

# Paw Print Press

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## Harden, Mayberry, Guy Receive District 11-2A Superlative Awards Phillips earns All-District 1<sup>st</sup> Team Spot



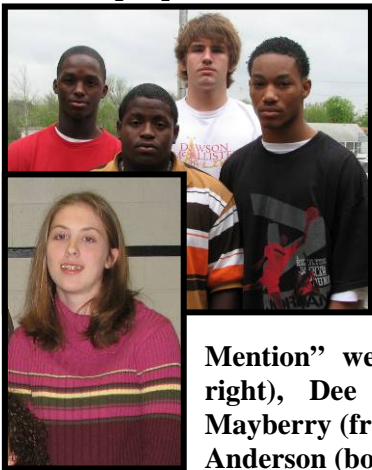
After a great basketball season that finished in a bi-district game against Dallas Life, seven Wampus Cats received 11-2A District honors.

Junior Tralyn Harden (left) was named "MVP" for the district, senior Kendale Mayberry (right) earned the "Defensive MVP" plaque and freshman Desmond Guy (center) came away with the "Newcomer of the Year" award.

Lady Cat sophomore Courtney Phillips (top insert) earned a spot on the All-District 1<sup>st</sup> Team roster.

Sophomore Mikey Marshall (back left) made "Second Team All District" and receiving "Honorable

Mention" were Clayton Wienecke (back right), Dee Marshall (right), De'Veon Mayberry (front left) and Lady Cat Rachel Anderson (bottom insert).



## American Cancer Society Relay for Life May 18-19

Press Release

Hill County walkers will go around the clock to fight cancer during the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This celebration of life brings numerous groups and individuals concerned about cancer together for a unified effort to fight back.

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## Thirteen Head to Regional UIL Literary Competition



Thirteen is Itasca's lucky number this year as that is how many students will compete in the Regional UIL Literary Meet at Tarleton State University on April 13-14.

Earning medals and ribbons were Paige Bailey (1<sup>st</sup> Persuasive Speaking, 7<sup>th</sup> Current Events, 5<sup>th</sup> Social Studies), Zac Johnson (3<sup>rd</sup> Persuasive Speaking, 3<sup>rd</sup> LD Debate), Isai Coronado (2<sup>nd</sup> Informative Speaking), Marsha Guy (2<sup>nd</sup> LD Debate), Candice Kowalski (5<sup>th</sup> Ready Writing, 4<sup>th</sup> News Writing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feature Writing, 5<sup>th</sup> Computer Science), Rosemary Flores (6<sup>th</sup> Number Sense), Nick Worth (2<sup>nd</sup> Calculator), Tim Baker (5<sup>th</sup> Calculator), Megan Goff (3<sup>rd</sup> News Writing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feature Writing), Ashley Durham (3<sup>rd</sup> Editorial Writing), Viddy Reyes (4<sup>th</sup> Editorial Writing), Rachel Anderson (missing from picture) (3<sup>rd</sup> Social Studies, 2<sup>nd</sup> Literary Criticism), and Elizabeth Bennett (5<sup>th</sup> Literary Criticism).

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## 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.

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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>             | 120 W. Marrion           | 687-9134     |
| <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. |              |

### 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?

Matthew 6: 9 - 13 tells us that we must forgive those who trespass against us, or our heavenly *Father* will not forgive us.      Church of Christ      300 N. Aquilla  
 Sunday: 9:45 & 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.      Wed. 6 p.m.

### First Presbyterian Church

#### Sunday Schedule

9:30 Fellowship - 10:00 Sunday School - 11:00 Worship  
 Exercise Classes- Senior Citizens Tues.&Thurs. 10 a.m.  
 Game Night - 3rd Tuesday Night - 6:00 p.m.

Angel Food Ministry Host Site - 687-2243

### Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

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

April 30, 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

April 5 - Wampus Cats' Baseball & Lady Cats' Softball vs. Grandview - District game - Here 4:30 p.m.

April 5 - Junior High District Track Meet - Hico

April 5 - Tenebrae Service - 7:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

April 6 - Good Friday - School Holiday

April 7 - Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting - 9:00 a.m. - Central Baptist

April 8 - Community Easter Sunrise Service - Veterans' Memorial Park - gazebo - 7:00 a.m. Everyone Welcome

April 9 - Wampus Cats' Baseball & Lady Cats' Softball vs. Hico - District game - Away 4:30 p.m.

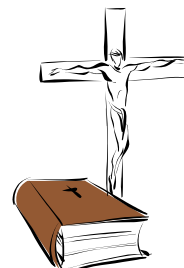
April 9 - Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 p.m. IISD Administration Building

April 10-12 - Varsity & JV district track meets - Hico

April 13 - Wampus Cats' Baseball & Lady Cats' Softball vs. Rio Vista - District game - Here - 4:30 p.m.

## Tenebrae Service

The First Presbyterian Church of Itasca will hold a Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows" or "darkness") Service, also known as the Service of Darkness or Service of Shadows, on Thursday evening, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story. As the service progresses through the Scripture readings and hymns, the lights and/or candles are gradually extinguished to symbolize the growing darkness not only of Jesus' death but also of hopelessness in the world without God. This is a very moving service, and we invite everyone to join us.



## Community Sunrise Service

The Itasca Ministerial Alliance invites everyone to join us for Easter Sunrise Services at 7:00 am. Easter morning, April 8, at the gazebo in downtown Itasca. Ministers from several of the Itasca churches will lead the service of scriptures and songs. Please join us.



## Relay For Life May 18-19

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Teams of enthusiastic citizens will gather at Patton Field in Itasca for an overnight Relay to join the fight against cancer from 6 p.m. Friday, May 18, until 6 a.m. Saturday, May 19. This year's Relay event will feature a theme of "Classic TV Shows" to be used in decorating each campsite.

Relay for Life is a unique fundraising event that allows participants from all walks of life – including patients, medical support staff, corporations, civic organizations, churches and community volunteers – to join together to fight cancer. It reminds us that progress has been made in the fight against cancer and that everyone who participates is making a difference.

Relay for Life opens as cancer survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer) walk or use a wheelchair to complete the first lap. This emotional time sets the stage for the importance of each participant's contribution.

A festive atmosphere develops around the track. As walkers make new friends and spend time with old ones, the Relay heats up and the camp-out begins. An atmosphere of camaraderie is created with team members entertaining each other: eating, playing games, and of course, walking for a great cause.

Highlighting the evening is the luminaria ceremony, which takes place at 9:00 p.m. As the field lights dim, the ceremony honors cancer survivors and remembers those we have lost to the disease. The lighted candles line the track and are left burning throughout the night to remind participants of the importance of their efforts.

"Relay for Life is as much an awareness against cancer as it is a fundraiser," said Lea Sanders, event chairperson. "Many of the participants will be people who have dealt with cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made in improving cancer survival rates and the quality of life following cancer treatment."

Frieda Grigsby, event co-chairperson, said, "The funds raised will enable us to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through educational programs, research, advocacy and services to patients. Due to the generosity of corporate sponsors, the money raised by participants comes back to our community by directly benefiting all of the American Cancer Society's lifesaving programs."

Those interested in learning how they can help or participate, either individually or on a team, may call Mrs. Sanders at 254-874-5517 or 254-687-2331, extension 1126 during the day.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information about cancer, call the American Cancer Society's 24-hour help-line at 1-800-ACS-2343 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## Nursing Home's Annual Easter Egg Hunt - April 5

The Itasca Nursing Home holds an Easter Egg Hunt each year for the elementary students and the children from the community that are too young for school. The elementary students will begin their fun after lunch while youngsters (pre-school age) from the community will hunt eggs around 10:30 a.m.

Assisting nursing home personnel and the Easter Bunny with hiding the eggs and entertaining the children will be the eleven members of the *Paw Print Press* staff.

## 2007 Homecoming Date Set

Head Football Coach Craig Horn has posted the 2007 football schedule and the date of the 2007 Homecoming festivities on the Itasca ISD website.

Homecoming for 2007 will be on September 21. The Wampus Cats will meet the Wortham Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. on Patton Field.

## Thirteen Advance to Regional

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Teams that placed were Number Sense-3<sup>rd</sup> (Rosemary Flores, Nick Worth and Eddie Coronado), Calculator-2<sup>nd</sup> (Nick Worth, Tim Baker, John Ellis), Computer Science-2<sup>nd</sup> (Candice Kowalski, Tim Baker, Konstantin Suspitsyn), Literary Criticism-1<sup>st</sup> (Rachel Anderson, Elizabeth Bennett, Jamie Hanes, Nicole Kelly).

UIL Coordinator Janet Gordon and coaches Joy Anderson, Judie McClure, Grace Hennig, David Scott and Barbara Petrash will accompany the students to Stephenville.

## Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month

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The Hill County Child Protective Services Board hosted a luncheon on April 2 for representatives of several organizations and county officials to share information concerning this growing problem and to explain 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>.

# Senior Spotlight – Alecia Evans

Reporter Megan Goff - Caricature by Gabby Rivera



“I think this town is giving me a neck rash.” Alecia said. “Look it’s all over my neck!” 18-year-old Alecia Evans is more than ready to graduate and starting to “freak out.”

A neck rash is not the only thing this town has given Evans.

“I’ve been here since the end of seventh grade.” Alecia said. “I have had lots of fun memories.”

Alecia’s future looks bright as she prepares to attend the University of Texas at Arlington to study nursing and become a CRNA (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists).

“They are the ones that make the big money,” Alecia said. “And having a great career and making lots of money is what I am all about.”

Alecia is a second year reporter on the *Paw Print Press*. Most everyone has seen her driving her 2005 Dodge Neon to and from the post office on Wednesday and delivering newspapers on Thursday. Alecia was inducted into the National Honor Society her sophomore and is serving as the organization’s Historian this year.

During her freshman, sophomore and junior years, Alecia participated in basketball, softball and cross-country. During her junior year, she was a member of the science club and enjoyed a trip to Corpus Christi.

“Mrs. Swilley is super awesome,” Alecia said. “She teaches many of my favorite classes: anatomy and physiology and physics.”

Alecia was voted one of the seniors with “Best Hair” by the yearbook staff.

“Yeah, it was just great to get that honor,” Alecia said, “but did they have to take my picture when my hair was a mess?”

Alecia is the daughter of Richard and Melissa Wilson. She has three sisters, Sarah 16, a sophomore, Rachael 11, and Jacey 2. She also has three brothers, Andrew 18, Clint 13 and Bryant 9.

During her “free time,” Alecia works as a waitress at Applebee’s in Cleburne.

“Come on by and leave me a big tip.” Alecia said with a smile. “I am a marvelous waitress. I work four days a week for spending money and yes, Mom, some is going into savings, but in reality most goes for my car payment.”

Alecia’s quote to the underclassmen is, “Don’t worry about the things you can’t change.” Her fellow journalists think she should warn the underclassmen about having a lead foot and not reading traffic signs.



## For Sale



**\*\*1985 Chevrolet Pickup - \$1100**  
air & power - new battery &  
other new parts  
**\*\*4-foot acetylene tank – empty**  
105 Beard, Itasca 254-687-2345  
or 720-220 5947

## For Sale

**1992 Ford Taurus Good running**  
condition \$1250 or best offer  
Grandview – Vicki Powers  
817-866-2456

## 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.

## Free Wood

We have several hackberry trees that are on the ground and the wood is free to anyone who would like to bring their chain saw and cut it.

**Darcy Pearson – 254-854-3087**

## For Sale

**3-bedroom house**  
**308 S. Aquilla**  
Needs some work  
**254-687-9197 or 254-854-2344**

## Darcy’s Country Cuts

**916 South HCR 4114**  
**Tuesday – Friday - 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.**  
Call for appointment -254-854-3087  
(new number)

# 2007 Little Dribblers

Beginning in early February, 21 teams, made up of pre-kindergarteners through sixth grade students, met each Saturday to learn and play the game of basketball. Most of the players were unaware if they were winning or losing their games. That was unimportant. What was important was the fun and camaraderie that the playing together generated. We are printing 14 of the team pictures and will print the other 10 next week.

The Little Dribblers were organized by Brian Kelley. He was assisted each week by many adults including Katy Prescott and Sam Sherber keeping the scores and running the scoreboard and Ricky Salazar, Ricky Salazar, Jr. and Paul Solis refereeing the games.

Another group of people who are vital to the program are the coaches. Coaching teams this year were Roseann Yanez, Ricky Salazar Jr., Tom Farquhar, Willie Jackson, Eric Markwardt, Jason Abbott, Dru Lacy, Bubba Handy, Jason Kirkpatrick, Magda Marsh, Katy Prescott, Chris Taylor, Courtney Phillips, Brian Payne, Brian Kelley and Ricky Salazar. Ricky Salazar Jr. and Katy Prescott coached two teams.



## Welcome Home



Alli Jo Kozlovsky announces the birth of her sister, Ava Jean. Ava was born to Brian & Marla Kozlovsky on February 14, 2007, at 2:45 p.m. in Tyler, TX. She weighted 7.1 pounds and measured 19 inches long.

Grandparents are David & Lila Jean Murray of Rusk, TX and William & Josephine Kozlovsky of Itasca, TX.

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## 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.

## Cinco de Mayo Booth Application

Send fee and booth requirements to:

Booth Application

% Itasca Cinco de Mayo

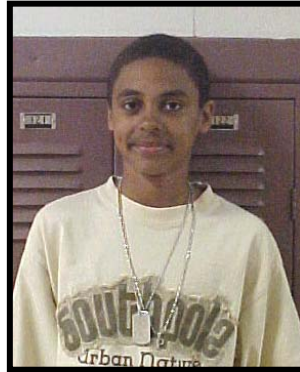
P O Box 345, Itasca, TX 76055

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'.

To have your booth open at night during the dance there will be an additional charge of \$15.00. Only two people per stand will be allowed. 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!

## Mary's IMS Focus - Philip Thomas

Reporter Mary Maddox



Philip Thomas, an eighth grader in IMS may be ready for high school but his junior high teachers are not ready to let him go.

"Philip is very inquisitive," Science teacher Cheryl Schneider said. "He tries hard and is an excellent student and obviously wants to extend his knowledge."

Philip is on the A/B honor roll and was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society this year.

He participates in every sport the school offers, cross-country, basketball, football and track. Outside of school, he plays baseball. Track is his favorite. He will participate in the district meet this week and his goal is to take 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons in both the 2400-meter and 1600 meter runs.

"The workouts can be tough," Philip said. "But it pays off when you win!"

## Itasca Elementary Registration Prekindergarten & Kindergarten

Itasca Elementary School will pre-register prekindergarten and kindergarten students for the 2007-2008 school year on Thursday, April 19, 2007. Parents/Guardians may come to register their child between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the elementary office. The school will be registering pre-kindergarten children that will be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2007.

Children that will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2007, will be registered for kindergarten. This registration will be for students who were not enrolled in the Itasca pre-kindergarten for the 2006-2007 school year.

To register for either program parents must bring child's \*Registered Birth Certificate (not a hospital certificate)

\*Social Security Card \* Immunization Record with:

DtaP - 5 doses with last one after age 4

Polio - 4 doses with last one after age 4

HIB - Series of 4-or at least 1 dose after 15 months of age

MMR - 2 doses-1st dose must have been given on or after 1 year of age, or an additional dose will be required

PCV7/Prevnar – 1 dose after 24 months of age or at least 2 doses with 1 dose given after 12 months of age

Hepatitis A – 2 doses spaced 6 months apart with the initial dose given at age 2 years or later

Hepatitis B - 3 doses

Varicela - 1 dose or give date of when he/she had Chickenpox & therefore does not need the vaccine

Parent/guardian should also provide their own picture identification and proof of residence. Please call 687-2922, Ext. 120, if you have any questions.

## IISD February Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Present were President Marquita Lloyd, Vice President Rex Jean, Secretary Claude Garrett, Kevin Lightsey, Donny Faries, Nancy Bowman and Susan Bason, Member

Administration present were Superintendent Dr. E. Ray Freeman, High School Principal Glenn Pittman, Assistant Middle School Principal Larry Mynarcik, Elementary School Principal Karon Farquhar and Secretary Norma Merkel. Jason Abbott was noted as a visitor.

Motions were made and passed to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting and to approve the bills and financial report.

The board entered executive session at 7:11 p.m. Upon coming out of executive session at 7:34 p.m., a motion was made and passed to extend the contracts of Karon Farquhar and Larry Mynarcik.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

## Annual Itasca Garden Club

### Flower Show

April 12, 2007

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Farrow Room

115 E. Main – 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.



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## February City Council Meeting

The Itasca City Council met in a regular session on February 20, 2007. Mayor Matthew Fehnel called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present were council members Steve Solis, John Laird, and Harvey Wilson, City Administrator Mark Gropp and City Attorney Stephanie Johnson. Council members Susie Davis and James Bouldin were absent. Maurice Williams gave the invocation.

Motions were made and passed to approve the minutes for the January 9, 2007 and January 16, 2007 meetings and to approve the bills for payment.

Bettye Lewis gave the Zoning Committee report and Fire Chief Chris Shuffield reported on the activities of the Volunteer Fire Department for the month of January 2007. No one was available to present the Water and Sewer Operations report. Chief of Police John Griscavage presented the 2006 Yearly Report and January 2007 Monthly Report regarding activities of the Itasca Police Department. Felicia Mayberry explained the January 2007 Monthly Report from the Office of Code Enforcement. She reported on the code violations and the status of each violation.

The Council discussed the replacement of fire department equipment. Chief Shuffield presented a list of prices and requested permission to purchase a Honda Ramfan positive pressure fan and a 14" Chain Saw. The motion was made and passed to approve the purchase at a cost not to exceed \$1819.00 and a chain saw for \$199.00.

The Council approved the request of the Cinco-de-Mayo Organization to close the 100 block of W. Main Street from Friday May 4, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Sunday May 6, 2007 for the annual festival. They also approved the Itasca Chamber of Commerce's request to close the 100 block of W. Main Street from Friday June 29, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday June 30, 2007 for the annual Bar-B-Q Cook-Off. The amendments for FY 2006-2007 Operating Budget were approved. The meeting was open for Mayor, Council and City Administrator general discussion and reports. The Council agreed to include items on the next agenda to fill the vacant seats of the Zoning Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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# City Code Information Municipal Licenses for Dogs/Cats

The City of Itasca would like to remind citizens of some of the City Ordinances which seem to bear repeating. Perhaps you are new to town and you do not know these ordinances, or perhaps you lived here for many years and just never knew what the ordinances said. Whatever your circumstance we would like to make the community aware that your dogs and cats are required to have Rabies vaccination and tags, in addition to a Municipal License Tag. The following is an excerpt from chapter 5 of Itasca City Code of Ordinances regarding the Municipal License: Section 5-49. Registration of Dogs and Cats.

No owner shall have within the City any dog or cat three (3) months of age or older unless such dog or cat is currently registered with the (Animal Control Office) ACO. A current metal municipal license issued by the City must be affixed to a collar or harness that must be worn by the dog or cat at all times, except when confined to the owners living quarters. No dog or cat shall be registered until it has a current vaccination.

(a) Application for initial insurance or renewal of each registration must be made by the owner in person and shall be accompanied by proof of current vaccination.

(b) Municipal license shall be renewed annually. The license will be good for a period of one (1) year. Renewal license may be obtained thirty days in advance of the expiration of said municipal license.

(c) Municipal license and/or vaccination certificate (and tags) shall be valid only for the animal which it was originally issued.

(d) If there is a change in ownership of a registered dog or cat, the new owner shall have the registration transferred to his name. Application for such transfer shall be made to the ACO in person.

As for rabies vaccination, Section 5-10 covers this, as follows:

(a) All dogs, cats and other household pets three (3) months of age or older within the city shall be immunized against rabies annually by a licensed veterinarian by means of any standard vaccine as approved by the U.S. Government for the prevention of rabies. The licensed veterinarian who administers such vaccine shall issue to the owner or the person having such animal vaccinated a certificate of vaccination, and kind of vaccine used. The veterinarian shall also issue for dogs and cats a tag with the veterinarians office address and the year of vaccination stamped thereon.

(b) The tag provided for in subsection (a) above shall be securely fastened in some manner to the dog or cat at any time the animal is not confined in the owner's property, and it shall be unlawful for any person to remove such metal tag from any dog or cat during the year of compliance.

(c) it shall be unlawful for any person within the city to own, keep, poses, harbor, or allow to remain upon the premises under its control, any animal, without having such animal immunized against rabies as required by subsection (a) of this section.

The annual cost of the Municipal License (Tag) is only \$3.00 per animal. If your dog has been registered, please insure that it is renewed annually. If you have questions regarding any of the City Code of Ordinances, they may be viewed at City Hall during normal business hours.

## Love Lifted Me

Press Release



Spring is in the air, and with its new blossoms and buds come thoughts of love and romance! Join the Hill College Community Chorus under the direction of Caryn Martin in a springtime celebration of love songs ranging from the Renaissance to Kenny Rogers.

The chorus will present Love Lifted Me on Tuesday, April 10 at 8:00 p.m. (note the new time). The concert will be at the First Baptist Church of Cleburne (105 E. Willingham), and admission is free of charge. For more information, contact Martin at (817) 641-9887 ext. 272 or e-mail [cmartin@hillcollege.edu](mailto:cmartin@hillcollege.edu). For more information about Hill College programs, visit the web site at [www.hillcollege.edu](http://www.hillcollege.edu).

## Wampus Cats Baseball Schedule

|         | Won - 0         | Loss - 6  |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|
| April 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. |

Coaches: Craig Horn & Fred Dakan

## Lady Cats 2007 Softball Schedule

|         | Won - 3         | Loss - 6  |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|
| April 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. |

Head Softball Coach Maddox - Assistant Coach Lawyer

## 2007 Track Schedule

April 5 Junior High District Hico  
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## Do You Remember . . . ? – “The Brush Arbor”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



It seems that the old brush arbor has become almost non-existent. The last one in Hill County that I know of was in the Blanton Community. It was recently demolished because of old age and disuse. There was once a church there, which had been moved long ago from Woodbury. It has been gone for sometime. There was also a brush arbor at Woodbury long ago.

The younger generations might not know what a brush arbor is. Some people called the brush arbor a Tabernacle. For their information, it is similar to a pole barn without a roof. The top is covered with willow limbs to keep out the sun. They usually had benches or seats inside and one or more long tables. Most of them were built adjacent to a church, but not always. Some simply served as a church meeting place.

The arbor was used in good weather for a meeting place for church, special occasions, such as Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Annual or Semi-Annual picnics and fundraisers. The old folks sometimes described the get together as singing all day and dinner on the ground, derived from the old saying, “Dinner on the Grounds.” Sometimes after church services there, a baptizing was held in a nearby creek or pond.

Other times there was simply a social event or picnic, as it was called. Dinner was served and after the meal, there were games such as horseshoes, washer pitching, baseball, sack races and others. This was also a good time for young people who were “sweet” on each other to spend some time together. The ladies caught up on the local gossip and showed pictures of the latest grandkids. The men usually discussed crops and farm related stuff, because that was the way about 90% of the people made a living in those days. Sometime during the afternoon, the people gathered at the cemetery that was usually on the grounds and reminisced about their loved ones buried there. There was John T. who was killed in WWII, and Aunt Ida who was the matriarch of the Clan who are buried here. There were tears shed, especially those who could remember when the plot was not so full.

About the middle of the afternoon, they took the ice cream from the old hand crank freezer, and cut the watermelons, and finished what was left of the fried chicken from lunch. After this procedure, the people started reluctantly to go home. They enjoyed these get-togethers and knew that it would be a while before there would be another.

While traveling in Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas we saw several brush arbors similar to ours in Texas. Some of them sold space in their arbors to advertisers. This was years ago and even then the old signs were faded from age. Signs such as Carters Little Liver Pills, Black Draught, Copenhagen Snuff, Lydia Pinkhams Compound for Women, and Cloverine Salve. There were also some local ads such as “Special this Week” get your eggs from Johnson, ten cents a dozen, or hamburgers, five cents each or six for a quarter at the Star Café. Those old signs were also seen on the inside of covered bridges and barns.

The Lutheran Churches in those states used their get-togethers as fundraisers for the church. Especially in the late twenties to the late thirties. There were a couple of them in the town of Pocahontas, Missouri. The St. Johns Lutheran and the Zion Lutheran. They had semi-annual or annual events that included usually a certain individual who prided himself on cooking a pot of beef. Now days it is barbecue.

The women contributed handmade stuff such as embroidered doilies, pillowcases, canned goods, jellies and homemade bread. There were also soda water and homemade ice cream. When the day started, the children were given some money to make what purchases they desired, all for the cause. Tickets were sold for the lunch, besides the items that were purchased. After lunch and the auction for items that had not been purchased, there was entertainment, besides the ball games and other games. They had singing and many times a trailer was pulled up for a stage and a band performed, and some even had plays that had been rehearsed. Most of the entertainment however, was of the Grand Ole Opry type. These fundraisers were very necessary to maintain the church and to help pay the preacher. This might seem simple to young folks now but remember, then there was no television, no video games or “cruising,” and very few movies. They were only on Saturday.

Getting back to our local churches, during the summer we had what we called revivals. They lasted two weeks, Monday thru Friday at night. They put chairs and or benches out in the churchyard since there were no air conditioners. It was then when the old church fans were used. The ones with the local undertaker ad on the back. As the theme song for the Archie Bunker show said, “Those were the Days.”

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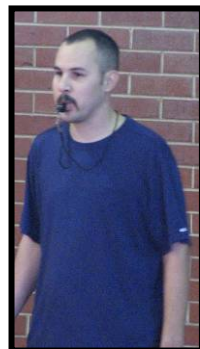


“Do you stay all day every Saturday to help out?” the parent asked. “Yes,” answered both Katy Prescott and Paul Solis. “You really need to get a life,” the parent joked. “I have one,” Katy said. “It is called children.”

**Katy Cranfill Prescott, 1994**

IHS graduate, not only keeps the scores and helps run the scoreboard, she coaches two teams of youngsters during the Little Dribblers season. She is also willing to help any other time there is a program involving children.

2000 IHS graduate Paul Solis also gives up his Saturdays during basketball season to volunteer as a referee. Some Saturdays he works every game with only a 10 minute break in between. It is a lot of running but Paul, who was a PAL in high school, is always ready to pitch in and help the children.



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