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Municipal Court Employees Receive Awards

Garrett "Employee of the Year"
Mayberry "Most Faithful Employee"



When the annual city employees' awards were presented at the regular June city council meeting, the employees that work in the Municipal Court offices were among those honored.

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

CinDee Garrett was honored as the city "Employee of the Year." Garrett had received the "Most Reliable Employee," in 2005 and again in 2006.



Felicia Mayberry, the code enforcement officer, received the "Most Faithful Employee" award. Mayberry has worked hard for the last two years enforcing city ordinances and thereby working to beautify Itasca. Her job also involves overseeing and working with the Zoning Committee.

38 vie for Honors in 8th Annual Chamber Barbeque Cook-off



Left to right – Joni Schug is the Overall Champion, Darrell Carothers the Reserve Champion.

The weather cooperated with the Itasca Chamber of Commerce to set the stage for a very successful 8th Annual

Barbeque Cook-Off. Thirty-eight cooks had registered by Saturday morning.

The festivities began at 5:30 p.m. with the Youth Cook-off and continued with a free dance with live music in the Curry Building. The cooks and Chamber members were up bright and early Saturday morning preparing for a day of fun, competition and hard work.

At 5:00 p.m. while the winners were being announced, it appeared as if the weather could hold back no longer as the rain began to pour down.

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Dog Attack Results in Disfigurement

Press Release

On Wednesday June 21, 2007 at about 6:05 p.m., Officer Walton of the Itasca Police Department responded to a dog bite call in the area of West Adams Street and South Park Street. Upon arrival, Officer Walton met with the victim Evelino Espinosa.

Mr. Espinosa told Officer Walton that he was at the fence attempting to get in touch with his friend who lived at the house. He did not enter the yard because of several dogs that were in the yard. Mr. Espinosa was leaning on the fence when a pit bull mix jumped up and bit the tip of Mr. Espinosa's nose off.

Espinosa was transported to Hill Regional Hospital in Hillsboro by Lake Whitney E.M.S. The dog in question was removed and quarantined. The owner received several citations for not having current rabies vaccinations for the dogs.

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

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

"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

2nd 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

Monday, 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

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

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 - 6th grade

July 12 - Rotary Luncheon - 12:00 Rotary Room

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

July 25 - Hamburger Supper - First United Methodist Church - 5:30 p.m. - gone

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

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.

2007 Varsity Cheerleader Camp

Reporter Megan Goff



Pictured front row (left to right) - Jasmine Guy, Eva Mayberry, Valerie Farquhar, Rikki Mason, Susie May and Kendra Webb. Back row (l to r) Nicole Kelley, Jessika Rodriguez, Katelyn Seaman, Megan Goff, Autumn Pelham, Lindsey Laird and Syndee Perkins (mascot).

The IHS cheerleaders met for the first time since try-outs in May at a private cheerleader camp held June 18-19 in the Special Events Center. The squad usually attends a weeklong camp on a college campus but this year a cheerleader from the National Cheerleading Association conducted an intense 2-day personal camp for the squad.

The squad learned cheers, chants and helpful tips on improving jumps and stunts.

"I think we all agree that we enjoyed the stunt class the best," senior cheerleader Valerie Farquhar said. "Stunting is one of our weakest points and we were able to get one on one help. At a large camp we would not have had that opportunity."

The second day of camp the girls were evaluated on a performance including a cheer and chant of their choice. The team was awarded a superior ribbon, which led to a bid for Nationals.

Four of the Itasca Cheerleaders were nominated for the All-American Squad. Eva Mayberry, Lindsey Laird, Nicole Kelly and Valerie Farquhar were nominated as outstanding cheerleaders and after tryouts, Valerie Farquhar was named to the All-American Cheerleader Team.

"After trying out the two previous years for All-American," Valerie said, "I finally made it the third year. Three is now my lucky number. I was nervous having to try-out individually, but it all worked out for the best. I now have the opportunity to go to Honolulu over the Thanksgiving break to perform in the half-time show in the Hula Bowl or to go to Miami to perform in a pre-game show for the Orange Bowl. I'm really excited, but it's going to be lots of hard-work, with all the fund raisers and the practices that are to come."

Chief Honored by City Griscavage "Most Reliable"



Reliable is one of the many words that one can use to describe Police Chief John Griscavage. One could also use consistence, dependable, trustworthy and faithful. He does his uniform proud and sees his job as more than a paycheck.

Mayor Matt Fehnel presented Chief Griscavage the "Most Reliable Employee" award at the June council meeting. Fehnel and City Administrator Gropp commended Griscavage on his dedication to the citizens of Itasca.

Griscavage has received numerous awards for his outstanding service to Itasca over the past several years.

Make A Dream A Reality!

Public Service Announcement

Families and individuals are needed IMMEDIATELY to host a special young ambassador from around the world. Student profiles arrive in August 2007, for the next academic year.

All students are between the ages of 15 and 17, speak English, and come with medical insurance. P.I.E. provides LOCAL SUPPORT for our host families.

Call Today To View Available Student Profiles
Dawna 800-637-0217 or 817-558-2337

Email: dawna@azmail.net

Pacific Intercultural Exchange is a non-profit 501 (3) c Educational organization that matches local volunteer families with young ambassadors from around the world. These young people are coming to America in order to experience what it is like to live in a democratic society.

P.I.E. is an accredited program with the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel, and is an approved Department of State placement organization

2007 Chamber Barbeque Cook-off Winners



Top row (left to right) Itasca's Jessie Dominguez won the Hospitality & Friendliest cook site award. Itasca Mayor and Mrs. Matt Fehnel won the most unusual team name with the Fightin' Okras. The "kindergarten Smoker" built by the grandfather of Treston Esparza of Penelope won the most unusual cooker award. Brisket - Top Row (l to r) 3rd Ronnie Wade, 2nd Joni Schug, 1st Danny Christian. Back row (l to r) 5th Darrell Carothers, 4th Mrs. Chupp (not pictured) 6th Angie Pruett, 7th Jeff Shrivvers, 8th Donnie Glatter, 9th Randy De Vries & 10th Ivan LeLux.

Second row (left to right) – Ribs - Front Row (l to r) 3rd Joni Schug, 2nd Cody Dragoo, 1st Darrell Carothers. Back row (l to r) 5th Steve Peacock, 4th Gene Pruett (not pictured) 6th Randy De Vries, 7th Dave Calvery, 8th Ronnie Wade, 9th Ivan LeLux & 10th Eddie Cross. Chicken - Front Row (l to r) 3rd Jack Huff, 4th Dave Calvery, 5th Donnie Glatter. Back row (l to r) 2nd Jeff Shivers, 1st Jeff Wyatt (not pictured) 6th Dick Spier, 7th Gene Pruett, 8th Steve Chupp, 9th Eddie Cross & 10th Bill Player. Beans – Left to right – 3rd Jack Huff, 2nd Steve Chupp and 1st Ronnie Wade (not pictured) 4th Jeff Shrivvers, 5th Cody Dragoo, 6th Joe Jaska, 7th Dick Spier, 8th Gary Cole, 9th Alex Carlson & 10th Joni Schug.



Itasca 12 & Under Softball Team Takes 1st in Hillsboro

Reporter Ashley Durham



This softball season has been the best for the Itasca Yellow Gold. Head coach Donnie Faries and the twelve girls, Courtney Conway, Rebecca Durham, Celeste Rodriguez, Ashley Spain, Destiney Brooks, Chelsae Faries, Susie Rodriguez, Amber Shelby, Necie Simms, Cassidy Mangum, Megan Spain, and Amanda Anderson, never expected to advance to the district tournament.

This is the team's first time to play in the Texas Teenage, 12 & under division, in Hillsboro. The last thing the girls expected was to receive first place in their division. The first place title did not come easy, the girls practiced hard.

The Whitney Lady Cats and Itasca Yellow Gold tied for first, but Itasca came out on top after a play-off win of 13-12 in the tie breaking game at Whitney.

If Itasca receives first or second in the district tournament, then they advance to state in Rockdell.

The Itasca Yellow Gold had an outstanding record of 8 wins and 2 losses.

2007 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

Middle School Sports Awards



Football – Dontrell Thompson, Coach Craig Horn and B.J. Jackson

Perseverance Award



Joaquin Reyes, Coach Craig Horn, Phillip Thomas, Coach Tonye Davis and Nancy Reyes.

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.

For Rent

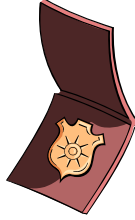
House in Itasca – 2 bedrooms, 1 bath

Window air conditioners, refrigerator, range & washing machine furnished

\$200 deposit - \$500 per month rent - 254-687-2709

From the Chief's Desk

"If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is". I don't know how many times I was reminded of that phrase when I was growing up. Recently several citizens have come to the police department asking questions about offers that they had received in the mail.



The citizen receives a check in the mail for several thousand dollars. Along with the check is a letter telling the citizen that they have won a lottery, sweepstakes or a contest. The letter tells the citizen to cash the check and send part of the money to an address listed on the letter. The money you send back to the company is supposed to cover taxes and other expenses. This brings up a valid question:

"Why do you have to pay to get your prize?" There usually, but not always, is a return address and postmark on the envelope. The ones that we have seen in Itasca are from Ontario, Canada and London, England. Several citizens have brought the checks to their banking institutions and were told that the checks are no good. On one occasion, a check slipped through that cracks and was cashed. The check was eventually returned and guess what; the citizen was out her prize money, plus the amount that she sent to the company, and the usual handling fees the bank charged.

Now, I'm not saying that all contests and sweepstakes are fraudulent. However, in this time of identity theft and fraud, you can't be too careful. If you have any questions, feel free to come to the police department and speak with one of the officers.

May

Police Activity Report

Arrests

- 5 Felony
- 3 Misdemeanor
- 1 Juvenile

Cases Files

- 5 District Attorney
- 3 County Attorney
- 1 Juvenile Court

Total Calls for Service 124

Traffic Citations

235-Moving 93-Non-Moving 64-Warnings

Class "C" Citations

- 1 - Public Intoxication
- 2 - Assault
- 6 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- 8 - Open Container

3 family garage sale

Friday, July 6 - 9a.m. - 3p.m.

602 Williams, Grandview

Will have children's clothes, shoes, toys, baby items, adult clothes & miscellaneous items.



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 – 6th Grade



FOR SALE

Farm Style Dining Set
Tile Top Table with Six Chairs
Excellent Condition

Like New - \$225 254-687-2271 or 254-687-9903

Women's Clothes for Sale: An assortment of casual and business clothes (jeans/pants, shorts, shirts, blouses, dresses) (sizes vary from size 10-14) and some shoes (size 8). Come by -take a look! Call 687-2271 or 9903

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

Trade For Down Payment

9 1/2 acres, Itasca, TX: \$20K down, Balance Financed @\$404/month by owner. Mobile ready including 22' x 22' garage & stock tank. Trade down payment for Motor Home, RV, 4-Wheeler, house, etc 817-714-6410.

Lawn mowing, weed eating, trim hedges. Will mow vacant lots and trim trees. Contact Joe Rios 204 N. Aquilla St. Itasca 254-687-2084

1st Youth Barbeque Cook-off

Twenty-two youngsters between the ages of 6 and 13 registered to participate in the 1st Chamber of Commerce Youth Barbeque Cook-off.

The cookers were divided in two divisions – 6 - 9 years old and 10 – 13 years old. The Chamber provided the pork chop and each entry received a special cook-off t-shirt.

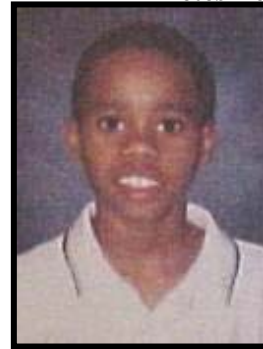
Participating in the 6-9 years old division (pictured right) in order that their pork chop placed were 1st-Raenah Cross, 2nd-Eddie Cross, 3rd-Treston Esparza, 4th-Haley Rodriguez, 5th-Truston Burger, 6th-Layton English, 7th-Chandle Sargent, 8th-Daniel Montes, 9th-Alan Freeman and 10th-Brazos Overton.

Participating in the 10-12 years old division in order that their pork chop placed were (bottom right) 1st-Kendra Shelby, 2nd-Jonathan Hobbs, 3rd-Susie Rodriguez, 4th-Stetson Overton, 5th-Shannon Rodriguez, 6th-Tristen Prescott, 7th-Mark Stone, 8th-Nick Castillo, 9th-Elizabeth Speicher, 10th-(3 tied)-Brittany Reid, Peyton Cordell and Rachel Freeman.

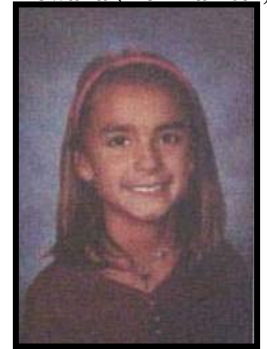


Top Elementary AR Readers - 2006-2007

Photos from Mowana (Don Painter)



William Gunn
328.5 Points



Reagan Rugh
254.9 Points

Granny Snave's E-Mails

Granny Snave

“Some more interesting e-mail this week. It said it originally came from a nurse. It was about not using bleach, but peroxide instead. I wonder if some of those folks think I need to do some cleaning. Well, guess what, It Ain't Gonna Happen!”

Peroxide vs. Bleach

Following is the benefits of that plain little ole bottle of 3% peroxide you can get for under \$1.00 at any drug store. According to the e-mail, a doctor who had been in the medical field for over 36 years also prescribes to these ideas. Have you ever smelled bleach in a doctor's office? NO!!! Why? Because it smells, and it is not healthy! (Let us know – (Yes or No) if the ideas are good.

- ***1. Take one capful (the little white cap that comes with the bottle) and hold in your mouth for 10 minutes daily, then spit it out. No more canker sores and your teeth will be whiter without expensive pastes. Use it instead of mouthwash. (Do not swallow)
- ***2. Let your toothbrushes soak in a cup of peroxide to keep them free of germs.
- ***3. Clean your counters and tabletops with peroxide to kill germs and leave a fresh smell. Simply put a little on your dishrag when you wipe, or spray it on the counters.
- ***4. After rinsing off your wooden cutting board, pour peroxide on it to kill salmonella and other bacteria.

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Increases in Fiscal Year 2008 House Military Construction, Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, Includes \$6.7 Billion Increase for VA, \$8.2 Billion Increase for Military Construction Over 2007

Press Release

U.S. Representative Chet Edwards, Chairman of the House Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee marked a bill that included a \$6.7 billion increase in the Department of Veterans Affairs budget and \$8.2 billion increase in military construction over 2007 levels.

"This bill sends a clear message to America's servicemen and women, their families and our veterans that a grateful nation deeply respects their service and sacrifice. It says to all who have served that just as you have kept your promises to country, we intend to keep our promises to you. We keep our promises to veterans by providing the largest increase in funding for veterans health care in the VA's 77-year history. In addition, we seek to reduce the 177-day average wait for veterans to receive their earned benefits by more than doubling the number of benefits personnel the VA hires this year. We also keep our promises by providing an \$8.2 billion increase over fiscal 2007 for military construction, family housing and BRAC. We fully fund the President's request for BRAC and add \$207 million to his military construction request, which will allow us to improve training and quality of life facilities for active duty troops and Members of the Guard and Reserves. This bill respects the sacrifice of our servicemen and women, veterans and their families by providing \$109.2 billion total, \$4 billion more than requested by the Administration and \$18 billion above fiscal year 2007 levels."

Veterans Affairs:

****Increases the VA budget by \$6.7 billion above the FY07 level, the largest single increase in the 77-year history of the Veterans Administration and \$3.8 billion above the President's request for FY08.**

****VA medical accounts' budget exceeds Independent Budget prepared by veterans' organizations by \$294 million.**

****Significantly reduces the 400,000 claims backlog by adding over 1000 new claims processors.**

****Increases funding to address the VA's repair and maintenance needs to prevent a Walter Reed type scandal from occurring in the VA system.**

Military Construction:

****The bill provides an unprecedented \$21.4 billion for military construction, family housing and BRAC. This is an increase of \$207 million over the President's request and \$8.2 billion over FY07, which means better barracks, housing and training facilities when troops return from combat.**

****Fully funds the 2005 base realignment and closure process (BRAC) at \$8.2 billion. Supports the relocation of 70,000 troops from bases in Korea and Europe.**

****Provides funds to grow our military forces and begins the process of adding 65,000 Army, 27,000 Marine, and 9,000 National Guard and Reserve troops.**

The bill will next be passed by the full House Appropriations Committee and then the full House.

Granny Snave

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*****5. I had fungus on my feet for years until I sprayed a 50/50 mixture of peroxide and water on them (especially the toes) every night and let dry.**

*****6. Soak any infections or cuts in 3% peroxide for five to ten minutes several times a day. My husband has seen gangrene that would not heal with any medicine but was healed by soaking in peroxide.**

*****7. Fill a spray bottle with a 50/50 mixture of peroxide and water and keep it in every bathroom to disinfect without harming your septic system like bleach or most other disinfectants will.**

*****8. Tilt your head back and spray into nostrils with your 50/50 mixture whenever you have a cold, plugged sinus. It will bubble and help to kill the bacteria. Hold for a few minutes, and then blow your nose into a tissue.**

*****9. If you have a terrible toothache and cannot get to a dentist right away, put a capful of 3% peroxide into your mouth and hold it for ten minutes several times a day. The pain will lessen greatly.**

*****10. If you like a natural look to your hair, spray the 50/50 solution on your wet hair after a shower and comb it through. You will not have the peroxide-burnt blonde hair like the hair dye packages but more natural highlights if your hair is a light brown, reddish, or dirty blonde. It also lightens gradually, so it is not a drastic change.**

*****12. You can also add a cup of peroxide instead of bleach to a load of whites in your laundry to whiten them. If there is blood on clothing, pour it directly on the soiled spot. Let it sit for a minute, then rub it and rinse with cold water. Repeat if necessary.**

*****13. I use peroxide to clean my mirrors. There is no smearing, which is why I love it so much for this.**

“The Letter”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



While going through some old papers recently I came across a letter from several years ago. It was from a cousin I had not seen in years. I prefer not to reveal his identity and you might understand why when you read this, it goes as follows;

Dear Cousin: You probably will not remember me because the last time we seen each other was back when we lived in the country. We were barefooted and in blue bib overalls, I don't know about you, but I still wear them.

You remember my youngest brother; we called him “Mookie,” we started out to be carpenters. He still does it, but it seems I ended up a “Jack of all trades.” I do landscape work when I want to, and concrete work when I have to. I hunt squirrels and fish mostly. I never married; guess the girls didn't cotton to me, except the two widers (widows). The skinny wider is my neighbor and must have decided I was a good catch after I fixed her garden fence. She thinks I did it for her, but the chickens were eating up stuff she was cooking for me. I call her the skinny wider because there is a fat wider I know. That is how I tell which is which to other people. The fat wider comes from over at Bee Creek. She takes the Paw Print Press to keep up with the goings on in general and her daughter in particular who married a boy from Itasca. So that is how I found out you and your family was in Itasca. I come through there last month on my way to see my nephew's new baby boy that was named after me.

At first I didn't know whether it was a boy or a girl. I didn't know whether I was an aunt or an uncle. When I come through town a feller told me where you lived. He said you wasn't home, that you had gone deer hunting. While looking around your place I seen one of them bug zappers in your back yard. Looked like it was working good. I got to thinking about it when I left and it bothered me some and it seems to me you might want to think about it yourself.

First off a bug zapper can't tell the difference between a good bug and a bad bug. It kills the little Ladybugs along with the skeeters. Now that don't seem fair to me even if being caught in bad company is thought by some to be reason enough to be judged same as them. Then too, the bug is getting the death penalty for being out at nite. He might have had business to be out at nite, like when you came home from the nite shift, or you might have to go to Wal-Mart because your wife was out of Redman. Maybe it's important and maybe it ain't, but the older I get the more that stuff bothers me. Those that have a zapper might not think twice before sending me to the chair.

Well, I have quit meddling and gone to preaching so will leave it at that. As I was saying when I got off on a tangent, I went to see my new great nephew, who lives down on the Navasota River. After we seen our kinfolk, we decided to go on down to the coast since we had never been there. We come to the town of College Station; them boys were building a tall structure. They said it was going to be a bonfire. Seemed to me it was getting awful tall. A man I talked to there who was also watching told me the students there are all commonly lumped together and called “Aggies.” In my opinion he was wrong when he said they had a reputation of not being mental giants, whatever that means. He said some of them might be lagging behind Ross Perot's guidelines to be enrolled.

On the way back from the coast we visited another cousin over in Goat Neck. They said it rained twice last week, once for three days and once for four days. They said it was so windy that day a hen laid the same egg four times. Seems they are having a hard time over on the Brazos. They got a letter from the undertakers saying that if they didn't pay the last payment on grandma's funeral, up she comes. Cousin Zeke over at the other side of Bosque County has a good job. Now he has five hundred people under him, he is caretaker at a cemetery.

Well cuz, I am sorry I missed you when I come though town that day. It has been so many years since we have seen each other. I was truly disappointed. In the meantime maybe you can come to see me now that you know where I am. We could do a little catfish noodle-ing.

Your Cousin, Junior T.

May IVFD Activity Report

Fire Call	City	County
Assist EMS		1
Motor Vehicle Accident		5
Other	2 (tree/weather)	1(traffic)
Total	2	7
Total Calls YTD	43	Members - 19
Total Man Hours	122 hrs. 00 mins.	Miles 102
6 a.m. - 6 p.m. - 6	6 p.m. - 6 a.m. - 3	

Wampus Cat Youth Football Camp July 24-26

6:00-8:00 p.m. All Grades K – 9th

\$5.00 per camper \$15 w/Camp T-shirt

Age appropriate instruction includes basic fundamentals, identifying offenses and defenses, nutrition, strength training, agility and conditioning.

Registration Tuesday, July 24 5:00-5:30 p.m.

To pre-register or for additional information contact
Coach Craig Horn 254-687-2922 ext 160

Paw Print Press
123 N. College
Itasca, Texas 76055

Scholarships

Marine Corp Awards



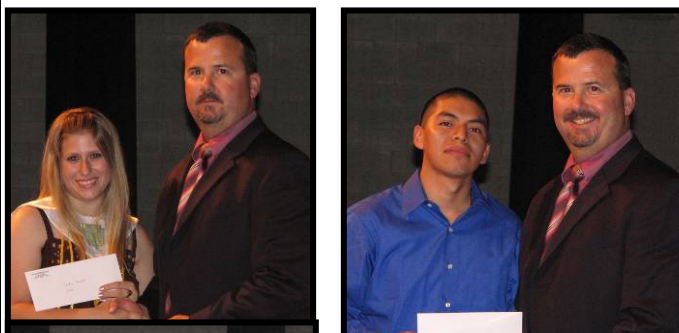
SSgt William F. Domangue presented Kendale Mayberry and Rachel Anderson the Marine Distinguished Athletes Award.

Candice Kowalski earned the Marine Corp Scholastic Excellence Award.

Domangue presented Amanda Upchurch the Semper Fidelis Marine Corp Award for her perseverance.



Wilson Memorial Scholarships



in the fall. Megan George whose plans are to attend Hill in the fall received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Cecil Calvert Wilson Memorial.

IHS Principal presented \$4,650 in Wilson Memorial Scholarships. Candice Kowalski received \$2,650 from the Emery & Cora Wilson Memorial Scholarship. Gilberto Librado also received an Emery & Cora Wilson Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000. Gilberto plans to attend TSTC