

# Paw Print Press

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## 2007 Mr. & Miss IHS Amanda Upchurch & Kendale Mayberry

Photo by Mowana Staff



The student body of Itasca High voted Kendale Mayberry and Amanda Upchurch Mr. & Miss IHS for 2007. The students vote for the senior boy and girl whom they feel best represents Itasca High School.

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## Hill County Paw Pals Receives \$5,000 from Cheryl and Sam Wyly

Press Release

Last week Paw Pals received a generous contribution of \$5,000 from the Cheryl and Sam Wyly Fund of Communities Foundation of Texas. The sincere generosity of this couple will ultimately benefit every citizen and companion animal of Hill County when the goal of a countywide animal shelter is reached. The total amount has been directed to the animal shelter building fund. Mrs. Wyly is the daughter of Carole Huens of Whitney who has been a continual supporter and volunteer with Paw Pals' endeavors to bring needed change to correct the tragic situation of pet overpopulation in our great county.

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## Successful Healthy Woman Program Kick-Off

Press Release – Photo from *The Reporter*



The guest speaker was Dr. Suzanne Metzger, author of *Learning Through Living... Some Assembly Required* and co-author of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Living with Breast Cancer*.

The Healthy Woman Kick-Off event, a Hill Regional Hospital resource program, became a reality on March 1 at First United Methodist Church in Hillsboro. Anticipation grew as 55 exhibitors and vendors began setting up their display booths. The Women's Health Expo took place on the mezzanine and two rooms of the Church.

Dinner was catered by Karen and Roy Paxton. As usual, their food and presentation was exquisite. Door prizes donated by the various exhibitors were given away during the dinner hour. After serving was completed, introductions were made by Rosemary Smith and Becky Jones.

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## Rutherford's Maggie Takes Grand Champion Honors

Photo by Art Mann – *The Hillsboro Reporter*



Chad Rutherford won "Grand Champion, American Breed" with his Beefmaster Heifer at the Hill County Fair. The heifer's registered name is EMS Smooth's Magic, but Chad calls her Maggie. She is 15 months old and weights approximately 1100 lbs.

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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>3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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-4<sup>th</sup> 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

April 7 - 9:00 a.m.    Central Baptist Church

### Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

April 9, 2007    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

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

## Community Calendar

March 12 - March 16 - Spring Break

March 15 - OAP Festival in Cleburne 1:00 p.m.

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.

March 24 - High School Track Meet - Maypearl

March 27 - Wampus Cats' Baseball & Lady Cats' Softball vs. Rio Vista - District game - There 4:30 p.m.

March 27 - Junior High Track Meet - Venus

March 28 - High School Track Meet - Crawford

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

### January Police Activity Report

#### Arrests

2 Felony  
 4 Misdemeanor

#### Cases Files

1 District Attorney  
 4 County Attorney

Total Calls for Service 107

#### Traffic Citations

262 - Moving    82 - Non-Moving    84 - Warnings

#### Class "C" Citations

8 - Open Container    1 - Theft <\$50

2 - Minor in Possession/Alcohol

3 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

#### City Ordinance Violations

3 - Junk Vehicle

1 - Loud Music

## Mr. & Miss IHS

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Amanda Upchurch is the daughter of Homer and Nita Upchurch. She was voted the 2006 Band Sweetheart and Football Sweetheart. She is the president of the National Honor Society, a drill sergeant in the Wampus Cat Marching Band and is co-editor of the 2007 Mowana. Amanda takes dual credit courses and will graduate with honors.

Kendale Mayberry is the son of Jeffery and Missy Mayberry. He earned All-District, All-State, Super Centex and ESPN Football Honors this year, to add to his numerous awards from past years. He played Varsity Wampus Cat Basketball four years earning many awards as the Cats made the bi-district playoffs' all four years. Mayberry is a second year PAL, earning the 2006 PAL Award for his outstanding work with the elementary students as a role model.

## Paw Pals Receive Donation

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Both Cheryl and Sam Wyly have followed Paw Pals' progress for some time and are supportive of efforts to provide animal-advocacy services including adoption, sterilization and education about animal care and pet-overpopulation. The Wyly's are also recognized in communities outside our city and state for their commitment to humane care of animals.

Cheryl and Sam Wyly's generous philanthropy has touched the hearts of Paw Pals' board members and every volunteer and supporter. From the bottom of all of our hearts, we are truly grateful for this considerate gift. Their names will ultimately be displayed on an honor plaque in the animal shelter and it is currently listed on the donor page of Paw Pals' website at [www.hcpawpals.org](http://www.hcpawpals.org).

Both Cheryl and Sam Wyly's genuine concern and altruistic efforts to help will help bring the goals of Hill County Paw Pals that much closer to a reality—allowing for many of our unwanted companion animals to have a chance at life while meeting the basic animal control needs for Hill County citizens—a fundamental and necessary core service expected by tax payers. We are extremely grateful for this kind donation and only wish the very best for this most generous couple and their families.

For the past three years Paw Pals has been working to bring public awareness for the need of a countywide animal shelter to provide basic animal control to our county's unchecked growing pet overpopulation menace. Paw Pals will soon begin a facilitative role in bringing a collaborative city/county effort to meet this basic animal control need.

For more information about Paw Pals, visit the website: [www.hcpawpals.org](http://www.hcpawpals.org); email: [hcpawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawpals@yahoo.com); or call: 580-0679.

## Healthy Woman

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Rosemary Smith & Becky Jones introduced committee members.

Jan McClure, CEO of Hill Regional Hospital, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Suzanne Metzger. Dr. Metzger presented an informative and humorous evening relating to the many stages of a woman's life. Mu-

sic by Lorenzo Gonzalez, harpist from Dallas, entertained throughout the expo and the dinner.

The next Healthy Woman program is April 19, with presentation by Dr. Lane Dykes, OB/GYN. Dr. Dykes will be answering questions about the hormones women take, birth control and menopause, to name a few, and about the HPV virus. Each Healthy Woman member will receive information about the planned programs by either mail or email. If you would like to be a part of Healthy Woman, please call 254-580-8887.

## IHS Freshman's Heifer

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Chad shows through Hill County 4-H. This is his second year to show, but last year he showed a steer. Through several 4-H projects he raised the money to buy his heifer. She came from the Steve Emmons Ranch in Fairfield, Texas.

## 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.

## For Sale

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

## Senior Spotlight—Candice Kowalski

Reporter Megan Goff  
Caricature by Gabby Rivera



“I want to be a rock star!” 18-year-old Candice Kowalski said. “Actually, I hope to become a voice actor for a major Anime company.”

In order to achieve such a goal, Candice plans to attend the University of North Texas for computer science and theater. Being a senior with plans, she is ready to graduate, but she has many memories of IHS.

“High school has its ups and downs,” Candice said, “but my real feeling is, Get me out of here. You make some strange memories during high school. I will always remember how we would know when Mrs. Crouch was coming by the jingle of her keys. I love so many of my teachers. Mrs. Swilley is my hero and Mrs. Watson is incredible.”

Candice has quite a list of accomplishments from high school. She is this year’s drum major for the Wampus Cat Band, last year’s mascot, Scratches, a member of the National Honor Society and a candidate for the top spot of her senior class.

As UIL approaches, Candice will need plenty of sharpened pencils because she will compete in multiple writing events including ready writing, news writing, and feature writing. She is also competing in computer science.

“I love to write, sing and laugh,” Candice said.

She has used all three of her favorites at Itasca High. She sang *The National Anthem* at this year’s Veterans’ Memorial Program and at the 2006 Homecoming. As for the laughing, she does that all the time.

This “determined, just and crazy girl,” as she describes herself, lists lunch as her favorite class, since that is the one when she gets to hang out with her friends.

“Those girls, you know who you are, have always been there for me.”

Although always upbeat, Candice has not always had the fairy tale life one would think when they talk to her. She is the daughter of Ken and the late Brenda Kowalski. She lost her mother in a traffic accident when she was in the 8th grade. She has one brother, Parker who is 13 and in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

“We are known as the ‘Krazy Kowalskis,’” Candice said laughingly about her family. “My dad is so spontaneous and he can cook some mean pasta. My role model is my mom. She gave so much and asked for so little in return.”

Some advice Candice has used throughout her high school years and leaves to the underclassmen is “Concentrate! Getting sidetracked can be deadly.”



## Organ Transplant Ethics



Erin Rinehart wrote this paper for her seventh grade science class. A special thanks to Mrs. Cheryl Schneider for submitting it for publication and to Erin for agreeing to publishing.

By: Erin Rinehart

Have you ever thought about donating an organ? It would be a very good decision. Many people in the United States are on a very long list to get an organ transplant. If more people were donors, this would not be such a big problem.

Has anyone ever told you that if you want to donate an organ, they take everything, including your eyeballs? This is not true! You can specify which organs you would like to donate.

Did you know that it doesn’t matter if you’re seven or seventy-years old; you can still be a donor. Many people of all ages need organ transplants. A baby can get one, too.

Have you heard about the guy who was at a party, and he woke up the next morning in a bathtub of ice? His kidneys had been stolen and sold on the black market! This story is also false. Even though you can’t sell or get paid for donating an organ, you can still get the great feeling of saving someone’s life.

Maybe you’ll become a donor after this, maybe not. Either way you’ll still know the facts about organ donation.

## State Declares April Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month

Press Release

One of the most alarming problems in today's society is child abuse. In our state alone, hundreds of children die each year from abuse or neglect. We are shocked and appalled almost daily by news stories about children who are abused in our own communities and our state.

Texas is working at making a difference in the lives of Texas children from ever needlessly suffering of abuse and neglect. As part of an ongoing program to educate Texans about the signs of child abuse and neglect, and how to report suspected incidents, the State of Texas will observe the month of April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

The Hill County Child Protective Services Board will host a luncheon on April 2 for representatives of several organizations and county officials to share information concerning this growing problem and to make everyone aware of how to actively prevent and report incidents.

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, please call the Child Abuse Hotline at 800-252-5400 or your local law enforcement. For more information, log on to <https://www.txabusehotline.org>.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks "A" Honor Roll

9<sup>th</sup> Grade - Devin Corbitt, Ashley Durham, Megan Goff, Cherri Lloyd

10<sup>th</sup> Grade - Maria Worth

11<sup>th</sup> Grade - Nick Worth

12<sup>th</sup> Grade - Rachel Anderson, Paige Bailey, Clayton Beatty, Stephanie Campbell, Candice Kowalski, Ashley Swilley

## "A-B" Honor Roll

### 4<sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks

9<sup>th</sup> Grade - Eddie Coronado, Ryan Crouch, Marsha Guy, Mary Maddox, Dada McVea, Ciera Thompson

10<sup>th</sup> Grade - Journey Douangsouphonh, Timothy Earhart, Susie May, Erica Neuman, Zech O'Rarden, Chelsea Rodriguez

11<sup>th</sup> Grade - Tim Baker, Terrey Brumbalow, Ashlee Carranza, Oksana Didukh, Jamie Hanes, Zach Johnson, Nicole Kelley, Jake Key, Sydnee Perkins, Konstantine Suspitsyn, Clayton Wienecke

12<sup>th</sup> Grade - Autumn Bennett, Ying Lee Chan, Alecia Evans, Rosemary Flores, Lauryn Laskowski, Chelsea Minyard, LB Mosely, Zoleeta Myers-West, Heather Neuman, Juan Carlos Nolasco, Gabby Rivera, Amanda Upchurch

## Wampus Cats Baseball Schedule

March 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 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](mailto:lmaddox@itasca.k12.tx.us)

## 2007 Track Schedule

March 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

## Garage Sale

Saturday, March 17 811 E. Main St.

7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Entertainment center, desk, clothes, misc.

## For Sale

3 bedroom house – 308 S. Aquila St.  
Needs some work Call 254-687-9197 or  
254-854-2344 for details.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Itasca will begin to accept sealed bids on a manufactured doublewide home. The home will be sold as is. The home must be moved from its present location within 14 days of sale. All cost will be the buyer's responsibility. The closing date will be March 30, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. Contact City Hall for more information  
Sue Comer, Tax Collector

## Artwork Earns Honors at Hill County Fair



Sisters Lauren Vincent and Emilee Ross received high praise for their entries at the Hill County Fair.

Lauren who is a junior at Itasca High received a 1<sup>st</sup> place on her nature photo and a 1<sup>st</sup> place on her photo in the building and structure category. Her photo was of a lovely

stained glass window. Her pastel abstract received a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon.

Emilee, who is a fourth grader at Itasca Elementary, brought home the tri-color ribbon for her crayon abstract pastel in the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade division.

## Middle School 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks A-HONOR ROLL

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Amanda Anderson, Chelsea Faries, Fisher Henning, Kaleigh Lightsey, Samuel Orr, Ashlie Rodriguez

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - David Corbitt, Rebecca Durham, Michael Macias, Jessica Zint

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Kenneth Clary, Rebecca Maul, Emily Offutt, Erin Rinehart

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Keyre Ortiz, Colton Sullins

## A-B HONOR ROLL 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Cora Bruton, Shelbee Coleman, Jessica Farquhar, Natalia Filio, Noah Karr, Katie Lafountain, Emma Orr, Tristen Prescott, Darrell Rasco, Carter Reid, Victoria Silva

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Christian Avila, Wyatt Berry, Brittany Bourland, Cole Coleman, Trinton Crawford, Christian Cruz, Gavin Donawho, James Hanes, Mlicelle Ignacz, Emilee Nalley, Heather Odom, Tyler Odom, Brittant Reid, Celeste Rodriguez, Jordan Sizemore, Ashley Spain, Ashley Wilkins

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Courtney Conway, Stephanie Ignacz, Hannah Johnson, Jessica Johnston, Daniel Odom, Reyna Ramirez, Joshua Shelton, Alex Solis, Jakara Terry, Maria Zuniga

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Chan'tira Diggs, Jasmine Guy, Tanner Hughes, BJ Jackson, Diamond Jackson, Christina Manasco, Jack Panting, Nancy Reyes, Sergio Rivera, Bob Slotvig, Philip Thomas

## Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks A-HONOR ROLL

Grade 1 – Jocelyn Ali, Amanda Arellano, Chalo Cavazos, Alessandra Diaz, Brenna Durham, Erik Gonzalez, Brayden Hennig, Cody Hundley, Jennipher Ignacz, Melissa Maya, Titi Savala

Grade 2 – Louis Arellano, Taylor Campbell, Lainey Cavazos, Marissa Chambers, Karla Cruz, Kenneth Fails, Donovan Garcia, Courtnee Gore, Jacob Lacy, Darius Lara, Callie Pittman, Aliegha Rodriguez, Gracie Rugh, Chandley Sargent, Jesse Savala, Jacob Schronkm, Au'Breana Simmons, Autum Throckmorton, Cameron Wells,

Grade 3 – Fathe Altum, Missy Barron, Madison Bassett, Devin Crawford, Cesar Diaz, Brandi Fehnel, Leticia Gonzales, Jesus Gutierrez, Allena Heath, Tyler Kittoe, Bradley Martinez, James Melson, Wesley Neese, Lizbeth Ramirez, Amanda Rodriguez, Amber Schronk, Chelsea Searcy, Crisol Zavala

Grade 4 – Payton Cordell, Rachel Freeman, Tristan Sulak

## A-B HONOR ROLL - 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks

Grade 1 – Alexis Arellano, Rebecca Arellano, Kahleil Barlow, Nichilas Butler, Daniel Coronado, Heidi Delgado, Jessica Ellis, Dustin Feazel, Yadi Garcia, Kyra Henderson, Ethan La Fountain, Landon Lain, Matthew Lara, Treytan Lewis, Katie Nalley, Rick Ortego, Alexcia Rodriguez, Lucas Sayers, BayLee Smith, P.J. Stephens, Syndey Williams, Rogelio Zavala

Grade 2 – Jimmy Arellano, Kierra Clayborn, Marshal Couldron, Jose Delgado, Anthony Fowler, Robert Kirkpatrick, Kaleb McGill, Daniel Montes, Augustin Pacheco, DeMarcus Parkerson, Jeremish Perkins, Brandy Prosser, Esmerald Rivera, Anna Salazar, Jessica Sanchez, Ricky Sanders, Macey Terrell, Karon Webb, Elizabeth Wood

Grade 3 – Tommy Ashley, Caitlin Bruton, Shaun Castro, Trey Cole, Esteban Cruz, Triston Davis, Lili DeLaTorre, Devin Donawho, Kassandra Gabino, Harley Germer, Tanner Graig, Brenda Hernandez, Lydon Lain, Kambria Lusk, Abraham Orega, Luis Ortiz-Jimenez, Stephanie Pacheco, Tiffany Ramos, Haley Rodriguez, Angel Stephens, Thomas Stephens, Michael Terrell, Beiley Vaughan, Bryant Wilson,

Grade 4 – Macy Arellano, Autumn Beaty, Skylar Campbell, Darrion Crawford, Brandon Farquhar, Mason Farquhar, Hunter Germer, Juan Gonzalez, William Gunn, Devin Hernandez, Hannah Hundley, Gabriel Macias, Tre Martinez, Kierra Mayberry, Shannon Rodriguez, Emilee Ross, Reagan Rugh, Megan Scoggins, Adrian Segura, Megan Terrell, Alexis Whitlock, Kathie Wilkins, Johnathon Young

## January IISD Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, January 08, 2007 in the Itasca ISD Administration Building at 7:00 P.M., President Marquita Lloyd presiding. Present were Marquita Lloyd, President, Rex Jean, Vice President, Claude Garrett, Secretary, Donny Faries, Kevin Lightsey, Nancy Bowman and Susan Bason.

Administration present were Dr. E. Ray Freeman, Superintendent, Glenn Pittman, High School Principal, Larry Myrnarcik, Assistant Middle School Principal, Karon Farquhar, Elementary Principal, Barry Durham, Special Populations Director and Norma Merkel, Secretary. Visitors present were Barbara Petrash and Brian Kelley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Motions were made and passed to approve the minutes from December's board meeting, to approve bills and financial report and to accept the second 2006-07 budget amendment.

Motions were made to approve a resolution for Itasca ISD to hold joint elections with the City of Itasca and to approve changing the General Election date for Itasca ISD to November due to the change in state election law. A motion was also made and passed to extend the following board member terms due to the election date change November due to the change in state election law:

Marquita Lloyd	November 2007
Donny Faries	November 2007
Kevin Lightsey	November 2007
Claude Garrett	November 2008
Nancy Bowman	November 2008
Rex Jean	November 2009
Susan Bason	November 2009

Motions were made and passed to approve changing the March board meeting to the March 5 due to spring break and to approve a class size waiver for elementary. Susan O'Rear was approved to substitute teach for 2006-07.

The board entered executive session at 7:07 p.m. Upon returning from executive session at 8:00 p.m., no action was taken on Superintendent Freeman's contract. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

## Called January 22 Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in a called session on Monday, January 22, 2007 in the Itasca ISD Administration Building at 7:00 P.M., President Marquita Lloyd presiding.

All Board members were present and Glenn Pittman, High School Principal was present for the administration.

The President, Marquita Lloyd, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The board entered executive session at 7:06 p.m. Upon returning from executive session at 9:12 p.m., a motion was made and passed to name Glenn Pittman as the lone finalist for superintendent of Itasca Independent School District. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

## 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, call Gloria @ 817-648-4667

## 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. Only two free tickets per stand will be given. 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

## Recent Deaths



**Fraley, Rosa** - Rosa Fraley, 66 of Carls Corner, passed away February 11, 2007 at her residence. She was born to the late Norman E. and Reda Mae Moore on January 30, 1941 in Sullivan County, IN.

Rosa loved to dance and listen to music. She was a very giving person, always thinking of others before her own needs. She loved to laugh and loved people. She spent most of her life as a waitress, touching so many lives along the way. She worked for the Alvarado House Restaurant for 2 years. Rosa has so many friends and family members that love her and will always miss her.

She is survived by 10 children, Roger Fraley of Phoenix, Arizona, Gary Fraley of Evansville, IN, Karen Bookman of Point, TX, Tonya Isaacks of Hillsboro, Kathy Patty of Carrollton, Sharon Fraley of Dallas, Dana Fish of Itasca, Patricia Kuempel of Kaufman, Charles Crumley of Carls Corner, DeAnna Fraley of Waco; 30 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Phillip Ray Moore of Brazil, IN, Duwayne Moore of Shelburn, IN; 4 sisters, Norma Jean Fishburn of Peru, IN, Helen C. Skelton of Brazil, IN, Betty Lou Johnson of West Terrehaute, IN, Jo Ann Bedwell of Hohe, CO.; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were held February 15, 2007 at the Clayton Kay-Vaughan Funeral Home Chapel in Itasca with Rev. Robert Baze officiating. Interment followed at the Itasca Cemetery.



**Barnes, Doris** - Doris Barnes, 85 of Itasca, passed away on March 1, 2007 in a Hillsboro Hospital. She was born to the late Carl & Carmen Sweeney on November 26, 1921 in Pluto, Texas.

Doris loved spending time with her family, especially all of her grandchildren. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren play sports, working crossword puzzles and word finds. Doris loved cooking and was famous for her chocolate pies. She will be missed by so many who loved her very much.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband in August of 1994, Charles C. Barnes.

She is survived by her son, Charles Ray Barnes and his wife, Diane of Itasca; daughter, Nancy Barnes of Itasca; brother, Carl Sweeney, Jr. of Itasca; sisters, Marie Ellison of Itasca and LaNita Szabo of Azle; 7 grandchildren, Debra Nash, Dwayne Neagle, Darlene Berger, Cindi Holman, Chad Barnes, Brian Knox and Becky Billingsley; 12 great grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 5, 2007 at the First Presbyterian Church of Itasca with Rev. Diane Barnes officiating. Interment followed at the Itasca Cemetery.

## Twenty-Six Members Welcome Inductees into INHS



The Itasca National Honor Society (INHS) held its induction ceremony last month to welcome ten new members.

Welcoming them were (front row l to r) Paige Bailey, Amanda Upchurch, Tim Baker, Lindsey Laird, Jamie Hanes, Rachel Anderson and Estaban Gonzalez.

2<sup>nd</sup> row (l to r) Tralyn Harden, Rosemary Flores, Karla Ochoa, Candice Kowalski, Gabby Rivera, Isai Coronado, Nichole Kelley and Zac Johnson.

3<sup>rd</sup> row (l to r) Stephanie Campbell, Alecia Evans, Ashley Swilley, Ashlee Carranza, John Ellis, Javier Medina, Clayton Wienecke, Terrey Brumbalow, Clayton Beatty, Jake Key and Nick Worth.

The new members included two seniors, Anita Ponce and Chelsea Minyard and eight sophomores, Pilar Baskett, Elizabeth Bennett, Tim Earhart, Sarah Evans,

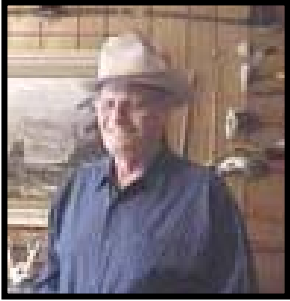
Susie May, Marie Worth, Viddy Reyes and Chelsea Rodriguez.

The Itasca National Honor Society is sponsored by Mrs. Monell Weatherly.



## Do You Remember . . . ? – “The Woodburning Cookstove”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



I guess nothing in history has been more closely associated with the home and family than the old-fashioned wood cook stove. One could even say that it was the heart of the home. In many cases it was the home heating system. In many homes the kitchen also served as the family room. The room was very large and was used as the dining room as well. It had a large pantry, where not only foodstuff was kept, but kitchen utensils and the butter churn. The churn in early days was made of wood, like a barrel, later it was crock.

In some cases water was piped from the windmill to the kitchen and a homemade sink was installed, which also served as a bathroom. I remember my father shaving over the sink with a little round mirror hanging above. He used the old straight razor with the razor “strop” hanging there. The razor “strop” was also used as a disciplinary tool sometimes if a young man were to get out of line.

The kitchen table was made of 1x12 boards, and in earlier years the “chairs” may have been nail kegs which were preceded by the cane bottom chairs. There was an old oak icebox, also, and when we went to town on Saturday we bought a fifty-pound block of ice back, which usually lasted about three days.

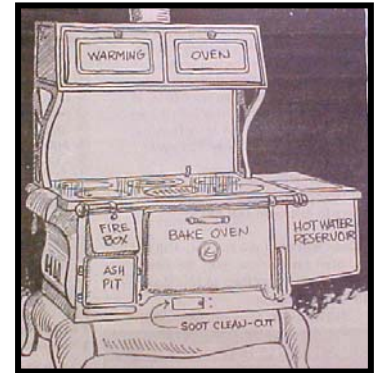
Getting back to the cook stove, my grandmother had a “Home Comfort Range.” There were other brands such as Heartland, the Canadian brand, The Enterprise, Elmira Appliances and others.

I had an uncle who traveled the western states selling the Home Comfort Range. He and my aunt loved to travel, so they enjoyed the work. Traveling salesmen in those days were called “drummers.” I can remember when they were in Itasca late, they stayed at the old Watelsky hotel, Mrs. Vernon’s or the Ross Hotel. We kids liked to listen to the tales they told us about the country they had traveled in and a few other stories that we knew were tall tales, but we enjoyed them anyway. After listening to them, some of the young men might have decided to become a drummer rather than a fireman or train engineer.

As the old saying goes “a person hasn’t lived unless he has tasted food cooked in the old wood range.” It had a large oven in the middle and a firebox with an ash unit underneath that. Many models had a hot water reservoir on one side. The hot water was used on Saturday when we took our bath before going to town. In summer we used a shower rigged underneath the windmill tank. Usually a large porcelain coffee pot was going with its whistling and other noises. It was speckled blue, like a robin’s egg. There was a large box behind the stove for wood which seemed to be in constant need of filling, especially in winter when it was used as a family room where we all did our school lessons at night with the aid of a coal oil lamp. If you happen to have an old lamp, turn off your electric lights, use the old lamp and see how it was to study or read by it

The kerosene stove followed the old wood-burning stove. It was one of the worst cooking devices invented because, quite often the food tasted like kerosene. Next came the natural gas stove which was a vast improvement. Still, nothing compares to the food quality of the old wood range.

I can still smell the fresh loaves of yeast bread from the oven. I especially liked the golden crusty ends buttered with homemade peach preserves and the light flaky biscuits with Brer Rabbit syrup, or homemade sorghum molasses. My grandmother’s specialty was what she called “tea cakes,” a large soft cookie made with sorghum molasses. Therefore, the memory still lingers of the good food, the good times and the closeness of the family living as it was then.



## Relay For Life Quilt Raffle

Press Release

(Left to right) Kent Smith, Louise Wilson, Debbie Whitson, Carol Upchurch, Karla Clay, and Debbie Cole.

The quilt pictured 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. 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.



***Paw Print Press***  
**123 N. College**  
**Itasca, Texas 76055**

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**Wampus Cats of the Week**

**National Honor Society Officers**



In order to be considered for INHS 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, but in order to be elected to an office in the organization, a student must also be willing to work and help their sponsor

when ever it is need.

This year's officers all meet the criterion for NHS membership: service, leadership, scholarship and character, but they also meet the fifth charge: willingness to work.

Seated (l to r) Secretary Karla Ochoa and President Amanda Upchurch. Standing (l to r) Co-Vice Presidents Paige Bailey and Stephanie Campbell, Historian Alecia Evans and Treasurer Rachel Anderson.,

**Special of the Week**



"These Ford Escapes are beauties! So are my Honor Society Officers. They would make a great pair as the leave for college.

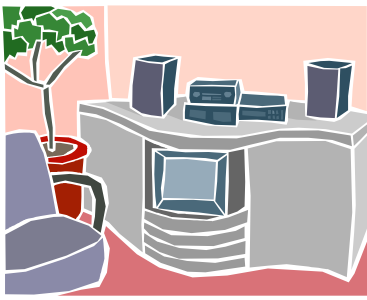
**JUST ARRIVED!**

**All-New '08 Escape**



**Bolder Inside And Out**  
**Come See It Now!**

**Lloyd Ford – Proud Supporter of the Wampus Cats**



# Garage Sale

Saturday, March 17

811 E. Main St.

7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Entertainment center, desk, clothes,  
misc.

(Not actual pictures of items for sale)



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## For Sale

3 bedroom house – 308 S. Aquila St.

Needs some work

Call 254-687-9197 or

254-854-2344 for details.

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## Notice – Accepting Bids

Notice is hereby given that the City of Itasca will begin to accept sealed bids on a manufactured doublewide home. The home will be sold as is. The home must be moved from its present location within 14 days of sale. All cost will be the buyer's responsibility. The closing date will be March 30, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. Contact City Hall for more information Sue Comer, Tax Collector

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## For Sale

2 lots on 310 Mark St. in Hillsboro, Texas

Call 254-659-7025 after 4 p.m.

# DANCE/BAILE



**St. Patrick's Day  
Saturday, March 17**



**The Warehouse**

**8:00-12:00**

**Doors open at 7 p.m.**

**DJ Chris, Larry and Joe C**

**\$8.00 adults**

**\$5.00 13-17 yrs old**

**12-under free w/parent**



**MINORS-YOU WILL NOT BE  
ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE BUILDING,  
YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY AGAIN!!!!!!**

**Concessions will be available**

**All proceeds will go to the  
Cinco de Mayo Scholarship  
Fund**

