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Kelley Resigns, Heald Sworn In as Mayor

At a called City Council Meeting Friday, April 7, the Council voted to accept Mayor Brian Kelley's resignation and elected Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Heald as the new mayor. City Manager and Municipal Judge Mark Gropp administered the oath of office.

"It will be business as usual," Heald said. "Nothing will be held up or disrupted because of the change. I would like to extend the City's appreciation to Kelley for his years of service on the City Council and as Mayor."

The Council selected Susie Davis (right) as Mayor Pro-Tem. She will act in place of the Mayor should he be unavailable for meetings.

because of their help a lot had been accomplished for the city.

The Council will meet in its regular monthly meeting on April 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Child Continues Long Road to Recovery after Pit Bull Attack

Information from Joy E. Cressler

Joy E. Cressler, a reporter for the *Burleson-Crowley Connection* and the *Cleburne Times Review* recently did a story on Brandon Buchanan, the child that was attacked by a pit bull in October. Brandon lived with his mother and her boyfriend on East North St. in Itasca when the incident occurred. Many Itasca citizens have inquired about the child, but until Cressler's story, we had very little information since Brandon is now living in Burleson with his paternal grandmother.

Brandon has undergone numerous surgeries and will have to have approximately twelve more before his face is completely restored. He is also seeing a child therapist each week for reoccurring nightmares.

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Twelve Qualify to Participate at Regional Academic Meet

Over fifty Itasca students competed in the District 11 2-A UIL meet held at Grandview High School March 27 and March 29. The teams and individuals scored 302 points to place second in the district.

Individuals advancing are Nick Worth, 3rd - calculator, Luis Castellanos, 3rd – computer science, Zac Johnson, 2nd-LD Debate, Chelsea Henderson, 3rd-Prose, Tim Baker, 1st-number sense, Serena Nettles, 1st-literary criticism, Shawna Pratt, 3rd-number sense, 3rd-editorial writing, 2nd-headline, Jordan Lloyd, 1st-feature writing, 3rd-news writing and Christy Lewis, 2nd-feature writing.

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Teach Children to Save Day

April 26, 2006

Press Release

Citizens State Bank is excited to participate in the "Teach Children to Save Day." This is a national event sponsored by the American Bankers Association Education Foundation. It is a great opportunity to introduce good savings habits to youngsters!

Citizens State Bank wishes to encourage children to set financial goals, save money, and spend it wisely.

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Ministerial Alliance Easter Sunrise Service

The Itasca Ministerial Alliance invites you to join us in a community-wide celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The service will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 16, at the gazebo in downtown Itasca. Ministers of many of the local churches will lead the service. Scripture will be read in both English and Spanish. Please join us for this very special service.

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**

Presbyterian Church Game Night

The First Presbyterian Church of Itasca has a Game Night on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month. Everyone is invited to join us! Bring a finger-food and a favorite game, if you like. If you don't play games, just come enjoy the food and fellowship! Join us April 18 at 6:00 in Barton Hall. Please join us!

Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

May 13, 2006 9:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

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

IISD Superintendent's Office 123 N. College St.

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!

Tenebrae Service

Press Release

First Presbyterian Church of Itasca will observe Maundy Thursday, April 13, with a Tenebrae Service and Communion. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story, so this is not supposed to be a happy service, because the occasion is not happy.

The service will include scripture, solemn hymns, a short message, and Communion. The Tenebrae service works like this: As you enter the sanctuary, please enter in silence and reverence. There will be several candles and a Christ candle which will all be lit as you enter the service. As each scripture is read, one candle will be extinguished and some of the overhead lights will be dimmed until finally, at the end of the service, we will be in almost total darkness.

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events; and it is left unfinished because the story isn't over until Easter Day.

As the Rev. Ken Collins says on his website: "If you see only the happy ending of a movie, everyone who saw it from the start is elated, but you go away saying, "So they were all hugging each other. So what?" But if you see the beginning and the middle part, with all the suspense and grief, you understand what the characters overcame, and the happy ending is all the happier. So to me, attending the Easter service without attending the Holy Week services is like watching the happy ending of the movie without seeing the middle - you only rob yourself of joy."

Don't rob yourself of the joy of Easter - join us on Thursday evening, April 13, as we remember the Passion of Christ.

Maundy Thursday Service

April 13 – 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Everyone is welcome!

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Itasca City Council will hold a public hearing at the Municipal Court Building, 136 North Hill, Itasca, TX on Monday, March 17, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. to review an application from Raymond Arellano for a re-plat and rezoning of S. Barnes A-74 TR 10 .336 from Commercial (C-1) to Single Family Residential District (SF-1). This re-plat and re-zoning would allow Raymond Arellano to build a home on this property.

Felicia Mayberry

Office of Code Enforcement

Pit Bull Mauls Child

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Itasca Police Chief Griscavage who made the call, with two other officers, on the night of October 28, has become a loud voice in the community regarding dogs that have a tendency to be volatile and unpredictable, especially around children.

"I looked up a lot of laws," Griscavage said. "I finally had to report to the City Council, that as much as I hated to concede the issue that an ordinance could not be passed that was breed specific. I just hope that other parents also learn from this terrible incident. "

Cressler included the following information in her story and we reprint it with permission.

Pit Bulls Top Number of Fatal Attacks

Statistics from Venter for Disease Control and Prevention

***** Attacks by pit bulls accounted for about ⅓ of the 238 fatal dog attacks in the United States during a 20-year study.**

***** Pit bulls were blamed for killing 76 people during a study of dog attacks from 1979-1998. Rottweilers were the second most deadly animal, reportedly killing 44 people during the same period.**

***** About 4.7 million people are bitten every year by dogs, resulting in about 12 fatalities a year. About 500,000 to 800,000 dog bites require medical treatment annually.**

***** Children are the most vulnerable victims in dog attacks. Those under the age of 14 account for 42 percent of dog bite injuries. The highest rate of injuries was to children between the ages 5 and 9.**

***** Of the 27 people who died from dog bites in 1997 and 1998 nationally, 19 were under the age of 15. The family dog is responsible for three out of four injuries involving youth under the age on 14.**

Things to consider before pet ownership

***** Consult with a professional (veterinarian, animal behaviorist or responsible breeder) to learn about suitable breeds of dogs for your household.**

***** Dogs with histories of aggression are inappropriate in households with children.**

***** Be sensitive to cues that a child is fearful or apprehensive about a dog and, if so, delay acquiring a dog.**

***** Spend time with a dog before buying or adopting it. Use caution when bringing a dog into the home of an infant or toddler.**

***** Spay or neuter virtually all dogs, which frequently reduces aggressive tendencies.**

***** Never leave infants or young children alone with any dog.**

***** Do not play aggressive games like wrestling with a dog.**

***** Properly socialize and train any dog entering the household. Teach the dog submissive behaviors like rolling over to expose abdomen and relinquishing food without growling.**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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's children. This month we draw attention to data revealing that each year child abuse and neglect effects about 60,000 Texas children. Each month in Hill County alone, we care for 60 or 70 abused or neglected children.

The Hill County Child Protective Services Board, Inc. encourages you to use this month to communicate with your neighbors on child abuse and prevention. Prevention efforts help neighbors, friends, parents, and relatives identify abused children, whether by neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse. If you see one of these abuses, don't walk away. Report it on the abuse hotline 1-800-252-5400. It's the law!

The goal for setting aside one month a year for Child Abuse Prevention 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.

We know child abuse prevention is important to you. Why not join our Hill County volunteer group where you can wisely use about 3 hours each month to help turn the tide against abuse in Hill County.

Join our volunteer group. Write us today:

Hill County Child Protective Service Board, Inc.,

P. O. Box 356, Hillsboro, Texas, 76645. You can leave a message at 254-.576-2314

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.

Itasca FFA Vaccination Clinic

Ag Building Saturday, April 29

9 a.m. until 12 noon

Rabies vaccination $10

Other vaccination available

More information, call 687-2922 ext. 119

House for Rent (Mobile Home)

3 bedroom /1 bath Fully Furnished

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Senior Spotlight – Christy Lewis

Reporter & Cartoonist Gabrielle Rivera

Aside from being one of the stars in this year's "Into the Woods," one act play this "quiet, witty, and intriguing" young lady usually keeps a low profile.

Seventeen year old Laura Christine Lewis, or as most know her, Christy, is the daughter of Jarie and Ron Lewis. She has four siblings, Thad, Jennifer, Kelli, and Cody.

Christy has attended Itasca ISD since she was in the 8th grade, and says she will never forget the people here in Itasca.

"I'm really not that ready to graduate," Christy said, "I enjoy high school. My plans are to attend Hill College after I graduate for a year or two, for my basics, and then transfer to a four-year college. I am still unsure of what I want to major in."

At school, Christy enjoys her A&P and Calculus class, because they are "fun classes."

"I love Mrs. Swilley, because she makes learning about bones and guts fun," Christy said.

Christy is a third year one-act play member.

"This year's play was hilarious and it was a really good play," Christy said. "Everyone agreed, except for the judges, that we should have advanced. I played the "baker's wife." I never get a real name in any of the plays I have acted in. Everyone should try out for the one act play next year, especially if Zac is in it. He always makes it lots of fun. I just love the director, Mrs. Crawford. She is so sweet."

Christy is a second year member of the *Paw Print Press*.

"Christy is one of the few reporters that I actively recruited for the paper," Mrs. Petrash said. "I was so impressed with her work ethic during World History"

Christy is a feature reporter and delivers papers on campus every Wednesday and to downtown businesses on Thursday. She has participated in news, feature and editorial UIL writing for two years. She placed second in feature and 5th in news at district and will compete at regional on April 22.

Dual credit courses keep Christy busy in school. In her spare time, she reads, plays video games, watches T.V., rides horses and loves to visit Renaissance festivals.

"The festivals are so much fun," Christy said. "I've been going for four years. I would like to go to Faeriesworld Festival in Oregon, between June and July. I like the festivals because people dress in ball gowns, the knights wear real armor with swords and then there are the funny guys in tights. I usually go in costume since my mom makes me the ball gowns. I really enjoy wearing them. The festivals have dancing, music, human chess games, magicians, fire breathers, gypsies, and so much more. It is just a great time"

Christy is a friendly person and everyone likes her.

"My best friends are Jordan, Candice, Johanna and Shawna. They are so sweet and I enjoy being around them. As for my most favorite person, it would have to be Steven. He has really made a huge difference in my life. He made me realize that I needed to use my talents more."

The suggestions Christy leaves for the underclassmen are ones that college bound students should follow as well.

"Everyone should always do their research papers at least a couple of days before they are due, and to be nice and don't waste time being mean."

April 17-21 Itasca ISD Menus

Lunch

4-17 – Pizza/Pork Chop, Tossed Salad, Pineapples, Breadstick, Milk

4-18 – Sub sandwich/Chicken Strips, Chips, Let/Tom, Fruit, Milk

4-19 – Tacos/Crispito, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Let/Tom, Oranges, Milk

4-20 – Chicken Sandwich/Ham Wrap, Cheesy Potatoes, Carrot Sticks, Fruit Slush, Milk

4-21 – Cheeseburgers/Meatball Sub, Tator Tots, Let/Tom/Pic, Brownie, Milk

Breakfast

4-17– Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk

4-18 – Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk

4-19 – Breakfast Sticks, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk

4-20 – Apple Squares, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk

4-21 – Cinnamon Rolls, Toast, Juice, Fruit, Milk

8th Grade District Track

Reporter Brittany DeSpain

The Junior High track teams competed in their District track meet on Wednesday and Thursday, April 5 -6, 2006. The 8th grade team did very well with many students placing in the top six. Overall, the 8th grade boys placed 2nd behind Godley with 113.5 points and the girls placed 4th with 56 points. They competed against teams from Godley, Grandview, Maypearl, Keene, and Rio Vista.

Placing for the 8th grade girls were: Megan Goff-1st in pole vault, 2nd in the 200m, and 3rd in high jump; Mary Maddox-4th in the 400m; Madison Jones-5th in the 800m; Ashley Durham-3rd in discuss; and Katelyn Seaman-4th in discuss. The 4x100m relay team of Meagan Prescott, Ashley Durham, Mary Maddox, and Megan Goff placed 5th; the 4x200m relay team of Shelbi Roger, Ciera Thompson, Eva Mayberry, and Ashley Durham placed 4th; and the 4x400m relay team of Mary Maddox, Devon Corbitt, Madison Jones, and Megan Goff placed 5th.

Placing for the 8th grade boys were: Desmond Guy-1st in the 100m, 2nd in long jump, and 1st in high jump; Chauncey Cox-5th in the 200m and 2nd in shot put; Eddie Coronado-5th in the 400m and shot put; Corey Martinez-1st in the 800m and 5th in the 1600m; Jared Bernard-2nd in the 400m; Justin Gardner-5th in the 400m and 6th in pole vault; Christian Rodgers-4th in shot put and 4th in discuss; and Ryan Crouch-2nd in pole vault. The 4x100m relay team of Juan Flores, Eddie Coronado, Tevin Mayberry, and Desmond Guy placed 3rd; the 4x200m relay team of Jared Bernard, Tevin Mayberry, Scottie Forcey, and Chauncey Cox placed 3rd; and the 4x400m relay team of Juan Flores, Eddie Coronado, Chauncey Cox, and Desmond Guy placed 4th.

2006 Baseball Schedule

Date Opponent Time Place

April 14 *Grandview 4:30 Home

April 21 * Godley 7:00 Away

April 28 *Rio Vista 4:30 Away

Head Coach: Fred Dakan - Assist. Coach: Jeff Mayberry

2006 Lady Cats Softball Schedule

Date Opponent Time Place

April 14 *Grandview 12:30 Here

April 21 *Godley 6:00 There

Head Coach: Larry Maddox Assist. Gerri Lawyer

7th Grade District Track

Reporter Brittany DeSpain

The 7th grade teams competed in their District track meet on Wednesday and Thursday, April 5 -6, 2006. Overall, the 7th grade boys placed 4th with 58 points and the girls placed 5th with 74 points. They competed against teams from Godley, Grandview, Maypearl, Keene, and Rio Vista.

Placing for the 7th grade girls were: Jasmine Guy-1st in the 100m and 6th in long jump; Chan'tira Diggs-3rd in shot put and 2nd in discuss; Christina Manasco-1st in discuss; Hali Carranza-3rd in discuss; and Maria Coronado-2nd in pole vault. The 4x100m relay team of Rebecca Cisneros, Nancy Reyes, Jasmine Guy, Keyre Ortiz placed 3rd; the 4x200m relay team of Nancy Reyes, Keyre Ortiz, Jasmine Guy, and Maria Coronado placed 3rd; and the 4x400m relay team of Nancy Reyes, Keyre Ortiz, Maria Coronado, and Rebecca Cisneros placed 6th.

Placing for the 7th grade boys were: Jacoby Mozon-3rd in 100m; Phillip Thomas-4th in the 1600m and 2nd in the 2400m; and Christopher Carlson-2nd in the 110m hurdles and 4th in long jump. The 4x100m relay team of Robert Slotvig, Cody Dominick, Lavarius Ashford, and Jason Savala placed 5th; the 4x200m relay team of Jacoby Mozon, Jason Savala, Cody Dominick, and Christopher Carlson placed 3rd; and the 4x400m relay team of Jacoby Mozon, Jason Savala, Phillip Thomas, and Christopher Carlson placed 3rd.

Baseball Softball

Won – 0 Lost – 8 Won – 2 Lost – 9

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 Grandview 13 Itasca 3 Kopperl 15

Itasca 1 Godley 12 Itasca 1 Rio Vista 9

Itasca 3 Rio Vista 4 Itasca 1 Maypearl 10

Itasca Maypearl Itasca 1 Grandview 14

Itasca 3 Godley 22

Itasca 0 Rio Vista 20

Itasca Maypearl

Wampus Cat Track – 2006

Wednesday, April 12 – District Prelims Rio Vista

Thursday, April 13 – District Finals Rio Vista

Fri. & Sat. - April 28 & 29 – Regionals Stephenville

Friday & Saturday - May 12 & 13 – State

March Police Report

3-16 – Minor accident – E. Main & S. Files Sts.

3-16 – Assisted EMS – Itasca Nursing Home

3-16 – Assisted DPS with arrest – I-35W mm 8

3-16 – Minor accident – 300 blk. E. Main St.

3-18 – Arrest for DWLS – I-35W southbound mm 7½

3-18 – Criminal mischief report – 1200 blk. E. Main St.

3-18 – Report of possible assault – 700 blk. Mill St.

3-19 – Minor accident – 100 blk. N. Files St.

3-19 – Animal complaint - 400 blk. S. College St.

3-20 – Sexual misconduct report

3-20 – Loud music – 400 blk. E. Adams

3-20 – Welfare concern

3-20 – Unsecured door – 300 blk. N. Files St.

3-21 – Criminal mischief – 600 blk. S. Hill St.

3-21 – Civil matter – 200 blk. N. Hill St.

3-22 – Animal complaint – 800 blk. Mill St.

3-23 – Assisted EMS – 600 blk. S. Files St.

3-23 – Assisted City worker – 200 blk. S. King St.

3-23 – Report of possible mental patient escape

3-24 – Suspicious activity – 100 blk. W. Main St.

3-24 - Possible escaped mental patient – 1200 blk. S. Files St.

3-24 – Towed vehicle – I-35W northbound mm 7½ - No drivers license/no insurance

3-25 – Assisted HCSO with funeral escort

3-25 – Assisted Johnson County Sheriffs Office – I-35W

3-25 – Loud music complaint – 100 blk. N. Files St.

3-25 – Traffic Stop – I-35W mm8 – Speeding 97 mph/ 70mph – Warrant arrest made for Bexar County

3-25 – Burglary of habitation report – 500 blk. K Lane

3-26 – Traffic stop – I-35W southbound mm 7 – No seat belt – 2 oz. marijuana – over 1 gram cocaine – 45 caliber pistol – 3 subjects arrested

3-26 – Impounded vehicle – Speeding 83 mph/65 mph

Driver arrested DWI

3-27 – Placed 48-hour sticker on vehicle – I-35W mm 8

3-28 – Traffic stop – I-35W northbound mm 10½ - Vehicle impounded – Arrest made – Possession of a controlled substance

3-29 – Weapon in prohibited area – 300 blk. N. Files St.

3-29 – Assist DPS – Major accident – FM 67

3-29 – Missing juvenile report – 200 blk. S. Wesley St.

3-29 – Medical emergency – 100 blk. Beard St.

3-30 – Traffic stop – I-35W northbound mm 8 - Arrest controlled substance

3-31 – Assisted w/ grass fire – FM 66 @ PR 446

3-31 – Animal complaint – Loose dog Harris @ Mill St.

3-31 – Traffic stop – I-35W northbound mm 8 – 80mph/65mph - Warrant arrest served for Waco PD

3-31 – Domestic dispute – S. Lamar St.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the registered voters of Itasca, Texas

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed will be open from

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 13, 2006 for voting in a general election to elect two school board trustees.

Locations of polling places:

Itasca ISD Cafeteria 123 N College Itasca, Texas 76055

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: Itasca ISD Administration Office, 123 N College, Itasca, TX

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. beginning on May 1, 2006 and ending on May 9, 2006.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Norma Merkel

Early Voting Clerk

123 N College

Itasca, TX 76055

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 5, 2006.

Issued this 10th day of April, 2006

Marquita Lloyd

Presiding Officer

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL

A los votantes registrados del Itasca, Tejas:

Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitiados abajo se abrirán desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m. el 13 de Mayo de 2006 para votar en la Elección para dos escuela fideicomisario

Dirección de las casillas electorales:

Itasca ISD Cafetería 123 N College Itasca, Texas 76055

La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de Lunes a Viernes en: Itasca ISD Administración Office, 123 N College, Itasca, TX entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 1:00 de la tarde empezando el 1 de May 2006 y terminado el 9 de Mayo, 2006.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:

Norma Merkel

Secretaria de la Votación En Adelantada

123 N College

Itasca, TX 76055

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 5 de

Mayo, 2006.

Emitada este día 10th de Abril, 2006.

Marquita Lloyd

Firma del Oficial que Preside

Regional UIL Qualifiers

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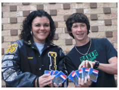
The Literary Criticism team of Serena Nettles, Jamie Hanes, Kristen Rivera and Elizabeth Bennett took the 1st place plaque and are advancing as a team. The journalism team of Shawna Pratt, Jordan Lloyd, Christy Lewis, Vidi Reyes, Megan Middleton, Chelsea Henderson and Whitney Brown also brought home the journalism plaque.

The twelve qualifiers and four alternates will attend the regional meet at Tarleton State University in Stephenville on Saturday, April 22.

UIL Coordinator Janet Gordon was appreciative of the hard work put in by students and coaches. District 11-2-A is a tough academic district. Schools in the district are Grandview, Itasca, Godley, Maypearl, Keene and Rio Vista.



Lit. Crit. team of Kristen Rivera, Jamie Hanes and Elizabeth Bennett and Serena Nettles. Nick Worth placed in calculator and Luis Castellanos in computer science. Chelsea Henderson placed with her Prose interpretation. Tim Baker and Shawna Pratt will compete in number sense. The journalism team of Shawna Pratt, Christy Lewis and Jordan Lloyd will write in five events. Zac Johnson argued his way to a 2nd at district.

Retired Educators Concerned About Legislation on New Retirees

Press Release

At their March 15 meeting, Hill County Retired School Personnel members expressed concern that present educators considering retirement be aware of available information. The 79th Texas Legislature, Regular Session has enacted laws that will affect some TRS members and retirees. While some legislation will not affect present workers who are "grandfathered into the system," other new regulations will affect everyone, especially those who plan to return to work in the public schools after retirement.

The Teacher Retirement System will conduct a retirement seminar in Waco at the Region 12 Service Center on April 20 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Interested persons can register online for the seminar at http://www.trs.state.tx.us/ or they can call the Service Center at 1-254-297-1212.

This TRS website offers information about many topics including steps to planning retirement and information about the various TRS Care health plans. Online videos are available to explain the retirement planning process and an updated Retirement Estimate Calculator may be used to determine the retiree's annuity amount. Also available is a summary of the 79th Session Legislation regarding Texas Teacher Retirement.

Members can call the TRS state office at 1-800-223-8778 to request a retirement packet or to ask questions about the process. HCRSP members invite retiring teachers to visit the Texas Retired Teachers Association website at http://www.trta.org/ or to call the state office at 1-800-880-1650. Helpful information can be found about benefits that become available to retirees who join TRTA. Local President Don Ford can be reached at 694-6790 and the group cordially invites any educators who are free to attend their next meeting on May 17 at 11:30 A. M. at the Vara Martin Daniels Center, Hill College Campus.

Madison Turns Two

The 2nd Annual Madi-fest will take place April 15, at Steve and Toni Daniels.

Madison Rodriguez will turn two years old on April 13. She is the daughter of Jamie and Daniel (Beto) Rodriguez and older sister to Makala Rodriguez.

Her grandparents are Steve and Toni Daniels, Daniel and Lupe Rodriguez. Great grandparents are Laura Bowen, Marie Galvan, Billy and Lee Daniels and Jesus Rodriguez.

Lots of aunts, uncles and friends will join in the celebration.

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Riding lawn mower – good mower & deck – just needs switch - $100

Good easy start Snapper Riding Mower - $250

Rear end of small pick-up - $20

2 – 4x8 boards & used 2x4 - $30

2 push mowers - $25

Gas weed-eater - does not run – but has all parts

$10

Several riding mowers & 1 edger - $10

254-687-2345

105 Beard St. Itasca

Tornado Safety for Texans

www.txdps.s

Tornadoes can occur at any time of the year in Texas, including December, but they happen most often in spring and summer. Spokesmen for the governor’s Division of Emergency Management urge Texans to learn what to do when a tornado is sighted. The most important rule is to get low and stay low.

***Seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest floor of the home, such as a bathroom, closet or room without windows.

***In an office building, go to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor.

***Leave your mobile home and take shelter in a nearby building. If no building is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or ravine.

***Never stay inside a car. Leave the car and lie flat in ditch or a ravine. If a building is nearby, take shelter inside. Never try to outrun a tornado in your car.

***At school, follow plans and go to a designated shelter area, usually interior hallways on the lowest floor. Avoid auditoriums, gyms, and areas with wide, free-span roofs.

***Go to the interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor of a shopping center. Do not leave the shopping center to get in your car.

***If you are in open country, take cover on low, protected ground.

***Avoid areas near exterior glass or doors, areas along exterior walls, or rooms with wide expanse roofs-such as auditoriums, cafeterias and gyms.

***Learn the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning. A Tornado Watch means watch the sky. A Tornado Warning means a tornado is on the ground and you must seek shelter immediately.

Garage Sale – 3 Families

Saturday, April 22 8:00 a.m. until all gone!

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Kitchen - children's items - books – toys

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Miscellaneous items

Bake Sale & Car Wash

Saturday, April 22 9 a.m. – 12 noon

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To Elect Susan Bason

For Itasca ISD School Board Trustee

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Do You Remember When . . . ? Easter

Columnist Carl Sweeney

While vacationing in Camp Verde, Arizona, Marguriet and I attended an Easter Sunrise Service. The weather was rather cool. As we sat there I looked around at the people in attendance, most of them wearing jeans, sweaters and jackets, some with wool caps and other warm clothes.

It suddenly occurred to me the difference in our dress now and back when we older folks were growing up.

The men wore suits, ties and top coats, usually brown, black or gray, starched white shirts, and shiny shoes. It would be some time before colored shirts were allowed. In those days, quite a few businesses requited the employees to wear white shirts and ties to work. Those who worked in Sears, as CPAs and the like.

But as the saying goes! "When all is said and done," Easter was the time for women and young girls to dress "special," a time when they looked forward to dressing in all the "finery" they could muster or afford financially.

In the earlier years, most of their dresses were made by mother on her old treadle sewing machine with material from the Sears Roebuck catalog or something from mother's or grandmother's trunk.

No matter what, Easter called for a new spring outfit. An Easter hat, decorated was a must. For the younger girls, new black patent leather shoes and new white anklets. These were a welcome relief from those ugly long brown stockings held up by a garter belt that had been worn all winter; however, if it was cold, the style was long white stockings held up by that same old garter belt. The hat was a must for the ensemble. They were most always decorated with ribbons, flowers, fruit and other decorations. A few however, were plain.

This dress attire was most often worn back then to Garden Clubs as well as other clubs, PTA meetings, and many other social functions, quite different from today. And, let's not forget the white gloves that also went with the outfit and also were worn at the social functions.

I remember one year back before World War II, one of our more affluent aunts outfitted my younger sister with an outfit that she, otherwise, would not have had.

It consisted of a navy blue cape, white gloves, black patent leather Mary Janes, with white anklets, also with a handbag and a straw hat with some kind of red decorations and a ribbon.

After World War II, the first nylons came along. The seams in the back were a chore to keep straight. One thing I forgot to mention was the corsage; it also was a must.

Perhaps the way we dress now for social functions is more practical or sensible, but we will not forget the special feeling of getting "all dolled up," as the saying went then, enjoying our own attire and checking out everyone else, to see what they came up with.

There were traditions at Easter other than getting dressed up. There was the boiling and coloring of eggs with the tangy smell of vinegar, other traditions were the hams with pineapples, chocolate bunnies. There wasn't much "store bought" stuff some time ago. It was almost like Christmas when we awoke an Easter morning and there was the store-bought basket decorated with its colored confetti with jelly beans, the chocolates, and sugar coated marshmallows. We still enjoy Easter with our dress, church and Easter egg hunts, but quite a few of the old traditions and activities are gone.

April Calendar of Events

April 12 & 13 – High School District Track Meet @ Rio Vista

April 13 – Rotary Meeting – 12:00 Rotary Room

April 13 – 5th Six Weeks Report Cards

April 14 – Good Friday – School Holiday

April 14 - Softball @ home against Grandview

Baseball @ home against Grandview @ 12:30 p.m..

April 17 – City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Municipal Court Building

April 18 – 21 - TAKS Testing

April 20 – Rotary Meeting – 12:00 Rotary Room

April 21 - Softball & Baseball @ Godley 5:30 p.m.

Teach Children to Save Day

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To encourage participation, Citizens State Bank is sponsoring a Coloring Contest starting April 18 through April 28 for grades 1-3. A coloring sheet can be picked up at Citizens State Bank starting April 10.

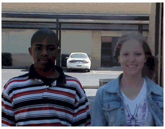
When the completed art sheet is returned to the Bank, all participants will receive a free coloring book that delivers a message on money management in terms kids can understand, along with a "Pledge Certificate."

Parents will receive take-home savings information to introduce them to the Citizens State Bank Youth Savings Program. All art will be displayed in the Bank Lobby for public viewing through Friday, April 28.

Wampus Cats of the Week

"Junior High Track Gold Medal Winners"

Eighth graders (pictured left) Megan Goff, Desmond Guy and Corey Martinez (missing from picture) brought home the gold last week at the district track meet. Goff earned her gold in the pole vault and Martinez in the 800-meter run. Guy brought home double gold: one for the 100-meter run and one in the high jump.



Two seventh graders, Jasmine Guy (bottom right) and Christina Manasco (bottom left), also earned gold medals. Guy took hers in the 100-meter run and Manasco in the discus.

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