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IISD Honors Veterans

See pages 6 & 7 for pictures.

"Carl Sweeney," "Here," "Ollie Baker," "Here," "Neal Corbitt," "Here," and on it went as over fifty veterans answered as there names were read by Junior Sarah Evans at the 3rd annual student generated Veterans' Memorial program at the Itasca Special Events Center. The roll call was followed by a standing applause salute from the student body and guests.

In contrast, there was total silence and reverence as Revitalization Committee Chairman Betty Sumner read the thirty-nine names of those killed in action or missing in action (KIA/MIA) including her brother Hatton who is on the list. IHS trumpeters Lindsey Laird, Aaron Chavez and Pilar Bassett played Taps as a slide presentation prepared by the Video Tech classes runs.

The student lead program was opened with the invocation by Junior Susie May, followed by "The Pledge of Allegiance" lead by Eva Mayberry and the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

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Traffic Stop Nets Drugs, Cash

Press Release Itasca PD – Photos PPP

On Wednesday November 8, 2007 at about 10:05 p.m., a traffic stop by Sergeant Walton of the Itasca Police Department resulted in two arrests involving narcotics and money laundering. Arrested were Christopher R. Abuzalaf age 27 from Marble Falls, TX and Tyler J. Morgan age 24 from Austin, TX.



Abuzalaf was charged with money laundering, over \$20,000.00 under \$100,000.00, possession of marijuana over 4 ounces, under 5 pounds, and possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, under 1 gram.

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Intense Search for Missing Teen

Press Release Itasca PD

On Wednesday November 7, 2007 at about 12:00 am, the Itasca Police Department received a complaint in reference to a missing/runaway 13-year-old female juvenile. The adult family member told Officer Sanchez from the Itasca Police Department that when she came out of the Exxon Smart Stop, the juvenile was gone.

An intense search of the area was made by units from the Itasca Police Department, the Hillsboro Police Department, the Hill County Sheriffs Office, search and rescue units from the local volunteer fire departments, the Itasca Fire Department, a DPS and an Air Evac Helicopter, and tracking dogs from the local search and rescue unit.

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It Is The Soldier

In Memory of

SMSgt. Lawrence D. Crawford, USAF, Retired
1939-2006

It is the soldier, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,
who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the soldier, who saluted the flag,
who served beneath the flag, and whose coffin
is draped by the flag.

Unknown

Proud Grandpa Honors Eagle Scout

Reporter & Photographer Devin Corbitt

Lance Mackenzie is the grandson of Cooper Fennell. He is currently a senior at South Grand Prairie High School where he carries a GPA of 3.89.

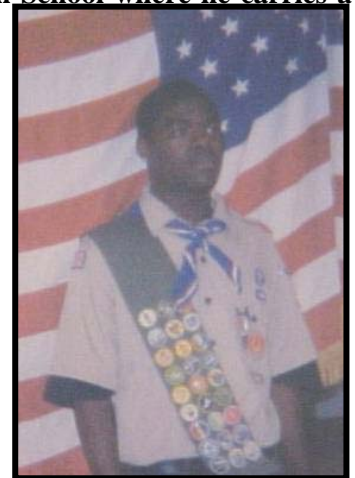
"He used to have a 3.98, but it went down when he started dating," Cooper joked about his grandson. "But he is a good kid."

Lance joined Cub Scouts when he was 7 years old, and has been scouting ever

since. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank that a Boy Scout can earn, on May 22, 2007. It is a very prestigious award.

The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always held a special importance, not only in Scouting but also throughout the rest of the boy's life. Not every boy who joins Boy Scouts earns the Eagle Scout rank. Only about 5 percent of boys do so, making the completion of an Eagle Scout a very high honor.

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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: Praise and Worship 9:00 a.m.

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

R.A.'s & G.A.'s (1st-6th) - Youth (7th-12th) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 10:45-12:15 p.m.

Wednesday - Supper 6:00 p.m. (\$2.00 ea. w/\$10.00 max/family) Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Youth (7th-12th) 7:00 - Kids' Choir 7:00 p.m.

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 p.m. Live the fullness of Life that GOD intended. Itasca Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Schedule

9:00 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 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

Sat., December 1 - 9:00 a.m. - Central Baptist 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

December 10, 2007 7:00 p.m.

IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, November 26, 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

November 15 - 3rd 6-Weeks Report Card

November 15 - Bi-District playoff - Wampus Cats vs. Palmer Bulldogs - Midlothian High School - 7:00 p.m.

November 16 - Food for Families - Heritage Park - Noon-5:00 p.m.

November 16 - Lady Cats vs. Blooming Grove - Home JV & V - 5:00 pm.

November 17 - Itasca VFD Chili Supper - 5:00 p.m. - Fire Station \$5.00

November 18 - Community Thanksgiving Service - First Presbyterian Church - 6:00 p.m.

November 19 - City Council meeting - 6:00 p.m. City Hall

October Police Blotter

10-25 - Assisted EMS - 300 blk. E. Wilkerson St.

10-26 - Assisted stranded motorist (Gas) - I-35W mm 5

10-26 - Assisted stranded motorist - I-35W mm 7

10-26 - Report of stolen pecans

10-26 - Assisted DPS (Vehicle struck cabinet in roadway) - US 81 @ Old airport

10-26 - Complaint of vehicle striking another vehicle - 100 blk. W. Wall St.

10-27 - Crowd control - 100 blk. N. Hill St.

10-27 - Assisted DPS with arrests - I-35W mm 3

10-27 - Report of possible theft - 100 blk. E. Main St.

10-27 - Report of moving road hazard - I-35W mm 16

10-27 - Drug report - Itasca PD

10-27 - Traffic stop - Arrest made for possession of marijuana <2 oz. (Citations for multiple violations) - E. Main & N. Hill Sts.

10-27 - Fight in progress - Warehouse Itasca ISD

10-27 - Report of stolen fire truck (False alarm - Grandview

10-27 - Assisted DPS (Drunk driver) - S. Hill & E. Spurgeon Sts.

Eagle Scout

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To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. He must demonstrate leadership in his troop. He must also plan, develop and lead a service project that displays leadership and a commitment of duty, earning at least 21

merit badges. The Scout must then take part in a Scoutmaster conference, where his work will be reviewed and approved by a Scoutmaster. All requirements must be completed before his 18th birthday.

Lance's project included picking up cans, cooking for the community and many other community orientated tasks.

"He did just about everything to earn his Eagle Scout," Cooper said. "I am very proud of him. I know it was not easy."

Lance received letters of congratulation from President George W. & First Lady Laura Bush, Former President George & first Lady Barbara Bush, Lady Bird Johnson, Vice President Dick Cheney, Governor Rick Perry and Astronaut John Glenn.

Lance is the son of Lance McKenzie and Lisa Fennell and the grandson of IISD employee Cooper Fennell of Hillsboro. He plans to attend Texas Tech next year.

Missing Teen

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The search was finally terminated at approximately 3:21 am when the juvenile could not be found. On Thursday November 8, 2007 at about 12:16 am, the Itasca Police Department received information from the Arlington Police Department that the juvenile had returned home in Arlington.

Elementary Nets \$296.50

The first collection of BOX TOP\$ for Education for school year 2007-2008 was submitted by Coordinator Cathy Wood. The students are off to a great start as almost \$300 was realized.

The PALs provided a treat for the student in each room who brought the most. They will repeat this in December. Save those BOX TOP\$.

Veterans Honored

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Senior Lindsey Laird welcomed the guest and Sophomore Devin Corbitt introduced the five branches of service and their anthems. Senior Zac Johnson spoke on remembering our true American heroes. Nicole Kelley explained the flag folding ceremony as Boy Scout Troup #366 demonstrated. Members of the Troop are Ben Maddox, Carter Reid, Cody Lewis, Dylan Hernandez, Darrell Rasco, David Corbitt, David Maddox, Justin Bons and Sam Orr. Troup master is Alan Corbitt.

IHS Principal Rickie Harris thanked everyone for coming and once again thanked our veterans for their sacrifice.

Other veterans attending were Charles Baker, Wayne Williams, James Sumner, Buddy Fields, Mack Ellison, John Laird, Richard Curry, L. C. Crow, Eugene Ballard, George Atkinson, Paul Cockerham, Johnny Chambers, Grady Owen, Leo Welch, Tom Brockett, J. M. Cordell, Rex Darling, Michael Dipietrantonio, Albert Ellison, Glen Gray, Leonard Harrison, Kenneth Short, Oscar West, Bob Rolison, Charles Murrah, Vernon Tapp, James Gilley, Grover Kemp, Micah Fletcher, David Scott, John Droll, Gary Cotton, Cooper Fennell, Keith Wolfe, Oliver Moseley, Henry Diggs, Johnny Bates, Jerry Onnen, Thomas Weaver, Charles Jackson, Jim Mahurin, Jerry Bass, Tom Wood and Loy Hardesty.

Those read as KIAs or MIAs are Ellis Bailey, Sam Baker, Charles Barlow, Robert Barnes, Victor Buie, Buddy Channon, Charles Coffin, Paul Coffin, Jr., Lloyd Daniel, Horace Davis, James Erby, Pete Fuller, James Hargis, Edwin Hester, Felts Hobbs, Joe Hollingsworth, Dick Hopper, Durwood Kemp, Floyd Kimbrell, John Kirkendall, Jack Lewis, J. D. Mabry, Billy McMahan, James Mitchell, Mal Ramsey, Lee Roy Reese, Leslie Roper, John Sevier, Hatton Sumner, Edward Townsend, Bobby Turner, James Van Ness, John Waldie, Hubert Westberry, John Whitfield, Joseph Wiley, Byron Wilson, Thomas Wilson and Griffin Wood.

Traffic Stop Nets Drugs, Cash

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Morgan was charged with possession of marijuana over 4 ounces and under 5 pounds. Seized were seven marijuana plants and packaged marijuana, \$39,498.00 in US currency, morphine capsule and a 2001

Ford F350 RV.

Assisting in the arrest and search were Chief Griscavage and Officer Howell of the Itasca Police Department and Officer Girsh of the Hillsboro Police Department. After processing at the Itasca Police Department, the two subjects were booked into jail at the Hill County Law Enforcement Center.

Senior Spotlight - GiGi Morgan

Reporter Megan Goff
Cartoonist Zach O'Rarden



"Let's go ladies," senior Grenisha Morgan said. "Get your game face on." Grenisha, known as GiGi, has played basketball for four years and she expects this year to be the best.

GiGi is known for her post skills on the basketball floor along with her leadership skills on and off the court. She is the only senior this year playing for the Lady Wampus Cats. GiGi was on JV her freshman and sophomore year, then moved up to Varsity her junior and senior year.

"I am hoping to represent my class well as the only senior this year," GiGi said. "The team is pumped up for this season. We are all working hard and with Coach Wallace's and Coach Stacey Mayberry's support we expect to get the job done. We have started off on a very positive note."

GiGi also participates in track, throwing the shot put and discus. She is a second year PAL and has been on student council for three years. She is heading up the Food for Families Food Drive this year. GiGi has attended Itasca ISD since pre-kindergarten.

"I think there is an advantage to be able to attend the same school your whole life. You know the teachers and you get to grow together with your classmates," GiGi said. "There is also the disadvantage of the teachers knowing your parents or in this case, my granny."

GiGi lives with her granny, Shirley Anderson.

"I look up to my granny because she has always been there for me," GiGi said. "She supports me in everything I do and I can always tell when she is at my basketball game because I can hear her yelling from the stands."

Over the summer, GiGi attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Association (RYLA) camp.

"It taught me some very important leadership skills and how to handle myself in tough situations," GiGi said.

As graduation comes nearer, GiGi has made plans to study at TSTC to become a dental assistant or find a junior college that would allow her to continue playing basketball.

"I'm not ready to graduate. I am going to miss the teachers and all of my classmates, young as well as my PALes in elementary," GiGi said. "But always remember to keep your head up and stay positive."



Senior Spotlight

Jon Rogers

Reporter Maria Worth
Cartoonist Zach O'Rarden



"I walk by faith, not by sight," is one of 17-year-old Jonathan Wiley Rogers' favorite quotes. Jon is the son of Yvonne Henderson and older brother to 16-year-old Shelbi Rogers. Born in Lubbock, Texas, Jon moved to Itasca about half way through his sophomore year.

According to Jon, he enjoys being in a small school because, "You can get better help instead of just being a number in a big school."

One of Jon's favorite passtimes is working as a firefighter. He hopes to one day be able to go to a fire academy and become a fully certified firefighter. It is no surprise that his favorite movie is *Ladder 49*.

Jon also enjoys being active in rodeos because it is the "toughest sport on dirt." Some of Jon's fondest memories are when he went to a stock show with the FFA.

Jon is involved in the church and is currently working at IHOP with his sister. If you see a startling big green truck in the parking lot, you know that Jon is there.

When asked to describe himself, Jon said he was "tall, lanky, and weird" because he loves to be different. Jon enjoys eating Chinese food, listening to music of any kind, and playing the drums.



Just like every other senior, he cannot wait to graduate. His dreams of becoming a firefighter are beckoning him and he cannot wait to get started.

IIISD Booster Club will hold a meeting Tuesday, November 20 @7:00 in the cafeteria

Wampus Cats Top Lions in District Fight for Play-Off Berth

Reporter Nick Worth
Photo by Ashley Durham



Friday night the Itasca Wampus Cats finished their district season with a win over the Dublin Lions in Dublin. They were determined not to have the season end with them in a tie with Hico for playoffs.

The Wampus Cats certainly showed what they were made of by coming out and scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter while simultaneously holding the Lions at zero. The second quarter was virtually the same story with the only exception being that the defense let one TD through.

The third quarter looked a little dodgy as the Itasca defense let eight more points slip by. The offense also seemed to be lagging as they failed to finish their drives. However, in the fourth quarter they jumped back on the horse and scored fourteen more points and only let six be scored against them. This brought the final score to Itasca 42, Dublin 21.

A number of players had a good game. Tomas Garcia's foot was right on the money and he made every PAT. Tralyn Harden received passes for 122 yards and Desmond Guy had 22 carries for 238 yards (167 carries for 1379 yards) for the season. Desmond's average totals to over 10 yards per carry and Tralyn's was roughly 40 yards a catch (26 catches for 713 yards for the season); not to mention Tralyn's 78-yard punt return for a touchdown. Mikey Marshall who is on the other side of those catches had 57 completions for 1128 yards.

Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. the Wampus Cats will meet the Palmer Bulldogs in Midlothian in a Bi-District match-up.

Season - 9-1	District 4-1
October 12	Itasca - 27 - Maypearl - 7
October 19	Itasca - 6 - Grandview - 26
October 26	Itasca - 18 - Hico - 14
November 2	Itasca - 40 - Rio Vista - 6
November 9	Itasca 42 - Dublin - 21

Itasca Lady Wampus Cat Basketball Lady Cats Varsity Season - 2-0

November				
13	Abbott	Away	JV, V	5:00
16	Blooming Grove	Home	JV, V	5:00
20	Blum	Away	JV, V	5:00
27	Venus	Home	JV, V	5:00
29/30	Bruceville Eddy	Tournament	V	TBA
December				
4	Meridian	Away	JV, V	5:00
6/8	Frost	Tournament	V	TBA
11	* Grandview	Home	JV, V	5:00
14	* Hico	Away	JV, V	4:00
18	* Maypearl	Home	JV, V	4:00
27-29	Need game or Tournament			
January				
1	OPEN DATE			
4	* Keene	Away	JV, V	4:00
8	* Rio Vista	Home	JV, V	4:00
11	* Dublin	Away	JV, V	4:00
15	* Grandview	Away	JV, V	4:00
18	* Hico	Home	JV, V	4:00
22	* Maypearl	Away	JV, V	4:00
25	* OPEN DATE			
29	* KEENE	Home	JV, V	4:00
February				
1	* Rio Vista	Away	JV, V	4:00
5	(*) Dublin	Home	JV, V	4:00

* District Games () Parents Night
Head Coach Clint Wallace - Assistant Stacey Mayberry
Principal Rickie Harris - Superintendent Glenn Pittman
School Phone: (254) 687 - 2922 FAX: (254) 687 - 2637

Junior High Basketball 2007-2008

November				
19	Rio Vista	7B, 8B	Home	5:00
	Rio Vista	7G, 8G	Away	5:00
26	Rio Vista	7B, 8B	Away	5:00
	Rio Vista	7G, 8G	Home	5:00
December				
3	Hico	7B, 8B	Home	5:00
	Hico	7G, 8G	Away	5:00
10	Maypearl	7B, 8B	Away	5:00
	Maypearl	7G, 8G	Home	5:00
January				
10	Dublin	7B, 8B	Away	5:00
	Dublin	7G, 8G	Home	5:00
12	Godley Tournament	7B, 8B	Away	TBA
12	Meridian Tournament	7G, 8G	away	TBA

**Support Your Wampus Cats
(Football, Basketball & Baseball)
all the way to State!**

2007 Veterans' Memorial



2007 Veterans' Memorial



Mikey Marshall

Welcome Home



A miracle finally arrived after a year of hard work. A beautiful baby daughter born on October 18, 2007 to Camilli and Kyle Foster was a true blessing.

She was born at 9:13 a.m. and was 18 inches long. She weighted 5 lbs. and 14 oz.

Letter to the Editor

To the editor/community, It has been my pleasure to serve on the Itasca School Board for the past three years. The experience allowed me to make many new friends and have an impact on our district and community. At the recent school board election, the votes did not go my way and I will pass my chair to a couple of new members. I wish them the best in their quest to ensure we have the very best opportunities we can offer our students. Accept nothing less than excellence. The district is in good hands with Mr. Pittman and his administrative team.

Thanks, Donny Faries

Note of Thanks

The Kenneth G. Cockerham Family would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our friends and family for all expressions of sympathy during our loss. Our Methodist Church Family for such a wonderful lunch, Our Pastor Tom Wood, the Presbyterian Church and my 1973 classmate, Diane Sumner Barnes for gracing everyone with words we all needed to hear. All who have donated to the EDC in memory of my Dad to be spent on the Heritage Park and last but not least, Anna, with Clayton Kay-Vaughn funeral home for taking care of everything so beautifully.

We'd all like to keep our loved ones here with us forever, and it truly hurts, when forever comes much too soon. As we again, are forced to struggle daily to adapt with loss, please know that we still realize how truly blessed we are! Remember always to "Count your Blessings, NOT your Losses."

The K. G. Cockerham Family

Notice of Public Meeting

The Itasca Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., December 10, 2007 during the regular board meeting in the Administration office at 123 N College to present the Itasca Independent School District's 2006-07 AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicator System) report.

Coat Drive

RA's and GA's of Central Baptist church are collecting coats and blankets to distribute December 1 to anyone who needs them. If you have coats, sweaters, or blankets you would like to donate, call Michelle Spain 687-2107 or bring them by the parsonage at 400 E. Monroe.

Hill County Defensive Driving School

Alcohol Awareness for Minors

Available the 3rd Saturday of the month

125 W. Elm – Hillsboro, Texas

For information, call 582-5111

Please Help Feed the Hungry

Food for Families is a one-day food drive to help meet the growing need for food for those in Hill County. Non-perishable items are needed, such as canned meats, tuna, chili, rice, canned vegetables, cereal, baby food, sugar, flour, peanut butter, sauces, etc. The Itasca Ministerial Alliance will have a drop-off box at the Heritage Park in Itasca on November 16 from Noon - 5:00.

Itasca Fire Department

Chili Supper - November 17, 2007

5:00 p.m. until gone - Fire Station

\$5.00 per person

Buy Your Tickets In Advance at Citizens State Bank

Includes: Homemade Chili, Beans, Cornbread, Crackers & Desert! Tea & Lemonade to Drink

To-Go Orders Welcome BYOB "Bring Your Own Bowl" All proceeds go to the Itasca Fire Department.

Thanksgiving Bash - Dance/Baile

at the Warehouse

November 24, Saturday

8pm - ? 13 & up - \$5.00

12 & under \$2.00

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BYOB

Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade & Downtown Celebration

The Annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 1 at 5:30 p.m. Line up and judging will be in front of the elementary school at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is urged to enter a vehicle or float.

Do You Remember...?—"The Canning Tradition"

Columnist Carl Sweeney - pictures from a canning magazine



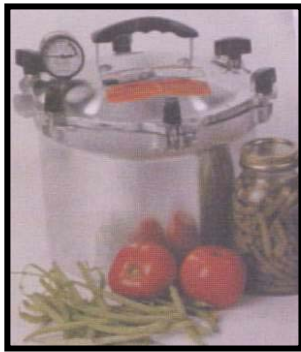
Back when we stored or canned or preserved our food for future use, there were mostly two seasons to do this, spring and fall. It was then that the trusty mason or ball glass jars came into use. The most popular sizes were pints and quarts, sometimes gallons for meat or for institutions. This procedure was done because there were no home freezers back then to preserve our food.

When spring came we brought out the trusty pressure cooker we used to cook food before it was canned. We canned beans, beets, tomatoes, pickles, and a host of other vegetables. Also preserved were fruits such as peaches, plums and pears. We went to the woods for wild plums for jam or jelly. The wild mustang grapes made our grape jelly, and wine for some.



When it came to meat we canned our beef because we could not preserve it another way. We ate mostly pork at our house because we could cure it and hang it in the "smokehouse." Some people did smoke the meat and that is why we called it a smokehouse. To us it was simply a place to hang the cured hams, sausage in cloth sacks, and other pork cuts. Now very few people do canning or preserving. Very few culinary endeavors involved the ball or Mason jar. There is something else we notice now that was not prevalent in other times, and that is the recipe book. Our mothers and grandmothers had some recipes that were hand written. Now we seem to have dozens of recipe books that are just for collecting instead of using them for reference.

Nowadays most of us live in the city and do not have gardens to can from. Some say now they can buy the product as cheaply as it can be processed at home. This may be true but the taste and quality are not the same. We jump in the car and go to the supermarket for out of season fruit and produce from Mexico, California, or other areas. Most of these are stuff that has ripened en-route. Sometimes we forget how good ripened, homegrown stuff tastes.



Once during the early years of the great depression the government came up with the idea of killing cattle to eliminate a surplus and to spread a little money around to help during the depressed time. From what I can find out now they were paid a dollar and a half for each animal killed. A government man was sent to an area and he hired people to assist in the slaughter. The cattle were buried or burned and the government decreed that we could not eat or utilize the meat, however some of the government representatives left before

the disposal of the carcasses, thus allowing some utilization of the meat. The slaughter program was unpopular, even though it might have been beneficial.

During World War II there was a community cannery in Itasca as well as other towns. It was said that the cannery was successful and beneficial to the community. We as soldiers were not familiar with the operation because we were gone to the four corners of the Earth.

Thinking of the food situation brings to mind an event that we looked forward to each summer, watermelon and cantaloupe time. Watermelons are categorized as vegetables but we considered it a fruit being so sweet and juicy. In our social setting a big long wedge of watermelon has a joy to eat. We just held it in our hands and ate away allowing the juice to run down our chins, one of the true joys of our childhood. The watermelon also brings to mind mother's and grandmother's pickled watermelon and watermelon rind preserves.



In late summer the apples, pears, and sweet potatoes were ripe and ready for processing. We ate what we could and stored the rest in the storm cellar along with the canned goods from the spring and summer. In early fall it was time to make hominy. We made a big batch in the wash pot and stored it also in the storm cellar. Just before frost in the fall other food stuffs were harvested and preserved such as bell peppers, cabbage and green tomatoes. We made a relish called "chow chow." It was made from green tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, and cabbage, salt, vinegar and celery seeds. We don't make it in any more but there is a very good similar product at the store. It is Dixieland brand. The last things harvested in the fall were pecans, red and black haws, and persimmons. That about winds up the food processing for the year except the killing of hogs when cold weather came, but that is another story.

Week of November 19 – 23 Breakfast & Lunch Menu

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| 11-19 - Breakfast Stick, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk | Turkey Pita or Crispito, Let/Tom, Veggie Tray, Chips, Pineapple, Milk |
| 11-20 - Pumpkin Bread, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk | Salisbury Steak Or Chicken Nuggets, Mash Potatoes, Peaches, Bread, Milk |
| 11-21 - Pop Tarts, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk | Pizza Or Sloppy Joe, Breadstick, Corn, Pineapple, Milk |
| 11-22 & 11-23 - Thanksgiving Holiday | |

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Wampus Cats of the Week - "Football Favs"



#1 Football Fav is #8 Jacob Boyd. Boyd is a junior and plays tight end and defensive end. His skills have improved throughout the season. He caught a touchdown pass during the Dublin game and will figure greatly into next year's passing game.



#2 Football Fav is #4 Dee Marshall. Dee, a senior, is a wide receiver and defensive back. He has been on the injury reserve list for the last few weeks. He has lots of experience on the field and in making plays.



#3 Football Fav is #34 Ryan Crouch. Crouch, a sophomore, comes from a football family. Although he has some big shoes to fill, he is getting the job done. Crouch plays tight end and defensive end.



#4 Football Fav is #50 Angel Turrubiardez. He is a junior with lots of strength and quickness. He wants to play and is always willing to pitch in and do what is necessary. He is an offensive and defensive lineman.

#5 Football Fav is #51 Zach Bassett. Bassett, a sophomore who plays tight end and linebacker, also comes from a football background. Fans will hear his name often in the next 2 years.

#6 Football Fav is #65 Eddie Coronado. Coronado has been on the injured reserves since the Homecoming Game. His knee will require surgery but he hopes to hit the field again next year.

#7 Football Fav is #72 Tomas Garcia. Garcia, a sophomore, kicks the points after the touchdowns. This is an area where small schools are usually deficit, but that is not the case at IHS. Tomas' kicks were on the money approximately 70% of the time.



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