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Carl Sweeney Jr. Honored for 50 Years of Dedicated Service

Reporter Mary Maddox



The National Weather Service presented Carl Sweeney Jr. with the "Edward H. Stoll" award for 50 years of dedicated service to the Nation, the National Weather Service and the Cooperative Observer Program. Presenting the award was Bill Bunting, Meteorologist in Charge of the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Fort Worth.

The first network of cooperative stations was set up as a result of an act of Congress in 1890 that established the Weather Bureau, but many coop stations began operation long before that time. John C. Holm's weather records, taken without the benefit of instruments in 1644 and 1645, were the earliest known observations in the United States. Subsequently many persons, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin, maintained weather records. Thomas Jefferson maintained an almost unbroken record of weather observations between 1776 and 1816, and George Washington took his last observation just a few days before he died.

Carl Sweeney Jr. was awarded the John C. Holm award in 1987 for his dedicated service. The award Sweeney received this month was named after "Edward H. Stoll" (1886-1981), who at the age 90 was the first recipient of the award created in his name by President Jimmy Carter on June 6, 1980. Edward H. Stoll was the Cooperative Weather Observer for over 76 years at Elwood, Nebraska (1905-1981).

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Randy Routh, Team Redneck Pro-Staff Guide makes television commercial

Press Release Photo Courtesy Of Catfish Gold
Story By: M. Routh



Earlier this month, local resident and Team Redneck Pro-Staff fishing guide, Randy Routh was selected by some of his sponsors, Catfish Gold magazine and Danny King's Catfish Punch Bait to shoot a television commercial on beautiful Lake Whitney along with four ladies who loved to catfish, known as the Catfish Gold Girls. Melvin Bush of Pro-Striper Guide Service furnished the chase boat for Randy and the TV film and audio crew to record the spot. The commercial is scheduled to start sometime in October, after it reaches its final cut. Randy and the Catfish Gold Girls will return to Lake Whitney in March 2008 for two more television shows from Ark-La-TX Sportsman Outdoors TV Show. The first show will be covering catfish and the second show scheduled will feature striped bass.

Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gMiSI62Too to watch a preview of the commercial.

Wampus Cats Enter District with 5-0 Record

Reporter Nick Worth - Photos Nghia Tran

Last week Itasca took on Scurry Rosser in the last of the preseason games. They used this time to fine-tune their skills before going into district. The Cats were ready as they beat the Wildcats 47 to 13. They were actually chomping at the bit as they scored on their first offensive play with a 65-yard run.

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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>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

The emptiest, loneliest thing in the world is a BIRTH - LIFE - DEATH without ever hearing the gospel, and no one ever praying.

Won't you join us for worship at the Itasca Church of Christ, 200 N. Aquilla? We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45 am, and 5:00 pm, and on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm.

LIVE the fullness of LIFE that GOD intended.

Itasca Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla

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

Saturday, October 6 9:00 a.m. - St. John's Baptist

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, October 15, 2007 6:00 p.m.
 Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

October 8, 2007 7:00 p.m.
 IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, October 29, 2007 5:30 p.m.
 HILCO Operations Building E. Main St.

Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

2nd Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.
 Fire Station Downtown Itasca

Community Calendar

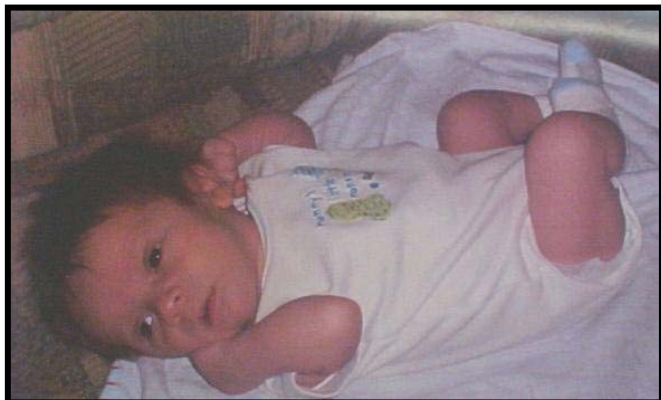
- October 8 - Columbus Day - Bank Closed
- October 8 - Zoning Committee - 5:30 p.m.
- October 8 - School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- October 9 - Hill County Fair Day
- October 10 - Chamber sponsored Coffee for Vets & Those Willing to tell "War Stories" - Presbyterian Church's Barton Hall - 10:00 a.m.
- October 11 - 1st 6-Weeks Report Cards go out
- October 11 - 7th, 8th, JV - Patton Field - 5:00 p.m.
- October 12 - Wampus Cats vs. Maypearl Panthers - Maypearl - 7:30p.m.
- October 13 - UIL Conference Austin
- October 15 - City Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- October 18 - 7th, 8th, JV - Grandview - 5:00 p.m.
- October 19 - Wampus Cats vs. Grandview Zebras - Patton Field - 7:30p.m.
- October 20 - 80th Birthday Party - Margaret Ann Dyson - Presbyterian Church's Barton Hall - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Police Blotter - September

- 9-2 - Verbal disturbance - 1200 blk. E. Main St.
- 9-3 - Report of theft - 700 blk. S. Hill St.
- 9-4 - Welfare check - Phone IPD
- 9-4 - Traffic stop - (DWI arrest) - I-35W northbound
- 9-4 - Warrant arrest - (Injury to a child) - IPD
- 9-4 - Minor accident - (1 citation - no insurance - arrest on outstanding warrant (Grayson County)-500 blk. E. North
- 9-5 - Report of sewage back-up - Referred to City Services - 500 blk. E. Henderson St.
- 9-5 - Stalled vehicle - (High water - rerouted cars) - E. Main & College Sts.
- 9-5 - Minor accident - (DPS Request) - I-35W mm 1 1/2
- 9-5 - Animal complaint (Loose dog) - Marrion St.

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Welcome Home



Press Release

Megan Basye and Ruben Littlejohn are the proud parents of a son born August 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at Providence Hospital in Waco. Caden Lee Littlejohn weighed in at 7 pounds and was 20 inches long. He was delivered by Dr. Karen Patterson.

Caden was welcomed home by many friends and family. His grandparents are John and Melinda Basye of Itasca, Jackie Villarreal of Mesquite and Ysaias Villarreal of Riesel. Great-grandparents are Floy Basye of Itasca, Dianne Villarreal of Riesel and Butch Littlejohn of Cleburne.

Sweeney Honored for Service

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Although Sweeney has not been tracking the weather for that long in Itasca, he has been serving his community for almost that long. He has served Itasca in a number of capacities but the one we (*Paw Print Press*) are most grateful for is his weekly column "Do You Remember?" In conjunction with his National Weather Service reporting, Sweeney submits a local weather article twice a year.

Revival – Central Baptist Church

October 3 – October 7

Rev. Bryan Richardson

Meals at 6:00 p.m. – Services at 7:00 p.m. - Picnic on the ground - Sunday at 4:00 p.m. - Games & volleyball for the youngsters

IISD to Dispose of Records

Press Release

The Itasca ISD Special Education Department will be disposing of records dated the 1999-2000 school year and any school years prior to this date. If any of these records are needed by former Special Education Students please contact Kim Camp in the Special Education Department at (254) 687-2922 Ext. 114 for a copy before October 5.

Garden Club's September Yard of the Month



Sandra Upchurch's home at 209 N. Hill St. has the honor of displaying the Itasca Garden Club's beautiful sign for the month of September.

The well-manicured lawn has numerous trees, flowers and bushes. This greenery shades the lovely front porch and issues an invitation to come "sit a spell and cool off."

The State of Texas is Serious with Animal Cruelty

Press Release

The State of Texas recently passed two new laws that came into effect on September 1, 2007 and are of great significance for the protection of our companion dogs. The first is HB916, which increases the penalty for dog fighting from a Class A misdemeanor to a state jail felony and increases the punishment for people who attend dogfights from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor. To help combat the despicable act of dog fighting, The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) of Texas will reward \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any individual involved with dog fighting. One may easily dismiss that dog fighting only involves "pit bulls" or other "fighting" dogs but plain family pets are also involved in that they are stolen and used a "bait" to "train" fighting dogs. Report all dog fighting or animal cruelty cases to your local law enforcement and to the SPCA of Texas at www.spac.org/cruelty.

The second new law is HB1411, which prohibits an owner from tethering a dog outside between the hours of 10 pm to 6 am and prohibits tethering for more than 3 hours. The law also prohibits tethering outside during extreme weather conditions such as: when the outdoor temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or when a heat advisory has been issued by a local or state authority of jurisdiction.

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Senior Spotlight

Jake Key

Reporter Megan Goff – Cartoonist Zech O'Rarden



“Jake is energetic, argumentative, and caring.” debate coach, Ms. Janet Gordon said. These words, of course, are describing senior Jacob Key.

Energy is needed for such an active senior. Jake is a defensive lineman for the 5-0 Wampus Cats and

is really enjoying playing football this year. He also plays baseball. He is now preparing for the upcoming debate season. Last year Jake and his partner Nick placed third at district in cross-examination debate. Jake has also participated in other UIL events, one act play and calculators.

“Even though it is very time consuming, I enjoy playing football and baseball,” Jake said.

Unlike many past seniors, Jake has enjoyed living in Itasca and going to a small school. He has attended Itasca ISD since first grade.

“I have known Jake since we were in diapers,” arch enemy Jake Mears said with a smile on his face, “and I have never liked him.”

Jake is the youngest son of Mike and Renetta Key. His older brother, Justin, graduated from IHS in 2002.

“I look up to my dad because I like his character and sense of morals, and my mom is very supportive and wants me to succeed in life and can also make a delectable banana cream pie,” Jake said.

When Jake is not busy at football practice, he is usually working at Brookshire's in Hillsboro.

“I'm looking forward to changing jobs once I graduate. I'm tired of being a carry-out boy.”

Key's hobbies include paint balling with his buddies and working on his “1993 Dodge W-250 4x4 5.9L Cummins.” He is involved with the Central Baptist Church of Itasca and runs the audio mixer on Sunday mornings. He has gone on the mission trips and attended youth camp for the past six years.

Jake leaves the underclassmen with some insightful advice, “Have a grand time in high school; the real world isn't such a picnic.”



Welcome to Itasca ISD

Reporters & Photo Eva Mayberry & Ashley Durham



If being raised with older brother, Craig Horn, wasn't enough, Crystal Volcik will now be working with him, too. She recently joined the Itasca ISD staff as a second grade teacher.

Volcik graduated from Bynum High School and continued her education at Texas A&M Commerce. She has been teaching for 7 years. Before coming to

Itasca, Vulchic taught in Bynum Elementary.

“I love children,” Volcik said. “Itasca is great. Everybody is so friendly.”

Volcic and her husband Doug have been married for 5½ years and are the proud parents to 3-year-old Ryan and 6-month-old Reagan.

Meet the Press – Sophomore Staff

Reporter Maria Worth & Devin Corbitt

The sophomores dominated the number of reporters returning to the Paw Print Press staff. This fine group of talented writers are Mary Maddox, Devin Corbitt, Eva Mayberry, Megan Goff and Ashley Durham.

Mary covers feature and news stories. She is a natural athlete participating in basketball, track and softball. But look out, she has brains, competing in UIL journalism events, and serving as vice-president of the sophomore class.

Devin is a news and feature reporter. She participates in CX Debate, One Act Play, UIL, and is a drill sergeant in the Itasca High School band. She was also voted as a Representative for the sophomore class.

Eva is currently in training to be the next business manager for the PPP. She also writes news, sports, and feature stories. She is a varsity cheerleader and plans on showing what she is made of on the basketball court, track and softball field.

Megan is an all around reporter. When she is not writing news and feature stories, she is active in athletics playing basketball and running cross-country and track, all while keeping up her grades in the classroom. She is also a varsity cheerleader.

Ashley does a little bit of everything on the PPP. She interviews, writes news, feature and sports articles. She is also down on the field at every varsity football game snapping pictures. Ashley is also a great athlete. She plays basketball, runs cross-country and is a pitcher on the softball team.



Itasca Tames Wildcats 47-13

Sports Editor Nick Worth
Photos Nghia Tran (freelancer)



The game proceeded like many of the others. The offense did their job putting points on the scoreboard as they scored 4 times in each of the halves. The Cats doubled their lethal attack by using both the run game and pass plays. They also work well under pressure. Many times, the Cats squeezed in an extra touchdown such as the end of the first half when a pass put one in with no time on the clock.

The offense could not do their job without the opportunities provided by the defense. They have been consistent in holding the opposing team to 2 or less touchdowns per game. They have been able to defend against the "big plays."

The Itasca Wampus Cats head into district with an outstanding offense and equally as important, a hard hitting, fumble-causing defense.

The highlights of the district season will be the face off against Grandview. This year Itasca will host this anxiously awaited game, as the Zebras must meet the Cats on Patton Field. Home field advantage, especially with this year's awesome fans should make for a most interesting game.



7th Grade Takes 1st at Maypearl

Press Release



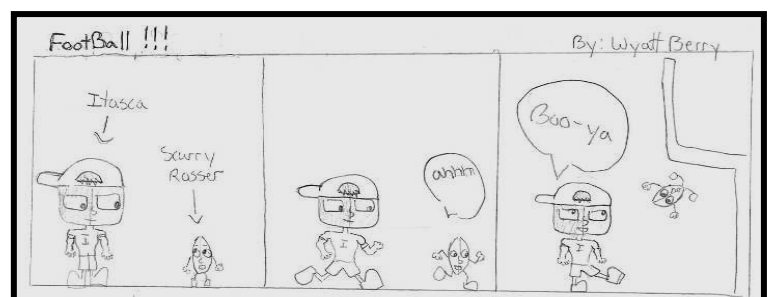
Last Wednesday the Wampus Cats competed in the Red Panther Cross Country Meet. All year, Coach Wallace and Coach Mayberry have been preaching to the runners that you don't go to a meet to run, you go there to WIN!

Competing against Cleburne, Crowley, Joshua, Aledo, Grandview, Maypearl, Kemp, and several other schools the Wampus Cats knew that the task would be a hard one. At the end of the day, the Wampus Cats were wearing several medals and the 7th Grade Girls brought home the First Place Trophy. This week the cross-country team will compete in Rio Vista and plans on bringing home some more IRON!

Athletes that have medaled this year are: J.V. Girls - Mary Maddox and Nancy Reyes, J.V. Boys - Phillip Thomas and Bob Slotvig, 8th Grade Boys - Jacial Gutierrez, 7th Grade Girls - Becca Durham, Baruke Namaga, Ashley Spain

IHS 2007 Varsity Schedule

August 31	Itasca - 35	Tolar - 0
September 7	Itasca - 27	Rice - 0
September 14	Itasca - 21	Blooming Grove - 19
September 21	Itasca - 52	Wortham - 15
September 28	Itasca - 47	Scurry Rosser - 13
October 5	Open	
12	*Maypearl	Away 7:00 p.m.
19	*Grandview	Home 7:30 p.m.
26	*Hico	Away 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	*Rio Vista	Home 7:30 p.m.
9	*Dublin	Away 7:30 p.m.



Class of 1962

Special Thanks to Nancy Nolen



Front row left to right: Nancy Shelton Nolen, Carol Adams Vinson, Mary Lara Sepulveda, Linda Channon Taylor, Emily Divin Minor, Josephine Rejcek Kozlovsky, Shelia Smith Hendrix.

Back row left to right: Mike Vinson, Margie Kyle Besire, Joe Rodriguez, Judy Parvin Crumpacker, Travis Farquhar, Roger Swofford, Charles Cordell, Linda Gardner Wood, Mary Hampton Cordell, Doris Smith Beaty, Thomas Cottar, Alphonse Vanek.

Other class members in attendance at other times but not pictured were Betty Flores Williamson, Mickey Bowman, and Thurman Nix.

Also present this year was Bettye Coker Reece (pictured right with Nolen) who taught the class music in second and third grade and her presence was enjoyed by exes all the way up the year ladder whom she taught in the years of 52 and 53.

Halloween Dance!

Costume Party So Dress Up !

October 27, Saturday - 8pm-12am

Doors Open at 7pm - Warehouse - Itasca

\$8.00 per person....BYOB

\$6.00 for 13-17yrs old, 12-under free w/parent.

Children - no going in/out or you will pay again!

Not responsible for accidents!!

D J Music - Concessions available & set-ups

All proceeds go to the Itasca Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Foundation! Thank you for supporting us!



Lost

Husky 2 yr. black and white neutered male with crystal blue eyes, forest green collar with Waco vet dog tag, chip inserted. Howls and "talks" a lot at night. Lost last week in the Hwy

22 and CR4350 area (between Hillsboro and Brandon). Please call Paw Pals at (254) 580-0679

Power Hour Kids' Car Wash to Benefit St. Jude's Hospital

Press Release

A car wash benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held on October 13, 2007 in Itasca. The Volunteer Coordinator for this event is Mrs. Diane Barnes, and she is being helped by the Power Hour kids (the Presbyterian Church youth group). By supporting this event, you will help raise funds for children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS, and Sickle Cell Anemia. These funds will help St. Jude in its ongoing fight against childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

"Our goal in holding this event is to help children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS and sickle cell disease," Mrs. Barnes said. "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a world leader in the fight against these diseases, and they have made great progress because of the help of people who participate in and donate to events like this."

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, TN, St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fundraising organization, through events such as this. If you are interested in participating or making a donation, please call Diane Barnes at (254) 687-2963. For more information, please visit www.stjude.org.

JH/J.V. Football Schedule

October

4 Collins Catholic/Rice Home 7th/8th 6/7 p.m. (JH)

11 *Maypearl Home 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.

18 *Grandview Away 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.

25 *Hico Home 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.

Nov. 1 *Rio Vista Away 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.

8 *Dublin Home 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.

Start Times Subject To Change Due To Field Availability

Cross County Meets

October 6 Cow Pasture Invitational Rio Vista

October 24 District 11-2A Keene

November 3 Regional II Arlington

November 10 State Championship Round Rock

Coaches Clint Wallace & Stacey Mayberry

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Itasca Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

The Itasca Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., October 8, 2007 during the regular board meeting in the Administration office at 123 N College to present the Itasca Independent School District's 2006 School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating.

Blood Drive

Itasca High School Student Council is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, October 5, 2007 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. It will take place on the High School Campus.

Please contact Sally Crouch @ 687-2922 extension 115 to schedule a time to donate blood. Last year over 46 units were collected. All donors will receive a free American Red Cross 5-shirt. Please bring photo identification and eat and drink well before donating.

Thank You Note

We really appreciate the Video Tech class filming "See You at the Pole" and compiling all the videos to make an awesome presentation for the "Saw You at the Pole" rally in Hillsboro.

Thank you to Itasca Nursing Home, churches, parents and staff for your support at "See You at the Pole."
Felicia Coleman

History Gathering Coffee

Sponsored by Itasca Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, October 10

10:00 a.m. Barton Hall

Presbyterian Church

Everyone is welcome to come and record their stories about the war (any of them) and life at home during the war.

Refreshments – Please help the video class with their Veteran's video. 254-687-2922 ext 115



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Police Blotter

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- 9-5 – Verbal threat report – 400 blk. K Lane
- 9-6 – Warrant arrest executed - (Theft-Hill County) – 300 blk. E. Adams St.
- 9-7 – Secured open door (Public building) – 600 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
- 9-7 – Medical call (HSCO) – 1200 blk. S Files St.
- 9-7 – Minor accident – FM 67 east of Hwy 81
- 9-7 – Assisted motorist (Flat tire) – I-35W southbound
- 9-7 – Verbal/physical disturbance (Arrested for PI, Theft, Reckless damage to phone and Evading detention) – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
- 9-7 – Reckless driver report – I-35W northbound mm 3
- 9-8 – 911 hang ups – 400 blk. E. Adams St.
- 9-8 – Criminal mischief (Juveniles throwing rocks) – S. Files & E. Adams St.
- 9-8 – Assisted DPS (DWI & 9 mm pistol) – Hwy 81 & HCR 2959
- 9-9 – Traffic stop (DWLS) – 1200 blk. S. Flies St.
- 9-9 – Assisted EMS (Lifting patient) – 400 blk. K Lane
- 9-9 – 911 hang up – 300 blk. E. Main St.
- 9-9 – Alarm call – 200 blk. E. Main St.
- 9-9 – Animal complaint (Loose dogs) – 100 blk. E. North
- 9-9 – Report of Theft (under \$50) – 600 E. Adams St.
- 9-9 – Animal complaint (Loose dog – aggressive toward child) – Citation issued – 600 blk. E. Main St.
- 9-9 – Disturbance – 400 blk. K Lane
- 9-9 – Burglary of habitation (3rd report) – 600 blk. E. Adams
- 9-10 – Minor accident – 200 blk. S. Hill St.
- 9-11 – Information from motorist – Main & Hill Sts.
- 9-11 – Missing person located – 100 blk. e. Main St.
- 9-11 – Mental health/EMS assist – Itasca PD
- 9-11 – Verbal disturbance (PI arrest) – 500 blk. N. Wesley St.
- 9-12 – Traffic stop (Running stop sign) – 2 arrests made (POM >2 oz.<4 oz). – Exit 8 southbound @ Main St.
- 9-12 – Citizen request assistance – 100 blk. Harris St.
- 9-13 – Alarm call – 700 blk. S. Files St.
- 9-13 – Minor accident (Damage to railroad) – 200 blk. W. Main St.@ RR crossing
- 9-13 – Medical emergency (Called EMS) – 1500 blk. E. Main St.
- 9-13 – Assisted citizen – Itasca PD
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- 9-13 – Loud music complaint – 300 blk. E. Main St.
- 9-14 – Animal complaint (Pit bull attacked chained pit bull) – 800 blk. Weave St.
- 9-14 – Animal complaint (Detained dog from earlier attack) – 800 Shuttle St.
- 9-14 – Animal complaint (Loose dog jumped in FedEx truck) – 700 blk. Mill St.
- 9-14 – Assisted citizen – 800 blk. Shuttle St.

Recent Deaths

McGowen, Ollie "Lee" - Ollie "Lee" McGowen 80, passed away July 12, 2007, in Fort Worth.

McGowen was born August 3, 1926 in Itasca to Claude Arnold Conger and Lottie Chapman Conger. She married Barna Ray McGowen, June 28, 1947, at Central Baptist Church in Itasca. They moved to Odessa, where their two sons, Ray and Mark McGowen were born.

They were residents of Cleburne from 1954 to 1986 when they moved to DeCordova. She was a member of Acton United Methodist Church.

This cheerful, unassuming woman was a loving and supportive wife and a devoted and inspiring mother. She was an extremely positive influence in the lives of her grandchildren, some of whom called her by a family nickname, Doodle.

She was preceded in death by one sister: three brothers: daughter-in-law, Lori McGowen: and her husband of 59 years, Barna R. McGowen, on January 19, 2007

She is survived by sons, Mark McGowen and wife, Deborah of Granbury, Ray McGowen and wife, Jane of Granbury; grandchildren, Shannon McGowen Spain and husband Wade of Keller, Stacy McGowen of Oxford, England, Megan Snow and husband Chad of Granbury, Matt McGowen of Granbury; and great-grandson, Tyler Spain of Keller.

Rolls, David Leroy - David Leroy Rolls, 69, of Itasca passed away August 4, 2007.

He was born February 14, 1938, in Independence, Missouri, son of Criss and Geraldine Hurt Rolls. September 2, 1988, he married Judith Schnack, and they lived in Lake Worth and later moved to Itasca. He served in the United States Air Force for two years and was a mechanical engineer for Boeing and General Dynamics.

Survivors include: his wife, Judith; four sons and their wives, David and Deanna Rolls and Kevin and Jeri Rolls, all of Lake Worth, Sam and Michale Kornegay of Longview and Steven and Vicki Kornegay of Kilgore; two daughters and their husbands, Cheryl and Robert Chaney of Yuma, Arizona and Connie and Eric Rayford of Keller; mother, Geraldine Harter of Independence, Missouri; one sister, Carol Rolls of Independence, Missouri; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

Happy 80th Birthday

Everyone is invited to help Margaret Ann Dyson celebrate her 80th birthday. The party will be Saturday, October 20 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Barton Hall at the Presbyterian Church. Festivities will last until 4:00 p.m. Come & Go as you please. She requests NO GIFTS!



New Laws about Animal Cruelty

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Tethering a dog is also prohibited during a hurricane, tropical storm or when a tornado watch or warning has been issued for the area by the National Weather Service or any combination of these factors. Other than the obvious inhumane nature of tethering (imagine yourself being tethered to a tree or post), the law was enacted to protect humans from vicious dog attacks. Dogs tethered for long periods can become highly aggressive. Dogs feel naturally protective of their territory; when confronted with a perceived threat, they respond according to their fight-or-flight instinct. A chained dog, unable to take flight, often feels forced to fight, attacking any unfamiliar animal or person who unwittingly wanders into his or her territory. Numerous attacks on people by tethered dogs have been documented.

A study published in the September 15, 2000, issue of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association reported that 17% of dogs involved in fatal attacks on humans between 1979 and 1998 were restrained on their owners' property at the time of the attack. Tragically, the victims of such attacks are often children who are unaware of the chained dog's presence until it is too late. A tethered dog that finally does get loose from his chains may remain aggressive, and is likely to chase and attack unsuspecting passersby and pets. Have you seen "tethered" dogs in your neighborhood? Help enforce this new law and report it to your local law enforcement.

Hill County Paw Pals is a grass roots group of over 1,050 concerned voting citizens and over 110 businesses who have been working for the past three years to bring positive change to our great county by facilitating the installation of a county animal control program and animal shelter. We cannot allow the present situation of our unchecked pet overpopulation issue to continue. Pet overpopulation burdens our community(s) with health, economic, legal, and safety (HELS) liabilities. Do we wait for a tragic attack on one of our children by a pack of dogs or do we proactively act today to correct an issue that can be solved? If you would like to become part of this successful movement, please call (254) 580-0679, email hcpawpals@yahoo.com, visit www.hcpawpals.org, or write Paw Pals, PO Box 1533, Hillsboro, Texas 76645.

Class of 1947



The Class of 1947 met at the residence of Ernest Henderson for a reunion last Saturday following the Ex-Student's Association meeting. Special thanks to Grover Kemp for the picture.

Garage Sale

Thurs. & Fri. – Oct. 4 & 5 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sheets, dishes, whatnots and clothes, baby bed & mattress - Will be postponed if raining
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Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow Contest

Secure your homemade scarecrow on any downtown post (not light poles) in front of a business (ask for permission) or secure them in hay bales.

Judging will be October 26, 2007 - Place a card with your name & phone number on it with your scarecrow. - Be sure to place the card in a plastic baggie to protect it. - Prizes will be awarded in different categories.



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Order Of Cancellation Orden De Cancelación

The Itasca City Council hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on November 6, 2007 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The Following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El Itasca City Council por la presente cancela la elección que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el Noviembre 6, 2007 de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053 (a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidates han sido certificados como candidates únicos y por la presente queda elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

Candidate (Candidate) Office Sought(Cargo al que presenta candidatura)

James Bouldin "Boogie"	Alderman (Concejales)
Susie Davis	Alderman (Concejales)
Steve Solis	Alderman (Concejales)

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Día de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.

Itasca Fall Clean-Up October 13 - 27

Itasca will hold its second clean up of the year beginning on Saturday, October 13 through Saturday, October 27. During this time, citizens may take trash to the landfill at no charge. You will be required to show a water bill stub.

The landfill is opened on weekdays 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Trinity will pick up items on trash day if they are in a bag or box and weighs less than 50 lbs. Limbs must be bundled in 3 ft. lengths.

Hazardous waste items with Freon, chemicals, paint, batteries and tires are not accepted at the landfill.

Shot Clinic IISD & Community October 22 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

IISD School Nurse's Office

Flu Shot - \$25 – Lone Star Screening will give children 8 years or older the shot **IF** they had it in previous years.

Td Booster - \$35 – Everyone needs one every 10 years (See Tdap below)

Tdap (new Tetanus Booster) - \$55 – For adults 19-64 years. Now recommended as your next booster to also protect against Pertussis (whooping cough). This is a 1 time shot, then booster ten years later with the regular Td.

Pneumonia Shot - \$40

Vitamin B12 Shot - \$15 – Stress reducer, skin enhancer & energy booster

Call School Nurse Liz Childers, RN and indicate each shot that you want. 254-687-2922 ext 127 - Deadline to sign up for Tdap is October 5 – These are ordered by request – There will be plenty of the other shots on hand during the Clinic.

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Wampus Cats of the Week

Mighty Cat Band – Drill Sergeants

Reporter Maria Worth

Clap, clap. “One! Two! Ready! Play!” And the program begins for this year’s Wampus Cat Band. The band will be performing the epic piece Star Wars and have high hopes of going far. Their first competition was in Troy.



There the band was judged just as if they were at contest, given a rating on how well they played and marched, and then critiqued by the judges themselves on ways they can improve.

The next competition is Regional Competition in Waco. Only the bands who make “1s” (the highest rating) will be able to advance on to Area. There the top few will move on to State. At State, the bands will be ranked (1-10). The chance to go to State only happens every other year, so this is the last opportunity for juniors and seniors

The band performs their competition program every Friday night at the football game. The program includes Song 1, part 1- Star Wars theme song (the attention grabber), Song 1, part 2- Princess Laya (the tear jerker), Darth Vader (the fun song) and The Throne Room (the grand finale).

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