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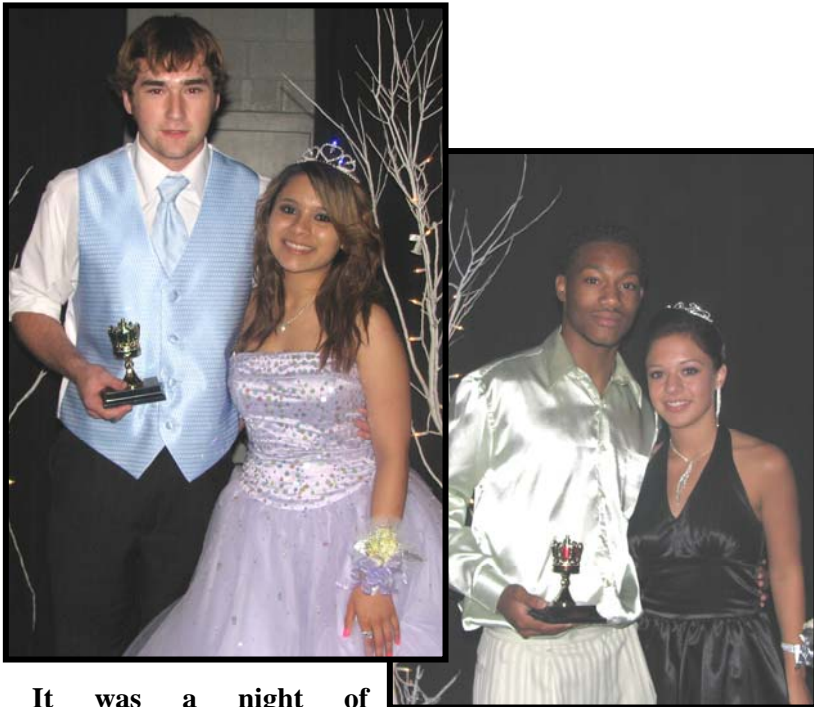
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2007 Prom Royalty



It was a night of enchantment and gaiety as the juniors and seniors celebrated *La Cite' de L'amour* (The City of Love) under the Eiffel Tower in the Special Events Center Saturday night.

Kyle Baker and Gabby Rivera were crowned King and Queen and Dee Marshall and Valerie Farquhar were voted Prince and Princess.

See pages 4 & 5 for 2007 Prom pictures.

Book Signing Scheduled for Memorial Day

Press Release

Ken Wiley, author of Lucky Thirteen, will present a Memorial Day program on May 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Itasca Special Events Center in Itasca, Texas.

On D-Day, June 6, he will be at the Hill Heritage Museum at Hillsboro. The memorial is a tribute to the 33 Itasca High School alumni killed in World War II, including his brother, Joe Wiley.

Wiley, veteran of Hill County from Itasca, Texas was one of five brothers, serving our country during the World War II era. Wiley is on a tour of lectures and book signings, including The National D-Day Museum in New Orleans, The Coast Guard Academy at New London, CT and The Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War at Fredericksburg. In addition, he is meeting with many schools and local groups.

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Soto Graduates from Marine Boot Camp



2006 graduate Jose Soto returned to Itasca High to visit friends, teachers and his "best friend," Karla Ochoa after recently completing Marine Boot Camp.

He departed last week to complete his training at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California. He is currently in combat training classes and upon completion of that school he will begin radar tech school.

Soto is a Marine Reservist and will return to the Fort Worth Joint Naval Station after finishing his training schools. The Marines will pay for his college and he will spend one weekend a month on duty at the base.

Boot camp was an enlightening experience for Soto.

"I realized that Dairy Queen wasn't going to cut it," Soto said. "The military has changed my view of the world and my generation, especially the way we dressed."

Hard Work, Determination Nets Hennig Presidential Status

Reporter Eva Mayberry



Brayden Hennig recently earned the Presidential Standard Award in physical fitness. Hennig was the only student out of the entire elementary to receive this prestigious award.

Nineteen students received the National Award. In order to earn the top award the student had to meet standards in five events - shuttle run, sit and reach, mile run, pull-ups and sit-ups.

Hennig received a blue shirt, while the National Awards winners received a red shirt. He is son of proud parents John and Grace Hennig. He has an older brother, Fisher and a little sister, Sophie.

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

We all start out holding the hand of God. But he made us free will; and desiring us to grow, he allows us to turn loose and wander off. Some have gone off so far that they have forgotten the way back to God.

Those of us who have stayed close to God, or found our way back to God, are seeking our missing siblings to return to God to experience the fullness of life, and not mere existence.

Itasca Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla

Sunday: 9:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. 5 p.m. Wednesday: 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

None during June, July or August

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

Monday, June 11 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, June 18, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

June 11, 2007 7:00 p.m.

IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Tuesday, May 29, 2007 5:30 p.m.

HILCO Operations Building 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 24 – Rotary Luncheon – 12:00 Rotary Room

May 25 – Official Senior picture & Senior Trip

May 27 – Baccalaureate Service for Class of 2007 – First United Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

May 28 – Memorial Day Program – Special Events Center 7:00 p.m. – Book signing following program

May 28 – Memorial Day Holiday

May 29 – Chamber of Commerce Meeting – 5:30 p.m. HILCO Operations Building

May 30, 31 & June 1 – Semester Finals IISD

May 31 & June 1 – Early Dismissal – 1:00 p.m.

June 1 – Elementary School Field Day

June 1 – Graduation 2007 – Special Events Center – 8:00 p.m. – Admission with tickets only

Class of 1947 to Celebrate 60th Anniversary Sunday, May 27

Press Release from Lt. Col Farrow

The First Presbyterian Church at its Sunday morning Worship will host the 1947 Graduating Class on its 60th Anniversary.

We invite family and friends to join the class and church members as we rejoice in the day with favorite hymns, special music from class members, favorite verses from the Bible and meditations remembering the past and looking to the future.

Child Care Available for Summer

Burleson ISD employee, mother of two off for the summer with time to care for your children. My name is Kari Bottorff and I want to keep children for the summer. I will be available to watch children starting June 1. Meals provided, hours available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Clean, Christian home, no animals. CPR first aid certified. References available if needed. My number is 817-966-8390. Give me a call anytime.

2007 Superlatives

Most Beautiful & Most Handsome, Most Spirited, Most Dependable



Let to right - Gabby Rivera and Kyle Baker were voted the 2007 "Most Beautiful and Most Handsome" by the student body. Earning the title of 2007 "Most Spirited" were Rachel Anderson and Justin Shelton. The high school teachers voted Gabby Rivera and Kendale Mayberry as the "Most Dependable" for their reliability during their four years of high school.

Answers from the Chief's Desk

Citizens make many calls to the police departments that should be made to other departments or should be taken care of in a different manner. In this column, Itasca's Police Chief John Griscavage will answer some of those phone calls in an effort to steer everyone to the correct solution.



"Parents call us about young children getting picked on by other young kids of the same age."

My answer: "Your five year old getting pushed down by another five year old is not a police matter. Talk to the other child's parents, not the police."

Memorial Day Book Signing at Special Events Center

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The book, published by Casemate has had many positive reviews and can be accessed on the internet by typing in, **LUCKY THIRTEEN** by **KEN WILEY**. Beginning with pre-war Itasca and Hill County, it includes many local events and persons of the mid-twentieth century. Written like a novel, reviewers praise the detail of the unheralded part that the LCVPs, Attack Transports and the boys that drove them played in the war. Intermixed with photos and pictures are a series of combat artist illustrations, drawn by his shipmate, Ken Riley a famous combat artist.

The focus of the program is the life or death situation that the United States was in on December 7, 1941 and some of the ways that "Great Generation" miraculously responded to a two-front war. With the US desperately supporting England, who was thrown off the European continent and backed onto their British Islands by the unstoppable German war machine, the Japanese in one gigantic swoop sank 90% of our capital ships and pushed us out of the Pacific. With the German, Wolf Pack submarines controlling the Atlantic and The Japanese Imperial Fleet controlling the Pacific, the United States faced the task of moving assault troops that we didn't have through 6,000 miles of enemy controlled ocean undetected, somehow gaining air superiority and landing those troops on raw enemy held beaches in ships and boats that we didn't have.

The Greatest Generation responded with the troops and weapons to fit every need in an impossible time frame. The book, **LUCKY THIRTEEN** is about the special assault troops, ships and landing craft, produced almost overnight in response; and it talks about the boys who manned them. Ken Wiley the Cox'n of an LCVP (Higgins boat), PA-25-13, landing craft in the invasions of Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Saipan, Tinian, Leyte, Luzon and Okinawa, writes about that last seven miles that the LCVPs led assault troops traveled to the beaches of those islands.

Ken Wiley, class of 1942 at Itasca High School, 1948 at Hillsboro Jr. College, 1951 at Texas A&M and 1952 at Oklahoma State University, retired again after 55 years of corporate and private business is devoting his life to writing and Veterans volunteer programs.

Prom 2007 – La Cite’ de L’amour

Collages by Mrs. Crouch & Tim Baker



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Collage by Mrs. Crouch



Elementary News

Q & U United in Sound

Reporter & Photographer Sarah Evans



Wedding bells were ringing again when the Itasca Elementary School hosted the marriage of the year as Mr. Q and Miss U were reunited as a couple late in April, 2007.

This year, instead of picking a Mr. Q and Miss U, every kindergartner joined in the fun. Each bride was dressed in a beautiful white veil and the grooms wore handsome ties. The vows were read by Elementary Principal Karon Farquhar, which included the promises to "be partners in sound" and to "honor each others' unique sound."

After the ceremony, the kindergartners joined together in song to sing, "Here comes Que," followed by cake and punch with their families and friends.



2007 Spring Festival

Reporter Ashley Durham



Last week elementary students performed its annual Spring Festival. This event is always stressful for both the students and teachers, but this year was exceptionally so as the first scheduled performance had to be cancelled in the middle of the first act due to a tornado warning.

This year's theme, Musical World Tour, had each grade level singing songs from each of their designated countries.

The interruption and rescheduling of the Festival did not dampen the pre-kindergarten through fourth grade students' enthusiasm. They were more than happy to show the audience of parents and friends just how hard they had worked to get the songs perfect.

Special thanks go to Music Director Kerry Covington, assistants Sam Sherber and Coach Geri Lawyer and art director and choreographer Mrs. Monica Rhea.



National Junior Honor Society Induction

Reporter Ashley Durham



The 7th and 8th grade junior high students who are able to maintain an 88 grade average have the privilege of becoming a member of the NJHS (National Junior Honor Society). The NJHS is an academic organization that promotes community service, leadership qualities, character skills and good grades.

The induction for the new members (top picture) was held on May 1. New members inducted were 8th grader Diamond Jackson and 7th graders Kenneth Clary, Courtney Conway, Stephanie Ignacz, Hannah Johnson, Rebecca Maul, Daniel Odom, Emily Offutt, Taylor Patton, Reyna Ramirez, Erin Rinehart, Joshua Shelton and Maria Zuniga.



The new inductees joined 8th grade members (bottom photo) Hali Carranza, Chan'tira Diggs, Cody Dominick, Jasmine Guy, B.J. Jackson, Dillon Loscuito, Christina Manasco, Keyre Ortiz, Jack Panting, Autumn Pelham, Jose Ramirez, Nancy Reyes, Robert Slotvig, Colton Sullins and Philip Thomas.

Mrs. Cheryl Schneider is the NJHS sponsor.



Booster Club Meeting

The next scheduled meeting for the IISD Booster Club is May 29, at 7:00 pm in the library. Everyone is encouraged to attend, especially parents of all school-children: elementary, middle school and high school, school staff and anyone interested in helping children.

New officers installed May 1, 2007 were President Lola Cruz, Vice President Toni Daniels, Treasurer Felicia Coleman and Secretary/Reporter Carrie Casulah Runyon.

The club has some new members with many new ideas, but more members are needed to support the students.

The first priority of the club is the early 2007 Homecoming (September 21).

Tennis Court Open to Public

*Open dawn to dusk *Tennis only No Bicycling
No Skateboarding No Roller Blades or Skates
No ball playing

Free! Free! Free!

Kittens

We have 3 litters and need to find homes for them
254-687-2860

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!

105 Beard Itasca 254-687-2345 or 720-220-5947

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.

HERITAGE OF HILL COUNTY,

TEXAS Book on Sale

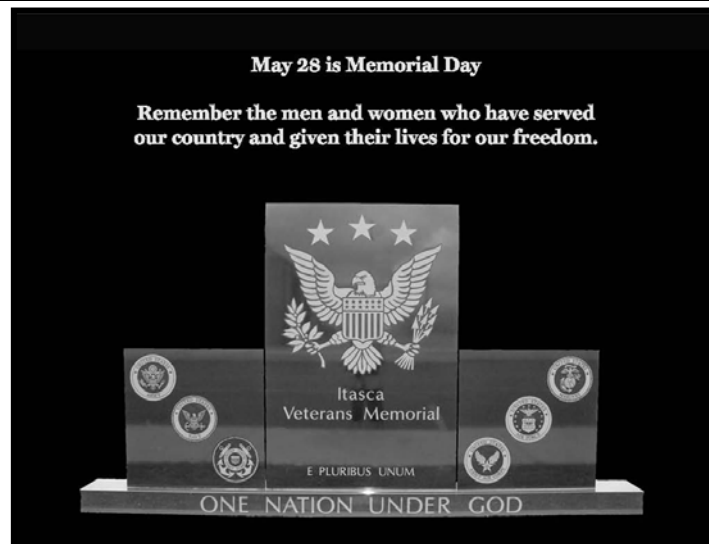
There are less than 200 copies of the first volume of The Heritage of Hill County Texas book left. The books are \$60 at the Covington City Hall, 402 Gathings Ave., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon. - Fri. (254) 854-2373; Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, 115 N Covington Street, Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (254) 582-2481; Will Lowrance, Hill County Historical Commission, Harris Education Center, 200 Line Street in Hillsboro. Cell (254) 580-5379 office (254) 580-0191. Hill County Cell Block Museum on Saturdays. For more information, call Richard Greenhill @ (254) 582-8912.

April Police Blotter

- 4-26 – Assisted motorist (stalled vehicle) E. Main & Hill Sts.
- 4-26 – 911 hang-up – 100 blk. S. Aquilla St.
- 4-26 – Assisted citizens w/directions– Wilkerson & Files Sts.
- 4-26 – Assisted citizen with directions – 600 blk. S. Hill Sts.
- 4-26 – Assisted citizen – Marrion & S. Hill Sts.
- 4-26 – Animal complaint (loose hogs) – 1500 E. Main St.
- 4-26 – Traffic stop (speeding) – Arrested for DWLI – I-35W northbound mm 7
- 4-27 – Civil disturbance – 500 blk. S. College St.
- 4-27 – Suspicious person – 1200 E. Main St.
- 4-27 – Traffic stop (speeding) - Citations issued for speeding & failure to ID. Arrested on Dallas credit card abuse warrants – 400 blk. S. Hill St.
- 4-28 – Loitering – 100 blk. N. Hill St.
- 4-28 – Assisted with directions – 100 blk. N. Hill St.
- 4-28 – Welfare check – Hwy 81 south of Itasca
- 4-28 – Served assault warrant – IPD Station
- 4-28 – Traffic stop – Arrested on warrants – Filed possession of drugs charges – Marrion & Files Sts.
- 4-29 – Animal complaint (loose cows on I-35W mm 11½ southbound)
- 4-30 – Assisted HPD (hit & run accident) – 500 blk. K Lane
- 4-30 – Report of vehicle off roadway and in creek – I-35W southbound mm 7 – Driver had outstanding warrants from McLennan County – Subject arrested

May Police Blotter

- 5-1 – Traffic control – FM 67 west of I-35W
- 5-1 – Animal complaint (Pack (4) loose dogs) – 500 blk. S. College St.
- 5-2 – Minor traffic accident – I-35W southbound mm 9
- 5-3 – Vehicles blocking roadway – 100 blk. N. College St.
- 5-3 – Assisted motorist – I-35W
- 5-3 – Animal complaint (Bull snake in vehicle bumper) – 1200 blk. E. Main St.
- 5-3 – Assisted citizen – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
- 5-3 – Report of possible suicide – Possession of marijuana – 400 blk. E. Main St.
- 5-4 – 911 call – Public intoxication citation – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
- 5-4 – Open door report – 600 blk. S. Files St.
- 5-4 – Assist Johnson County Sheriff’s Office – I-35W
- 5-4 – Juvenile assault threat – Citation issued – Henderson & Aquilla Sts.
- 5-4 – Suspicious person – 800 blk. Mill St.
- 5-4 – Welfare concern – 1200 blk. E. Main St.
- 5-4 – Terroristic threat – 100 blk. S. Aquilla St.
- 5-6 – Disturbance (assault) – 100 blk. E. Main St.
- 5-6 – Motorist assist – I-35W northbound mm 6
- 5-7 – Domestic disturbance – 900 blk. Mill St.
- 5-8 – Advised of possible stolen vehicle in area – Unable to locate



Special thanks to Margaret Rhea for this PSA

Applications Being Accepted

Itasca ISD is now taking application for a full time transportation/maintenance position. Diesel experience is a plus. Pay negotiable with experience. Application may be picked up and returned to administration office. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for pick up and return of applications.

Help Needed

Itasca ISD is now taking applications for adult summer work. Application may be picked up and returned to administration office. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for pick up and return of applications. Deadline is May 30, 2007.

Yard Sale

Saturday, May 26, 2007
 408 N Files S. - Itasca
 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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.

Do You Remember . . . ? – “Home Made Quilts Continued”

Columnist Carl Sweeney

In 1932 I remember my paternal grandmother Sweeney quilting a quilt that had the logo of the Woodman of the World Insurance Company. She encouraged me to do some stitching on it so she could say that I helped make the quilt. I still have the quilt today. She and the family often got together to quilt and catch up on family gossip. She had a quilting frame hung from the ceiling in the “backroom.” When not in use it was pulled up on pulleys near the ceiling.

Marguriet and I have always been interested in the quilting art. We have attended displays at fairs, antique shows and museums. Once we made our granddaughter a memory quilt about events in her life up to graduation from college. It included her first plane ride, first car, first prom and many others.

Several years ago while in Louisiana we visited the old Melrose Plantation near Natchitoches. It turned out to be a very interesting and informative visit. It was here that we learned of the African influence on American and European quilt making.

On the grounds of the plantation was an old “loom house” (pictured) where the slaves spun and made cloth. The old looms and equipment were still in place, although not used for years. Originally in Africa most of the textiles were made by men. When they were brought to America the women took over the job according to the western tradition. That tradition is still evident in African American quilting. The African quilt making was predominantly used for keeping records of family births, deaths etc. Their textiles were traded throughout the Caribbean, Central America, Europe and the southern United States.

To change and re-create old patterns was important to African tribes. For instance a break in a pattern might indicate a change in leadership and a break in a pattern might also keep evil spirits away. They (spirits) traveled in straight lines and the pattern break confused them. This tradition is seen in African-American improvisation of European patterns. The diamond pattern is symbolic of the cycles of life. Each point represents a stage of life: birth, death, and rebirths. They also used protective script in the pattern. The words and symbols are sacred and protective in that they convey knowledge, power and intelligence of the quilt maker.

Another interesting fact about the making of quilts during and after slavery days in the U.S. is that members of the underground railway used quilts to send messages. Log cabin quilts with black cloth were hung to indicate a house of refuge on the journey to wherever they were going. Some quilts were used to make escape routes out of their county or plantation. Others marked the stars to guide the escapees at night, a nighttime map, so to speak. We can readily see the influence that African quilt making has had in the patterns and ideas in the making of bed covers.

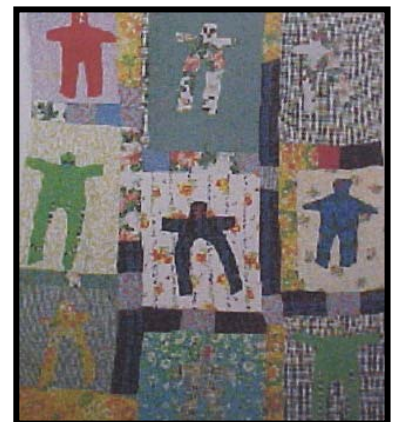
The Amish women are prolific quilt makers also. They still make quilts for their own use as well as to sell to tourists. One of their favorite patterns is a cross within a cross, which is the symbol of friendship.

We can readily see that quilts are and have been symbols of America and its various people. They are placed on beds, hung on walls, in museums and are quite popular at arts and craft shows, in garage sales and in art collections. They seem to be representative of the women and the era and area in which they are made. Southern American quilts communicate a bond between African-American, European and American women of all walks of life and their traditions as they have evolved over the years.

Another activity in the making of quilts was the practice of making and saving patterns. Sometimes the patterns were sewn together so they could be spread out on a bed and viewed for a selection. Other times they simply had stacks of patterns. Those old patterns are highly prized by collectors today. Another popular way to quilt in recent years is to use old handkerchiefs for a quilt top. They are either sewn together or appliquéd.

There was a touching story about quilting in the Akron Beacon Journal newspaper. Mr. Melchoir Erb’s wife had died and since they had always worked as a team throughout their lives together: canning, cooking, gardening and yes, making quilts, he had to think of something to do alone at the age of 81. In his loneliness he began to make quilts from his wife’s clothing. He made them for widow women who might have lost a husband and had a family to support. It was wonderful therapy and a tremendous help to the families. The first family he made quilts for had several children. He made eleven quilts in two months for them. What a wonderful legacy Mr. Melchoir Erb left.

Pictured right is an African Voodoo Quilt.



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Wampus Cats of the Week

Dr. E. Ray & Mrs. Roma Freeman



As this is the last “Wampus Cat of the Week” column for the 2006-2007 school year, it would be remiss on our part not to use this format to thank Superintendent Dr. E. Ray Freeman and Reading Specialist Mrs. Roma Freeman for their dedication to the students at Itasca ISD for eleven years.



Both educators will be greatly missed as they have made many friends. The district and community will also miss the Freemans as they have touched both in a number of ways.

Under Freeman, IISD has introduced many innovative programs that are emulated by much larger and wealthier schools.

Mrs. Roma Freeman who teaches reading in the elementary has affected the entire district with the great strides the students of the district have made in last decade. These improvements have been reflected by the success the IISD students have had on the TAKs test.

“We will miss the staff of Itasca ISD and the citizens of Itasca,” Freeman said. “We thank everyone for making our 11 years here so pleasant.”

Special of the Week



“Dr. & Mrs. Freeman have touched many students lives in a very positive way during their 11 years at Itasca ISD. I will always think of them as one of my Wampus Cats.”

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