

# Paw Print Press

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## Band Advances to Regional

Reporter Maria Worth



The Wampus Cat Band competed in the Area marching contest in Waco on October 16. They received "1s" from all three judges (the highest rating possible). The band moves on to Regional Competition in Belton and competes on October 27.

Only one out of every five bands in the state will get as far as regionals. If the band does well at the competition Saturday morning, they will advance to the region finals, which will be held that night. If they are successful in overpowering the competition, they will advance to state

competition, which is held in November.

The band's performance includes Star Wars Part 1, Princess Leia, Darth Vader, and Star Wars Part 3. The band is under the direction of Mr. John Bratton and Mr. Patrick Middleton and the field direction of Drum Major Maria Worth. Everyone is encouraged to travel to Belton and watch them compete.

## Wienecke Nominated for WHSH

Reporter Sarah Evans



Itasca Senior Clayton Wienecke was nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman (WHSH) award. Being nominated puts Wienecke in a national contest and gives him the chance to receive a scholarship.

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## James Perkins Named New HILCO Director

Press Release



HILCO Electric Cooperative, Inc. President Steve Sawyer announced that James (Jim) Perkins of Oak Leaf (pictured left) has been appointed by the cooperative board to represent District 1 in HILCO's service area. The District 1 seat was left vacant when former Director Kyle Cross was relocated to another state by his employer.

"I am looking forward to serving the members of HILCO," Perkins said. "I will apply my technical and managerial skills, as well as my business knowledge and experience to help the cooperative accomplish their business and corporate objectives. HILCO's primary goal is to provide reliable power at affordable cost to its members, and I will work diligently with the other directors to help accomplish that goal."

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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, November 19, 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

## Public Notice - 2<sup>nd</sup> Publishing Street Sign Theft

Within the past two months stop signs have disappeared from several street corners on the northeast side of town. Theft of these traffic signs are treated like any other theft with respect to prosecution and sentencing. Although the theft may seem arbitrary, the missing signs could lead to injury causing accidents. Please report any missing stop signs to Itasca City Hall at 687-2201 and the Itasca Police Department should you see any perpetrator removing the street sign.  
City of Itasca

## Community Calendar

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

October - IHS Ag Meat, Cheese & Fruit Sales - Call 254-687-2922 ext 119 or 115

October 25 - 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, JV - Hico on Patton Field - 5:00 p.m.

October 26 - Wampus Cats vs. Hico - Away - 7:30p.m.

October 27 - Band Competition - Belton

October 27 - Angel Food Distribution

October 27 - First United Methodist Church - 11:00 a.m. -

Lunch beginning at 11:00 - \$6.00

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

October 29 - Chamber of Commerce meeting - 5:30 p.m.

October 31 - Halloween Contest - Jimmy's Corner Store - 5:00 p.m.

November 1 - 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, JV vs Rio Vista - Away - 5:00 p.m.

November 2 - Wampus Cats vs. Rio Vista on Patton Field - 7:30p.m.

November 3 - Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting - 9:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Church

Attend a Church of your choice

## Trejo visits IHS



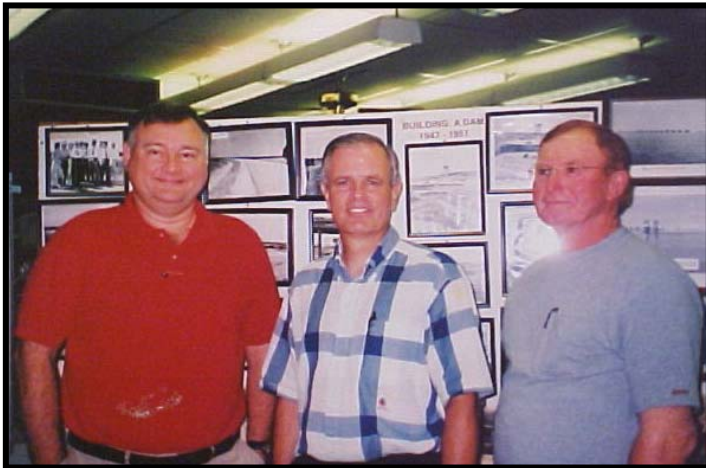
Recent Marine Boot Camp graduate and 2007 HIS graduate Leslie Trejo visited his alma mater, ex-classmates and teachers last week.

Trejo was home on leave prior to going to school and being assigned to a squadron. He has returned to California to complete

his various training programs.

## HCGS Hears About Early days

Photo & information from Cleo Davis



Recently the Hill County Genealogical Society met at the Whitney Area Museum (WAM). Superintendent Bang Box of Whitney (WAM board member), Dr. Allen Lane of Fort Graham Baptist Church (guest speaker) and Mal Turner of Itasca (HCGS member) enjoyed discussing the topic of the meeting, the early days of the various communities along the western edge of Hill County prior to the development of Lake Whitney and the progress since.

## Oops

Last week we ran two press releases from the Garden Club and there were errors in Amy Castillo's name in both articles. We apologize for failing to catch those mistakes. Thanks to the many readers who contacted us by e-mail, phone and in person. We have the greatest readers. They read every word of their *Paw Print Press*.

## Wienecke Receives WSHH Nomination

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Clayton has played football, basketball and has run track throughout his high school years. He is excited about his senior year.

Teachers, counselors, or coaches nominate candidates for the Wendy's Heismen award. They must have participated in at least one sport sanctioned by the organization. Students are judged based on their academic achievements, community service involvement, and athletic accomplishments.

High School Counselor Grace Hennig presented Wienecke with the WSHH certificate of nomination.

## HILCO Welcomes New Director

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He holds a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Texas Tech University and earned his MS degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern Methodist University.

Perkins retired in 1999 as senior technical consultant and section manager for electronic subsystems and guidance controls after 41 years continuous service with Chance Vought Aircraft and its merger companies. He served in the U. S. Army Signal Corps with the grade of 1st Lieutenant. He also served on the Oak Leaf City Council as councilman and mayor pro tem from 1993 to 1997.

He and Jimmie, his wife of 48 years, have two grown children and have made Oak Leaf their home for the past 29 years.

## 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 (Sponsor of Contest)

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

## Garage Sale October 26 & 27

Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. - ?

9 miles east of I-35W on FM 66

Between Itasca & Maypearl

Costume jewelry, dishes, linens, Dearborn heaters, luggage, antiques & collectibles



## Senior Spotlight Valarie Farquhar

Reporter Megan Goff – Cartoonist Zech O'Rarden



"2 bits, 4 bits, 6 bits, a dollar, all for the black and gold stand up and holler!" This is the cheer that cheerleading captain Valarie Farquhar yells into the stands to get the crowd pumped up on Friday nights.

Valarie has been a cheerleader since her sophomore year. Last year, she was a co-captain, but this year she has taken over the squad as the captain. Valarie competed in Nationals with the squad her sophomore and junior year as a flyer. This year she tried-out for

All-American at cheerleading camp and made it.

"She is dedicated, creative and very dependable," Cheerleading sponsor Kelly Tinklenberg said.

Valarie participates in athletics by running cross-country and playing second base in softball. Last year she received second-team all-district second-baseman honor. She also played basketball her freshman and sophomore year. Valarie competes in spelling and reading writing in UIL. She has served as treasurer for the Class of 2008 for three years. She was a 2007 Homecoming queen nominee.

"I have loved being a student at Itasca," Valarie said. "I am ready to graduate, but I am not ready to take on the responsibilities of the real world."

After high school, Valarie plans to attend either Baylor, Texas State, or Texas Tech to study medicine. One day, she would like to be a dermatologist or a pharmacist.

"I look up to my mom because she has taught me how to deal with the struggles in life," Valarie said.

Valarie is the daughter of Ken Farquhar and Erica Bollig. She has a younger sister, Sarah, a freshman at IHS, younger brother Coby, a pre-k student in Burleson, an older stepsister Ashley, Class of 2006 and step-brother Blake, Class of 1999.

When Val is not practicing cheerleading or studying for her dual credit classes, she enjoys driving her 2002 black Toyota.

"I don't have a job, but I do mow Nanny and Chimp's grass," Valarie said with a smile. "I look on cheerleading practice as a job. It is as I tell the rest of the girls on the cheerleading squad, 'There is always a little girl in the stands that wants to be just like us and we can't disappoint them.'"



## Welcome to Itasca ISD Mrs. Sandra Confer

Reporters & Photo Eva Mayberry & Ashley Durham



"I wanted to become a teacher because I like children and I have always wanted to be able to help people," new 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Sandra Confer said.

She has only lived in Texas for 20 years. She lived in West Virginia where she also taught for 8 years. Before joining the Itasca staff, she taught in West for 15 years.

"I love Itasca. It's the best school I have taught at," Confer said. "The people are really friendly and the students are nice," Confer said.

Confer attended Marshall University then transferred to Glenville State College, where she graduated. She has been married to husband Brent for 18 years.

## Ms. Kim Camp

Reporters & Photo Eva Mayberry & Ashley Durham



"I really like IISD and wanted to work here," Kim Camp said. Kim Camp joined Itasca ISD staff members this year as the new special education secretary.

Camp is a single mother to four children: Clay-25, Chance-22, Cheyanne-10, and Cayce-10.

She graduated from Mansfield High School, and is attending Tarleton State University where she will graduate in December.

Camp hopes to eventually become a teacher for Itasca school district. She is getting her degree in Interdisciplinary Studies Ec-4, EBL certification, and all level special education.

## For Sale

3 bedrooms, 1½bath, brick w/ new kitchen cabinets, roll out shelves, stove & refrigerator

2 car garage, fenced back yard - \$80,000

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# Grandview - 29 Cats - 6

Reporter Nick Worth

Last Friday, the mighty Wampus Cats suffered their first loss of the season. Unfortunately, it was the most hyped game of the season, between Itasca and Grandview.

The game started as badly as it could have. The Zebras elected to receive and proceeded to take the ball and run it back on the unsuspecting Cats. With the missed extra point, Grandview had an early six-point lead. Demoralized, the Itasca took the ball and managed a couple first downs before the forced turnover. The Zebras didn't have far to go for a touchdown and the Cats failed to provide a crucial stop. Five minutes into the game, the opposing team was ahead by two TD's.

The Cats continued to fight and hold the Zebras until an Itasca penalty put Grandview in scoring position and this time they were able to get their extra point.

During the second half the defense stepped up to hold the Zebras. The Cats mixed things up when #2 Tralyn Harden pulled down an interception. The Cats held the offense down until late in the third when Grandview got their last TD. An extra point gave them a commanding lead and made the game appear to be a shut out. #10 John Prescott was hurt badly in the third quarter and was airlifted from the game. It seemed to be the last straw. The Cats pushed and it paid off. With just under five minutes left in the game, De'veon Mayberry stretched out his arm and gave the home team six points.

Overall, the game appeared to be one of penalties with some of them resulting in first downs for the Zebras. When conversions mattered, the Wampus Cats couldn't finish the drives. With four more games to go in district, the Cats can not be counted out for a play-off position.

## 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

### District 1-1

October 12	Itasca - 27 - Maypearl - 7
October 19	Itasca - 6 - Grandview - 26
October 26	*Hico Away 7:30 p.m.
November 2	*Rio Vista Home 7:30 p.m.
9	*Dublin Away 7:30 p.m.

# Paw Pals Continues to Work to Correct Pet over Population

Press Release

Hill County Paw Pals, the grass roots group organized to facilitate the installation of a county-level animal control program, recently hosted their 32<sup>nd</sup> Low Cost Sterilization and Vaccination Clinic in collaboration with Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP), a Denton based non-profit group. Low cost pet sterilization service is a vital part in Paw Pals' proactive strategy to correct pet overpopulation. These clinics are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the former Hillsboro Civic Center (old Wal-Mart Building). Appointments are needed for surgeries by calling toll free 1-866-310-PETS. Low cost vaccinations are administered from 10am-2pm and do not require an appointment. Volunteers working at October's event were Cleo & Dale Davis, Dale Davis, Jr., Mike Davis, Dana Fuchs, Anita Gilley, Jane Green, Mike Hendricks, Brian Hudson, Mary Ann Johnson, Kathy Moore, Mary Lou Pierce, Dianna Prince, Lea Slocum, and Lonnie Tilson.

Paw Pals' fund raising campaign, "Take the Willie Nelson Challenge" is in full swing. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual garage sale is scheduled for the first weekend of November (3-4). All funds received will be "doubled" by Cheryl and Sam Wyly. If you would like to volunteer, please call Marilyn at 582-2352. Paw Pals will accept donated goods October 29 until November 2 at the old Wal-Mart building from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. For more information about Paw Pals, please visit their website at [hcpawpals.org](http://hcpawpals.org); email [hcpawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawpals@yahoo.com) or call 580-0679.

## Lonestar Plumbing & Backhoe Service



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Saturday, October 27**

## School Board Election – November 6

### 5 Candidates for 3 Trustee Positions – 1 Candidate for 1 Unfinished Term

#### Oscar Castillo

Submitted by candidate



My name is Oscar G. Castillo, Jr. I am putting my name in for the election of School Board Trustee for Itasca Independent School District. I have been a resident of Itasca, TX since November 2005. I came to Itasca in 1966 and lived here until I graduated from Itasca High School in 1984. My family currently lives in Itasca. My wife's name is Amy. I have two sons, Nicholas Castillo 12 years old who is a 6th grader at IMS and Brent Marbut, 23 years old of Whitney, TX. I lived in Burleson for 20 years due to a business position.

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#### Donny Faries

Submitted by candidate



It has been my pleasure to serve on the Itasca School Board for the past three years. From day one, it has been my desire to ensure we have the best staff and resources for our students. You have supported our actions with your tax dollars as evident in the recent rollback election. As you look around the state, you will find district after district following our lead and calling on citizens to support a tax rollback. The district continues to grow and set new standards for excellence.

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#### Kevin Lightsey

Submitted by candidate



As a 1985 graduate of Itasca High School, citizen of Itasca for over twenty years, Itasca ISD School Board Member for the past three years and parent, I am seeking reelection to the IISD School Board. I attended South Grand Prairie High School in 1982 and 1983, and then moved to Itasca and graduated from Itasca High School. I attended Hill College. I am married to Karla (Johnson) Lightsey who is a third grade teacher at Itasca Elementary, and we have two children, Kaleigh, a sixth grader, and Kayd who is two years old.

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#### Marquita Lloyd

Submitted by candidate



Marquita Lloyd respectfully seeks your vote and support in the upcoming school board election. She was elected to the Itasca ISD School Board in May 1992 and currently serves as board president. She and her husband, Dwight, have owned and operated their Lloyd Ford automobile dealership since coming to Itasca in November 1984.

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#### Angelia Orr

Submitted by candidate



Angelia Orr, candidate for Itasca School board trustee, is a 1992 graduate of Texas A&M University. She married fellow graduate, William Orr, in 1992 and they have been married for 15 years. The Orrs have two children, Sam, 11 and Emma, 10. The Orrs live on HCR 4235 where the Orr family has lived for almost a hundred years. Mrs.

Orr is a full time homemaker and part-time substitute for Itasca ISD.

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## Castillo

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My roots are in Itasca. I moved back to help take care of my parents and give my son an opportunity to play sports in a smaller school district. My wife and I agree that Itasca is a wonderful community to raise Nick. The school district's reputation for academic achievements and excellence was a major factor in us moving back.

Since I have been back in Itasca, we have purchased acreage next to Lloyd Ford. I am currently building two 5,000 sq. ft. business/warehouse facilities for one our businesses that was moved to Itasca in 2005 which is called C.P.T.S. C.P.T.S. is a manufacturer representative organization that supplies an outside and inside sales force for Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. I also started two businesses, J.S.C.M. Business Properties and N.A.C. Lawn Care in Itasca in 2006.

Itasca has given me an opportunity to be more involved in the current organizations. I coached baseball for 2 years, been a part of the Itasca Re-vitalization Committee, Itasca Chamber of Commerce and a member of Itasca Rotary. I have also had the opportunity to host and contribute to local organizations and business fundraisers. My family and I currently have been attending The First Presbyterian Church of Itasca.

I am excited to have the opportunity to be a part of the Itasca ISD School Board. I am currently campaigning with Angelia Orr with Betty Sumner as Campaign Manager. The teachers, administrators and parents have made Itasca Schools a place to be proud of. I want to be a part of its future growth. I am willing to have accountability to our children, parents, teachers and administrators. Itasca ISD previously and currently is building a framework for growth for this community. I will work with the other members of the Itasca Independent School Board to help set policies that would be benefits to the students, all employees and the entire community. Please vote.

## Lightsey

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I enjoy working with youth, and have been involved in girls' softball for the past fifteen years.

I have enjoyed serving on the Board and working with fellow board members to ensure the educational success of our youth and school system these past three years. I am seeking reelection to the Board to continue to help promote academic excellence in all areas of our school system, and will keep the success of our youth and school in consideration at all times. I (Kevin Lightsey) would appreciate your vote in this year's Itasca School Board Election.

## Faries

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Programs like S.O.S. and dual credit college courses help students develop solid career choices. This year is a landmark year for the district. A new administrative team has been put into place with a new vision for community involvement and support. You will continue to see the district and local community organizations working together.

As the election nears, you will not find any big signs with my name on them or any fancy campaign speeches. Core family values built around honesty, integrity, trust and pride describe what I strive to represent. I am not a big fan of politics, but recognize that it is part of the process for holding public office. If you don't know me, ask around and I am sure you will get an opinion.

That opinion will either support the values I stand for or not. Either way, that is who I am. My family has been a part of this community for generations. As a father and husband, I want the absolute best for my family as well as yours. In my free time, you will see me on the softball field coaching a team or supporting local church activities. Feel free to contact me if you would like to talk before casting your vote. Email: donny\_faries@yahoo.com or 687-2620.

## Lloyd

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They have three children, Lynita, Lanissa, and Nathan, all honor graduates of Itasca High School. Both daughters have graduated from Baylor University; Lynita with a BBA in financial planning and real estate, Lanissa with a Master of Accountancy and Nathan will graduated in May 2009 with a triple business major. Avid supporters of further education, the Lloyds award scholarships to Itasca High School graduates each year and Dwight serves on the Board of Regents at Hill College.

"It has been a privilege working with an administration, faculty and fellow board members who are committed to providing a quality educational experience for the children of our community. Together we have accomplished many goals-recognition as an Exemplary district, construction of first rate facilities, increased technology, expanded curriculum and successful extra-curricular programs. With ever-increasing student enrollment, changing test criteria, and uncertain state funding, more challenges lie ahead. I am excited about working with our new superintendent, Glenn Pittman and high school principal, Rickie Harris as we reach new goals together. I believe my fifteen years of experience on the board will be an asset as we move forward. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue working to improve the educational future of our students."

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor, It is with deep appreciation that I write this letter. I wish to sincerely thank High School Principal, Rickie Harris, for his letter in last week's Paw Print. While educating our children is, and should be, our number one priority; keeping our students connected with the traditions of our community, plays an important part in that education. Our school system is an entity that our community can take great pride in, and I would like to see our students take great pride in others knowing where they come from as they leave Itasca to further their education.

"Educating dreams into reality", what a wonderful way to express education Mr. Harris. Let us all remember, that from time to time we should look up for just a moment so that we can remember what those dreams are.

Susan Bason

Dear Editor, I would like to thank everyone who helped support our fundraising efforts for St. Jude Hospital. We were able to raise \$451.01! I especially want to thank the young people of the Presbyterian Church for the great job they did of washing the cars to raise this money. Citizens State Bank of Itasca provided us a place to hold the fundraiser, and Leach Trailers of Itasca generously purchased our cleaning supplies and pizza for the young people. My deepest thanks to these businesses. And, of course, thank you to each of you who gave to help the children at St. Jude's!

Diane Barnes

## Orr

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She has substituted at all three campuses and has enjoyed getting to know the staff and students. Mrs. Orr served as Treasurer and Chairman of the board at Philotechnos Kindergarten in Hillsboro. Mrs. Orr wants to serve on the Itasca School Board to plan for the future growth of our school district, support the dual credit program for the high school students as well as maintain the high level of education currently offered to all students in the district. Working at the school has provided her with a unique opportunity to observe our talented teachers and see day-to-day operations in the classroom.

## Information on Candidates Bios

The *Paw Print Press* has opened up this issue for the candidates to publish their bios, ideals, goals and picture. We arranged them in alphabetically order by last name.

We have attempted to publish them as they were submitted and hopefully have not committed any typos. The *PPP* did take some of the pictures for the candidates.

## Granny Snave

Having lived in Texas all my life, I have seen many people do some stupid things. Then while I was knitting a pair of booties to send to the Harvest House, the thought occurred to me that I am among the few sane people left in this great state. I also realized that I am no spring chicken. What will come of Texas when I am no longer able to straighten folks out? Right then I decided to write a guide to life, just for Texans. I call it A Texans Guide to Life. Here is what I believe every Texan should live by.

Never drop yer gun to hug a grizzly.

If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.

Never slap a man that is chewing tobacco.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and stick it back in your pocket.

Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Always take a good look at what you are about to eat. It's not important to know what it is, but you might need to know what it was.

When you give a lesson in meanness, don't be surprised if that person learns their lesson.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

And my favorite - After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: when you are full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

## For Sale:

Beautiful Fruitwood French Provincial Dining Room Suite with 6 chairs. Leaded Glass large China Cabinet. Must sell quickly as we are moving out of town. \$1200.

Blue Large Lift Chair in good condition \$50.00

Other odd chairs. Various prices.

105 Beard, Itasca Texas

## Booster Club News

\*\*Thanks to those who attended the meeting last Tuesday

\*\*Congratulation to all those 4<sup>th</sup> graders who had to run a mile. We hoped the water helped cool you down

\*\*Special Thanks to D'Nan Dakan for donating the beautiful afghan

\*\*Congratulation to Mrs. Tinklenberg for buying the winning ticket

\*\*Good Luck Band at regionals

\*\*Senior/Parent's Night on November 2 - More info to come



## Do You Remember...?—"A Soliloquy"

Columnist Carl Sweeney



There have been stories, poems and articles about living in the country and small towns as opposed to city living. Our customs and ways of doing things may be a little different now-a-days than in the past. But essentially they run along the same lines as they did back when. I am thinking about the way we handle our dead then and now.

This particular start happened around 1930. I was around ten years old at the time; they said it was one of the saddest sights they had seen. I remember it being talked about for years. It was a story, however true or exaggerated, about how lonesome it is in the city.

A hearse was going down the street followed by one Model "T" Ford. There was the father and three small children all crying. The small procession traveled down the streets as cars sped by with laughing, happy, carefree people. They looked at the hearse and car with a passive interest, a father and three small children going to bury the mother. Something like that would never happen in a small town or community, no matter what your social status, on wealth or any other circumstance. Some kindly people would follow you to the grave and most would weep along with those who loved you. Those small town folks may be nosy, prying, or judgmental, but when trouble comes and the chips are down, those people will always be there for you. Some could be small souled and petty, but they would be ready to help if needed, such as neighbors plowing a field for a farmer who was sick, or injured. When a baby was born the ladies came to assist afterwards with the chores. They had big hearts.

It is said that the city is a fine place to live, but a lonesome place to die. What with the pursuit of employment, pleasure and other pursuits, that they have no time to stop or the inclination to, when the hearse passes. When it does happen, they rush off to the cemetery and put them away as quickly as possible. They send the little floral offering and let it go at that. We say it with flowers in the city and say it with tears in the country. It is not that city dwellers are uncaring. I guess they are accustomed to so much tragedy in the environment that they ignore it. Death is their neighbor so often that they become accustomed to it. They have allowed funeral homes to do for the dead what was one done by friends.

Thinking about that suffering man and the small children and their devastation, we would have wished that their mother could have died in a small town like Itasca. In the world we were accustomed to in the past when a situation occurred when small children was left they were taken in by relations, or even close friends.

I remember in our family circle there were four young boys in that situation. Family members raised them with a family until they graduated from high school. Those families were Turner and Sweeneys. There was a man named Stubblefield who left his young son and his land in trust to Joe Turner until the boy was twenty-one. At that time the trust was honored.

There was another gesture of caring and friendship that we practiced in the past that young people under fifty may not even be aware of. That was when we "sat up" with the dead before burial. Depending on what church the person was affiliated with, there was one person responsible for getting people to sit. Usually two people at a time for usually two hours. I remember we were glad when we were asked to take a turn, before midnight.

We noticed now that this practice is no longer done. One day they may do away with pallbearers. As the saying goes, "The only thing constant is change." Let's hope the change don't get too radical.

\*\*\*Note from editor – The practice of "sitting with the body" was to be sure they were really dead before burying them.



### Getting Ready

Aidan & Chandley Sargent hosted a frightfully fun Pumpkin Carving Party on Saturday, October 20 at their home.

They are pictured with all of the little goblin guests and pumpkins.

### Veterans' Day Program

The Itasca Independent School District and Board of Revitalization extends a special invitation to our veterans, past and present, to our special Veterans Day Program on November 9, 2007 at 9: 00 a.m. in the Special Events Center.

If you are a veteran and are planning to attend, please call Betty Sumner at 254-687-2204 so a nametag can be prepared and a seat reserved on the floor for you.

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### Wampus Cats of the Week

#### *“Our Fav Football Five”*



#1 Football Fav is #3 Desmond Guy is responsible for 910 of Itasca’s 1400 yards rushing this year. He has carried 114 times for an average of 7.9 yards per carry, a stat any pro would be proud to claim. He has scored 7 touchdowns for the offense and made a 14 very important tackles for the defense. He is a sophomore, which gives him two more years to raise these already impressive stats.



#2 Football Fav is #2 Trayln Harden. He has caught 16 times for 352 yards and has scored 5 touchdowns. The opponents see Harden as a deadly force especially during punt and kick-off situations.



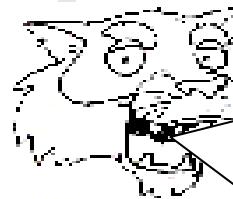
#3 Football Fav is #21 Terrey Brumbalow. In order to be successful, football must be a team effort and Brumbalow is a big part of the Cats’ team. He has 14 game changing tackles and always gives 110% on the field.

#4 Football Fav is #63 Chad Rutherford who is the Cats’ center. Chad is a hard-hitting sophomore who a big constant for the Wampus Cats. He is involved in every offensive play and makes sure that ball gets firmly in the quarterback’s hands.

#5 Football Fav is #7 Zach O’Rarden brings a lot of skill and assurance to the field. He has 28 big tackles, which includes 2 sacks. He consistently makes the big tackles.



#### Special of the Week



“The Cats travel to Hico Friday night. This is a very important district game. Come on out and cheer my team to V-I-C-T-O-R-Y.”

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# Fall Festival

## Itasca First United Methodist Church



401 East Main Street, Itasca

**Saturday, October 27**

**8:00 a.m. – 'til ?**

**Bar-B-Q Sandwich, Chips, Pickles,  
Onions & drinks - \$.600**

**Bar-B-Q Briskets (by the pound)  
To order a whole brisket call 214-  
924-4232.**

**Lunch served 11 a.m. - Sold Out**

**Bake Sale  
Arts & Crafts  
Garage Sale Items**



**Something for everyone!  
Everyone's support will be  
appreciated!**



## Fall Celebration Party!

**Live Music! Free Refreshments!**

**Everyone is Invited!**

**Come Join The Free Fun!**

**Friday, October 26, 2007, 7:00 p.m.**

**"The Warehouse" 109 N. Wall St. - Itasca**

**An evening of inspiring praise & southern  
gospel music!**

**Singer/Song writer Steve Sawyer**

**Praise Posse (Southern Gospel Music Assoc.)**

**Artist**

**Singer/Musician Alice Goar & Friend**

**New talent Kendra Shelby Singers**

**Special guest performers announced at event**

**Open microphone**

**Come Enjoy Uplifting Music That Will**

**Encourage & Energize Your Spirit!**

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## Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow Contest

Put your entry in 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.



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