

# Paw Print Press

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## Donations of Love

Special thanks to Darcy Pearson for submitting story & photos



Kathy Rodriguez and Hannah Johnson got their hair cut for "Locks of Love" at Darcy's Country Cuts located off 2719 & 67 in Itasca.

Bynum School Teacher Kathy Rodriguez has had her hair cut twice for the "Locks of Love" Foundation. She recently had 14 inches cut and donated.

13-year-old Hannah Johnson had 10 inches cut off her hair and has also donated it to the "Locks of Love" Foundation. She is the daughter of Lloyd and Diana Johnson.

## City Council Votes to Increase Water Fees, Fines

Council members passed a City Ordinance (waived 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings) at the November meeting raising the late fine for a water bill to \$10.00 from the previous \$5.00 charge. This increase is effective with the bills mailed out on December 30, due January 10. Also included in the Ordinance were increases in deposits, reconnect fees and a special fee for reconnect after hours and on holidays.

These increases were part of an effort to follow the recommendations of the auditors, who pointed out that Itasca's rates are barely and sometimes are not meeting the cost of expenses. Itasca has been exploring avenues for funds to repair and replace the city's infrastructure and in many cases, the grants show that the city's rates are not keeping up with the cost of doing business.

## Students Graded for Advancement

Press Release



On September 1, many students from the Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School at 125 W Elm in Hillsboro graded for advancement to the next belt level. On hand for the testing was Grand Master BuKwang Park-Houston and Master Jeff Wiles-Round Rock. Students are required to perform two patterns, spar and break boards at the grading.

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## Marines, HILCO Kick Off 2007 Toys For Tots Drive

Press Release



Sgt Michael Lugo and SSgt Maria Zepeda of the Marine Corps Reserve in Waco delivered collections boxes to be placed in HILCO offices to kick off the 2007 Toys For Tots Drive. The Marines were welcomed by HILCO Executive Assistant Jill Huggins, right, who is in charge of the project in Itasca.

See Toys for Tots page 3.

## 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: 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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, December 17, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

### Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

December 17, 2007 7:00 p.m.

IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

### Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, December 17, 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 Holiday Events

Christmas Parade & Downtown Celebration  
Saturday, December 1, 2007 5:30 p.m.

Garden Club & Chamber of Commerce  
Brunch

Monday, December 3, 2007 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Farrow Room @ HILCO

Community Christmas Cantata  
Sunday, December 9, 2007 6:00 p.m.  
Central Baptist Church

City Hall Open House  
Monday, December 10, 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.  
Itasca City Offices 126 N. Files St.

Chamber of Commerce  
Christmas Home Decorating Contest  
Judging 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 18  
\*\*\*Must complete an application to be eligible for judging (Available at bank, city hall, Jimmy's, Café, Smart Stop, Handy's, DQ, Exit 8, Chevron & HILCO) Deadline for application is Thursday, December 13.

December 24-January 4 - IISD Christmas Holiday - School resumes at 8:00 a.m.  
January 7, 2008.

Hill County Commissioners' Court imposed a 90-day outdoor burn ban effective November 13.

(Agriculture Exemption)

## Join Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade & Downtown Celebration

Sat. – Dec. 1 - 5:30 p.m.

All vehicles welcome  
(No registration needed)  
Line up front of elementary school 5:00 p.m.



Be part of Santa's entourage to the gazebo in Veterans Memorial Park

## Marines, HILCO Toys For Tots Drive

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Collection boxes have been placed in the lobbies of all HILCO Electric Cooperative offices for the 2007 Toys For Tots Drive. New, unwrapped toys may be left in the boxes until December 14 during regular office hours Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at any HILCO office. The toys will be distributed to children locally.

The Toys for Tots program began in 1947 and has become an American holiday tradition. Christmas is a time of joy, happiness and goodwill. It is a time of giving and helping those less fortunate, especially impoverished children. The U. S. Marine Corps Reserve is the unchallenged leader in looking after America's needy children at Christmas. Please join the Marines and HILCO in helping make the season a little brighter for the children in our community. Visit their website at <http://www.toysfortotswaco.org/>.

In addition to the toy drive, HILCO is once again sponsoring a drive to collect wrapped Christmas gifts for nursing home residents and underprivileged children in our area. Cards listing individual ages, sizes and special requests may be picked up beginning November 20 at the HILCO Electric Cooperative office at 115 E. Main Street in Itasca during regular business hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The deadline for bringing wrapped gifts to the Itasca office for the children and nursing home residents is December 10.

Jill Huggins said, "We have several less fortunate families in our area this year. If you are able to contribute any type of gift at all, the recipients will be grateful to have them. The majority of these individuals may not receive any gifts this year if we do not help. Please take time this holiday season to remember one of the true meanings of Christmas, "It is truly better to give than to receive."

## Tae Kwon Do Advancement

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Pictured are White Belts grading for Yellow Stripes -Caleb Giles-Hillsboro, Jacob Jean-Blum. Kathryn Devers-West, Williams Myers-Hillsboro, Pamela Braswell-Hillsboro and not pictured Harley Finley-Grandview.

Yellow Stripes grading for Yellow Belts - Ashley Carlson-Itasca, Colby Satterfield-Hillsboro, Tyler Burke-Abbott, and Ethel Jones-Malone.

Yellow Belts grading for Green Stripes-Cole Jackson-Hillsboro, Violet Patton-Hillsboro, Alisha Adams-Whitney, Jenifer Simmons-Milford, David Jones-Malone and not pictured Thomas Martin-Milford, Megan Scoggins-Itasca, and Donita Odom-Itasca.

Green Stripes grading for Green Belts-Luke Steele-Hillsboro, Ja'Retta Turner-Hillsboro, Ariel Jackson-Hillsboro, Hunter Toliver-Grandview, Austin Rodriguez-Mertens, Christopher Jackson-Hillsboro, Aireil Tolvier-Grandview, Jonathon Overbey Malone, Henri Martinez-Itasca, Devin McPherson-Hillsboro, Michelle Steele-Hillsboro, Timothy Friesenhahn-Osceola, Kyree Jackson-Hillsboro and Thomas Overbey-Malone.

Green Belts grading for Blue Stripes-Allena Heath-Milford, Justin Bonds-Itasca, Emmanuel Suarez-Hillsboro, Walker Sawyer-Hillsboro, Heather Odom-Itasca, Daniel Odom-Itasca, Tyler Odom-Itasca, and Megan Odom-Itasca not pictured.

Blue Stripes grading for Blue Belts-Kaydee Jean-Blum, Breanna Bullard-Hillsboro, B. J. Bullard-Hillsboro, Lesley Ramirez-Hillsboro, Joshua Charlton-Hillsboro and Natalie Turner-Hillsboro.

Blue Belts grading for Red Stripes-Lindsay Price-Hillsboro, Emily Vanderzward-Bynum, Rebecca Bilz-Clifton, Trenton Dale-Hillsboro and Molly Kyun-Bynum not pictured.

Red Stripes grading for Red Belts- Marco Cruz-Hillsboro, Ryan Schronk-Hillsboro, Ross Carter-Hillsboro, Adilena Camarena-Hillsboro and John Haney-Hubbard not pictured.

Red Belts grading for Black Stripes-Graciela Hernandez-Hillsboro, Michelle Lopez-Burleson, Kevin Devers-West, Bailey Vanderzward-Bynum, Marcos Lopez-Burleson, and Gary Anthony-Whitney.

Black Stripes grading for Double Black Stripes-Kayla Butnor-Covington, Ethan Patton-Hillsboro, and Joslynn Burger-Hillsboro.

Double Black Stripes grading for Black Belt Candidates-Israel Ramos-Hillsboro, and Ivan Diaz-Hillsboro.

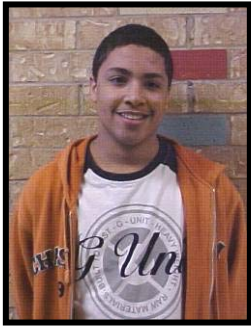
Black Belts grading for 3rd stars-Kodi Arnold-Hillsboro, Jordan Satterfield-Hillsboro and Kristina Kight-Osceola.

Classes are taught each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4:45, 5:45 and 6:45 p.m. The first two classes are free and parents are always welcome. The school will be enrolling new students in December. For a free informational brochure call 254-582-5111 or check out our web site [www.hillsborotkd.com](http://www.hillsborotkd.com).



## Senior Spotlight Kelvin McVea

Reporter Mary Maddox – Cartoonist Zech O'Rarden



Kelvin McVea has been a PAL for two years. Each of Kelvin's PALees enjoy spending time with him and is glad he takes the time to stay involved with them.

Kelvin has a distinctive way of doing things in Itasca High School. While most of his peers are involved in sports, he has taken a road and lets his talent shine in writing songs and short stories. His work has been published in the *High School Writer* as well as the *Paw Print Press*.

Kelvin plans to start his freshman year of college, next fall, at McMurry College in Abilene, where he hopes to major in Journalism.

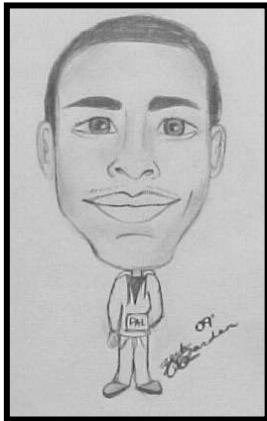
Kelvin is very anxious for graduation and the adventure of life after high school.

"I'm ready to face the world," Kevin said. "I will take the words of Mahatma Gandhi with me, 'The weak can never forgive; forgiveness is an attribute of the strong.'"

Kelvin's parents and role models are Kandy and Deric McVea. He has two older sister, Dee Dee class of 2005 and Kandis class of 2007. He also has a younger brother, Davvon, who will graduate in 2010.

Although Kelvin is ready to move on, he will always remember the drama that came with going to a small school and, of course, all of the good times and fond memories.

"'Be all that you can be,' should be everyone's goal in school and in life," Kelvin said to his classmates and those he leaves to continue their high school years.



### It is Time to Celebrate

Join us to honor Myrite Allen's 95th Birthday  
Sunday, December 2 – 2:00 -4:00 p.m.

Farrow Room – Itasca  
No gifts – please!

## Senior Spotlight - Heather Jordan

Reporter Maria Worth – Cartoonist Zech O'Rarden



Heather Marie Jordan is the 17-year-old daughter of Dawn and Randy Kline and Scott Jordan. Her three siblings are Brenda (10th grade), Rebecca (5th grade) and Dustin Kline (3rd grade). Heather was born in Hillsboro but has attended Itasca ISD since the 8th grade.

Family and friends have always been very important to Heather, especially her grandfather and her friend Amy who have both made a huge impact on her life. She is

glad that they have never failed to be there for her.

Heather is "very" ready to graduate and has plans of becoming a registered nurse and continuing her hobby of painting. Her interests are varied. She enjoys being active in PALs, jumping on the trampoline, eating pizza and hanging out with her friends, Marilla and Gregg. Heather loves children and hopes to be working and raising two children of her own in ten years.

As much as she is ready to graduate, Heather loves high school. Two of her most vivid memories of IISD are going to her first high school class and all the drama.

"I got mixed up in my classes on the first day," Heather said, "it was so embarrassing."

Heather loves all of her classes and her favorite teacher is newcomer, Mrs. Lisa Von Borstel.

"Follow my and my class' example; Stay in school and listen to the teachers," are Heather's words to the underclassmen.



## Vinson Vies for Repeat at State

Reporter Sarah Evans



Senior 4-H member, Lauren Vinson entered six photographs in the District 4-H contest and four received a 1<sup>st</sup> place in their category. They also received 1<sup>st</sup> places in the County Contest. They are currently being judged at the State 4-H Contest.

Lauren entered her work last year and received a 1<sup>st</sup> at state.

"It was surprising," Vinson said. "I earned a 1st at state last year but, I could not advance to nationals because I was not a senior."

Her photos are of a statue of a horse, a gazing garden ball and a self-shot of herself dressed as Audrey Hepburn.

### Pecan on the Halves

Needed - Someone to pick up pecans on the halves.  
Call if interested - 687-2681.

# Lady Cats Hoop It Up

Roving Lady Cat Reporter

“HOOP, there it is.” The Itasca Lady Cats started their basketball season with the same name, but a new game.

The season began with a scrimmage against Hubbard, on October 30. Junior varsity played first and ran their plays, got many steals, and did well overall. The JV team includes Katelyn Seaman, Jessika Rodriguez, Ciera Thompson, Nancy Reyes, Chan'tira Diggs, Haley Carranza, Shelby Jones and Christina Manasco.

Reyes' specialty is stealing the ball. The posts have a strong no-foul defense with Seaman, Rodriguez and Thompson running the floor.



The varsity squad won three of the four quarters in their scrimmage.

“We ran the fast break which led to a lot of lay ups,” shooting guard, Eva Mayberry said.

The varsity team roster includes GiGi Morgan, Courtney Phillips, Eva Mayberry, Chantel Courtner, Mary Maddox, Ashley Durham, Megan Goff, Amanda Jones, Autumn Pelham and Jasmine



Guy. Head Coach Clint Wallace and Coach Stacey Mayberry coach both teams.

The Lady Cats' played their first pre-season game at home against Penelope, winning 52-33. They also won against Hillsboro JV in the Venus tournament, the Lady Panthers in Abbott and the Lady Bulldogs in Blum. Their two losses came from Venus in the tournament and the Lady Lions.

All of the preseason games (win or lose) are preparing the Lady Cats for the first district game against Grandview on December 11. The team shows tremendous improvement in both skill and attitude over previous years.



# Wampus Cat Boys Basketball

Varsity Cats Season - 1-0

November

|       |                   |      |       |      |
|-------|-------------------|------|-------|------|
| 27    | Whitney           | Home | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 29/30 | Dublin Tournament |      | V     | TBA  |

December

|       |                            |      |       |      |
|-------|----------------------------|------|-------|------|
| 4     | Riesel                     | Away | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 6/8   | West Tournament            |      | V     | TBA  |
| 11    | Brock                      | Away | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 14    | Dallas Life                | Away | JV, V | 4:00 |
| 18    | * Maypearl                 | Home | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 21    | Godley Home                |      | JV, V | 4:00 |
| 27/29 | Godley Tournament          |      | V     | TBA  |
| 31    | Bruceville Eddy Tournament |      | JV, V | 1:00 |

# Lady Wampus Cat Basketball

Lady Cats Varsity Season - 4-2

November

|       |                            |      |       |      |
|-------|----------------------------|------|-------|------|
| 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

|    |             |      |       |      |
|----|-------------|------|-------|------|
| 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

# Junior High Basketball 2007-2008

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  |

## Abandoning Dog or Cat Can Cost One Up to \$4,000 and/or Year in Jail

Press Release

Dog and cat abandonment is a criminal act. Texas criminal law under section 42.09 of the Texas Penal Code levies fines up to \$4,000 and/or a year in jail. If convicted the third time it becomes a felony penalty with punishment up to \$10,000 and/or two years in jail. Abandonment includes moving from a home or visiting our beautiful lakes and conveniently leaving one's pet behind. "Dumping" a dog or cat on the side of the road is also abandonment. Besides breaking the law, abandonment is the most despicable act one can do to a companion animal (dog or cat) because they cannot fend for themselves because of their domesticated nature.

Statistically, over 80% will die horrific deaths from starvation, thirst, disease, road kill, or eaten alive by predatory animals such as coyotes. The "lucky" survivors will find refuge but die early because of the absence of professional veterinarian care. The great majority of these survivors will never be sterilized thus fueling our present pet overpopulation issue. Without basic animal control, our pet overpopulation problem will continue to worsen. Presently, individual and "packs/colonies" of stray dogs and cats exists in our county - creating health, economic, legal, and safety (HELS) liabilities to our citizens and communities. Communicate with your elected representatives and tell them you want change. If you don't know what to say, go to our website [hcpawpals.org](http://hcpawpals.org) and link to "letter writing campaign" for information. Pet overpopulation is simply solvable with basic animal control - a core service that taxpayers expect along with police, fire and ambulance service—you pay taxes with your hard-earned money—you should determine how it's spent. Animal control expense should simply be prioritized into the existing budget.

If you live in an area without animal control (which is the majority of Hill County), and you know of abandonment cases, call the County Sheriff Office at 582-5313 - it is the Sheriff's duty to enforce criminal state law and your civic duty to report it. Hill County will prosecute offenders of this law but it has to be reported. Enforcement of the existing "abandonment" law (Penal Code 42.09) is necessary to deter people from performing this vile act. "Dumpers" force their problems on innocent others while fueling our existing pet overpopulation issue which continues to go unchecked without needed basic animal control.

If you would like to become involved in correcting pet overpopulation, consider volunteering with Hill County Paw Pals. We are a group of over 1,200 concerned voting citizens and over 110 businesses who have been working for nearly four years to facilitate the installation of a county animal control program that will include an animal shelter.

### 2007 Hill County Christmas Parade and Live Nativity

Downtown Hillsboro Courthouse Square

Monday, December 10, 2007 6:00pm

Hosted by

The Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce & CVB

#### Free Family Activities Include:

Hot Cocoa & Apple Cider  
Children's Area for Letters to Santa & Holiday Cookie Decorating  
Santa Will be Available for Personal Photo Taking  
Annual Tree Lighting & Choir Groups Performing Carols



This year's parade theme is  
*Christmas in Texas*

Log on to [www.hillsborochamber.org/parade](http://www.hillsborochamber.org/parade) for additional information and entry form.

### Deadline Nears for Submissions

Press Release

Organizers have set December 31, 2007 as the deadline for submitting articles for Hill County, Texas Heritage Book, Volume II. Finish your family and/or topical story and send it in soon. Stories should be mailed to Hill County Heritage Book Committee Vol. II, P.O. Box 555, Hillsboro, TX 76645 and postmarked by the deadline, December 31, 2007.

A Military Service section is being included in Volume II. Any person with Hill County ties who has served in the military may be featured in a biographical article which includes his or her full name, birthday and where born, parents, dates of service, rank, name of war, branch of service and unit, schooling, marriage, overseas duty and one photo in uniform, if available. Persons who were in the military during peacetime may also be included. The article may be up to 500 words at no charge.

Guidelines for writing family and topical (historical) stories may be found on Hill County Genealogical Society website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txhcg>. Click on Heritage of Hill County, Texas Volume II to find directions. Or contact Roy Bessire, 254-666-3283, e-mail [rcbess@aol.com](mailto:rcbess@aol.com) or Richard Greenhill at 254-582-8912 for a brochure or information about the book.



## IHS Students Show Their Pride



Donating blood were seniors (l to r) Esteban Gonzalez, Ashlee Carranza, Kelvin McVea and Lindsey Laird. 2<sup>nd</sup> row Jeremy Patterson, Zac Johnson, Sydnee Perkins and Zack O'Rarden. 3<sup>rd</sup> row (l to r) Jacob Pelham, Jon Rogers, Josh Huff and Aaron Willman.

The Itasca High School Student Council sponsored its second successful Red Cross Blood Drive October 5.

StuCo Sponsor Sally Crouch was very complimentary on the hard work of the StuCo members and on the large number of high school students who donated blood for the first time and the many Itascans who came to the school to donate. For every pint donated, three lives can be saved. It is truly a life-giving gift.

Over 150 lives will be saved with the 68 pints donated During the first drive last year 46 units were collected. Donors received a free American Red Cross T-shirt.

## Dear Santa Letters

If you are a parent, grandparent or care giver and your children would like their Dear Santa notes included in the December 21 issue of the *Paw Print Press* bring them to the high school on or before Wednesday, December 12. Each one should be limited to 25 words or less including their name.

Mail to Paw Print Press, 123 N. College St., Itasca, TX 76055 – The mailed letters must be received by December 12, also. We are not responsible for letters not received on time.

## Thank You Note

The family of Mary Allen Morales would like to thank friends and family for their sympathy cards, prayers, phone calls and food during our loss. Everyone's kindness means a lot during this time of sadness.

The Mary Allen Morales Family

## Notice of Public Meeting

The Itasca Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., December 17, 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.

### *Rusty's Recker Service*

**254-687-2993 - Offering \$50 Off**

All Police, Hill County Sheriff's Office, DPS requests Rusty's Recker Service and Receive this Discount on your Police Action Towing!

"Just tell the officer that you want Rusty's to do your towing!" Thank you, Rusty & Ann

## For Sale

\*\*\*White baby bed w/ mattress – \$25

\*\*\*Toddler bed w/mattress - \$25

\*\*\*Stroller - \$5 – All good condition

\*\*\*Complete twin "Lady Bug" bedroom set red checked w/lime green trim – Includes bedcover, 2 shams, sheets, bed skirt, 2 window sets, decorative pillows, clothes hanger, baskets w/red & white covers, picture, stuffed animals, 2 Anne Geddes Lady Bug sleeping babies, stuffed lady bug pillows, wind chime – Excellent condition – (J. C. Penney) \$50 for all

Make an excellent Christmas present

For information or to see call

254-687-2108 or 254-205-0704

## Hill College Holiday Concert

Press Release

The Hill College Music Department will present a spirited holiday concert on Thursday, November 29, at 7:30 pm in the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center on the Hillsboro Campus.

The Hill College Band, Chorale and Vocal Ensemble will join together to help get all of us into the holiday spirit. Traditional, sacred and secular Christmas selections will make up the festive program.

Student conductors will have an opportunity to lead the various groups. From the band, Zachary McGehee and Ed Landers will conduct. Sandra Batson and Jesse Casarez will lead the Chorale.

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.

## Recent Deaths

**Watson, Ruby Mae** – Mrs. Ruby Mae Watson, 89, of Luling, devoted mother and grandmother, died November 18, 2007, at Oakcreek Nursing Home in Luling. She was born March 11, 1918, in Bynum, daughter of Harvey and Hattie Akins Waller. She grew up and attended schools in Hill County, where she met and married the love of her life and best friend, Ney Watson. They lived and worked together on their farm in Bynum until moving to Hillsboro in 1961. At that time, she began working as a seamstress until retiring at 65. She was a true example of a Christian woman who always put her family first. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at a young age, and her trust and faith in the Lord was evident throughout her 89 years on this earth. She was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Hillsboro, where she helped with various church activities. She was well known far and wide for her wonderful country cooking, sewing and gardening as well as her loving and caring ways. She leaves behind a legacy of a devoted Christian woman who gave her life to serving others. She will be missed by many, but never, ever forgotten.

A special thank you goes to all the caring staff and friends at Itasca Nursing Home, Oakcreek Nursing Home of Luling and Odyssey Hospice of Austin. She was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Bonnie; beloved husband of 61 years, Ney; one sister, Willie Bruton; and three brothers, G. B. Waller, Dennis (Pug) Waller and Roscoe Waller. Survivors include: four children, Sharon Daugherty and husband, Dick, of Arlington, Franklin Watson and wife, Judy, of Dumas, Gary Watson and wife, Debbie, of Cedar Park and Barbara Dickinson and husband, Jim, of Luling; and six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, Kim McKinnon and husband, Scott, and daughters, Macy and Molly, of Coppell, Kelly Legg and husband, Peyton, and sons, James and John, of Dumas, Jennifer Johnson and son, Charles, of San Diego, California, Kandi Dodson and husband, Jared, and daughter, Mackensie, of Canadian and Michelle Watson and Lori Green and husband, Scott, all of Round Rock.

Funeral services were held November 21, 2007, at Marshall and Marshall Funeral Directors Chapel in Hillsboro with Dr. Howard Daniel of First Baptist Church of Hillsboro officiating with burial at Ridge Park Cemetery.

**Castillo, Oscar M.** - Oscar M. Castillo, 63, passed away November 16, 2007 surrounded by his loved ones.

Oscar was man who loved his wife, sons, daughters, granddaughter and grandsons very much. He worked for Thomas Conveyor for 20 years. His passion was watching his Texas Rangers and Dallas Cowboys play. He always had a smile on his face. He will be dearly missed. Services were held November 19, 2007 at Clayton Kay-Vaughan Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife Lupita Castillo, children; Oscar G. Castillo, Frank Castillo, Paula Montes and Becky Prescott. Sons-in-law Eddie Montes, John Wayne Prescott; daughter in law, Amy Castillo, grandchildren; Brent Marbut, Meagan Prescott, John Prescott, Nicholas Castillo and E.J. Montes. He was preceded in death by his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Castillo.

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## November Ministerial Alliance Meeting

Press Release

The Itasca Ministerial Alliance met on Saturday, November 3, at 9:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Members present were Diane Barnes, Maurice Williams, Tom Wood and Larry Maddox.

Under Old Business, Diane reported that the Presbyterian Church had hosted a 5th Quarter party the night before, which was very successful with approximately 100 young persons attending. Tom Wood also reported that he had led the football team in prayer before their game that Friday night.

President Diane Barnes distributed copies of the bulletin for the Thanksgiving Service, which will be held on Nov. 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Members present agreed to lead the parts of the service assigned to them.

Under New Business, Diane reminded the Alliance that Angel Food distribution will be a little earlier this month – November 17 – due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Alliance also voted to purchase four boxes to be donated to those in need. The Food for Families Drive, scheduled for November 16, was also discussed. All churches are urged to collect food at their site. Also, food may be dropped off at the Heritage Park in downtown Itasca on the 16. Tom Wood agreed to take the food to Hillsboro, where it will be distributed through HIM.

Diane reported that the Presbyterian Church is leading Sunday School services at the Nursing Home this month. Tom Wood volunteered to contact Bob Wilson to see about applying for a Round-Up scholarship from HILCO. Larry Maddox reported that the Central Baptist Church is holding a Coat Drive. Anyone who has coats (of any size) that they would like to donate may bring them to the Central Baptist Church or to Larry's house. He also announced that there will be a punch and cookies reception honoring Freddie Sue and Harry Ellis at the church on Sunday, November 11 from 2:00 – 4:00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer, led by Larry Maddox.



## Hill County Genealogical Society

Press Release

Mrs. Mary Lou Hagen, a published writer of historical romance fiction from San Antonio, will be the guest speaker at the December 3, meeting of the Hill County Genealogical Society in Hillsboro. Hagen, originally from Indiana, has lived in San Antonio, since 1985. She has written and published four books: "Tarnished Honor", "Texas Widow", "Gambler Widow", and "A Taste of Texas". Her Texas based stories span the early Civil War era and are based on an event that actually happened within the fictionalized story. Autographed books will be available for purchase after the meeting.

Hagen is a retired teacher and continues to teach the art of writing literature to private groups. If enough are interested, a Writer's Workshop could be arranged.

Newly elected 2008-2010 officers will be installed. Guests are welcome. Refreshments are served after the 6:30 p.m. meeting at the Hill County Courthouse Annex at 126 South Covington Street.

Membership is open to anyone interested in history and genealogy. Dues are \$18 a year from January to December and provide the Hill County Crossroads Quarterly to each member. Queries are published in the Quarterly and in the Hill County Crossroads column in The Reporter once a month. For more information call Cleo Young Davis, VP/Program Chairman and leave a message. They will be returned in the evening, 254-582-3603, or e-mail [cleoydavis@yahoo.com](mailto:cleoydavis@yahoo.com).

## Horn Recital at Hill College

Press Release

The Hill College Performing Arts Series will present Jeffrey Powers in a noonday recital on November 30, at 12:00 noon in the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center on the Hillsboro Campus. Powers is French horn instructor at Baylor University and is recording a CD of Flemish music called "In a Lyrical Way: Music for Horn and Piano by Flemish Masters". Powers is accompanied on the piano by Vincent DeVries.

Admission is free. A sandwich luncheon will precede the program at a nominal cost. Please come join us for this exciting program! For more information, please call Phillip Lowe at 254-582-2555, ext. 270 or Shirley Erickson at ext. 261 or check the Hill College Performing Arts Series website at [www.hillcollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.hillcollege.edu/performingarts). For senior citizen transportation information, call 582-5851.

## Message from a Rural County

Press Release

What message is being sent when citizens from a rural county in Central Texas bring in over \$55,000.00 from four annual garage sales while expending thousands of volunteer hours in its preparation and execution? The message is absolutely clear—the citizens of Hill County have united and want positive change to our county's absence of basic animal control that would include an animal shelter as its nucleus—basic core service that tax payers expect. Proactive involvement is needed to correct our county's pet overpopulation issue—the status quo of doing nothing will only allow pet overpopulation to continue to worsen along with its prolongation of serious liabilities—health, economic, legal, and safety.

This year's garage sale broke all previous records with an intake of \$12,720.54. With our matching offer from notable philanthropists Cheryl and Sam Wyly (daughter and son-in-law of Carole Huens of Whitney), this year's total becomes \$25,441.08! The donated oil painting of the Texas Longhorn Bull by renowned local artist Lois Beeny and the silent bid for the 1930s bedroom suite donated by Bill and Holly Crawford of Waco helped propel the success of this event to its record-breaking level.

"It is important to know that the citizens of Hill County and not Paw Pals earned the \$55,000 with their donations of tens of thousands of saleable items," says Marilyn Kerr. "Paw Pals merely implemented the sale with their garage sales," added Kerr.

Management of this year's community service event, as was last year's, was Marilyn Kerr. Sixteen-hour days for the preparation week became the norm for Marilyn as she organized and managed over 4,000 volunteer hours towards unparalleled success.

The outpouring of community support was unprecedented. Paw Pals would like to thank the hundreds of concerned citizens who donated thousands of saleable goods towards this successful outcome. Much thanks also goes to the City of Hillsboro for the use of the Civic Center but most important for their continued support. Thanks also go to the Hillsboro Police Department for their systematic uniformed patrol of the area. Volunteers who reached out to make this event such a success were Taylor Alexander, Phobe Alloy, Lois Beeney, Patsy Bishop, Kate Blair, Jackie and Randy Chance, Kasey Clary, Susan and Bobby Crawford, Shelby and Matt Crawford, Lana and Lew Crow, Cleo Davis, Andrea Deford, Mary and Bob Douglas, Loraine Easterling, Dana Fuchs, Anita and John Gilley, Betty and Mike Hendricks, Jade Hennig, Holly Holland, Carole Huens, Mary Ann Johnson, Marilyn and George Kerr, Jean and JD Landis, Pat and Bill Lovelace, Cherie, Nicole, and Julian Luttrell, Kathy Moore, Mona and Johnny Orvig, Stan and Judith Parrotte, Sylvia Pate, Mary Lou Pearce, Diana Prince, Sandra Robinson Lonnie Tilson, Amy Tinney, Bob Treadwell, and Kasey Watson.

Hill County Paw Pals is the grass roots group facilitating the installation of a county animal control program and shelter. If you would like to become a part of our successful efforts, please call (254) 580-0679 or email [hcpawapals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawapals@yahoo.com).

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### Wampus Cats of the Week

#### Caring, Giving Itascans

In August, Itascans donated hundreds of school supplies to students during the Citizen State Bank "School Supplies Drive." No student started IISD Elementary without the needy supplies.



In November, Itasca citizens donated over 3,000 pounds of food to the HIM pantry to help feed the needy citizens of Hill County during the next year.

In December, Itascans are once again asked to help others. In previous years and we are sure this year will not be the exception, Itascans have donated hundreds of toys to HILCO's sponsored Marines Toys for Tots Drive and HILCO employees and Itasca citizens have adopted over 75 angels each year from the HILCO Angel Tree. These angels receive large Christmas bags filled with toys, clothes and hygiene essentials.

Each time Itascans are called, they answer with a large caring and giving Wampus Cat heart. Thank you community for being one that we are all proud to claim and say, "We are Wampus Cats from Itasca."

#### Special of the Week



"Let's kick off the Season of Joy by joining other Itascans Saturday in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade."

**'07 Grand Marquis LS**  
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# Domino's Pizza & IISD Boosters

Saturday, December 1

Downtown Itasca 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Key pumps (Corner Main & Hill Sts.)

Large 14" pizza – one topping - \$10  
(Pepperoni, Cheese, Beef)

Pizza by the slice - \$2



Part of the cost of the pizzas will be  
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## Yard Sale

Thursday, December 6

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - 117 Minnie Dr. Itasca

Toys in good condition, sewing machine, some  
furniture, household items & more

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## Central Baptist Fundraising



The Central Baptist youth program is getting a  
head start on fundraising for summer camp.

On December 1, 2007, the youth will sell brisket  
at Wal-Mart in Hillsboro.

Sandwiches- \$4.00

Dinner-(includes: sandwiches, canned soda, and chips) \$5.00

Brisket per pound-\$7.50/lb

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(Home) - 254-687-9131 (Cell) - 817-475-7083

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