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## Brian Knox Named Editor of *Messenger*

Press Release



Roy J. Eaton, owner and publisher of the Wise County Messenger has announced that Brian Knox, former Itasca resident and graduate, has been named the new editor of the paper. Brian has worked as a reporter for the paper since July 2000 and has been assistant editor since April 2003.

Brian grew up in Itasca, the son of Diane and Charles Barnes of Itasca and Tom and Lucy Knox of Maypearl. He is also the grandson of Doris Sumner and the late Jack Sumner of Itasca. As a small boy, Brian would write stories he made up. His first published work was writing up Summer League baseball games for the Hillsboro Reporter (at no pay). After graduating from Itasca High School in 1995, Brian attended Hill College on a band scholarship for two years. He graduated as the top academic male graduate in 1997. He then went to TAMU-Commerce and served as a staff writer and co-editor of the college newspaper, *The East Texan*. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism and with academic distinction from TAMU-Commerce in 2000.

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## Cox, Sanders Named HILCO Assistant General Managers

Press Release

HILCO Electric Cooperative, Inc. General Manager/CEO Debra Cole has named Randy Cox and Lea Sanders to assist in activities and perform the duties of Assistant General Manager of the cooperative.

Randy Cox, who has been with HILCO since 1999, is responsible for Economic Development, Operations, and Engineering from HILCO's office in Midlothian.

Lea Sanders joined the cooperative in 2000. Her responsibilities include Member and Staff Services, Accounting, Customer Service, Dispatching, Collections, Information Systems and Technology. She will remain in the cooperative's main office in Itasca.

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## Offutt Changes School Song "Anchors Aweigh" Plays at Graduation

Press Release



Cameron Offutt, 2007 graduate of IHS, graduated September 28 from the naval boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois. His unit received Hall of Fame honors for accomplishing all tasks and ranking highest among the units. After spending Friday and Saturday with family, Cameron left September 30, 2007 for Florida. He will attend "A School" at

Pensacola Navy Base for six weeks.

## Itasca Students compete in an Invitational Tournament

Press Release

Three students from the Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School-125 W Elm-Hillsboro who attend Itasca Public School were invited to compete in a Martial Arts tournament in Brenham, Texas. All three of these students returned as top winners, in their divisions, with trophies to show for their hard work and effort. These students competed in patterns as well as sparring. Pictured are Ashley Carlson, Allena Heath and Harley Snider all from Itasca.



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## One-Stop Voting to Cost ISDs

Information from 9/20/2007 *The Reporter*

Under a new state election law written to make voting easier for the public, school districts must provide ballot and voting machines at locations when a citizen would vote for their state or county representatives. This mandate will increase the cost of holding, bond and school board elections.

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## Churches of Itasca

<u>Bethlehem Missionary Baptist</u>	W. Spurgeon	687-2800
<u>Central Baptist Church</u>	401 E. Monroe	687-2343
<u>Church of Christ</u>	200 N. Aquilla	687-2774
<u>First Baptist Church</u>	107 S. Lamar	687-2783
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	106 N. Lamar	687-2243
<u>First United Methodist</u>	Main & King St.	687-2475
<u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>	FM 2959 East of I-35	
<u>Second Baptist Church</u>	120 W. Marrion	687-9134
<u>Shiloh Community Church</u>		254-582-0487
<u>St. John Missionary Baptist</u>	506 S. Weaver	687-2821
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Day Worship Center</u>	107 E. Adams	214 564-2185
<u>Itasca Nursing Home</u>	Sunday - 10:00 a.m.	
Everyone Welcome	Monday Evening 6:00 p.m.	

### Central Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.      Worship 10:50 a.m.

Sunday evening Bible Study 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study Tuesday 10:30-12:00

### First United Methodist Church

Come join us in our beautiful, historic sanctuary, where worship is a joyous celebration. Main at King St.  
Rev. Tom Wood, Pastor      Worship 10:50 a.m.

254-687-2475

### Itasca Church of Christ

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

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

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

Saturday, November 3 9:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Church

### Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, October 15, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

November 12, 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.

Fire Station Downtown Itasca

## Community Calendar

October - Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow contest - Downtown Itasca - Judging October 26

October 11 - 1<sup>st</sup> 6-Weeks Report Cards go out

October 11 - 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, JV - Patton Field - 5:00 p.m.

October 12 - Wampus Cats vs. Maypearl Panthers - Maypearl - 7:30p.m.

October 13 - UIL Conference Austin

October 13 - Car Wash benefiting St. Jude's Hospital -

October 15 - City Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

October 18 - 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, JV - Grandview - 5:00 p.m.

October 19 - Wampus Cats vs. Grandview Zebras - Patton Field - 7:30p.m.

October 20 - 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party - Margaret Ann Dyson - Presbyterian Church's Barton Hall - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

October 22 - Shot clinic - IISD Nurse's Office 9:00 a.m.

October 24 - District Cross Country Meet - Keene

October 27 - Cinco de Mayo Halloween Dance - Warehouse - 7:00 p.m.

## Police Blotter - September

9-14 - Verbal disturbance (Disorderly citation issued) - 200 blk. E. Main St.

9-14 - Juvenile runaway - Hillsboro

9-14 - Possible missing children - 200 blk. S. Aquilla St.

9-15 - Reckless driving - Hill & Main Sts.

9-14 - Traffic stop (Speeding) - Arrested on warrants from Williamson Co. - I-35W northbound mm 7

9-15 - Request to locate vehicles on Hwy 81 (HCSO)

9-16 - Loud music - 600 E. Adams

9-16 - Verbal disturbance - 600 blk. S. Files St.

9-16 - Alarm call - 800 blk. S. Files St.

9-16 - Verbal disturbance (Criminal trespass warning issued) - 400 blk. N. Hill St.

9-16 - Report of pedestrian on interstate - I-35W mm 12

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## Congress Delivers Largest College Aid Increase since 1944 GI Bill

A Column by Congressman Chet Edwards

Hard-working families in Texas are facing fast rising costs for health care, home utility bills and college tuition, which has skyrocketed by nearly 40% since 2001. Soaring college costs strain the budgets of millions of students and their families, dash the hopes of attending college altogether for others, and threaten America's ability to maintain a well-educated workforce that can compete in the global marketplace.

To address this issue, Congress has sent to the president's desk historic legislation that will boost college financial assistance by \$20 billion, the single largest investment in college aid since the 1944 GI Bill. This new investment in college aid, the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, will help millions of students and families pay for college – and do so at no new cost to U.S. taxpayers.

Under the new law, 6.8 million students, 205,508 in Texas alone, will see their interest rates on subsidized loans cut from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent by 2011. Once fully phased-in, this would save the typical student borrower in Texas – with \$14,233 in need-based student loan debt – \$4,550 over the life of their loan. For the first time in five years, the maximum Pell grant will increase by \$1090 from \$4,310 to \$5,400 by 2012, \$500 alone in 2008. This will help 427,159 Texas students, 5.5 million students nationwide.

More than ever, the health of our economy depends on having a highly skilled and well-educated workforce. It was projected last year that, by the year 2020, the U.S. would face a shortage of up to 12 million college-educated workers without action. It is unacceptable that some 200,000 American students do not go to college every year simply because they can't afford the cost. Keeping America competitive in the global economy means keeping the doors of our colleges and universities open to bright, hard-working students. It is not only important for their future, it is critical for the future of our nation.

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 eliminate a three-year limit for deferment of loan payment for members of the armed forces. Students who pursue careers as public school teachers would receive pre-paid tuition assistance of \$4,000 per year — with a maximum of \$16,000 — if they commit to teaching a high-need subject in a high-need school for four years.

As a member of the House Budget Committee, Edwards strongly believes it is vital that Congress invest in our nation's highest priorities while maintaining our commitment to fiscal responsibility. This legislation pays for itself by reducing excessive federal subsidies paid to lenders in the college loan industry by nearly \$20.9 billion and reinvesting that money back into student financial aid, resulting in a \$750 million reduction in the federal deficit.

In short, this new law is one of the most critical bills the 110th Congress has enacted this year— making college more affordable and accessible for millions of American students, strengthening our workforce, and stimulating our economy. Rep. Edwards represents District 17 in Congress.

## Knox Named Editor

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The Wise County Messenger has won numerous awards in newspaper contests throughout Texas and the nation. Brian has also won numerous awards with his reporting and photography, has twice been named journalist of the year by the North and East Press Association, and was named journalist of the year also by the West Texas Press Association this year.

Brian credits former Itasca English teacher Janet Walters with his interest in journalism. Although she was tough, she also really improved his writing skills.

Brian, his wife, Amanda, and their 6 month old daughter, Audree Cate, live in Decatur where Brian is a member of the Rotary Club and a member of First United Methodist Church of Decatur.

## HILCO Promotions

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Other promotions and personnel changes include William Watson, Director of Operations; Thomas Cheek, Assistant Director of Engineering; and Joe Seale, Assistant Director of Finance and Accounting.

HILCO Electric Cooperative, celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, is headquartered in Itasca with satellite offices in Midlothian and Whitney. The cooperative provides electric service to members in parts of Dallas, Ellis, Hill, Johnson, and McLennan counties.

## Local Students Compete

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If you are interested in exercise for your mind as well as your body, and are looking to help your child with respect, discipline, building self-esteem and learning self-defense along with much more, you are welcome to attend two free classes. For a free brochure call 582-5111 or go to [www.hillsborotkd.com](http://www.hillsborotkd.com).

Classes are taught each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 4:45, 5:45 and 6:45. Parents are always welcome.

## Senior Spotlight Lauren Vinson

Reporter Devin Corbitt – Cartoonist Zech O’Rarden



“I’m fun, addictive, and driven,” Lauren Elizabeth Vinson said about herself. “I’m also very artistic.”

Lauren is the 17-year-old daughter of Dori Ross and Tadd Vinson. She was born on August 19 in Fort Worth, Texas and has two younger

sisters: Emilee, 10, and Gabbi, 2.

“All of my family is a little crazy,” she said, “but in a good way.”

She is a member of the Itasca 4-H and enjoys reading, shopping, painting, sewing, playing volleyball and hanging out with her friends. Her favorite sport is volleyball, which she plays and watches.

“I enjoy doing lots of things, but I can’t stand tacky, obnoxious people or hypocrisy.”

Lauren’s favorite subjects in school are art and speech, and her favorite teachers are Mrs. Gordon and Mr. Nickell. She loves to eat macaroni and cheese while reading her favorite book, A Million Little Pieces by James Frey.

Her motto for life is, “It’s only after we have lost everything that we are free to do anything”

Losing things is not what Lauren is looking forward to this year. It is getting – like a car and her diploma at graduation.

“Living in a small town is suffocating. I can’t wait to get out,” Lauren said.

After graduation, Lauren’s plan is to attend UNT to study art and fashion design.

“Hopefully, I’m going to become a famous designer. In ten years, I’m going to be rich, famous, and completely glamorous!”

To the underclassmen, Lauren leaves these words of wisdom: “Don’t listen to what people have to say because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.”



## Welcome to Itasca ISD

### Mrs. Tammie Owens

Reporters & Photo Eva Mayberry & Ashley Durham



“Itasca is amazing. I love it so much,” new 6<sup>th</sup> grade reading teacher Tammie Owens said.

This is Owens first year as a teacher. She has dreamed of being a teacher since she was a little girl.

Owens previously worked as a paraprofessional in a large district.

“I enjoy working in Itasca because I’m able to spend the one on one time with my students,” Owens said.

Owens graduated from Rio Vista high school and then continued her education at Texas Woman’s University.

She has been married for 28 years to husband, Melvin. They are the proud parents to 26-year old, Josh, and 19-year old, Caleb.

### Lisa VonBorstel



Mrs. Lisa VonBorstel was welcomed to high school this year as the special education teacher.

VonBorstel graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas. She has been married for 18 years and has a son in the navy, a daughter who is attending the University of Texas and two grown stepsons.

Previously VonBorstel taught in Irving, Hillsboro and Coppell schools. She has been teaching for 15 years.

“After working in the business world I decided I wanted to do something more helpful to society,” VonBorstel said. “I love it here in Itasca. It is very different from anywhere else I have taught at before.”

## Halloween Contest

Infants – PreKindergarten	\$5 Gift certificate
Kindergarten – 5th Grade	\$10 Gift certificate
6th – 8th	\$15 Gift certificate
9th – 12th Grade	\$20 Gift certificate
Adults	\$25 Gift certificate

\*\*Judging - Halloween Day, October 31 at 5:00 p.m. at Jimmy’s Corner Store

\*\*Gift certificates may not be used on tobacco/alcohol products, Lotto or gas



## Cats use Bye Week to Prepare for District

Sports Editor Nick Worth

Last week marked the turning point for the Itasca Wampus Cats. They moved from preseason to district play. The team used the open week between games to make any last minute adjustments and fine-tune both the offense and defense. The use of team work continues to be stressed.

The Cats had a great pre-season and are entering district with an impressive 5-0 record. They have scored 182 points while allowing only 47 points to the opposition.

The big offensive players have been Mikey Marshall, Desmond Guy, and Tralyn Harden. M. Marshall has passed for 425 yards and has 2 touchdowns.

Desmond Guy has an impressive 747 yards rushing in 76 attempts, an average of 9.8 yards per carry (a figure any pro would love to brag about). He has scored 6 touchdowns.

Tralyn Harden has nine receptions for 266 yards and 5 touchdowns. He also ran a kickoff return back for 60 yards.

On the defensive side, the stats are just as impressive. Frank Sanchez, De'Veon Mayberry, Zech O'Rarden and Josh Huff are standouts on a hard hitting defense.

Sanchez has 34 tackles and 3 sacks, Mayberry has 32, O'Rarden has 20 tackles and 1 sack and Huff is credited with 16 tackles and 2 sacks.

With the number of quarterback sacks at 6, Cat fans can hope the ratio continues and the defense makes at least one quarterback sack every game.

The Cats will kick off district play Friday night in Maypearl against the Panthers.

## IHS

### 2007 Varsity Schedule

#### Pre-season - 5-0

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

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.

## JH/J.V. Football Schedule

### October

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 24	District 11-2A	Keene
November 3	Regional II	Arlington
November 10	State Championship	Round Rock

Coaches Clint Wallace & Stacey Mayberry

## 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!



## IISD Polling Places

Continued from page 1 - From *The Reporter*

According to Hill County Elections Administrator Patsy Damschen, if the state or county is conducting an election, all other entities are required to use the same polling places so voters only have to go to one location to cast ballots.

Voters in Hill County and across the state will be going to the polls November 6 to decide 16 constitutional amendments passed by the legislature this past spring.

The problem with the law, as far as school districts and cities are concerned, is boundary lines for ISDs and cities aren't contiguous with the county voting-precinct lines.

Since school district and voting-precinct boundaries are not the same, all school districts holding elections will have to provide ballots and voting machines at locations other than county polling places in their communities.

Itasca ISD's polling places are Itasca Rotary Room, Covington Street Courthouse Annex and First Presbyterian Church-Hillsboro.

Early voting in the elections will still be conducted at the respective school offices weekdays Monday, October 22, through Friday, November 2. Polls Election Day will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

## Oops

In the last issued we ran a picture of the Class of 1962. We intended to include this picture of Bettye Coker Reece (right) pictured with Nancy Nolen (left). Reece taught the 1962 class music in second and third grade. She attended the class reunion and her presence was enjoyed by exes all the way up the year ladder whom she taught in the years of 52 and 53.



## 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.

## Police Blotter

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- 9-16 – Animal complaint (Loose dog) – 100 blk. E. North
- 9-16 – Loud music – 300 blk. E. Main St.
- 9-17 – Disturbance (Arrest made on criminal trespass warning) - 400 blk. N. Hill St
- 9-17 – Report of theft – (Credit card) – 600 blk. S. Files
- 9-17 – Reckless driver report – I-35W northbound mm 5
- 9-17 – Civil matter (Failure to return items) – 300 blk. E. South St.
- 9-18 – Theft (Bicycle recovered) – 800 blk. E. Adams St.
- 9-15 – Assist EMS – 100 N. Wesley St.
- 9-19 – Problem w/juvenile – 100 blk. s. Aquilla St.
- 9-19 – Verbal disturbance – 500 blk. S. Files St.
- 9-20 – Animal complaint (Loose dog) – 500 blk. K Lane
- 9-20 – Assisted citizen (Directions) – I-35W mm7
- 9-20 – Traffic stop (Speeding) No license – Vehicle towed – I35W mm 10
- 9-21 – Assisted DPS – Notifying next of kin – 200 blk. N. Hill St.
- 9-21 – Stranded motorist – I-35W southbound mm 8
- 9-21 – Animal complaint (Loose dogs after parade horses) – 500 blk. N. Wesley St.
- 9-21 – Suspicious vehicle – 200 blk. E. Adams St.
- 9-21 – Alarm call – 200 blk. E. Main St.
- 9-22 – Assisted citizen – 800 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
- 9-22 – Unsecured door of public building – 100 blk. N. College St.
- 9-22 – Assault (Family violence) – Arrest for assault – 500 blk. S. College St.
- 9-22 – Report of power lines down – FM 934
- 9-22 – Power lines down (Semi w/ tall load) – 100 – 200 blk. N. Hill St.
- 9-22 – Assisted EMS – 400 blk. N. Hill St.
- 9-22 – Minor accident – I-35W northbound mm 4
- 9-23 – Animal complaint (Loose dog) – Citation issued – 100 blk. Harris St.
- 9-23 – Open door (vacant property)–500 blk. E. Main St.
- 9-24 – Animal complaint (Dog attacked by another dog when it dug under fence) – 700 blk. E. Adams St.
- 9-24 – Burglary of building – 700 blk. E. Adams St.
- 9-25 – Open door to business – 100 blk. W. Main St.
- 9-25 – Suspicious person – 100 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
- 9-25 – Assisted CPS – Itasca PD
- 9-25 – Animal complaint (Loose dog) – 400 S. College St.
- 9-25 – Unattended vehicle – I-35W southbound mm 7
- 9-26 – Information to IPD – Itasca PD
- 9-26 – Assisted citizen (Criminal trespass warning) – 400 blk. N. Hill St.
- 9-26 – Animal complaint (Loose dog killing chickens) – 800 blk. Shuttle St.
- 9-26 – Assisted motorist (Flat tire) – I-35W mm 8
- 9-27 – Suspicious person – Minnie Dr.

## Some Students . . .



### Press Release

As third graders entered their classrooms on Friday, September 21, they were amazed that a "miracle had occurred overnight." For woven in a spider's web around their

classrooms, were the words "SOME STUDENTS."

The third graders just recently finished reading the chapter book, *Charlotte's Web*, in which the Zuckermans and all of the animals on the farm had witnessed a similar miracle. They enjoyed reading and discussing the book, as well as journal writing about this story of true friendship. They finished the day eating caramel apples (just like the caramel and candied apples at the county fair), and watching the newly released *Charlotte's Web* movie. They all agree that this is a "TERRIFIC" book!

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor: As I reflect on the past week, I must admit that homecoming in Itasca is a grand event. I have never been as proud of a student body or of a community as I am right now. As the new high school principal, I recognize that Itasca High School is a special place and certainly owes a great deal to this fine community.

I would like to thank everyone for being involved in our school. We could never be as successful as we are now if it were not for everyone's help. Your support for the homecoming parade, all athletic games, the Paw Print Press, our UIL teams, the band, and One Act Play (The list could go on and on) is incredible. Itasca High School will continue to experience success because of your cooperation and collaboration. Itasca is truly a wonderful big little town.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Educating dreams into reality,  
Rickie Harris, High School Principal

## Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow Contest

Bring your homemade scarecrow to downtown Itasca & secure it to any of the post (not light poles) in front of business (ask for permission) or put them in a square hay bale. 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.



## 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.

## Clean Up Itasca for Approaching Holiday Season 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.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
(AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Hill, Texas:  
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Hill, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 6 2007, for voting in a special election to “adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.”

(Notifíquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de Noviembre de 2007, para votar en La Eleccion Especial “(para adoptar o rechazar la emmiendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 80a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas)”

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES  
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Pct. 1,2,3,,5,6,	Covington St Courthouse Annex
Pct. 4, 9	First Presbyterian Church
Pct. 7, 8	Abbott Community Center
Pct. 10,	Itasca Rotary Club
Pct 12, 13,	Whitney Lions Club
Pct. 14	Aquilla Community Center
Pct. 15	Penelope Fire Station
Pct 16, 18,	Malone Fire Station
Pct. 19	Covington Community Center
Pct. 20, 27	Blum Community Center
Pct. 21, 22	McCown Valley Community Center
Pct. 23	Mt. Calm Baptist Church
Pct. 24	Hubbard City Hall

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

Basement in Hill County Courthouse, Hillsboro, Tx. 76645  
Basement in Hill County Corta Casa, Hillsboro, Tx. 76645

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 22, 2007 and ending on November 2, 2007  
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 22 de Octubre, 2007) (y terminando el 2 de Noviembre de 2007.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Patsy Damschen, Election Administrator  
P. O. Box 725 Hillsboro, Texas 76645

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 30, 2007  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantadas por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 30 de Octubre de 2007

Issued this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2007.  
(Emitada este dia 2 de Octubre, 2007.)

## Hill College Music Department Presents State Fair Concert

Press Release

The Hill College Music Department will present The Texas State Fair concert on October 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center on the Hill County Campus.

The Hill College Jazz Band, The Hill College Chorale and The Vocal Ensemble will join together to present a program of jazz, pop, musical and ballade renditions of various artists and time periods. It will be a fun evening for all.

This year marks The Hill College Music Department's 33rd consecutive Texas State Fair performance.

Admission is free. Please join us for this exciting evening! For more information, please call Phillip Lowe at 254-582-2555, ext. 270 or Shirley Erickson at ext. 261.

## Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Everyone is invited to help Margaret Ann Dyson celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> 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!



## 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.

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## NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the registered voters of Itasca, Texas

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on November 6, 2007 for voting in a general election to elect three full-term and one unexpired term school board trustees.

Locations of polling places:

Itasca Rotary Building	103 W Main	Itasca, Texas 76055
Hillsboro Courthouse Annex	126 S Covington St.	Hillsboro, Texas 76645
First Presbyterian Church	301 Old Brandon Rd.	Hillsboro, Texas 76645

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: Itasca ISD Administration Office, 123 N College, Itasca, TX between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. beginning on October 22, 2007 and ending on November 2, 2007

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Norma Merkel Early Voting Clerk 123 N College Itasca, TX 76055

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 30, 2007.

Issued this 8th day of October 2007

Marquita Lloyd, Presiding Officer

## AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL

A los votantes registrados de Itasca, Tejas:

Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitiados abajo se abrirán desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m. el 6 de Noviembre de 2007 para votar en la Elección para tres escuelas fideicomisario, y una mas que no ha expirado

Dirección de las casillas electorales:

Itasca Rotary Building	103 W Main	Itasca, Texas 76055
Hillsboro Courthouse Annex	126 S Covington St.	Hillsboro, Texas 76645
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La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de Lunes a Viernes en: Itasca ISD Administración Office, 123 N College, Itasca, TX entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 1:00 de la tarde empezando el 22 de Octubre de 2007 y terminado el 2 de Noviembre de 2007.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:

Norma Merkel Secretaria de la Votación En Adelantada 123 N College Itasca, TX 76055

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 30 de Octubre de 2007.

Emitada este día 8 de Octubre de 2007.

Marquita Lloyd, Firma del Oficial que Preside



### Baby Shower for Karen Lacy on

Saturday October 20, 2007 @ 4 PM at  
146 Hereford Court Itasca, TX

Registered at Babies R Us and Wal-Mart

### Estate Sale

Friday & Saturday October 12 & 13

Sheets (all sizes) - Books - Hide-A -Bed (Queen Size)  
2 Beds w/ mattresses (cannot pick up until Nov 14)  
Recliner - Odds & Ends - Push Lawn Mover - Tools  
Car Parts - Wrenches - Electric Floor Heater - Luggage  
Long Screw Clamp - Clothes Rack  
Many Other Things Useful in the House & Garage.

105 Beard Itasca Texas

### AG Meat, Cheese & Fruit Sales

Contact an Ag student or call 254-687-2922  
ext 119 & speak to Bill Nickell

### Itasca First United Methodist Church

#### 2007 Fall Festival

Sat., October 27

8:00 a.m. - ?

401 East Main Street,  
Itasca



Bar-B-Q Sandwich, Chips, Pickles, Onions  
& drinks - \$6.00

Bar-B-Q Briskets (by the pound)  
Lunch served 11:00 a.m. - Sold Out

Bake Sale - Arts & Crafts - Garage Sale Items

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**123 N. College**  
**Itasca, Texas 76055**

## Wampus Cats of the Week

### Band Drill Sergeants

Reporter Maria Worth

The leaders of the high school band are the drill sergeants and drum major. The drill sergeants this year are senior Isai Coronado (top right), juniors Aaron Chavez (top left), Susie May (3rd row left), Pilar Baskett (1st row left) and Chelsea Rodriguez (2nd row left) and sophomores Devin Corbitt (1st row right) and Cherrí Lloyd (2nd row right). The drum major is Maria Worth (3rd row right).



The drill sergeants are a big help to the band and one of the reasons for its success. Before school starts each year the sergeants take all the new band members (mainly 8th graders) and teach them how to march properly. This includes standing at attention, parade rest, when to yell and how to march up to the standards of the band. By doing this, the band is ready to start work when the entire band gathers for band camp. The work continues after school starts. Then it is up to the drill sergeants to make sure that all the band members are performing to the best of their ability so that both the audience and the judges see a great show. All that teaching is hard work on the band as well as the drill sergeants, but in the end, it all pays off.

The drum major's duties include assisting the drill sergeants and making sure no one steps out of line. The drum major also directs the band during the performances. It is a lot of hard work but the drum major and drill sergeants enjoy their jobs, especially when the band goes far in competition.

### Special of the Week



"Lloyd Ford is a proud supporter of the Mighty Wampus Cat Band. See you in Waco on October 16."

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