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## David Arellano Proudly Sports His Golden Gloves

Some information from Phillip Barnhard's story in the 3/3/2007 *Corsicana Daily Sun*



When you are the third son in a family of four boys, you learn how to fight early and become good at it or get beat up a lot. Twenty-one year old David Arellano, son of Raymond Arellano of Itasca and Shirley Arellano of Fort Worth, became very good at fighting, but as he got older he found that the street fighting only led to trouble.

Arellano decided to turn what everyone perceived to be a negative into a positive. A few months ago he asked boxing coach Murray Cox to help him learn how to box in the ring.

Pictured above - David proudly displays his 1st place Golden Gloves trophy. He works for the City of Frost and is currently studying to get his water management certificate.

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## Cindy Kocher Sworn as Official Court Reporter

Press Release



On Tuesday, February 27, 2007, the 66th Judicial Court received its new Official Court Reporter, Cindy Kocher, in a District Court swearing-in ceremony in Hillsboro.

District Judge McGregor swore in Ms. Kocher. County Court at Law Judge A. Lee Harris

and County Judge Justin Lewis lead in pledges to the flags of the United States and State of Texas, respectively. After the oath of office was administered, the new Court Reporter was presented the badge of her office.

Judge McGregor said, "We are pleased to have Ms. Kocher on staff. She follows a long line of outstanding Court Reporters we have had in the 66th District Court. Cindy comes to us from San Angelo District Court. Her experience and demonstrated skill are a real plus.

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## HILCO Employees Retire

Press Release



Joyce Morris, left, and Louise Wilson retire after many years of service to HILCO Electric Cooperative.

Surrounded by their families, friends, current and past co-workers, Joyce Morris and Louise Wilson were honored with a retirement party in January.

It was both a happy and sad occasion as HILCO Electric Cooperative honored the employees in HILCO's Farrow Room with refreshments and memorabilia decorating the packed room.

Payroll/Work Order Clerk Louise Wilson, retired after devoting over 34-years to the cooperative. Assistant Accounts Receivable Billing Coordinator Joyce Morris (also affectionately known around the co-op as "Ms. Joyce"), devoted the last 32-years to HILCO's billing department.

HILCO Interim General Manager Debbie Cole, who has worked closely with the two women for over 22-years, presented gifts to the retirees. She recalled special memories with the loyal employees and wished them well in their much-deserved retirement. She said, "Louise and Joyce both possess a unique ability to brighten up your day with their smiles and positive attitudes."

Ms. Cole added, "In Barbara Cage's 'Ten Suggestions for a Brighter Future,' she ends with Number 10: 'Dream, make plans, believe in yourself, and go for what you want.' Our hope for Louise and Joyce is that all of their dreams and plans come true."

## Set Up Your TIVOs & VCRs

Parts of the museum move that took place in June 2006 is set to air on the National Geographic Channel on Thurs., March 29 at 10:00 p.m. EST.

## 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 10:30-12:00  
 Team Kids- for K-4<sup>th</sup> grade - Mondays  
 3:30-5:00 p.m. 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, April 16, 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 22 - UIL One Act Play District Contest - Cleburne High School - Everyone welcome  
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 25 - Umpire Clinic - Hillsboro Wallace Park - 4:00 p.m. \$30 fee  
March 26 - Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting - HILCO Farrow Room - 5:30 p.m.  
March 26 - UIL District Speaking Contests - Grandview High School  
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 26 - UIL District Writing Contests - Grandview High School  
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 VFD Activity Report

	Fire Call	City	County
Assist EMS			
Motor Vehicle Accident	2		2
Residence	1		1
Utility	1		
Total	4		4
Total Man Hours	97 hrs. 3 mins		
6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	- 3	6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.	- 5
Total mileage	82	Total members	15

## Wedding Announcement



Dr. and Mrs. Verl Childers of Itasca, TX announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kelley Elizabeth Childers, to Mr. William L. Strona, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strona, of Itasca, TX.

Kelley is a 2001 graduate of Itasca High School and a 2004 graduate of Baylor University in Waco, TX. She is currently in the Technical Management Development Program at E. & J. Gallo Winery and is employed as an Assistant Winemaker at the winery in Livingston, California. William is a 2001 graduate of Itasca High School and a 2006 graduate of California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA.

He is presently employed as the manager of King's X Dairy in Itasca, TX. The couple has not yet set a date for their wedding.

## Arellano in Golden Gloves

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After spending a number of weeks training, he competed in his first tournament on February 21, 23, 24 at the Will Rogers Coliseum. He was in the welterweight division (141 lbs.) of the Golden Gloves eight-man tournament and came home with the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy in the novice bracket. On March 18, Arellano competed once again and this time he won one fight and lost the other. He is set to fight again on April 21 in Fort Worth.

"I am proud to see Arellano's fights being reported on the front page of the *Paw Print Press*," one of his high school teachers said with a smile, "instead of in the police report."

## New Court Reporter Sworn In

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"Many people do not realize the Official Court reporters are held to possible criminal liability for the integrity and preservation of their written work product, in a fashion and a length of time unlike any other employee in government. We are so proud she has elected to join us and call Hill County home."

Ms. Kocher has served Impact Court, County Court at Law and District Courts in Hidalgo and Tom Green Counties, and as a visiting reporter in many Texas counties. She also was a court reporter in the State of New York for a year. She has reported several infamous cases during her career. She was a National Honor Society graduate of Waco High School. After graduation from Professional Court Reporting School in Richardson, she successfully completed the Texas certification test for licensing. She holds membership in state and national professional court reporting associations.

## Public Notice from IPD

Over the years, the Itasca police department has collected several items in its lost and found. Currently our storage is overflowing with items that need to be returned to their owners.

If you have lost something in the past 10 years and would like to see if we have it at the PD, please come by the police department on N. Hill St. and fill out a lost & found slip. If the slip's information matches items in our lost & found, we will contact you and return the items.

Come by Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## 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

## Severe Weather Alert Information

Public Service Announcement

When the police or fire department receives information from the National Weather Service, that severe weather may threaten the Itasca Area, the city siren will sound a signal. This does not mean that a tornado is definitely spotted.

The siren signal is to warn the citizens that severe weather that may be dangerous has been detected by the weather service of sky watchers. The siren will be sounded for reports of tornadic activity in the area, tornados that have been spotted, strong straight-line damaging winds, or storms that may produce dangerous hail.

When the siren sounds the weather alert, you should seek cover immediately. The siren warning is only sounded in Itasca for bad weather and to test the system on Fridays at noon. It is no longer used for fire or ambulance calls.



## Senior Spotlight

### Zoleeta Meyers-West

Feature Writer Candice Kowalski  
Caricature by Gabby Rivera



As the rain beat down upon her and her instrument, Zoleeta Suzzette Myers-West reflected upon all she had experienced being a member of the Itasca High School Band. Slowly she stepped onto the field for her very last marching contest as she thought about the fascinating city of New York and her performance on the ever-enchanting stage of Carnegie Hall.

"That was last year," she said to herself smiling, "this is my moment to shine as a senior marcher."

The "indescribable" daughter of Benny West and Sue Leonforte-West has been attending Itasca ISD since pre-kindergarten. Now 17, she is ready to graduate and pack her bags for Northwest Missouri State University.

Many people have influenced the life of Zoleeta including her mother, who is her role model, and her fiancé Kyle Richard Doner. Her closest friends are Candice Kowalski, Devin Dulaney, Ashley Swilley, Rachel Anderson, Paige Bailey, Jon Rogers and Gabby Zuniga.

"Why? Because they're always there for me. My friends are honest, real and goofy!" she said.

In her spare time, Zoleeta enjoys catching up on sleep and working on My Space. When it comes to family, "My family is just fun!" Additional members of her family are her many lovable cats, with one in particular by the name of Yoda.

"My favorite teachers are Coach Horn, Mr. Band and Mr. Bratton," Zoleeta said.

Zoleeta has been playing for Mr. Band, otherwise known as Mr. David Hernandez, since the sixth grade where she began on the alto saxophone. Marching season in high school brought her to the tenor sax, but she currently enjoys playing her baritone sax now that concert season has finally rolled around.

As she prepares to leave Itasca, she departs with many memories.

"I'll always remember the 'drama' of junior high and as for high school, all I can say is 'Spy Cat!'"



## Mary's Middle School Focus on Nancy Reyes

Reporter Mary Maddox



Nancy Reyes is a very bright, attentive and respectful eighth grader. She is always on the top of her game whether it is school work, playing basketball, running cross country and track or playing her saxophone in band.

"In my perspective she works very hard and is always giving her best," Coach Stacy Mayberry said.

She is on the A/B honor roll and has been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.

"Nancy is a good example of a successful student," English teacher Larry Maddox said. "Success comes from hard work and a good attitude and that's what she is all about."

## Itasca Garden Club Update

Press Release

The March meeting of the Itasca Garden Club was held in the home of Martha Strona. Hostesses for the meeting were Judy Crumpacker, Charlene Wiginton and Georgia Wiginton.

The program on "Floral Design" was given by Melva Bowles. Ms. Bowles is a flower show judge and gave the club timely advice and ideas for their upcoming flower show. She also constructed several arrangements showing proper design techniques.

The annual Garden Club flower show will be April 12, 2007 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Farrow Room located at 115 E. Main in Itasca. The public is invited to attend and enjoy the floral arrangements and refreshments that will be provided by club members.

Students from Itasca High School will hold a sidewalk plant sale during this time. The plants being sold are from the school's greenhouse. All proceeds from the sale will go to the school.

Club members voted a new slate of officers for the upcoming 2007-08 year. Those officers are, President - Maria Wood, 1st Vice President - Cathye Miller, 2nd Vice President - Dianne Taylor, 3rd. Vice President - Charlene Wiginton, Secretary - Martha Strona, Treasurer - Karen Buckner, Historian/Librarian - Pat Gibbons and Parliamentarian - Linda Hinson.

This year's club outing/field trip will be on May 16, 2007 to the Ft. Worth Botanical and Japanese Gardens. Lunch will be at Central Market. Members are to meet at the Central Baptist Church in Itasca at 10:00 a.m.

# Wampus Cat Baseball



The Wampus Cat baseball team is used to jumping right into the playing season, with very little practice because of the great job the basketball team does each year to take them to the playoffs and extend their season. The story was

the same this year as the team took to the field against Avalon on March 2, with only four days of practice.

However, fans are seeing a different team this year. Last year's team was young and many of the players had never played baseball before. This year the Cats still have a young team but it is showing some experience and they are much more polished on the field and in the batter's box. As of yet they have not put a game in the win column, but opponents are finding the Cats tough on the field.

Playing for the Cats are juniors Jake Mears (2<sup>nd</sup> base, pitcher), John Prescott (2<sup>nd</sup> base, pitcher), Jacob Pelham (1<sup>st</sup> base), Isai Coronado (outfield), Jake Key (3<sup>rd</sup> base, outfield); sophomore DeVeon Mayberry (short-stop); freshmen Zack Bassett (catcher, outfield), Ryan Crouch (1<sup>st</sup> base, outfield), Chad Rutherford (catcher), Leo Coronado (outfield) and Eddie Coronado (outfield).



Head coach for the team is Craig Horn. He is assisted by Coach Fred Dakan.

## 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

# Texas 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>.

## Wampus Cats Baseball Schedule

Won - 0      Loss - 3

March 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

Won - 3      Loss - 3

March 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)



## Cast Performs One Act Play “Much Ado About Nothing”

Reporter Devin Corbitt



The Itasca One Act Play cast competed in the district meet on March 22, 2007. They presented the play “Much Ado About Nothing” by William Shakespeare.

Last week the cast performed in a festival at Cleburne High School before Judge Mark Pickell. He is a UIL state judge and he critiqued the performance and gave suggestions to help the cast get ready for district. The cast and crew gave up part of their spring break to prepare for the festival and to work on the suggestions Mr. Pickell had to offer.

The OAP has been under the direction of Mrs. Susan Crawford for the last four years.

“This year I would especially like to thank Mrs. Jarie Lewis (pictured right) for all of her hard work in creating the Renaissance period costumes,” Crawford said. “She made costumes in previous years when her daughter, Christy, was involved in OAP, and she agreed to make them again this year. She made six girls’ and nine boys’ costumes for this year’s play. Even though she does not have a child involved this year, she still agreed to make our costumes for us, and I am very grateful to her for that.”



The cast and crew would also like to thank Mrs. Lewis for the wonderful cookies she brought to the practices.

“She makes really good cookies,” Stage Manager Sarah Evans said, “I loved it when she brought them.”

## Hill County Heritage Book, Volume II

“We are now accepting stories for the Hill County Heritage Book, Volume II, “ reports Roy Bessire, chair of Hill County Heritage Book Committee. “ Stories and photographs published in the first volume will not be reprinted in Volume II. You may however, expand upon your family story placed in Volume I. “

Current residents, former residents and those with ancestors in Hill County may submit stories. Each story may be 500 words and 1 photograph to be printed free of charge. Pioneer families are those families that lived in Hill County in 1903 and before and each story may be 1000 words per pioneer family and 2 photographs. You may purchase words beyond the limit for \$0.15 per words.

Schools, communities, churches, cemeteries, clubs, organizations, businesses and other historical topics are considered topical stories. Topical stories are allowed 1000 words and 1 photograph at no charge.

Authors maintain the copyright to individual stories. The publisher maintains the copyright of the book with the combined stories. Authors are responsible for the content and accuracy of submissions. Neither the committee nor publisher is responsible for content and accuracy. Authors must place their name, address, telephone number and e-mail address at the end of the story. Sources are limited to four, such as marriage records, census records, bible records, family letters, etc.

The stories will not be edited, however, submissions that harm or embarrass will not be used. The committee will correct obvious typographical errors. Stories must be in narrative format with no genealogical charts, lists or tabular material. Stories must be typed or computer generated and double-spaced. Handwritten or stories in all capital letters will be returned.

Computer generated photographs must be printed at minimum of 720x720 dpi. They are not to be imbedded with the story but placed on a separate sheet. Scanned photographs should be on photo quality paper. Those on regular paper reproduce poorly. Photo captions are limited to 10 words and must be typed at the end of the story. Captions written only on the back of the photo will not appear in the book.

The committee cannot be responsible for lost photographs; we will attempt to return all photographs. Do not send original photographs. Identify photographs by placing a mailing label on the back of each one. Please do not write on the back of photos. We will accept color and B&W photographs up to 8 x 10. We will size them to fit in the book.

If you have questions concerning this book, please contact Roy Bessire, 254-666-3283, e-mail [rcbess@aol.com](mailto:rcbess@aol.com) or Richard Greenhill at 254-582-8912. Mail stories to: Hill Co., HBC Vol. II, P.O. Box 636, Hillsboro, TX 76645.

## Paw Pals' Clinics = Success Plans Underway for Special April Program

Press Release

Hill County Paw Pals, the grass roots group organized to help install a county-level animal shelter and animal control program, recently hosted their 25th Low Cost Sterilization and Vaccination Clinic in collaboration with Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) (a Denton based non-profit group). Low cost pet sterilization service is a vital part in Paw Pals' proactive strategy to correct pet overpopulation. In fact, no community has ever corrected their pet overpopulation issue without low cost services made available. Clinics are performed on the first Tuesday of each month at the Hillsboro Civic Center (old Wal-Mart Building).

Appointments are needed for surgeries. Calling toll free 1-866-310-PETS. Vaccinations are administered from 10am-2pm and do not require an appointment. Paw Pals volunteers who worked to make March's event another success were Cleo Davis, Andrea Finch, Dana Fuchs, Anita Gilley, Jane Green, Mary Ann Johnson, Jean & "JD" Landis, Kathy Moore, Diana Prince, Lea Slocum, Lonnie Tilson, and Lorie Welch. Hill County is thankful for the support given by the City of Hillsboro for the use of the Civic Center to perform this needed service.

Hill County is designated as a rabies quarantine county (the rabies virus is present in our county), yet it is estimated that up to 20,000 dogs and cats living with families in Hill County are unvaccinated or not current for the rabies virus vaccination. This is a great health risk for children and families. Texas Rabies Control Act states that every pet over 4 months of age must be vaccinated against rabies. Violation of this law is a Class C Misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500. Paw Pals encourages pet owners to visit their local veterinarian for their pet's health care. To help correct the non-compliance mandatory rabies control law, Paw Pals has organized a Rabies Vaccination Clinic in conjunction with their Adoption Day scheduled April 7, at Tractor Supply in Hillsboro. The Veterinary Technician Program from McLennan Community College will host the rabies vaccination clinic. Rabies vaccinations will be administered from 12-2pm. If you would like to help Paw Pals correct pet overpopulation in our county, call 580-0679; email [hcpawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawpals@yahoo.com); or visit their website [hcpawpals.org](http://hcpawpals.org).

## February 2007 Police Report

- 2-1 – Traffic stop (speeding) – I-35W southbound mm 7 – Arrest for possession of marijuana (<2 oz.)
- 2-1 – Assisted citizen – 100 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
- 2-1 – Suspicious vehicle – Exit 7 rest area
- 2-2 – Assisted DPS on stops– I-35W northbound mm 3 & 6
- 2-3 – Disturbance – 400 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
- 2-3 – Assisted motorists – I-35W southbound mm 4 & 5
- 2-3 – Complaint of phone harassment
- 2-3 – Domestic disturbance – 300 blk. S. Front St.
- 2-3 – Death threat on phone – 500 blk. S. Wesley St.
- 2-4 – Assisted citizen – 1200 blk. E. Main St.
- 2-4 – Assisted motorists – I-35W southbound mm 10 & 12
- 2-5 – Assisted motorists – I-35W southbound mm 3 & 10 ½
- 2-5 – Animal complaint by phone
- 2-5 – Fight in progress – 400 blk. S, Files St. – Mental subject transported to Whitney Medical Center – Subject was combatant – damaged patrol car - attempted to gain control of officer's firearm
- 2-5 – Animal complaint (3 different calls) – aggressive pit bull – 800 blk. of E. Main St.
- 2-6 – Fraud report – 100 blk. N. Hill St.
- 2-7 – Traffic stop (speeding) – Driver arrested for DWLI and probation violation in McLennan County – I-35W northbound mm 7
- 2-7 – Burglar of habitation report – 300 blk. S. Lamar St.
- 2-8 – Assisted citizen – 900 blk. S. Hill St.
- 2-9 – Report of possible assault in progress – 400 blk. E. South St.
- 2-10 – Assisted HCSO with family violence
- 2-10 – Animal complaint – Dog attacked a duck – 100 blk. W. North St.
- 2-10 – Report of ID theft
- 2-10 – Traffic stop (speeding) – 3 arrested for possession of marijuana (<2 oz.) – 1 arrested for possession of a controlled substance (crack cocaine) - I-35W southbound mm 7
- 2-11 – Minor accident – I-35W southbound mm 8
- 2-12 – Traffic stop (speeding) – Arrest made for manufacturing or deliver of a control substance with intent to sell – (>1 gram< 4 grams) – I-35W southbound mm 7
- 2-13 – Prowler call – 100 blk. N. College St.
- 2-13 – Suspicious person – 100 blk. N. Front St.
- 2-13 – Animal complaint (dogs) – 300 blk. E. South St. & 300 blk. E. Adams St.
- 2-13 – Investigated fire alarm – 400 blk. S, Files St.
- 2-13 – Welfare check – 100 blk. E. Marrion St.
- 2-14 – Attempted burglary – 100 blk. N. Hill St.
- 2-14 – Arrest for control substance (crack cocaine >1 gram < 4 gram) W. South St. & S. Hill St.
- 2-15 – Assisted Burleson PD
- 2-15 – Animal complaint (horse) – 900 blk. Mill St.
- 2-15 – Possible civil disturbance – 100 blk. E. North St.
- 2-15 – Civil disturbance – 800 blk. Mill St.
- 2-16 – Assisted ambulance – 500 blk. N. King St.

## Recent Death



**Crouch, Mildred** - Mildred Crouch, 93, of Hillsboro, passed away March 7, 2007 in Hillsboro at her residence. She was born to the late Jacob & Louisa Smith on October 31, 1913 in Hill County, Texas.

Mildred was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. She loved people and touched so many lives during her 93 years. She graduated high school from Hillsboro and was a member of the Church of Christ in Itasca. She managed the sewing and dress shop in Itasca for 10 years or more. Mildred will be missed by so many who loved her.

She is survived by her sons, Louis Smith Crouch and his wife, Hattie of Ellicott City, MD, John Elvin Crouch and his wife, Mary of Itasca; daughter, Jane Crouch Cowart and her husband, Clint of Beeville; 7 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 9 great-great grandchildren; sisters, Myra Lee Roberts of Hillsboro.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Elvin Crouch in 1996. Mildred and Elvin married on May 31, 1934.

Funeral services were held March 10, 2007 at the Clayton Kay-Vaughan Funeral Home Chapel with Dudley Watson officiating. Interment was at the Itasca Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Cary McCown, David Crouch, Mike McCown, Andy Crouch, Ethan Crouch, and Billy Crouch.

**Umpire Clinic**  
**Sunday March 25 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Hillsboro Wallace Park**  
**\$30 Fee**  
**Earn \$25 to \$30 per game.**

## Relay For Life Quilt Raffle



Handmade by Carol  
 Upchurch  
 Tickets \$1 each  
 6 for \$5  
 Drawing March 30, 2007  
 254-687-2331.

## February 2007 Police Report

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- 2-16 – Gunshots in area - Wesley & North Sts.
- 2-16 – Assisted citizen – 100 blk. E. Marrion St.
- 2-17 – Assisted EMS – 200 blk. S. King St.
- 2-17 – Animal complaint (loose cattle – I-35W southbound mm 12
- 2-17 – Verbal disturbance – 100 blk. W. Wilkerson St.
- 2-18 – Reckless driver report – I-35W northbound
- 2-19 – Reckless driver report – I-35W southbound mm 10
- 2-19 – Reckless driver report – I-35W southbound
- 2-19 – Assisted DPS with vehicle search (2 arrested for possession of marijuana & a controlled substance) I-35W northbound mm 5
- 2-20 – Reckless driver report – I-35W southbound mm 8
- 2-20 – Civil disturbance – 800 blk. Mill St.
- 2-20 – Medical emergency – I-35W northbound mm 3
- 2-20 – Traffic stop (speeding) – Subject arrested on warrants from Florida – I-35W northbound mm 11
- 2-20 – Burglar of a habitation – 600 blk. E. Adams
- 2-22 – Theft <\$50 – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
- 2-22 – Assisted HPD – 600 blk. E. Adams St.
- 2-22 – Civil matter – 400 blk. Wesley St.
- 2-22 – Possible terrorist threat – 100 blk. N. College St.
- 2-23 – Civil matter – 500 blk. K Lane
- 2-24 – Report of possible domestic disturbance – Arrest made on outstanding warrants – North & King Sts.
- 2-25 – Assault report – 100 blk. Maple St.
- 2-25 – Civil disturbance – 600 blk. S. Files St.
- 2-25 – Traffic stop (speeding) – Citations issued for drug paraphernalia & marijuana) Released to military authorities – I-35W northbound mm 8
- 2-26 – Civil matter – 500 blk. Aquilla St.
- 2-26 – Possible burglary of habitation – 400 blk. N. Wesley St.
- 2-27 – Burglary of a building – 100 blk. N. College St.
- 2-27 – Traffic stop (speeding) – Subject arrested for evading arrest/detention with vehicle – I-35W northbound mm 7
- 2-28 – Animal complaint (5 loose puppies) – 400 blk. N. Hill St.
- 2-28 – Burglary of a building – 100 blk. N. Wall St.

## Cinco de Mayo Booth Application

Send fee and booth requirements to:

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 P O Box 345, Itasca, TX 76055

Outside spaces are \$30.00 without electricity & \$40.00 with electricity (1 16 gauge cord). Each additional cord is \$10.00 extra. Please indicate what you are selling, and if it is food, please indicate what type. Spaces are 6'x12'.

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## Recent Deaths

**Ellison, Norma Louise** – Norma Louise Ellison, 79, of Waco died Friday, February 2, 2007, at Royal Manor Nursing Home in Hewitt. Funeral services were held on February 5, 2007, at Aderhold Funeral Home Chapel in West. Graveside services were held at Itasca Cemetery.

**Marshall, Charles Ray** - Mr. Charles Ray Marshall, 62, of Grandview died February 13, 2007, at a Fort Worth hospital. Funeral services were held February 19, 2007, at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Itasca. Burial was at Luke Tipton Cemetery.

**Wimbish, Bessie Lee** - Ms. Bessie Lee Wimbish, 82, a lifetime Ellis County resident, passed away February 15, 2007, at Trinity Mission Health and Rehab in Italy.

She was born December 14, 1924, in Milford, daughter of the late Paul Alexander and Bessie Allen Crawford Wimbish. A graduate of Milford High School, she received her BS from North Texas University and her Master's from Baylor University. She taught school in Mertens, Ferris, Milford, Bynum, Itasca and Hillsboro and was the women's basketball coach at Mertens, Ferris, Bynum and Milford. She was an avid golfer and a member of Hillsboro Country Club. She loved animals, from cats to horses. She traveled nationwide, enjoying science and biology, and was influential in encouraging several students to become doctors. She was the care-giver for her mother, an artist and loved woodcarving. She was a member of Italy Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Survivors include five nieces and nephews.

A service in celebration of her life was held February 17, 2007 at Italy Church of Christ with Walter Buchanan officiating. Burial was at Milford Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kurt Holman, Brian Ford, David Michael Ford, Troy Thompson, Bobby Wallace Crabtree, John Wimbish and Gregg Wimbish.

**Thompson, Linda Marie** - Mrs. Linda Marie Thompson, 60, of Hillsboro died February 16, 2007, at a local hospital. Funeral Services were held February 22, 2007 at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Itasca. Burial was at Luke Tipton Cemetery in Itasca.

**Eastland, Martha Leila** - Martha Leila Martin Eastland, 90, of Hillsboro, a teacher in the Highland Park schools in Dallas for many years and the mother of three children, died February 23, 2007, in Dallas from cancer.

She was born in Hillsboro January 10, 1917, the third of three daughters born to William Harrison Martin and Annie Leila Elliot Martin. She was descended from Scotts-Irish settlers of North America. She attended Hillsboro Public schools and graduated from Hillsboro Junior College in 1936 and Texas State College in 1938 with a degree in home economics. She married Herman Eastland III in 1941 and the couple moved to Dallas in 1946, retiring to Hillsboro in 1994. He preceded her in death in 1998. She taught home economics at Highland Park Middle School until her retirement from teaching in 1985. She received a master's degree in home economics from Texas State College in 1970. Like her husband, she had a talent for antiques and old houses. She was known for her fine cooking and gracious hosting and for her recall of people and events. An avid reader, she especially loved books on Texas and American history. She was a member of Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Public Affairs Luncheon Club of Dallas. In Hillsboro, she was a member of Hill County Republican Women's Club and Monday Review Club. Recently, she served in the Texas Silver Haired Legislature. She was a member of Grace Bible Church of Dallas.

Survivors include: two sons, William Martin Eastland of Arlington and Terry Herman Eastland of McLean, Virginia; one daughter, Leila Jane Eastland of Itasca; and one granddaughter, Katherine Lindsey Eastland of McLean Virginia.

Graveside services were held March 13, 2007 at Ridge Park Cemetery in Hillsboro with Chaplin Bill Bryan officiating. Memorial services were held March 14, 2007 at Grace Bible Church in Dallas

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## Wampus Cat of the Week

### Coach Greg Cranfill



Head Football and Basketball Coach Greg Cranfill has announced that he will be leaving Itasca ISD on March 23, 2007. The move is upsetting to many at Itasca High but is a major boost for his coaching career as he is moving to 5-A Flower Mound Marcus as a football coach.

Coach Cranfill has taught and coached at his alma mater twice. In 1998, he coached the boys' baseball team through bi-district. He returned to IHS in 2003 and his basketball boys were regional quarterfinalists with a 22-6 record. In 2005, they were also regional quarterfinalists with a 23-4 record. This year, the 2006 football team was the bi-district champion and the basketball team was a bi-district qualifier.

"I didn't do it," Cranfill said, "It was the boys. Itasca has some great athletes and students. I will miss them all, but I will be keeping up with them."

Top right - Cranfill confers with two of his captains before the Edgewood play-off game.



Bottom - A final strategy meeting during the Dallas Life game.

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