotlight-Rachel Anderson

Reporter Sarah Evans
Caricature by Gabby Rivera



“Optimistic, crazy, and outgoing!” is how 18 year old Rachel Danae Anderson describes herself.

Rachel is the daughter of Randy and Joy Anderson. She has three sisters Melody 29, Amanda 11 and Grace 3.

“My sister Melody is my role model,” Rachel said, “because she never let her personal problems stop her from achieving her goals.”

Rachel is very active in school. She is one of two senior girls who played on the girls’ varsity basketball team where she was nominated for the Wendy’s Heissman Award. She will compete in UIL tennis. Last year she advanced to Regionals in the singles event. In March, she will compete in UIL Literary Criticism and Social Studies. Rachel is the treasurer of the Itasca National Honor Society.

When Rachel is not busy with school or sports, she enjoys listening to music (preferably country and rock), reading Harry Potter, driving around in her 2000 Saturn, and playing tennis. Rachel is also active in church where her dad is the pastor.

“Itasca is great!” Rachel said, “It’s so much better than all the other schools I have attended.”

Rachel’s favorite teachers are Mrs. Weatherly, Mrs. McClure, and Mrs. Swilley. Her favorite class is “Trig” with Mr. Scott. Her favorite quote is “close the orifice on your anterior, medial cranial surface!” by none other than Mrs. Swilley.

Rachel has attended Itasca since her junior year and has loved every minute of it.

“I will never forget Mrs. Swilley-isms that you never understand the first time” Rachel said “and being one of Chad’s Chix during football season!”

Although she loves Itasca High, she realizes it is almost time to take the next big step.

“I am 98.257% ready to graduate,” Rachel said. “After I do graduate, I hope to attend Tarleton State University and become a teacher.”

Although Rachel is not fully ready to graduate, she has some advice she would like to hand down to the underclassmen.

“Do your best even when you don’t feel like it, because your grades come back to haunt you later.”



Senior Spotlight Victoria Jimenez

Photographer & Reporter Devin Corbitt
Caricature by Gabby Rivera



Victoria Lee Jimenez cannot wait for graduation. She has attended school in Itasca for nine years.

“I’m getting married on June 23, so I want graduation to hurry up and get here.”

Victoria’s goals for the future include finishing college and getting a high paying job. In ten years, she sees herself as being married and rich. She loves everything about herself. She describes herself as nice, truthful, and an angel.

“My pet peeve is annoying people. But, I do enjoy being with my friends. They don’t annoy me too often.”

During school, Victoria is involved in cross-country and track and field. In her spare time, she enjoys driving her Monte Carlo or just being around her fiancé and her friends.

“My friends are fun to be around and they’re easy to make fun of, especially Rosemary.”

Victoria was born on Veterans’ Day, November 11, in Dublin, Texas. Her parents are Reymundo and Laura Jimenez.

“I really love and admire my mommy and daddy,” Victoria said, “They are my role models.”

Although school is not a big priority at the moment, except to graduate from, Victoria does have a very important message to the underclassmen.

“Abstinent is the way to be!”



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Wampus Cats Make 2007 Play-off

The 11-2A District runner up Wampus Cats played the 14-2A Gunter Tigers in the Zebra Roundup Warm-Up Saturday, February 17, in Grandview. The play off preview gave the teams another practice game; this time against a team that had also made it to the playoffs.

The Itasca team lived up to their name, the Wampus Cats (the fiercest cat in the jungle), by beating the Tigers 71-54. The Cats continued to display the skills that have advanced them to the playoffs. Kendale Mayberry's unrelenting leadership led the team, as he set up plays, scored and assisted other players in scoring. Freshman Desmond Guy and Sophomore DeVeon Mayberry continued to polish their ball handling skills and management of the court as they gave Kendale a breather without disrupting the flow of the Cats' game.

Clayton Wienecke played well at both ends of the court, scoring or assisting and blocking numerous Tiger shots. Mikey Marshall and Dee Marshall also contributed with scores but their contributions under the basket in rebounds are part of the reasons the Cats have a 19-5 overall record and a 10-2 district record for the season. Another big factor in the Cats' awesome season is Tralyn Harden and his magic shot (when it is hot – it is sizzling). He put 26 points on the boards and did a great job of rebounding for the Cats.

Adding to Harden's 26 points were Desmond Guy 13, DeVeon Mayberry 11, Mikey Marshall 10, Clayton Wienecke 4, Dee Marshall 4 and Kendale Mayberry 3.

The Wampus Cats will meet the Dallas Life Fighting Lions (Oak Cliff) in the bi-district play off game in Midlothian on Wednesday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m. Time and place for future games will be posted on the Citizens State Bank's and Special Events Center's reader boards.



They Really do Award the Money

Reporter Ashley Durham



Teachers repetitively tell seniors to apply for scholarships online, but the seniors don't believe that they will receive any money. Itasca High's Autumn Bennett is proof that seniors who apply for scholarships online are rewarded.

She is the proud recipient a \$2,500 scholarship. She is one of only 112 high school seniors who are recognized as a Horatio Alger Texas Scholar. Autumn got the application from www.fastweb.com.

Horatio Alger Scholarships are awarded on the basis of a student's integrity, self-reliance, determination, and perseverance. Autumn shows all of those characteristics.

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Healthy Woman Announces Advisory Council, Sponsors

Press Release

The Healthy Woman program created by women for women is designed to be guided by an Advisory Council made up of area women. To date, Council members include Nelda Tidwell, Secretary to the Hill County Extension Office; JoAnn Gerik, Administration Assistant Nursing Department, Hill Regional Hospital; Paula Childre, Field Representative Woodmen of the World; Barbara Aydlett, Clinic Manager Family Diagnostic Medical Clinic; Barbara Petrash, Itasca High School teacher; Sharon Middlebrook, Executive Assistant the President of Hill College; Jamie Siddons, Julie Siddons Realtors; Susan Beck, Hill Regional Hospital Auxiliary President; Susan Crawford, Itasca High School; Gwen Evans, Mayor Whitney; Jill Hall, Callaway Insurance, Whitney; Debra Johnson, Whitney; Vivian Caldwell, Hillsboro, Vickie Terrell, Salon and Spa 933, Whitney; Jackie Suomi, Senior Circle Director; and Rosemary Smith, Marketing, Hill Regional Hospital.

This group of women have enthusiastically come aboard to promote and guide the inception of the Healthy Woman program, especially helping with the Kick-Off event scheduled for March 1 at the First United Methodist Church, 315 E. Elm, Hillsboro.

Funding for this event is provided through community involvement such as sponsorships, exhibitor booths, and door prizes. To date, Gold Sponsors are The Reporter/KHBR Radio; Silver Sponsors are Hill College, The Forum in Whitney, and Paw Print Press, Itasca. Bronze Sponsors are Citizens National Bank, Dr. Suzanne Jenkins, and Lane Bryant. Table Sponsors are Outreach Home Health, Park Plaza Nursing Home, Trinity Mission, HILCO, Curves-Hillsboro, Isagenix Distributor-Hillsboro, NuMed, Inc., Wal-Mart, Bridgeway Health Services, Prime Outlet Mall, Arbonne International, and Kelbeau Consulting, Inc. Businesses, groups or individuals wishing to come on board at any of these levels are encouraged to contact the Healthy Woman office. There are special benefits to the sponsors at each level of involvement.

The event begins with a Women's Health Expo with health and wellness information, health screenings, door prizes, and even a chance to do a little shopping with some of the vendors. The FREE Health Expo times are 5:00-6:30 pm. Beginning at 6:30, women will have an opportunity to have dinner at \$12.00 per person, followed by nationally known speaker, Dr. Suzanne Metzger. Entertainment during dinner will be harpist, Lorenzo Gonzalez, from the North Park Shopping Mall in Dallas.

Dinner is by reservations and tickets can be purchased at the Healthy Woman/Senior Circle office at Hill Regional Hospital. For further information, please call Becky Jones at 254-580-8887 at the Healthy Woman office.

Presidents' Day

Each year most government offices, local, state and federal, close the third Monday of February in observance of Presidents' Day. Until 1971, February 12 was observed as Lincoln's Birthday and February 22 as Washington's Birthday, but as more federal holidays were added, the two were combined.

Most Americans forget the reason for the holiday and just see it as another day to get out of school and go shopping. Recently Senior Paige Bailey gave a speech in class that is most appropriate for this holiday and hopefully will encourage some thought on American presidents, past, present and future.

What I Want a President to Be

Paige Bailey

Whenever I think of an American president, I get an image of a head silhouetted against an American flag, all lit up from behind. That sounds really corny, but to me, a president should be almost larger than life: pristine, well spoken, neatly-dressed, intelligent and attractive. Gender or race doesn't really matter to me, if he or she can personify all those qualities.

Above all, the president should keep the dignity of the United States spotlessly clean. Other countries see the executive as a symbol of a whole nation, and if he looks bad, all of us do. Bill Clinton and Richard Nixon were both fine examples of a president in some ways, but as far as morals were concerned, they were both severely lacking.

They should keep in touch with current issues and not be afraid to take risks and make changes, if it is in the best interest of the American people. Right now, for example, immigration and Iraq are two of the largest areas of controversy; twenty years from now, and even by the next election, all that will be different.

I believe that an American president should be Christian, but also tolerant of other religious and belief systems separate from their own. They must keep an open mind at all times, and try their hardest to make their judgment in the best interest of all.

Presidential power is one of the highest there is; the person wielding that authority should fully understand that.

Itasca Basketball Schedule

Games are played in the IISD junior high gym.

Pre-K & K Boys & Girls

- 1. Roseann Yanez
- 2. Ricky Salazar Jr
- 3. Tom Farquhar
- 4. Willie Jackson
- 5. Eric Markwardt
- 6. Jason Abbott

1st & 2nd Boys & Girls

- 7. Ricky Salazar Jr.
- 8. Dru Lacy
- 9. Bubba Handy
- 10. Jason Kirkpatrick
- 11. Willie Jackson

3rd & 4th Girls

- 12. Magdalena Marsh
- 13. Katy Prescott

3rd & 4th Boys

- 14. Tom Farquhar
- 15. Chris Taylor

5th & 6th Girls

- 16. GiGi Morgan
- 17. Brian Payne
- 18. Katy Prescott

5th & 6th Boys

- 19. Ricky Salazar Jr.
- 20. Brian Kelley
- 21. Ricky Salazar

February 24		March 3	
8:00	14 vs 15	8:00	8 vs 10
9:00	19 vs 21	9:00	7 vs 9
10:00	16 vs 18	10:00	2 vs 4
11:00	20 vs 21	11:00	1 vs 5
12:00	8 vs 11	12:00	3 vs 6
1:00	7 vs 10	1:00	12 vs 13
2:00	9 vs 11	2:00	19 vs 20
3:00	12 vs 13	3:00	17 vs 18
4:00	3 vs 5	4:00	14 vs 15
5:00	2 vs 6	5:00	16 vs 18
6:00	1 vs 4		
March 10			
8:00	16 vs 17	9:00	19 vs 20
10:00	17 vs 18	11:00	20 vs 21
12:00	14 vs 15	1:00	1 vs 6
2:00	2 vs 3	3:00	4 vs 5
4:00	7 vs 11	5:00	8 vs 9
6:00	7 vs 10	7:00	12 vs 13

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Students Aim for \$3,000 in 2007 Jump Rope for Heart

Press Release

Fourth and fifth graders at Itasca ISD are jumping at the chance to fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers. On March 23 at Itasca Elementary, the school will hold its annual Jump Rope for Heart event.

Students will jump rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association, which funds cardiovascular disease research and public and professional education programs.

Jump Rope For Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

The average heart beats 100,000 times each day. One of the best ways to take care of your heart is to make exercise a regular part of your everyday life. Jump Rope For Heart teaches elementary school students how exercise benefits the heart and shows students that volunteering can be fun and beneficial to the whole community. They learn they can make a difference by providing important community service and having a great time at this fun-filled family event.

Money raised by the event will go to fund potentially lifesaving research into heart and blood vessel diseases and educational and community programs. Please help our students help others. When a student asks you to be a sponsor, support Jump Rope For Heart with whatever you can afford to give. If you would like to help more, call your nearest American Heart Association office at or call 1-800-AHA-USA (1-800-242-8721).

The students will turn in their money and sponsor sheets on March 19. Please help them reach their goal

6th Grader Receives 2-Tri-Color Ribbons at County Fair



Megan Curtis, a sixth grader at Itasca Middle School brought home enough ribbons and awards to fill her cedar chest that won one of two tri-color ribbons at this year's Hill County Fair.

She competed in the 5th - 8th grade category and received a tri-color for her afghan and

another for her cedar chest. Megan also received four 1st place ribbons, four 2nd place ribbons and three 3rd place ribbons in the home economics division of the fair.

Lady Cats 2007 Softball Schedule

February 23	Waco VG	Here 4:00 p.m.
27	Covington	Here 4:30 p.m.
March 2-3	Itasca Tournament	
5	Maypearl	Here 4:30 p.m.
8-10	Wortham Tournament	
20	*Grandview	There 4:30 p.m.
23	*Hico	Here 4:30 p.m.
27	*Rio Vista	There 4:30 p.m.
30	*Dublin	Here 4:30 p.m.
April 3	*Maypearl	There 4:30 p.m.
5	*Grandview	Here 4:30 p.m.
9	*Hico	There 4:30 p.m.
13	*Rio Vista	Here 4:30 p.m.
20	*Dublin	There 4:30 p.m.

**District Games - Head Softball Coach: Larry Maddox - Assistant Softball Coach: Gerri Lawyer
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Cinco de Mayo Booth Application

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

We must have a good contact number.

All outside spaces are \$30.00 without electricity & \$40.00 with electricity (1 16 gauge cord) - Each additional cord will be \$10.00

of Spaces Needed

_____ with electricity _____ without electricity

Type of merchandise _____

(If you will be selling food please indicate what type of food, as we will have a food court again this year & we want our vendors to profit from this event.)

Spaces are 6 x 12

Trailer Tent Concession Stand (2 tables max)

Length _____ Width _____

If you will be staying for the street dance, there will be an additional charge of \$15.00. Two people per stand will be allowed, all others in your group must pay to stay for the dance, even if they are helping in your stand. Only two free tickets per stand will be given, even if you have 2 or more booth spaces. Booth stands for the dance are on a first come, first serve basis. You must pay for your booth entry by the deadline of April 30, 2007.

No exceptions!

Daytime Booth only _____ Day & Night Booth _____

Please return this application & fee to:

Booth Application, % Itasca Cinco de Mayo

P O Box 345, Itasca, TX 76055

Application & money must be received in full no later than April 30, 2007 to secure your place. No exceptions.

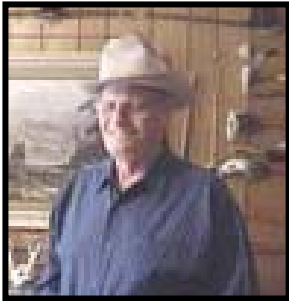


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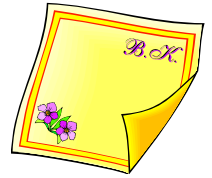
Do You Remember . . . ? – “The Handkerchief”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



Back during earlier days and even through World War 2 fashion was not a priority. The ladies had to feed, clothe, wash and cook and many other everyday things, and there was little inclination or need for fancy clothes.

They couldn't jump into the model “T” or a wagon and dash into town to buy a knit shirt, perma-press pants or other items of ready-made clothing. Most of it was done by hand and treadle sewing machines with material ordered from Sears and Roebuck or from feed sacks. About the only time they dressed up was to go to church or a funeral.



Some of the ladies in town wore fancy clothes, hats and gloves to various events such as the Ruskin club, the 42 club, the Eastern Star, or maybe to Dallas or Fort Worth to a theatre.

However, the ladies everywhere did have a special accessory that served practical needs as well as adding a little flair to their dress. It was a small thing, but it added much to the dress and well-being. It was a nine or ten inch square cloth called a handkerchief. It was often made of linen or other fine cloth such as silk, with lace and other decorations, crochet, or tatted lace. One would think the object would be put to more practical use as Webster says “a small cloth used for wiping the nose,” etc. Not this one, we had another pocket with a more common one for that.

The little square could be used to cover the lady's head for church going, for cleaning eye glasses, and one was always carried to funerals even though tears might not be forthcoming, more likely it was used to dab perspiration before the days of air-conditioning.

I remember our mothers using spit and the handkerchief to clean a smudge on our face. The young girls also carried them, but for more practical uses than an accessory. They did not carry purses, so the handkerchief was put in a pocket if there was one, or tucked into the sleeve above the hand. Mother sometimes tied a coin in the corner of a young girl's hankie for safekeeping. Also during recess at school, we played a game called “drop the handkerchief.”

I am sure most of you ladies remember a simpler time when if a young lady was interested in a certain young man, she would discreetly drop her handkerchief, making sure, he was aware of it. Of course, he would pick it up for her, and a conversation began. The boys used what was called “a line,” and the girls used the handkerchief.

After World War II, we began to modify handkerchiefs somewhat; they began to have patterns and were not always square. Some were colorful with even scenes of states, etc. Handkerchiefs probably were one of the most popular all time gifts women received. One of the most popular was monogrammed, including men's. Often women stored them in lace-trimmed boxes with perfumed sachets inside. Quite often, when a lady wore a blouse with a pocket, or a tailored coat, there was a decorative hankie in the pocket-for contrast or decoration. Men have almost invariably used a coat pocket-handkerchief for this purpose, and it continues today.

Another use for handkerchiefs was to make quilt tops, especially when it was no longer popular. There are some beautiful old antique quilts made from fancy handkerchiefs, and they are quite valuable today.

There was another kerchief that comes to mind. They were used in earlier times. It was the bandana. Webster says, “it was a large scarf for the head,” but we know it was much more than that. In fact, it was more versatile than the common hankie. The bandana probably originated in the Latin countries. The Vaquero used it extensively. Our cowboys made the bandana popular in our country. They wore it around the neck to keep out the dust while working cattle, or on trail drives to mop the sweat from the brow, to secure a splint for a broken arm or leg, as a wash rag when cleaning up in the creek, or even worn around the shoulders with the chambray shirt and blue jeans, to church or other social functions. The Latin ladies also used the bandana for an accessory to their dress.

When the cleansing tissue came into being the handkerchief faded out of the picture, even though they are gone, those old fancy handkerchiefs will always have a special place in our hearts and memories.

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