

# Paw Print Press

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## Itasca Citizen Receives Excellence Award



Sandra Freeman was recently honored at the annual Salute to the Stars Awards Gala at the DFW Hyatt Regency. Mrs. Freeman received the award for Administrative Excellence and she is the Executive Staff Assistant for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Southwest Regional Office, Fort Worth.

The Dallas-Fort Worth Federal Executive Board sponsors the Interagency Public Service Excellence Awards Program. All Federal offices in the North Central Texas area are eligible to participate and over 800 nominations were submitted for 12 award categories. Categories are Customer Service, Quality Improvement, Interagency Collaboration, Emergency Preparedness, Law Enforcement, Community Service, Workforce Diversity, Team Excellence, Administrative Excellence, Leadership Excellence, Humanitarian Service and Federal Employee of the Year. Continued on page 3.

## Plumlee Retirement

David Plumlee will be honored at a retirement party Friday, June 22, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in the main lobby of the Itasca Post Office. Everyone is invited to celebrate his 30+ years with the United States Postal Service.

## Fourth Grader Gives Love Gift



Braylee Shotts recently had her long tresses cut and she then donated the hair to the "Locks of Love" foundation.

The foundation makes children's wigs from the donated hair. The wigs are then given to children who have lost their hair while undergoing medical treatment.

Braylee is 9 years old and will be going into the 4th grade this fall.

"This was her idea to do this," her father said. "We are very proud of her!"

She is the daughter of Brad & Amy Shotts. Brad is the Funeral Director in Itasca for Clayton Kay-Vaughan Funeral Home.

Holly Vaughan of Holly's Glamour Shop at 502 S. Files St. in Itasca cut and styled Braylee's hair.



## HILCO's Operation Round Up® Grants Funding to Local Organizations

Press Release

At the April meeting, HILCO Electric's Trust Board for the Operation Round Up® program voted to disburse \$12,152.00 to fifteen requesting organizations in the HILCO service area. These funds were donated during the first quarter of 2007.

Pictures and a check presentation were held on May 3, 2007 at the HILCO office in Itasca. Checks were presented by HILCO Board Director William (Bill) Allen and HILCO Trust Board Member, Donna Forrest.

Three local organizations were granted funding to help with their activities. The AC/DC Mentoring Program received \$500 for project assistance and training of additional volunteers. Covington PTO was also awarded \$500, which they will use for publication of their newsletter. And the Itasca Board of Revitalization received \$240 for one year's internet access that will be used by its senior citizens. (Continued w/pictures Page 3)

## 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

### 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

### Itasca Church of Christ

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

9:00 - 9:30 Praise & Worship (Sanctuary) Cross Roads Band

9:15 - 9:45 Fellowship Time in Barton Hall

9:45 - 10:30 Sunday School all Ages (Nursery - Seniors)

10:50 - Praise and Worship - 11:00 - Worship Service

Exercise Classes- Senior Citizens Tues.&Thurs. 10 a.m.

Game Night - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, July 16, 2007      6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

July 9, 2007      7:00 p.m.

IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

### Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, June 25, 2007      5:30 p.m.

HILCO Operations Building      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

### “Hour of Power”

## Youth Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Itasca

Press Release

The First Presbyterian Church of Itasca has formed a new youth group called "Hour of Power". All young persons who are in 7th - 12th grades are invited to join in on Sunday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 at the church.

"Hour of Power" will be a time for games, music, and snacks, but will also be a time for a study on "Every Young Man's Battle" and "Every Young Woman's Battle". Sponsors Lynnette and Brian Payne will lead these studies. Please come and join!

On Sunday mornings, the Praise and Worship music is in the sanctuary from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. The Church band and singers, known as Cross Roads, will lead everyone in contemporary praise songs. Everyone is invited. After this service, all are invited to stay for Sunday School and Church or they are free to leave to attend their own church. It's a great way to begin Sunday morning!

## Community Calendar

June 11- June 29 – Pick up report cards – All campuses - 8:00 a.m. – 12:00

June 21 - Rotary Luncheon – 12:00 Rotary Room

June 25 – Chamber of Commerce Meeting – 5:30 p.m. HILCO Operations Building

June 25-29 – Vacation Bible School – Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade - First Presbyterian Church - 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. 254-687-2243

June 25-29 – Vacation Bible School – Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Second Missionary Baptist Church - 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.

June 29 – Chamber of Commerce 1<sup>st</sup> Youth BBQ Cook-off

June 29-30 – Chamber of Commerce 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Barbeque Cook-off

July 9-13 - First United Methodist Church Bible School- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

## Operation Round Up® Grants

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In addition, the twelve following organizations from within HILCO's service area were also granted funding:

Central Texas Senior Ministry - \$1,000 - Services for elders in Hill County, Daniel's Den Ministries (not pictured) - \$1,500 - Relocation expenses of emergency shelter and storage space, First Christian Day School - \$1,600.00 - A computer, software and digital camera, Grandview Zebra Strings Performance Group - \$1,000 - Trip assistance to perform in Branson, MO, Hill County Retired School Personnel - \$500 - Books for Hill County Head Start, Hillsboro Interfaith Ministries - \$400 - Program assistance; clothing racks; water damage repairs, Hospice of the Heart - \$470 - Digital Camera/photo printer, House Where Jesus Shines - \$1,160 - Computers, Isaiah's Place, Inc. - \$582 - Training Materials, Laguna Park Library/Media Center (not pictured) - \$500 - New books and movies, Prairie Valley Presbyterian Camp, Inc. - \$1,200 - Defibrillator for camp facility, Waxahachie Care Services - \$1,000 - Two freezers.

Since the Operation Round Up® program began in 2001, over \$307,740 has been returned to communities within the HILCO service area. This has been made possible from the generosity of residential participants whose electric bills are rounded upward each month. The additional pennies, nickels and dimes are added to a special fund that is distributed to organizations for charitable needs. So far, a majority of the disbursements have been used to assist with child advocacy services, to aid local fire departments and to help organizations provide services to those in need.

The next deadline for Operation Round Up® applications is June 30, 2007. Organizations interested in applying for funds may contact Jill Huggins, HILCO Administrative Assistant, for information, 254-687-2331 or 800-338-6425, extension 1142. Applications are also available online at [www.hilco.coop](http://www.hilco.coop), or at either HILCO office at 115 E. Main in Itasca or at the corner of FM 933 and FM 1713 in Whitney.

## Freeman Receives Award

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The awards are presented annually to honor the accomplishments of outstanding Federal employees. This is a prestigious honor and all nominees must have shown a strong commitment to Public Service and demonstrated significant accomplishments within their particular government field that were innovative, high impact, and met a critical need for the customer of our nation.

When she is not busy at the FAA, Sandra enjoys spending time with her husband Dale and their children Rachel and Alan who attend Itasca Schools.

## Applications Being Accepted

Itasca ISD is taking applications for a full time transportation/maintenance position. Diesel experience is a plus. Pay negotiable with experience. Applications may be picked up and returned to the administration office. Office hours are 8 a.m. - noon.

## Delicious Steak Dinner

Right Here in Itasca!

Saturday, June 23, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Central Baptist Church - Eat in/Take out

Grilled to order Steak (by Mark Fehnel)  
Mashed potatoes, Roll, Salad & Dessert

\$10.00 a plate \$5.00 children 10 & under  
*Children may order burger, hot dog or small steak plate*

Tickets see any Central Baptist teen or  
call 687-2344

Proceeds go to Teens' Summer Camp

## For Rent

House in Itasca - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath  
Window air conditions, refrigerator, range & washing machine furnished  
\$200 deposit - \$500 per month rent - 254-687-2709

## Elementary 2006-2007 Awards

### Perfect Attendance

Pre-Kindergarten – Kyrstin Bottorff, Christopher Diaz, Eric Mozon, Kterra Rockuemore, Damian Sanders

Kindergarten – Haley Hubbard, Darryl Montgomery

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Angelina Botello, Ethan LaFountain, Treylan Lewis, Andrew Plavney, PJ Stephens, Rogelio Zavala

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Louis Arellano, Brandy Prosser, Esmeralda Rivera, Christian Runyon, Au'Breana, Cameron Wells

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Davy Barnes, Devin Crawford, Esteban Cruz, Allena Heath, Luis Jimenez Ortiz, Haley Rodriguez, Angel Stephens, Crisol Zavala

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Rachel Freeman, Juan Gonzales, William Gunn, Gabriel Macias, Shannon Rodriguez, Adrain Segura

### Most Improved - Year

Pre-kindergarten - Cody Hogans

Kindergarten - Ivan Ballesteros, Harley Finley, Rachele Wood

Grade 1 - Justin Feazel, Tamera Jackson, Rogelio Zavala

Grade 2 - Henri Martinez, Ricky Sanders

Grade 3 - Lili Delatorre, Tyler Kittoe

Grade 4 - CJ Chambers, Brittany Woods

### National Physical Fitness Award

Kindergarten – Cameron Brandsetter, Jordan Shelby, Danielle Wilson

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Angelina Botello, Destiny Graham, Julio Rodriguez, Monay Snyder, Brayden Hennig

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Jose Delgado, Jacob Lacy, Darius Lara, Kaleb McGill

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Madison Bassett, Devin Crawford, Bradley Martinez

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Garrett Bruton, Kathie Wilkins, CJ Chambers, Kristian Mangum

### Super Citizen - Year

Prekindergarten – Andrew Arellano, Gillian Brackin

Kindergarten – Kenzie Boyd, Aileene Diaz, Lupita Gobelan, Wyatt Helms, James Savala, Katy Sherber

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Chalo Cavazos, Heidi Delgado, Alessandra Diaz, Brayden Hennig, Melissa Maya, Monay Snyder

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Kenneth Fails, Darius Lara, Gracie Rugh, Jessica Sanchez

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Fathe Altum, Cesar Diaz, Gutierrez, Crisol Zavala

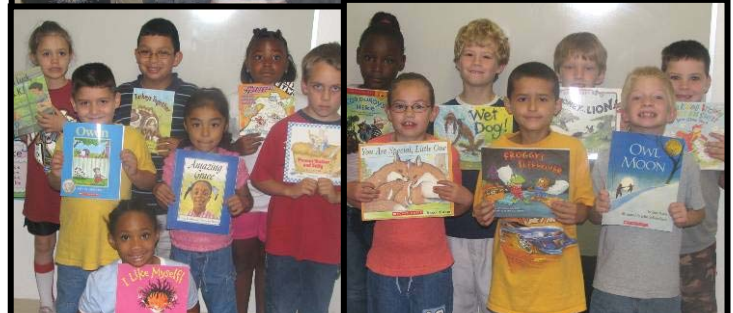
4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Peyton Cordell, Hannah Hundley, Reagan Rugh, Alexis Whitlock

## Hill County Retired School Personnel Present Books to Young Readers



Many elementary students were excited as the school year ended to discover that they had books of their own to take home and read over the summer.

The Hill County Retired School Personnel donated books to the Reading Improvement classes. Reading teachers Karen Kilmer and Beth Collard presented the books to the children.



## IHS Basketball Players Perfect Skills on Summer League

Reporter Megan Goff



As school let out for summer vacation, many students and athletes leave and will not be seen until the doors open again in the fall. That is not true for the dedicated Itasca basketball players. They continued to hone their skills by playing on the Grandview summer league.

summer league.

Open gym in Itasca is held on Mondays and Thursdays 10-12 a.m. The girls who participate in the summer league and others who are working to improve their shooting come and play during that time.

"It's a lot of fun without drills and running sprints," Guard Mary Maddox said.

As for games, they are on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Grandview. The eight teams include Grandview, Rio Vista, Maypearl, Keene, Glen Rose, Alvarado, Joshua and Itasca.

"The first three games brought back the season blues, but the Grandview game really built up out confidence," Post Megan Goff said.

The girls played a hard man-to-man defense and kept a lead for the most part. The clock wound down with less than a minute left and a side shot put the Zebras up by one. The pressure built as two Itasca players stepped up to shoot a free throw that could win the game. The crowd was going wild; another fight between Grandview and Itasca, as the ball bounced off the rim, Itasca had suffered another loss.

With fire in their hearts the girls step into the middle of the court with a hand held high and yell, "Same Name, New Game! This same fire pushed the Itasca team to a 45-35 victory over Grandview in a rematch on June 14.

Playing in the summer league are Jasmine Guy, Autumn Pelham, Mary Maddox, Chantel Courtner, Megan Goff, Eva Mayberry, Ciera Thompson, Amanda Jones, Jessika Rodriguez, Adrian Solis, Courtney Phillips and Ebonie Scott.

The girls are coached by Tracey Guy, assisted by Kendale Mayberry and cheered on by six-year-old Malacia Guy (pictured).



## Hill County Paw Pals Receives First Gift in "Take Willie's Challenge" Fund Raising Drive

Press Release

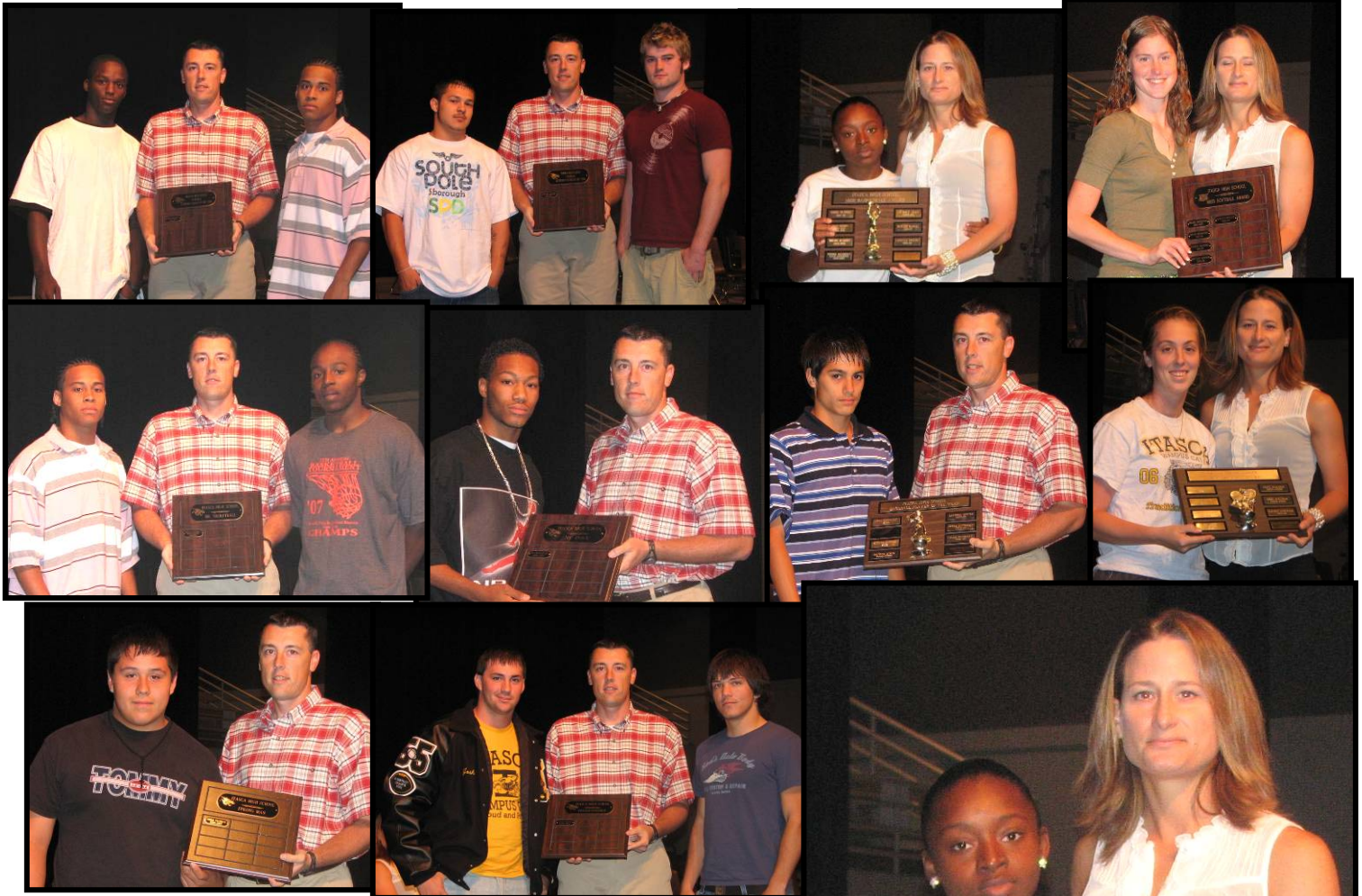


Hill County Paw Pals extends their sincere and grateful gratitude to Ms. Julia Brown and her 6th Grade Gifted and Talented Class of Hillsboro Intermediate School for their gift of \$100. The class conducted a long-term project of publishing a school-wide newspaper with the proceeds benefiting Paw Pals' endeavors to build a county animal shelter. The timing of this gift was perfect as it is the first to be included in Paw Pals' fund raising drive labeled "Take Willie's Challenge" where every dollar is doubled thanks to philanthropists Cheryl and Sam Wyly's gift to match up to \$40,000 during this next year.

Ms. Brown's class started the first semester of the school year devoted to an in-depth study of the workings of a newspaper, the different sections, staffing and layout. Beginning in the second semester the paper was published monthly and bi-monthly and sold to students in the morning during school store time. The students did an awesome job of interviewing school personnel and writing thought provoking editorials on current events and trends. The class was composed of Jordon Satterfield, Jazmyn Washington, Phoebe Alloy, Martha Floy, Carly Shelby, Laurie Daniel, Corey Dominguez, Austin Buesse, and Lane Walters. The 6th grade class gives much thanks to the leadership of Ms. Brown for her guidance in leading the class to such a worthy experience that culminated in a gift that will ultimately benefit all citizens and companion animals of Hill County. Also pictured in the picture accepting this generous gift is Lana Crow, Paw Pals' fund raising chairperson.

Paw Pals has scheduled a public meeting on Thursday at 6:30pm on June 21 at the Bullock Room at Hill College Cafeteria building in Hillsboro. For more information about the grassroots group facilitating the installation of a county animal control program, please call (254) 580-0679; email [hepawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hepawpals@yahoo.com); write Paw Pals, P.O. Box 1533, Hillsboro, Texas 76645; or visit their website at [hepawpals.org](http://hepawpals.org).

## 2006-2007 Sports Awards



(Left to right – Presented by Coaches Kirby Basham & Tonye Davis) 1<sup>st</sup> row - Offensive Football Players of the Year Mikey Marshall & Kendale Mayberry - Defensive Football Players of the Year Frank Sanchez & Justin Shelton, Miss Basketball & Miss Track Courtney Phillips, Miss Softball Ashley Swilley.

2<sup>nd</sup> row – Mr. Basketball Tralyn Harden & Kendale Mayberry, Mr. Track Dee Marshall, Mr. Baseball John Prescott, Miss Tennis & Girls Perseverance Award Rachel Anderson.

3<sup>rd</sup> row – Strongman of the Year Chris Pacheco, Boys Perseverance Award Josh Huff & Nick Worth. The only 4-Sport Letter honor went to Courtney Phillips.



### Day Care Opening

Mimi's Playhouse has summer openings for full time, part-time and drop ins. Hours are 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. 0 months – 12 years old. Melissa (Missy) Mayberry 687-2001

### Paw Pals Public Meeting

6:30 pm Thursday, June 21  
Hill College Cafeteria Please bring a friend!

### Adoption Day & "Dip Your Dog"

Tractor Supply Saturday, June 23  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Volunteers Needed - Call Kathy at 582-9374  
\$5 a dip - All proceeds go towards  
"Take the Willie Challenge"  
\$40k matching fund drive made possible by  
Cheryl Wyly.

## Middle School Sixth 6-Week "A" Honor Roll

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Amanda Anderson, Chelsae Faries, Fisher Hennig, Noah Karr, Kaleigh Lightsey, Sam Orr, Darrell Rasco

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Rebecca Durham, Michael Macias, Jessica Zint

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Kenneth Clary, Rebecca Maul, Erin Rinehart

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - BJ Jackson, Keyre Ortiz, Nancy Reyes, Bob Slotvig, Colton Sullins, Philip Thomas

## "A-B" Honor Roll

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Nick Arellano, Cayd Biggs, Destiny Brooks, Cora Bruton, Shelbee Coleman, Darion Diggs, Drew Fails, Jessica Farquhar, Natalia Filio, Breele Garcia, Katie LaFountain, Emma Orr, Tristen Prescott, Carter Reid, Ednita Rivera, Ashlie Rodriguez, Amber Shelby

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Christian Avila, Emily Basye, Brittany Bourland, Cole Coleman, David Corbitt, Christian Cruz, James Hanes, Michelle Ignacz, Emilee Nalley, Heather Odom, Megan Odom, Chase Patterson, Brittany Reid, Belinda Reyes, Celeste Rodriguez, Jordan Sizemore, Da'jae Wells, Ashley Wilkins, Brianna Wisnosky

7<sup>th</sup> grade - Monica Anderson, Andrew Clarke, Courtney Conway, Stephanie Ignacz, Hannah Johnson, Jessica Johnston, Martin Martinez, Emily Offutt, Taylor Patton, Reyna Ramirez, Joaquin Reyes, Joshua Shelton, Alex Solis, Jakara Terry, Daniel Whitlock

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Rebecca Cisernos, Jasmine Guy, Tanner Hughes, Diamond Jackson, Christina Manasco

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## Middle School 2006-07

### "A" Honor Roll

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Amanda Anderson, Chelsae Faries, Fisher Hennig, Kaleigh Lightsey, Emma Orr, Sam Orr, Darrell Rasco, Ashlie Rodriguez

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - David Corbitt, Rebecca Durham, Michelle Ignacz, Michael Macias, Jessica Zint

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Kenneth Clary, Hannah Johnson, Rebecca Maul, Erin Rinehart

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - BJ Jackson, Keyre Ortiz, Nancy Reyes, Philip Thomas

### 2006-07 "A-B" Honor Roll

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Gabby Bell, Cayd Biggs, Destiny Brooks, Cora Bruton, Shelbee Coleman, Darion Diggs, Drew Fails, Jessica Farquhar, Noah Karr, Katie LaFountain, Tristen Prescott, Carter Reid, Ednita Rivera, Amber Shelby, Jordan Whitfield

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Christian Avila, Emily Basye, Brittany Bourland, Cole Coleman, Trinton Crawford, Christian Cruz, Gavin Donawho, James Hanes, Brandon Kelley, Emilee Nalley, Brittany Reid, Celeste Rodriguez, Jordan Sizemore, Da'jae Wells, Ashley Wilkins, Brianna Wisnosky

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Monica Anderson, Andrew Clarke, Courtney Conway, Stephanie Ignacz, Jessica Johnston, Robert Marshall, Martin Martinez, Daniel Odom, Emily Offutt, Taylor Patton, Reyna Ramirez, Joshua Shelton, Alex Solis, Jakara Terry, Daniel Whitlock, Cory Wright, Maria Zuniga

(8<sup>th</sup> grade at bottom of next column)

## Edwards Votes to Put More Cops on Nation's Streets, 2,567 in Texas

Press Release

A bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1700, the COPS Reauthorization Act May 15. This measure is designed to help local law enforcement agencies hire an additional 50,000 police officers on the beat over the next six years, 2,567 in Texas alone. The bill passed 381-34.

"This legislation will strengthen local law enforcement and give them the tools they need to fight crime by restoring the highly successful COPS hiring grants program, COPS technology grants, and community prosecutor grants," said Rep. Edwards. "The previous Congress eliminated the program last year-but I am grateful that this Congress has chosen to revive these highly effective hiring grants to better protect our local communities and families."

The COPS hiring grants program, created in 1994, was an enormously successful program. From 1995 to 2005, it helped local law enforcement agencies to hire 117,000 additional police officers - which helped to significantly reduce crime across the country. Over those 10 years, Texas received nearly \$460 million in COPS funding, which enabled local law enforcement to hire an additional 6,006 police officers.

"With passage of the COPS Reauthorization Act, an additional 2,567 police officers will likely be hired in Texas over the course of the next six years," Rep. Edwards said. "I hope the Senate acts on this bill quickly and the President signs it."

Under the COPS hiring grants program, our nation experienced a significant drop in crime rates, Studies confirm that these grants played a significant role. This legislation has been endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriffs Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association of Police Organizations, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the National League of Cities.

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8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Jasmine Guy, Diamond Jackson, Christina Manasco, Jack Panting, Sergio Rivera, Bob Slotvig, Colton Sullins

## Paw Pals Upcoming Events, 28<sup>th</sup> Low-Cost Sterilization Clinic

Press Release

Hill County Paw Pals, the grass roots group organized to facilitate the installation of a county-level animal control program, recently hosted their 28th Low Cost Sterilization and Vaccination Clinic in collaboration with Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP), a Denton based non-profit group. Low cost pet sterilization service is a vital part in Paw Pals' proactive strategy to correct pet overpopulation. In fact, no community has ever corrected their pet overpopulation issue without low cost services made available. These clinics continue to be performed on the first Tuesday of each month at the Hillsboro Civic Center (old Wal-Mart Building). Appointments are needed for surgeries by calling toll free 1-866-310-PETS. Low cost vaccinations are administered from 10am-2pm and do not require an appointment. Working to make last week's event a success were Cleo Davis, Andrea Finch, Dana Fuchs, Anita Gilley, Jane Green, Mary Ann Johnson, George Kerr, Jean & "JD" Landis, Kathy Moore, Diana Prince, Lea Slocum, and Lonnie Tilson. Hill County is thankful for the support given by the City of Hillsboro for the use of the former Civic Center to perform this needed community service.

Paw Pals fund raising campaign marked "Take the Willie Nelson Challenge" is currently at full swing. All funds received are being "doubled" thanks to generous Cheryl and Sam Wyly, notable philanthropists, who have agreed to match up to \$40,000 of funds raised this year. For convenience, one can visit Paw Pals' website ([hcpawpals.org](http://hcpawpals.org)) and make their tax-deductible contribution with a credit card or mail a check to HC Paw Pals, P.O. Box 1533, Hillsboro, Texas 76645.

On Saturday, June 23, from 10am to 4pm, Tractor Supply in Hillsboro and Paw Pals will host an Adoption day and provide a flea & tick dip service for \$5. The proceeds for the dip will go toward the animal shelter building fund. These funds will then be matched by Cheryl and Sam Wyly, notable Dallas philanthropists, who have generously offered to match up to \$40,000 of funds that Paw Pals raises within a year. This fund drive has been named "Take Willie Nelson's Challenge" because of his endorsement. If you would like to volunteer for the adoption day, please contact Kathy Moore at 582- 9374.

A public meeting for Paw Pals has been scheduled at 6:30pm on Thursday, June 21 at Hill College Cafeteria. If you would like to help with Paw Pals' endeavors to correct pet overpopulation in our great county, call 580-0679; email [hcpawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawpals@yahoo.com); or visit their website [hcpawpals.org](http://hcpawpals.org) for more information.

## First Presbyterian Church Invites Children to Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride through God's Word!

Press Release

"This year our church is a stampede of excitement as we visit Avalanche Ranch" says Diane Barnes, lay pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Itasca. "Our Avalanche Ranch program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for kids from Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Each day kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble Chuck Wagon Chow, take on a Daily Challenge to let God's love grow into their homes, experience electrifying Bible adventures, and create Bible Point Crafts they'll take home and play with all summer long."

"Avalanche Ranch is an exciting way for kids to learn more about God's love," says Mrs. Barnes. "We hope Avalanche Ranch will get everyone wild about God in our community."

Avalanche Ranch begins on June 25 and continues through June 29. Meet at First Presbyterian Church, 106 N. Lamar St., each day from 9:30 until 11:30. For information, call 254-687-2243.

## Granny Snave's Thoughts

Granny Snave

"Some more interesting e-mails this week. Most of them were about old people. I don't know what their point is, but I'm not getting it."

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN...?

- \*\*\*All the girls had ugly gym suits?
- \*\*\*It took five minutes for the TV warm up?
- \*\*\*Nearly everyone's Mom was at home when the kids got home from school?
- \*\*\*Nobody owned a purebred dog?
- \*\*\*When a quarter was a decent allowance?
- \*\*\*You'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny?
- \*\*\*Your Mom wore nylons that came in two pieces?
- \*\*\*All your male teachers wore neckties and female teachers had their hair done every day and wore high heels?
- \*\*\*You got your windshield cleaned, oil checked, and gas pumped, without asking, all for free, every time? And you didn't pay for air? And, you got trading stamps to boot?

## Registered Child Care Home

Kim Graig- 687-2467

Food Program-References

CPR/First Aid- One Spot Available

15 Yrs in Child Care



## Do You Remember . . . ? – “The Little House Outback”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



Before the days of indoor plumbing there was a unique structure that played a vital role in our everyday lives. It was called by several titles such as the outhouse, the privy, the john and several other names and descriptions.

The usual size was four feet by six feet, almost always with two holes, one for adults and one smaller for children, to prevent them falling in, which happened more than once. A hole was cut in the door, and often on both sides. This was for two reasons. The hole was in the shape of a crescent moon. It was said, “This was to designate it for ladies only.” They used the symbol because so many people could not read. The holes were often covered with screen wire to keep out insects, snakes, and mice. There was a nail and a string to hang the Sear and Roebuck catalog on, of course this was in lieu of toilet paper. Sometimes the walls might be covered with newspaper to help keep out the cold wind. One could sit and read about Maggie and Giggs, Gasoline Alley, and Dick Tracy, but you had to read the same thing tomorrow. The Privy was also a place to practice singing, or reciting a lesson for school.

Roses and vines were often planted so as to obscure the structure. We still remember times when nature called and we had to endure the trip during cold, rain, lightning, or snow. We seldom went at night. The girls had a pot under the bed or slop jar, as we called it back then. The boys simply went outside except when it was raining or extremely cold. That was the reason we had rusty screens.

Quite often a person’s imagination came into play in the construction of an outhouse; they were built in all shapes and sizes. One man had a two-story privy to match his two-story house; he probably did not use the upper story. Benjamin Franklin had a 3-story house and also a 3-story outhouse.

There have been many stories and experiences connected with the little house out back, such as turning the house over with someone inside, dropping in a snake or mouse. Once a young man turned over the privy and ran to school, when he got home that evening his dad was waiting with a belt. He asked the boy if he had turned over the outhouse, “yes” replied the boy, but when George Washington cut down the cherry tree, his dad did not whip him. His dad said, “yes, but his father was not in the tree.”

There was one inventive young man who ran a pipe to the underside of the privy and he could talk into the pipe, and it sounded like it was coming from underneath. When someone went in and sat down, he would say, “Do you mind? I am painting down here!”

Halloween was a favorite time for young people to concentrate on the outhouse. There were all sorts of things done with them, from simply turning them over to setting them in the middle of the intersection in town, to putting them on top of the school building.

A group of us guys had a deer lease once with a cabin, and an outhouse out back. We got up to prepare for breakfast and hunting before daylight, and of course our morning constitutional. When one guy failed to come back we went to investigate. There was a buck deer at the door holding him prisoner; he had used too much doe lure.

When some of the city relatives visited us, I noticed they brought their own toilet paper. Guess they didn’t like to have to crunch the catalog pages.

Once when Marguriet and I were in Heritage Village near Woodville, they had some kind of ceremony and a helicopter came down and flew away with the privy. Guess they had installed indoor plumbing for the first time in that park. There was one family that installed indoor plumbing, and then proceeded to burn the outhouse with a ceremony. I guess it was like when people burn a paid off mortgage. Itasca’s first sewer system was installed about 1916. The first disposal system was the old Imhoff tank, invented in the early 1900’s by a German named Imhoff. It was used until in the 1960’s when we got our present systems.

Today there is a renewed interest in outhouses. Some collect old privies. There are also miniatures photos, ceramics and calendars with a different style for each month, also greeting cards and stationary. There are outhouses with wheels and races are held. Two towns that come to mind are Gravel Switch, Kentucky and Dawson City, Canada.

These unique structures are still in use today in many places, such as ranches in the west, deer leases, summer homes, and some Amish still use them.

We appreciate the convenience of our indoor bathrooms, but at the same time we still treasure the funny experience and memories connected with the old privies, or outhouses of our youth.

(Although it may look like Carl peeking out of the pictured outhouse, we can not confirm that statement.)



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### Rotary Boy & Girl



Each year a graduating senior boy and girl are honored as the Rotary Boy and Rotary Girl. This year's recipients are Kyle Baker and Stephanie Campbell.

Their names are added to a plaque that hangs in the Rotary Room and each received a \$250 scholarship and personal plaque.

Doing the honors for the Rotary Club is President Elect Bob Wilson.

### \$6,800 Hill College Scholarships Awarded



Ms. Wendie Hernandez presented ten graduates with \$6,800 in Hill College Scholarships. Autumn Bennett and Anita Ponce received Bob Bullock Foundation Scholarships, Rita Garza, Victoria Lopez, Justin Shelton and Colleen O'Hearn received EPPS Scholarships, Gabby Zuniga and Jessica Laramore received Hill College Endowment Scholarships and Kandis McVea and Megan George received Hill College Vocational Scholarships.