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IHS Student Council Blood Drive Surpasses Goal

Reporter Sarah Evans – Photos by S. Crouch



High school students, seventeen and older, who signed up to give blood, proudly show their "battle scars."

The Itasca Student Council, in conjunction with HILCO, hosted a blood drive last week. HILCO held their drive on April 19 in the Farrow Room and the high school's drive was on April 24 in the high school.

The American Red Cross set up two classrooms, (which were kept at bone chilling temperatures), to take donated blood from community volunteers as well as from willing but frighten first time donor high school students. See StuCo Blood Drive on page 3.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Press Release



Luis Rey Benavides, M.D. of Whitney and Sergeant First Class Jose Manuel Orozco of the Hillsboro PD will be the guest speakers at the Cinco de Mayo celebration this Saturday.

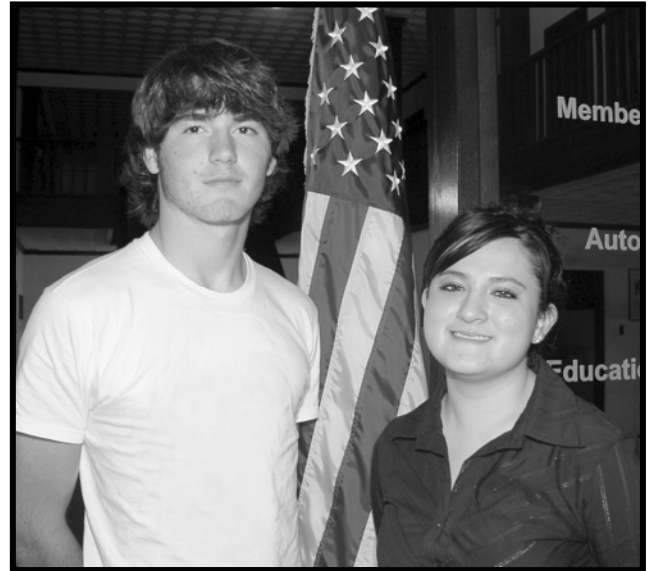
Orozco is scheduled to speak at 10:15 a.m. and Benavides at 1:00 p.m.

See page 3 for the schedule of events and page 5 for the story of the organization and their 17 years of celebrations.



Local Students Bound for Washington, D.C.

Press Release



Jerome Rops and Anita Ponce won the HILCO Electric Cooperative Government-in-Action Youth Tour contest. They will join over 100 Texas high school students and more than 1,000 from across the nation to tour the nation's capitol. See story on page 5.

U.S. Chamber Presents Annual "Spirit of Enterprise" Award to Rep. Chet Edwards



Rep. Chet Edwards receives the Spirit of Enterprise Award from U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Tom Donohue for his support of business.

See Texas Lawmaker . . . on page 6.

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>3rd 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-4th 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

Monday May 14, 2007 5:30 p.m.
 Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2007 6:00 p.m.
 Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

May 14, 2007 7:00 p.m.
 IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

May 29, 2007 5:30 p.m.
 Farrow Room - HILCO E. Main St.

Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

2nd Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.
 Fire Station Downtown Itasca

Community Calendar

May 3 - Elementary Spring Festival

May 4 - School Holiday

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration

May 11 - Muffins for Moms - Elementary School

May 12 - Ministerial Alliance Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

May 14 - IISD Board of Trustees' Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

May 14 - Zoning Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

May 21 - Itasca City Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

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.

McGruff® DNA Collection Kits at Itasca PD

There are a limited number of DNA Collection Kits available at the Itasca Police Department. The kits are part of the McGruff® Safe Kids Total Identification System. The kits will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Cinco de Mayo Festival Schedule

May 5, 2007

- 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Booth And Stage Setup
- 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Parade Line-Up
- 8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Judging Of Parade
- 9:00 a.m. Parade Starts
- 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Introduction of Royal Court Nominees, Welcoming from Mayor Matt Fehnel & Cinco de Mayo Committee President James Bouldin
- 10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker/Mr. Orozco
- 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Baby Contest
- 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Dance Contest Curry Building
- 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Elvis ("El Romantico")
- 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Guest Speaker/Dr. Benavides
- 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Rukus E.N.J.
- 2:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Itasca Folklorico Dancers
- 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Amateur Hour
- 4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Jalapeno Eating Contest
- 4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Silent Auction (Curry Building)
- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Closing the street for clean up
- 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Doors open for dance
- **You may only buy pre-sale tickets between 4 - 5 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m. Street Dance W/Baraja de Oro
- 9:30 p.m. First Intermission
- ****Crowing of Royal Court (Queen & Duchess)
- 12:00 a.m. Dance Ends, Clean-Up Begins

Vandalism Drains Money from Our Education

Columnist Megan Goff

Recently vandalism has been taking place in the Itasca bus barn. The vandals have tried to siphon gas from many of the school owned vehicles and when that was unsuccessful, they resorted to cutting the gas lines.

These occurrences and any others that damage school property take away from the education of students in Itasca. The attack on the vehicles in the bus barn could put our students' lives at risk and it most surely uses money for repairs that needs to be used in areas that are more productive.

The students and the school administrators request that the community watch and report any destructive or questionable behavior on school premises. These occurrences are taking away from our education and we, the students, are issuing this call to action to the Itasca community.

NEEDED: House Keeper

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

3-4 Hours a Day

Call Cindy: (254) 582-7063 or (254) 371-7343

StuCo Blood Drive

Continued from page 1.



Top to bottom - #1- Susie May signs up Senior Ashley Swilley. #2- Cheerleader and junior Lindsey Laird did her part by donating. #3 - Junior and new mascot Sydney Perkins bravely extended her arm to help save three lives.

The drive began at noon and lasted until 6:00 p.m. The Red Cross set a goal for the high school of 45 donors, but the student council passed that with 57 donors (maybe it was the free t-shirts). High school students will do most anything for free food and or a cool t-shirt.



The American Red Cross collected 46 units of blood and announced that 138 lives were saved. Those numbers were recorded on a banner that is proudly displayed in the main entry hall of the high school.



"The student council would like to thank the American Red Cross for allowing us to show what we can do as an organization," StuCo

President Bianca Heath said. "We would also like to thank everyone who signed up to donate blood, everyone who helped and Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Crouch for donating their classrooms for this worthy cause."

Winery Planting Scheduled

Press Release

Erik Lusk was the winner of the "Name the Winery" contest conducted by the Cox Winery located between FM 67 & FM 66. The name chosen was Bluebonnet Cellars. The owners want to thank everyone for their excellent ideas that were submitted.

A planting of the first 200 vines (weather permitting) is planned for Saturday, May 12. Anyone interested is welcome to come and join in the fun and work. It will start around 11:00 a.m. and plant until all of the vines are planted. The future winery's address is 664 HCR 4421.

Spotlight – Foreign Exchange Students

Reporter Sarah Evans - Caricatures by Gabby Rivera



“I won’t ever forget the time I have spent at Itasca High School,” Itasca junior Inesa Kachurivska said. “I will remember every single thing I’ve done and every single person I’ve met.”

Inesa Volodymyrivna Kachurivska, has attended IHS since August, 2006. She came to Itasca from her hometown in the Ukraine. When she is not busy with her schoolwork, Inessa enjoys beads, reading, cooking, playing badminton, creating something (at this moment, it is her scrapbook) and just spending time talking with her friends.

“I don’t play competitive sports,” Inesa said, “but I like to play badminton, tennis, soccer and chess for fun.”

Inesa’s plans for the future include attending a university and learning at least two more languages. (See Inessa’s article about her stay in Itasca on page 9.)



“When I came to the USA, I wanted to play sports,” Oksana Stepanivna Didukh said. So, I played basketball, softball and ran track. I am having so much fun.”

17-year-old Oksana is the daughter of Stepan Ivanovych and Olha Mykhaylivna. She came to Itasca to stay with the Seaman family during the summer of 2006. She was born in Zhydachiv that is a town in the Ukraine.

“I am not sure what I want to do after graduation,” Oksana said. “I think I will be studying more languages and economics. I do know that I am ready to graduate and to improve myself.”

When Oksana isn’t busy at school, she enjoys swimming, listening to Kiss FM and just hanging out with her friends.



“One thing I will always remember about Itasca,” 16 year old Konstantin Anatolyevich Suspitsyn of Russia said, “is the easy subjects!”

Konstantin is the son of Irina and Anatoliy Suspitsyn. When he is not busy with school, Konstantin enjoys playing the guitar and working on his PC. Konstantin came to “the big little town” from his home- country of Russia, late in the summer. He is staying with Kerry and Janet Covington of Itasca.

“I prefer big cities over small cities,” Konstantin said. “Small cities are too far away from everything.”

Konstantin loves to play sports. His favorites are soccer, volleyball and basketball.

“Although I still have another year, I am ready to graduate,” Konstantin said. “After I do, I hope to work with digital design.”



For Lease - FM 67

Two Homes Newly Remodeled - Oscar Castillo
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***Large 2-3 Bedroom/ 1 Bath -
Kitchen/Dining Area - Large utility/storage -
Washer/Dryer Connections - Large Family
Room - 1-Year Lease Available June 1, 2007 -
\$700 Per Month + Utilities- Deposit \$700 -
5100 FM 67 3 miles east of Itasca

***Large 2 story home - 3 bedrooms 2 baths -
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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

Important IISD Dates

May 3
*Elementary Spring Festival
May 19
*Junior/Senior Prom
May 22
*Elementary Awards
May 21
*Academic Daytime Awards
*Senior Awards Night
June 1 - Graduation
Sept. 21 – 2007 Homecoming

Mother/Daughter Brunch

Saturday, May 12
Central Baptist Church
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Special speaker, fun, food &
Wedding Gown Fashion Show
Past – Present
\$7.00 – 11 & up
\$5.00 10 & under
Call Felicia Coleman (687-9131) or
Penny Faries (687-2620) for tickets.

HILCO Government-in-Action

Youth Tour

Picture on page 1.

Jerome Rops of Blum and Anita Ponce of Itasca were the lucky winners of an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June, sponsored by HILCO Electric Cooperative in Itasca. The winners were selected based on essays entitled, "What it Means to Be an American," and judged by independent judges from another electric co-op and local schools.

The objective of the annual Youth Tour is to educate our youth on all aspects of cooperative electrification for a better understanding of the history and value of electric cooperatives. The Tour provides an opportunity for students to meet with U. S. Representatives from their own districts, followed by a tour of the House and Senate chambers, visits to monuments, government buildings and cooperative-related organizations in order to become familiar with the historical and political environment of our nation's capital. Meeting elected officials provides an opportunity for the students to have a better understanding of how our federal government works.

Electric cooperatives take pride in sponsoring these programs to educate future co-op member-consumers and community leaders about the importance of their participation in democracy, on both the co-op level and in their own communities. The students will also visit the White House, go on several sightseeing tours and attend many other fun activities and educational events.

All cooperative businesses adhere to seven guiding principles. The Youth Tour incorporates three of those principles, including (2) Democratic Membership Control; (5) Education, Training and Information; and (7) Concern for Community.

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

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

Itasca Cinco de Mayo Organization Celebrates 17 years

Speakers' pictures on page 1

Press Release

Our organization began in 1990 by a few concerned citizens of Itasca to ensure that the youth of our community stay in school and continue their education, hence our motto "Celebration for Education." This organization has grown strong over the years, providing our youth with the foundation to continue their education. We annually strive to reach a goal to surpass the previous year. All money raised on this day through our booth spaces, royal court, baby contest and our biggest event of the day, the street dance, goes towards the scholarships we hand out each year. Last year we handed out around \$7,000.00 in scholarships. Our goal is to ensure that each graduate has the opportunity to be given a reason to continue their education and has someone believe in their ambitions. The Itasca Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Foundation will be celebrating its 17th Annual "Celebration for Education" in downtown Itasca, TX on Saturday, May 5, 2007.

The event will start with booth setup at 6:00 am, a parade that will begin at 9:00 am, and our speaking event will take place on the main stage at 10:15 am, with Mr. Orozco, and Dr. Benavides at 1:15 p.m. The day will be filled with music, the Itasca Folklorico Dancers and various contests throughout the day, including the ever popular Amateur Hour, traditional Jalapeno Eating Contest, and Baby Contest, and new this year a Dance A Thon. The streets will be filled with various vendors of crafts and games for kids, including a food court. An auction will end the day's events in preparation for the evening dance with a live performance featuring the musical sounds of "Baraja de Oro" of Midlothian, TX. The dance will begin at 8:00 pm, with the gates opening at 7:00, pre sale tickets will go on sale at 4:00 pm. The traditional Royal Court Crowning will be at 9:30p.m., during the street dance. Queen hopefuls are Jessika Rodriguez of Itasca, and Linda Rubio of Hillsboro. Duchess nominees are Brianna Medina of Hillsboro, Pauline Rubio of Keene, and Tiffany Ramos of Itasca. We hope to have a large crowd to help us support a most worthy cause, the education of our children. For more information on booth spaces, royal court, just general information please email gloriarodriguez89@sbcglobal.net or call (817)648-4667-Gloria, (254)687-9922-Marylou or Sue Rivera (254) 687-2731 for general information or (254)687-2401 for booth space information.

For Sale

Assorted Tools - Wrenches - Jacks for car - Small extension ladder - Crutches - Creeper on rollers, 2-wheel trailer w/ steel bed (good for carrying smoker or lawn mower) - Acetylene Welding unit w/ cart & w/ cleaning tips & goggles

Make an offer, We may have just what your need
Harry @ 105 Beard Itasca 254-687-2345 or 720-220-5947

Mary's IMS Focus - Christina Manasco



Reporter Mary Maddox
 ““Play-days,” are what they’re called and these few days a year are what eighth grader Christina Manasco lives for. They are not in school but in an arena. Christina’s passion is riding horses, mostly racing them.

“I compete in barrel and pole racing,” Christina said. “Play-days are so fun! It is fun to compete and see who’s the fastest.”

Besides racing horses, Christina enjoys playing basketball and running track. She was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society this year and holds a spot on the “A/B” Honor Roll.

The only thing Christina has to say about entering high school next year is: “I’ve heard that English is hard, so I’m sort of scared.”

Teachers appreciate her hard work and kind spirit.

“Christina is very energetic,” English teacher Larry Maddox said. “One word that completely describes her is ‘Cowgirl.’”

HCGS to Tour Hill County Cell Block Museum

Press Release

On Monday, May 7, the Hill County Genealogical Society will meet at the Hill County Cell Block Museum in Hillsboro beginning at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Marilyn Topping, Curator, will be the guide. Following the tour there will be a discussion of the history of the Museum in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church building at the rear of the Museum at approximately 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

The Hill County Genealogical Society normally meets the first Monday in each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex, 126 South Covington Street in Hillsboro. The public is invited to attend and to participate. The organization is made up of history minded individuals from Hill County and individuals from outside the county who have family connections in Hill County. The programs are intended to provide helpful and interesting information for research.

The Hillsboro City Library has a section devoted to Genealogy. Member Dora Nolan is usually available to assist visitors. Carroll Hering is the society’s webmaster and maintains the site, www.rootsweb.com/~txhcgs. He may be reached at hcgswb@yahoo.com. The Society publishes a quarterly, Hill County Crossroads, which is sent to all members. Membership is \$18.00 a year from January thru December. Request for membership may be sent to the Society at P O Box 636, Hillsboro TX 76645-0636.

We hope you will join us at the Hill County Cell Block Museum on May 7. You may contact Cleo Young Davis, Program Chairman, 254-582-3603, or cleoydavis@yahoo.com for any additional information you may desire.

May is “Buckle Up in Your Truck,” & “Click it or Ticket” Month in Texas

Beginning May 1, law enforcement organizations across Texas will observe “Buckle Up in Your Truck” and “Click it or Ticket” programs by stepping up enforcement of seat belt laws and child safety laws.

Texas Lawmaker Recognized

See Photo on page 1.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce presented Rep. Chet Edwards with its annual “Spirit of Enterprise” award for his strong voting record on critical business issues in the second session of the 109th Congress.

“Rep. Edwards proved to be a valuable ally to the business community last year, supporting measures to stimulate job creation and spur economic growth,” said Tom Donohue, Chamber President & CEO. “The business community appreciates Chet’s dedication to a pro-growth agenda and we proudly present him this award.”

The Chamber’s prestigious “Spirit of Enterprise” award is given to members of Congress based on rankings it gives for key business votes outlined in its yearly publication. Rep. Edwards compiled an 87% score with the Chamber last year and holds a cumulative 62% ranking during his tenure in Congress. The Chamber’s designated “key votes” are recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities by the Chamber’s board of directors, on which the Chamber informs Congress of its position prior to the vote. Senators and House members who support the Chamber’s position on at least 70% of these key votes receive the “Spirit of Enterprise” award. A complete listing of key votes and ratings is available online at www.uschamber.com

During the second session of the 109th Congress, the Chamber key-voted 12 Senate and 15 House votes, including pension reform, tax relief, maritime and cargo security, and the U.S./India nuclear agreement. The U.S. Chamber is the world’s largest business federation, representing more than 3 million businesses and organizations of every size, sector and region.

"An important part of my responsibility as a member of Congress is to support policy that creates jobs and improves economic growth for the people of our district. I am grateful to be recognized for my efforts by an advocate for business like the U.S. Chamber Of Commerce," said Edwards.

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 deberán 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 deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 4 de Mayo, 2007)

Issued this the 16th day of April, 2007

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
election held at the polling place for Pct. 22 - McCown
Valley 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.

Prom Tips from Miss Prissy

Columnist Miss Prissy Pampered Princess

Traditionally, couples get each other boutonnieres and corsages for formal dances like a prom. If you are going to follow the tradition, be sure to order them at least a week ahead of time, and that they coordinate with your ensemble. Formally, boutonnieres should be placed on the left lapel on the guy's jacket and the corsage on the girl's left wrist. Be sure to pick them up at least the day before, and keep them refrigerated.

****Prom Tip #6:** If you do decide to get them, be sure to order and pick up boutonnieres and corsages on time.

****Prom Tip #7:** Keep them refrigerated until prom.

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No Skateboarding No Roller Blades or Skates
No ball playing

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Recent Deaths

Kirkpatrick, Travis Jr. – Major Travis Kirkpatrick, Jr. (retired), 84, of Dover, Tennessee died March 26, 2007, at Manor House in Dover, Tennessee.

He was born October 21, 1922, in Hillsboro, son of the late Travis M. Kirkpatrick Sr. and Nettie Abney Kirkpatrick. He graduated from Hillsboro High School and Texas A & M and served in the Army in World War II and the Korean Conflict. After 22 years in the service, he retired and taught ROTC for 23 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Peggy Taylor Kirkpatrick of Dover, Tennessee; four children, Edward Kehrer of Waverly, Tennessee, Travis M. Kirkpatrick III of Charleston, Missouri, Loretta Kirkpatrick of West Haven, Connecticut and William Kirkpatrick of Mansfield; one brother, John A. Kirkpatrick of Itasca; one sister, Susan Kirkpatrick Hinson of Graham; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 31, 2007, at Anglin Funeral Home Chapel in Dover, Tennessee. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery in Dover, Tennessee.

Pruett, Calvin - Mr. Calvin Sylvester Pruett, 64, of Itasca passed away April 11, 2007, at his residence.

He was born March 24, 1943, in Vaughan, son of Sylvester and Dorothy Epperson Pruett. He proudly served his country in the United States Army for many years and was a life member of Whitney American Legion Post #522. He worked for Hill County as a heavy equipment operator for many years. He was a Methodist. He was preceded in death by one sister, Janelle Neagle, in 2003; and one brother-in-law, Ray Hestilow, in 1990.

Survivors include: one son, John Pruett of Itasca; one daughter, Kay Flores of Itasca; one sister, Rosie Hestilow of Cleburne; one brother-in-law, Don Neagle of Hillsboro; two grandchildren, Eric and Stormy of Itasca; and special friend, Burleigh Caslen of Cleburne.

Graveside services were held April 15, 2007, at Covington Cemetery with Chaplain Jim Dornel officiating.

McCown, Jean Paul - Jean Paul McCown, 71, of Palestine, Texas, died April 19 following complications from surgery. Jean was a 1954 graduate of Itasca High School. He received his BS and MA degrees from North Texas State University and was a psychologist with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice before his retirement.

Jean was born on April 7, 1936, in Itasca, along with his twin brother, John Rae. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Rae (Pruitt) McCown of Itasca and Austin. He is survived by his brother, John, of Victoria; wife Eula McCown of Palestine; daughters Kathryn McCown of San Jose, California and Rachel Warren of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania; sister Shirley McCown of Austin.

Funeral services were held April 22, in Palestine.



Ridlehuber, Harold Counts, Sr. - Harold Counts Ridlehuber, Sr., 70, of Hillsboro died April 22, 2007, at his residence. Funeral services were held April 26, at Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors Chapel in Hillsboro. Interment followed at New Woodbury Cemetery.

Harold was born August 25, 1936, in the Mayfield Community in Hill County, Texas, the son of Henry and Della Susan (Harrison) Ridlehuber. He grew up in Itasca and graduated from Itasca High School. He worked for General Dynamics, Bell Helicopter and Snow Corporation. After 22 years, he retired from General Dynamics and became owner and operator of J. R. Coatings. He also farmed and ranched. On April 14, 1979, he married Ann Southard. He was a member of Woodbury Baptist Church, Texas Association of Metal Finishers, Hillsboro Masonic Lodge #196 and the Hurst Masonic Lodge.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brother, Garland Ridlehuber; and daughter-in-law, Shannon Ridlehuber. Survivors include his wife, Ann Ridlehuber of Hillsboro; son, Hal Ridlehuber of Hillsboro; four brothers, Eugene Ridlehuber and wife, Janie, and Billy Ridlehuber all of Plainview, James Ridlehuber of Whitney, and Joe Ridlehuber and wife, Mary Ann, Euless; sister, Valda Bradley and husband, Wayland, of Lubbock; two granddaughters, Madison and Taylor Ridlehuber; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1311 North New Road, Waco, TX 76710 or charity of choice. Condolences may be made at www.marshallandmarshallfd.com. (Obit & picture from *Waco Tribune*)

Cinco de Mayo Parade – May 5

Front of elementary school at 8:45 a.m.

Judging - 8:30 a.m. Parade starts - 9:00 a.m.

Cinco de Mayo Baby Contest

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Thank You Itasca

By Inessa Kachurivska (unedited)

Hey ya'll! (long speech, a?)

I decided to write this article to be able to say "thank you" to everybody in this town for my GREAT academic year I've spend here.

This year was filled of new experience about every single thing: food, holidays, school, church, community, family, friendship etc.

I've got here a new family with wonderful mom and dad, that let me feel home so far away from it; with three little sisters, who, sometimes, drove me crazy and didn't let me sleep at night and who I love so much, that I can't imagine how I can leave them; with grandmas and grandpas, who let me feel home even more.

Going to church gave me an experience of being in rather different one than I used to be and let understand that everywhere are the same people, almost the same believes and the same God.

School became to me a second family, big family, and I'm so happy to be its part.

Mrs. Gordon! I have no idea what I'll do without your little stories, that you used to tell us at your lessons and which I like so much to listen. You are one of my best friends and I promise that you always will. Your support and opinion are very important for me. Thank you!

Mrs. Swilley! Physics lessons had never been so interesting and funny. I have never done so much labs and projects for 3 years as tough these 9 months. And I definitely have never had such optimistic and funny teacher as you! Thank you!

Mr. Scott! Our UIL practices were filled of lots of fun and education moments. Thank you for believing in me and cheering. And one more: how were you able to hold our messing with Russian brother?

Mrs. Anderson! Thanks to you, I understand that it is possible to learn other languages using a language that you, actually, are learning now. Las clases de Espanol son muy interesante y (funny)! Gracias!

Coach Lawyer! What can I say? I just love you! Thank you for your support in community service; I would not have what I have now without you. PE lessons were funny, useful for me, even if I'm a little bit lazy.

Coach Horn! I like history, and you showed us that learning past times can be easy if do it in right way. And you are the best person to learn English from, especially Texans slang. Thank ya!

Mrs. Weatherly! Math this year was wonderful, it is first time when I wasn't needed to work hard to do my homework and had time to relax and do things I like to do. I like this class so much! Thank you!

Mrs. Crouch! This class was a new experience of computer science class. I've never worked with that programs we did before, so you let me open in myself new talents and opportunities. Thank you!

Mrs. Petrash and Mrs. Cranfill! Study hall was awesome!

Mrs. Lightsey and Mrs. Covington! Helping you was so exiting, because I've understood that I have enough patience to work with kids and that I am able to explain something to them in another language, what I definitely had never done before. Thank you for that!

Elizabeth! Thank you for being my friend all of this time, PE lessons became more interesting in side of conversation. I'll miss you a lot.

My dear family! I love you so much! Thanks to you, I had more than GREAT year here and unforgettable experience; I've got here a second family. I have no idea what I'll do without shopping with mama, helping to daddy and especially without my noisy sisters. And I'm so sorry about all of that troubles and sad moments you had because of me; I know I am not a perfect child. I really appreciated all you have done for me. I love you!

My crazy exchange students! Ya'll fill my year with lots of fun, support and friendship. I don't know how I can wake up one morning, go to school and now see any of you; I'll miss you a lot. Thank you!

Oksana! Wow! I've never seen so much energy in one person that never decreases in its amount! It's unbelievable! Do you know that "friend in need is friend indeed" is right about you. It is just because of you I had half of my fun in school and I'll miss ya very-very much. Fortunately, you live not so far away from me in Ukraine, so don't even hope that I leave you alone at home! And I'm so sorry if I made you mad or sad.

Everybody! Thank you for this unforgettable year and every moment I have had in US. I'll miss ya'll so much! I love ya'll!

Scholarship Banquet Canceled

Press Release

The banquet scheduled for May 4, 2007 in Midlothian has been canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. All money has been refunded for any tickets purchased. The banquet was to honor the recipients of the Foster Scholarships. At press time it was unsure as to whether the scholarships would be available.

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Wampus Cats of the Week

Mary Lou Sepulveda

Reporter Gabby Rivera



Mary Lou Sepulveda is one of the founding “fathers” of the Itasca Cinco de Mayo Folklorico Dancers and Scholarship committee. She has dedicated herself over many years to helping the local students in Itasca. Ms. Sepulveda helped create the Itasca Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Committee not only for Hispanic graduates, but also for all graduates of IHS who wish to continue their education. This year marks its 17th year, and it continues to award approximately \$7,000 in scholarships to the graduates of IHS each year.

Ms. Sepulveda always gets her job done on time, despite many medical hardships. She is a loving and determined individual who seeks to help others.

“She’s the rock of the organization,” Gloria Rodriguez said. “Without her it would falter. No matter how many times she says ‘this is my last year’ she still seems to show up to contribute herself.”

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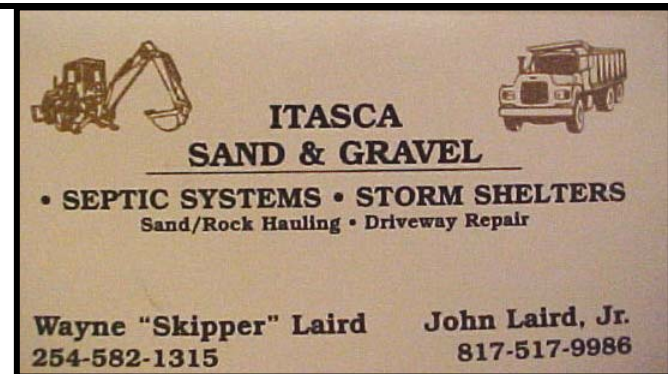
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Garage Sale

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 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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The 17th Annual Cinco de Mayo

Queen Nominees



Linda Rubio (left), 15, of Hillsboro is the daughter of Cynthia Morris and Johnny Rubio. She is a freshman at Hillsboro High School. She is an honor roll student and is very active in her school as well as church. Linda enjoys playing volleyball, basketball, softball and also plays in the band. Linda attends Central Christian Church in Hillsboro. She is active in the Monday Juniorettes and The Rainbow Girls.



Jessika Rodriguez (right), 15, of Itasca, is the daughter of Katina Fortson and the late Larry Rodriguez. She is a freshman at Itasca High School. She plays basketball, softball, and is in the band. She has participated in UIL. She enjoys singing, dancing and just having fun. She enjoys spending time

with her friends and laughing with them. She hopes to become a singer some day.

Duchess Nominees



Pauline Rubio (left), 11, is the daughter of Johnny and Monica Rubio. She is a sixth grader at Keene Jr. High. She is an honor roll student and a cheerleader at KJH. She plays basketball in the Little Dribblers League. Pauline attends St Joseph Catholic Church in Cleburne, where she serves as an alter server and attends CCD classes there. Pauline enjoys bike riding, skating, singing, and listening to music. She also enjoys spending time with her dog Hershey.



Brianna Medina (right), 10, of Hillsboro, is the daughter of Judy Medina and the late Eleazar Medina. She attends Hillsboro Schools. She plays softball, and enjoys spending time with her family. She has two

brothers, Javier and Hector.

Tiffany Ramos, is the daughter of Lola Cruz and Evaristo Ramos. She attends Itasca Elementary. She enjoys playing t-ball, and playing with her friends. Tiffany also enjoys spending time with her family. She has also been a Folklorico Dancer.

Crowning of the Royal Court

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Doors open for dance
 *You may buy pre-sale tickets between 4 - 5 p.m.
 8:00 p.m. Street Dance w/Baraja de Oro

9:30 p.m. First Intermission
 *****Crowing of Royal Court (Queen & Duchess)
 12:00 a.m. Dance Ends, Clean-Up Begins