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City Receives Quarter Million \$ Sewer Improvement Grant



Pictured left to right – Mayor Matt Fehnel, J. Gandolf Burrus of Grant Development, City Manager Mark Gropp, Engineer Matt Hopper of Wasteline Engineering, Inc. of Aledo and Ms. Tammie Fulton – STEP & Regional Coordinator of Texas Department of Rural Affairs.

The Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) presented local officials in the City of Itasca with an oversized, ceremonial check to recognize the community for securing a grant from the agency's Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) program. Agency staff presented the check on July 26, 2010 at Itasca City Hall.

"We are very please to award this grant to Itasca," said Charles S. (Charlie) Stone, executive director of

TDRA. "Community development projects such as this help Texans in rural communities improve their quality of life significantly."

The City of Itasca will use its \$250,000 grant to upgrade electrical controls, yard piping and associated appurtenances to eliminate raw effluent escape.

The agency awarded \$2,381,193 to eight Heart of Texas area communities, including Blum, Groesbeck, Itasca, Iredell, Wortham, McLennan County, Limestone County and Whitney. TDRA awarded more than \$42 million to rural communities in Texas for the 2010 funding cycle.

"Texas CDBG is a competitive grant program, so the community of Itasca is to be commended for their hard work and diligence in pursuing this grant," said Mark Wyatt, director of TDRA's community development division.

The grants come from the Texas Community Development Block Grant program, the largest CDBG program in the nation. Rural cities with populations less than 50,000 and counties that have a non-metropolitan population under 200,000 and are not eligible for direct funding from HUD may apply for the agency's TxCDBG program. This program serves approximately 1,017 eligible rural communities, 245 rural counties, and provides services to over 375,000 low-to moderate-income beneficiaries each year.

Cemetery Preservation Workshop

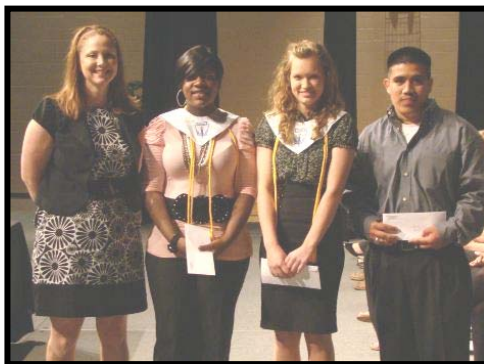
Press Release

The Texas Historical Commission will present a Cemetery Preservation Workshop in Hillsboro on Saturday, August 7, in the Historic City Hall, located at 127 East Franklin Street. The meeting is from 9:00 am to 4 pm and is free to anyone who may be interested; however, we do need to know how many will be attending.

Please email reservation request to cleodavis@sbcglobal.net or call 254-582-3603 and leave a message.

The event is co-sponsored by the Hill County Historical Commission and the Hill County Genealogical Society.

Molly Crouch Anderson Memorial Scholarships



Receiving \$1,000 renewable scholarships from the Molly Crouch Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund were Ciera Thompson, Courtney Barton and Michael Garcia.

The scholarships are funded by an endowment set up by the late Molly Crouch Anderson, daughter of the

late W.T and Mamie Crouch for IHS graduates. Molly placed a high value on education and the community of Itasca.

Presenting the scholarships was Sarah Crouch, IHS Class of '97 graduate and Molly's niece.

Churches of Itasca

<u>Bethlehem Missionary Baptist</u>	W. Spurgeon 687-2800
<u>Central Baptist Church</u>	401 E. Monroe 687-2343
<u>Church of Christ</u>	200 N. Aquilla 687-2774
<u>First Baptist Church</u>	107 S. Lamar 687-2783
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	106 N. Lamar 687-2243
<u>First United Methodist</u>	Main & King St. 687-2475
<u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>	FM 2959 East of I-35
<u>Second Baptist Church</u>	120 W. Marrion 687-9134
<u>Shiloh Community Church</u>	254-582-0487
<u>St. John Missionary Baptist</u>	506 S. Weaver 687-2821
<u>3rd Day Worship Center</u>	107 E. Adams 214 564-2185
<u>Itasca Nursing Home</u>	Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Everyone Welcome	Monday Evening 6:00 p.m.

Central Baptist Church

200 E. Monroe St.

Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:50 a.m.

Youth (7th - 12th grade) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Youth (7th-12th) 7:00 p.m. website - itascacbc.org

First United Methodist Church

401 E. Main St, Itasca, TX 254-687-2475

E-mail: itascaumc@digitex.net

APPLICATION PREACHING!

Sermons for the REAL WORLD that we live in.

What good is a wonderful sermon on Sunday if it cannot be applied to the concerns of your life when Monday morning rolls around?

Find the fun, joy, and comfort you were promised. Bring an open heart and mind.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.-10:30 (All ages)

Sunday Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Refreshments between Sunday School & Church Services 10:30 a.m.

Itasca Church of Christ - 200 N. Aquilla St.

Light The Night By Being Right!

Obey Jesus Become A Nightlighter!

Join us for worship at the Itasca Church of Christ

All are welcome

303 E. Monroe Sunday 9:45 & 10:45 a.m.

Itasca, TX 5:00 p.m.

254-687-2774 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Second Missionary Baptist Church

120 W. Marrion St. Itasca TX 76055

Rev. George Demmeritte Jr. (Pastor)

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 5:30p.m.

2BC*2 Youth Meeting 6:30 - 8:00pm Wednesday

First Presbyterian Church

106 N. Lamar Itasca 254-687-2243

itascafpc@sbcglobal.net www.fpcitasca.org

"In mission to and with the Presbyterian Children's Home to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Sundays - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship in Barton Hall

10 - 10:45 Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service

6 pm - Praise/Worship (Sanctuary)

6:30-KFC/Hour of Power

Tues. & Thurs. - 10 a.m. Exercise Class - Barton Hall

Wed. 6:30 Vespers Service Chapel - 7:15 Choir practice

ANGEL FOOD SITE

Itasca Ministerial Alliance

No Meetings in June, July, August

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 6:00 p.m. - 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, August 16, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

Monday, August 9, 2010 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE

The City of Itasca is accepting applications for the full time position of File Clerk. Must have knowledge of filing; and be able to stand and stoop for extended periods of time. Can pick up applications at City Hall, 126 N. Hill, Itasca, Texas until job is filled.

Second Baptist Church

120 W. Marrion St.

Youth Conference - August 20

Details to be announced at a later date

Poster Contest

Promoting

Community Awareness

Back to School Fair

All entries must be turned into the library by August 2 at 12:00 noon. Prizes will be awarded to the top 2 posters in each division. Pre-K - 2nd grade, 3rd grade - 5th grade and 6th grade - 8th grade.

All winning posters must contain the following information:

Community Awareness Back to School Fair

Saturday, August 14 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

To be held outside Special Events Center

Lots of Fun, Food, Games, Prizes, Music & more

The winning posters will be used to promote the back to school fair.



Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do Ladies Test

Press Release



Many people feel Tae Kwon Do is strictly for children or men, well that is just not correct. Everyone needs help with exercise, focus, memory skills, balance, coordination, help with staying motivated to exercise and weight loss. The ladies pictured attend regular classes each week and also attend a special class one night a month and enjoy a healthy meal, great fellowship, exercise and work on self-defense. Maintaining a healthy weight is also incorporated in the Tae Kwon Do school for anyone who wishes to join. The "Biggest Loser Award" for the past grading period was Aria Tinnin, pictured with her trophy.

These ladies all tested for new belts at the Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do grading on June 5. Pictured are Timothy Friesenhahn-Osceola-Black Belt and Instructor, Grand Master Park-Houston, Aria Tinnin-Hillsboro, Toni Rejcek-Bynum, Cathleen Bills-Hillsboro, Jennifer Clark-Hillsboro, Jennifer Sifford-Osceola, Amanda Gayler-Grandview, Amy Tinney-Hillsboro, Melissa Renfroe-Itasca, Sherry Pritchett-Whitney, Caprice Kellum-Hillsboro, Donita Odom-Itasca, Kelley Smith-Whitney, and Master Kight-Osceola.

Adult women who are students but not pictured are Princess Hughes-Hillsboro, Jenifer Simmons-Milford and Kari Price-Hillsboro.

Classes are taught each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4:45, 5:45 and 6:45 p.m. The first two classes are free and parents are always welcome. The fall session will begin on August 30. If you would like to receive a free information brochure and DVD call 582-5111 or go to the web-site www.hillsborotkd.com.

IVFD Earns Accolade from Citizen

Thanks to a great Fire Department

I am a permitted Wildlife Rehabilitator and currently have three baby raccoons that I'm raising. I took them into the backyard on Wednesday night so they could get some exercise and two of the babies decided to go up a tree. Being little, they weren't sure how to get back down. After an hour or so of trying to coax them down with a bottle and spraying them with a water hose, I finally asked Wayland Price if the fire department could help. They were there with no questions asked and were a wonderful help to get my babies out of the tree. I especially thank Joe Arellano for climbing the tree to shake the raccoons loose from the branches.

It's great to live in a town where you can get this kind of help! Many, many thanks! Judy Offutt

Volunteers Needed for IVFD

The Itasca Volunteer Fire Department is looking for some community oriented adult and junior volunteers to help the department. Both firefighter and auxiliary personnel are needed. Teens, boys and girls, who are at least 16 years of age and have their parent's written consent are eligible to volunteer. For more information contact Fire Chief Wayland Price or City Manager Mark Gropp at 254-687-2201.



Hill County Heritage Book Vol. II

Press Release

Over 200 stories of Hill County military veterans were submitted, many with vintage photos, to be featured in the forthcoming The Heritage of Hill County, Vol. II. There are also 53 articles on the sheriffs and other lawmen of Hill County, dating back to the earliest pro tem sheriffs, pioneers William Wilson and Haywood Weatherby. Sheriff Charles S. Davis was our first elected sheriff, and included is a copy of his commission certificate from the State of Texas dated December 1, 1853. Several hundred family stories are in the book as well as topical stories of Hill County churches, schools and towns.

Now would be a good time to order a book, because the price will increase after publication. The stories have been scanned for publication, proofread, and the book is currently in the design stage. There will be a couple more checks of the proofs after the design is complete, then the book will go to press, possibly in September. Before the books are published, copies may be ordered for \$50.00 each, plus \$5.00 for shipping, if needed. Once the books are shipped to Hillsboro, people who have ordered a book will receive a notification letter. The price will increase to \$60.00, plus shipping, at this time.

To order a book now, send a check or money order for \$50.00 (for books to be picked up in Hillsboro; add \$5.00 if to be shipped) to: Hill County HBC, Vol. II, P.O. Box 555, Hillsboro, Texas 76645. Please enclose your name and address, complete with city name and zip code, as well as a telephone number. To order by credit card, contact Richard Greenhill at (254) 582-8912.

Senior Circle Plans "Fun" Trip to Nashville

Press Release

Judie Dibbern, the director of the HRH Senior Circle organization is chanting "all aboard" these days. The trip is hosted by M&M Tours and all interested members and guests will have the opportunity to take the 5 nights-6 day (September 20-25) trip via the latest and most luxurious motor coach transportation. Drop down movie screens, a bathroom, bingo games and snacks on board are some of the amenities that travelers will enjoy while en route to the Nashville destination.

"I love the fact that someone does all the driving, handles my luggage from bus to hotel room door or visa versa, has all the tickets purchased and in-hand as we arrive at different places or events, drops me at the door of the different venues or shows and usually has reserved seats waiting", said one SC traveling veteran who has gone on quite a few trips with Senior Circle.

Upon arriving in Nashville, those on the trip, will eat lunch and see the show on the General Jackson Showboat and then settle into their rooms at the Radisson Hotel. In the days following, they will attend the Grand Ole Opry Show at the historic and famous Ryman Theater, visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Nashville Hard Rock Cafe', see shows at the The Wild Horse Saloon and Tootsie's Orchid Lounge. The trip includes 7 free meals in addition to all show tickets and there will be plenty of opportunities for shopping and additional sight seeing.

Senior Circle is an outreach organization which is sponsored by Hill Regional Hospital and its parent company Community Healthcare Systems. HRH Senior Circle has 1,158 members from Hillsboro, Whitney, Itasca and many outlying towns in the area. The purpose and mission of Senior Circle is to enhance the quality of life of its members through health and well-being related programs/luncheons as well as activities which give members opportunities for travel, fellowship and experiencing the world around them. Senior Circle has a membership fee of \$15.00 a year and it hosts at least one free luncheon, with a guest speaker, once a month plus many other monthly events and activities that are free to SC members as well.

Senior Circle always extends an ongoing offer for non-members to attend an event or activity as a guest. Additionally, an invitation is being offered to the senior community to join other Senior Circle members who are planning to go on the Nashville trip.

"We always welcome new faces and encourage others to come join our fun," Dibbern said. "Those who travel with us say they consistently have a fabulous time on our trips"!

For more information about membership or to receive a flyer about the Nashville trip, call the Senior Circle office at 580-8888.

4th Grade Published Poems

Published in the 2009-2010 school year by Creative Communication, A Celebration of Today's Writers. Printed with permission.

Cats

Oh how I love cats.
But they're such brats.
They have sharp claws.
Just like tiny saws.
When we go out to play.
They make my day.
And when we play scratch.
They win the match!
When we sat to chat.
They ate a rat.
So I decided to scat!
Just like that.
One time I said "Sit."
But he didn't listen one bit.
Then I put a hat on my cat.
Guess what? He sat!

Jocelyn Ali

Bunnies

Bunnies, Bunnies
Are like a ball of fur
Bunnies, Bunnies
Bunnies are so sweet
Bunnies, Bunnies
Hopping all around
Bunnies, Bunnies
Are so breakable
Bunnies, Bunnies
Noses are cute
Bunnies, Bunnies
Are as white as snow
Bunnies, Bunnies
Are different color
Bunnies, Bunnies
Are so nice!

Baylee Smith

Fish

Are fast at swimming
FISH
You might find me in ponds or lakes or in the ocean
FISH
You might hear me splashing in the water
FISH
I might be big or small
FISH
They have scales that are slimy.

William Rodriguez

Bullies

By Emili Sarli

Bad
Unliked
Liars
Look bad
Irritating
Envious
And most of all
Selfish
bats?
Can you guess?
Who they are?
Bullies!

Bats

by Payton Gonzales

How many are a million bats
Fat bats – Skinny bats
All kinds of bats
Scaly bats
Angry bats
Lovable bats
Too many bats
How many are a million

Itasca City Council June Meeting

The Itasca City Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 21, 2010 in the Council Chambers, 136 N. Hill St., Itasca, Texas. Mayor Matthew Fehnel called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. All council members were present (Mayor Pro-Tem James Bouldin, Susie Davis, Denis Heyse, Doug Farquhar and John Laird. Also present were City Administrator Mark Gropp and City Attorney Stephanie Johnson.

The meeting was opened at 6:02 p.m. for a public participation to receive comments from the public regarding the 2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. There were no comments and the public participation was closed at 6:03 p.m. The meeting was then opened for a public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the City of Itasca proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

Motions were made and passed to accept the minutes from the May 24, 2010 meeting and to approve the payment of bills. Monthly Department and Committee reports were given - IVF Department by Fire Chief Wayland Price, Itasca PD by Chief John Griscavage, Water/Sewer Operations by Wayne Upchurch, Planning and Zoning Committee, Office of Code Enforcement and the Building Standard Commission reports were all presented by Wayland Price.

The proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 was approved and adopted on an unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 062110 establishing and adopting the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for the City of Itasca Employees was approved by a unanimous vote.

Wayland Price informed the Council that the Fire Department has scheduled a fundraiser on July 3, 2010 at the school museum. He explained the activities for the day, which will include a firework display. A motion to approve having a firework display was approved by a 5-0 vote.

The meeting was open for general Mayor, Council and City Administrator discussion and reports. City Administrator presented the Council with a contract agreement from Hill County Emergency Services District No. 1 (ESD #1) for the City of Itasca to provide fire department services. He asked the council to review the contract agreement, which he would like to discuss at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned 6:27 p.m.

Civil War Information Needed

The Hillsboro Hill County Genealogical Society is seeking locations of Confederate and Union Soldiers buried within Hill County, Texas. If you know of such burials please e-mail Ms. Fox at peggyfox1861@sbcglobal.net or mail information to:

Peggy Fox, Confederate Consultant HCGS
P.O. Box 636 Hillsboro, TX 76645

30-Year Reunion Planned

The Class of 1980 is making plans for a 30-year class reunion and would like members to contact us with addresses and contact information. Contacts are Dlvrb31@aol.com, Dlvrb31@yahoo.com, or on <http://www.facebook.com/deevrba> and you may also contact Debbie Sellers Gregory or Kathy Cadena. Please contact us as soon as possible. Go Wampus Cats! Debbie Vrba

2010-2011 Athletic Notices

***All 9th – 12th grade athletes (boys & girls) must attend an UIL mandatory Heat Illness Awareness Workshop on August 2 at 3:00 p.m.

*** All 7th, 9th & 12th grade athletes (boys & girls) must have a physical before August 2.

For Sale GREAT STARTER HOME

Located on a corner lot with plenty of trees and a large fenced backyard. It's just a few blocks from the Itasca School District. It has been completely renovated from top to bottom and freshly painted inside and out. It has 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, large kitchen, nice size living room with beautiful hardwood floor, central air/heat. It has new plumbing, wiring and hot water heater along with new carpet and energy efficient windows.

\$69,800/OBO (no owner finance). For more info call Willie @ 972.365.7318 or Teresa @ 214.621.8332.

House for Sale in Itasca

Built in the 1930's this house was completely remodeled in 2006 with new hardwood floors, cabinets, countertop, dishwasher and walk-in marble shower. It has 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, hall, small backroom, screen porch w/ceiling fan and 1 car detached garage. A 13 SEER Rating central AC and gas Central Heat was added in 2006. Call owner - cell # 817-909-1459.

For Sale
Complete bow flex - Like new

Contact Willie at 972-365-7318 if interested

IISD Board of Trustees June Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2010, in the Itasca ISD Library at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were President Susan Bason, Vice President Oscar Castillo, Jr., Secretary Angelia Orr and member Brian Bassett. Board members Nancy Bowman, Kevin Cordell and Marquita Lloyd were absent.

Administrators present were Superintendent Glenn Pittman, Special Programs Director Amy Reyna, Business Manager Kim Eaddy, Secretary Norma Merkel. Guests present were Dr. Steve Johnson, Patrick Middleton, Landon Deck and Wayne Reynaud.

Wayne Reynaud and Landon Deck of PBK Architects presented to the board the bid proposal tabulations for the construction manager at-risk. Following the presentation a motion was passed to award the contract to Pogue Construction.

Following Band Director Patrick Middleton addressing the board regarding a band trip to Disney World during the 2010-11 school year, a motion was passed to approve the trip to Disney World during the scheduled flex days.

Motions were passed to approve the board meeting minutes from May 17, 2010, to approve the district financial report for May and to approve the 7th 2009-2010 budget amendment. The board reviewed the district's quarterly investment report.

Motions were made and passed to increase all breakfast and lunch prices by \$.25 and to approve the resolution for the district to participate in the Cooperative Purchasing Program of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The Board approved a list of 2010-11 transfer students and approved amendments to the 2010-11 district improvement plan.

Superintendent Pittman discussed the RF tracker monitoring compliance report from TEA and the corrective action plan. He updated the board on the special education program's progress with compensatory service evaluations. He noted PBK architects updated the board on the facility expansion progress during their presentation.

The board went into executive session at 8:49 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 9:21 p.m.

Following executive session, a motion was passed to hire Rachel Matus, John Hooser and Jennifer Porter for 2010-11.

No action was taken on the administrative salaries. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

IHS Registration Dates Set

IHS students will pick up their schedules and complete their registration a little different this year. Due to the increasing enrollment, schedules and registration will be held on three days, Tuesday, August 10 – Thursday, August 12.

Seniors (12th graders) will pick up their schedules Tuesday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the library.

Juniors (11th grader) are scheduled to pick up theirs on Tuesday, August 10 also, but at 11:00 a.m.

Sophomores (10th graders) will pick up theirs on Wednesday, August 11 at 10 a.m.

Freshmen (9th graders) are to receive their schedules in the library on Thursday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m. They should be aware that with such a large number of freshmen, the process might take longer than usual.

New students will register at this time also and must bring the following documentation to enroll:

***Birth Certificate ***Social Security Card

***Proof of residency (current electric bill, Closing statement, Lease Agreement)

***Valid Drivers License of parent/guardian enrolling the student ***Immunization Record

***Withdrawal form from previous school

Middle school students may pick up their schedules the same dates from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Beautify the Itasca Cemetery

Back in the day when the main road went directly past the Itasca Cemetery everyone took pride in insuring their family member's final resting place was always landscaped and beautiful. Now many family members have moved away or passed on themselves, leaving no one to tend to the cemetery plot but local concerned citizens.

There is a small group of people in Itasca who work diligently to maintain the cemetery and honor those who have been laid to rest there, but this does not come without some cost of both time and money.

Now the cemetery lies in a corner where few pass any more, except local residence going home and trains, and seems to be a past priority to many, but WE can change that or at least help. Your monetary donation can certainly go a long way in assisting this small committee. It would be great if you could mark it on your calendar to send in an Annual Donation, but if not, I ask that you at least send in a one time donation to assist this marvelous group of Itasca Citizens. Please mail your donation to:

Itasca Cemetery Association % Claydean Hamilton
131 West Main St. Itasca, TX 76055

Thanking you in advance for your continued support of Itasca. Best regards, Debbie Cole

Recent Deaths

Hall, Mattie Lou – Mattie Lou Hall, 85 (1924-2010), passed away May 1, 2010. She was buried in Itasca Cementery on Tuesday May 4, 2010.

Turk, Stanley Col. (U.S. Army) – Stanley Turk, 92, passed away June 21, 2010 in Fort Worth. He was born January 15, 1918 in Itasca to Roy M. Turk and Ida Blanche Owens Turk. He joined the Army in 1935 as a private, received his commission as a second lieutenant in World War II and by the end of the Korean War he was commander of the 26th Field Artillery Battalion. He served in the Army for 32 years (1935-1967) and was highly decorated (Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars one with a Valor device).

He was buried June 25, 2010 at Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington. (This information came from an obituary written by Terry Evans for the Fort Worth Star Telegram. The entire obit can be viewed on the Telegram's web-site).

White, Lawrence A. – Lawrence White, 83 (1927-2010), passed away June 30, 2010. Survivors are wife, Bobbie Geneva White; children David, Steven, Janice, Robert and James; seven grandchildren; one great grandchild and six siblings. Burial was in Itasca Cemetery.



Nance, Frank George - George Frank Nance, 83, of Waco, passed away July 8, 2010, at a local nursing center. Services were held July 10, at OakCrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Curtis Holland officiating. Burial followed at Rosemound Cemetery.

George was born in Leon Junction, Texas, January 16, 1927, to Claude B. and Hettie Reed Nance. He spent his early years in Coryell County. A veteran of World War II, George served two tours with the U.S. Army in Germany, during which he married Anneliese Schade. The couple raised two daughters. George retired in 1982 from the U.S. Postal Service, after 29 years as a letter carrier. George was a member of Western Heights Baptist Church, Baylor Masonic Lodge 1235, Scottish Rite Valley of Waco, and Karem Shrine Temple. George is a past member of the Order of Eastern Star, where he held many offices. Following the death of his wife in 1976, George married Louise Carpenter in 1982. Being fond of music, George belonged to a group of musicians that entertained around Central Texas. George wrote and published an autobiography of his life. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Grant Nance and Manuel Nance; a sister, June Nance Bryant; and his first wife, Anneliese.

George is survived by his wife, Louise; two daughters, Carol Nance of Waco, and Linda Smith and husband, Ronnie, of Crandall; three grandchildren, Rolland Alford and wife, Sheila, of Itasca, Neal Alford of the U.S.M.C., and Liese Barnard of Waco; and five great-grandchildren, Emily and William Poulter of Waco, and Dominik, Skylar, and Taylor Alford, of Itasca. He is also survived by three step-daughters, Melisa Rosser and husband, Jim, of Waco, Robi Michael and husband, Larry, of Chalk Bluff, and CoCo Kasik and husband, Harry, of Euless; 10 step-grandchildren; 15 step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Pauline Driggers and husband, Roland, of San Antonio; two brothers, Edgar Nance and wife, Betty, of Yuma, Ariz., and David Nance and wife, Dorothy, of Waxahachie; and numerous family members and many friends. Pallbearers were his grandsons, Rolland Alford, Neal Alford, Kevin Michael, Cody Michael, Mike White, Bradley Grace, Markus Creech, and Jordan Yandell. The family wants to thank the staff of Quality Care of Waco, Providence Hospice, Drs. A.W. Sudan and Charles A. Shoultz Jr.



Buckner, Alice L. - Alice Lorene Buckner, of Waco, passed away July 23, 2010. Graveside services were held July 27, at Waco Memorial Park with the Rev. Curtis Holland officiating. Alice was born November 29, 1918, in Itasca, Texas, to Lewis and Ethel Niles. She moved with her family to Waco in early childhood. She married her husband, Jack Buckner, October 12, 1940. They raised two children. She worked for many years at the textile mill. Alice was a lifelong Christian and a member of Park Lake Drive Baptist Church. All who knew her were attracted to her beautiful smile, her warm and giving personality, and her positive attitude. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jack Buckner; three sisters; and one brother. She is survived by her daughter, Jackie Puckett and husband, Steve, of Waco; son, Robert Buckner,

of Clifton; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the staff at Crestview Nursing Home and Hillcrest Hospice. Memorials may be made to Park Lake Drive Baptist Church.

Recent Deaths

Wolfe, Travis Keith - Coach Keith Wolfe, 57, of Italy passed away July 18, 2010, at his home. He was born August 2, 1952, in Houston to James Robert and Betty Harvey Wolfe. He retired from teaching and coaching after 30 years. He was an avid Rangers fan, loved coaching and was a great Dad. Survivors include: two sons, Travis Latham Wolfe and wife, Stefnie, of Gladewater and Austin Keith Wolfe of Italy; three grandchildren, Madison Mae, Megan Wolfe and Andrew Wolfe; three brothers, Pat Wolfe of Houston, Mike Wolfe of Morgan and Kevin Wolfe of Lewisville; one sister, Kathy Tucker of Ferris; mother, Betty Shuptrine of Ferris; and special friend, Ricky Whitney of Italy. Funeral services were held July 21, 2010, at Boze-Mitchell-McKibbin Chapel in Italy.



Fox, Charles Roy - Charles Fox, 81, of Hillsboro, went to be with the Lord July 25, 2010, at his residence. Charles was born May 10, 1929, in Frost, Navarro County, Texas. He was the son of Roy Marvin and Irma Lee Curry Fox. He attended schools in Hillsboro until the 9th grade when the family moved to Itasca where he graduated from Itasca High School in 1947.

In early 1949 he joined the United States Navy, serving aboard the US Navy Aircraft Carrier, Boxer, for almost four years. Travels took him to China, Hawaii, Korea, Japan, Philippine Islands, other areas, and experienced the initiation of crossing the Equator. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, Charles returned to Itasca.

In 1953 he began working for the Lone Star Gas Company in Hillsboro, and in 1955 was employed by the Texas Highway Engineering Department of Hillsboro, and retired after 36

years in 1991.

Charles was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Hillsboro. Preceding Charles in death were his parents and one brother, James Marvin Fox of Waxahachie.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy, of Hillsboro; one son, Stephen and wife, Susan, of Van Alstyne, Texas; one daughter, Rikki Lynn MacBarron and husband, Richard, of Tustin Ranch, California; grandchildren, Jessica and husband, Matt Whalen, of Houston, Katherine MacBarron of Santa Barbara, California, Samuel Fox and Sophia Fox of Van Alstyne, Texas; two sisters, Faye Marie Copeland of Covington and Carolyn Bons of Grandview; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, PO Box 271, Hillsboro, TX 76645 or charity of choice.

Yard Sale

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August 7, Saturday Only
Weather Permit - 4 Families

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steph.salinas@yahoo.com

2010 Band Camp

July 29 & 30

Drill Sgts. & Drum Majors Only

August 2 – August 13

Drill Sgts. & 8th Graders

August 4 – August 13

All band members

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Bring water, hat, sunscreen, tennis shoes.

No sandals or flip-flops!

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**has openings starting August 23 for 18 months-3 years and before and after school I have 35 years experience, all meals served, structured days, learning program, lots of fun and activities come see us only a few slots available call Sherry @ 817-202-5695

Local Artists Needed

September 17-19, 2010

Antique Alley Texas and 25 MILES of SALES Downtown Grandview is seeking LOCAL ARTISTS to take advantage of the crowds of people in Grandview. Vendor Inquiries Welcome! If you are a talented artist and want to sell your work contact AntiqueAlleyTexas.com or call 817-240-4948.

Have You Purchased Your Wampus Cat Brick?



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 at Judy Offutt at 254-687-2302 (work) or Matt Fehnel at 254-687-2331 ext 1132 (work).

Itasca ISD Brick Reservation Form

Inscription is limited to 3 lines with 15 spaces on each line.

Clip and send completed form with a check to

Kelly Tinklenberg
123 N. College Itasca, TX 76055.



Remember When . . . “Dr. Campbell”

Columnist Carl Sweeney

Typist & Carl's Assistant Brittany Reid

Clark C. Campbell was born about two miles southwest of Itasca on the farm his father sodded out in 1870. Young Clark was born October 28, 1889. His parents, R.C. Campbell and wife Artelia “Clark” Campbell came from Arkansas to Texas. They would eventually raise a family of nine children of which Clark was the first. They said he was an usually good cotton chopper and picker. Young Clark attended schools in the area that have sacred memories for many Itascans. The schools were Union Valley, west of Itasca, Frog Liver south of Itasca, and Pleasant View, west from Osceola. We older folks know it as “Jawbone.” He also attended the Blanton School when they lived in that area for a short time. When the family moved near Blum, he stayed in Itasca his last year in high school and lived in Mrs. Vernon’s boarding house. He graduated in 1907.

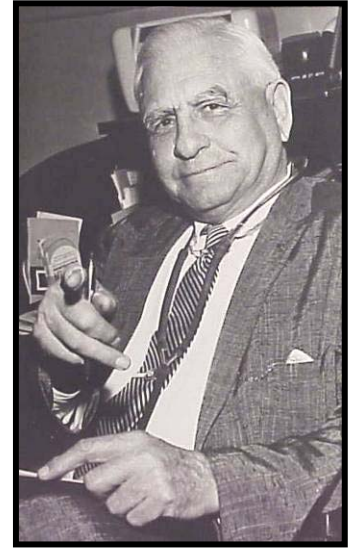
Clark Campbell excelled in football and baseball. He was offered a baseball scholarship at Trinity University. He also had an invitation to play for the Texas League. He still had his unsigned contract when he died. He said, as far back as he could remember he wanted to be a doctor. The year after he graduated he taught school at the cotton mill school in Itasca. In 1908, he went to Galveston to the Medical Branch of Texas University. His mother was fearful that he would be caught in another storm like the one that almost destroyed Galveston in 1900. So he came home and entered Fort Worth University, which later moved to Dallas, and combined with Baylor Medical School. He served as an intern at City-County Hospital in Fort Worth. Later his son Dale would serve his internship there.

Dr. Campbell opened his practice of medicine in the town of Newport, Texas, which was on the borders of Jack and Clay Counties. Two years later, he and Miss Anna Rachel McMahon were married in Newport. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell moved to Itasca in 1918 (and built the house that the Petrash family lives in today). He was expecting a call to serve in the Armed Forces. About that time the flu epidemic occurred. He was very busy with that. Then the war was over in November 1918, and he was never called. About that time, there were seven doctors in Itasca. There were two in Files Valley, two in Osceola, two in Covington, and two serving in Lovelace. Dr. Campbell said that his greatest problem was visiting patients during wet weather. There were no paved or gravel roads. First, they went on horseback, usually travelling the fence lines and MK&T railroad tracks. Dr. Campbell was considered one of the best pneumonia and flu doctors anywhere. It was difficult to treat them without our miracle drugs we have now, so many young people died from pneumonia, flu and diphtheria. Sometimes they were in bed for a month or more.

Dr. Campbell, like his buddy Dr. Ritchey, was very active in civic and community affairs. He was a charter member of the Itasca “Hickey Fishing Club.” He served on the school board for eleven years, four of those as president of the board. He was a member of the Central Baptist Church and a long time Mason. He was a member of the Texas Medical Association and he twice served as president of the Hill County Medical Association. He was also a charter member of the Itasca Rotary Club, serving as president during the war years of 1944-45.

In 1960, the citizens of Itasca honored him with a “Doctor Campbell Day,” for his value and service to his community and their love and respect for him. In 1961, Dr. Campbell was chosen as “Practitioner of the Year,” by the policy making body of the “Texas Medical Association.” After Mrs. Campbell died, Dr. Campbell moved to Fort Worth to be with his daughter, Dorthea and husband James McCreight. He later entered a rest home there in Fort Worth, where he died November 3, 1979. He is buried along with Mrs. Campbell in the Itasca Cemetery.

He and Mrs. Campbell were survived by two sons, Clark C. Campbell Jr. and Dr. Dale Campbell of Levelland, and daughter Dorthea Ann and husband, James McCreight. There are other good stories and tributes attached to the memory of Itasca’s own Dr. Clark C. Campbell that we wish we had room for here.



Do You Have a News Item?

Send all news items and advertisements to bpetrash@itasca.k12.tx.us or call 254-205-0704 (B. Petrash’s cell). Do not leave a voice message at school; it may be weeks before it is checked. Please give us at least 2 weeks notice as we sometimes print a week ahead during the summer, to accommodate vacations, church camps and family time for our reporters.

The school’s website has been down while it is being “given a face lift.” As soon as we can we will post the latest issues of the *Paw Print Press*. Sorry for the inconvenience.



Paw Print Press
123 N. College
Itasca, Texas 76055

Medina Joins Ranks of “A Few Good Men”



Javier Medina, IHS Class of 2007, recently returned home for a little R & R (rest and recuperation) after finishing his Marine basic training on July 23 in San Diego, California. He is sporting the typical Marine haircut and he snapped to attention in the Marine stance when asked for a picture pose.

He will visit with his friends and relatives until August 3 when he will return to California for 1 month of MCT (Marine Combat Training). Following his MCT, he will go to North Carolina for MOS Training, which is his career field training. Javier's training will be in the legal administration field.

Attention 2010 – 2011 Seniors

IISD is sponsoring a Carter Blood Drive during the back to school fair held on Saturday, August 14. Seniors who would like to wear the prestigious “Red Cord” at graduation that signifies they are a blood donor should come and donate at this opportunity. In order to receive the “Red Cord” students must donate twice to the same organization.

Sixteen-year-old students may donate with their parents signed consent. They must also weight at least 110 lbs.

For more information about the Carter Blood Drive on August 14, you may contact Grace Hennig at 254-687-2922 ext. 116.

Ex Coach, Principal Honored Through Scholarships



In 2005, a scholarship was established honor past IHS coach and Principal Brenton Hughes. Hughes served the students of IISD for many years.

Ms. Kelley Tinklenberg, a former student of Hughes, presented the \$500 Hughes Memorial Scholarships to Megan Golf and Desmond Guy.