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IHS Takes 1st, 2nd & 3rd at District UIL Debate



Reporter Megan Goff
Photo by Mowana Staff

Left to right – Timekeepers Mary Maddox, Paige Bailey, and Hunter Laird. Second row – Devin Corbitt, Isai Coronado and Zac Johnson. Back row – Nick Worth, Jake Key, Megan Goff and Tim Baker.

Three excited debate teams chattered about the rounds they had just won as they walked into Chilis' to enjoy a victory dinner.

"Why are y'all all dressed up?" The greeter asked.

"We're debaters." The members boasted.

The answer came from six members of the three cross-examination debate teams who had just competed in the district meet at Hill College in Cleburne and overpowered all of the other competition.

Taking first was the team of Juniors Isai Coronado and Tim Baker. Coronado has had three years of experience and Baker now has one. Second place went to Freshmen Devin Corbitt and Megan Goff, both first year debaters. Receiving third were Juniors Nick Worth and Jake Key who both have three years of experience and placed fourth at last years competition. Itasca also brought home the team trophy.

"I'm just glad we beat Jake and Nick." Baker said.

To determine the winners, Itasca had to debate other Itasca debaters, which pitted the two junior teams against each other.

"Megan and I did better than we expected as freshmen," Corbitt said. "We are so excited to be going to state."

The teams began preparing for the meet during the first month of the school year. They practiced at multiple invitational meets throughout the year. Each team is required to debated at least fifteen rounds before the district meet.

"Our debaters were ready this year," Debate Coach Ms. Janet Gordon said. "They had given up many Saturdays to go to invitationals. This self-sacrifice is what made them winners."

Anna Miller was the director of the contest with the assistance of Susan Corbitt. Richard Capp was in charge of the bracketing.

First and second place teams advance to the State UIL Meet in Austin on March 11-13. There will be sixty teams in the 2-A category all competing for the state champion title.

Ten Inducted into National Honor Society



Left to right – Anita Ponce, Pilar Baskett, Chelsea Minyard, Elizabeth Bennett, Tim Earhart, Sarah Evans, Susie May, Marie Worth, Viddy Reyes and Chelsea Rodriguez.

The INHS held its annual induction on February 13, 2007. Welcoming the ten new members were twenty-five 2006 members.

In order to be considered for NHS membership, a student must have a GPA of 88 or above and receive a rating of 3.0 or better on the faculty's evaluation. The nominees are rated on service, leadership, scholarship and character. Students are not eligible to be nominated until the second semester of their sophomore year.

See pages 6, 7 & 8 for individual pictures & bios.

Grandview Chamber Honors Oscar L. Wilkison as Hall of Fame Recipient

Press Release – Photo from Grandview Tribune

On February 8, 2007, the Greater Grandview Chamber of Commerce honored life-long resident, Oscar Lee Wilkison by placing him in the Grandview Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame award is given to someone who is civic minded and served their community by giving their time and effort for the betterment of Grandview. Hall of Fame recipients are chosen for their long-term leadership and positive influence.

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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 Gospel Concert

First Baptist Church will be hosting gospel singer Ronnie Warren in concert on Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m., with dinner to follow. It will be a night, not just of entertainment, but of worship as the Lord is honored through song. For more information, or to link to Bro. Ronnie's website, visit us at www.fbcitasca.org. Hope to see you there.

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? Gospel Meeting

Speaker - Brother Jason Rollo
 Friday & Saturday, March 23 & 24, 7:00 pm
 Sunday, March 25, 10:45 am & 6:00 pm
 Itasca Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla

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

March 5 7:00 p.m.
 IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

March 26, 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

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 2 - Wampus Cat Baseball vs. Avalon - Here 4:30 p.m.

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

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

March 5 - IISD Board of Trustees - 7: p.m. IISD Administration Office

March 6 - Junior High Track Meet - Grandview

March 7 - Wampus Cats' Baseball vs. Hubbard - Here 4:30 p.m.

March 8-10 - Lady Cats' Wortham Softball Tournament

March 10 - Wampus Cats' Baseball vs. Tolar - Here 11:00 p.m.

March 10 - Little Dribblers Basketball games - Ages Pre-K -6th grade - IISD old gym 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Admission free - Final games

March 12 - March 16 - Spring Break

March 19 - City Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m. - Municipal Court Building

March 20 - Wampus Cats' Baseball & Lady Cats' Softball vs. Grandview - District game - There 4:30 p.m.

March 22 - Junior High Track Meet - Maypearl

March 23 - Wampus Cats' Baseball & Lady Cats' Softball vs. Hico - District game - Here 4:30 p.m.

Grandview Chamber Honors Oscar Lee Wilkison

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Nita Redmon, member of the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce and owner of Pop & Gran's Antiques and More was given the honor of presenting this award. During her introduction, she told the audience how grateful she was to be able to introduce this man. She said she met Mr. Wilkison and his wife, Mary Anne during the course of purchasing the historic Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank, located in downtown Grandview, from the Wilkison family. Ms. Redmon stated she quickly learned a great deal about the history of Grandview and that she began to have a great appreciation for the community she had chosen to call home. Mr. Wilkison shared many interesting and humorous stories detailing significant happenings over the years during the time he worked and lived in this community.

Mr. Wilkison has called Grandview home his entire life only leaving to earn his degree at the University of Texas at Austin and to serve in the Navy. Through the course of his life, he's been a rancher and active city leader. He has served on the Grandview City Council, been a member of the Water Board of Johnson County, served 20 years on the Grandview School Board and donated 20 years of service to the Volunteer Fire Department. He spent 25 years working with the

Johnson County Livestock Show where his two children, John and Anne, enjoyed fierce competition.

Mr. Wilkison's roots go deep in both Johnson and Hill County. He comes from a family of leaders with strong work ethic and success stories. His Grandfather and Great Grandfather on his Mother's side were prominent businessmen during the late 19th and early 20th century. F.M. Files was a landowner and Banker in the area. The Files family donated a portion of land and provided financial assistance in order to establish the Presbyterian Children's Home located in the community of Files Valley, just a few miles south of Grandview. The Children's Home is still in operation today. Mr. Wilkison's ancestors settled a large part of the area around Grandview.

Mr. Wilkison's paternal Grandfather owned and operated many businesses in Grandview. O.L. Wilkison built the string of historic buildings in downtown Grandview on the south side of East Criner Street. He worked with his son, Cad T. Wilkison and built the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank. Next door, they built a movie theater and then the post office. The movie theater is now a flower shop and video rental store and the old post office now houses City Hall. In addition, the Wilkison's owned and operated Wilkison Lumber Company. Upon the consolidation of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank with the First State Bank of Grandview, they converted the Bank building into the Wilkison Chevrolet Dealership, which operated until the 1960's.

Many will remember attending numerous Boy Scout meetings held at the old Bank conducted by none other than Mr. Oscar Lee Wilkison.

He's a husband, father, grandfather, rancher and businessman. He has served our community well. Mr. Wilkison has built a strong base for Grandview to grow on and we are grateful for his leadership and service to our town.

Many thanks and congratulations go to Mr. Oscar Lee Wilkison and his family!

Kenneth E. Foster & Sandra N. Foster Scholarship Banquet to Honor Recipients

Press Release

Administrators of the Foster Scholarships have announced that a banquet honoring the Hill County girl and boy picked to receive the scholarships will be held May 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Midlothian. The scholarships are open only to black seniors in Hill County. A number of speakers will be on hand to help honor the students. A donation of \$10 or more will be requested for tickets. They will go on sale April 16, 2007.

Reward Lost Dog

Sandy red male Cocker Spaniel, 5 months old, answers to the name of Rusty. Has collar with no identification. Last seen on Sunday February 18, on FM 934. Reward \$150.00. Please call Judy Crumpacker 972 493-3662 or 214 232-1375.

For Sale

2 lots on 310 Mark St. in
Hillsboro, Texas
Call 254-659-7025 after 4 p.m.

Senior Spotlight Lauryn Laskowski

Reporter Devin Corbitt
Caricature by Gabby Rivera



“If the teachers pick on you, they care. If they stop, then you should worry,” Lauryn Laskowski advised her underclassmen.

Lauryn has lots of favorites including Ag teacher Mr. Bill Nickell,

Mrs. Melissa Wilson as one of the people who have made a big difference in her life, favorite movie star Pierce Bronson, favorite book “The Guardian Angel” and watching hockey.

“I said watching not playing. Me? Play a sport...Ha! Does watching movies count? Or maybe reading?”

Outside of school, Lauryn is employed as a server at IHOP in Hillsboro and is active in the Chambers Creek Baptist Church in Grandview.

Lauryn describes herself as unique, outgoing and caring. She explains that her emotions are part of her uniqueness. Her hobbies include sleeping, singing and just being strange.

“I’ll do and say random things to make someone smile.”

Although Lauryn is enjoying her senior year, she is ready to graduate. After the graduation, Lauryn plans on working on a cruise ship as a masseuse. She would also like to be an entertainer on the ship.

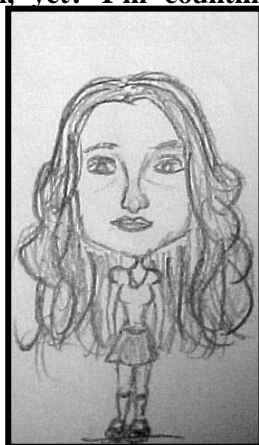
“Is it time for graduation, yet? I’m counting down the days until I leave.”

Lauryn’s parents are Tamie and David Barron and Matthew Laskowski. She has four brothers, Beau, 10, Noah, 5, Jonah, 4, and one deceased, Brian. She also has two sisters, Kadie, 19, and Melissa, 8.

“My family is unique because it’s big and loud and we all have different colors of hair,” Lauryn said.

There are some words that Lauryn thinks that are worth passing on to adults as well as students.

“The greatest gift is just to love and be loved in return, so just live and love.”



Senior Spotlight–Kandis McVea

Reporter Sarah Evans
Caricature by Gabby Rivera



“I would describe myself as honest, trustworthy and outgoing,” Senior Kandis McVea said.

17-year-old Kandis is the daughter of Deric and Kandy McVea. She has two brothers Kelvin-16, and Dada 14, and one older sister Dee Dee-19.

“One thing I will always remember about Itasca” Kandis said “is the drama and my friends.”

Kandis has attended Itasca School “Forever” and said she is very ready to graduate.

“After I do graduate,” Kandis said, “I plan to go to college and become an LVN.”

When Kandis is not at school, she enjoys watching TV and eating. Her favorite book is “Message in a Bottle” and she loves watching the Dallas Mavericks play.

This year her favorite class is library aide and her favorite teachers are Mrs. Hennig and Mr. Scott.

“My motto is ‘Live life the fullest,’ which underclassmen would do well to heed, but my advice to them concerning school is stay out of trouble and do your best.”



We Need a Home!

Two year old red merle female Australian Shepard looking for a home (has ASCA papers). \$65 adoption fee to help cover the cost of her sterilization.



Pure bred female Bloodhound named Duchess (picture attached). Needs to be spayed. Seeking adoption fee of \$200 -\$300 for her since Bloodhounds

are rare and Duchess comes from working lines. Donated fee will cover cost of sterilization and to Paw Pals. She would make a great search and rescue dog.

If interested, please contact Cherie at 694-7652 or cherieluttrell@hotmail.com P.S. Paw Pals ADOPTION DAY - Saturday, April 7 at Tractor Supply in Hillsboro.

Wampus Cats' Basketball Season Ends

The Wampus Cats met the Dallas Life Lions in the bi-district play off game in Midlothian on Wednesday, February 21.

The Wampus Cats played hard until the final buzzer. During the third quarter, the Cats held a 14 point led but it quickly faded away as #20 of the Lions got hot and begin to sink 3 pointers. The Cats were unable to shut him down and at the final buzzer, a three pointer made by Dallas Life ended the Cats' season. The final score was 78-75.

It was ironic that the first play-off game Senior Kendale Mayberry played as a freshman was against Dallas Life in 2004 and his last game as a senior was against the same team.

In the 2004 game, Joey O'Hearn sunk a free throw at the buzzer to win the game by one point.

Mayberry and fellow senior Jesus Soto will be missed next year.

Itasca Softball Tournament March 2 & 3, 2007

Team 1 -- Meridian Yellow Jackets
Team 2 -- Itasca Lady Wampus Cats
Team 3 -- Waco Vanguard Vikings
Team 4 -- Kopperl

Games will be played on two fields.

Friday, March 2, 4:00 p.m.

Team 2 -vs.- Team 4 --Field 1

Team 1 -vs.- Team 3 --Field 2

Saturday, March 3rd 10:00 a.m.

Team 1 -vs.- Team 4 --Field 2

Team 2 -vs.- Team 3 --Field 1

Saturday, March 3rd 12:00 p.m.

Team 1 -vs.- Team 2 --Field 1

Team 3 -vs.- Team 4 --Field 2

1 hour, 30 minute time limits finish the inning. Tournament winners will be determined by: Win-Lose record.

Two teams tied in percentage for first place: the team that defeated the other in head-to-head competition will be the winner. The other team will be the runner-up.

Three teams tied in percentage for first place: Step 1) Add points scored against all teams involved. The team with the least points scored against wins. Step 2) if a tie still remains add points scored by each team to determine the winner. Step 3) if tie remains, flip a coin.

Wampus Cats Baseball Schedule

March 2	Avalon	Home	4:30 p.m.
7	Hubbard	Home	4:30 p.m.
10	Tolar	Home	11:00 a.m.
20	*Grandview	There	4:30 p.m.
23	*Hico	Home	4:30 p.m.
27	*Rio Vista	There	4:30 p.m.
30	*Dublin	Home	4:30 p.m.
April 3	*Maypearl	Home	4:30 p.m.
5	*Grandview	Home	4:30 p.m.
9	*Hico	There	4:30 p.m.
13	*Rio Vista	Home	4:30 p.m.
20	*Dublin	There	4:30 p.m.
24	*Maypearl	There	4:30 p.m.

*District Games - Coaches: Craig Horn & Fred Dakan
254-687-2922 Ext. 160

Lady Cats 2007 Softball Schedule

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

254-687-2922 Ext. 124 email: lmaddox@itasca.k12.tx.us

2007 Track Schelude

March 6	Junior High	Grandview
22	Junior High	Maypearl
24	High School	Maypearl
27	Junior High	Venus
28	High School	Crawford
April 5	Junior High District	Hico
10 & 12	High School District	Hico

For Sale

Registered Arabian 5 year old Sorrel \$2,5000
Broke – Can ride with a halter 254-640-0299

For Rent:

2 Bedroom 2 Bath mobile home in Files Valley \$475.per month/ Call 682-552-5483

For Sale - Golf Cart w/Cover
Batteries only 1 year old with charger
214-557-4082

2007 National Honor Society Induction

Chelsea Minyard



Chelsea, a senior, is the daughter of Drew and Rena Minyard. During her freshman year, she played in the band, was a member of FFA, showed her goats and was on the FFA judging team.

In her sophomore year, Chelsea was a member of the band, played softball,

and was a member of the cross-country team.

During her junior year, she played in the band, was in the UIL One-Act play, and a member of the Science Club. This year Chelsea is Scratches, the Wampus Cat mascot, a member of the band, and on the yearbook staff.

Anita Ponce



Anita, a senior, is the daughter of Anita Ponce and Crencio Andrade. During her freshman year, Anita played in the band, and was an active member of the FFA. She went to Greenhand camp, received the Greenhand degree, earned a certificate of merit for dairy judging,

received the Floriculture award and showed her sheep at the fair.

Anita continued to be active in FFA during her sophomore year. She was the FFA Sentinel, a Star Chapter Farmer, showed a pig and received the Proficiency Award for swine production.

During her junior year, Anita was FFA Vice-President, was District 2nd place in Dairy Food, showed a goat at the fair, served as a volunteer for the Heart Association, the MDA Lock-up and helped at a Baylor track meet.

This year Anita is the Itasca FFA president, a Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo Sweetheart and she showed her goat at the fair. She continues to be an active volunteer working at the Itasca Fire Department, the Dr. Pepper Museum and the MDA Lock-up. Anita was chosen to present a speech at the Waco Veteran's Day Flag Burning Ceremony.

Pilar Baskett



Pilar, a sophomore, is the daughter of Burney and Michelle Baskett. During her freshman year, she was a member of band and received the Outstanding Marcher Award, won 1st place at the Hill County Fair for her chocolate chip cookies, was chosen as a Who's Who

among American High School Students, was a member of the track team and a member of the softball team.

This year Pilar, she is a member of band, received the Outstanding Marcher Award and is on the UIL Headline Writing Team.

Elizabeth Bennett



Elizabeth, a sophomore, is the daughter of Amanda and Carl Bennett. During her freshman year, Elizabeth was an A-B Honor roll student, and was involved in Academics UIL in Literary Criticism where she was on the Regional Qualifying team. She received a Com-

mended in reading on the TAKS test, and was an Outstanding Social Studies student awardee.

This year she is an active member of FFA, continues to be on the A-B Honor Roll, and is a participant in UIL Literary Criticism and UIL Social Studies.

Timothy Earhart



Timothy, the son of Dr. James and Clare Earhart, is a sophomore. During his freshman year he was on the A Honor roll every six weeks for the whole year. He is a member of Central Baptist Church in Hillsboro where he is an active member of the youth group.

This year is Timothy's first year as an Itasca Wampus Cat. He is continuing to make high grades and is getting involved in activities at Itasca High School.

Sarah Evans



Sarah, a sophomore, is the daughter of Richard and Melissa Wilson. During her freshman year Sarah was a member of the marching and concert bands and played at Carnegie Hall in New York. She was class vice-president and a member of the Student Council. In UIL, she participated in LD debate and

was One-Act Play manager where she received the Outstanding Stage Manager Award.

This year, Sarah is a member of the marching and concert band, class vice-president, Student Council treasurer, Paw Print Press reporter, and on the UIL Feature Writing and News Writing teams.

Susie May



Susie, a sophomore, is the daughter of Raymond May and Kathy Cadena. During her freshman year Susie was a member of the band and played at Carnegie Hall in New York. She took honors classes and participated in UIL poetry.

This year she continues to take honors classes, is a varsity cheerleader, a member of the band, on the yearbook staff and

competes in UIL Poetry.

Viddy Reyes



Viddy, a sophomore, is the daughter of Esteban and Angela Cruz. During her freshman year Viddy was a member of the band and she played her clarinet at Carnegie Hall in New York. In UIL Academics she won 4th place in Editorial Writing and was an alternate at Regional Competition. Viddy participated in the Relay for Life.

This year she is a member of the band, a Paw Print Press staff member, and participates in UIL Editorial Writing.

Chelsea Rodriguez



Chelsea, a sophomore, is the daughter of Abel and Sylvia Rodriguez. During her freshman year she was a member of the band and performed at Carnegie Hall in New York. Chelsea was a UIL One-Act Play crewmember and received a Best

Crew Award. She was chosen to attend the John Ben Shephard Leadership Conference, was a class Student Council Representative, was a Cinco de Mayo Folklorico dancer and participated in the Relay for Life.

This year Chelsea was chosen for the National Honor Roll, is a class Student Council Representative, a member of the band, and is on the UIL Spelling team.

Maria Worth



Maria, a sophomore, is the daughter of Nalya Mata. During her freshman year Maria was a member of the honor marching and concert bands and received a Best Freshman Marcher Award. She played her baritone on stage at Carnegie Hall in New York.

She was an active member of Student Council and was President of the freshman class. She was an A Honor roll student and competed in UIL Calculators, Spelling, and One-Act Play. She received Outstanding Student awards in Honors Algebra I, Science and English. In athletics, Maria competed in track and was 2nd place in District and was a Regional qualifier in pole vaulting. She was a member of the Central Baptist Church of Itasca Mission team to Mexico during the summer.

This year Maria continues to be an A Honor Roll student, is 1st chair baritone in the band where she is a drill sergeant, and competes in UIL Academics Number Sense, Calculators, Science and One-Act Play.

Support 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 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. Students must turn in their money on March 19.

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.

Hill County Genealogical Society

Press Release

Mr. Jack Carlton of Cleburne, noted historian, columnist and author, will be the guest speaker at the Hill County Genealogical Society on Monday evening, March 5th, in Hillsboro. The program will begin at 6:30 pm and refreshments will be served following the program. The society meets in the Hill County Courthouse Annex at 126 South Covington Street in the dining room of the Texas Agriculture Extension Office. Guests are welcome.

A new effort is being pursued to develop the Kimball townsite in Bosque County by the newly formed Lone Star Chisholm Trail Foundation, of which Mr. Carlson is a member. This town was at a major crossing on the Brazos River for the Chisholm Trail entering into Hill and Johnson Counties. Today this part of Lake Whitney is a popular water skiing area. Mr. Carlson is also a noted authority on the pioneer Philip Nolan who is believed to be buried near the Nolan River in Hill County. Mr. Carlson has many "tales to tell!"

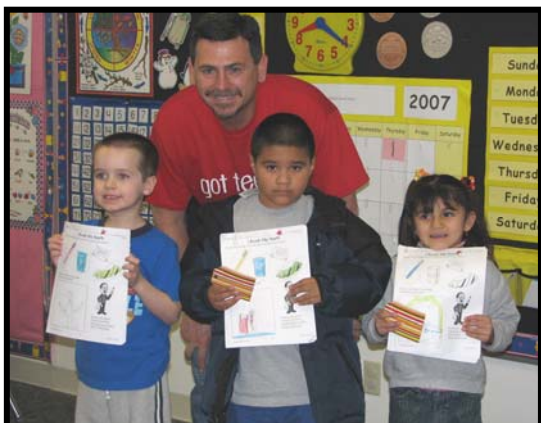
The Hill County Genealogical Society meets on the first Monday of each month unless the Monday is a holiday and then the meeting is usually the second Monday. Membership is open to anyone interested in history and genealogy. A second volume of family histories is now being assembled. For further information please call Cleo Young Davis, Vice President and Program Chairman, at 254-582-3603. .

Itasca Basketball Schedule

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Roseann Yanez | 7. Ricky Salazar Jr. |
| 2. Ricky Salazar Jr | 8. Dru Lacy |
| 3. Tom Farquhar | 9. Bubba Handy |
| 4. Willie Jackson | 10. Jason Kirkpatrick |
| 5. Eric Markwardt | 11. Willie Jackson |
| 6. Jason Abbott | 12. Magdalena Marsh |
| 14. Tom Farquhar | 13. Katy Prescott |
| 15. Chris Taylor | 16. Courtney Phillips |
| 9. R. Salazar Jr. | 17. Brian Payne |
| 20. Brian Kelley | 18. Katy Prescott |
| 21. Ricky Salazar | |

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

Kindergarten Gets a Visit from the Dentist



Reporter Megan Goff

Receiving McDonald gift cards were (left to right) Travis Giles, John Thomas Cardona and Lupita Gobellan.

“We got a toothbrush, a sticker and gum,” Kindergarten Sophie Hennig said about the visit the class received from the dentist last month.

The toothbrush and other items needed for good dental hygiene were given to all of Mrs. Atkins’, Ms. Cole’s and Mrs. Parker’s kindergarten classes when Dr. Michael Grier from Grandview, met with them.

Grier, his wife Julie and Hygienist Donielle Hernandez taught the students how important it is for them to brush their teeth so they will have pearly white teeth. Flossing and other healthy dental habits were taught in a fun, exciting experience for the kindergartners.

The students watched a video about a dragon that had bad habits about brushing his teeth and cavities because he did not take care of them. He also had bad dragon breath.

“He needed to brush his teeth to make them better,” Sophie said. “I am going to brush good so I don’t have cavities and dragon breath.”

The students had studied dental health and teeth the week before and Dr. Grier was the guest judge for their drawings of good dental habits. He presented the three winners (one from each kindergarten class) a gift card to McDonalds.

Dr. Michael Grier’s office in Grandview, Grin-View Smiles, offers general dentistry and orthodontic services.

Quilt Raffle Benefits Relay For Life

Press Release



Team members from The Flock display the quilt to be raffled on March 30 to raise money for the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life event. From left, Kent Smith, Louise Wilson, Debbie Whitson, Carol Upchurch, Karla Clay, and Debbie Cole.

The quilt pictured above is being raffled to benefit the 2007 Hill County Relay For Life event in May. The heirloom piece was hand crafted and donated by Carol Upchurch of Itasca.

The quilt raffle is sponsored by The Flock, a group of volunteers who have conducted other fundraisers this year for Relay For Life. Raffle tickets may be purchased from any Flock team member for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on March 30, 2007. For more information, call 254-687-2331.

The Relay For Life event will be held May 18-19 at Patton Field at the Itasca school. The annual event is the American Cancer Society’s signature team event vital to the Society’s fight against cancer. It is a community-based celebration of life and survivorship. Teams of volunteers, including local businesses, friends, families, hospitals, churches and clubs, gather to take turns walking, jogging, or running laps at the overnight event. Admission is free.

Itasca Cinco de Mayo - Queen & Duchess

Open to all single girls ages 4 – 12 Duchess & 13 – 18 Queen
Contestants will raise money for votes. Each penny equals one vote
The contestant with the most votes (money raised) will be crowned
All contestants will be presented on stage the day of the celebration
All contestants will be required to decorate a vehicle for the parade
Crowning will be held at the dance the night of celebration at 9:30 p.m.
Winners will be required to be present at all Cinco de Mayo functions
The Royal Courts first order of business will be the presentation of Scholarships at the Itasca High School Awards Ceremony

To Enter Please Submit the Following:

Name _____ Age _____
Parents Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
Phone# _____ Email Address _____ (optional)

*Please attach a personal summary of Education, Hobbies, Organizations, Etc. Please include a photo (will not be returned) along with this form to:

ROYAL COURT - C/O CINCO DE MAYO
P.O. BOX 345
ITASCA, TX 76055

Deadline for Application: March 16, 2007. For Further Information, Leave a Message for Gloria @ 817-648-4667

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123 N. College
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Wampus Cat of the Week – Brian Kelley

Reporter Mary Maddox



This week's special Wampus Cat is Brian Kelley. He is being honored for his work with the young people of the community, especially the Itasca Little Dribblers. He has served as coordinator for the group for over 10 years.

His children Nicole and Brandon are the reason he took the job many years ago. It has been an opportunity for him to spend more time with his children, but sometimes that is a negative. Each Saturday during the season, he is at the gym from before 8:00 a.m. when the first game begins to after 6:00 p.m. when the last one ends. Not only does he coach a couple of teams, he refs most of the games.

Kelley's wife, Missy has been supportive throughout the years. She is especially proud that he has stuck with something that he enjoys.

"I know he loves it." Missy Kelley said. "Not only has he loved being able to coach his children, he just loves spending time with all the other children."

Itasca thanks Brian for being involved in so many different events that serve the young people of Itasca, especially the Little Dribblers.

Special of the Week



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Wampus Cat Double meat - \$3.25 w/cheese - \$3.50

**Hill County Paw Pals
Recycling Cans to Save Lives**

Press Release

First Tuesday of each month
Low Cost Sterilization/Vaccination Clinic
Court Old Wal-Mart Building
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Support this project by saving your aluminum cans.
For more information about Paw Pals call 580-0679 or email hcpawpals@yahoo.com.

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Puppies Needing a Home



These four puppies were not even weaned and were mercilessly "dumped" in a rural area of Whitney. They were all abandoned in a road side ditch and left to end their innocent lives with horrific deaths--skinned alive and eaten by coyotes, road kill, disease, hunger, or thirst. "Dumping" is a violation of Texas Animal Cruelty Act (Penal Code 42.09 in Texas Criminal Law) and is a Class A Misdemeanor punishable with up to \$4,000 fine and/or a year in jail. These puppies were found nearly starved to death by a Good Samaritan and are now being fostered by a Paw Pals' volunteer. They are currently not in the best of health because they were near starved to death. They were covered with ticks and fleas. They are presently shy and still frightened from their ordeal but they are receiving the best of care from Cherie and her family. They have been wormed and given their puppy shots. They look to be Aussie and Lab mix. One of the three males is light brown with greenish blue eyes and white paws and has a tail. Another male is black with a tail and one male is brown and black with a tail too. The two females are pure black; one with a tail one without. If you can provide a loving home for any of these puppies, please call Cherie at 694-7652 or email cherieluttrell@hotmail.com

As with Paw Pals' policy, an adoption fee of \$65 will be required to cover the cost of sterilization and vaccinations.

Waco Community Band



Press Release

The Hill College Performing Arts Series will present the Waco Community Band in our final season concert of "March March Madness," Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center on the Hillsboro Campus. The band will perform an energetic program of marches that are sure to be enjoyed by all.

The stated mission of the Waco Community Band is "to promote music and its enjoyment throughout Central Texas; to provide an opportunity for amateur and professional musicians to fulfill their souls and to bring new music of high artistic integrity to the community while at the same time preserving the rich repertoire of the past."

As always, admission is free and open to the public. A reception following the program will be provided by the Hillsboro Rotary 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.