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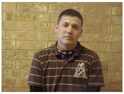
Life After Itasca?

Reporter Shawna Pratt

Worth (left) spoke to the senior class during his recent visit to I H S. (Bottom right) Gonzalez awaits orders in North Carolina.

That question is "So what now?" During high school, college and further education is encouraged, but for some they want more than books and studying. They want to know what is outside of Itasca. Some of those graduates go into the military and make some drastic changes that change them from boys and girls to men and women.

Over the years, we have had a number of graduates enter the Army, Navy, National Guard, Marines, and Air Force. They have furthered their education through the military and made better lives for themselves.



Three recent graduates of the 2005 class took completely different routes to find themselves and what they wanted out of life.

Eddie Gonzalez joined the army and is currently at Ft. Bragg in North Carolina in the 18th Battalion. He has already completed basic, AIT, and Airborne training. Currently, Gonzalez, is awaiting deployment orders.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

Press Release

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. What is the goal for setting aside one month a year for Child Abuse Prevention? The target is simple—to stop child abuse and neglect from happening in the first place, sparing children and families emotional and physical trauma, and decreasing the need of costly intervention and treatment services.

When you see child abuse, don't wait. Report it. Call the Hotline 1-800-252-5400. The best way to prevent child abuse and neglect is to support families and provide parents with skills and resources they need.

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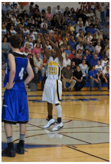
Wampus Cats Named to Prestigious Super Centex Teams

Reporter Caleb Mayberry Shooting Photo by Teri Bivens



Three members of the Area Champion Itasca Basketball team earned recognition for their outstanding accomplishments on the hard wood floor.

Sophomore Tralyn Harden (pictured) received the honor of being named to the Super Centex 1st Team, Junior Kendale Mayberry received 2nd team Super Centex, and Senior Caleb Mayberry received Honorable Mention. They all stepped up their game during the 2006 playoff run to achieve these honors.

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Jump Rope for Heart Nets Record $2,280.52

Reporter Chelsea Henderson

Front row left to right - Fifth graders, David Corbitt and Jessica Zint tied for the honor of raising the most money. Back row left to right – P.E. Coach Sherber, PAL Jose Soto and P.E. Coach Gerri Lawyer.

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Daylight Time Begins

April 2 at 2:00 a.m. "Spring Forward"

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.

Come Join Us!

Come pray with us for our schools, our government, our country and any other requests that you may have. A prayer box will be available to drop your request in. If you can't stay, we'll pray for you.

Central Baptist Church, Itasca

Every Wednesday – 12:05 -1:00 p.m.

Anyone who would like to see God

move in our community!

Questions call 254-582-8908 (Beverly)

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. 2 Chronicles 7:14-16

Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

April 1, 2006 9:00 a.m.

Central Baptist Church

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 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!

March Police Report

3-10 – Report of assault of a child

3-10 – Report of reckless driver – Arrest made for no driver's license – I-35W southbound mm 8

3-11 – Assisted DPS with arrest – I-35W southbound mm 5

3-11 – Assisted Hill County with accident – Hwy 81 & 67

3-11 – Report of graffiti - S. Files St. & E. Adams St.

3-12 – Burglary of habitation – 400 blk. S. Front St.

3-12 – Investigated an accident – 100 blk. E. Martin St.

3-12 – Confiscated drug paraphernalia – I-35W southbound mm 8

3-13 – Criminal trespass – 100 blk. E. Monroe St.

3-13 – Animal complaint – loose livestock – I-35W mm 11

3-13 – Animal complaint – Loose dogs – 400 blk. E. North

3-14 – Warrant arrest – Itasca PD

3-14 – Investigated minor accident – 1200 E. Main St.

3-14 – Car fire report – 1500 E. Main St.

3-15 – Assault complaint – 100 blk. S. Aquilla St.

3-15 – Assisted motorist – I-35W southbound mm 8

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!

April Order Dates for

Angel Food Ministry

Tuesday, April 4 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 6 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall

Distribution Day: Sat., April 22, 2006 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

March Calendar of Events

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.

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

Recent Exes Visit I H S

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Chase Mitchell (pictured left) chose to enter the fire academy. He attended classes at Hill College in Cleburne and graduated from the Johnson County Fire Training Association. During the summer, he will take some more classes at Hill College in Hillsboro. Mitchell has to take an EMT class and eventually wants to work as a paramedic and a firefighter.

Another 2005 graduate, Andy Worth, just finished Marine boot camp and came back to town unrecognizable, even to his closest friends. He lost a lot of weight and has that "few good men" chiseled look.

Itasca High has had a number of graduates that have gone into the military visit their alma mater this year.

Daniel Gropp, 2003 graduate, was home over the holidays and stopped by to say hello. He is in the Air Force based at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio working at Wilford Hall Hospital.

Another friend that dropped by was Andrew Freeman, 2002 graduate, who is a member of the National Guard. He visited prior to leaving for Kosovo in November.

Itasca graduates who enlist find their way back home often, many times to recruit the next generation of service men and women.

In this years graduating class, two seniors have already joined the Army and have completed basic training. Kadie Laskowski (pictured left) and Kevin Turvy completed their training last summer and are awaiting graduation to fully embrace their future in the military.

When graduates leave Itasca and prepare themselves for the outside world, they never know what they can accomplish or where they may go. Itasca High is proud to have so many young men and women who are not only making their mark in the world but are putting themselves on the front lines to keep America free and its communities safe. The faculty is always excited and happy when one of their "Wampus Cats" comes home for a visit.

Itasca Garden Club Annual

Flower Show

"Itasca Blooms"

Thursday, April 27 Farrow Room

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Everyone invited for punch, cookies and enjoyment of the beautiful arrangements.

Genealogical Society Meeting

News Release

Louis Van Camp of Waco will be the guest speaker at The Hill County Genealogical Society meeting on Monday, April 3rd, 2006 at The Hill County Courthouse Annex Meeting Room, 126 South Covington Street in Hillsboro. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Van Camp is seeking old photographs to be used in a pictorial history of Hillsboro and Hill and Bosque counties. Mr. Van Camp has already written five Images of America photographic history books. The most recent was on Edenton and Chowan County, North Carolina. He is especially interested in photographs of families, businesses, fire and police departments and railroads. Also needed are photographs of schools, including high school graduation photos, postcard collections, photos of fairs, horse shows, cultural events, plays, hospitals, ranches and pharmacists. Also sought are personal recollections to be used with the photographs. He plans to have a location in Hillsboro where photographs may be taken and returned to the owner the same day. Visitors are always welcome.

Child Abuse Prevention

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Why does child abuse occur? Although the causes of child abuse and neglect are unknown, research has identified several risks that factor into abuse. Parents sometimes lack understanding of their children’s development stages and hold unreasonable expectations for their abilities. Most are unaware of how to discipline their children most effectively at each age. Lacking understanding of health, hygiene, and nutritional needs of their children often cause neglect or abuse. Parental anger caused by other unrelated sources often can result in otherwise well-intentioned parents causing their children harm through neglect and physical abuse.

How to prevent abuse. Learning the skills of rearing children creates family strengths that build love and devotion among each family member. Learning prevention skills help parents develop talent to meet their child’s skills, emotional necessities, and to physically expand their deportment and mental attitudes that will result in years of fulfillment and happiness.

Child Abuse Prevention Month is an opportunity to highlight our role we can play on prevention efforts that create a healthier environment for Hill County. Hill County Child Protective Services Board, Inc. Delbert Goins, Chairman

Senior Spotlight – Henry Charles

Reporter Magen Middleton - Cartoon by Gabby Rivera

"Take it from me, trust me, you can do it," seventeen-year-old Henry Charles advices the students who are struggling to finish school.

"I’m athletic, short, and straight. I’m as real as they come," he said, "I’ll tell you the truth."

Henry Dwight Charles is the son of Pamela McVea and Henry Charles. He has one sister, Tyiesha McVea, 21, and one brother, Paul Knight, 15.

"My favorite memory is whenever I met my father for the first time,' Henry said. " However, the one person that has made the biggest difference in my life has been my grandmother, Edna McVea. She took me in and has been taking care of me since my freshman year when I moved to Itasca."

Henry's favorite sport is football.

"Playing football is the one thing I will always remember about IHS," Henry said. "My most embarrassing moment or moments were during the Grandview game last year. We needed one touchdown. The score was 21-28, and I missed 3 passes in a row and we lost the game. I am glad that I had the opportunity play football in a small school."

Henry enjoys lifting weights, listening to hip hop and R&B music, the Crooked G's, watching his favorite movie *Remember the Titans*, reading his favorite books The Chamber and Bridge to Terabithia, and eating his favorite foods cheese pizza and double meat cheeseburgers.

"Besides sports, I think my biggest talent is dancing. I do have style," Henry said with a smile.

Henry is looking forward to graduating, but he does have some fond memories of his elementary days and Itasca High.

"I'll always remember video tech class in Itasca and my favorite high school teacher, Mrs. Petrash. In kindergarten, we would get under the coloring table and kiss in kindergarten. I also remember Mrs. Snyder from elementary school in Waco.

"She told me it was alright to pick my nose when my mom had said not to," Henry said. "I remember her because she saved me from getting a whooping. I also have fond memories of running in my first track meet in middle school."

Tennis Anyone?

Reporter Caleb Mayberry

District tennis is just around the corner and five athletes are putting in practice time on the refinished tennis courts. The tennis courts were seldom used by the school and they were in very bad shape. Students that did use the courts had to worry about slipping and falling.

Last summer Athletic Director Cranfill had the surfaces pressure cleaned with high power water hoses. It took many hours, but the court was cleaned and they not only look great, but also the athletes are able to prepare for district on a suitable court.

Working on their serves and backhands are Sean Smith, Casey Clerihew, Peter Thongvong, Rikki Mason, Cayce Mitchell and Rachel Anderson.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor (Barbara): In the last two issues of Paw Print Press there has been the useful information regarding Homecoming 2006 for those of us who are so old that there are very few of us who are still hanging around—thus making reasonable the idea of a joint Reunion for several classes of the 1940's era.

Thanks for this publicity. My e-mail address, as printed, is not correct. I will appreciate your help in making sure that any members of my Class of 1941 who read Paw Print Press have my correct e-mail address: faries@austin.rr.com. (512 892-9464).

Thanks for all that you do for my high school alma mater—especially for the present day students and the fine education they are receiving.

Faries J. McDaniel

April 3-7 IISD Menus

Lunch

4-3 – Pizza or Ham & Cheese, Green Beans, Pineapples, Breadstick, Milk

4-4 – Chicken Sandwich or Crispitos, Chips, Let/Tom/Carrot Sticks, Apple, Milk

4-5 – Corn Dogs or Chicken Strips, Spicy Potatoes, Ranch Beans, Peaches, Milk

4-6 – Chicken Nuggets or Salisbury Steak, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas, Bread, Milk

4-7 – Cheeseburgers or Fish Sandwich, Tator Tots, Let/Tom/Pic/On, Cookie, Milk

Breakfast

4-3– Breakfast Stick, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk

4-4 – Eggs & Sausage, Flour Tortilla, Juice, Milk

4-5 – Breakfast Pizza, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk

4-6 – Blueberry Muffin, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk

4-7 – Honey Buns, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Super Centex Honors

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Tralyn Harden averaged 23.2 points, 4 rebounds, and finished the season with a total of 130 three pointers. Kendale Mayberry (top left) averaged 14.5 points, 4 rebounds, and 9.6 assist per game for the season. Caleb Mayberry (bottom right) averaged just under 10 points and 7 rebounds per game.

The Super Centex teams are from all of the players in the region - class 5A - 1A. It is a great accomplishment to be recognized in the region for one of the prestigious positions on a Super Centex team.

In the Baseball Dugout

Reporter Mark Cummings

Continuing in pre-district play, the Wampus Cats met Avalon in Avalon last week. Although the final score (6-9) gave the Cats another loss, they played a totally different game as they continued to iron out the kinks and learn from their past mistakes.

The final game before district play was against the Hubbard Jaguars. The Cats kept the game close during the first five innings, but the Hubbard bats heated up giving them a 14-5 victory.

Itasca met Maypearl in their first district game on Friday. The Cats' bats were cold, but it was the errors in the field that gave the Panthers the 10-1 win. With only three experienced seniors on the field the Wampus Cats are having a difficult time shutting down the experience on the opposing teams.

In the Softball Dugout

Reporter Brittany DeSpain

The Itasca Lady Cat Softball team began district competition on Tuesday, March 21 in Rio Vista. Even though the Lady Cats played a great game, they came up short with a score of 9-1. The Friday before district play, the Lady Cats defeated Covington 15-11.

In the second district game Itasca met Maypearl and suffered not only a team defeat (10-1), but a devastating injury. Pitcher Ashlee Carranza was hit in the face by a batted ball. Her injuries include a broken bone in the nose and in the cheek. She is scheduled to see a surgeon this week after the swelling goes down.

Baseball Softball

Won – 0 Lost – 4 Won – 2 Lost – 5

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 1 Maypearl 10 Itasca 15 Covington 11

Itasca 3 Kopperl 15

Itasca 1 Rio Vista 9

Itasca 1 Maypearl 10

2006 Baseball Schedule

Date Opponent Time Place

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**

Head Coach: Fred Dakan

Assist. Coach: Jeff Mayberry

2006 Lady Cats Softball Schedule

Date Opponent Time Place

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 12:30 Here

April 21 *Godley 6:00 There

*** District Games**

Head Coach: Larry Maddox Assist. Gerri Lawyer

Wampus Cat Track - 2006

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

Wednesday, April 5

District Field Events – Maypearl

Thursday, April 6 – District Running – Rio Vista

Itasca Community Basketball

Recently twenty teams of Pre-Kers through sixth graders completed Itasca Community Basketball League play.

All teams played at least five games and each player received a medal at their final game on March 18.

The smallest group was the 5th and 6th grade girls, with only two teams. Brian Payne coached the blue team (top) and Peggy DeSpain coached the maroon team (bottom) with Nichole Channon assisting.

The community is appreciative of all the time the coaches, assistants, scorekeepers and referees donated to this program and these young people. The biggest thank you goes to the organizer and coordinator, Brian Kelley.

Coaching the Pre-K and Kindergarten teams were Roseanne Yanez, Ricky Salazar, Jr., Tom Farquhar and Willie Jackson. Ricky Salazar, Jr., Felicia Coleman, Susan Bason, Dru Lacy and Katy Prescott coached the 1st & 2nd graders. Robert Sheffer, Katy Prescott and Brittany DeSpain coached the 3rd and 4th grade girls. In charge of the 3rd and 4th grade boys were Curtis Crawford, Alvin Mayberry and Roseanne Yanez. The 5th and 6th grade boys were coached by Ricky Salazar, Ricky Salazar, Jr., and Brian Kelley.

Jump Rope for Heart

Reporter Chelsea Henderson

Jump ropes were laid down in every direction across the gym floor as the fifth graders finally relaxed from exhaustion after fulfilling their obligation to the donors of $2,280.52 for Jump Rope for Heart.

This year as in every year since 1994, the fifth grade class collects donations and pledges for the annual Jump Rope for Heart "jumpathon." The PALs then join with the fifth graders for a round of jump roping that includes Double Dutch, snakebite, single jump and challenge.

Following the high intensive work out that leaves most of the PALs begging for mercy, fifth graders and PALs enjoy a soda and candy furnished by the PAL class.

This year's collection of $2,289.52 is the most money that a fifth grade class has raised since Coach Perry stated the program. All of the money collected goes to the American Heart Disease and Stroke Association for research.

Kindergarten "Around the Town" Visit Local Businesses

Ms. Adkins, Cole and Parker's kindergarten classes visited downtown Itasca to meet Itasca's community helpers. Their agenda included HILCO, Citizens Bank, City Hall, Police Station and Dairy Queen. Each of the businesses gave the students a tour and presented them with items to help them remember their visit. Each of the students had a favorite memory.

"We learned a lot about our community," Brenna Durham said. "Everyone was very nice and HILCO gave us pencils and the bank gave us money."

Some of the tours had more impact than others. The visit to City Hall and the tour of the judge's chambers and jail made quite an impression.

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"The jail cell does not look very nice," Sydney Williams said. "But we sure did enjoy the ice cream that we had at Dairy Queen."

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Brass Roots to Perform

Brass Roots Trio

Press Release

The Hill College Performing Arts Series will present the BRASS ROOTS TRIO as the final season concert on March 30, 2006 at 7:30 pm in the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center on the Hillsboro Campus.

The Brass Roots Trio will present Con Brio! Classical by intent…eclectic by content...enjoyable by design! This program takes unexpected turns, going from Baroque to Jazz to Opera.

Brass Roots Trio establishes an immediate connection with the audience with its charismatic personalities and relaxed stage presence. Virtuosic showpieces and mesmerizing melodies for brass and piano, plus the unexpected bonus of a brilliant operatic tenor promise the listener an evening long remembered. Composed of pianist Rosetta Senkus Bacon, trumpeter and flugelhorn player Travis Heath, and tenor and horn player Douglas Lundeen, the Brass Roots Trio will be performing its "Con Brio!".

The threesome has chosen an eclectic mix that includes pieces by Gershwin, Rossini, Brubeck, Verdi and Bizet, along with jazz spirituals. In addition to enjoying melodies for brass and piano, listeners will receive the added bonus of Mr. Lundeen's brilliant operatic voice.

As always, admission is free. A reception following the program will be provided by Hillsboro's Monday Review Club. Please come 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 or check the Hill College Performing Arts Series website at

www.hillcollege.edu/performingarts

For senior citizen transportation information, please call Nell Perkins at 254-582-5851.

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Individual Retirement Account information provided throughout the day. Learn How to save on Taxes by investing in an IRA account. Refreshments provided!

Heritage Books Available to Public

Press Release

The Heritage of Hill County, Texas books are for sale for $60 each at these locations in Hill County:

Covington City Hall, 402 Gathings Ave., in Covington during working hours Monday through Friday. Phone: (254) 854-2373

Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, 115 N Covington Street, in Hillsboro Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: (254) 582-2481

Will Lowrance, Hill County Historical Commission, Harris Education Center, 200 Line Street in Hillsboro. Contact him by cell phone: (254) 749-6908 or office phone: (254) 580-0191

Hill County Cell Block Museum, 120 North Waco Street in Hillsboro. Open Saturdays starting April 1st. For information contact: Richard Greenhill, (254) 582-8912

Price, if ordered by mail, is $65.00 each.

The quickest way to order a book to be mailed is to call Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc., 1-800-568-1611. A $5.00 shipping and handling fee will be added to make the total cost $65.00. Books may be charged to credit cards by phone. Books may also be ordered online at www. heritagepublishing.net To order books by mail send a $65 check made out to the Hill County Heritage Book Committee to: Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc. P.O. Box 67, Clanton, AL 35046.

Do You Remember When . . . ? Churning & Making Butter

Columnist Carl Sweeney

Recently when Marguriet and I were grocery shopping, we came to the section where the butter and margarine is displayed. Now we have so many varieties and preparations; we have regular, soft, salt, non-salt, whipped and even squeeze bottles. This reminded me of when we made our own butter with milk from our own cows. I'll wager a hot buttered biscuit that most young folks and even some baby boomers do not know the process of butter-making from cows' milk.

When the milk is brought from the barn, it was strained through a cheese cloth into crock jars and placed in the old ice box, if you had one. If not, we found a cool place and put wet clothes over them to help keep it cool. This was done to keep the milk from becoming sour, or "blinky" the term used then. Some people were lucky enough to have a spring. If this was the case, they built a little "house" over it that was called a "spring house." The cold water coming out of the ground made it cool inside the little "house." Usually it kept the temperature around fifty degrees.

After sitting over night, the milk had to be "worked." This meant skimming the cream from the top of each crock and placing it in a separate jar. The skim milk that was left was for cooking, drinking, and fed to the hogs. When surplus milk soured and formed to what we called "clabber," we cooked it and fed it to the chickens. Clabber can also be called cottage cheese. When enough cream was collected we churned, or agitated it to separate the butter.

The churning process was done in several ways. Some families used a wide mouth gallon jar and shook it. The most popular was a four gallon crock churn. We made a "dasher" from a broom handle with a wooden cross at the bottom for an agitator. Some of the well-to-do had these smart "daisy" churns where all you had to do was turn the handle. Some people could churn and rock in the old rocking chair.

I remember one time I tried to be inventive and fastened a jug of cream to my leg as I rode my bicycle to the mail box that was a half mile away. And, as you have probably guessed, this ended in disaster.

After churning a while, little flecks of butter began to come to the top of the cream. When it gathered into balls it was dipped out, but not before the action was slowed down to allow the butter to gather. Then we worked it with a ladle to get the excess buttermilk out of the butter. The churning process was rather monotonous and in order to make the time pass we quite often had little sayings and rhymes such as an old favorite that went, "Come butter come, Johnny's standing of the gate, waiting for the butter cake."

When the buttermilk and liquid was out of the butter, it was made into patties, or was placed in usually one pound wooden molds. A press was used to mold it, just a wooden plate with a handle. Some molds had designs that imprinted in the block of butter. Some people worked in salt prior to molding, and some did not.

The bi-product of all this was good old fresh buttermilk and this is what our family usually drank for dinner and supper. We did not have soft drinks or even tea because we had no ice. I still remember those pancakes and hot buttered biscuits and home made sorghum syrup.

Yard Sale

Saturday, April 1, 2006

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday April 2, 2006

10:00 am-2:00pm

405 North Wesley, Itasca

Soccer Table Washer & Dryer

Couch Kids Clothes & Toys

Women's clothes Prom Dresses

Big Princess Blow up Bed

Youth Bed (Black)

Multi-family Indoor sale

Friday, March 31 & Saturday, April 1

8am until ? each day

"Rain or Shine"

404 North Wesley Itasca

Furniture, Appliances, Kitchen stuff, Sheets, Toys, Games, Books, Purses & Accessories,

Children, Teenager & Adult Clothing,

Loads of Knick-knacks!

Wampus Cats of the Week

"The Veteran Baseball Seniors"

This year the Wampus Cat baseball team is privileged to have three veterans who have been a part of the program since their freshmen year. Although the team is struggling this season, the senior veterans have worked hard to be leaders during the game and in practice. This year's team has many young players who need guidance and instruction and these three seniors are willing to do just that.

Caleb Mayberry (bottom left) plays shortstop and pitcher, Sean Smith (top right) plays centerfield and shortstop, and Chris Taylor (top left) is the man on first base.

The team is learning and getting better each game.

"Special of the Week"

2000 Windstar LX

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Lloyd Ford – Proud Supporter of the Wampus Cats

Insert #1 March 31, 2006 Paw Print Press

"Clowning for a Cure"

Relay for Life

Bus Trip to Louisiana Downs

Saturday, April 8, 2006

Depart 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!

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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.

Baseball Trivia

www.iis-sports.com

1. 4. Who was the youngest player to win the NL MVP award?

Roy Campanella Mike Schmidt Barry Bonds Johnny Bench

2. Who was the first player to have his uniform number retired?

Lou Gehrig Babe Ruth Ty Cobb Cy Young

3. Who was the player who won two home run titles 11 years apart?

Ted Williams Stan Musial Joe DiMaggio Willie Mays

Answers

1. Johnny Bench 2. Lou Gehrig 3. Joe DiMaggio

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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

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.

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):

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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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