

# Paw Print Press

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## Comer Named Most Valuable City Employee



The annual city employees' awards were presented at the regular June city council meeting.

Mayor Matt Fehnel and City Administrator Mark Gropp presented the awards with lots of kind words and praise for all of the city employees.

This year's "Most Valuable Employee" went to Sue Comer who received the 2006 "Most Faithful Employee" last year. Sue is in charge of the water department (billing, scheduling and complaints) and is the City Tax Collector.

## Judge Seaman to Appear on KNCT-TV Talk Show



The PBS station, KNCT-TV of Killeen, is producing a summer series featuring successful and influential women in Central Texas. The show focuses on issues that affect everyone and how women have an impact on shaping the outcomes.

Justice of the Peace Tanya Seaman has been invited to tape a show on June 29 dealing with the judicial system in Central Texas. The format of the show is a roundtable discussion. Also appearing with Judge Seaman are 3<sup>rd</sup> Court Appellate Judge Diane Henson and Bell County District Judge Martha Trudo.

Hosting and producing the show is Attorney Mary Beth Harrell. Air date has not yet been announced.

## IHS Students Receive Over \$200,000 in Scholarships Molly Crouch Anderson Memorial, Largest Local Scholarship Provider



The late Molly Crouch Anderson, daughter of the late W.T. and the late Mamie Crouch, left an endowment to benefit Itasca High graduates. Molly placed a high value on education and her generosity in establishing this endowment has enabled many students to continue their education.

Presenting \$10,500 in scholarships to sixteen graduates was Molly's niece, 1997 graduate, Sarah Crouch.

Front row (l to r) Karla Ochoa, Gabby Rivera, Candice Kowalski, Paige Bailey, Rita Garza, Mercedes Snyder, Kandis McVea and Gilberto Librado.

Back row (l to r) Autumn Bennett, Stephanie Campbell, Alecia Evans, Justin Shelton, Rachel Anderson, Ashley Swilley, Kendale Mayberry and Victoria Lopez.

## "Order of the Arrow"

Reporter Devin Corbitt



Left to right - Justin Bonds, David Maddox and David Corbitt and Scoutmaster Alan Corbitt (not pictured) were selected from Itasca Boy Scout Troop 366 as candidates for an elite club, the "Order of the Arrow."

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## 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 willed; 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

"Hour of Power" - 7th - 12th grades

Sunday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Barton Hall

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 Zoning Committee Meeting

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

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

None during June, July or August

### 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, July 30, 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

## Community Calendar

June 28 - Rotary Luncheon - 12:00 Rotary Room

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 4 - Independence Day - All official offices and school facilities closed

July 5 - Rotary Luncheon - 12:00 Rotary Room

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

July 16, 17, & 18 - Itasca Cat Quick Basketball Camp - Middle School gym

## Used Televisions for Sale

Several used TV's in various sizes for sale \$25-\$50 "as is." Available beginning Monday, July 9 at the Itasca ISD library - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day until all are sold. First come, first serve.

### Registered Child Care Home

Kim Graig- 687-2467 - Food Program - References

CPR/First Aid- One Spot Available

15 Yrs in Child Care

### 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

## Foreign Exchange Student Returns to Hong Kong

Reporter Megan Goff



Pictured left - Student Council Representative Sarah Evans presented Kabeer a Wampus Cat sweatshirt as a memento of IHS.

Kabeer Chan hugged her host parents and best friend good bye before she stepped on the airplane to return to her home in Hong Kong.

"I'll miss you so much," she said. "Thank you for everything. I'll call you."

This was the scene June 14 as the last of the four exchange students in Itasca concluded her experience in America.

"I am going to miss the Goff family and their big house the most," Kabeer said. "I'll also miss Lauren Vinson, Marilla Smith and Lauren Laskowski and the good times we had together at school."

Kabeer enrolled in Itasca High the second semester and graduated with the senior class.

"My favorite part was meeting all of the new people and learning the American culture. Prom was really the most fun!"

In order to be successful in Hong Kong and China proper it is very important to know English. That was the main reason Kabeer wanted to participate in the exchange program.

"Now I am able to understand conversations," she said. "But I still don't get American jokes and I still need subtitles at the movies."

Kabeer's plans are to go home and get a part time job so she can save her money and come back to America and further her education at Shoreline Community College in Seattle, Washington.

"Before I come back, I want to introduce some American culture to my school," she said. "But be assured I'll come back to America."

## 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.



## Join Us for Lift Off!

Vacation Bible School



## Soaring To

## New Heights with God

July 9-13, 2007 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

401 E. Main (Corner Main & King Sts.)

Pre-K - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Hiring TRC

(Temporary Rural Carrier)

This is a temporary position. You will be required to carrier a rural route on Saturdays and be available Monday-Friday to cover annual vacation and sick leave of other carriers.

Pay \$12.50 per hour. This job will include covering a full time route on Saturdays and vacations. You will be asked to cover a part-time route when needed in the absence of a particular carrier. Your reporting time will be 7:30 a.m. You will need to provide your own vehicle; you will receive an EMA (equipment maintenance allowance).

You may pick up an application at the Itasca Post Office.

## "Order of the Arrow" Award

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The Order of the Arrow is an honor society within the Boy Scouts of America that is designed for the young men that live by the Scout Oath and Law. The scouts are chosen to represent their troop by the other members of their troop. They are then required to complete a weekend camping trip, called the Ordeal, which determines if they have what it takes to be a member of the Order. The candidates are not officially members until the closing ceremony on the last day of the Ordeal.

The three boys and their Scoutmaster went through their Order of the Arrow weekend May 18-20. They are now all members of the Order of the Arrow.

## 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

## 2006-2007 Outstanding Academic Awards



Candice Kowalski received the Outstanding English Award from Mrs. Janet Gordon, the Outstanding Math Award from Mrs. Monnell Weatherly and the Outstanding Science Award from Mrs. Brenda Swilley. She also received the John Phillip Sousa Award

from Band Director David Hernandez. Rachel Anderson received the Outstanding Social Studies Award from Mrs. Judie McClure. \*\*\*

IHS Principal Glenn Pittman presented students on the "A" Honor roll for the 2006-2007 school year key chains. Front row (l to r) Freshmen Devin Corbitt, Ashley Durham & Megan Goff (missing from picture) and Senior Candice Kowalski. Back row (l to r) Seniors Rachel Anderson and Paige Bailey.

### 2007 Commended Performance on TAKS in All Areas

#### Freshman Reading & Math

Devin Corbitt, Ryan Crouch, Ashley Durham, Desmond Guy, Cheri Lloyd, Mary Maddox, Katelyn Seaman

#### Sophomore English/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies & Science

Maria Worth

#### Junior English/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies & Science

Clayton Wienecke

### 2007 Commended Performance on at least 1 TAKS Test

9<sup>th</sup> Grade - Connally Baskett, Eddie Coronado, Leo Coronado, Raquel DeRusse, Megan Goff, Chris Jenkins, Maddison Jones, Shelbi Rogers, Chad Rutherford, Abby Saldierna, Ciera Thompson, Vanessa Webb

10<sup>th</sup> Grade - Pilar Baskett, Elizabeth Bennett, Jacob Boyd, Timothy Earhart, Clayton Johnson, Jacob Mahoney, Garrett Middleton, Morgan Nalley, Zach O'Rarden, Chelsea Rodriguez

11<sup>th</sup> Grade - Tim Baker, Terrey Brumbalow, Shawn Cadena, Ashlee Carranza, Isai Coronado, John Ellis, Valarie Farquhar, Esteban Gonzalez, Zac Johnson, Jake Key, Jake Mears, Eric Ortegon, Kristin Rivera, Lauren Vinson, Nick Worth

\*\*\*Unavailable for pictures were Junior Tim Baker who earned the Outstanding Technology Application Award and Junior Isai Coronado who received the Woodmen of the World Outstanding American History Award.

## Harden Named to Texas Basketball Magazine's All-State 06-07 Team



The *Texas Basketball Magazine* is published each year by Bob Springer to keep fans, players and coaches up to date on Texas high school basketball.

At the end of each season, the magazine names an All-State Team. This year Junior Trayln Harden made that prestigious list. His certificate reads "Congratulations on being selected as one of the Best Players in the State."

## 2007-08 Football Schedule Homecoming September 21

- August 18 - Itasca @ Venus Scrimmage 10 a.m.
- 24 Wampus Cats @ Palmer Scrimmage 6 p.m.
- 31 Wampus Cats vs. Tolar 7:30 p.m.
- September 7 - Wampus Cats @ Rice 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Wampus Cats vs. Blooming Grove 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Itasca vs. Wortham - Homecoming 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Wampus Cats vs. Scurry Rosser 7:30 p.m.
- October 5 - Open
- 12 \*\*\*Wampus Cats @ Maypearl 7:30 p.m.
- 19 \*\*\*Wampus Cats vs. Grandview 7:30 p.m.
- 26 \*\*\*Wampus Cats @ Hico 7:30 p.m.
- November 2 - \*\*\*Itasca vs. Rio Vista 7:30 p.m.
- 9 \*\*\*Wampus Cats @ Dublin 7:30 p.m.
- \*\*\* District Games

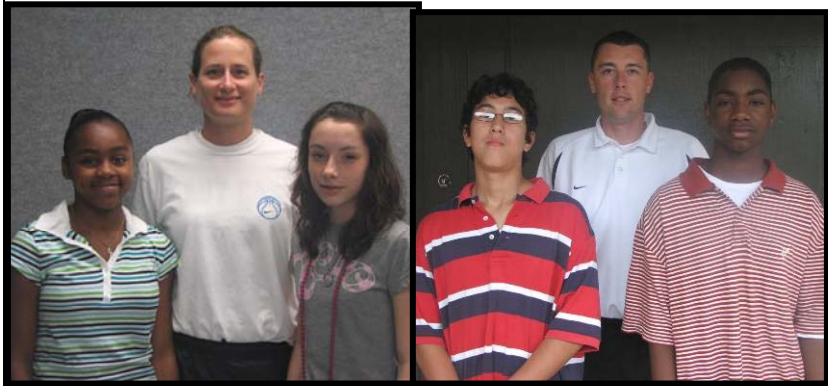
## April VFD Activity Report

Fire Call	City	County
Grass/Brush		1
Motor Vehicle Accident		2
Utility	1	
Vehicle Fire		1
Other	1 (tree down)	2 (weather) 1(child search)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total Calls YTD</b>	<b>34</b>	
<b>Total Man Hours</b>	<b>69 hrs. 59 mins</b>	
<b>6 a.m. - 6 p.m. - 2</b>	<b>6 p.m. - 6 a.m. - 7</b>	
<b>Total mileage 103</b>	<b>Total members 17</b>	

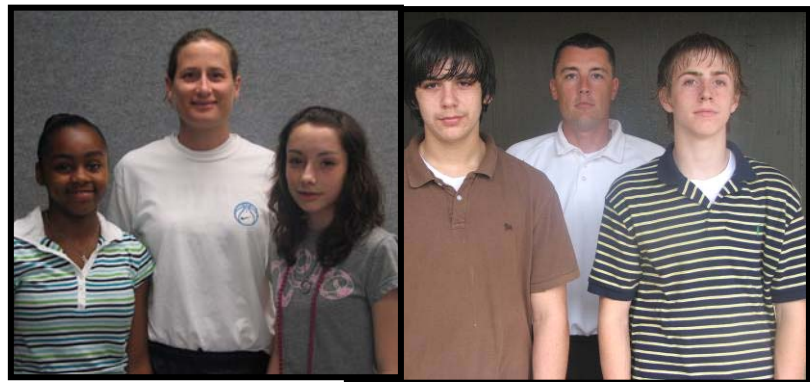
## Middle School Sports Awards



Cross Country - Left to right- Phillip Thomas, Martin Martinez, Coach Tonye Davis, Erin Rinehart, Nancy Reyes.



Basketball – Jasmine Guy, Coach Tonye Davis, Erin Rinehart, Jack Panting, Coach Kirby Basham, Shakeal Mazon.



Track - Jasmine Guy, Coach Davis, Erin Rinehart, Tanner Hughes, Coach Basham, Cody Mangum

**Lawn mowing, weed eating, trim hedges.  
Will mow vacant lots and trim trees.**

**Contact Joe Rios  
204 North Aquilla Street  
Itasca, Texas  
254-687-2084**

## 2007 Elementary & Middle School TAKS

### Commended Performances in All Areas

#### 5th Grade Reading, Math and Science

Amanda Anderson, Cayd Biggs, Cora Bruton,  
Chelsae Faries, Kaleigh Lightsey, Samuel Orr,  
Darrell Rasco, Ednita Rivera, Ashlie Rodriguez

#### 6th Grade Reading, and Math

Christian Avila, Cole Coleman, David Corbitt,  
Christian Cruz, Rebecca Durham, James Hanes,  
Michelle Ignacz, Michael Macias

#### 8th Grade Reading, Math, Science, & Social Studies

BJ Jackson, Keyre Ortiz, Nancy Reyes, Colton  
Sullins, Philip Thomas

### Commended Performance in at least one Area

Grade 3 – Fathe Altum-Reading, Missy Barron-Math,  
Madison Bassett-Reading, Shaun Castro-Math, Brandi  
Fehnel-Math, Leticia Gonzales-Reading & Math, Tan-  
ner Graig-Reading, Tyler Kittoe-Math, Bradley Mar-  
tinez-Reading, James Melson-Reading & Math,  
Wesley Neese-Reading, Amanda Rodriguez-Reading &  
Math, Chelsea Searcy-Reading & Math, Crisol Zavala-  
Reading

Grade 4 – Autumn Beaty-Math, Garrett Bruton-Math,  
Skylar Campbell-Reading, C.J. Chambers-Math,  
Payton Cordell-Reading, Math, & Writing, Darrion  
Crawford-Math, Brandon Farquhar-Math & Writing,  
Mason Farquhar-Reading, Rachel Freeman-Math,  
Hunter Germer-Math & Writing, William Gunn-  
Math, Devin Hernandez-Math, Hannah Hundley-  
Writing & Math, Logan Langley-Math, Gabriel  
Macias-Writing, Reading, & Math, Kristian Mangum-  
Math & Writing, Tre' Martinez-Math, Kierra May-  
berry-Writing, Shannon Rodriguez-Writing & Math,  
Reagan Rugh-Writing & Math, Tristan Sulak-Reading  
& Math, Alexis Whitlock-Reading & Math, Kathie  
Wilkins-Writing, Reading & Math

5th Grade - Gabby Bell-Science, Destiny Brooks- Math,  
Elsa Castellanos-Math, Shelby Coleman-Math & Science,  
Deazhane Davis-Reading, Andrew Fails-Math & Science,  
Jessica Farquhar-Science, Natalia Filio-Math, Brelle Gar-  
cia-Math, Destiny Gutierrez-Science, Fisher Henning-  
Reading & Science, Noah Karr-Reading & Math, Katie  
LaFountain-Science, Marisela Ochoa-Reading, Emma  
Orr-Science & Math, Tristen Prescott-Reading & Math,  
Carter Reid- Reading, Amber Shelby-Reading & Science,  
Megan Spain-Math

6th Grade - Emily Bayse-Reading, Wyatt Berry-Reading,  
Cory Cervantes-Reading, Chris Collins-Reading, Jacey  
Dominick-Reading, Gavin Donawho-Math, Nenia Forcey-  
Math, Cassidy Mangum-Reading, Heather Odom-Math,  
Tyler Odom-Reading, Chase Patterson-Reading, Celeste  
Rodriquez-Reading, Jordan Sizemore-Reading, Da'jae  
Wells-Reading, Brianna Wisnosky-Reading

7th Grade - Cristal Cantrell-Reading, Kenneth Clary-  
Writing & Reading, Courtney Conway-Writing, Stephanie  
Ignacz-Reading & Math, Hannah Johnson-Reading,  
Amanda Lansdell-Reading, Faviola Mandujano-Writing,  
Martin Martinez-Math, Rebecca Maul-Reading & Writ-  
ing, Daniel Odom-Reading, Emily Offutt-Reading, Reyna  
Ramirez-Writing & Math, Erin Rinehart-Writing &  
Math, Joshua Shelton-Reading & Math, Robert White-  
Reading, Maria Zuniga-Reading

8th Grade - Lavarius Ashford-Reading & Science, Chris  
Carlson-Science, Hali Carranza-Science, Rebecca  
Cisnerso-Reading & Science, Sarah Farquhar-Science,  
Jasmine Guy-Reading, Diamond Jackson-Reading,  
Garrett Johnson-Reading, Shelby Jones-Reading, Dillon  
Losciuto-Reading & Science, Christina Manasco-Reading,  
Social Studies & Science, Jack Panting- Reading, Social  
Studies & Science, Autumn Pelham- Reading, Jose Rami-  
rez- Reading & Social Studies, Cody Read- Reading, So-  
cial Studies & Science, Sergio Rivera- Reading, Social  
Studies & Science, Bob Slotvig- Math, Social Studies &  
Science, Kalie Sylva- Reading, Social Studies & Science,

### Don't Quote Me!

These little words of wisdom came from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
class. The teacher gave the first part of the well known  
quote and the students filled in the remainder.

Strike while the "girl is swimming." PJ Stephens  
Don't bite the hand that "is burning." Payton Kimbrell  
It's always darkest before "Christmas." Jenny Ignacz  
Better safe than "McDonalds." Pepper Rodriguez  
No news is "boring." PJ Stephens  
A penny saved is "his girl friend." Cody Hundley  
Where there's smoke there's "a grill." Jocelyn Ali  
You can't teach an old dog "to be young." Lucas Sayers  
You can lead a horse to water but "it will drown." E. Sarli

## June Police Report

6-4 – Disturbance – 200 blk. S. Hill St.  
 6-5 – Missing child report – 100 blk. N. Park St.  
 6-5 – Report of possible burglary – 100 blk. E. North St.  
 6-5 – 911 hang-up – 400 blk. N. Hill St.  
 6-6 – Building unsecured – 100 blk. N. College St.  
 6-5 – Suspicious vehicle – 500 blk. E. Wilkerson St.  
 6-5 – Verbal disturbance – E. Wilkerson & King Sts.  
 6-6 – Threats & information – 500 blk. E. Monroe St.  
 6-6 – Animal complaint (snake) – 600 blk. S. Files St.  
 6-6 – Assist in locating criminal  
 6-6 – Assisted citizen (disabled vehicle) – Spurgeon & Hill Sts.  
 6-6 – Animal complaint (dog stole ball) 300 S. Lamar St.  
 6-6 – Stranded motorist – I-35W northbound mm 7  
 6-7 – Suspicious vehicle – FM 934 & I-35W mm 7  
 6-7 – Traffic control - I-35W exit 8 southbound  
 6-7 – Investigated damage to property & roadway – RR crossing @ Spurgeon St.  
 6-7 – Reckless driver complaint – I-35W southbound  
 6-7 – Water leak – 200 blk. N. Hill St.  
 6-8 – Animal cruelty complaint (dog) – 300 blk. S. Hill St.  
 6-8 – Road debris (tire) I-35W southbound mm 8  
 6-8 – Assisted citizen – I-35W northbound mm 7  
 6-8 – Found property (phone) - I-35W northbound mm 7  
 6-8 – Reckless driver (citation) – I-35W northbound mm 7  
 6-8 – Assisted stranded motorist - I-35W northbound mm 9  
 6-8 – Assisted citizen w/close patrol – 100 blk. S. Hill St.  
 6-9 - Building unsecured – 100 blk. N. College St.  
 6-9 – Reckless driver report – Stopped in Johnson County  
 6-9 – Assisted motorist (flat tire) – 500 blk. N. Hill St.  
 6-10 – Hit & run (scraped vehicle) – 200 blk. N. Hill St.  
 6-10 – Abandoned vehicle impounded – 1200 blk. E. Main St.  
 6-11 – Assisted motorist (flat tire) – I-35W northbound mm 7  
 6-12 – 911 hang-up (child on phone) - 200 blk. S. Lamar St.  
 6-13 – Animal complaint (horses on road) – I-35W mm 3  
 6-13 – Theft report – 1200 blk. S. Files St.  
 6-13 – Children on 4-wheeler – 300 blk. E. Wilkerson St.  
 6-13 – Missing person located (Waco) – 1200 blk. S. Files St.  
 6-14 – Reckless driver (subject stopped) FM 67 & Hwy. 81  
 6-14 – Welfare check – 500 blk. S. Files St.  
 6-14 – Assisted HCSO in serving warrant – 400 blk. S. Hill St.  
 6-15 – Possible possession of drug – I-35W northbound mm 7  
 6-16 – Assisted citizen (trunk open) – I-35W northbound mm 9  
 6-16 - Building unsecured – 100 blk. N. College St.  
 6-16 – Assisted motorist (directions) – 1200 blk. E. Main St.  
 6-16 – Minor accident (Blue form) – 100 blk. N. Hill St.  
 6-16 – Domestic disturbance – 500 blk. S. Aquilla St.  
 6-16 – Assisted motorist (stalled/water) – 100 blk. W. Spurgeon  
 6-16 - Assisted motorist (stalled/water) – College & Main Sts.  
 6-16 – Assisted HCSO (vehicle struck cow) – Hwy. 81 & FM 67  
 6-16 – Assisted motorist (vehicle disabled) – I-35W mm 6  
 6-16 – Assisted motorist (flat tire) – I-35W northbound mm 6  
 6-17 – Runaway child report (located & returned) – I-35W southbound mm 8

## Pet Overpopulation Needs Your Involvement

By Lana Crow

There just isn't a day anymore that passes that I don't receive calls in need of help. Most of them are from people in rural areas in Hill County that have had one or more dogs dumped at their house or property. In one day alone, the calls totaled 37 dogs! This is becoming overwhelming to me. The pet overpopulation in Hill County is at an all time high and getting worse. With the combination of irresponsible pet owners and the absence of a county animal shelter, there is no place to take these unwanted "strays." This results in the dumping of puppies and dogs in rural areas, which fuels our county's pet overpopulation issue—worsening the existing health, economic, legal and safety liabilities. The "dumper" simply makes his problem someone else's problem. The question I can't seem to answer after hours of thinking about it is, what kind of person can take a litter of puppies that are barely weaned and drop them off on a country road and really expect them to survive? This question burns in my head daily and I will truly never understand it. Even if the person tries to explain it to me, I will never waiver because they are taking the cowards way out and not accepting responsibility that they are the source of the problem we have in Hill County. I can't stress enough to the "dumper" that until this stops and people get their pets spayed and neutered and everyone pitches in and helps Hill County Paw Pals raise more money to get this county animal shelter built, the problem is only going to get worse. Please, help us stop this neglect and abuse and do everything you can to make a change for Hill County. I am proud of this county and it is my home and I would not want to live any where else, but I think we all can do a better job of caring and taking responsibility. It is up to all of us and the time has come to make a change and we can do it with everyone pitching in. We need this animal shelter desperately and we can make the hard work we have all done over the past three years a reality, but it will take everyone to make it happen. Please, help us in our endeavors of raising this money to go towards this much-needed shelter for Hill County. I do believe we will see a big difference in the numbers of dumped and unwanted dogs if there is a place to be able to take unwanted dogs, instead of dumping them like unwanted trash in the country.

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## Hill County Genealogical Society

Press Release

Why do we celebrate July 4? This will be the topic of the July 2 meeting of the Hill County Genealogical Society. Mr. Donald Eastland, local historian, will be the guest speaker.

The monthly meeting is held in the Hill County Courthouse Annex, 126 South Covington Street, in Hillsboro at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Anyone interested in history and genealogy is welcome to attend.

The program for the August 6 meeting will be on DNA and its relationship to genealogy. If you have a specific question you would like answered, please send the questions in writing to Cleo Young Davis, VP and Program Chairman, 1019 E. Elm Street, Hillsboro TX 76645 or e-mail [cleoymdavis@yahoo.com](mailto:cleoymdavis@yahoo.com).

A Map of former communities in Hill County is being established. If you know of a community that no longer exists in Hill County, please stop by the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce and be prepared to identify it on a Hill County Map. The current road identification will help even if the community is now under a lake. We need your support in this project.

## Paw Pals

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My question to the people that take that poor little dog or cat to a lonely road and abandon it is—what kind of person have you become and don't you think it is time to stop and give these animals a better chance at life? It is up to all of us to make a change and we can do it if we all take part in getting this shelter built. Without this shelter, our pet overpopulation issue will only continue to spiral out of control and we all want more than that for our county, don't we? This is our home and we need to make it better for everyone. We can do it, let's start today. If you want to become involved, contact Hill County Paw Pals by calling (254) 580-0679; email: [hcpawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawpals@yahoo.com); or visit their website at [hcpawpals.org](http://hcpawpals.org). Donations towards the building fund can be administered at the website or by mail to Paw Pals, P.O. Box 1533, Hillsboro, Texas 76645.

### Lost Chocolate Male Labrador & a Male Golden Labrador & Retriever Mixed

Both are friendly and have ID chips implanted

Please return them to 931 Mill St.

No questions asked - or call

Barbara Petrash at

254-687-2108 or 254-205-0704

## Itasca Chamber of Commerce Barbeque cook-off Lunch Saturday, June 30, 2007

11:00 a.m. until gone - Rotary Room

\$7.00 per plate

\$1.00 from each plate goes to the Cinco de Mayo

Committee (they are furnishing the dessert)

Thanks for your support of Cinco de Mayo & the  
Chamber!

## Sweet Shoppe

Lots of delicious goodies!

In front of the Rotary Room

Saturday, June 30 10:00 a.m. - ?

Homemade by Elnorane Atkinson

## Garage & Yard Sale Permits

All garage and yard sales must have a city permit. The cost is \$4.00 for each yard/garage sale and you are only allowed to have four sales per year per address. Each sale must have a separate permit paid for and displayed before opening for business.

## No Fireworks in Rest Areas

In previous years, people have been allowed to pop fireworks at rest stop, but that has been stopped. Police Chief Gris-cavage said that his office would enforce the state's policy of no fireworks at state rest areas.



Citizens should remember that there is a state law prohibiting fireworks inside city limits as well as a city ordinance prohibiting them from being fired inside the city. These laws will be strictly enforced. Tickets will be issued for violations of the fireworks ordinance. Fines can cost as much as \$2,000. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior and they will be required to pay any fines that are assessed.

## Central Baptist Church

### Car Wash & Bake Sale

Saturday, June 30 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Citizens State Bank in Itasca

Proceeds will help send children to camp

Come by & get a Breakfast Burrito

\$2.00

## Accepting Bids

Until July 1, 2007, the City of Abbott is

accepting sealed bids for a

1988 Chevrolet Cheyenne ¼-ton pickup.

Call 254-707-1523 for complete details



## Do You Remember . . . ? – “A Stroll Back in Time”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



For a moment let's think back in time before the internet, Sega, Super Nintendo, crack, meth, or weed. Way back like sitting on the curb or front porches, playing hide and seek, “Simon Says” or red light-green light. So let's remember . . . when it was considered a real treat to be taken out to dinner with your parents at a real restaurant, when the worst thing you did at school was play hooky, chew gum or flunk a test. When they threatened to keep a kid back a grade if they failed and did! The prom was in the gym or lunchroom with a real live orchestra, when being sent to the principal's office was second to what you would receive at

home.

We feared for our lives, but it wasn't from drive by shootings, drugs or gangs, our parents and grandparents were a much greater threat. But we survived because their love was much greater than the threat. Remember our lunch boxes and thermoses or going home for lunch or a hamburger at Mrs. Morris' little store on campus, or our lunch carried in a brown paper bag, also penny candy, butterscotch, or a Black Cow or Eskimo Pie? Cracker Jacks with a prize inside, wax lips and mustaches, hula-hoops and coke bottles with the names of cities on the bottom. Then there were saddle shoes and penny loafers, and poodle skirts.

Also we remember that mom was home when we came home from school, most times she had a snack for us, if not we punched a hole in a biscuit with a finger and filled to with Mary Jane syrup. Then there was our allowance usually a quarter for the week; however, we could buy a hamburger and coke and attend the picture show all for that quarter. Then we would reach down in the gutter for a penny. I still do.

It was about this time that mom wore nylons that came in two pieces. The male teachers wore neckties and the female teachers wore high heels. A little further back, the female teachers were not allowed to marry and had to live in the town where they taught. Then most teachers were women and almost always boarded with a family in the community.

What about bobby pins, Mickey Mouse clubs, Rocky and Bullwinkle, Kookla Faun and Ollie, Spin and Marty. Dick Clark's American Band Stand and don't forget Ready Kilowatt. When we turned on the black and white TV, it took five minutes to warm up so we could see Fibber McGee and Molly, the first soap, Stella Dallas, Amos and Andy, Bing Crosby, Jackie Gleason, and Perry Como.

We also had kids with lemonade stands, played Cowboys and Indians with cap pistols, made forts and tree houses, had pillow fights, ribbon candy and hung angel hair on the Christmas tree. When ladies wore white glove and hats to church or to the Ladies Aid Society. We went to the “picture show” on Saturday and there was a serial that always ended with a cliffhanger so we would want to see it next week to see if the train ran over the heroine. After the show we might have a nickel for a coke at Barney Martins' Canteen in the old Pastime Theater.

The movies bring memories of popcorn, then popcorn balls we made at home with syrup or caramel. Christmas trees decorated with popcorn strings. Then came the sock hops, Keds and PF flyers, the sneakers we wore for the gym and those awful outfits the girls wore for P.E. It was about then that they started putting prizes in stuff such as oatmeal and other products. There were dishes mostly; we still have a set of green drinking glasses. Some of them are valued by collectors today.

What about when we drove our 34 Ford up to the Petrified Station and W. A. Johnson put in the gas for us, checked the tire and battery and washed the windshield, all for sixteen cents a gallon. Then he gave us trading stamps to boot. Thinking of the “filling station” brings to mind when there were fourteen of them in Itasca at one time, and Chris Waglay had the “Old West Side Garage.” It was across the tracks where the highway from Fort Worth to Waco made a ninety degree turn. The road went down Main Street after making a ninety-degree turn under the light. That was also when Chris Waglay's daughter, Doris, drove her dad's Model “A” around town with Marie Taylor, Louise Sumner, Julia Ann Hooks and a few others. That was the time when ink bottles were rolled down the isle at the study hall to tease Mr. Shelby, and the boys dipped the girls hair in the ink bottle, we used pen staffs then, no retractable pens.

It was around 1936 when Mr. JG Stanley had a high school band, and Betty Jean Clinkscales was the designated singer. The kids would drive to Files Valley at night and give the signal with their lights, then the signal was interpreted by the kids at the home and the boy attended Sunday night services so they could sit with the girls from the home. We also remember everyone's dream car -- the 57 Chevy. Some terms come to mind that were used then such as peel rubber, cruise, scratch off, do a donut and watch the submarine races. The boys' date wore their class ring with tape or string wrapped around it coated with “Pastel Frost” nail polish so it would fit her finger. This brings us to the late fifties and sixties, which could be another story.

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## City Continues Storm Clean-up while Maintaining Infrastructure



The upkeep of Itasca's water lines, sewer system, roads and mowing city owned property is a never-ending job. During the best of situations, the four-man crew is stretched thin. With the inundation of rain over the last several months, the City has not seen many good days. The employees have been busy patching the growing potholes, repairing main water lines cut accidentally by a non city utility company, constantly mowing right of ways and answering the many citizens requests every day. If these "normal" duties were not enough they have had to find time to pick up the numerous piles of limbs and brush caused by the high winds last month.

Albert Arellano's crew, Ben Patrick, Rudy Rodriguez and Samuel Young deserve a pat on the back and everyone's thanks for the 110% they give to their job.

\*\*\*Corrections concerning the article on the park construction (Issue 23-June 23). The park on the northeast corner of Hill and Main Sts. is not part of the Veteran's Memorial Park but will complement it. The work that has been done has been overseen and paid for by the Economic Development Committee (EDC) with funds generated from taxes. The EDC is headed up by CinDee Garrett, an Itasca city employee. Individuals can donate to the EDC to help with this project. (Information from City Administrator Mark Gropp). New stone planters have been constructed in both park areas (picture from Grover Kemp.)

