

# Paw Print Press

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## Wrecker Service Welcomed to Itasca Community



Several community organizations were on hand to welcome Rusty's Wrecker Service to Itasca with a ribbon cutting. The business is located at 700 S. Hill Street. Ann Speights (1<sup>st</sup> row 3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Russell (Rusty) Shelby (front row 4<sup>th</sup> from left) own the towing service.

The business specializes in damage free towing. Other services they provide are unlocking doors, ditch pulls, moving small buildings and equipment, tire changes, battery jumped and gas. Rusty's offers a senior citizen discount. He is available 24 hours a day at 254-687-2993.

## Swilley Receives \$1000 Lloyd Ford/FFA Scholarship

Press Release



Ashley Swilley, a 2007 graduate of Itasca High School, has been awarded a \$1000 scholarship by Lloyd Ford and Ford Motor Company. Swilley is the daughter of Jack and Brenda Swilley and plans to study agricultural related law at Texas Tech University. Mrs. Marquita Lloyd presented the scholarship.

The Scholarship is one of 645 awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company and the Ford dealers to FFA members

who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2007. Continued on page 3.

## PPP Editor Attends Girls State

Reporter Mary Maddox Information from Girls State website



Jessica Grindele, next years Paw Print Press editor, was chosen to attend the 2007 Bluebonnet Girls State session in June at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas. The program lasted for one week and each day was packed with hands-on activities.

She participated in mock elections, mock trials, government seminars and leadership workshops. Jessica ran for three offices during the week and was appointed Historical Commissioner by the Governor.

The purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State is to educate young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. Its purpose is to awaken within the youth of our nation a sincere conviction that a well-informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is most vitally needed to protect and preserve our American institutions and our American democracy. Continued on page 3.

## Classes of 7's & 2's

Began making plans for Homecoming 2007. If you or your class would like a brick engraved and laid before Homecoming 2007 (September 21) you must get in touch with Kelly Tinklenberg or Matt Fehnel (254-687-2331) and order and pay before August 1. \* The Paw Print Press would like to get in touch with anyone from the football team of 1937 (254-687-2108).

## 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

"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, August 20, 2007      6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

August 13, 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

### Nursery Worker Needed

The First Presbyterian Church of Itasca is seeking someone 18 years or older to work in our nursery. A background check is required. CPR and 1st Aid training preferred. Hours are from 9:45am until 12:15pm each Sunday and occasional special services.

Go by the church Tuesdays or Thursdays for an application.

### OOPS! – Important Information

Jessica Zint was commended in all areas of TAKS for 6th grade. Her name was accidentally omitted from the list.

Taylor Patton was commended for reading in 7th grade and was accidentally omitted from the list.

### Lady Wampus Cat Basketball

Open Gym Mondays & Thursdays 10 a.m. to Noon  
You don't just wake up one morning and become a Champion it takes hours of practice!

If It's Meant To Be!

SAME NAME/NEW GAME

### For Sale

\*\*2-wheel Lawn Mower trailer. Will hold two riding mowers. Has folding tailgate - \$125.00

\*\*New Weed Eater - \$65.00

Harry Ellis - 105 Beard - Itasca - 254-687-2345

### Help Name the Park on the Corner

The City and the Economic Development Committee are asking citizens to submit suggestions for a name for the new park located on the east corner of Main and Hill Sts. Place your suggestions in the box located in City Hall or see Sue Comer in the water department window.

## Work Continues on Parks



Despite the rain, work continued on the downtown parks. During the second week of July, numerous trees were planted in both park areas. The trees are mature and required a large crane to set them in place.

The trenches have been prepared for the sprinkler systems and holes are ready for flagpoles that will be placed behind the Veterans' Memorial.



Photo by  
Grover Kemp

## Grindele Attends Girls State

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It is a mythical 51st State where, for a week, the citizens of Girls State organize their own city, county, and state governments. They choose their own officials in accordance with regular election procedures. They learn the duties of the various city, county and state offices. They introduce and debate their own bills in a legislature. Their own law enforcement agencies and courts administer Justice. In Girls State, the young citizens "learn by doing."

A visit to the State Capitol was included in the program. It offered the girls an opportunity to assemble in the halls of our legislative bodies and meet state officials.

During past sessions of Girls State, citizens have been privileged to hear many outstanding speakers including then Governor George W. Bush, former Presidents George Bush and Lyndon Baines Johnson, First Lady Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson and Miss Barbara Jordan. Former Girls State citizens Gov. Ann W. Richards, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Judge Bea Ann Smith and others have also returned to the program as guest speakers. This session Strayhorn talked about her experience at Girls State and her career in Texas politics.

"This was a great opportunity for Jessica," Mrs. Petrash said. "I'm so proud she was chosen to represent Itasca and Hill County."

## Ford/FFA Scholarship

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The Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their past and future academic achievements. It recently celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> full year. The scholarships are funded by Built Ford Tough and Ford Motor Company Fund as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Lloyd Ford is a proud supporter of the FFA and Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program.

For 58 years Ford has supported FFA, and for more than 50 years, people all over America have been putting Built Ford Tough Trucks to work. Ford has increased the scholarship fund each year since its inception. The company feels that education aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

FFA is a national youth organization of over 490,000 student members in 7,242 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. It strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



## Josh Huff Farrier Service

Trimming - \$20

Reset - \$40

Shoes - \$75

Graduate of Texas Horseshoeing School  
Specializing in Correctives

254-640-0299



## Edwards Votes to Improve College Student Financial Assistance Texas Students to Save \$4,550 in Loan Repayment Costs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards voted to approve H.R. 2669, the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007, which would make the single largest investment in college financial aid since the 1944 GI Bill. The legislation, which the House passed by a vote of 273 to 149, would boost college financial aid by about \$18 billion over the next five years.

"Keeping the doors of our colleges and universities open to bright, hard-working students is not only important for their future, it is critical for the future of our nation," said Edwards. "If America is going to compete in the global economy, we must knock down the financial barriers that are making it harder for qualified students to pursue a higher education. This legislation will help millions of students and families pay for college - and do so at no new cost to U.S. taxpayers."

The legislation would cut interest rates from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent on need-based student loans over the next 5 years, reducing the cost of those loans for millions of student borrowers. Once fully phased-in, this would save the typical student borrower - with \$13,800 in need-based student loan debt - \$4,550 over the life of the loan, on average, for Texas students. The maximum value of the Pell Grant scholarship would also increase by \$500 over the next five years, benefiting about 6 million students.

According to the Congressional Research Service, the amount that Texas students would receive under the bill from cutting interest rates on need-based student loans and boosting the Pell Grant scholarship totals \$984 million over 5 years.

As part of the new pay-as-you-go budget rules passed in the Congress this year, the legislation pays for itself by reducing excessive federal subsidies paid to lenders in the college loan industry by nearly \$19 billion resulting in \$750 million in federal budget deficit reduction.

"More than ever, the health of our economy depends on having a highly-skilled and well-educated workforce. Keeping a college education affordable is the key to strengthening the American economy and protecting our standard of living," Edwards said. "Hard-working families are already facing fast rising costs for tuition, college textbooks, health care and home utility bills. Last year's Congress, over my objections, made higher education less affordable by cutting \$12 billion out of college student financial assistance. I am grateful the new Congress has reversed those ill-advised cuts and has chosen to invest wisely in our students and our nation's future," said Edwards. The legislation would also prevent student borrowers from facing unmanageable levels of federal student debt by guaranteeing that borrowers will never have to spend more than 15 percent of their yearly income on loan repayments and by allowing borrowers in economic hardship to have their loans forgiven after 20 years.

A broad coalition of organizations supports the College Cost Reduction Act including the American Association of Community Colleges and National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities among many others.

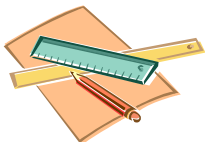
Edwards is member of the House Budget and Appropriations Committees.

### Citizen State Bank Collecting School Supply

The employees of Citizens State Bank in Itasca are always ready to be a part of everything happening in Itasca. They are currently collecting school supplies to assist needy students. The donated items will be given to the schools to assist children unable to buy the recommended supplies.

Since many of the department stores are already running their school sales, we have included the elementary supply list on page 6 of this issue.

For more information, you may contact Patsy Bishop at Citizens State Bank at 254-687-2305.



### Chamber Thanks Desktop Classes for Posters, Advertising



Each year the IHS Desktop Publishing classes assist the community by creating posters advertising and announcing events. With these colorful posters, the community is reminded of holiday events, citywide clean-ups, annual bull riding and the annual barbecue cook-off.

Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Paul Reece presented a check of appreciation to desktop class members Luis Martinez-Rico and Sonia Sanchez. All donations to the class are given out in scholarships.

### From the Chief's Desk

"Aw 'c'mon officer...my car can make it". You don't know how many times that we heard that saying when we had to close off parts of East Main Street due to flooding. Before we could get the barricades up, several motorists tried to go through the water and unfortunately, they didn't make it. Some motor compartments were completely covered with water. Good Samaritans were able to push the vehicles out of the water, but I'm sure the vehicle owners paid dearly to get their vehicles repaired. When the street is blocked off, don't argue with the officers or with personnel from the fire department. Just back up and take another route to your destination.



As of July 4, eleven people were dead and three were missing due to the flooding in Texas. We don't put the barricades up to harass or annoy the public. It's for your safety. Trust me, the police officers and fire department personnel have better things to do than stand out in the middle of a severe thunderstorm making sure that motorists don't go around the barricade. The offense for driving around a barricade that has been placed because water is over any portion of a road, street or highway is a Class "B" misdemeanor. Which mean you can be arrested and taken to jail. The following four words sums it up: **TURN AROUND...DON'T DROWN**".

### FOR SALE



**Farm Style Dining Set -  
Tile Top Table with Six  
Chairs  
Excellent Condition  
Like New - \$225  
254-687-2271 - 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

### 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.

Joe Rios 204 N. Aquilla St. 254-687-2084

### The Beauty Den

127 E. Elm St. - Hillsboro  
**Haircut & Perm Special - \$40**  
Full family services - haircuts, perms, color

Faith Ann Sorensen  
Tuesday - Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Call for an appointment today!  
254-582-2243 or 254-205-0455

# 2007-2008 - Itasca Elementary School Supply List

## Pre-kindergarten

1 Box Tissues                      1 Box of 8—Crayons  
 1 Box of 8 Classic Washable Markers  
 1 6-Pack of Jumbo Glue Sticks 1 Box Wet Wipes  
 1 Box Gallon Size Storage/Sealable Bags (Girls)  
 1 Box Quart Size Storage/Sealable Bags (Boys)  
 \*A Mat for Napping (Plastic) w/name  
 \*A Small blanket for Napping (Optional) w/name  
 A Complete Change of Clothing

No Backpacks on Wheels

## Kindergarten

Crayons-2 Boxes of 24 ct. (Regular Colors --NO  
 Flourescents/Pastels  
 6 Glue Sticks                      Scissors-Blunt Tip  
 Tissue - 2 Large Boxes  
 1 Pack Construction Paper-9" x 12"-Assorted Colors  
 1 Pack Construction Paper-9" x 12"-Manila  
 2 Packs Pencils - #2 Lead - 12 in Pack  
 Large Back Pack                      1 Crayon/Pencil Box  
 2 Boxes Colored Pencils (Basic Colors)  
 1 box Gallon & 1 box Quart Size Freezer Bags  
 3 Plastic Folders with Brads (Any Color)  
 2 Boxes Markers (Basic Colors)  
 \$4.75 for Scholastics' "Let's Find Out" Magazine

No Backpacks on Wheels

## 1st Grade

1 Wide-Ruled Spiral Notebook - 70 Count  
 8 Glue Sticks                      24 Pencils - #2 Lead  
 1 Bottle White Glue - NOT PASTE  
 2 Boxes Crayons - (48 in box) Scissors  
 Box for Supplies - Cigar Box Size  
 8 Pocket File Folders w/brads (Green, Red, Yellow)  
 4 Erasers                      2 Boxes Washable Felt Tip Markers  
 Tissue - 1 Large Box                      2 Boxes Quart Baggies  
 2 Packs of Color Pencils                      Antibacterial Wipes  
 Gel Hand Sanitizer (Small)

Put Name on All Supplies  
 No Backpacks on Wheels

## 2nd Grade

Scissors - Sharp Pointed                      2 Large Erasers  
 1 Box Crayons - 12 or more in box  
 6 Glue Sticks                      24 Pencils - #2 Lead  
 Large Supply Box                      1 Small Bottle Liquid Glue  
 2 Boxes Tissues                      2 Highlighters  
 1 Small Pencil Sharpener                      Markers-Primary Colors  
 Girls - 1 Pack White Or Brown Paper Lunch Bags  
 Boys - 1 Pack White Paper Plates-NO Styrofoam  
 \$5.00-Composition Book/Folders (teacher will buy)  
 1 Box Map Pencils-12 or more  
 1 Box Freezer Bags (Girls-Quart) & (Boys-Gallon)

Put Name on All Supplies  
 No Backpacks on Wheels

## 3rd Grade

2 Spiral Notebooks-At Least 120 Pages Each  
 Notebook Paper - Wide Rule                      Glue - 8 Oz. Size  
 10 Pocket Folders With Brads -(2 Of Each Color) Red,  
 Blue, Green, Purple, Yellow  
 12 Pencils - #2 Lead (Replaced As Needed)  
 12" Ruler - Centimeters & Inches-Wood Preferred  
 Crayons - 16 Or 24                      Markers - Thin-Basic Colors  
 Scissors - POINTED END                      2 Boxes Tissues  
 Colored Map Pencils                      Highlighter Yellow or Orange  
 1 Pack 12" X 18" Loose Manila Paper  
 \$4.25 Weekly Reader

Optional: Supply Box & 3 Large Cloth Book Covers  
 No Trapper Keepers or 3 Ring Binders  
 Do Not Put Name On Supplies

No Backpacks on Wheels

## 4th Grade

2 Yellow Highlighters                      Crayons—24 Pk.  
 5 different color folders w/brads & pockets  
 10 Red Pens-Cheap Ones With 10 In A Pack  
 1 Wide rule Notebook Paper                      1 Box Tissues  
 10 Pencils - #2 Lead (NO Mechanical Pencils)  
 Classic Markers—1 Pack Thin                      Sturdy Pencil Bag  
 1 Large Pink Eraser                      \$4.25 For Newspaper  
 3 Spiral Notebooks - One Subject Section (70 Page)  
 4 Cloth Book Covers (Optional)

No Notebooks, Trapper Keepers, Pencil Sharpeners  
 No Backpacks on Wheels

## Granny Snave's E-Mails

Granny Snave

“Some more interesting e-mail this week. This time the thoughts are credited to a lovely young man by the name of George Carlin. I hear he is a great and funny comedian, but from the thoughts in this e-mail, I would say he is very insightful and smart.”

### How to Stay Young

**\*\*Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him or her.**

**\*\*Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.**

**\*\*Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. “An idle mind is the devil’s workshop.” And the devil’s name is Alzheimer’s.**

**\*\*Enjoy the simple things.**

**\*\*Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you grasp for breath.**

**\*\*The tears happen. Endure grief and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.**

**\*\*Surround yourself with what you love, whether it is family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. . . Your home is your refuge.**

**\*\*Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.**

**\*\*Don’t take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is**

**\*\*Tell the people you love, that you love them, at every opportunity.**

**\*\*AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take our breath away.**

### 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.

## Hill County Genealogical Society August Meeting

News Release

DNA and its relationship to genealogy will be the subject when Dr. Wesley C. Marshall speaks to The Hill County Genealogical Society on Monday, August 6, 2007. The meeting will be at the Hill County Courthouse Annex Meeting Room, 126 Covington Street, in Hillsboro, at 6:30 P.M.

Dr. Marshall has joined the Hill Regional Hospital staff. He is associated with the Family Diagnostic Medical Center as a family practitioner and obstetrician.

Visitors are always welcome. Please join HCGS for this interesting program.

### Wampus Cat Youth Football Camp

July 24-26 6:00-8:00 p.m.

All Grades K – 9th \$5.00 per camper

\$15 with 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

### 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

### 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.

## Parent's Corner from Safekids.org

### Children & Water

It only takes a few seconds for a child to drown or suffer irreversible, permanent damage from a near drowning. A toilet, bucket, hot tub, bathtub, aquarium or any other container of water can increase the risk for drowning. Drowning is the leading cause for unintentional injury deaths of children age 4 and younger. In children 14 and younger, drowning is second leading cause for unintentional injury fatalities.

#### INSIDE THE HOUSE:

Never leave small children alone around any container of water. This includes toilets, tubs, wading pools, spas, aquariums and buckets.

Keep bathroom doors closed and secure toilet lids with lid locks. Safeguard bathtubs and sinks used for bathing by using faucet covers and nonskid mats or decals. Before bathing children, gather the soap, shampoo, toys, towel, diaper, clothing and any other needed items before running the bath water. Place these items within easy reach. After running bath water, check the water temperature before placing the child in the bath water.

Once your child is in the bath, don't leave for any reason. Children can drown in just a small amount of water. They can easily topple into the tub or toilet. It only takes a few seconds for a drowning to happen. If you must leave the room for the telephone or door, take the child with you after taking the child out of the water and wrapping him in a towel.

To avoid falls and slipping under the water, always keep one hand firmly around the child when bathing him and keep the child sitting.

Ensure pet doors are inaccessible to young children. Young children like to crawl through the door to gain access to the outside.

#### OUTSIDE THE HOUSE:

Never leave children alone with water including a pool wading pool, pond drainage ditch, or lake. Stay with children swimming or playing in water. They need an adult or certified lifeguard to keep a constant watch. Use approved life jackets. Arrange for swimming lessons for your children with a qualified instructor.

Safeguard swimming pools. Use fences. Install self-closing and latching gates, and water surface alarms. Remove pool covers when the pool is in use. Make sure proper safety equipment is located near the pool.

Store water toys away from the pool when they are not in use. Encourage safe practices. Don't assume young children will use good judgment and caution around water. Be prepared for emergencies. Have a first-aid kit and emergency medical telephone contacts. Learn CPR. Know if your child's friends have home pools.

### Heat & Cars: Look Before You Leave

It's hard to imagine having to warn parents or caregivers about leaving children alone in cars, especially during the heat of the summer. But many caring and responsible people can forget the silent or sleeping child in the backseat. Others do not realize the risks involved in the backseat. Others do not realize the risks involved in leaving their children in the car and what begins as a quick errand can turn to tragedy in a matter of minutes.

If children are trapped inside cars, especially during seriously hot weather, it can result in heat exhaustion or heat stroke, also known as hyperthermia, can cause shock, seizures, irregular heartbeat, heart attack and damage to the brain, liver and kidneys.

#### How Long Does It Take For A Car To Get Hot?

Outside Temp.	Temp. in Car	Time it takes to Reach
75	100	10 min
75	120	30 min
85	90	5 min
85	100	7-10 min
85	120	30 min
100	140	15 min

\*Compiled by TDFPS from various national sources

#### How to Prevent Tragedy

Never leave your car keys where children can get them. Keep car doors and trunks locked at all times, even in the garage or driveway. Teach children not to play in or around cars. Never leave your child unattended in a car, even if the windows are down and a windshield shade is in place or even just to run a quick errand.

Make sure all children leave the vehicle when you reach your destination. Don't overlook sleeping infants!

Make sure that the seat belt and seat surface are not too hot before buckling up your child. When you and your children exit the car, place a windshield shade in front and back windows to help cut down on the heat.

Make sure that kids' arms, legs, fingers and toes are safely inside before closing doors. Keep the rear fold-down seats closed to prevent kids from getting into the trunk from inside the car. Contact your auto dealership about getting your vehicle retrofitted with a trunk release mechanism. Be wary of child-resistant locks—make sure they function.

If your child is locked inside a car, get him or her out as soon as possible. If you can't get him or her out yourself, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

Information adapted from Kids In Cars ([www.kidsincars.org](http://www.kidsincars.org)) and National Safe Kids Campaign ([www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org))

Look Before You Leave - Cars are Not Babysitters



## Do You Remember . . . ? – “Itasca’s Domino Club”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



The Itasca Domino Club was started in the middle 1930s and continued until the 1990s when it finally disbanded. They called themselves, “The Bone Shufflers.” At first, they played with Ivory Dominoes; I guess they looked like bones, hence the name “bones” for the dominoes. Those ivory dominoes would be valuable today.



The club had few rules and those were; no betting, no drinking (except during Christmas, then a little “nog,” and no arguing. If one of the players was confrontational, he was soon out of the club. They obviously did not say anything about profanity; it seemed to be prevalent. The club was noted for its friendly banter and kidding. They used to laugh and say that “Bama” Williamson was an honorary member because he could only afford to pay half his dues. One day, Donald McDonald was taking their picture for the “item.” A.C. Price said, “Don’t take my picture, I am not supposed to be here, I am mowing the yard.”

For a long time they played on a table donated by Bob Whitfield. It was one he had in his “place” on Hemphill Street in Fort Worth. It is not known how many table tops they wore out during the years.

When the club was at its peak, they had three tables going and people waiting to play. When a couple got beat they had to get up for those who were waiting, if no one was waiting, they continued to play. At one time there were about fifty members. They paid a small fee for expenses. They said their club was the only one in Texas that could domino with double six still left.

It was refreshing, to see the levity and camaraderie among the members, such as accusing Willard Alverson of palming the double six when the dominoes were shuffled. They teased each other good naturedly and no one ever remembers when any of them had a serious disagreement or a fight, in all the years they played together.

Over the fifty or more years they played, of course many of them passed away. Once someone asked what their average age was. After some discussions, they settled on 70 years. Willard Alverson, told about when Earl Barron died. He was playing a hand and dominoed, he was laughing at Zeak Sweeney about something, and he just laid across the table and died, and just like that bunch, later they said Earl died with a smile on his face doing something he loved.

The club as far as is known only had one tournament in all their years. It was when they were playing in the old opera hall in the Hooks building that burned. It was up the stairs where Dr. Campbell and Ritchey practiced. Also the telephone exchange was in the upstairs. When the tournament concluded, Joe Martin Jr. and Carl Sweeney Sr. were the winners.

Over the years, the club played in many locations. I don’t remember where they played at the very first, but some of the places or buildings were: the water pump station, the old flower shop where Donna McMahan was, in the First National Bank building, Lum Nix Filling Station, upstairs over McPherson’s Hardware (that building also burned) and of course, the old opera house, upstairs over Richard Robert’s building, in the old Mobil Filling station where Jimmy’s is now (that was back when we saw the Flying Red Horse Logo), the truck stop and I think the last place before they disbanded was the Fire Station meeting room.

I think it was in the middle 1990’s when the club finally disbanded. So many of the members had died and were not being replaced. They had dwindled down to about 5 members, so they gave it up after over fifty years. They enjoyed many hours of friendly association.

There were many players that came and went over the years, and, of course, I cannot remember all of them, but I would like to list some of the men I do. Many of you will remember friends and relatives in the group.

Members: Willard Alverson, Howard Coffey, A.C. Price, David Baker, Clyde Copeland, Zeak Sweeney, Carl Sweeney, Ernest Whitfield, Sonny Jenkins, Salty Girault, Albert Sulak, Earl Barron, Bama-Cullen Williamson, Joe Martin Jr., John Teal, Fred Mitchell, Cecil Gibson, Sam Slay, J.K. Sellers, Harry Upchurch, Murray Coffey, Olen Nix, Forrest Powers, Danny Anderson, Ray Bigham, Babe McPherson, Fletcher Hamilton, and Porter Wiginton.

Itasca has had other clubs over the years that we will talk about in later columns.

If you would like to write Carl a letter or e-mail him you may send your letters to Carl’s address, 306 E. Monroe St., Itasca, TX 76055 or the Paw Print Press at 123 N. College St. Itasca, TX 76055. Carl does not have an e-mail address but if you send them to [bpetrash@itasca.k12.tx.us](mailto:bpetrash@itasca.k12.tx.us), we will be sure he gets the mail. He would love to hear from you. Especially about some of your remembrances of the earlier days in Itasca.

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**Hill County Retired  
 Teachers Association  
 Scholarships**



Victoria Jimenez Lopez and Justin Shelton each received a Hill County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship for \$500.

The scholarships are funded by various fundraisers and are presented to students who express an interest in becoming an educator.

Ms. Phyllis Olson presented the scholarships.

**IHS Ex-Students  
 Association Scholarship**



Ex-Students Association Secretary Kelly Tinklenberg presented Rita Garza with the 2007 \$1,000 Ex-Students Association Scholarship.

Each year at Homecoming, the ex-students raise money to add to the scholarship fund. They also sell clocks and other Wampus Cat memorabilia.

Rita will attend Hill College this fall and transfer to a 4-year college next year.

**Brenton Hughes  
 Scholarships**



Mrs. Kelly Tinklenberg presented Kendale Mayberry and Rachel Anderson with \$500 Brenton Hughes Memorial Scholarships. The scholarship was established in 2005 to honor past coach and principal Brenton Hughes.

Rachel will attend Southern Nazarene University and Kendale will go to North Texas State University in the fall.