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Bason, Jean Assume Duties as IISD Trustees

Susan Bason and Rex Jean were sworn in as school board trustees at the June 12 regular meeting of the Itasca Independent School District Board of Trustees.

At the same meeting officers were elected. Officers for the 2006-2007 school year are President Marquita Lloyd, Vice President Rex Jean and Secretary Claude Garrett.

Congressman Chet Edwards Scheduled to Speak in Hillsboro at 1:30 on July 4

Press Release

At 1:30 on Tuesday, July 4, Congressman Chet Edwards will visit Hillsboro to deliver a patriotic address to commemorate our nation's 230th birthday. He is looking forward to meeting and visiting with his many friends in Hillsboro, Hill County, and Central Texas.

Edwards was first elected to the Congress in 1990, has gained seniority and influence, and is now one of only six House members to serve on both the House Budget and Appropriations Committees. During his tenure Edwards has developed a reputation of working hard and effectively for Central Texas jobs and for funding to meet needs of residents in Central Texas.

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Presbyterian Children's Home Celebrates 100 Years

Special thanks to Margaret Rhea for information & photos

The Presbyterian Children's Home welcomed over 300 visitors to its centennial celebration on June 10, 2006. Many of the visitors to the celebration were ex-residents of PCH and were very excited to see old friends and classmates.

The facility was built in 1906 on donated land from the Files family. It was originally named The Southwestern Presbyterian Home and School for Orphans.

Besides reminiscing over old yearbooks and photos, visitors enjoyed a variety of activities. For the young (and old) there were face painters, clowns, games, rides, including a water slide. There were also a number of entertainers performing during the day.

Current students of "The Home" gave guided tours and helped make the celebration a huge success.

Local Organizations Granted Funding through Operation Round Up®

Press Release

Left Betty Sumner accepts a on behalf of the Itasca Board of Revitalization that will be used to pay for one year of internet access.

At the April meeting, HILCO Electric's Trust Board for the Operation Round Up® program voted to disburse $12,725 to seventeen of the twenty-five requesting organizations in the HILCO service area. These funds were donated during the first quarter of 2006.

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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. A prayer box is available for your request. If you can't stay, we'll pray for you.

Central Baptist Church, Itasca

Prayer Service

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

3rd Tuesday month 6:00 p.m.

Everyone invited!

Bring a finger-food and a favorite game or just come and enjoy the food and fellowship!

We know that God created man from the ground

What kind of soil are you? Mark 4: 1-9, 13-20

Are you the wayside soil: soil that has never been cultivated, packed, and the seeds have fallen and the birds have eaten them without you even knowing that they were there?

Are you the stony places: where the seeds sprang up; but wilted in the heat of the day, because of the shallow soil they had no root?

Are you the soil of thorns: where the cares of the world have choked out God's seed?

Are you the good soil: where the word of God has grown and prospered?

Whatever the soil, won't you join us for worship at the

CHURCH OF CHRIST 200 N. Aquilla Itasca.

***Where one helps clear the ground, one sows, another waters, and God gives the increase. We strengthen and edify one another.* 1 Cor. 3: 17-19**

June Police Report

6-1 – Theft < $50 – 100 blk. Beard St.

6-1 – Recovered Stolen Property Report – 500 blk. N. Hill

6-1 – Gas Drive off – 1200 blk. S. Files St.

6-2 – Traffic Stop – No seat belts – Arrested DWI – Main & Hill Sts.

6-2 – Report of person intoxicated on school property

6-3 – Report of Fight in Progress – The Warehouse

6-4 – Traffic Stop – 91mph/65mph – No DL/No Insurance – Vehicle impounded – I-35-W southbound mm7

6-4 – Funeral escort – Osceola

6-4 – Juvenile complaint – 300 blk. Lamar St.

6-5 – Attempted burglary of vehicle – 300 blk. Lamar St.

6-5 - Verbal dispute – 100 blk. Hamilton St.

6-6 – Welfare concern – I-35-W Itasca area

6-6 – Animal complaint – Snake in business – 300 Blk. S Hill St.

6-7 – Burglary of Coin Machine – 1500 blk. E. Main St.

6-8 – Report of theft of service – 100 blk. E. Main St.

6-8 – Report of failure to return property – 500 blk. S. Aquilla St.

6-8 – Report of reckless driver – Files & Wilkerson Sts.

6-8 – Traffic Stop – Expired MVR – Arrested for Failure to provide I.D./Falsified I.D.

6-8 – Two vehicle accident – FM 67

46-10 – Report of missing juvenile – 600 blk. S. Hill St.

6-10 – Traffic Stop – DWI arrest – 200 blk. W. Main

6-10 – Traffic stop – 85mph/65mph- Unable to drive in single lane – DWI arrest – I-35-W northbound mm7

6-11 – Welfare concern – 100 blk. Beard St.

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!

Itasca City Council Meeting

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

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

All interested persons are welcomed!

Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

No meetings during summer months

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.

All interested persons are welcomed!

Edwards to Speak in Hillsboro

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Edwards is a 1974 graduate of Texas A&M, and worked for 3 years for Congressman Olin E. ("Tiger") Teague before earning an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Congressman Edwards and his wife Lea Ann, along with their sons J.T. (10) and Garrison (8) are members of Calvary Baptist Church in Waco. The public is invited to visit with the Congressman on the Lowrance Lawn at Corsicana and Ivy Streets following the address.

Earlier in the day, residents of Hill County and Central Texas are encouraged to participate in other July 4 events in historic Hillsboro. The 21st Corsicana Street parade will begin promptly at 10 am at Thompson and Craig, with the parade moving west on Corsicana Street, then south on Pleasant to Craig, and east on Craig back to Thompson. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs and come enjoy the parade.

After the parade, the Woodbury Band and Rainbow DJ Services will provide patriotic music on the Lowrance Lawn at Corsicana and Ivy Streets. Everyone is invited to enjoy the music, play dominoes and games under the shade trees, and visit. A BBQ lunch catered by Turner Henning and Family will be served from 12-1:15 on the lawn. Tickets are $7 per plate and may be ordered by sending a check to Lowrance Fourth of July BBQ to PO Box 563, Hillsboro, TX 76645. At 1:15 pm there will be a ceremony recognizing the Lowrance home at 400 Corsicana Street (George L. and Roxie Brooks Porter Home, 1901) as a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark.

Garage & Yard Sale Permits

All garage and yard sales must have a city permit. The cost is $4.00 for each yard/garage sale and you are only allowed to have four sales per year per address. Each sale must have a separate permit paid for and displayed before opening for business.

HILCO Operation Round Up®

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Pictures and a check presentation were held on May 11, 2006 at the HILCO office in Itasca. Checks were presented by HILCO Board Directors Margaret Hill, K. W. McPherson, Dave Smith and George Thiess.

Five local organizations were granted funding to help with their services due to a recent grant from HILCO Electric's Operation Round Up® program. A check for $500 was presented to The Aquilla Scholarship Foundation to be used for college scholarships. Central Texas Senior Ministry received $1,000 to assist with senior transportation costs. The Covington Volunteer Fire Department will purchase communication equipment with their check for $1,560. One year of internet access in the amount of $240 will be provided to the Itasca Board of Revitalization. And the Itasca Booster Club received $300 to help fund their trip to perform at Carnegie Hall.

In addition, the following twelve organizations were also granted funding:

*****Chalk Bluff Volunteer Fire Department - $700 - Handheld radios/communication equipment**

*****The Compassionate Friends - $500 - Printing and postage for monthly newsletter**

*****Daniel's Den Ministries - $1,055 - Operational cost for transitional housing facility**

*****Ellis County Emergency Svc. (Dist.1) - $700 - Pagers**

*****Gingerbread House - $500 - Purchase of 5 sponsorship bricks funding the purchase of land for building a child advocacy center**

*****Grandview Zebra Strings Performance Group - $1,000 - Trip to perform in Branson, at Jim Stafford Theater**

*****Hillsboro Interfaith Ministries - $500 - Pantry food items**

*****The House Where Jesus Shines - $1,000 – Towards the purchase of a commercial grade stove**

*****Leroy Volunteer Fire Department - $860 - Firehouse Software**

*****North Ellis County Outreach - $1,000 - Client utility assistance**

***Peoria Community Center - $500 - New roof installation on historic school building

***U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary - $810 – VHF Radio & Antenna

Since the Operation Round Up® program began in 2001, over $262,756 has been returned to communities within the HILCO service area. This has been made possible from the generosity of residential participants whose electric bills are rounded upward each month. The additional pennies, nickels and dimes are added to a special fund, which is distributed to organizations for charitable needs. So far, a majority of the disbursements have been used to assist with child advocacy services, to aid local fire departments and to help organizations provide services to those in need.

The next deadline for Operation Round Up® applications is June 30, 2006. Organizations interested in applying for funds may contact Jill Huggins, HILCO Administrative Assistant, for information, 254-687-2331 or 800-338-6425, extension 1142. Applications are also available online at www.hilco.coop, or at either HILCO office at 115 E. Main in Itasca or at the corner of FM 933 and FM 1713 in Whitney.

Over $40,000 Raise for Cancer Research

Press Release from *The Reporter*

The American Cancer Society's (ACS) Relay For Life for Hill County raised over $40,000 during its annual event held in Itasca.

Teams of enthusiastic citizens from all walks of life gathered at Patton Field from 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 19, until 6 a.m. Saturday, May 20.

The team from Curves was voted as "Most Spirited." Team members from Donna's Angels received the "Best Campsite" Award. Members of "Team Hope" from Whitney High School were recognized for walking the most laps.

During "Midnight Madness" activities, Robert Rupp was crowned "Miss"-ter Relay, introductions were held, award presentations were made and the Cinco de Mayo dancers performed.

The "celebration of life" event brought numerous groups and individuals concerned about cancer together for a unified effort to fight cancer.

The family-oriented activity had participants enjoying the camaraderie of a team and also raising funds to support the activities of ACS. They camped out at the site and when they were not taking their turn walking or running, they took part in fun activities and enjoyed local entertainment.

For the third straight year, cancer survivors were honored at a dinner prior to the start of the relay. The dinner was held in the school cafeteria in Itasca.

Activities then moved to the track for opening ceremonies, and cancer survivors walked the first lap of the relay. This lap honored the courage of all who have defeated cancer. Then, one member from each of the more than 25 teams in attendance began walking or running relay style for the duration of the event.

Providing entertainment during the event were the Woodbury Band, Living Proof, Wayward Sons, The Open Range Cowboy Church Band and DJ Ryan Kaska.

Lighted luminarias lined the track in honor of those living with cancer and in recognition of those who lost their battle to the disease.

As the stadium lights were lowered, luminarias in the stands formed the word "hope."

The luminarias were left burning throughout the night to remind participants of the incredible importance of their contributions.

Other activities included the relay pajama olympics, three-legged race, goldfish cracker throw, hoola hoop contest, long-ball hitting contest, potato relay and wheelbarrow race.

Frieda Grigsby, event co-chairperson, said, "The hospitality by the Itasca Independent School District was wonderful. The students were great in helping us."

She added, "Hill County supported this year's relay, and the county did a great job with the battle against cancer. With this support, we will one day end the battle with a cure. It is not one person who does the work but it takes the team. I think this year's team was remarkable."

Funds raised from the Relay For Life event will support the American Cancer Society's programs of cancer research, education, advocacy and services. The ACS is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

"Princess for a Day"

Mackenzie Celebrates #2

Mackenzie Jay Hernandez celebrated her 2nd birthday on June 21 with a belated party on Saturday, June 24. The party was centered around a princess theme with Mackenzie playing the lead part.

Mackenzie is the daughter of Donielle Petrash Hernandez (IHS Class of 1997) and Shawn Hernandez (IHS Class of 1995).

She is the granddaughter of Cayetano and Mary Ann Hernandez and Donnie and Barbara Petrash, all of Itasca. She is the great granddaughter of Antonia Hernandez of Brownwood and August and Betty Petrash of Crosby, Texas.

Mackenzie is a summer employee of the *Paw Print Press* and can be seen making newspaper deliveries every Thursday.

Antique Alley Grows!

Press Release

Greater Grandview Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Maypearl has joined in and added 10 miles to the Antique Alley shopping trail. More details to come in the near future!

Maypearl contact Cheryl Wilbur 817.308.4797

Grandview contact Nita Redmon 817.240.4948

Downtown Cleburne Association contact Maxine Ammons 817.645.2722

Next show date:

September 15 - 17, 2006

Retired Teachers of Hill County Present Books to Young Readers

Many kindergartners, first and second graders were excited as they were given books of their very own to take home and read over the summer.

Ann Jackson, representing the Texas Retired Teachers Association and the Hill County Retired School Personnel gave the students in Mrs. Roma Freeman's reading improvement classes the treasured books. The program is part of the organizations' special effort to put as many books as possible in the hands of young readers.

The students sent the association a thank you note and Yadi Garcia (pictured above), the most improved kindergarten reading student, sent them a picture of her receiving her book.

Tresses Donated to

"Locks of Love"

With two snips, 13 inches of hair that it had taken eleven years to grow, were cut from Brittany Reid, but she was smiling. Brittany was following in the footsteps of many other Itasca students that have donated their tresses to the "Locks of Love" foundation.

The foundation makes children's wigs from the donated hair. The wigs are then given to children that have lost their hair while undergoing medical treatment for cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

Brittany who celebrated her eleventh birthday on June 20 decided to give a birthday present instead of getting one. She is very proud of her donation and thanked Laine Bailey for making the donation painless and for the lovely hair do. .

Brittany is the daughter of Elizabeth Reid of Itasca and Aaron Reid who is stationed in New Orleans. She is a summer employee of the *Paw Print Press*.

Edwards Opposes

Congressional Pay Increase

Press Release

(Washington) -- U.S. Representative Chet Edwards recently opposed efforts to raise congressional pay and issued the following statement: "During a time of war and record federal deficits, it is inexcusable for Congress to give itself a raise. The American people deserve a better example of leadership and shared sacrifice."

2005-2006 Sports Awards

Offensive Football Player of the Year

Caleb Mayberry, Coach Cranfill

Boys & Girls Cross Country

Coach Davis, Victoria Jimenez, Javier Medina

Mr. Basketball

Shared by Kendale Mayberry & Tralyn Harden

Strongman of the Year

Colton Yarbro, Coach Cranfill

Mr. Track

Tralyn Harden, Coach Cranfill

Defensive Football Player of the Year

Michael Diggs, Coach Cranfill

Miss Basketball

Caurtney Phillips, Coach Davis

Girls Tennis

Rachel Anderson

Miss Track

Danitra Marshall, Coach Davis

Middle School Awards

5th Grade

Rebecca Durham – Outstanding English Student, Outstanding Math Student, Outstanding Social Studies Student, Outstanding Science Student, Outstanding Technology Student, Commended Performances all TAKS Test

Belinda Reyes – Most Improved English Student, Perfect Attendance Award

Jessica Zint – Outstanding Reading Student, Outstanding Math Student, Outstanding TAKS Student, Outstanding Technology Student, Commended Performances all TAKS Test

Michelle Ignacz – Most Improved Reading Student, Commended Performances all TAKS Test

David Corbitt – Outstanding Reading Student, Commended Performances all TAKS Test

Megan Curtis – Most Improved Reading Student, Hardest Working Student (Droll Math), Most Improved Student Technology

Ashley Wilkins – Most Improved Math Student

Adrianna Rice - Hardest Working Student (Droll Math)

Michael Macias – Most Improved Social Studies Student

Nenia Forcey - Most Improved Science Student

Heather Odom - Most Improved TAKS Student

Victor Jimenez - Perfect Attendance Award

Brittany Bourland – Commended Performances all TAKS Test

Trinton Crawford – Commended Performances all TAKS Test

James Hanes - Commended Performances all TAKS Test

6th Grade

Rebecca Maul – Outstanding English Student, Outstanding Math Student, Outstanding Reading Student, Outstanding Social Studies Student, Commended Performances all TAKS Test

Netty Payne – Outstanding Math Student, Outstanding Technology Student, Most Improved English Student, Commended Performances all TAKS Test

Fabiola Moreno - Most Improved English as a Second Language Student

Benjamin Nickens - Most Improved Math Student

Kiana Frazier – Hardest Working Student (Droll Math)

Murray Cansler – Most Improved AR Reading Student (Droll)

Daniel Whitlock – Outstanding Reading Student (700 AR points)

Monica Anderson – Most Improved Reading Student, Most Improved Science Student, Perfect Attendance Award

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7th Grade

Colton Sullins – Outstanding Reading Student (327 points)

Bob Slotvig – Outstanding English Student, Outstanding History Student, Outstanding Pre-Algebra Student, Perfect Attendance Award

Jason Savala – Most Improved English Student

Philip Thomas – Outstanding History Student, Outstanding Science Student, Commended Performances all TAKS Test

Cody Dominick – Outstanding Math Student

Chan'tira Diggs - Outstanding Math Student

Keyre Ortiz – Outstanding Pre-Algebra Student

Patricia Ortiz - Most Improved Math Student (Droll)

Nancy Reyes – Outstanding Science Student, Perfect Attendance Award, Commended Performances all TAKS Test

Rebecca Cisneros – Most Improved Science Student

Joselyn Saldierna – Most Improved Science Student

BJ Jackson - Outstanding Technology Student

Jose Ramirez - Commended Performances all TAKS Test

8th Grade

Devin Corbitt – Outstanding Reading Student (303 points), Outstanding Algebra I Student, Outstanding Social Studies Student, Commended Performances all TAKS Test

Megan Goff – Outstanding English Student, Outstanding Science Student, Outstanding Technology Student, Commended Performances all TAKS Test

Kaylee Sampson – Most Improved English Student

Juan Flores – Outstanding Pre-Algebra Student,

Chantel Courtnier – Most Improved Pre-Algebra

Amber Hieb – Hardest Working Student (Droll Math, Perfect Attendance Award

Michael Graham – Most Improved Science Student, Most Improved Social Studies Student, Hardest Working Student (Droll Math

Corey Martinez – Outstanding Science Student,

Vanessa Webb – Most Improved Science Student

Scott Anderson – Perfect Attendance Award

Brenda Jordan – Perfect Attendance Award

Grady Rodriguez - Perfect Attendance Award

Connally Baskett – Commended Performances in all areas of TAKS Test

Ryan Crouch – Commended Performances in all areas of TAKS Test

Ashley Durham – Commended Performances in all areas of TAKS Test

Brandy Massey – Commended Performances in all areas of TAKS Test

Meeting of Hill County Genealogical Society Changed Due to Holiday

Press Release

The Hill County Genealogical Society will meet Monday, July 10, 2006 at the Hill County Courthouse Annex Meeting Room, 126 Covington Street, in Hillsboro, at 6:30 P.M. instead of its usual meeting date of the first Monday of the month.

The 125th Birthday Celebration and the History of the City of Hubbard will be discussed by Paulette Beckham Fulton. The City of Hubbard was founded on August 11, 1881. The Birthday Celebration is set for Saturday, August 12. Visitors are always welcome.

6th Grade Awards

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Kenneth Clary – Outstanding Science Student, Outstanding Social Studies Student

Erin Rinehart – Outstanding Technology Student, Most Improved Social Studies Student, Commended Performances all areas TAKS Test

Daniel Odom – Outstanding Social Studies Student

Parker Kowalski – Most Improved Social Studies Student

Cecil Forcey - Most Improved Technology Student

Joaquin Reyes - Perfect Attendance Award

Andrew Clarke – Commended Performances all areas TAKS Test

Breanna DeSpain – Commended Performances all areas TAKS Test

Martin Martinez – Commended Performances all areas TAKS Test

Taylor Patton – Commended Performances all areas TAKS Test

Robert White – Commended Performances all areas TAKS Test

Cory Wright - Commended Performances all areas TAKS Test

Support Itasca Elementary by Saving General Mills

Box Tops 4 Education

Please continue to save your box tops. The school has raised over $800 for the school with your help.

Expand Your Horizons - Host an Exchange Student

The following students must come to Texas and they need a host family. Please call today if you can help. The are classified as English Students, which means that they will most likely arrive the first week in August and they will have to complete 45 hours of basic English Training.

The person that conducts the training (It can be the host family) will receive a check for $1,000 for helping the student.

*****Shushanik Antonuan (Armenia) - she is into video games and volleyball**

*****Oleksandra Sikorska (Ukraine) - she is into all sports, especially swimming**

*****Konstanin Suspltsyn (Russia) - he is soccer, playing pool and skiing**

***Alla Kureninova (Ukraine) - she likes camping & computers

***Rukhshona Mirzoartikova (Tajikistan) - She likes swimming, Chess & Drawing

***Abdumanon Yusupov (Tajikistan) - He likes gardening, music & Wrestling

The following students also need a host family. They are regular scholarship students. They had to win a scholarship to come to America and they were selected from over 54,000 students that applied. These are awesome kids.

***Male - Farid Dargakhzade (Azerbaijan) Belongs to Boy Scouts & Karate

***Female - Anastasiya Syerbayeva (Ukraine) - Likes drawing & Painting

***Female - Inesa Kachurivska (Ukraine) - Likes gardening, TV & dance

***Female - Kateryna Chorna (Ukraine) - Likes basketball, fishing & music

***Female - Marta Syherych (Ukraine) - Likes traveling and has won awards for playing chess

***Female - Oksana Dioukh (Ukraine) - Likes music & singing - plays the guitar

***Female - Leyla Aslaniva (Azerbaijan) - Loves to write poems and movies

***Female - Nigar Aga-Zadeh (Azerbaijan) - Loves dancing and aerobics

***Female - Ani Gagik Abajyan (Armenia) - Likes reading and jogging – she plays the piano

***Male - Stefan Vangheli (Moldova) - He likes movies, computers and Polo

***Male - Ivan Zemzyulin (Ukraine) - He likes fishing, computers & Chess

***Male - Akaki Sarjveladze (Georgia) - He likes soccer, basketball & Tennis

If you are interested in being a host family please call today:

Dawna Bailey, Regional Coordinator/Flex Administrator,

Pacific Intercultural Exchange

1-800-637-0217 or 817-558-2337

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

Asleep at the Wheel Del Castillo

Geezinslaw Brothers Pauline Reese

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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Have You Purchased Your Wampus Cat Brick?

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WAMPUS CATS

If you would like to purchase one or more Wampus Cat memorial bricks, please clip and mail the form below along with a $50 check for each brick you are purchasing. If you need further information please contact Nancy Bowman at 801 S. Files, Itasca, TX 76055.

Itasca ISD Brick Reservation Form

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Inscription is limited to 3 lines with 15 spaces on each line. One person’s name per brick, please.

Clip and send completed form with a check to Nancy Bowman, 801 S. Files, Itasca, TX 76055

Wampus Cat Football Camp

July 24, 25 & 26

Incoming 7th, 8th, & 9th Graders

$20 each (includes free t-shirt)

Bring money first day of camp

Items for Rent

105 Beard Itasca TX 76055

254-687-2345 or 720-220-5947

****Small Submersible Pump - garden hose discharge $25.00 for 1/2 day**

****2 wheel trailer 6x10 $25.00 1/2 day**

****Electric air compressor and paint gun $50.00 for 4 hours(not counting travel time)**

****Riding Lawn Mower $50.00 for 4 hours**

****Electric or gas weed eater $25.00 for 4 hours**

****50 ft. sewer tape for unstopping a sewer. $25.00 for 4 hours See at 105 Beard, Harry Ellis**

House for Rent

Small two bedrooms

Call 687-2709

Report cards can be picked at each campus office

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Willie Nelson & daughter, Support Hill County Paw Pals

Press Release

One of the most selfless contributions a celebrity can make is to involve him or herself with charitable work. One of our greatest, if not the greatest, county music icons, Willie Nelson, along with his daughter Amy, are doing just that when they lend their support to help Hill County Paw Pals build an animal shelter and improve the near non-existent animal control program in our great county by introducing proactive programs.

Hill County is inundated with an overpopulation of dogs and cats—burdening our communities with health, economic and legal liabilities. One of the pathetic products of pet overpopulation is the senseless deaths—every day dozens of dogs and cats in our county meet a terrible fate when they die from cruelty, abandonment, disease, euthanasia, starvation, or thirst. Pet overpopulation can be solved but it will take the entire community to become involved. Among the dozens of goodwill initiatives, Willie and his daughter Amy have set the gold standard when it comes to celebrity activism in helping animals. Their work in raising awareness of the humane and ethical treatment of our companion animals has not been just in Hill County. They have been instrumental in bringing awareness to the plight of hurricane Katrina pets—as a result, countless animals have been saved and reunited with their owners. We are so fortunate as a community to have Willie and his daughter take the time out of their already busy schedules to assist in our endeavors.

Recently, Mayor Carl Cornelius and his wife Linda, of Carl's Corner, also strong supporters of Paw Pals, presented the organization with 500 tickets to the Willie Nelson and Family July 3 Picnic. This is the annual event held at Carl's Corner. Tickets can be purchased for $35 at Antique Village (one block east of the Courthouse on Franklin St.) or at Citizens National Bank (two blocks east of the Courthouse on Elm St.) in Hillsboro. The sale of each ticket will go directly to the building of the animal shelter. Tickets can also by purchased by contacting Lana Crow at 582-8632 or 582-8902. Please support Hill County Paw Pals by attending this fun-filled event with Willie Nelson and Family.

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687-2310 - Ask for Eunice

Found

A kitten/cat with a flea collar was found on FM 67 by Hwy 81. It has 6 toes on both of its' front paws. It is grayish in color with stripes like a tiger. It is a male. If this is your pet call Jeff and Julie Slotvig @ 254-687-2329

Committee Members Needed

St. John's Youth Alternative Program needs volunteers to serve on its program and fund

raising committees. If you are interested, contact Johnny L. Bates, program coordinator at 254-687-2430.

If under 18 years of age, you will need parents' consent. If you are over 80 years old, you need God's consent. Those of you between 18 and 80 all you need is FAITH and a desire to work.

For Rent

3 bedroom home - Contains washer, dryer, fridge, dishwasher, dining table and couches

606 E Adams

687-9937 or 903 390-0021.

Looking For a Good Home

I'm a male yellow lab-mix that was unfortunately "dumped" from what I thought was a loving home. I'm presently being fostered by a nice couple but they have too many pets. If you can lend me a hand, please help with a foster or permanent home. I will require an adoption fee of $65 to help cover the cost of my sterilization. If you can help me out please call Bobbie at 694-1098. Thanks, "Yella"

Tommy Alverson Band

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Live Music

When: Friday June 30, 2006

Where: Downtown Itasca in Curry Dance Barn

Time: 8:00 pm – ?

Price: $10.00 per person

EVERYONE'S INVITED

Vacation Bible School

First United Methodist Church of Itasca invites you to be one of our Bible School

"Treasure Seekers"

July 10 - 14

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

We will have crafts, music, Bible Stories, refreshments and playtime. We look forward to having you join us.

Please call Susan at 817-240-3553 or

Pam at 687-2948 if you have any questions.

Notice from Itasca PD Concerning July 4 Fireworks

No Fireworks Allowed at Rest Areas

In previous years people have been allowed to pop fireworks at the Exit 7 rest stop, but that is not the case this year. Police Chief Griscavage has announced that he will enforce the state's policy of no fireworks at state rest areas.

Citizens should remember that there is a state law prohibiting fireworks inside city limits as well as a city ordinance prohibiting them from being fired inside the city. These laws will be strictly enforced. Tickets will be issued for violations of the fireworks ordinance. Fines can cost as much as $2,000. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior and they will be required to pay any fines that are assessed.

Citizens are also reminded that due to the dry conditions there is a burn ban in effect countywide.

Itascans Celebrated Juneteenth

Festivities were planned for Saturday, June 17 to celebrate Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Although some much needed rain fell in the morning during the parade and set-up time at Crouch Park, many of the festivities continued after the skies cleared.

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