Paw Print Press

Serving Itasca "The Big Little Town" since 1997
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Masons Honor *Paw Print Press* with Community Builders Award

Community service and education is very important to the Masons. At the April meeting of the R. E. Lee Masonic Lodge #449 of Itasca the members presented a Community Builders Award to the *Paw Print Press*, the town's newspaper for the last nine years, which is published by students at Itasca High School.

Publisher Barbara Petrash accepted the award on behalf of all of the students that have worked on the paper. For the last nine years, from ten to thirteen students have worked diligently each school year to keep the citizens of Itasca informed of community and school news and events.

"I was very honored to receive the award," Petrash said, "Without the students to cover the stories, the community who so readily accepted the students as reporters and the school administration who backed the publication, the *Paw Print Press* would not have survived the first year."

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HILCO Schedules District Meetings

HILCO Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be conducting a series of district meetings during the months of May, June and July. HILCO General Manager/CEO Gerald W. Lemons and the current HILCO district director will conduct the meetings in convenient central locations for each of HILCO's seven service districts. Members can find their District number on their electric bills or on the district map found on the website at www.hilco.coop.

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"Itasca Blooms" Theme for Garden Club's Annual Flower Show

The Farrow Room was alive with a mixture of color, scents and sounds as the Itasca Garden Club held its annual flower show.

Each arrangement represented an event or celebration in Itasca. Arrangements contained a variety of flowers. On display were bouquets of roses, daises, lilies, iris, exotic and extravagant blooms and even wildflowers. Some of the celebrations represented were Cinco de Mayo, Prom, Easter, Birthday Party and Mother's Day.

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Smith Foundation Grant Benefits Children in Itasca

Press Release

ITASCA, Texas – The Itasca Campus of Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) recently was named the recipient of a generous grant from The George G. and Alva Hudson Smith Foundation.

The foundation's Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the $8,579 grant, which will assist with replacing the floors in the Hunter and Bryce Cottages on the Itasca Campus.

For more than 100 years, the mission of Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services has been to provide a variety of Christ-centered services to children and families in need, including foster care.

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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 May 16 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 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!

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Public Notice

Request for Submission of Water and Wastewater Operations Bids and Proposals for the City of Itasca

In accordance with the city budget for the fiscal year of 2006-2007, the City of Itasca is currently seeking bid proposal for the maintenance and operation of the City's water and wastewater treatment plant. This job will require daily upkeep, monthly and quarterly reports, sample testing and record logging. The following duties and tasks are a few examples of the work required:

- **Taking daily chlorine samples**

- **Well tank readings**

- **Creating and enacting update plans with engineers**

- **Submitting applications for grants and loans**

- **Maintenance of the water production and wastewater treatment plant**

- **Data recording**

A list of the job description for the operation of the Water and Wastewater Facilities may be picked up at 126 N. Hill during business hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Bid proposals must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2006 to the City of Itasca, 126 N. Hill, Itasca, Texas 76055. For more information please contact City Hall at 254-687-2201.

Taco Salad Supper

Wednesday, May 10 5:30 p.m. – gone

First United Methodist Church

Taco Salad (w/all fixings), Beans, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

Only $5.00 (Everyone invited)

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

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

IISD Superintendent's Office 123 N. College St.

Itasca City Council Meeting

3rd Monday of the Month 6:00 p.m. Municipal Court Building All interested persons are welcomed!

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Last Monday of Month 5:30 p.m.

Citizens State Bank Everyone is 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.

Thurs. & Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed from 12 – 1 for lunch Except Tuesday 2-3 lunch

Questions call Gracie Faulkner, LVN at 254-687-2437

PPP Receives Masonic Award

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The Paw Print Press presentation was only the third Community Builders Award that the R. E. Lee Masonic Lodge has presented.

"I had the honor to present the first award to Bob Wilson in 2001," Secretary Steve Cleveland said. "We also presented one to the Itasca Volunteer Fire Department. It is the highest honor we award to a non-Mason."

"The Community Builders Award was established so that a Lodge could recognize outstanding non-Masons who have distinguished themselves through their service to the community, to the local, state or national government, to their church or synagogue, or to humanity," said Master of the Lodge Max Omberg.

He further explained that the members look for groups or individuals that are not Masons but who "follow the same precepts, ideals and standards that have been established for Masonic behavior."

On hand for the ceremony were 2005-06 *PPP* Editor Shawna Pratt, Senior Feature Reporter Jordan Lloyd, Business Manager Jessica Grindele, IISD Superintendent E. Ray Freeman, High School Principal Glenn Pittman, numerous members of Lodge #449 and visiting Lodge Brothers from Hillsboro, Whitney and Blum.

The R. E. Lee Masonic Lodge #449 will celebrate its 130th anniversary on June 12. It was originally located in Osceola before relocating to Itasca. Masonry is an exclusive organization that is known for its charitable contributions. Freemasonry or Masonry is one of the world's oldest organizations still in existence. Many signers of the Declaration of Independence and drafters of the U.S. Constitution were members of the Fraternity. Freemasonry is a philosophy and practice based on "making good men better."

Charity has always been a major priority for Free Masons. Texas lodges support the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas, Shriners Burn Institute in Galveston and Shriners Hospital for Children in Houston.

The Lodge is very proud to have the original furniture and picture frames that have unique curved glass from 1876. It is all in very good shape.

HILCO Schedules Meetings

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Steve Sawyer, president of the HILCO board of directors, will be present at the first meeting on Monday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. for District 4. The District 4 meeting will be at the Itasca School Cafeteria located within the school complex at 300 N. Files Street.

District 4 extends from the area around FM 67, north of Itasca, to the area around FM 2114 in the southern part of the district.

HILCO Director Bill Allen will be present at the District 5 meeting on Monday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the McCown Valley Community Center at 757 FM 1713 in Whitney.

District 5 includes Lake Whitney and the surrounding area.

Refreshments will not be served at the meetings, but each member will receive a door prize and their name will be entered in a drawing for a prize, including a $25, $50 or $75 electric bill credit.

HILCO Members will have an opportunity to learn about new district voting procedures for cooperative directors in an open discussion. Recent changes in the HILCO bylaws allow members to vote for directors in their own respective districts. Members who have specific questions may send an advance list of inquiries to HILCO Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 127, Itasca, TX 76055; fax 254-687-2551; or e-mail jlemons@hilco.coop. Meeting information may also be found on HILCO's website at www.hilco.coop.

Other topics discussed will be current electric rate advantages benefiting HILCO members; 2006 Capital Credit distribution; 2005 member satisfaction survey results; system upgrades and maintenance; and upcoming annual member meeting and member picnics; and the Operation Round Up® program. Member questions will be welcome at all of the open forum meetings.

HILCO, an $89 million electric cooperative, is the fourth largest co-op in kwh sales in the Brazos Electric system. The cooperative owns 2,765 miles of energized line, including 100 miles of underground line, and serves over 21,000 meters in Hill, Johnson, Dallas, Ellis and McLennan counties. HILCO also manages four local water companies and has interests in propane and land development entities.

Asking for Bids

Have a single-wide mobile home structure that needs to be torn down and the area cleared in Files Valley.

Call to make an appointment to see the job or to submit a bid – 682-552-5483

Senior Spotlight – Shawna Pratt

Reporter Magen Middleton Cartoonist Gabrielle Rivera

Eighteen-year-old Shawna Pratt describes herself as "sarcastic and outspoken"

"I think it is important to be honest and true to oneself," Shawna said. "Sometimes people get their feelings hurt by the things I say, but they have to admit that they are the truth. I don't worry a lot about what people think of me as long as I am true to who I am."

Shawna Denae is the daughter of Diane and Sam Peckham and stepsister of Katy, 21, and Caroline, 17. Her family also includes has two dogs Brody and Max, two cats Bruiser and Sox, five cows Red, Whoop, Betty, Gigi, and Cherry, and a donkey named Mona.

"My mom is my role model," Shawna said. "No matter what has happened to her over the years, she has never been bitter or hateful, and every time things were bad she was the one that made it better. I hope that I am able to go through as much as she has and still be able to smile when I am her age."

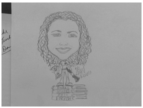
The love of her family is very important to Shawna and she will miss the family times when she goes to college.

"I can tell my family anything and they are very involved in a lot of the decisions that I make. My family is very open and we all tell each other when they are messing up. My family loves to play Monopoly, Cribbage and just relax with each other. They are all fun to be around because they joke around and are very outspoken and blunt."

Shawna has many friends but her best friends are her mom and Megan Rushing from Willis because she can talk to them about everything and they give her advice even when she doesn't want to hear it. Friends are important to her but she doesn't like "fake people who act like they know everything, people who don't understand sarcasm, and people who feel the need to flirt constantly."

During high school, Shawna has been involved in band where she has served as drum major for the past two years and has earned the spot as first chair clarinet for four years. Shawna is vice president of the National Honor Society, a member of the FFA livestock judging teams, competed in UIL Accounting, Computer Applications, CX Debate, Number Sense, and Editorial and Headline Writing. She has competed in the District, Regional, and State level in UIL and has worked on the *Paw Print Press* for three years and is the editor this year. Shawna was also voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by the student body and according to the recently released rankings, she will graduate first in her class.

Shawna's favorite class this year is journalism because there is no drama. Her favorite teachers throughout high school have been Mrs. Petrash, Mrs. Swilley, and Mr. Pittman. She fondly remembers Mr. Smith her eighth grade algebra teacher, Coach Utrecht, her seventh grade Texas history teacher and her third grade teacher, Mrs. Gage.



"All of these teachers made me want to learn and they made me realize that I wanted to do something with my life and not just be a bum," Shawna said. "Two things I will always remember about IHS are the drama (along with every other senior) and waking up every morning and getting Chex-Mix and a Coke (my Breakfast of Champions). My favorite memory is the summer before junior year with my friend Cayce. Those were fun times, nobody cared what was going on, and everybody just got along because there was no reason not to."

In her spare time Shawna likes to read mystery books, watch TV, take care of her animals, and hang out with her friends on weekends. She also loves blaring country music from her red '96 Dodge Ram 1500, the "Red Rocket."

"After I graduate I'm headin' down to Texas A&M University. I will live in the Melrose Apartments and be a full-time student. My major is biomedical Science and after four years of undergrad, I plan to go to Vet school at A&M and become an Exotic Large Animal Surgeon. I will get my PhD and either start my own practice or work for one of the zoos. I also want to travel and see the world working for *National Geographic*. Getting married is also in my plans, but no children until I've done everything I want with my career."

"Underclassmen, don't worry about what people say about you, just do your best, and in ten years you will be the one that made something of yourself."

Don't lose your head
To gain a minute
You need your head
Your brains are in it Burma Shave

Both hands on the wheel
Eyes on the road
That's the skillful
Driver's code Burma Shave

Elementary 5th Six Week

"A" Honor Roll

Grade 1- Garrett Arellano, Louis Arellano, Taylor Campbell, Lainey Cavazos, Donavan Garcia, Robert Kirkpatrick, Jacob Lacy, Darius Lara, Callie Pittman, Aliegha Rodriguez, Chandley Sargent, Autum Throckmorton, Cameron Wells, Elizabeth Wood

Grade 2- Fathe Altum, Tommy Ashley, Bryant Barber, Missy Barron, Madison Bassett, Shaun Castro, Devin Crawford, Cesar Diaz, Devin Donawho, Brandi Fehnel, Kassandra Gabino, Harley Germer, Leticia Gonzales, Jesus Gutierrez, Allena Heath, Andrea Hightower, Bradley Martinez, James Melson, Wesley Neese, Abraham Ortega, Lizbeth Ramirez, Armanda Rodriguez, Haley Rodriguez, Amber Jean Schronk, Chelsea Searcy, Armandre Vega, Crisol Zavala

Grade 3- Skylar Campbell, Peyton Cordell, Brandon Farquhar, Mason Farquhar, Bryanna Flores, Hunter Germer, Gabriel Macias, Kristian Mangum, Tre' Martinez, Kierra Mayberry, Bekah Payne, Trever Sellers, Chloe Sheffer, Tristan Sulak, Kathie Wilkins, Johnathan Young

Grade 4- Amanda Anderson, C. J. Bruton, Shelbee Coleman, Chelsae Faries, Fisher Hennig, Noah Karr, Kaleigh Lightsey, Kayla Lott, Emma Orr, Sam Orr, Darrell Rasco, Ashlie Rodriguez

5th Six Weeks "A-B" Honor Roll

Grade 1- Jimmy Arellano, Marshal Couldron, Karla Cruz, Jose Delgado, Kenneth Fails, Courtnee Gore, Kaleb McGill, Daniel Montes, Augustin Pacheco, Christian Runyon, Anna Salazar, Jacob Schronk, Travis Shelby, Karon Webb

Grade 2- Davy Barnes, Trey Cole, Esteban Cruz, Lili DeLaTorre, William East, Adrian Flores, Daniel Garcia, Kristina Graham, Tanner Graig, Brenda Hernandez, Tyler Kittoe, Lydon Lain, Michael Terrell, Bailey Vaughan

Grade 3- DaSha Anderson, Macy Arellano, Shaq Ashford, Nicole Beaty, Garrett Bruton, Ashley Carlson, Darrion Crawford, Devin Diggs, Khilah Frederick, Shalunte Frederick, Juan Gonzales, Rebecca Jordon, Demetrie Juarez, Beau Ray, Shannon Rodriguez, Emilee Ross, Megan Scoggins, Adrian Sagura, Devin Smith, Megan Terrell, Scott Williams

Grade 4- Cayd Biggs, Destiny Brooks, Elsa Castellanos, Darion Diggs, Andrew Fails, Jessica Farquhar, Natalia Filio, Breelle Garcia, Destinie Gutierrez, Joshua Lacy, Kameron Mayberry, Weston Nettles, Alyssa Ortega, Ema Payne, Tristen Prescott, Carter Reid, Ednita Rivers, Susie Rodriguez, Amber Shelby, Victoria Silva, Megan Spain, Jordan Whitfield

Middle School 5th Six Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

5th Grade - Rebecca Durham, Michelle Ignacz, Jessica Zint

6th Grade - Kenneth Clary, Brittany DeSpain, Hannah Johnson, Rebecca Maul, Netty Payne, Erin Rinehart

7th Grade – BJ Jackson, Jose Ramirez, Nancy Reyes, Robert Slotvig, Philip Thomas

8th Grade - Devin Corbitt, John Crouch, Ashley Durham, Megan Goff, Cory Martinez

5th Six Weeks "A-B" Honor Roll

5th Grade - Emily Bayse, Wyatt Berry, Brittany Bourland, Coleby Coleman, David Corbitt, Trinton Crawford, Christian Cruz, James Hanes, Michael Macias, Emilee Nalley, Tyler Odom, Shyanne Reece, Brittany Reid, Belinda Reyes, Celeste Rodriguez, Tylor Serbus, Jordon Sizemore, Oscar Soto, Da'jae Wells

6th Grade – Monica Anderson, Courtney Conway, Kiana Frazier, Stephanie Ignacz, Jessica Johnston, Parker Kowalski, Darnay Mayberry, Fabiola Moreno, Daniel Odom, Emily Offutt, Taylor Patton, Reyna Ramirez, Alex Solis, Robert White, Maria Zuniga

7th Grade - Rebecca Brown, Hali Carranza, Rebecca Cisneros, Chan'tira Diggs, Cody Dominick, Sarah Farquhar, Jasmine Guy, Christina Manasco, Alicia Massey, Patricia Ortiz, Jack Panting, Autumn Pelham, Jose Ramirez, Nancy Reyes, Colton Sullins, Philip Thomas

8th Grade – Conally Baskett, Eddie Coronado, Chauncey Cox, Michael Garcia, Desmond Guy, Chris Jenkins, Hunter Laird, Cherri Lloyd, Mary Maddox, Brandy Massey, Eva Mayberry, Tevin Mayberry, Chad Rutherford, Abigail Saldierna, Katelyn Seaman, Cierra Thompson, Justin Zint

High School 5th Six Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

9th Grade - Maria Worth

11th Grade - Rachel Anderson, Johanna Diaz, Candice Kowalski

12th Grade - Krista Billingsley, Rachel Box, Brittany DeSpain, Caleb Mayberry, Serena Nettles, Shawna Pratt

5th Six Weeks "A-B" Honor Roll

9th Grade - Pilar Baskett, Jennifer Bustin, Sarah Evans, Margett Littlejohn, Zech O'Rarden, Chelsea Rodriguez

10th Grade – Tim Baker, Terrey Brumbalow, Ashlee Carranza, Eun Bin Chang, Isai Coronado, John Ellis, Estaban Gonzales, Jamie Hanes, Zach Johnson, Nicole Kelley, Jacob Pelham, Kristin Rivera, Clayton Wienecke, Nick Worth

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Burt Files for Seat on School Board

Press Release

My name is Laura Burt and I'm currently seeking a position on the Itasca School Board. Many of you probably don't know me, though I've been here for 7 years. Many of you do know my husband, Steve, who was raised here and graduated from Itasca,

KEEP LAUGHING

I have a son Sean Smith who will be graduating in June from Itasca, and I also have a 3 year old who will attend here in a couple of years.

My reason for wanting to be on the Board, first and foremost, is the responsibility of our children, to give them the best opportunity possible to succeed in life. It is important as taxpayers to see that our hard-earned money is invested wisely in the future of our children. I would like to be part of the future at Itasca ISD and would appreciate your vote in May.

Sincerely, Laura Burt

Thank You Card

To the community of Itasca. Thank-you. Thank-you for the support you have given us through the going home of our mother, daughter and sister, La'Vante Simmons.

Itasca you were there for us. I always wondered why I always wanted to stay here, but you showed me LOVE. Itasca is love, so the definition of love is Itasca.

Thank You, Thank You

The Ashford Family

HCRSP May Meeting

Press Release

The next regular meeting of the Hill County Retired School Personnel is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 at 11:30 a.m. and will be held in the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center at Hill College in Hillsboro.

This meeting will begin with a covered dish luncheon. There will be a short business meeting with legislative updates, committee reports, end of year awards, door prizes and a raffle.

This is the last meeting of the year, so it will be time to renew memberships for next year. Remember: bring children's books to support TRTA's state project. This year's two scholarship recipients will be announced and recognized.

Middle School 2nd at District UIL

Itasca Middle School continues to shine in district UIL competition. When they brought home the second place trophy from Grandview, they not only made their coaches proud, they gave the high school coaches a look at the talent that is entering the high school. The competitors are pictured by classes (top to bottom – 6th - 8th).

Sixth grade teams and their places are ART – 2nd team, Hannah Johnson (3rd), Erin Rinehart (6th), Darnay Mayberry, Emily Offutt. CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS – 3rd team, Breanna DeSpain, Taylor Patton, Robert Marshall, sub. Stephanie Ignacz. DICTIONARY SKILLS – 1st team, Josh Shelton (1), Reyna Ramirez (1), Erin Rinehart (2), sub. Taylor Patton. LISTENING – 2nd team, Taylor Patton, Martin Martinez (2), Netty Payne (6), sub. Jessica Johnston. MAPS, GRAPHS & CHARTS – Martin Martinez, Alex Solis, Kenneth Clary, sub. Carlos Flores. MUSIC MEMORY – 3rd team, Courtney Conway, Monica Anderson, Jessica Johnston, Stephanie Ignacz.

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Garden Club's Flower Show

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The members come up with new and exciting displays each year and tantalizing goodies to serve their many visitors who come to view the beautiful flowers.

Once again, FFA members (below) were in front of the Rotary Room to sell a variety of potted plants that the students had grown in the greenhouse. The funds from this sale will be donated to the Rotary Club to use for the landscaping of the Veterans Memorial.

Smith Foundation Grant

Benefits Children in Itasca

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Opened in 1906, Itasca is PCHAS' oldest continuously operating campus, offering homes to 30-40 children at any given time.

"It is our goal not only to provide a loving, nurturing Christian home, but also a clean and safe living environment," says Lisa L. Bell, director of development for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. "As you can imagine, having six to 10 children in a home causes the floors more than average wear and tear. We are extremely appreciative of the generous support we have received from The George G. and Alva Hudson Smith Foundation."

In addition to the Itasca Campus, PCHAS operates three other group home campuses, 35 foster care homes, 10 Child and Family Programs and advanced education and aftercare programs. In 2005, PCHAS provided services to 2,238 children and 1,001 families.

The George G. and Alva Hudson Smith Foundation was established in 1992 to enrich the lives of citizens of Hill County. The foundation, established by longtime Hillsboro resident Ruth Smith Moorman in honor of her parents, focuses on programs that benefit the health, education and welfare of the underprivileged and seeks to support programs that address basic human needs in a caring and efficient manner.

For more than 100 years, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services has been providing Christ-centered services to children and families in need. PCHAS is a 501(c)3 public charity that is committed to fulfilling its mission regardless of race, gender, religion, national origin or financial resources. For information, call 1-800-888-1904 or visit www.pchas.org.

High School 5th Six Weeks

"A-B" Honor Roll

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11th Grade – Autumn Bennett, Stephanie Campbell, Mark Cummings, Alecia Evans, Rosemary Flores, Lauryn Laskowski, Javier Medina, Chelsea Minyard, Karla Ochoa, Gabby Rivera, Ashley Swilley, Amanda Upchurch

12th Grade – Sheree Burch, Nichole Channon, Tawanna Hawkins, Chelsea Henderson, Patricia Jimenez, Ashley Johnson, Jordan Lloyd, LaKishia Mayberry, Magen Middleton, Sean Smith, Rose Strona, Tom Vongsurit

Middle School UIL

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Sixth grade teams and their places continued: NUMBER SENSE – Erin Rinehart, Alex Solis (5), Martin Martinez, sub. Carlos Flores. ORAL READING - Breanna DeSpain (6), Emily Offutt, Rebecca Maul, sub. Hannah Johnson. READY WRITING – Taylor Patton, Rebecca Maul (6), Erin Rinehart (4), sub. Breanna DeSpain. SPELLING – 2nd team, Erin Rinehart (4), Daniel Odom, Maria Zuniga (3), sub. Stephanie Ignacz. MATHEMATICS – Alex Solis, Erin Rinehart, Courtney Conway, sub. Monica Anderson.

Seventh grade teams and their places are ART – 1st team, Nancy Reyes (1), Jasmine Guy (3), Hali Carranza (6). DICTIONARY SKILLS – 1st team, Keyre Ortiz (3), BJ Jackson (1), Chan’tira Diggs, sub. Sarah Farquhar. EDITORIAL WRITING – Christina Manasco, Cody Read, Bob Slotvig (4). CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS – 1st team, Phillip Thomas (3), Dillon Losciuto (2), Cody Reed (6), sub. Jason Savala. IMPROMPTU SPEAKING – Phillip Thomas (2), Rebecca Cisneros, Hali Carranza (5). LISTENING – Keyre Ortiz, Rebecca Brown, Autumn Pelham, sub. Nancy Reyes. MATHEMATICS – 2nd team, BJ Jackson (2), Bob Slotvig (6), Jason Savala, sub. Jack Panting. MAPS, GRAPHS & CHARTS – Lavarius Ashford, Cody Dominick, Colton Sullins, sub. BJ Jackson. MODERN ORATORY – Bob Slotvig, Colton Sullins (5), Christina Manasco, sub. Jose Ramirez. NUMBER SENSE – 2nd team, Bob Slotvig (5), Chris Carlson, Jason Savala (6), sub. BJ Jackson. READY WRITING – Phillip Thomas, Hali Carranza (4), Rebecca Cisneros. SCIENCE – 2nd team, Conally Baskett (7), Devin Corbitt (2), Brandi Massey (5), sub. Christopher Jenkins.

Eighth grade teams and their places are ART – 3rd team, Ashley Durham, Eva Mayberry (6), Megan Goff. DICTIONARY SKILLS – Ryan Crouch (4), Elizabeth Olguin, Meagan Prescott, sub. Michael Graham. EDITORIAL WRITING – Conally Baskett, Devin Corbin (4), Megan Goff (5), sub. Cody Reece. CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS – 3rd team, Rosendo Zavala (6), Thomas Garcia, Leo Coronado, sub. Matt Wilkins. IMPROMPTU SPEAKING – Chad Rutherford (3), Chauncey Cox, Brandy Massey, sub. Chris Jenkins. MAPS, GRAPHS & CHARTS – Conally Baskett, Megan Goff, Katelyn Seaman, sub. Desmond Guy. LISTENING – 2nd team, Megan Goff, Chauncey Cox, Devin Corbitt (1). MATHEMATICS – 2nd team, Eddie Coronado (6), Matt Wilkins (5), Ryan Crouch (4), sub. Megan Goff. MODERN ORATORY – Cherri Lloyd (3), Mary Maddox (5), Justin Zint. ORAL READING – Mary Maddox, Brandy Massey, Jessica Rodriguez (6), sub. Amanda Jones. READY WRITING – Devin Corbitt (5), Ashley Durham (2), Conally Baskett (4), sub. Megan Goff. NUMBER SENSE – 3rd team, Eddie Coronado (5), Corey Martinez, Desmond Guy. SPELLING – 2nd team, Devin Corbitt (3), Ashley Durham (5), Justin Zint.

Early Voting for

School Board Election

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD Administration Office,

123 N College, Itasca, TX

May 1, 2006 - ending 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.

GENERAL ELECTION

(ELECCION GENERAL)

ITASCA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

(DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ITASCA)

MAY 13, 2006

(13 de mayo de 2006)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

(BOLETA OFICIAL)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:

Vote for the candidate(s) of your choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate’s name.

(Nota De Instrucción:

Vote po el candidato(s) de su preferencia marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

School Board Trustee

(Regente de la Junta Escolar)

Vote for none, one or two

(Vote por ninguno, uno or dos)

Burney Baskett

Felicia Coleman

Paula Solis

Rex Jean

Laura Burt

Susan Bason

Rotarians Establish Memorial

The Itasca Rotary Club has set up a memorial in honor of Ralph Bailey, Chester Baker and Harold Fehnel. The funds will be used to purchase new tables for the Rotary Room. If you would like to give, please make your check out to Itasca Rotary Club with a memo about the memorial.

Fifth Grade Dare Graduation

Reporter Christy Lewis

(Thanks to Mrs. Debra Scott for the names)

WAMPUS
CAT BAND

(Left to Right: Bottom to Top) Alton McCullough, Mercedes DelaTorre, Tyler Odom, Brandon Kelley, Ashley Spain, Jordan Sizemore, Heather Odom, Shyanne Reece, Nenia Forcey, Ashley Wilkins. Second row Cody McLaughlin, Megan Odom, David Corbitt, Billeigh-Lee Rodgers, Wyatt Berry, Michelle Ignacz, Tylor Serbus, Brittany Reid, Trinton Crawford, Celeste Rodriguez, Belinda Reyes, Emilee Nalley Bottom row - Jacob Elkins, Cole Coleman, Caitlian Johnson, Adrianna Rice, James Hanes, Casey Carranza, Megan Curtis, Rebecca Durham, Christian Cruz, Oscar Soto, Victor Jimenez, Emily Basye, Dejae' Wells, Shaquana Frederick, Jessica Zint, Brenda Segura (turned around), Beruke Namaga, Jimmy Rodriquez

While most young students are playing games and just studying from textbooks, the fifth graders at Itasca Elementary are going one step further. They are taking a stand against drugs by participating in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

This year's D.A.R.E. program that gives students tools and skills that help them resist drugs and alcohol was taught by Officer Janet Todd.

Cinco de Mayo Parade

Saturday, MAY 6

(In front of the Itasca Elementary School)

Judging 8:30-8:50

Parade begins 9:00 a.m.

No pre-registering. Let's start the Cinco de Mayo Celebration…with a wonderful parade!

Riders of mini scooters & pocket rockets in the parade must shut them down as soon as the parade is over or tickets will be issued!

HILCO to Distribute

Capital Credits

Press Release

At its regular meeting in March, the HILCO Electric Cooperative, Inc. Board of Directors made the decision to make a patronage capital allocation this year. HILCO members should receive checks sometime in May.

HILCO Board President Steve Sawyer said, "We had previously thought we would not have a distribution this year, but we were able to reverse that decision after our annual audit. We are pleased to announce that HILCO's financial position will allow us to distribute almost a half million dollars to our members."

HILCO members-owners have a share in the earnings of the not-for-profit cooperative. Co-op rates are set to bring in enough money to pay operating costs, make loan payments, and provide emergency reserves. Revenues in excess of the cost of doing business are returned to co-op members as patronage capital.

This year's allocation will cover a 10% retirement of capital credits for 1977; 40% for 1978; 5% for 2003; and a 10% retirement for 2004. Including the current distribution, HILCO has returned a total of $4,586,720 in capital credits to current and past members.

Capital credit distributions from member-owned, not-for-profit cooperatives are somewhat similar to the dividends paid to shareholders of investor-owned utilities. The difference is that co-op "shareholders" are also the members served by the co-op. The "dividends" (capital credits) are returned to the members who actually use the electricity as part of HILCO's third Principle, Members' Economic Participation.

Asking for Bids

Have a single-wide mobile home structure that needs to be torn down and the area cleared in Files Valley.

Call to make an appointment to see the job or to submit a bid – 682-552-5483

FOR SALE

Factory rims, caps, lug nuts - set of 4. fits Chevy. 6 lug - $150.00 call 687-2467

One Act Play Crew Honored

Reporter Chelsea Henderson

Behind the stage, the cast and crew of the One Act Play silently waited for the music to signal Sarah to open the curtain. Everyone froze. Suddenly the lights were up and the first line was uttered "Once upon the Time". Everyone's nerves were racked, but that did not stop every cast member from remembering their lines and every crew member from remembering when the sound effects needed to be played and when the lights needed to be brightened or dimmed. The play went off without a hitch. The anticipation at the end of the day was horrible and everyone was waiting to hear the results. The talking stopped as the announcer walked on stage and begin announcing places and honors. Everyone jumped up and began yelling as Nick, Candice and the backstage crew were called on stage.

"I was really surprised to hear my name being called," said sophomore Nick worth, "I was not expecting it."

Nick Worth and Candice Kowalski received Honorable Mention awards for their outstanding acting in the production of Into the Woods.

Sarah Evans received the medal for outstanding tech, and the entire crew (pictured left to right) Sarah Evans, Chelsea Rodriguez, Isai Coronado and Jake Key received awards for doing an outstanding job on lights, sound, and backstage.

"I was never on stage, I just did the sounds," sophomore Jake Key said, "So I was not expecting to get an award."

Director Susan Crawford put in a lot of hard work and long hours in the play this year. Mrs. Sally Crouch helped with the sound effects and Jarie Lewis sewed many of the wonderful costumes.

"Everyone did an amazing job," said Crawford. "I am so proud of everyone. We put so much work into this play; everyone enjoyed themselves and that was what this year was all about."

Attention Itasca Wampus Cats - Classes 1960 - 1969

Exciting news! We are having a reunion! We have planned a wonderful get together for this summer in Hillsboro. This party will not take the place of any parties that may be planned for your class at Homecoming this fall. Time is really going by fast! There are only a few more weeks before REUNION TIME! Mark your calendars.

DATE: June 10, 2006

TIME: 5:00 pm - 1:00 am (Come and go as you like)

PLACE: Lone Star Café, 100 Dynasty Drive, Hillsboro

254-582-2030

Note: This restaurant has food, bar access, and most importantly, a room just for all of us. PLEASE COME and JOIN US. We would love to see each and every one of you. A special web site has been set up for this occasion, be sure to log on to enjoy and participate. www.ItascaSpecialGetTogether2006.myevent.com You can RSVP, sign the guest book, post messages and more. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

Marie (Schaefer) Whitson @

mswhitson@sbcglobal.net or 281-495-3426

Veralyn (Davis) Crawford @

jorge1282001@yahoo.com or 864-287-7750

Janice (Westberry) Goodman @ Wk: 254-582-0080

Myra (Boyd) Davenport @ Home: 817-295-2804

Looking forward to seeing all of you for a great time of reminiscing, renewing friendships, and making new memories.

To Elect Susan Bason

For Itasca ISD School Board Trustee

May 13, 2006

Rotarians Establish Memorial

Press Release

The Itasca Rotary Club has set up a memorial in honor of Ralph Bailey, Chester Baker and Harold Fehnel. The funds will be used to purchase new tables for the Rotary Room.

If you would like to give, please make your check out to Itasca Rotary Club with a memo about the memorial.

Looking for Itasca Contacts

My name is James Warde; I played for the Itasca Wampus Cats in the early 70's while I was in the Presbyterian Children's Home. I am trying to locate old friends from Itasca and was hoping the Itasca newspaper would allow me to run an ad trying to find school mates. I am in Chico, E-mail address is jamwrd@chiconet.com.

Recent Deaths

Giles III, James - James (Jimmy) Walter Giles III, 29, of Hillsboro died April 16, 2006, at Baylor Medical Center Downtown in Dallas.

He was born May 6, 1976, at Fort Hood, son of James Walter II and Robin Schlichting Giles. He graduated from Abbott High School in 1994 and attended Sam Houston State University. He served with pride and honor as a Texas state trooper for four years. On May 14, 1999, he married LeAnn Spooner in Waco. He was a fan of the Texas Longhorns and loved going fishing with his grandpa. His greatest joy was playing with his son and going to the movies with him. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Hillsboro.

Survivors include: his wife, LeAnn Giles of Hillsboro; parents, Jim and Robin Giles of College Station; one son, Travis Giles of Hillsboro; one brother, Jason Giles and wife, Ashley, of College Station; grandparents, Wallace and Fran Sadler of Brandon and Wayne and Marlys Schlichting of North Dakota; many nieces and nephews; other relatives; and friends.

Funeral services were held April 20 2006 at First Baptist Church in Hillsboro with pastor, Dr. Howard Daniel, officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Garden of Memory near Hillsboro.

Pallbearers were Jeffrey Evans and Kenneth Garza of Department of Public Safety, Clay Sparks and Mickey Nevill of Hillsboro Police Department and Ron Alley and Scott Hogue of Burkburnett Police Department.

Memorials may be made to Texas State Troopers Association, 5540 North Lamar, Austin, TX 78751; or Jimmy Giles Benefit Fund, Bank of America, 100 East Elm, Hillsboro, TX 76645.

Simmons, La'Vante Ashford - La'Vante Liance Ashford Simmons "Peanut" was born January 31, 1975 in Fort Worth, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Eishmel Ashford. She graduated from Itasca High School in 1994. Peanut was a homemaker, a loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and she leaned on her faith through her long journey home. She became a member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. R. H. Bass and remained a faithful member under the leadership of her uncle, Rev. H.A. Diggs. Peanut was a member of Blessed by Christ and also assisted with Bethlehem's youth. The soulful sound of Peanut's voice could be heard echoing through the entire church as she stood before the congregation and sang, "Because He Lives" or "Tomorrow". These songs were true testimonies of Peanut's life. Peanut cherished the love and the memories she shared with her children, family, and her closest friends. She loved with her heart, mind, body and soul.

Survivors include: her husband, Philip Simmons, and Loving Mother and Caretaker, Ella Ashford "Cookie", a Loving Son and Nurturer LaVarius Ashford "Money", a loving daughter and Challenger, Shaquarius Ashford "Lady", "Fussy"; four brothers, Darwin Mosley of Arlington, Texas, Eishmel Ashford or Hillsboro, Texas, Darman Ashford (Kina) Fort Worth, Texas;, one sister LaTonya Luna of the U.S. A Army; two loving Grandmothers, Gladys Jackson of Itasca, Texas and Artena F. Ashford of West Sacramento, CA , four nieces Kameron, Shaniqua, April, De'Jae; five nephews Kristin, Adarius, Jeffrey, Meleak, Chris; A host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends and a very special group of cousins that were more like her brothers and sisters.

Jean, Alice Marie - Alice Marie Jean, 85, passed away April 22, 2006. She was born March 24, 1921 the daughter of Frank and Winnie Upchurch in Itasca, Texas. She married Buford Jean in Covington and they celebrated 54 years of marriage before he passed away on October 16, 1997. Together they had two children Randall and Rex.

Mrs. Jean is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Winnie Upchurch, her husband Buford Jean and one infant child. She is also preceded by two brothers Harry Upchurch and Chester Upchurch as well as one great grand child Levi Baur.

Survivors include children Randall Jean and wife Jeanette of Waco; Rex Jean and wife Pam of Itasca; Brothers Hal, Howard, and Buddy Upchurch, Grandchildren; Matt Baur, Andrea Kapel, James Jean, John Jean, Jeff Jean, and Lindsey Jean. Great Grandchildren-Jacob, Noah, Taylor, Hannah, Ethan, Samuel, Adam, and Katy.

Services were held April 25, 2006 at the Central Baptist Church in Itasca Texas. Interment followed immediately at the Itasca Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers or as a memorial, please make donations to the Central Baptist Church.

Wampus Cats of the Week

New York Band Trip Chaperones

Keeping the band students safe in New York were the loyal chaperones' job on the recent New York City band trip. The group included parents, school staff, and other townspeople. Each person was assigned a small group of band members for the entire trip. Their watchful eye was much appreciated as the band walked the streets of "the city that never sleeps."

"Special of the Week"

"Wampus Cat is taking a break after his trip to NYC with his band."

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(1) 3 lbs. Boneless/Skinless Chicken (1) 14 oz. Ketchup

(1) 24 oz. Boneless Pork Roast (1) Corn Muffin Mix

(1) 5 lb. Chicken Leg Quarters 7.5 oz. Mac & Cheese

(4) 4 oz. Bacon-Wrapped Beef Filets 2 lb. French Fries

(1) 16 oz. Buffalo Chicken Bites 16 oz. Peas & Carrots

(1) 12 oz. All Meat Hot Dogs 16 oz. Mixed Vegetables

(10) 4 oz. Beef Burritos (1) 2 lbs. Onions

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1 - 10 lb. Breaded Chicken Tenders

$16.00

Order Dates – Tuesday, May 2 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Thursday, May 4 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall (side entrance of the church behind the bank).

Distribution Date – Saturday, May 20 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. only. Pick up at the church. You can order and pay for the next month at that time if you would like to. Please return boxes.

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

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Includes Entrée, Veggies & Dessert

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Bring proof of attendance (hall pass)

For Sale

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Ask for Kyle

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Lots more items – Come by & see!

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The Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce Presents

Willie Nelson & Family

July 3 Picnic

At Carl's Corner

The first 5,000 tickets sold benefit the Hill County Fire Departments.

Tickets on sale now! - $35.00

Performers include:

Asleep at the Wheel Del Castillo

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Ray Price Willie Nelson

More acts to come!

For ticket information call:

The Itasca Fire Department

254-687-2588 or 254-337-0318

or any member of the Itasca Fire Department

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To Elect Susan Bason

For Itasca ISD School Board

Trustee

May 13, 2006

Help Your Community

Join the Itasca

Chamber of Commerce

$15 individual membership

$36 Business membership

Contact Chamber President Lance Meinzer at Citizens State Bank or any Chamber director for more information.

May Calendar of Events

May 1 – 9 – Early Voting – Administration Office – 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

May 4 – Rotary Meeting – 12:00 Rotary Room

May 4 – Elementary Spring Festival – Special Events Center – 7:00 p.m.

May 5 – IISD Holiday

May 8 – Zoning Committee Meeting – City Complex- 5:30 p.m.

May 8 – IISD Board of Trustees Meeting – Administration Office - 7:00 p.m.

May 9 – National Junior Honor Society Induction – 7:00 p.m.

May 11 – Rotary Meeting – 12:00 Rotary Room

May 12-13 – State Track & Field Meet – Austin

May 13 – School Board Election – IISD Cafeteria – 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

May 13 – 2006 Prom – Special Events Center – 8-11 p.m.

May 15 – Junior High & Intermediate Awards program – Special Events Center – 7:00 p.m.

May 15 – City Council Meeting – City Complex – 6:00 p.m.

May 16 – High School Awards Program (Part 1) Special Events Center – 9:00 a.m.

May 16 - High School Awards Program (Part 2) Special Events Center – 7:00 a.m.

May 16 – Called Board Meeting – Canvass Election – Administration Office - 7:00 p.m.

May 18 – Rotary Meeting – 12:00 Rotary Room

May 19– 20 - Relay for Life - IISD Track

May 22 – Chamber of Commerce – 5:30 p.m. Bank

May 23 – Band Concert – 7th, 8th & High School Bands – Special Events Center – 7:00 p.m.

May 25 – 4th & 5th Grade Choral Presentation – 6th Grade Band Concert – Special Events Center – 7:00 p.m.

May 25 - – Rotary Meeting – 12:00 Rotary Room

May 26 – Senior Trip – Six Flags

May 29 – Memorial Day – Holiday

May 30 – June 1 – School Exams

June 2 – Graduation – Special Events Center – 8:00 p.m.

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