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Itasca Takes Two Superlative District Honors

Seven Earn Slots on 11-AA All-District Teams

Reporter Caleb Mayberry

(Left to right) Kendale Mayberry Co-Offensive Player of the Year and Co-MVP Tralyn Harden.

The Wampus Cats' basketball team earned numerous awards in the 11-2A basketball district. Two underclassmen shared two of the most prestigious awards presented in the district. Tralyn Harden was named co-MVP and Kendale Mayberry was named co-Offensive Player of Year. Both players contributed greatly to the team's success in district and in the playoffs.

Senior Caleb Mayberry (insert) made 11-2A 1st All-District Team.

Six File for Two School Board Seats

Six candidates have filed for the two positions on the Itasca Independent School Board of Trustees.

Filing for re-election are Rex Jean and Paula Solis. Susan Bason, Felicia Coleman, Burney Baskett and Laura Burt have also filed for places on the May 13 ballot.

Political bios submitted by the candidates will be run upon request. The *Paw Print Press* will take photos of the candidates if they wish, but does not write bios and is not responsible for the content.

Marines Honor HILCO

Press Release

HILCO Administrative Assistant Jill Huggins and HILCO Board President Steve Sawyer hold the plaque presented to HILCO Electric Cooperative, Inc. by the U. S. Marines for their participation in the 2005 Toys For Tots campaign.

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April Child Abuse Prevention Month

Press Release

Nearly 200,000 Texas children are reported as abused or neglected every year, according to Child Protective Services, a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. April is child abuse prevention month in Texas and in the nation. Continued on page 9.

Itasca Weather with National Weather Service

By: Carl Sweeney

Our three-day rainfall total this past weekend was 4.85 inches. The last time we had a three-day total like that was in our record year of 2004. We received 55.82 inches of rainfall in 2004 and we had four three-day totals of over four inches that year.

Dates measuring over four inches were:

January 16-18, 2004 4.65 inches

April 24-26, 2004 4.68 inches

June 8-10, 2004 4.50 inches

July 29-30, 2004 4.20 inches

Itasca's precipitation so far in 2006 is above normal. As of March 20, we have received 10.55 inches.

Community News

Churches of Itasca

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist W. Spurgeon 687-2800

Central Baptist Church 401 E. Monroe 687-2343

Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla 687-2774

First Baptist Church 107 S. Lamar 687-2783

First Presbyterian Church 106 N. Lamar 687-2243

First United Methodist Main & King St. 687-2475

Loveview Baptist Church FM 2959 East of I-35

Second Baptist Church 20 W. Marrion 687-2224

Shiloh Community Church 254-582-0487

St. John Missionary Baptist 506 S. Weaver 687-2821

3rd Day Worship Center 107 E. Adams 214 564-2185

Itasca Nursing Home Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Everyone Welcome Monday Evening 6:00 p.m.

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 6 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca City Council Meeting

3rd Monday of the Month 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

All interested persons are welcomed!

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 7:00 p.m.

IISD Superintendent's Office 123 N. College St.

All interested persons are welcomed!

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Last Monday of Month 5:30 p.m.

Farrow Room E. Main St.

All interested persons are welcomed!

Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

April 1, 2006 9:00 a.m.

Central Baptist Church

Itasca Vol. 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

All interested persons are welcomed!

Baylor Rural Health Clinic Hours

Monday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

If you have any questions call Gracie Faulkner, LVN at 254-687-2437

March Police Report

3-1 – Domestic disturbance – 400 blk. N. Wesley St.

3-1 – Report of a reckless driver – I-35W northbound mm 5

3-1 – Report of found property – 500 blk. E. Adams St.

3-1 – Animal complaint – Barking dog – 100 blk. N. College

3-1 – Domestic Disturbance – Hwy 66 West

3-1 – Suspicious person – 100 blk. N. College St.

3-2 – Suspicious vehicle – N. Wesley St.

3-2 – Report of man with a gun – I-35W @ HCR 5254

3-3 – Juvenile complaint – 300 blk. E. South St.

3-3 – Criminal Trespass – 1500 blk. E. Main St.

3-3 – Report of injured animal – Itasca PD

3-3 – Assisted DPS with arrest – Subject stopped on I-35W northbound mm 7

3-3 – Request for extra patrol – Downtown area Itasca

3-4 – Report of missing child – 100 blk. S. Aquilla

3-5 – Arrest made for assault – 100 blk. W. North St.

3-5 – Report of a possible drunk driver – I-35W southbound mm 15

3-5 - Report of a possible drunk driver – I-35W southbound mm 14

3-6 - Report of a possible drunk driver – I-35W southbound mm 8

3-7 – Truck pulled power lines & 3 utility poles down – 300 blk. E. Main St.

3-8 – Animal Complaint – dog chasing children – Mill @ Harris Sts.

3-8 – Assault report – 600 blk. E. Adams St.

3-8 – Verbal disturbance – 300 blk. E. South St.

3-9 – Stranded motorist – Hwy 81 4½ miles north of Itasca

3-9 – Suspicious vehicle – Main @ Lamar Sts.

3-9 – Animal Complaint – Found pet dog dead – 800 blk. Mill St.

March Calendar of Events

March 23 – One Act Play District Competition – 11:00 a.m. Cleburne High School

Rotary Meeting 12:00 noon Rotary Room

Middle School Track Meet – Meridian

March 24 – Softball @ home against Maypearl 4:30 p.m.

Baseball @ home against Maypearl @ 4:30 p.m.

March 25 – High School track meet @ Bruceville-Eddy

March 27 – UIL Academic Meet (Speaking Events) @ Grandview High School

Middle School Track Meet @ Maypearl

Chamber of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30 Farrow Room

March 28 - Softball @ Grandview 6:00 p.m.

Baseball @ Grandview @ 4:30 p.m.

March 29 - UIL Academic Meet @ Grandview High School

March 30 - Rotary Meeting 12:00 noon Rotary Room

March 31 - Softball @ home against Godley 4:30 p.m.

Baseball @ home against Godley @ 4:30 p.m.

All-District Honors

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Left to right – Sean Smith, Casey Clerihew, and Mikey Marshall received Honorable Mention honors. (Picture bottom) Clayton Wienecke earned a spot on the 2nd All-District Team.

The Superlative awards usually go to senior players that have a lot of experience. Kendale, a junior and Tralyn, sophomores both were surprised to receive the awards.

"I was surprised to receive a message from Coach Cranfill telling me that I received co-MVP," Tralyn Harden said. "I am going to work very hard the next two years to get better in all areas of my game."

Kendale Mayberry, a junior, will have one more year to continue his contributions to the basketball team. He led the way in the playoffs, controlling the team, running the offense, creating opportunities for others, and scoring when necessary.

"I was astonished to receive co-Offensive Player of the Year," Kendale said. "I have one more year left, and I want to get better in all aspects of my game to be the best player in Itasca's basketball history."

Caleb Mayberry earned a spot on the 1st All-District Team and Clayton Wienecke was chosen for the 2nd All-District Team.

Seniors Casey Clerihew and Sean Smith, received Honorable Mention Honors along with freshman Mikey Marshall.

Marines Honor HILCO

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President Sawyer commended Ms. Huggins for her leadership and commitment to making the 2005 project a success. HILCO has served as a collection site and has helped distribute toys to local children since 2002.

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.

Tarleton Releases "A" Honor Roll, Distinguished Student Lists

Press Release

Stephenville, TX—The A honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the fall 2005 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

Dr. Gary Peer, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the university, released the names of students recognized on both the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll for the fall semester earned a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system while taking a minimum of 12 hours.

To be named a Distinguished Student, freshman and sophomore students must be in good standing with the university and have minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C; junior and senior students must be in good standing with the university and have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C.

Justin Key, 2003 graduate of Itasca made both the "A" Honor Roll and the Distinguished Student list.

Other area students making the list were Macileigh Sanders and Brittany Schmidt from Grandview making both lists and Michael Hummert and Larissa Weise from Grandview making the Distinguished Student list. Michelle Ellis from Hillsboro and Bradley Lindsey from Covington also made both lists, while Raymond Silvers and Carrie Thomas from Hillsboro and Kim Frazier of Covington made the Distinguished Student list.

Itasca Garden Club News

Press release

The March meeting of the Garden Club was held in the home of Linda Hinson. Hostesses for the meeting were Betty Sumner and Dianne Taylor.

Speaker Melba Bowles, a flower show judge and member of the Alvarado Garden Club, made several arrangements. Ms. Bowles explained some points that judges used in reviewing arrangements. These tips were timely for the club's upcoming yearly flower show.

"Itasca Blooms" will be the theme for the flower show on April 27. in the Farrow Room. Please join the club members from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for punch, cookies and enjoyment of the beautiful arrangements.

Public Notice

Paid notice (3-17-06)

Keith and Sandra Edens, former owners of Edens Funeral Home in Hillsboro, Texas (now Marshall & Marshall East Side Chapel) are no longer involved in funeral service, and have no active or inactive ownership, management, or advisory relationship to any other funeral firms or businesses.

Senior Spotlight – Markeisha Marshall

Reporter Gabrielle Rivera - Cartoon by Gabby Rivera

Throughout her high school career, this "outspoken, fashionable, and glamorous" young lady has participated in many school activities, athletic and academic. She has participated in track at the regional level, run cross-country, played basketball and softball and been a science club and student council member. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, mentors in elementary school as a second year PAL and is a senior member of the Mowana yearbook staff.

"I like being on the yearbook staff, because I really enjoy working with computers," Markeisha said. " My long term plans include going to college to become a teacher and being in the PAL program has given me insight into that career."

Seventeen year-old Markeisha Denise Marshall has the next several years mapped out. Her immediate plan is to attend Hill College and get her cosmetology license. She will then work as a hairdresser as she continues her education to become a teacher.

"I love styling hair, and making people feel good about themselves," Markeisha said. "I feel that it is one of my finest talents, and I hope to someday open my own beauty salon or shop."

Markeisha has attended Itasca ISD since "forever," and is a part of the "Real '06," which means she has been enrolled in Itasca schools since she was in the Pre-K. Markeisha's favorite classes this year are yearbook, office aide, and physics.

"Although I love all of the teachers, the ones that stand out most are Mrs. Swilley, Mrs. Willman, Mrs. Petrash and Mrs. Wilson," Markeisha said.

Markeisha is trying hard on her studies this year and hopes to graduate with honors.

"I can't wait for graduation," she said. "It will be extra special because my birthday is only one day before graduation. It can't get any better than that."

Aside from juggling the many tasks at school, Markeisha works at Dairy queen and takes care of her two-year-old daughter, Jasmyn.

"My parents Stacey and Alvin Mayberry and Mark and Christie Fehnel are always available to help me," Markeisha said. " I have six siblings: Mikey, Kameron, Kierra, Brandi, Hali, and Casey. I also have six pets," she said laughing, "They are the same as the six siblings."

Having a child so early has made a big impact on Markeisha's life. She has been forced to grow up faster than most teenagers. The experience has been hard but it has had its positive side, also.

"Jasmyn has made a very huge difference in my life," Markeisha said. "I love my daughter very much, and she has helped me become more responsible. Now, I feel like I will always have someone to love, and someone to love me back. I have really enjoyed watching her grow up, and I will always remember her baby years."

Having lived in a small town all of her life, Markeisha says that she likes it because "you know everyone," but she also dislikes it because "everyone knows you." Markeisha enjoys music, movies, her grandmothers macaroni and cheese, and of course, spending quality time with Jasmyn. Her major pet peeve is people who are two faced.

"I can't stand it when people are fake. If you don't like someone, don't pretend that you're their best friend, then talk about them."

"Things I will remember about Itasca ISD are "anything and everything about Sheree Burch, when the boys put a stink bomb in the bathroom, Mrs. Demmer's first grade, Mrs. Cockerham's second grade, Mrs. Covington's third grade, Mrs. Walters' fourth grade, Mrs. Crutsinger in sixth grade, and most of all, Mrs. Hill in Pre-K."

Homecoming 2006

Faries McDaniel, Class of '41, has suggested that we consider a homecoming reunion dinner for several classes together. Since our class sizes are rapidly diminishing, I enthusiastically endorse the idea. I have passed this suggestion on to several ex-students and all have agreed. We request that all who are interested contact either Faries at faries@austin.it.com or the undersigned at gkemp@hillsboro.net. The invitation is not limited to the classes of '41 and '44, but open to all who might interested in mingling with the older folks. Faries is especially interested in hearing from former classmates of the class of '41. Grover Kemp

Maypearl & Crawford Track Meets

Reporter Brittany DeSpain

Left – A.C. Cornelius turns on the speed in the 4x100 meter relay. Bottom - Caurtney Phillips took a 1st in the 100 meter race.

The Itasca High School Track teams competed in their first track meet on March 4, 2006 in Maypearl. Although the team was short handed due to a local funeral and the Varsity boys' play-off run in basketball, the members of the team that were available to compete did well. Overall, both the boys and girls' teams placed 8th, with six individuals placing in their events. For the boys, Javier Medina placed 4th in the 800m and in the 1600m, and Jose Soto placed 4th in the 3200m.

The girls' that placed are: Maria Worth-6th in pole vault; Katie Rodgers-5th in the 300m hurdles; Victoria Jimenez-5th in the 800m; and Brittany DeSpain-3rd in the 400m and 5th in the 200m.

The teams traveled to Crawford, Saturday March 18, for their second track meet. Despite the cold, rainy weather, the teams showed their skills on the track as well as in their field events.

The girls' team placed fourth overall with five individuals placing as well. They are: Ashley Rucker-2nd in shot put; Maria Worth-1st in pole vault; Rikki Mason-2nd in pole vault; Caurtney Phillips-1st in the 100m; and Danitra Marshall-2nd in the 200m.

The boys' team placed 7th overall. Nick Worth placed 3rd in pole vault and the 4x100m relay team of Alfred Cornelius, Nick Worth, Tralyn Harden and Kendale Mayberry placed 3rd.

The teams will travel to Bruceville-Eddy on Saturday, March 25 for their third meet and then to Clifton on April 1 before the District competition in Rio Vista on April 12 and 13.

Baseball Softball

Itasca 2 Frost 6 Itasca 20 Kopperl 9

Itasca 6 Avalon 9 Itasca 0 Dawson 8

Itasca 5 Hubbard 14 Itasca 0 Bruceville 15

Itasca 15 Covington 11

Itasca 3 Kopperl 15

2006 Baseball Schedule

Date Opponent Time Place

March 24 *Maypearl 4:30 Home

March 28 *Grandview 4:30 Away

March 31 *Godley 4:30 Home

April 4 Tolar 4:30 Home

April 7 *Rio Vista 4:30 Home

April 11 *Maypearl 4:30 Away

April 14 *Grandview 4:30 Home

April 21 * Godley 7:00 Away

April 28 *Rio Vista 4:30 Away

*** District Games**

Athletic Director: Greg Cranfill

Head Coach: Fred Dakan Assist. Coach: Jeff Mayberry

Phone: 254-687-2922 Ext. 160

2006 Lady Cats Softball Schedule

Date Opponent Time Place

March 24 *Maypearl 4:30 Here

March 28 *Grandview 6:00 Away

March 31 *Godley 4:30 Here

April 4 Dawson 5:00 Away

April 7 *Rio Vista 4:30 Here

April 10 *Maypearl 6:00 There

April 14 *Grandview 4:30 Here

April 21 *Godley 6:00 There

*** District Games**

Head Softball Coach: Larry Maddox

Assist. Softball Coach: Gerri Lawyer

Phone: 254-687-2922 Ext. 124

Itasca Wampus Cat Track - 2006

Saturday, March 25 - Bruceville-Eddy

Saturday, April 1 - Clifton

Wednesday, April 12 – District Prelims Rio Vista

Thursday, April 13 – District Finals Rio Vista

Friday, April 28 – Regionals Stephenville

Saturday, April 29 – Regionals Stephenville

Friday, May 12 – State

Saturday, May 13 – Austin

Junior High Track – 2006

Thursday, March 23 – Meridian

Monday, March 27 – Maypearl

Wednesday, April 5 – District Field Events – Maypearl

Thursday, April 6 – District Running – Rio Vista

I.H.S. Players Present One Act Play for Family, Friends

Into the Woods a Big Hit with Community

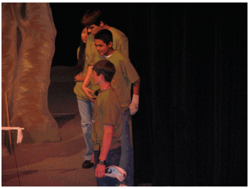
Reporter Chelsea Henderson

The Itasca UIL One Act Play cast and crew are ready for their district competition this week. All during spring break, you could find the cast and crew at the Special Events Center, "Practicing, Practicing, and more Practicing."

"We work hard, but we do have fun," Zac Johnson said. "It becomes more fun, the better the play gets."

Everyone is excited about the play this year. Into the Woods is originally a musical written by James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim. The One Act Play director, Susan Crawford, cut the musical down to a 40 minute, one act play (which cannot be a musical).

The play is based on a bewitched baker and his wife who cannot have a child until they follow the bidding of the witch next door. She instructs them to get a cow as white as milk, the cape as red as blood, and the slipper as pure as gold. It is a good thing that they have neighbors named Jack, Little Red Riding Hood, and Cinderella to help them before (and after) the "Happy Ever After."



The cast of Into the Woods includes: Zac Johnson (Narrator), Tim Baker (Jack), Aaron Chavez (Wolf), Jesus Soto (Prince), Nick Worth (Baker), Christy Lewis (Baker's Wife), Sheree Worth (Witch), Chelsea Henderson (Cinderella), Maria Worth (Stepmother), Amanda Upchurch (Lucinda), Taylor Rickman (Florinda), Zoleeta Myers-West (Jack's Mother), and Candice Kowalski (Little Red Riding Hood) and Chelsea Minyard (Granny).

Jake Key, Chelsea Rodriguez, Isai Coronado, Sarah Evans and, Jon Olivas are the crewmembers. Joanna Diaz did much of the set and designed the cast T-shirt. Mrs. Jarie Lewis designed and made many of the colorful costumes.

As this edition is being delivered, the cast and crew will be hard at work at Cleburne High School competing in the district UIL competition.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Paw Print Press Staff, Please renew my subscription to the Paw Print Press. Any amount above the subscription price should go to your scholarship fund.

I have a suggestion. I know that space is at premium, but where space allows, please provide the teams record during the season for various sport teams. The team records two or three times during the season would be helpful. I know that folks in Itasca know very well whether Itasca beat Whitney at the beginning of the season, but for out-of-town folks, keeping up with the record is more difficult.

I enjoy the Paw Print Press! On the day it comes I drop the Washington Post immediately and go to the Paw Print Press. It's a great way to keep up with what is going on in Itasca. I especially enjoy the achievements of students- the folks that will lead us tomorrow.

Thanks for considering my suggestion. And thanks to all whose efforts make IHS and the Wampus Cats better every year- better athletically and especially better academically. Sincerely, Bill Cammack

Wampus Cat (Class of 1954)

Dear Mr. Cammack, We will try to do better on keeping the fans updated on the season scores. Thank you for your donation to the scholarship fund and for being a faithful reader. *Paw Print Press* staff

******The Paw Print Press staff would like to thank all of their subscribers who have donated money to the Journalism scholarship Fund either by adding extra money when they renew their subscription or sending a check for advertising or just a donation. If you need a receipt for tax purposes, we can supply those on request.**

Response from John Teal Article

Carl Sweeney's article on John Teal caught the attention of a number of readers. Sweeney has received numerous phone calls and letters about the article, especially about the fact that Teal and his wife did not have a head stone.

After receiving a number of phone calls, Sweeney contacted Teal's niece in Fort Worth for permission to accept donations for a headstone for the Teals. A number of readers have made donations and the burial site has been located. Sweeney is being assisted in looking into a headstone and the engraving.

If you are interested in helping in this cause, please contact Carl Sweeney at 254-687-2270 or write to him at 306 E. Monroe St. Itasca, TX 76055.

Operation: Quiet Comfort

Itasca Brownie Troop 4305 is currently accepting donations of blue jeans that you no longer want. They can be any size. All donations will be made into quilts and sent to the injured military men and women in Iraq. Donations can be dropped off in front of the Curry Building or you can call Teresa at (254) 582-1945. Thank you for your help.

Angel Food Ministry Continues to Grow

***Pick up March orders ***

Saturday, March 25 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

You can order & pay for April at that time if you would like to.

April 2006 Menu

(1) 4 lb. Chicken Drumsticks (6) 5.5 oz. Hot Pockets

(1) 3 lb. Breaded Chicken Breast Filets (1) 1 lb. Pasta

(1) 1 lb. Fully Cooked Meat Balls (1) 16 oz. Corn

(1) 1 lb. Ground Turkey (1) 28 oz. Pasta Sauce

(1) 2 lb. Chicken Wings (1) 15 oz. Baked Beans

(1) 14 oz. Philly Steak Portions (1) Dessert Item

(1) 12 oz. Smoked Sausage (1) 16 oz. Peas

(1) 1 lb. Carrots (1) lb. Rice

(1) Dozen Eggs

We accept the Lone Star Card!

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****April Special #1 **April Special #2**

(1) 4 lb. Box Sirloin Strip Steaks (1) 4.5 lb. Box Chicken

(8 8-oz. Steaks) - $18.00 Cordon Bleu $18.00

**** April Special #3**

Springtime Special Grill Box $17.00

Contains: 1 lb. Fresh Italian Sausage; 4 beef Ribeye Steaks; 4 Boneless Pork chops; 4 chopped Beef Steak Patties; 4 Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts

Order Dates: Tuesday, April 4 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Thursday, April 6 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the first Presbyterian Church fellowship hall (side entrance of the church behind the bank).

Distribution Day: Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. only. Pick up at the fellowship hall located at the side entrance of the church behind the bank.

Orders are non-refundable. Orders not picked up will be donated.

Haley Celebrates 1st Birthday

Haley Ann Jenkins celebrated her first birthday on March 7 with a belated party on Saturday, March 11. Haley is the daughter of Vanessa Petrash Jenkins (Itasca Class of 2000) and Buck Jenkins (Covington Class of 2000).

Celebrating with Haley were grandparents Mary and Glenn Patterson of Grandview and Barbara and Donnie Petrash of Itasca, great-grandparents August and Betty Petrash of Crosby, Texas and great-great grandmother Venita Osborne of Covington, and great aunt Jo Ann Johnson of Crosby, Texas. She was also joined by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Burson Gallery Opens in Hillsboro

Press Release

The Burson Gallery officially opens on March 27, 2006. The gallery is located at 207 East Elm Street in Downtown Hillsboro, the former location of The Goodie Mill Specialty Mall. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy viewing the art, music, and refreshments.

The Texas State Artist for 2006, George Boutwell, will be in attendance from 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm to visit with guests. Mr. Boutwell's original paintings will be on display at the gallery until May 13, 2006. He will also be presenting prints made on fine canvas.

Special entertainment for the evening will be Hank Fults, owner of the Texas Theatre in Hillsboro, performing acoustic guitar and singing his own songs. Hank will begin performing about 7:00 pm.

"Happy Trails", a group from Canterbury England will be performing Southern States music. They are touring the United States and will come here from a performance in Austin, Texas.

Trevor Stephenson, Ian Balchin, and Al Clark have been playing together in various Cajun, Zydeco, Country and Blues bands in excess of twenty years. "Happy Trails" will begin playing about 8:00 pm.

Please come and enjoy this new venue for Hillsboro.

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11:00 am - 2:30 pm Lobby of Citizens State Bank

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Community Blood Drive

Friday, March 24 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

HILCO Building

All participants will receive a commemorative Red Cross gift to celebrate saving three lives.

For additional information or appointment, please call Bob Wilson at 800-338-6425 ext 2210 or call 1-800-Give Life. No appointment is required. Walk-ins are always welcome. You need to bring a picture ID to give the gift of life. Sponsored by HILCO.

March 27-31 IISD Menus

Lunch

3-27 – Pizza or Corn Dog, Green Beans, Pears, Breadstick, Milk

3-28 – Chicken Fajitas or Crispitos, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Fresh Fruit, Milk

3-29 – Enchiladas Casserole or Chicken Strips, Mexi-Corn, Fruited Jello, Milk

3-30 – Chicken Nuggets or BBQ Sandwich, Scallop Potatoes, Peas, Bread Slice, Milk

3-31 – Cheeseburgers or Bean Chalupa, Tator Tots, Let/Tom/Pic/On, apple Crisp, Milk

Breakfast

3-27 – Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Juice, Fruit. Milk

3-28 – Biscuit & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk

3-29 – Cinnamon Raison Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk

3-30 – Breakfast Pizza, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk

3-31 – Donuts, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Do You Remember When . . . ? Spring Activities

Columnist Carl Sweeney

When March and April came around, our thoughts turned more to outside activities -- going barefoot, kite flying, and marbles and such. The March winds first turn our attention to kite flying. In the 1930s and 1940s, Itasca had two "Variety" stores, one was Meador’s Variety and the other was Forbes Variety. Later came Fred and Anna Alverson’s Store. These stores had just about anything a family could use in their daily lives, including kites and kite kits. With little money to spend on such things, some of us made our own.

Our parents had made them for us when we were small and later we made our own. They quite often used the thin slats from the bottom of the old roll-up window shades. These were nailed together to form a cross and then string was run around the outside edge. Newspapers or other paper was cut to fit and placed to fit around the frame with an overlap. They then made a paste with flour and water and glued the paper on. Usually the paper was the "Semi-Weekly Farm News" which we purchased by trading the man some old hens for a subscription to the paper. I remember he had a Model- T with a pickup bed on the back that was usually full of chickens and other farm animals.

When the kite was finished, we cut strips of cloth for a "tail". This was to stabilize it so it would not go around in circles and come to the ground.

This was one of the many things our parents took time from our busy schedules to do for us. I remember once when I was flying my kite near my mother, who was hanging a washing on the clothes line, she said, "Son, kites are like troubles. When you pray on your troubles, they leave you and soar away, leaving you happy and at peace, like the feeling you just had when your kite soared higher and higher," and you know, she was right. Now if someone says, "Go fly a kite," just smile and say, "I’d be glad to."

Next came barefoot time, which could be another story and probably will be!

Also in the spring time the girls turned to playing "Jacks" among their other activities. Perhaps we can explain playing "Jacks" in another article for those young folks who are not familiar with the game.

The boys also turned to another game that was very popular back then, "marbles." The marbles were purchased at the variety store, or received for Christmas. We kept them in a cloth sack with a draw string. Each boy had his favorite "Taw" or shooter marble. A ring about four or five foot in diameter was drawn in the dirt and each boy placed two or more marbles in the center of the ring. The shooter placed the shooter marble between his thumb and forefinger with his knuckles flat on the ground and knocked as many marbles as he could out of the ring without missing. They usually played for "Keeps" and kept the marbles they knocked out of the ring. I have seen a boy sometimes knock all of the marbles out before he missed.

Sometimes a city or school would have a marble tournament and the winners were awarded prizes and trophies. The games rarely involved adults. I think the game also taught fairness and skill, as well as sportsmanship.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

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It is a time to focus on ways not only to protect children but also to prevent abuse from ever occurring. This is our opportunity to make a difference in young lives.

Neglect is the most frequent form of child abuse, according to the state agency charged with protecting children.

Some children die simply because they are put in situations where they are not supervised, but parents are not alone. There is help. The web site www.itsuptoyou.org contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse, where to go to get help with parenting skills, and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger.

"Clowning for a Cure" Relay For Life

Bus Trip to Louisiana Downs When: Saturday, April 8, 2006

Departure: Downtown Itasca – 6:00 a.m. sharp! Cost: $25.00 round trip (includes $10.00 voucher)

Contact: Jill Huggins at 254-687-2331 Ext. 1142 or Patti Miller at 214-642-6617

You must register and pay in advance. Limited number of seats available. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life/American Cancer Society to assist in cancer research. Help us find a cure for cancer!

Wampus Cats of the Week

"Senior Softball Players"

Reporter Brittany DeSpain

Five seniors lead the way for our Itasca Lady Wampus Cat softball team this year as they head into district play. Four of these five young ladies are "two-year" senior players and three of them have played for Itasca all four years of high school.

They are Sara Simms, Seslee Perkins, Cayce Mitchell, and Brittany DeSpain. Also joining them this year is Alicia Slotvig. These girls have shown leadership and knowledge of the game while they have played for Itasca. These girls will be missed and leave big shoes to be filled for next year.

The staff apologizes for leaving out junior Zoe McCoy's name on the roster in the last softball article.

"Special of the Week"

New "05 Five Hundred SEL

Loaded, 6 Disc CD, Dual Zone Climate Control

Closeout Price! Only! $19 985

After Rebates

Lloyd Ford – Proud Supporter of the Wampus Cats

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Baylor Rural Health Clinic Hours

Monday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

If you have any questions call Gracie Faulkner, LVN at 254-687-2437

Join the Itasca Chamber of Commerce

$15 individual membership

$36 Business membership

Support the community with your membership!

Were You Unable to Attend the Benefit Dance for Becky Prescott?

Becky Prescott has been diagnosed with leukemia. On Saturday, March 18, Cinco de Mayo held a dance to help with medical expenses. If you were unable to attend but would to contribute to the fund, you may do so by mailing your donations to Cinco de Mayo, P O Box 345, Itasca, TX 76055 or Diane Price, 403 N. King St., Itasca, TX 76055. You may also deposit your donation directly into the Becky Prescott Fund at the Citizens State Bank in Itasca. All donations will be appreciated.

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House for Sale - 304 E. Wilkerson St.

3 bedrooms – 1 bath - Will negotiate price

20' x 30' out building w/ solid slab can be used for garage or workshop

254-687-2976 or 254-582-5057

Justice League Relay Volunteers

Bake Sale

Sunday, March 26 11:30 a.m.-?

Downtown Itasca

Lots of Good stuff!

Donations Only!

All proceeds go to benefit Relay For Life.

Your Support is appreciated!

For Sale

2 wheel lawn trailer with winch and lift

1 7/8 Ball hitch

1986 Nissan Pickup, standard shift. new paint job, excellent shape, high mileage $1500.00

1 roto-tiller new condition $100.00

1 older roto-tiller in good shape. Make an offer

1 heavy duty floor jack for large trucks $50.00

1 riding lawn mower and 2 push mowers

1 1-ton Air Conditioner, cools well

1 overhead rack for pickup fits a long bed $50.00

Cross the bed tool box for wide bed pickup $ 50.00

Harry Ellis 105 Beard, Itasca

254-687-2345 or 720-220-5947

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Rain or Shine

Huge Porch and Inside Sale

Fri., Sat., and Sun. 3/24 thru 3/26

Starting at 8:30 a.m. - ?

405 E. Main St. – Itasca

2 Sewing machines

Lots of furniture

Side by Side Refrigerator

Coca Cola Stuff – Collectibles

Girls clothing

Young men’s clothing

size X-Large and XX Large

Kitchen stuff

Comforter Sets

Knick Knacks Lots, and lots more!

Too much to list. No early birds please!

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The Power of Purple…

in Hill County

Everyone is affected to some degree by cancer. Help support the goals of the American Cancer Society and remember or honor a loved one by donating a luminaria candle. The candles, nestled in sand-filled paper bags and lit for a soft effect, are being sold now. The candles will be lit in a special ceremony during the annual Relay for Life. For a donation of your choice per candle, you can dedicate the glowing tribute to someone who has or has had cancer. A special ceremony will take place at 10 p.m. on May 19, 2006 at Itasca’s Patton Field to recognize these individuals. Those who donate candles are invited to attend this special event to see their donation come to life.

Proceeds from the luminaria sales will benefit the American Cancer Society, which is dedicated to eliminating and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.

For more information on the luminaria ceremony or the Relay for Life, call Lea Sanders at (254) 874-5517. To purchase a luminaria and help light the way to a cure, please complete the bottom of this form and send it to the address indicated. Thank you.

Luminaria order Form

Relay for Life of Hill County

Friday, May 19- Saturday, May 20, 2006

Patton Field, Itasca

Please Print

Your Name: ____________________________________

Address: _______________________________________

City: ________________ State: _______ Zip: _________

Phone #: _______________________________________

In Memory of: __________________________________

(Someone who lost his or her battle with cancer) Or

In Honor of: ____________________________________

(Someone who is a cancer survivor)

Total Contribution Enclosed: $ ___________________

(Suggested minimum $5.00 donation per luminaria)

Please make check payable to:

The American Cancer Society

Your Donation is Tax Deductible

Please mail your completed form and contribution to:

Lea Sanders, 295 FM 3049, Blum, TX 76627

Questions? Call 254-874-5517

Cinco de Mayo Celebrates 17th Annual "Celebration for Education"

Itasca Cinco de Mayo Booth Application

Benefits Scholarship Foundation

Name: ____

Address: ________________ City: _________ Zip: _____

Phone # _________________ Cell # __________________

We must have a good contact number.

All outside spaces are $30.00 without electricity &

$40.00 with electricity (1 16 gauge cord) – Each additional cord will be $10.00

# of Spaces Needed

______ with electricity _____ without electricity

Type of merchandise ______________________________

(If you will be selling food please indicate what type of food, as we will have a food court again this year & we want our vendors to profit from this event.)

Spaces are 6 x 12

Trailer Tent Concession Stand (2 tables max)

Length __________ Width ________

If you require electricity, you will need to furnish a 100', 16 gauge electrical cord. Each outlet will only handle one 16 gauge cord. Please limit the number of items plugged into a 16 gauge cord. Only one surge protector will be allowed. If you require the use of an additional 16 gauge cord, you must provide the cord & also pay an extra $10.00 for each additional cord.

If you will be staying for the street dance, there will be an additional charge of $15.00. Two people per stand will be allowed, all others in your group must pay to stay for the dance, even if they are helping in your stand. Only two free tickets per stand will be given, even if you have 2 or more booth spaces. Booth stands for the dance are on a first come, first serve basis. You must pay for your booth entry by the deadline of April 30, 2006. No exceptions!

Daytime Booth only ______ Day & Night Booth _______

Please return this application & fee to:

Booth Application

℅ Itasca Cinco de Mayo

P O Box 345

Itasca, TX 76055

Application & money must be received in full no later than April 30, 2006 to secure your place. No exceptions.

Cinco de Mayo use: Amount & form of payment

Cash _______ Check _________ Money Order ______

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The University of Texas at Arlington EX. C.E.L. Campus

Activities Presents

Comedy Central Live:

Carlos Mencia

Mind of Mencia Tour.

Friday, March 31

8:00 p.m., Texas Hall

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices: UTA Students: $10

UTA Faculty/Staff: $15

UTA Alumni Member: $15

General public: $35

(Limited Availability)

Buy tickets at www.uta.edu/excel

Chamber of Commerce to Plan Barbeque Cook-Off

The Itasca Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting on Monday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. On the agenda is the planning of the 2006 Barbeque Cook-off held in June. Everyone interested in helping plan this event is invited to attend the meeting at the Farrow Room

There are Still LOTS of Coats in the Lost & Found

There are many coats in the elementary, middle school and high school Lost & Found. One of those could belong to your child. Please call and check with the campus secretary. 687-2922 ext 120 or 124 or 115

Dear Cancer Survivors

Please make plans to join us on May 19 for Hill County's 6th Annual Relay For Life. Held at Itasca's Patton Field on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20, hundreds of community leaders, volunteers, families, and others will gather to continue the fight against this deadly disease. **Please note that this is a change of location and day.

As a cancer survivor, you are the honored guest at this community-wide event. We will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Itasca ISD cafeteria with registration. Dinner will follow at 6 p.m. for you and one guest. Then we will adjourn to the track for the opening ceremonies and the 1st Lap of the Relay. This lap is for the Survivors. After the 1st lap, we are asking all friends and relatives to join you for the second lap. There is no cost to you for any of these activities.

Cancer Survivor Registration

Please join us for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life Celebration for Survivors. If you wish to register for the survivor activities, please complete all the information below and provide your signature twice as described below. Thank you for your interest!

Name: ____

Address: ______________________________________

City:____________ State: _________ Zip: ________

Phone(Home): ______________ (Work): _________

Email: ____

Cancer Type/Location(optional) ________________

Years Survived: _____________ Age: ____________

Privacy Statement: I understand that by providing my signature and participating in this public event my name, cancer diagnosis, and length of survivorship may be announced; my image and comments may be broadcast in various media formats without compensation; and the American Cancer Society may contact me about other Society programs and events including next year's Relay For Life. I may notify the American Cancer Society at any time if I do not wish to be contacted again.

Privacy Statement Signature (required):

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Waiver: in consideration for being permitted to participate in Relay For Life, I hereby for myself, my heirs, and personal representatives assume any and all risks which might be associated with the event, and I further waive, release, discharge and covenant not to sue the American Cancer Society, its officials, members, sponsors, organizers or other representatives, or successors and assigns, for any injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered as a result of taking part in the event and related activities.

Participant Waiver Signature (required):

____

T-shirt size (select one)

S M L XL 2XL 3XL Youth: YM YL

My caregiver will be attending Relay with me:

•I am on a Relay Team. Team Name:

•I would like to be on the Survivor Team:

•I would like to volunteer to help Relay For Life:

•I will need assistance getting around the track for the Survivor Lap:

I was invited to attend Relay by: ________________

Return Form to: Kay Neff 414 Park Dr. Hillsboro, TX 76645

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Hiring TRC

(Temporary Rural Carrier)

This is a temporary position. You will be required to carry an auxiliary rural route on Saturday and be available Mon.-Fri. to cover annual and sick leave of other carriers.

Pay $12.50 per hr. This job will include covering a full time route on Saturday and vacation. You will also be asked to cover a part time route when needed in the absence of that particular carrier. Your reporting time will be 7:30 a.m.

You will need to provide your own vehicle; you receive EMA (Equipment Maintenance Allowance)

You will need to provide: Criminal records from each county that you have resided in for the past 5 years. Completed Application. Pick up application at the Itasca Post Office

Fundraiser for Preteen Camp

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 25, 2006 5:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall Central Baptist Church

Entertainment provided by the Preteens

Dinner will be served by the Preteens

Adults $8.00 12 & Under $5.00

3 & under Free

Items up for auction will be displayed in the fellowship hall starting this week. Tickets may be purchased in advanced or at the door. For more information or for tickets call Penny at 687-2620 or Laura at 687-9240.

Buckle Up or Pay Up

Click it or Ticket Enforcement

Safety Belts Save Lives

That’s why local law enforcement and state troopers are enforcing the state’s safety belt laws for adults and children. Fines range from $25 to $200.

The Law in Texas

Every person in the front seat of a vehicle must wear a safety belt. Children under 17 years old in the front or back seat must be secured with a safety belt or in a child safety seat. A child less than four years old or less than 36 inches tall must be secured in a child safety seat.

Football Trivia

www.iis-sports.com

1. What school was the first to produce Heisman Trophy winners in consecutive years?

University of Chicago Harvard Princeton Yale

2. Which of the following did not score their touchdowns in a single Super Bowl?

Roger Craig Jerry Rice Emmitt Smith Ricky Watters

Answers

1. Yale 2. Emmitt Smith

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