

# Paw Print Press

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## Honored for Service

Press Release



Former Texas Land Bank Director Henry Thuem was recently honored for 25 years of service on the Board of Directors. Henry was elected to the Board of Directors of the FLBA of Hillsboro in 1981 and served as Board chairman for many of those years. Upon the merger with the FLBA of Waco (now, Texas Land Bank) in 1998, Thuem continued on as a part of that board and served as a member through April of 2006. An appreciation lunch was recently held to honor Thuem for his service. After the lunch, he was presented with a watch. Pictured congratulating Thuem is Texas Land Bank Director John Sawyer of Hillsboro.

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## 2008 House Budget Includes \$6.6 Billion Increase in Veterans Budget, Largest in American History

Press Release

(Washington, DC)- U.S. Representative Chet Edwards supported passage of the 2008 House budget proposal, which includes a \$6.6 billion increase in the VA discretionary budget over 2007 pushed by Edwards as a member of the Budget Committee. The bill passed 216 to 210.

"The \$6.6 billion increase in VA budget is the largest annual increase in VA health care spending in the 77 year history of the Veterans Administration. Continued on page 3.

## Marshall to Compete in 5 Events at Regional Meet

### Seven Advance in Track Competition



Dee Marshall (picture insert) may have set a record in Itasca sports, by qualifying for the regional meet in five events. He and seven others will represent the Wampus Cats and District 11-2A in nine events at the regional meet this weekend.



Itasca athletes are (front row l to r) Nick Worth, Courtney Phillips and Kendale Mayberry, (back row l to r) Dee Marshall, Desmond Guy, Mikey Marshall and Trayln Harden.

See page 5 for results of district meet.

## Gebo's Donates Collars, Leads

Press Release



Gebo's in Hillsboro recently donated 138 dog collars and leads to Hill County Paw Pals, the nonprofit group that has organized to install an animal shelter for Hill County and promote animal welfare. Accepting this generous donation from Gebo Manager, Morris Peterson, is Jackie

Chance of Paw Pals Adoption Committee. Gebo's associates from left to right are Danny Noble, Chris Cvikel, and Toni Jacks. Paw Pals is very appreciative of this generous donation and the support of a well known Hill County business. For more information about Paw Pals, please visit their website at [hcpawpals.org](http://hcpawpals.org); call 580-0679; or email [hcpawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawpals@yahoo.com).

## 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

May 12 - 9:00 a.m.      Methodist Church

### Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month 5:30 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 25-26 - UIL Tennis Regional Competition - Tarleton State University

April 27 - 28 - UIL Track & Field Regional Competition - Tarleton State University

April 28 - Pick up Angel Food at First Presbyterian Church 10 - 11 a.m.

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.

May 1 - IISD Booster Club Meeting - IISD Cafetorium - 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome

May 3 - Elementary Spring Festival

May 4 - School Holiday

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration

## Public Notice

### Request for Submission of Water and Wastewater Operations Bids and Proposals for the City of Itasca

In accordance with the city budget for the fiscal year of 2007-2008, the City of Itasca is currently seeking bid proposal for the maintenance and operation of the City's water and wastewater treatment plant. This job will require daily upkeep, monthly and quarterly reports, sample testing and record logging. The following duties and tasks are a few examples of the work required:

- Taking daily chlorine samples
- Well tank readings
- Creating and enacting update plans with engineers
- Submitting applications for grants and loans
- Maintenance of the water production and wastewater treatment plant
- Data recording

A list of the job description for the operation of the Water and Wastewater Facilities may be faxed by request or picked up at 126 N. Hill during business hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Bid proposals must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2007 to the City of Itasca, 126 N. Hill, Itasca, Texas 76055. For more information, please contact City Hall at 254-687-2201.

## Hill County Heritage Book, Volume II

Press Release

Organizers are now accepting stories for the Hill County Heritage Book, Volume II. "Stories and photographs published in the first volume will not be reprinted in Volume II," Roy Bessire, chair of the Hill County Heritage Book Committee said. "You may, however, expand upon your family story placed in Vol. 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 word and \$15 each for extra photographs.

Stories in the following genres will be accepted for the topical section of the book. The word limits are listed in parentheses. Genres include cities and towns (750 words per story), churches, schools, cemeteries, businesses, memories and clubs (250 words per story). Each story is allowed one photograph. You may pay for additional words and photographs as noted above. Topical stories may be edited or not used as determined by the committee due to space limitations and/or duplicate/similar materials being submitted. Stories that were in the first vol. will not be printed in vol. II.

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. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want your photograph returned.

For more information about the guidelines and the book, please contact Roy Bessire, 254-666-3283, e-mail rcbess@aol.com or Richard Greenhill at 254-582-8912.

Stories should be mailed to Hill County Heritage Book Committee, Vol. II, P.O. Box 555, Hillsboro, TX 76645.

## Thuem Honored

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Texas Land Bank, a Farm Credit Lending Cooperative, provides competitive financing for rural real estate, agribusiness and agricultural production. Texas Land Bank was one of many Farm Credit associations established in 1917 currently celebrating 90 years of financing rural America this year.

## Increase in Veterans Budget

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Approximately \$5.9 billion of that goes directly toward improving veterans' health care," said Edwards, Chairman of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee. "The reality is that we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude we owe to our veterans, but the needs are real, and our veterans deserve no less."

Edwards noted that in less than 90 days, the Congress under new leadership has voted to increase veterans' health care programs by \$11.7 billion. That is a larger increase by the 110th Congress in three months than the previous Congresses over the past 5 years (fiscal years 2001- 2006). In February, Congress passed the 2007 omnibus spending bill signed into law by the president that included \$3.4 billion increase for VA above the 2006 level. Last week, the House passed the 2007 Supplemental Appropriations Act that included \$1.7 billion for key veterans programs.

"This is our first quarter veterans report. The \$6.6 billion increase in the budget resolution plus the \$3.4 billion increase in the 2007 continuing resolution plus the \$1.7 billion in the House passed supplemental appropriations bill total \$11.7 billion in increased investments in our veterans' health care and benefits compared to where we stood when this Congress was sworn in on January 4 of this year. In the aftermath of the Walter Reed Annex 18 tragedy, we say in this budget that no soldier, no veteran should ever again have to endure the indignity of living in moldy, rat-infested housing.

"Increased funding is a significant accomplishment, but this isn't about dollars. It's about fulfilling a moral obligation to those who have served, recognizing that supporting our veterans is a real cost of war, just as real as guns, tanks and bullets, about remembering that our veterans' sacrifices don't end after they return home, and neither should our commitment to them. For some, timely care is the difference between health and depression, for others, the difference between life and death," said Edwards.

The funds will enable the VA to continue providing excellent health care, keeping up with the high rate of health care inflation and the continuing increases in new veterans entering the VA system in FY08, the VA will treat 5.8 million patients, including approximately 263,000 Iraq/Afghanistan veterans; Reject the Administration's proposed enrollment fees and near doubling of prescription co-payments; Address the VA's repair and maintenance backlog in the wake of a VA report that outlines 1,000 specific problems at VA facilities around the country; Increase efforts to address mental health, post-traumatic stress disorder, and traumatic brain injuries and accelerate claims processing and reduce the 300,000 claim backlog.



## Senior Sponsors – Judie McClure & Pam Willman

Reporter Sarah Evans - Caricature by Cory Bourland & Gabby Rivera



“All right pull out your notes” history teacher Judie McClure says. “How long is it?” one of her junior students ask. “Oh, it’s an easy one. It’s only 30 slides today,” Mrs. McClure says with a grin.

Burleson graduate, Judie McClure has been teaching school for almost 29 years. She has taught a wide variety of subjects including many home economics classes, World and U.S. History, both college U.S. Government and Texas Government, economics, Desktop Publishing, and Web Mastering.

“My favorite class to teach is by far U.S. History,” McClure said.

It was this love for US History that got her the job of curator of the depot restoration project. In 2002, her history students applied for and convinced TXDot to give them a \$1.7 million dollar grant to restore the depot.

McClure earned a Bachelor Degree in Home Economics at the University of North Texas. She received a Masters Degree in Political Science from the University of Texas at Arlington.

When Mrs. McClure is not busy teaching or working on the depot project, she enjoys spending time with her husband David, daughters Ashley McClure of Waco, and Stephanie Harris of Itasca and, most of all, her granddaughter Jessie James.

As an active senior sponsor this year, Mrs. McClure isn’t shy on what to say about the senior class. “I think they are one of the best and brightest classes we’ve had in a long time. They have a lot of potential.”



“Rosemary, did you finish the baby pictures? Amanda, did you finish the sophomore’s page? Oh and Gabby, have you fixed the seniors pictures? And Chelsea, don’t forget the juniors collage page!” is what you hear everyday during 5th period as Mrs. Willman or “Mrs. Pam” frantically tries to get the yearbook done before the deadline.

Mrs. Pam has been a part of the Itasca ISD staff for 17 years. She has worked as a substitute teacher as well as a paraprofessional. She is in charge of publishing the yearbook each year with the help of her Mowana staff.

Mrs. Willman was born in Cleburne, Texas, and has never wanted to nor does she intend to live anywhere but Itasca. She is a 1975 graduate of Itasca and married a fellow classmate, Dale Willman. They have two daughters, Samantha and Sarah and two grandchildren, Nathalie and Joseph.



### For Lease - FM 67

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\*\*\*Large 2 story home - 3 bedrooms 2 baths - Large kitchen/new appliances - Utility with washer/dryer connections - Lovely sunny living area - 1-Year Lease Available Now - \$800 Per month + Utilities - Deposit \$800 - 5121 FM 67 3 miles East of Itasca

### Itasca Mayor Request 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

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

### Arellano's Odds & Ends

Roofing, plumbing, yard work, remodeling, trash hauling - Call anytime  
 Prices vary per job.  
 254-205-0474 - 254-205-0718

## 11-AA District Meet Regional Meet April 27-28

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JV and varsity athletes competed in the 11-AA District Track Meet on April 10 in Hico.

Earning medals in the JV girls' division were Eva Mayberry 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100 meter dash, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 meter dash and 1<sup>st</sup> in the long jump, Mary Maddox 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400 meter dash, Courtney Heath 4<sup>th</sup> in the 400 meter dash and Maria Worth 1<sup>st</sup> in the pole vault. The 4x100 finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Running in the relay were Eva Mayberry, Maria Worth, Mary Maddox and Courtney Heath.

In the JV boys' division Isaac Perez finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400 meter dash, Eric Ortegon was 1<sup>st</sup> in the long jump and De'Veon Mayberry was 6<sup>th</sup> in the shot put. The 4x100 and 4x200 meter relay teams of Mikey Mayberry, De'Veon Mayberry, Terrey Brumbalow and Eric Ortegon finished 4<sup>th</sup>. The mile relay team of Mikey Mayberry, Isaac Perez, Terrey Brumbalow and Eric Ortegon finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Unlike varsity competitors, JV athletes do not advance out of district.

Courtney Phillips was the only varsity girl bringing home a medal and advancing to regional competition. She finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in both the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. Since Courtney had taken 1<sup>st</sup> in both of those events in all practice meets, the Itasca coaches are looking for her to turn on the heat in the regional meet.

Dee Marshall medaled five times in the varsity boys' division. He placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200-meter dash, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the long jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the high jump, part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place 4x100 relay and of the 1<sup>st</sup> place 4x200 meter relay.

Trayln Harden placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100-meter dash and will be an alternate at regional in this event. He also placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the triple jump. Nick Worth tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place in the pole vault to give him an alternate spot at regional. The 4x100 relay team of Desmond Guy, Trayln Harden, Dee Marshall and Nick Worth finished 2<sup>nd</sup> to advance. The 4x200 team of Desmond Guy, Trayln Harden, Dee Marshall and Kendale Mayberry finished 1st.

Mikey Mayberry is listed as an alternate for both relays. Coaches Kirby Basham and Tonye Davis will accompany the varsity athletes to Stephenville this weekend to compete.

## My Name: "Is Meth"

This poem was written by a young Indian girl who was in jail for drug charges, and was addicted to Meth. She wrote this while in jail. As you will soon read, she fully grasped the horrors of the drug, as she tells in this simple, yet profound poem. She was released from jail, but, true to her story, the drug owned her. They found her dead not long after, with the needle still in her arm.

Itasca Police Chief Griscavage asked us to publish this poem in the hopes it will help keep some young person from meeting the same hellish fate. He asks that they especially read the last line.

I destroy homes, I tear families apart,  
Take your children, and that's just the start.  
I'm more costly than diamonds, more precious than gold,  
The sorrow I bring is a sight to behold.  
If you need me, remember I'm easily found,  
I live all around you – in schools and in town  
I live with the rich; I live with the poor,  
I live down the street, and maybe next door.  
I'm made in a lab, but not like you think,  
I can be made under the kitchen sink.  
In your child's closet, and even in the woods,  
If this scares you to death, well it certainly should.  
I have many names, but there's one you know best,  
I'm sure you've heard of me, my name is Crystal Meth.  
My power is awesome; try me you'll see,  
But if you do, you may never break free.  
Just try me once and I might let you go,  
But try me twice, and I'll own your soul.  
When I possess you, you'll steal and you'll lie,  
You do what you have to – just to get high.  
The crimes you'll commit for my narcotic charms  
Will be worth the pleasure you'll feel in your arms,  
Your lungs and your nose. You'll lie to your mother;  
You'll steal from your dad, When you see their  
Tears, you should feel sad.  
But you'll forget your morals and how you  
Were raised, I'll be your conscience, I'll teach you my ways.  
I take kids from parents, and parents from kids,  
I turn people from God, and separate friends.  
I'll take everything from you, your looks and your  
Pride, I'll be with you always – right be your side.  
You'll give up everything – your family, your home,  
Your friends, your money, then you'll be alone.  
I'll take and take, till you have nothing more to give,  
When I'm finished with you, you'll be lucky to live.  
If you try me be warned – this is no game,  
If given the chance, I'll drive you insane.  
I'll ravish your body, I'll control your mind,  
I'll own you completely, your soul will be mine.  
The nightmares I'll give you while lying in bed,  
The voices you'll hear, from inside your head.  
The sweats, the shakes, the visions you'll see,  
I want you to know, these are all gifts from me.

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## 2007 Homecoming Date Set

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

# Mary's IMS Focus – Jack Panting

Reporter Mary Maddox



“The best way to describe Jack is very respectful.” Mrs. Scott, Middle School Secretary said.

Jack Panting is the kind of person that goes with the flow. He is admired not only by his peers but also by teachers, mostly because he is easy to get along with.

Jack's favorite sport is basketball, but he also participates in football and track. However, do not stereotype Jack as a “dumb jock.”

“I'm pretty smart I guess.” Jack said. “At least that is what everyone tells me.”

Jack was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society last year and he is always on either the “A” or “A/B” honor roll

“My favorite teacher is Mrs. Schneider,” Jack said. “She really makes science fun.”

When Jack is not in the classroom, he enjoys hanging out with his friends, listening to music and just being outdoors.

“I am a hard worker,” Jack said. “I always strive to reach the goals that are set for me by my coaches, friends and myself.”

# Housekeeping Tips from Granny

Granny Snav

Last week we ran an article listing for our readers what WD-40 could do to help with little problems around the house, fishing, and even pain relieving.

As we said last week, we are not endorsing these, but I did remove the bugs from my car and the paint is still intact.

The creators of WD-40 says that there is nothing in it that will harm you, but one of readers said that they read that breathing too much of it, can lead to lung problems.

If you tried any of last week's tips, let us know if they really worked out for you! Here are a few more of those nifty little tips: 1. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging, 2. Keeps pigeons off the balcony, 3. Removes all traces of duct tape, 4. Rids the sting of fire ant bites, 5. Removes crayon marks from walls, 6. Spray some on arms, legs, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain, 7. Spray a little on live bait or lures- WD-40 attracts fish, 8. If you sprayed some on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start, and 9. Takes away the pain from a burn and heals with no scarring.

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

Remember try theses at your own risks, especially the ones about spraying on your body.

# My Name: “Is Meth”

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But then it's too late, and you'll know in your heart,  
That you are mine, and we shall not part.

You'll regret that you tried me, they always do,  
But you came to me, not I to you.

You knew this would happen, many times you were told,

But you challenged my power, and chose to be bold.  
You could have said no, and just walked away,

If you could live that day over, now what would you say?

I'll be your master, you will be my slave,  
I'll ever go with you, when you go to your grave.

Now that you have met me, what will you do?

Will you try me or not? It's all up to you.

I can bring you more misery than words can tell,  
Come take my hand, let me lead you to hell.

# Wampus Cat Brick Makes Excellent 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.

# Prom Tips from Miss Prissy

Columnist Miss Prissy Pampered Princess

Now let's talk about transportation to dinner and the prom. Although a limo sounds fun, you have to keep in mind that this is a small town, and no one will see you make your grand entrance. However, if you decide to ride in a limo, a good suggestion would be to have more than two people in the limo to split the cost. Reserve it early to ensure that it will be at the place you want at the time you want. In addition, be sure to have trustworthy people who won't back out. For those of you, who decide to drive yourselves to prom, drive safely.

**PROM TIP#5: DESIGNATE A DRIVER, DRIVE SAFELY & BE REALISTIC ABOUT TRANSPORTATION**

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Hill, Texas:  
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Hill, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2007, for voting in a special election to "adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendment as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas."

(Notifíquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de Mayo 2007, para votar en La Elección Especial "(para adoptar o rechazar la emmienda propuestas constitucional así como fueron sometidas por la 80a Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas)")

### Location(S) Of Polling Places (Dirección(ES) De Las Casillas Electorales)

Pct. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 Covington St Courthouse Annex  
Pct. 10, 19, 27 Itasca Rotary Club  
Pct 12, 13, 14 Whitney Lions Club  
Pct 15, 16, 18, 23, 24 Hubbard City Hall  
Pct 20, 21, 22 McCown Valley Community Center

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: Basement in Hill County Courthouse, Hillsboro, Tx. 76645

(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:) Basement in Hill County Corta Casa, Hillsboro, Tx. 76645

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007 and ending on May 8, 2007,

(entre las 8 del a mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el 30 de Abril, 2007 y terminando el 8 de Mayo, 2007)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Patsy Damschen, Election Administrator  
P. O. Box 725  
Hillsboro, Texas 76645

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2007

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantadas por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 4 de Mayo, 2007)

Issued this the 16th day of April, 2007

## 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.

## Tennis Court Open to Public

\*From dusk to dawn                      \*Tennis only  
No Skateboarding                      No Roller Blades  
No Roller Skates                      No Bicycling  
No ball playing  
Starting April 20, 2007

## Public Notice of Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Covington ISD Trustee election held on May 12, 2007, will be tested on April 27, 2007, at 11:45 A.M. at the Franklin St. John W. Erwin Courthouse Annex. This is to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all measures.

## Aviso Público de la Prueba De Automático Tabulación Del Equipo

El aviso se da por este medio eso que el equipo de tabulación automático que será utilizado en la elección del administrador de la DSI de Covington celebrada el 12 de mayo de 2007, será probado el 27 de abril de 2007, en el 11:45 mañana en el anexo del palacio de justicia del St. Juan W. Erwin de Franklin. Éste es comprobar que contará exactamente los votos emitidos para todas las medidas.



## Recent Death

**Martin, Ricky** – Mr. Ricky Shane, 45, of West passed away March 23, 2007, at his residence.

He was born November 3, 1961, in Key West, Florida, son of William Martin and Samantha Kellum. He attended grade school in Hillsboro and Itasca, was a 1980 graduate of Sam Houston High School of Arlington and attended Hill College and Texas State Technical College.

December 10, 1983, he was united in marriage to Lisa Ann Uptmore. He was a truck driver for Alamo Steel Company of Waco before becoming disabled. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption of West. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and water skiing and especially loved spending time with his kids and supporting them in their sports and other activities.

Survivors include: his beloved wife of 23 years, Lisa Uptmore Martin; one son, Ethan; one daughter, Erin; mother, Samantha Hudson and husband, John, of Cleburne; father, Bill Martin and wife, Eliza, of West; paternal grandmother, Pauline Kelsey of West; two sisters, Vikki Martin Reese and husband, Rick, of West and Tracy Bennett and husband Larry, of Kennedale; mother-in-law, Shellie Uptmore of West; two brothers-in-law, Jimmy Uptmore and wife, Donna, of West and Frankie Uptmore and wife, Debra, of Georgetown; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to an education fund for Ethan and Erin or Providence Hospice of Waco. Guest book and full obituary at: [aderholdfuneralhome.com](http://aderholdfuneralhome.com)

## Cinco de Mayo Parade

Press Release

Anyone interested in being in the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 need to sign up to enter; you may just show up that morning for lineup. 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 festival with a great parade! The parade will begin at the elementary school and end at the park behind HILCO. For more information, contact Sue Rivera @ 254-687-2731 or [sue\\_34@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sue_34@sbcglobal.net)

## House for Rent

1 Bedroom - 1 Bath - No pets, No smoking  
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**For Sale - Beautiful Mother Day Cakes Now - April 27 for delivery on May 11 or 12.**

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

## Itasca Garden Club Update

Press Release

The Itasca Garden Club's annual flower show was held on April 12. Many beautiful arrangements were made by the members. Some of the arrangements were made from flowers grown in the participants' yards, lovely tropicals and from the beautiful natives that are in bloom at this time.

Punch and an assortment of cookies were served to all guests who came by to view the hard work put in by the club's members.

## Baby Contest May 5, 2007 Cinco De May Festival

Age Categories:                   0-12 Months  
  13-24 Months  
  25-36 Months

If you would like to enter your child/or children in the baby contest, please contact Frances Salinas @ 254-580-2626 or 254-580-8276, or you may contact any committee member to enter. If you do not have a chance to enter before May 5, you may enter that Saturday morning. Contest begins at 10:30 a.m. Please bring your child early if you have not signed them up previously. Once the contest has begun, you may not enter.

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## Garage Sale

Fri., Sat. & Sunday - April 27, 28 & 29  
7:00 a.m. - ?                   405 E. Main St.

## IISD Booster Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 1 – 7:00 p.m.  
Itasca ISD Cafetorium  
Election of officers  
Everyone needs to Attend



## Do You Remember . . . ? – “The Small Town”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



When I hear a newsperson refer to our town as the tiny town of Itasca, it irritates me until I start to compare our town with the Metroplex. Then I think we should be pleased to be called “tiny.” I even heard one TV anchor refer to Waco as a small town. I think first they should learn how to correctly pronounce and spell some of the names that they are reporting on.

We do sometimes tell humorous stories and sayings about our communities. Perhaps we should list a few of them before the more positive ones.

You know you are in a small town when: The welcome and hurry back signs are on the same post. Third Street is on the edge of town. The newspaper people carry a camera at all times. Brings back fond memories of Donald and Gordon McDonald. You were born on June 10, and the merchants gave you gifts for being the first baby of the year. You move over on Main Street for your farmer friends to pass on their combines. You run into a ditch five miles from town and the news get back to town before you do. Pickups on Main Street out number the cars. Someone asks how you feel, then listens to your answer. You don’t use a turn signal because everyone knows where you are going. The two-step and polka are more popular than disco. You can’t walk to town, because everyone stops and asks if you want a ride. Our town square is so small that it is a triangle. You actually know all of the schoolteachers and everyone in your class. If your clothesline is bare for a few days, everyone knows you are on vacation. A letter addressed to Carl or Marquriet only will likely be delivered. We have a motel, but the rooms are so small, when you close the door the knob is in bed with you. We put our new garbage truck in the parades. One of our big events is when the Knights of Columbus and the Masons have a joint meeting and swap secrets. Our jail is called the “Amoeba,” it only has one cell. Now for some of the things that make us proud to live here.

Our schools may be small, but they are exemplary. In a small school, more of the students participate in school activities. I noticed when working at the Presbyterian Children’s Home, that when kids were able to participate and had more social interaction, their outlook vastly improved. Stanley Cobbs said when he moved to Itasca, he was surprised that when he traveled to and from town everyone on the road waved to him. There was a lady in town that had dementia. She wandered away from home one day and a resident came by and recognized her. She walked along with her and gently guided her home. “Only in a small town!” If we are in our yard mowing, everyone that passes waves. Our local farmers get together and plow a man’s field if he is unable to because of illness or an accident. Once when one of our citizens had a wreck, totaled his car and could not work, a local car dealer loaned him a car until he could get back on his feet.

At one time in Itasca there was a retired man who did odd jobs for widow women, and would not charge them, especially if he knew they were having a hard time getting by. There was a lady some time ago who moved here from up north. One day she went outside and the door locked behind her. She was standing there looking distressed when a woman came by walking and could see that she needed help. After learning her problem, she asked if she had changed her locks when she moved in. No, she said that she had not had time yet. The lady reached over the door, pulled down a key and opened the door. That is where most of us hide our spare keys. We don’t do that today. Another unique thing about small towns is the ability of people to recognize young people because of usually a family resemblance. I remember one time when some of us boys were hanging around town one night. The City Marshall told us it was time to go home, and he asked me if I had a ride home. I asked him how he knew where I lived, he said you are that Sweeney boy from out on the mountain; you look like your dad. Then he kindly carried me out to where our road left the main gravel road.

Well now, we have examined a few minuses and plusses about living in a small town. Some of us have been fortunate to have made a living here without living in or having to commute to the city. It has been said that if a town does not grow even slowly, it dies. I guess we have been fortunate in that Itasca has and is growing slowly.

### Scholarship Banquet to Honor Recipients

Press Release

A banquet honoring the Hill County girl and boy picked to receive the Foster 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.

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## Wampus Cats of the Week

### IISD Booster Club

Reporter Ashley Durham

Selling hotdogs, hamburgers and a variety of Wampus Cat memorabilia is what the IISD Booster Club members do a lot of and they do it very well.

The Club was established so that the parents of band members and athletes can support their children's activities. The Club raises money to assist both organizations.

In the past the Booster Club has helped pay for band instruments, band uniforms, athletic equipment and expenses various teams might incur on a trip to participate in an UIL competition.

The biggest accomplishments they have made were raising money to help pay for the 2006 band trip to Carnegie Hall in New York and the 2000 band trip to the Disney World Competition in Florida.

The IISD Booster Club is a way for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of elementary, middle school and high school students to be involved. The Club has scheduled its 2007-2008 organizational meeting for Tuesday, May 1. Officers will be elected at this meeting and everyone is urged to attend. It is only by helping that you can have a say in how the Club is run.

### Special of the Week



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