

# Paw Print Press

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## Dr. Sally Ride Works to Inspire Love of Science

Submitted by Mrs. Sally Crouch



Convention attendees of the 28th Annual Texas Computer Education Association's annual convention "discovered their destination" with Dr. Sally Ride, former NASA shuttle astronaut and mission specialist. Dr. Ride, opening keynote speaker for the convention, was America's first woman in space and a member of the Challenger crew on two flights. One of 8,000 non-pilot and non-military applicants for the first round of shuttle flights, she was among the 35 chosen. At that time she was working on her doctorate in astrophysics at Stanford University.

Dr. Ride shared photos from her Shuttle trips as she talked about the need for stronger science, math and technology education in the U.S. Science and Technology drive our economy and the U.S. has lost its educational advantage. Continued on page 3.

## Hill County Ag Youth Annual Meeting Set

Press Release from *The Reporter*

The annual meeting of Hill County Ag Youth, Inc. will be held Thursday, March 6, in Hillsboro.

Doors will open at the Hill County Courthouse Covington Street Annex at 6 p.m. and the meeting will get underway at 7 p.m. in the extension meeting room.

An election of a board member from each of the justice of the peace precincts in the county will be conducted.

Annual Ag Youth dues are \$10 per person, which gives the member a vote in the election. Dues will be collected prior to the start of the meeting. In addition to the election, the dates, rules and regulations for the 2009 Hill County Fair will be set. The public is invited to attend.

## Seventeen Inductees Take National Honor Society Oath



Two juniors and fifteen sophomores smiled brightly as they signed the IHS National Honor Society Scrapbook and received their certificate and pin from IHS Principal Rickie Harris at the annual induction on February 25.

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.

Officers for 2007-08 are 1st row (l to r) Vice President Kristen Rivera and President Isai Coronado. Back row (l to r) Secretary Chelsea Rodriguez, Treasurer Timothy Earhart and Historian Pilar Baskett.

See pages 7, 8 & 9 for individual pictures, bios & officers.



Regional Quarterfinalist  
Itasca Wampus Cats  
lost to  
#2 state ranked  
Ponder Lions  
46-57

## Churches of Itasca

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

### Central Baptist Church

Sunday: Praise and Worship 9:00 a.m.

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

R.A.'s & G.A.'s (1st-6th) - Youth (7th-12th) 5:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 10:45-12:15 p.m.

Wednesday - Supper 6:00 p.m. (\$2.00 ea. w/\$10.00 max/family) Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Youth (7th-12th) 7:00 - Kids' Choir 7:00 p.m.

website - itascacbc.org

### First United Methodist Church

Come join us in our beautiful, historic sanctuary, where worship is a joyous celebration. Main at King St.

Rev. Tom Wood, Pastor Worship 10:50 a.m.

254-687-2475

### Itasca Church of Christ

I heard of the death of a well-known person who practiced an Eastern religion. My thoughts went to "how Sad it is his life ended, and now he will stand before God to give an account of his life." My thoughts then turned to those around us; how many know the Truth and how many Ignore knowing the TRUTH! We will all stand before the Living God when this life is over and give account. Have you really searched God's Word for truth, or are you just taking someone else's word? If you search His written word, the Bible, you will find truth. Not in "I just feel it's alright and acceptable."

Won't you join us for study of God's Word and worship at Church of Christ 200 N Aquilla Itasca, Texas Sunday 9:45am, 10:45 am, 5:00 pm, and Wednesday 6:00 pm

### First Presbyterian Church

9:00 Praise & Worship (Sanctuary) Cross Roads Band

9:15 - 9:45 Fellowship Time in Barton Hall

9:45 - 10:30 Sunday School all Ages (Nursery - Seniors)

10:50 - Praise and Worship - 11:00 - Worship Service

"Hour of Power" - 7th - 12th grades

Sunday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Barton Hall

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 Zoning Committee Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

Saturday, April 5, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

### Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, March 17, 2008 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

March 3, 2008 7:00 p.m.

IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

### Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, March 31, 2008 5:30 p.m.

HILCO Operations Building E. Main St.

### Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.

Fire Station Downtown Itasca

### January Police Report

#### Arrests

4 Felony

6 Misdemeanor

#### Cases Filed

4 District Attorney

6 County Attorney

Total calls for service - 121

#### Traffic Citations

303 - Moving 148 - Non-Moving 95 - Warnings

#### Class "C" Citations

1 Minor in possession/alcohol

3 Assault

12 Possession of drug paraphernalia

6 Open container

#### City Ordinance Violations

1 burn ban violation

1 tall weeds/grass

### December Fire Report

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Apartment Fire		1
Assist EMS	2	
Grass/brush fire	1	5
MVC	2	5
Residence/structure		1
Trash fire		2
Other		2

Total calls -21

Total calls year to date - 21

Total man-hours 151 hrs 38 minutes

6 a.m. - 6 p.m. - 16 6 p.m. - 6 a.m. - 5

Total mileage - 2820 Total members - 23

## Schools May Lose Federal Funds for Career Tech Classes

Reporter Megan Goff

In the past, the Bush administration has not been leaning towards funding career tech classes, but Congress has funded the programs anyway.

"The Bush administration has proposed eliminating the funds because it didn't think that career tech was helping prepare students for college or the work force," Star-Telegram staff writer Eva Ayala said in her article on February 12.

If Congress does not fund these programs this year, school districts could lose \$2.8 million in federal funding.

"As a smaller school district, if the federal funds were cut, it wouldn't affect us as much as it would a larger school," IISD Superintendent Glenn Pittman said. "We are going to ensure that the technology programs are front runner."

## Speaker at TCEA Convention

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"We must wake up and respond to this challenge and have good quality math, science, and technology instruction for all students," Dr. Ride said.

Many students, particularly girls, begin to lose interest in science during the 5th grade year although the prior year roughly two thirds of all students say that they like science.

Dr. Ride founded Sally Ride Science, a foundation that has created entertaining science programs and publications for middle school age students with an emphasis toward girls.

Itasca High School technology applications teachers Judie McClure and Sally Crouch, journalism and history teacher Barbara Petrash, and computer teacher, Linda Bassett, and attended the conference. The teachers received a grant from the Heart of Texas Technology Consortium to attend this conference.

Ride has opened avenues for our students, particularly our girls, that were unheard of 50 years ago.

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## Itasca Middle School Focus Hannah Johnson

Reporter & Photographer Devin Corbitt



When Mr. Maddox asks for nominees for President of the National Junior Honor Society, the first thought in many people's minds was Hannah Johnson. Soon after, the nomination was made and seconded, Hannah became this year's NJHS President.

"She exhibits very good leadership qualities," English teacher Larry Maddox said, "and she always takes initiative."

Eighth grader Hannah Johnson dreams of one day becoming an author. She can't wait until next year when she can apply for a position on the *Paw Print Press* staff. Hannah participates in track and basketball, and plays French horn in the Itasca High School Band.

Although she wants to be an author, her favorite class is science. Outside of school, Hannah enjoys watching movies or listening to music.

Hannah is the daughter of Lloyd and Diana Johnson, the IHS secretary. She has an older brother, Zac, a senior at IHS. Before moving to Texas, Hannah and her family lived in Alaska.

"It was only for seven months, but it's still pretty cool. Not many other people can say that."

## Donkeys for Sale

Jacks & Jennys - \$75 each

Call (254) 687-2978

## IHS Cat Band 2008 Band Day

Saturday, March 29, 2008

Free Concert for the Public

7:00 p.m. SEC

## For Sale

Baby bed, Pine colored sleigh style, a pack & play with removable upper sleeping area, and a stroller. All in good condition. Approximate \$600 value, will take \$200 for all three items. Contact Kelly at 817-240-2903, please leave a message.

## For Sale

Brown loveseat - \$75      27" Television - \$150

254-687-2442

# Senior Spotlight Jessica Grindele

Reporter Megan Goff – Cartoonist Zech O’Rarden



Walking into the journalism room for the umpteenth time with an extremely oversized purse and a curly mess of hair, senior Jessica Grindele picks up her editors pen and gets to work.

“I’ve been on the *Paw Print Press* staff for four years and am now the editor,” Jessica

said.

Seventeen-year-old Jessica is the daughter of Laurie Glenn and Billy Mizer. She is the big sister to Amanda, 14 and Levi, 3.

“We are loud, eat a lot and love to have as many get-togethers as possible,” Jessica said bragging about her family. “My role models are my Mamaw and Papaw, Patricia and Red Watson, because I like their morals and values and the fact that they have stayed together for so long.”

Jessica has many happy memories involving IHS and her classmates. Although she has only attended IISD since middle school, she feels as this truly is her home.

“I have loved growing up in Itasca. If it had not been for Mrs. Petrash, I probably wouldn’t be who I am today. *Paw Print Press* opened my eyes to the heart of Itasca. I just love it here and only hope that my children may grow up in a town like Itasca,” Jessica said. “In ten years, I see myself successful, married and raising a family in Itasca.”

Besides being the ‘ice-hockey goddess’ and always being up for a prank, Jessica enjoys riding horses, watching football, and being outdoors.

“Jess is sweet, caring, and fun,” boyfriend Josh Huff said.

After graduation, Jessica plans to attend college and get her masters in psychology.

“It’s hard to believe that the seniors you see were freshmen, but we were and we survived and so will you,” Jessica said to the underclassmen. “Stick with it, and you will find your niche.”



# Senior Spotlight Eduardo Cruz

Reporter Eva Mayberry – Cartoonist Zech O’Rarden



Since attending Itasca since kindergarten, 17-year-old Eduardo Cruz is very ready to graduate.

“I will never forget how small this place is,” Eduardo said.

Not only is he looking forward to graduation, Eduardo, also called Eddie the Cruiser or just Eddie, can’t wait until he gets his new car. Eduardo plans to attend college at TSTC.

Proud parents of this “brown, proud, cool” Cruiser, as he describes himself, are Andres and Mercedes Cruz. His sister, Maria Coronado also attends IHS as a freshman. Eduardo loves spending time with his parents because they spoil him rotten.

“I have so many memories of my life, but my favorite is the first time I “drifted” in a car,” Cruz said.

His most precious memory though was the first sight of his baby girl, Melody Cruz, in which he is very thankful to have in his life. His most embarrassing moment is when he forgot his lines at a church play.

Outside of school, Cruz spends his time working at Wendy’s.

“A penny saved is a penny earned,” Cruz said with a smile. “Working and earning money has become more important now that I have Melody.”

When he is not busy working, he enjoys playing his favorite sport, soccer, with his friends and family or simply eating hamburgers and watching some heart-warming movie, such as *Titanic*. He has a variety of talents including playing the drums and the piano. Eduardo considers himself rather unique since he believes that he can think faster than others can.

In school, Cruz’s favorite class is math. “It is just so easy,” he said. With math being his favorite class, his favorite teacher happens to be Mr. Scott. He thinks of Mr. Scott as being “tremendously cool.”

As Eduardo’s days at IHS come to a halt, he advises underclassmen “Don’t drop out of school, It’s too easy.”



**Spring Break - March 10-15**  
Classes resume at 8:00 a.m. Monday 17  
Drive carefully – Children at play!

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Telemarketing companies will be blocked for 5 years.

## Wampus Cats 2008 Area Champs Itasca loses to Ponder in Quarterfinal Match-Up 46-57

The Wampus Cats were fired up over their Regional Quarterfinal match up with the Ponder Lions. The Cats have not been this far into the playoff rounds in many years. They were especially anxious for a win since it would put them within one game of state competition.



The game began slowly for the Cats and they seem to never quite get into their rhythm. The fans were on the edge of their seats the entire game waiting for that one shot or steal that would get the adrenalin flowing and the scoring going, but it failed to happen.



The Cats played hard and fought to the final buzzer, but Ponder proved why they were ranked #2 in the state. The Wampus Cats will miss their five seniors, Terrey Brumbalow, John Prescott, Dee Marshall, Clayton Wienecke and Tralyn Harden next year when they suit up for the 2008-09 season, but they will remember the skills and leadership passed on from these great players.

Scoring for Itasca were Dee Marshal with 6 points, Mikey Marshal with 4, Desmond Guy and Jacob Boyd both had 9 points and Tralyn Harden hit for 18 points.

Going to the Regional Quarterfinals his first year as head coach puts some pressure on Coach Basham, but the fans and players believe he can produce. Next year the Cats will be up against a new set of opponents as they move down to District 15-1-A in basketball.



## IHS Track Schedule

March 8	Hubbard	JV, V
March 13	Lake Worth	JV, V
March 22	TBA	JV, V
March 27	Grandview	JV, V
April 8 & 9	District - Rio Vista	
TBA	Regional Qualifiers Meet	Glen Rose
TBA	Regional Meet	Stephenville
May 9 & 10	State Meet	Austin
Head Coach – Trey Bates & Clint Wallace		

## IMS Track Schedule

March 7	Hico	7, 8
March 13	Hubbard	7, 8
March 25	Grandview	7, 8
April 3	District – Hico	
Coaches Bates, Horn, Mayberry		

## 2008 Wampus Cat Baseball

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 7		Covington	Away 4:30
District			
March 20	Grandview	Itasca	4:30
25	Hico	Hico	4:30
28	Rio Vista	Itasca	4:30
April 1	Dublin	Dublin	4:30
4	Maypearl	Itasca	4:30
7	Grandview	Away	4:30
11	Hico	Itasca	4:30
15	Rio Vista	Away	4:30
18	Dublin	Itasca	4:30
22	Maypearl	Away	4:30

## 4th Grade Jump Rope for Heart Set for April 5

The fourth grade will participate in the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart. This event raises funds to fight against our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers- cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

On April 4, the students will their Jump Rope for Heart event. The American Heart Association is dedicated to helping people live longer, healthier lives. The money raised helps people learn how to avoid heart disease and stroke and helps our local patient care. The school will qualify for gift certificates for free physical education equipment based on the amount we raise, and students will qualify for individual thank-you gifts based on the donations they collect.

## 2007 National Honor Society Induction



### Jennifer Bustin

Jennifer (left), a junior, is the daughter of Jesse Bustin and Leonarda Bustin. During her freshman year, she was a member in the band and played at Carnegie Hall in New York. She was on the A-B Honor Roll and received the Perfect Attendance Award last year.

In her sophomore year, Jennifer was a member of the band, was on the A-B Honor roll, and received the National Honor Roll Award.

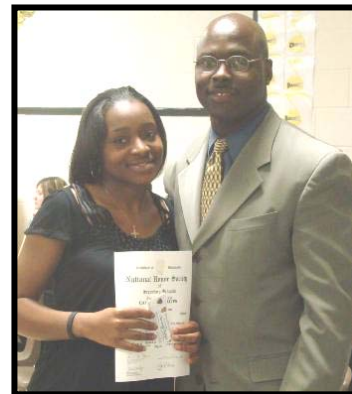
This year, she is a member of band, and is also a member of the Honor band. She is a PAL, is on the A-B Honor roll, and once again received the National Honor Roll Award.

### Courtney Phillips

Courtney (right), a junior, is the daughter of Bernard and Verna Jackson. During her freshman year, she was a member in the band and played at Carnegie Hall in New York. She also played varsity basketball and ran cross-country and track, where she was a regional qualifier in the 100, 4x100 and 4x200 events. She was a member of the UIL writing team, and freshman class secretary.

In her sophomore year, Courtney was a member of varsity basketball where she received the 1st-Team All-District award, played softball, and was a member of the cross-country team and the track team where she was a regional qualifier for the 100 and the 200. She was the sophomore class secretary. She received the Four Sport Letterman Award, Ms. Basketball, and Ms. Track.

During her junior year, she played varsity basketball, where she received the 1st-Team All-District award for the second time, and ran cross-country and is a member of the track team. She is the junior class secretary. Courtney is an active member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church where she sings in the choir, and is a helper in the children's Sunday school. She is a coach for Little Dribblers basketball.



### Connally Baskettt

Connally (left), a sophomore, is the daughter of Burney and Michelle Baskettt. During her freshman year, Connally played in the band, and was involved in UIL. She showed in the Hill County Fair. Connally received a commended on her freshman TAKS.

Connally continues to be active in band during her sophomore year. She is in UIL feature writing and had one of her stories published in "The High School Writer."

### Devin Corbitt

Devin (right), a sophomore, is the daughter of Alan and Susan Corbitt. During her freshman year, she was a member of band, a student council representative and a reporter and feature writer for the *Paw Print Press*. She placed 2nd in District in UIL CX Debate, was in the One Act Play and was also on the Informative Speaking, Editorial Writing, and Computer Applications UIL teams. Devin received commended on both the math and reading TAKS, was the IPC Outstanding Student and received an "A Honor Roll" award.

This year Devin is a drill sergeant in band and a member of the Honor Band. She is involved in UIL academics in Editorial and Headline Writing, One Act Play, CX Debate where she placed 4th in District and Informative Speaking. Devin continues to work on the *Paw Print Press* as a reporter and feature writer. She is a sophomore student council representative.

Devin is an active member of Central Baptist Church of Hillsboro where she sings in the Youth Praise Band, is a member of the Mission team, and works as a teacher in Vacation Bible School. She also works in the Itasca Library after school and volunteers at the Itasca Nursing Home.





### Eddie Coronado

Eddie (left), a sophomore, is the son of Leoncio and Elizabeth Coronado. During his freshman year Eddie was a member of the band where he played the tuba, and an outfielder on the baseball team. He was an A-B Honor roll student, and was involved in Academics UIL in Number Sense. He received commended in reading and math on the TAKS test. This year Eddie was an offensive lineman on the Varsity Wampus Cat football team, a member of the band, on the A-B Honor Roll and is a member of the UIL Number Sense team. He is currently ranked ninth in his class.

### Ryan Crouch

Ryan (right), a sophomore, is the son of David and Laura Crouch. During his freshman year

Ryan played Junior Varsity football and was a 1st baseman on the varsity baseball team. He was an active member in FFA where he was the Vice President and attended the FFA State Convention in Corpus Christi last summer. He was an A Honor Roll award recipient and was commended on the math and reading TAKS.

This year Ryan was on the Varsity football team and was named All District defensive end and is on the 2007 All Academic team. He is also a member of the baseball team, Vice President of the local FFA Chapter, participant in UIL Mathematics, and on the A and A-B Honor Roll. Ryan is an active member of Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Whitney where he is part of the youth group and plays the guitar in the Heavenly Devoted Praise team.



### Ashley Durham

Ashley (left), a sophomore, is the daughter of Barry and Joanna Durham. During her freshman year Ashley was a reporter for the *Paw Print Press* and a member of the Student Council. She participated in UIL Journalism where she was a Regional Qualifier and was in honor classes and on the A Honor roll. She played on the basketball team and was a member of the softball team where she was on the 2nd team All-District Softball. Ashley is also actively involved in Leadership Training for Christ.

This year, Ashley is a member of the basketball and softball teams, *Paw Print Press* reporter, and is an A Honor Roll student. She is an active member of the Church of Christ Church in Whitney.



### Megan Goff

Megan, a sophomore, is the daughter of Wallace and Sandra Goff. During her freshman year, Megan was a reporter for the *Paw Print Press* and Freshman Class President. She participated in UIL Debate where she was a State Debate participant, attended Regionals in News and Feature Writing and was in honor classes and on the A Honor roll. She was a Varsity Cheerleader, played on the Varsity basketball team where she was on the All-Academic team, and ran Varsity track. Megan did volunteer work at Baylor All Saints and also attended Youth Camp with Central Baptist of Itasca during the summer.

This year, Megan is Varsity Cheerleader, a member of the Varsity basketball and track teams, *Paw Print Press* reporter, and is an A Honor Roll student while



continuing to take honors classes. Megan is a nominee of the National Youth Leadership Forum. She continues to do volunteer work at BASMC.

### Desmond Guy

Desmond, a sophomore, is the son of Tracy and Felicia Guy. During his freshman year, Desmond was a member of the Varsity football team, played on the basketball team and ran track. He took honors classes and was on the A-B Honor Roll. This year Desmond continues to take honors classes, and played varsity football where he was named to the 1st Team All District Team. He is a member of the Area Champion Wampus Cat Basketball team and will run track for the Cats in the spring.





### Cherri Lloyd

Cherri (left), a sophomore, is the daughter of Larry and Terri Lloyd. During her freshman year, Cherri was a member of the band and played on the junior varsity basketball team. In UIL Academics she won Honorable Mention in the One Act Play competition. She received commended on her math and reading TAKS.

This year Cherri is a drill sergeant in the band and a member of the Honor band, a Student Council Representative, and participates in UIL One Act Play. She is an active member of Grace City Church where she sings in the choir.



### Mary Maddox

Mary (right), a sophomore, is the daughter of Larry and Shirley Maddox. During her freshman year she was a member the varsity basketball and softball teams, and JV track. She was a *Paw Print Press* reporter and Freshman Class Vice President.

In UIL, Mary competed in CX Debate and News and Feature Writing. She was commended on both the math and reading TAKS, took honor classes and was on the A-B Honor Roll. She attended the Central Baptist of Itasca Youth Camp during the summer.

This year Mary placed 6th in JV cross-country, is class vice president, plays varsity basketball and softball, and is on the UIL News Writing team. Mary continues to take honor classes and is on the A-B Honor roll.



### Eva Mayberry

Eva (left), a sophomore, is the daughter of Jeffrey and Missy Mayberry. During her freshman year, Eva was the freshman class treasurer. She participated in UIL and was in honor classes and on the A Honor Roll. She was a varsity cheerleader, played on the varsity basketball team and softball team, and ran varsity track.

This year, Eva is a varsity cheerleader, plays varsity basketball, runs track, participates in UIL, is class president and is an A Honor Roll student while continuing to take honors classes. Eva is an active member of Second Missionary Baptist Church of Itasca.



### Tevin Mayberry

Tevin (right), a sophomore, is the son of Tim and Sharon Mayberry. During his freshman year, Tevin was a member of the football team and played on the basketball team. He took Honors classes and was on the A-B Honor roll.

This year he continues to take honors classes, and is on the varsity football and the varsity basketball teams.



### Chad Rutherford

Chad (left), the son of Charles and Toni Rutherford, is a sophomore. During his freshman year, Chad played varsity football, varsity baseball and was a JV shot putter. He is an active member in FFA and has served as president of the Itasca Chapter for two years. Last year he went to Ag Mechanics competition and this year is in livestock judging. He has been a member of the Hill County 4-H and Junior Beef Master Breeders Association for two years. Last year Chad showed livestock at Houston, Waco, San Antonio, Crockett, Brenham, Tyler, and at the Hill County Fair. This year he showed at Houston, Waco, Hill County and Fort Worth. He served as a Student Council Representative his freshman year. He has taken honor classes for two years and has continually been on the A-B Honor Roll. Last year he received a commended on the math and reading TAKS. As a sophomore, Chad played on the varsity football and baseball teams. He is a member of the JV track team as a shot putter.

Chad is an active member of the Church of Christ Church in Whitney and does volunteer work at the Hill County Show grounds.





### Abby Saldierna

Abby (left), a sophomore, is the daughter of Casimiro and Maria Saldierna. During her freshman year, she took honors classes and was on the A-B Honor roll. She was a participant at the John Ben Sheppard Leadership Training her freshman year.

This year Abby continues to take honors classes, and is on the A-B Honor Roll.

### Katelyn Seaman

Katelyn (right), a sophomore, is the daughter of Tanya Seaman. During her freshman year, she participated in UIL on the computer applications team and was on the A-B Honor Roll. Katelyn received commended on the TAKS test. She was a varsity cheerleader, played on the basketball team and softball team, and ran cross-country track. During the summer she went on the Central Baptist Mission Team to Mexico and attended Central Baptist Youth Camp.

This year, Katelyn is a varsity cheerleader, a member of the basketball and softball teams, will participate in UIL Ready Writing and Informative Speaking, is a member of the Student Council and is an A-B Honor Roll student.



### Ciera Thompson

Ciera (left), a sophomore, is the daughter of Dorothy Thompson and Steven Howard. During her freshman year Ciera was in cross-country, basketball, and softball, and a member of the band and fondly remembers the fundraising for their trip to Carnegie Hall and how fun the trip was during her 8th grade year. Ciera was commended on the TAKS reading test.

This year, Ciera is a member of the basketball team and is on the A-B Honor Roll. She is active in her church where she sings in the choir and often volunteers to work with the little children.

### Cinco de Mayo Dancers Needed



The Cinco de Mayo Folklorico Dancers are looking for some new members. Both boys and girls are needed, ages 4-18. Call Mary Lou Sepulveda at 687-2289 or Tina Cavazos at 687-2401 for more information.

The deadline to register is Friday, March 5.

### Hill County Defensive Driving School

#### Alcohol Awareness for Minors

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Distribution Saturday, March 29 10-11 a.m.

### Upgrade Your Alumni Information

Various classes are trying to contact their class members and have discovered that some of the information on the Itasca ISD website is outdated. Please update you information and email any information on deceased classmates. Bob McEver ([bmcever@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bmcever@sbcglobal.net)) is assisting in locating members of the Class of 1958. Please get in touch with him as soon as possible.

### IISD Elementary Spring Festival

*"We are Making Music"*

Thursday, April 37:00 p.m.

Special Events Center

### Attention Children & Parents

Due to some recent vandalism, theft and destructive activity, children are asked to stay off school grounds when the school is closed and classes are not in session.

### Tombstone Releveling & Odd Jobs, Painting & Cemetery Curbs

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### Wampus Cats of the Week

#### Senior Varsity Cheerleaders

Don Painter Photos from Mowana staff  
Suggested by Adam Ramos



The Wampus Cat football team and basketball team have had great teams this year, bringing out lots of fans. Four of their fans who have been with



them through good and bad games are the three senior varsity cheerleaders and the mascot, Scratches the Wampus Cat.



All three of the senior cheerleaders, Nicole Kelley (top left), Valerie Farquhar, Squad Captain (top right) and Lindsey Laird (bottom right) have been on the squad for four years. Scratches (Sydnee Perkins inset) joined the squad this year. The teams will miss these hard cheering young people next year.



#### Special of the Week



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night or Sunday morning March 9. Daylight Saving Time begins."

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