

# Paw Print Press

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## Garden Club Ushers in Spring with Annual Flower Show



Photos by Sarah Evans

The Itasca Garden Club held its annual flower show in the HILCO Farrow Room on April 12.

Last year the April temperatures were high and some members had a problem of the blooms being past their prime. This year the opposite was true as temperatures were exceptionally low and the main problem for some was that there was too much water.

No matter what the weather or challenge the club members always have a show that is filled with an extraordinary mixture of color and scents to welcome Spring to Itasca.



FFA members Anita Ponce and John Ellis were in front of the Farrow Room

selling a variety of potted flowers and bedding vegetables. The funds from the sale will be donated to the Rotary Club for the up-keep of the Veterans Memorial.



## 2007 Most Likely to Succeed



The student body voted Paige Bailey and Kendale Mayberry as the 2007 seniors "Most Likely to Succeed."

Bailey is the daughter of Jolyn Bailey. She is a

Commended Student in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program and co vice-president of the Itasca National Honor Society. Although this is Paige's first year at IHS, she has involved herself in numerous activities. She advanced to Regional UIL competition in Persuasive Speaking and placed 7th at District in Current Events and 5th in Social Studies. She was in One Act Play and was named to the All Star Cast. Paige has been accepted to Rice University in Houston.

Mayberry is the son of Jeffery and Missy Mayberry. He earned many football honors in his four years playing varsity football including being named to play in the prestigious Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Football game in July. He played varsity 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.

## Anderson 1<sup>st</sup> in District UIL Tennis



Rachel Anderson will represent Itasca in the UIL Regional Tennis Competition at Tarleton State University in Stephenville on April 25 and 26. Coach Tonye Davis sponsors the tennis teams.

The doubles team of Nick Worth and Tim Baker earned the silver medal in the JV Boys Doubles Division. JV athletics do not advance out of District competition.

## Churches of Itasca

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

### Central Baptist Church

Sunday 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

May 12 - 9:00 a.m.      Methodist 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, May 19, 2007      6:00 p.m.  
 Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

May 12, 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 17, 18, 19 & 20** – TAKS Test – All campuses  
**April 19** – Pre-registration for Pre-K & Kindergarten – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Elementary office  
**April 20** - Wampus Cats' Baseball & Lady Cats' Softball vs. Dublin – District game – There - 4:30 p.m. (Last game for Lady Cats).  
**April 24** - Wampus Cats' Baseball vs. Dublin – District game – There - 4:30 p.m. (Last game for Wampus Cats).  
**April 25-26** – UIL Tennis Regional Competition – Tarleton State University  
**April 30** – Chamber of Commerce meeting 5:30 p.m. – Farrow Room  
**April 30** – Last day to reserve booth space at Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

## Report on Racial Profiling

Traffic Related Contact Information – (1/1/06-12/31/06)

| Race/Ethnicity* | Contacts    |            | Searches   |            | Consensual Searches |            | PC Searches |            | Custody Arrests |            |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
|                 | N           | %          | N          | %          | N                   | %          | N           | %          | N               | %          |
| Caucasian       | 3029        | 71         | 217        | 54         | 114                 | 75         | 103         | 52         | 62              | 47         |
| African         | 475         | 11         | 60         | 15         | 22                  | 15         | 38          | 19         | 19              | 15         |
| Hispanic        | 627         | 15         | 119        | 29         | 12                  | 8          | 54          | 27         | 50              | 38         |
| Asian           | 63          | 2          | 3          | 1          | 2                   | 1          | 1           | 1          | 0               | 0          |
| Native American | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0                   | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0               | 0          |
| Other           | 56          | 1          | 3          | 1          | 2                   | 1          | 1           | 1          | 0               | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>4250</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>402</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>152</b>          | <b>100</b> | <b>197</b>  | <b>100</b> | <b>131</b>      | <b>100</b> |

\*N represents "number" of traffic-related contacts  
 \* Race/Ethnicity is defined by Senate Bill 1074 as being of a "particular descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American".  
 \*\*Figure has been rounded

Since 2002 all Itasca police officers were instructed as specified in S.B. 1074 to adhere to all Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) training and the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) requirements. To date all sworn officers of the Itasca Police Department have completed the TCLEOSE training.

It is important to recognize that the Chief of the Itasca Police Department has also met the training requirements as specified by the Texas Racial Profiling Law in the completion of the LEMIT program on racial profiling. The satisfactory completion of the racial profiling training by the sworn personnel of the Itasca Police Department fulfills the training requirement as specified in the Education Code (96.641) of the Texas Racial Profiling Law.



## Mater Makes Sale in Houston

Photo taken at Hill County Fair by Art Mann  
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Ashley Swilley, Itasca High School senior, participated in the Hill County Fair and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo with her light weight European steer.

The steer affectionately named "Mater" placed second at the County Fair and went on to Houston to place 9<sup>th</sup> out of 38 steers in the light weight class.

Swilley was delighted to make the sale at a major livestock show.

"There is nothing like going out with a bang," Ashley said. "That was to be my last show ever and I made the sale."

Swilley has been showing steers since the age of eight and follows in the footsteps of older sister Amanda, who sold her steer at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and older brother Tyler, who sold his at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas.

## Itasca Mayor Ask for Damage Information

Mayor Fehnel has requested that all Itascans that had any property damage during the bad weather of March 29, document the damage and turn the information into City Hall as soon as possible. The information will be forwarded to County Judge Lewis to be included in a report that covers all of Hill County. State or Federal Funds may be available to assist citizens in repairs.

Deadline for submitting the information is April 30.

## Important IISD Dates

April 24 – Group & Class Pictures  
May 3 – Elementary Spring Festival  
May 19 – Junior/Senior Prom  
May 22 – Elementary Awards Ceremony  
May 23 – Senior Awards Night  
June 1 – Graduation  
September 21 – 2007 Homecoming

## Seniors Visit Capitol

Reporter Candice Kowalski – Photo Mrs. McClure



The rich colors of the paint seemed to pulse with vitality as the solid columns of marble reached their desperate "fingers" toward the ceiling. The Capitol Building was filled with the sound of life and the scent of history.

The graduating class of 2007 took in every piece of this experience in awe when they traveled to Austin on April 4 to see the state capitol for themselves. They were able to benefit from both the Capitol Building and the LBJ Library.

Mrs. Julie Slotvig also enjoyed the trip.

"I'm glad we have such a great group of students," she said.

Government and economics teacher, Mrs. Judie McClure makes this trip each year with her seniors.

"They seemed to enjoy the capitol building the most," McClure said.

At the Capitol, students toured the rotunda, basement, as well as the chambers of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The students loved the positive attitudes and the professional atmosphere they observed.

"We got to see our government in action," senior Rachel Anderson said.

After completing the tour of the Capitol Building, the students traveled to the LBJ Library to study the life of America's 36<sup>th</sup> president, Lyndon Baines Johnson. They were even able to view the valuable gifts granted to him while in office such as an Indian seat given to him by Lady Ghandi.

Each room of the library revealed a new piece of information. Important documents and meaningful letters were also displayed.

"I really liked the love letters Lady Bird had written to him. They were very sweet," Ashley Swilley said.

The Itasca travelers left the LBJ Library with valuable knowledge and a fond senior memory.

"Great students and a great place. I had a wonderful time," Slotvig said.

## Senior Sponsors – Monell Weatherly & Anna Miller

Reporter Devin Corbitt - Caricature by Cory Bourland



“There are many important decisions you will have to make in the next five years of your lives,” senior sponsor Monell Weatherly said to her Class of 2007. “You need to have a plan, but be ready to be flexible. Don’t rely only on yourself to make these decisions, but also listen to the wise council of your parents and friends. Then pray, pray, pray! Seek God’s will for your life.”

Mrs. Weatherly graduated from Bowie High School in Arlington. She then went on to receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry at the University of Texas at Arlington. She worked for four years as a chemist before deciding to become a teacher. She has been a teacher for 17 years. She is married to Mike Weatherly and they have three children, Cymbre, Class of 2003, Pierce, Class of 2004, and Choyce, Class of 2005.

This year, Mrs. Weatherly teaches 8th grade Algebra 1, and in high school, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, and TAKS Science. She has also taught Integrated Physics & Chemistry, Calculus, and geometry in past years. When she is not teaching, she enjoys gardening, sewing and needlecraft, and she is very involved in her church, Central Baptist in Itasca.

“The Class of 2007 is a diverse group of students,” Weatherly said. “Most of them are independent and outspoken. It has been fun working with this group these past four years.”



Mrs. Anna Miller is the head librarian at Itasca ISD, as well as a 2007 senior class sponsor. She is married to Chuck Miller, and they have two sons, Kyle and Wade. They currently have three grandchildren, Jax, 4, Peyton, 4, and Nolan, 2. In her free time, she enjoys being involved in outdoor activities, traveling, sewing, reading and spending time with her family.

“I love being around my family,” Miller said. “My grandchildren are my greatest joy.”

Mrs. Miller has been a librarian for sixteen years; fifteen have been spent at Itasca. Her work includes reading to elementary students, making sure the library is up to date on their book collection and her duties as UIL Debate Contest director. She is also proud to be working with this year’s senior class.

“The seniors are a great group of students,” Miller said. “They are fun to work with. They have good ideas and they work well together to carry out their plans. I really enjoyed being their sponsor.”

A piece of advice from Mrs. Miller to the 2007 seniors:

“Set high expectations for yourself and work hard to achieve your goals. Make learning a life-long experience.”



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Roofing, plumbing, yard work, remodeling, trash hauling - Call anytime

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Good running condition

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### 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

### Earth Day – April 22

Help keep America Beautiful  
Join the Great Clean Up

### Arbor Day – April 27

Plant a tree

# 11-AA Junior High District Meet

Junior high athletes competed in the 11-AA District Track Meet on April 5 in Hico.

Earning medals in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' division were Cristal Cantrell 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 meter dash, Erin Rinehart 1<sup>st</sup> in the 800 meter run a full 2 seconds ahead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher and tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1600 meter run, Bianca Bell 3<sup>rd</sup> in the long jump and Monica Anderson was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the shot put. The 4x100 and 4x200 relays both finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

In the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' division Jonathan Fredrick finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 200 meter dash, Cody Mangum was 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400 meter dash and Juaquin Reyes was 6<sup>th</sup>. Martin Martinez was 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1600-meter run and the 2400-meter run. Ben Nickens was 3<sup>rd</sup> in both the long jump and the triple jump. The 4x100 and 4x200 meter relays finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place and the 4x400 meter relay took 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Bringing home medals in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' division was Jasmine Guy with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. She also took 6<sup>th</sup> in the long jump and 4<sup>th</sup> in the triple jump. Christina Manasco finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the shot put and 1<sup>st</sup> in the discus. Chantira Diggs was 6<sup>th</sup> in the shot put and 4<sup>th</sup> in the discus. Sarah Farquhar brought home a 5<sup>th</sup> place medal in the discus throw. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' 4x100 and 4x200 relays both finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Medaling in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' division was Philip Thomas with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1600 meter run and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2400-meter run. Chris Carlson placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the long jump and Tanner Hughes was 4<sup>th</sup> in the discus and 6<sup>th</sup> in the shot put. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' 4x100 and 4x200 finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4x400 with a 4<sup>th</sup>.

Coaching the junior high athletes were Coach Kirby Basham and Coach Tonye Davis. Junior high athletes do not advance further than district, but these meets are great learning fields for high school.

## Wampus Cats Baseball Schedule Won - 0      Loss - 11

|          |           |       |           |
|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| April 20 | *Dublin   | There | 4:30 p.m. |
| 24       | *Maypearl | There | 4:30 p.m. |

## 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.

# Middle School Band Earns "1" in Sight Reading

Reporter Devin Corbitt



Pictured above - Mr. Bratton directed the 7th grade band during the Christmas Concert. The eighth grader musicians play with the high school band during the school year.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band members participated in the Concert and Sight Reading UIL Competition Thursday, March 29, 2007 at Midway High School in Waco. Director John Bratton led them.

"It was a very tough competition," Bratton said. "They were up against some much larger bands. I am especially proud of the sight reading part of the competition. They were given music they had never seen before and I had 7 minutes in which to describe how to play it. They did great. They received a "1" - the highest rating.

The band performed their concert music for judges first before participating in the sight-reading competition.

The band received a "3" on their concert performance, but received a "1" on their sight-reading competition. Some of the band members were disappointed.

"We could have done better," 8<sup>th</sup> grader Rebecca Cisneros said.

The band director was appreciative of the support of the faculty before and during competition.

"I want to thank the teachers who let the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in band together." Bratton said. "I know it was an inconvenience, but I do appreciate it."

## Wampus Cat Brick Makes Excellence Graduation Present

If you would like to purchase one or more Wampus Cat memorial bricks, please clip & mail the form below along with a \$50 check for each brick you are purchasing. For further information contact Kelly Tinklenberg @ 123 N. College, Itasca, TX 76055.

### Itasca ISD Brick Reservation Form

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Inscription is limited to 3 lines with 15 spaces on each line. One person's name per brick, please.



## Mary's IMS Focus - Maria Coronado

Reporter Mary Maddox



Eighth grader Maria Coronado's favorite subject in school is science and her favorite teacher Mrs. Schneider.

"I just love Mrs. Schneider," Maria said.

Maria is an eighth grader at Itasca Middle School and is a flutist for the Itasca band. During track season, she ran the 200-meter relay. She also participated in Cross Country. In Maria's spare time, she likes to listen to music and play soccer with

her family.

"Maria is very responsible and respectful," Science teacher Mrs. Schneider said. "She is also very sweet and mature."

## Prom Tips from Miss Prissy

Columnist Miss Prissy Pampered Princess

Ladies, if you haven't bought a dress yet, and have one in mind, be sure to actually go to a store that sells it, simply because it may not look the same as it is does in the picture. Also, be sure that your dress is school appropriate. You can get a picture of it and get the principal's approval. If you are not in dress code the night of, you may be asked to leave. As for the gentlemen, wear a nice tuxedo that complements your date's dress, i.e. pink dress pink tie, vest, etc. If you decide to bring a date from a different school district or town, they must also be in our school's dress code at prom. So, **\*\*\*PROM TIP #2: MAKE SURE YOU REALLY WANT THE DRESS**

**\*\*\*PROM TIP #3: ALL MUST BE IN DRESS CODE**

**\*\*\*PROM TIP#4: MATCH**

## Housekeeping Tips from Granny

Granny Sनावe

Here at the *Paw Print Press*, our e-mail in-box is always filled with recipes for home remedies, fix-all, and even some little home improvement tips. We thought we would pass a few of these on to our readers to use at their own discretion of course, considering we have not tried them out, nor have we proven if any of these work as we have been told they do.

This week the focus is on usual uses for WD-40. You probably never thought about using it for anything other than to fix a squeaky part around the house and the occasional rusty bicycle chain.

According to our source it: 1. Protects silver from tarnishing, 2. Keeps flies off cows, 3. Cleans & lubricates guitar strings, 4. Untangles jewelry chains, 5. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots, 6. Removes bug guts from cars (we like this one), 7. Keeps rust from forming on tools and 7. Lubricates prosthetic limbs (our favorite),

Let us know if you have some tidbits for this column. Send them to [bpettrash@itasca.k12.tx.us](mailto:bpettrash@itasca.k12.tx.us)

## Out of Retirement



Jerry Onnen semi retired three years ago in Belle Plaine, MN and moved to Itasca two years ago. He decided to come out of full retirement and start farming his 2.9 acres. He likes to drink coffee with the boys at Jimmy's and the big equipment allows him the spare time to do his. Helping him with his farm operation is his good friend Tim Sulak.

## Copies of *HERITAGE OF HILL COUNTY, TEXAS* Book on Sale

Out of a printing of 1000, there are less than 200 copies left of first volume of *The Heritage of Hill County Texas* book, so now is the time to buy one.

The books are for sale for \$60 each at these locations in Hill County: Covington City Hall, 402 Gathings Ave., in Covington during working hours Monday through Friday. Phone: (254) 854-2373; Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, 115 N Covington Street, in Hillsboro Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: (254) 582-2481; Will Lowrance, Hill County Historical Commission, Harris Education Center, 200 Line Street in Hillsboro. Contact him by cell phone: (254) 580-5379 or office phone: (254) 580-0191.

After April 1, the books will be available at the Hill County Cell Block Museum, 120 North Waco Street in Hillsboro on Saturdays.

Price, if ordered by mail, is \$65.00 each. To order books by mail, send a \$65 check made out to the Hill County Heritage Book Committee to: Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 67, Clanton, AL 35046.

For more information, contact Richard Greenhill, (254) 582-8912.

# Elementary News

Elementary students have been very busy this year learning many new skills and concepts. The year has also been full of fun and exciting events. Recently the "Tooth Fairy" visited the pre-k and kindergarten rooms and the kindergarten held their annual rodeo. All of elementary was included in the viewing of "Jack and the Bean Stalk" performed by the Fort Worth Opera.

## Tooth Fairy

Reporter Eva Mayberry

Dressed in a frilly pink dress with wings, the tooth fairy took time away from her job and visited the Pre-k and Kindergarten students.

She taught the children the proper brushing techniques. The students were very interested and eager to ask questions. The tooth fairy informed them that she has two sets of wings: one for day and one for night.

Tooth Fairy brought along her pet dog so the students could practice brushing his teeth.



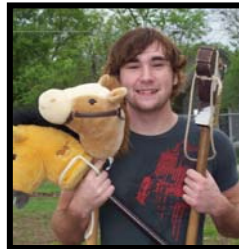
## Kindergarten Rodeo

Reporter Ashley Durham

On Friday, March 23, the kindergarten classes put on their chaps, spurs and hats and had their very own rodeo. They lassoed chairs, played horseshoes and all the kindergarten convicts had their picture made for a wanted sign.

PALS usually help with the rodeo, but because of a scheduling conflict, they were unable to participate. Mrs. McClure's desktop publishing class pitched in and helped run the rodeo and Mrs. Willman took pictures.

"The PALs and the kindergarten classes appreciate the students who helped with the roping, riding and photography," PAL Sponsor Barbara Petrash said.



## Jack & the Beanstalk

The Fort Worth Opera Company performed their version of the fairy tale "Jack and the Beanstalk" for the Itasca Elementary students on March 29 in the Special Events Center.

The Opera Company performs for schools through out Texas. The actors went into the audience many times during the performance. The students enjoyed the interaction between the actors and their classmates.





## Recent Death



**Taylor, Luthene** - Luthene Taylor, 81, a resident of Irving since June 1964, died Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at an Irving hospital. She was born March 11, 1926, in Cleburne, daughter of Frank Harris Etter and Gracie Lee Deen Etter. She married Weldon E. Taylor June 2, 1946, in Itasca. She was a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church of Irving. Survivors include her

husband, Weldon; three children, Wade Taylor and wife Dianne, of Itasca, Rhonda Allums and husband, Eddie, of Euless, and Byron Taylor and wife Tamara, of Carrollton; two sisters, Hazel Deen Woods of Fort Worth and Enod McSpadden of Port Lavaca; five grandchildren, Stacie Stewart and husband, Don, Nicholas Taylor and wife, Brooke, Christopher Taylor, Bryce Taylor and Trevor Taylor; two great-grandchildren, Amelia Stewart and Madilyn Stewart; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 6, 2007, at Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving with Rev. Ken Branam officiating. Memorial gardens in Irving. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Park Baptist Church Organ Fund, 1714 North Story Road, Irving, TX 75061.

## 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!

## Hill College Spring Concert

Pres Release



The Hill College bands will present their 32nd annual spring concert Thurs., April 19, at the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center, under the direction of Phillip Lowe. Both the concert and jazz bands will perform and will start at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to everyone.

Included in the concert band program will be a wide variety of pieces including a powerful arrangement by John Williams of the Star Spangled Banner, a fanfare by Paul Dukas, and a moving composition honoring our military forces called the "Missing Man." A student conductor, Gabe Hinojosa from Whitney, will conduct "Bugles and Drums March." Probably the most interesting piece on the program will be a work by the eclectic composer P.D.Q. Bach (1807-1742) entitled "Grand Serenade for an Awful Lot of Winds and Percussion." This band work will feature many unique instruments and sound effects, one you won't want to miss. The Hill College jazz band will also perform their usual program of jazz with several student soloists.

Come hear the Hill College concert band along with the jazz band Thurs., April 19, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the college at (254) 582-2555, or visit the website at [www.hillcollege.edu](http://www.hillcollege.edu).

## I H S Blood Drive

The Itasca High School Student Council and HILCO are sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at Itasca High School. Hours will be 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please contact Sally Crouch at 254 687 2922 ext 115 for an appointment or information. Donors are asked to eat well, drink plenty of water and bring a photo ID. All donors will receive a free t-shirt.

For Sale

Assorted Tools - Wrenches - Jacks for car

Come & take a look,

We may have just what your need

Harry @ 105 Beard Itasca Texas

254-687-2345 or 720-220-5947



## Open Letter "To My friends at Hill County Paw Pals and My Fellow Hill County Residents:"

When I donated 500 tickets to my July 3 picnic at Carl's Corner to Hill County Paw Pals it was to help further the goals of building and donating an animal shelter to service Hill County. Every cent of the proceeds from Paw Pals' ticket sales went directly to this great organization. My desire to donate those tickets came out of my deep respect for animals and my commitment to the community and county I'm proud to call home.

I have been impressed by the grassroots efforts of the people of Hill County in raising over \$105,000 through private donations only, using no taxpayer monies. I'm proud of the folks in Hill County who are making the goals of Hill County Paw Pals a reality by volunteering their time, donating their money, and supporting the efforts of those of us who want to make this area even greater by taking care of its dogs and cats. I wish you continued success in your efforts to improve the quality of life for our area's companion animals and I'm happy to have been a part of it.

Thanks,

## Junior Class Members of IHS Student Council



Front row (l to r) – Class President Lindsey Laird, Representative Kristin Rivera, Treasurer Valerie Farquhar, and Secretary Jamie Hanes. Back row (l to r) – Representatives Ashlee Carranza and Terrey Brumbalow and Vice President GiGi Morgan.

**Beautiful Mother Day Cakes on sale now through April 27 for delivery on May 11 or 12.**

See Mrs. Anderson, Rachel Anderson or Ashley Swilley for details. All proceeds go to send kids to camp.

## American Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday

Press Release



Lance Henkelman of Whitney, left, and Bob Wilson of Itasca lend support to HILCO Director of Member and Staff Services Lea Sanders of Blum as she gives blood at HILCO's last blood

drive.

First Class Lineman Henkelman received a pin for donating two Gallons to date, and Marketing/PR Coordinator Wilson received his three-gallon pin in February.

According to the American Red Cross, every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. Please join HILCO members and employees Thursday, April 19, to donate in the Farrow Room in Itasca, 115 E. Main. Yours could be the blood that saves a life.

The next scheduled blood drive will be on August 16 in the Farrow Room.

## Itasca Elementary Registration Pre-kindergarten & Kindergarten

Itasca Elementary School will pre-register pre-kindergarten 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. Please call 687-2922, Ext. 120, if you have any questions.

## Antique Alley & 25 Miles of Sales

April 20-22, 2007

25 Miles of Shopping!

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& all points between.

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817-240-4948. Join the FUN!

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**123 N. College**  
**Itasca, Texas 76055**

## Wampus Cats of the Week

### 2006-2007 Student Council

Reporter Alecia Evans



Each year one week in April is dedicated as National Student Leadership Week. This recognition began in 1972 when one day (September 26) was set aside to recognize student council leaders in schools. In 1982, Secretary of Education Terrel Bell declared that a full week in April be designated as a time of recognition for all those that participant in student

council.

This year's senior student council members are President Javier Medina (bottom row), 2nd row (l to r) Secretary Karla Ochoa and Vice President Amanda Upchurch, 3rd row (l to r) Representatives Brittany Christopher, Colleen O'Hearn (missing from picture) and Victoria Jimenez and Treasurer Bianca Heath.

### Special of the Week



"Student Council Sponsor Mrs. Sally Crouch assists the organization in many activities including Pennies for Patients and blood drives.

### 2004 CROWN VIC. LX

Leather, Loaded, Only 29K Miles



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### *The Itasca Café*

Mon. – Wed. - 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Thurs. & Fri. – 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. & 5 – 8 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun. – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
116 S. Hill St.  
Itasca, TX 254-687-9944  
Under new management!  
To Go Orders Welcome!

Help Your Community - Join the  
**Itasca Chamber of Commerce**  
\$15 individual membership  
\$36 Business membership  
Contact any Chamber Director

### *Karen's Breakfast Burritos*

Open Monday – Saturday 5:30 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Call in orders welcome! 254-687-9076  
Breakfast Burritos \$1.25 - \$2.40  
Tax included in price  
Enchilada Plate - \$5.99 (w/rice & beans)  
Fajita Plate - \$6.25 (w/rice & beans)  
Hamburger - \$2.40 Cheeseburger - \$2.65  
Wampus Cat Double meat - \$3.25 w/cheese - \$3.50

Support  
**Itasca Elementary**  
Save General Mills  
Box Tops 4 Education



### **Guitar Lessons**

Ages 10 yrs. & Up - \$15.00 an hour  
Call 687-2581 - Clayton Wienecke



### **Itasca Sand & Gravel & Septic Systems Installation**

Sand/Rock Hauling \* Driveway Repair  
Wayne "Skipper" Laird- 254-582-1315  
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### **Consolidation of Precincts for May 12, 2007 Special Amendment Election**

Precincts 1-4 – Hillsboro Precinct 5 - Woodbury,  
Precinct 6 - Peoria Precinct 7 – Abbott  
Precinct 8 - Bynum  
Precinct 9 - Brandon Consolidated with the election held  
at the polling place for Pct 2 - Covington St. Courthouse  
Annex  
Precinct 10 – Itasca Precinct 19 - Covington and  
Precinct 27 - Woodrow consolidated with the election  
held at the polling place for Pct 10 - Itasca Rotary Club  
Precincts 12 - N. Whitney Precinct 13 - S. Whitney and  
Precinct 14 - Aquilla consolidated with the election held  
at the polling place for Pct 13 - The Lions Club.  
Precincts 15 - Penelope Precinct 16 - Malone  
Precinct 18 - Mertens Precinct 23 - Mt Calm  
Precinct 24 - Hubbard consolidated with the election  
held at the polling place for Pct 24 - Hubbard City Hall  
Precincts 20 - Blum, Precinct 21 - Fort Graham, and  
Precinct 22 - McCown Valley consolidated with the elec-  
tion held at the polling place for Pct. 22 - McCown Val-  
ley Community Center

This election is a mandated special election  
called by the state. It is an unfunded election  
that was not included in my budget. Consolidating  
these precincts will help cut the costs.

### **Cinco de Mayo Parade**

Press Release

For anyone interested in being in the 17th Annual  
Cinco de Mayo Parade on May 5, 2007 please be in front  
of the elementary school by 8:45 a.m. You do not have to  
sign up to enter; you may just show up that morning for  
line-up.

Judging will begin at 8:30 a.m., so you may want to  
arrive early. Come join the fun and let's kick off this fes-  
tival with a great parade! Parade will begin at the ele-  
mentary school and end at the park (behind HILCO  
Electric). Hope to see you there! For more info, contact  
Sue Rivera @ 254-687-2731 Or [Sue\\_34@Sbcglobal.Net](mailto:Sue_34@Sbcglobal.Net)

### **Itasca Foods – Chevron**

208 S. Hill St.

Monday – Thursday - 5 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday - 5 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**Kitchen open!**

Breakfast sandwiches, burgers, fries, etc.