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Hundreds Brave the 100°+ Temperatures to Make 2nd Annual Back to School Fair a Big Success



The varsity cheerleaders kicked off the second IISD Back to School Community Fair last Saturday morning and despite the earlier start time the temperatures were still scorching, but they did not deter the 180+ IISD students who stood in line to get a generous bag of school supplies and to register for a variety of door prizes. Many businesses, organizations, citizens and IISD employees pitched in to help Ms. Kristi Sargent, IISD Coordinator of Student Services, make the fair a big success.

Ms. Amanda Barfield and Ms. Darcy Pearson provided numerous free haircuts and the school nurse, Ms. Vickie Macias was on hand to give those dreaded but required immunizations. There were free bags of popcorn, snow cones, school supplies from a variety of businesses, toothbrushes, toothpaste, stickers, balloons, blood pressure checks and many other goodies.

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Mayor, City Manager Presents City Donation to PPP Scholarship Fund



At the June City Council Meeting the City Council voted to donate \$500 to the *Paw Print Press* newspaper of Itasca. The Council agreed that this organization was certainly community service oriented and a large asset to the city. Mayor Matt Fehnel and City Manager Mark Gropp presented the check to PPP Business Manager Brittany Reid.

"We appreciate all the hard work the young people of this organization does for our city. We are proud of them and want to help them out with this donation to their scholarship fund," Gropp said.

The *Paw Print Press* was established in 1997 as a service for the community. It covers community and school events and does not charge anyone for ad space. It is published weekly and has a distribution number of 630 issues. In a survey, it was established by an independent source that the paper reaches 75%+ of Itasca residents and the surrounding area.

This is the paper's fourteenth year of publication and each year, scholarships have been awarded to the graduating seniors who have worked for Mrs. Barbara Petrash on the *Paw Print Press* staff.

Remember HB 55

Itasca PD would like to remind everyone that they will be strongly enforcing the 20 mph school zone speed limit and the HB #55 law that forbids the use of hand held cell phones in school zone areas. The fine for a violation can be as high as \$200.



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, September 20, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

Monday, September 13, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Come And See What You Can Do!

Sunday, August 29

PSA

Do you have a passion for helping kids? Do you feel called to reach out to families in need? Would you like to help offer a future with hope to a child?

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) is looking for a few volunteers to assist with their Itasca program. Make plans to attend a "Come and See" informational meeting Sunday, August 29, at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Presbyterian Church of Itasca (106 N. Lamar St. - behind the bank). You can meet PCHAS' Itasca staff, discover volunteer opportunities and learn how to become a volunteer with this vital ministry!

From its humble beginnings as a single orphanage in Files Valley, PCHAS has evolved over the past century to serve more than 3,500 children and families in Texas and Louisiana each year. PCHAS offers group homes, foster homes, community outreach programs, support for single parents and advanced education/aftercare opportunities. To learn more about the variety of Christ-centered services PCHAS offers to children in need and their families, visit www.pchas.org. Discussed at this meeting will be

1. Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
2. Long Term Volunteer Opportunities
3. If I want to be a volunteer -
4. Volunteer Training Requirements
5. Information about PCHAS

Please join us! Also, First Presbyterian Church worship services begin at 11:00 a.m. and all are welcome. On August 29, we will also have a potluck lunch before the program. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch, too. Just bring your favorite dish!

Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School L.L.C. Test for New Belts



In June, students from the Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School located at 125 W Elm-Hillsboro tested for new belts. Students performed in front of a panel of Masters and Black Belts at the United Methodist Church Family Life Center in Hillsboro. Each student had to perform patterns, spar and break boards.

White Belts testing for Yellow Stripes were Jacob Renfroe-Itasca, Jerry Bennett-Hillsboro, Cameren Hight-Itasca, Alejandro Meza-Hillsboro, Rylie Smith-Whitney, Tyler Greene-Whitney, Austin Greene-Whitney, Guillermo Santiago-Hillsboro, Sherry Pritchett-Whitney, Caprice Kellum-Hillsboro and Richard Leggett-Whitney.

Yellow Stripes testing for Yellow Belts were Humbarto Mancilla-Hillsboro, Maddison Bills-Hillsboro, Ross Gilcrease-Hillsboro, Ollie Monice-Hillsboro, Morgan Bledsoe-Itasca, Jonathan Ramsey-Itasca, Danny Smith-Whitney, Hunter Smith-Whitney, Kelley Smith-Hillsboro, Neida Gallardo-Hillsboro, Asher Renfroe-Itasca, Jennifer Clark-Hillsboro, Melissa Renfroe-Itasca, Cathleen Bills-Hillsboro, Jennifer Sifford-Itasca, and Hayden Allen-Blum.

Yellow Belts testing for Green Stripes were Mauricio Mancilla-Hillsboro, Jorden Clark-Hillsboro, Spencer Molina-Whitney, Griffin Shropshire-Hillsboro, Amy Tinney-Hillsboro, Tristan Molina-Whitney, and Princess Hughes-Hillsboro.

Green Stripes testing for Green Belts were Jorge Gallardo-Hillsboro, Juliana Busby-Hillsboro, Brandon Sifford-Itasca, Marcos Meza-Hillsboro, Alyson Rea-Hillsboro and Mason Harris-Hillsboro.

Green Belts testing for Blue Stripes were Kelsey Ramsey-Itasca, Toni Rejcek-Bynum, Zoey Johnson-Hillsboro, Destini Ramsey-Itasca, and Justin Tyra-Covington.

Blue Stripes testing for Blue Belts were Travis Tinney-Hillsboro, Mario Perez-Milford, Allana Bettge-West, Isamar Perez-Milford, Ashton Buxkemper-Hillsboro and Aaron Bettge-West.

Blue Belts testing for Red Stripes were Wyley Johnson-Hillsboro, Imani Powell-Hillsboro, Cameron Rejcek-Bynum, Graciela Camarillo-Hillsboro, Bailey Johnson-Hillsboro, Christine Rejcek-Bynum, and Kierstyn Buxkemper-Hillsboro.

Red Stripes testing for Red Belts Donita Odom-Itasca, Jonathan Monroy-Hillsboro and Tyler Odom-Itasca.

Red Belts testing for Black Stripes were Joey Robinson-Blum and Amanda Gayler-Grandview.

Black Stripes testing for Double Black Stripes were Will Teague-Hillsboro, Aidan Gayler-Grandview, Hannah Williams-Grandview and Colby Satterfield-Hillsboro.

Double Black Stripe testing for Black Belt Candidate was Diana Ortiz-Hillsboro.

Masters, black belts, black belt candidates and instructors on hand for the grading were Grand Master Park-Houston, Master Charles Kight-Itasca, Jordan Satterfield-2nd Degree Black Belt-Hillsboro, Shelby Sifford-2nd Degree Black Belt-Itasca. Kayla Butnor-Black Belt-Covington, Kevin Devers-Black Belt-West, Kaydee Jean-Black Belt-Blum, Lindsy Price-Black Belt-Hillsboro, Megan Odom-Black Belt-Itasca, Heather Odom-Black Belt-Itasca, Xavier Jung-Black Belt-Whitney. Our newest Black Belts Timothy Friesenhahn-Itasca, David Jones-Malone and Jennifer Simmons-Milford. Black Belt Candidates on hand were Harley Snider-Itasca, Jacob Jean-Blum, Kathryn Devers-West, Israel Ortega-Hillsboro, Octavio Ortega-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. A free "Meet the Instructor Night" will be held on August 27 at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to receive a free informational brochure and DVD call 582-5111 or you may want to check out our web-site www.hillsborotkd.com.

Back to School Community Fair

Continued from page 1 - More Pictures next week from "Back to School Fair"

Sargent thanks everyone who had any part of making this a success including the families and students who attended. Many families were helped with school supplies from the community donations.

HILCO

Lloyd Ford – door prizes

Dairy Queen – door prizes

Jimmy's Corner Store – door prizes

Citizens of Itasca – School Supply donations

Texas Peace Project

Itasca Boy Scouts

Darcy Pearson

Itasca Fire Department

DJ Lorenzo Chavez

Hill College

Inflatable Party Magic

Janet Curry

Citizens State Bank

Itasca Floral – door prizes

El Conquistador – door prizes

Avon – Allison Clary – door prizes

IISD Staff & Spouses that helped make this a success

Nolen's Woodworking

Angel Food Ministries

Amanda Barfield

Carter Blood Care

Itasca HS Cheerleaders

Grandview Dental

Wal-Mart

Mowana – Pam Willman

Ms. Holli Malke's Reading Program

Itasca Booster Club

Karen's Flowers – door prizes

Daniel & Susan Bason – door prizes

Itasca 4-H

First United Methodist Youth

Atmos Energy

Game Warden Doug Volcik

National Junior Honor Society

Family Diagnostic Medical Center

Angie Cervantes

Paw Print Press



What's a Little Sweat to a Wampus Cats?

The 2010-2011 Wampus Cat football season began when the Wampus Cats suited up for the first day of practice on Monday, August 2. Approximately 38 athletes have shown up for practice, even though the temperatures have been well above 100° every afternoon. The athletes are working hard to get ready for a tough season. The Wampus Cats are in a new district this year and their district opponents, DeLeon, Bosqueville, Valley Mills and Santo have good teams.

"These athletes are not the largest in size," Head Coach Craig Horn said, "but they are some of the finest and as a group they may be the hardest workers and have the most heart as any I have ever coached. We are going to have a tough season but we are going to fight all the way."

Assisting Horn on the gridiron this year are Coaches Nathan Morrill, Trey Bates, Bobby Campbell, Joe Rodriguez, and Jeffery Mayberry.

The Cats had their first scrimmage last Saturday in Hubbard where they took on Hubbard and Crossroads. According to Horn, the Wampus Cats ended the day 1-1.

"I was very proud of the team," Horn said, "They did a great job."

The Cats scrimmage against Mildred and Rio Vista in Mildred this Thursday night (August 19) at 6:00 p.m. Their first game is in Ranger next Friday night at 7:30 p.m. District play begins on October 8 against DeLeon, which will be Itasca's Homecoming.



2010 Wampus Cats Football Schedule

August

19	Scrim. Mildred/Rio Vista	Away	6:00 p.m.
27	Ranger	Away	7:30 p.m.

September

3	Rice	Home	7:30 p.m.
10	Open		
17	Tolar	Home	7:30 p.m.
24	Wortham	Home	7:30 p.m.

October

1	Teague	Away	7:30 p.m.
8	*DeLeon	Homecoming	7:30 p.m.
15	*Bosqueville	Away	7:30 p.m.
22	*Valley Mills (Senior Night)		7:30 p.m.
29	*Santo	Away	7:30 p.m.

IISD Calendar

August

19	5 th grade Parents Night – Middle School	6:00-7:00 p.m.
19	Elementary "Meet the Teacher"	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
19	Football Scrimmage Mildred	6:00 p.m.
23	School Starts	8:00 a.m.

FUMC Taco Supper Fundraiser

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010 5:30 p.m.

Itasca First United Methodist Church

\$6.00 includes taco salad
w/all fixings, tea/coffee & dessert



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Itasca ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM 08/30/2010 in Itasca ISD Library, 123 N College, Itasca, TX. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.265000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Debt service	155.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	13.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$245,942,752	\$237,365,827
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$3,517,130	\$4,881,340
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$222,584,265	\$208,153,468
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$3,134,640	\$4,640,950

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$8,445,000

* Outstanding principal

Need to Hire

Elementary Crossing Guard

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Contact Principal K. Farquhar 687-2922 ext 120
Must be able to pass background check.

Public Notice

First day to file for a place on the ballot for the Itasca Municipal Election on November 2, 2010 to elect two Council members was July 25, 2010. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is August 24, 2010.

First day to file for a place on the ballot for the Itasca ISD Board of Trustees Election on November 2, 2010 to elect three Trustees was July 25, 2010. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is August 24, 2010.

Sherry's Licensed In-Home Day Care

****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.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operations</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year's Rate	\$1.170000	\$0.104100*	\$1.274100	\$3,832	\$6,033
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.395030	\$0.114880*	\$1.509910	\$4,457	\$5,340
Proposed Rate	\$1.170000	\$0.265000*	\$1.435000	\$4,302	\$6,010

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$65,890	\$68,678
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$50,431	\$52,903
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.274100	\$1.435000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$642.54	\$759.15
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$116.61

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.435000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.435000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,469,591
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$34,832

City Hall Soon to Release List of Tardy Taxpayers

The City of Itasca is once again shining the spotlight on businesses and individuals who owe delinquent taxes. According to information received from the city's Tax Collector, Sue Comer, the city of Itasca is once again owed a large amount of back taxes. The names of the delinquent taxpayers will be listed in the *Paw Print Press* following this notification. These names are being posted under a state law that allows the exposure of tardy taxpayers. To avoid exposure taxpayers should pay their outstanding tax debt or set up an installment plan.

An installment plan is an agreement that is arranged by the city tax collector. The installment plan is paid monthly based upon the agreement between the taxpayer and the tax collector. Besides the unwanted publicity that being on the list can create, the interest and penalties make avoiding payments an unattractive option. That means even when a taxpayer is making monthly payments, the amount that's unpaid gets interest and penalties tacked onto it every month. For more information contact the city's Tax Collector, Sue Comer at (254) 687-2201.

For Sale**2 Lots in Itasca**

Corner of S. Wesley & E. Henderson Sts.

Call 817-368-1772 or 254-205-0704

for more information

Need a Place to Stay

During

Homecoming?

Make

Reservations Now!

Harry & Lisa Von Borstel
Owners



The Windmill Bed & Breakfast

(800) 951-0033
(254) 582-7373
www.windmillbb.com
Email: windmillbb@hillsboro.net

441 Hill County Road 2421E
Hillsboro, TX 76645

Recent Death



Sawyer, Roy Leslie – Roy Sawyer was born on December 12, 1934 in Corsicana, Texas to Dave and Essie Sawyer. He graduated from Itasca High School in 1953, where he was a 4-year letterman in football, basketball, baseball and track. He attended Tarleton State Junior College on a football scholarship, leading the Plowboys to a championship title. He then attended Trinity University in San Antonio, again on a football scholarship, where he met his college sweetheart, Dorothy Bellos. In January of 1958, he graduated from Trinity and went on to serve in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and retired as a Captain. Upon his return, he married Dorothy on September 13, 1958. Roy taught and coached at Fox Tech High School and Olmos Elementary, before beginning a 22 year career at Robert E. Lee High School. His first year at Lee, he coached all of the freshman sport teams, where the

football team went undefeated, untied and un-scored upon. The basketball team won all except one game, and the track team won the district championship. Over the next several years, Roy served as assistant coach through several momentous occasions including the 1963 Lee vs. Brackenridge regional game dubbed, "The Greatest High School Football Game Ever Played," the 1965 state finalist team and 1969 state finalist team, who the week before the finals, played and won the first high school football game ever played in the Astrodome. He continued as assistant coach through the 1971 state championship title, in the first high school football game ever played in Texas Stadium and the 1972 state semi-finalist team. Roy also coached the THSCA South All-Star Teams in both 1967 and 1973. In 1971 Roy received a Master of Education in Administration from Our Lady of the Lake University. In 1974 Roy was named Head Football Coach and Athletic Coordinator at Lee. In 1975 and 1977 he led the Vols to the state semi-finals, and in 1975 he was named the Express- News Coach of the Year. The 1979 team was the last Lee team to win the district championship. In 1983, Roy was named Coordinator of Blossom Athletic Center in the North East Independent School District, and eventually assumed the duties of Elementary P.E. Coordinator and Assistant Athletic Director.

Roy was also an active member of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, where he enjoyed cooking souvlaki at the annual Greek FUNstival. He retired in 1997 after a 40-year career in education. Through the years, Roy enjoyed hunting and fishing with his friends. Roy spent his retirement with his wife of 52 years, Dorothy, and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

On August 7, 2010, Roy passed away peacefully due to complications from Parkinson's disease. Roy was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings. He is survived by his wife Dorothy; daughters, and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Greg Asvestas, and Patricia and Stacy Economides; five grandchildren, Stephanie and Matthew Asvestas and Anastasia, Nicolette and Alexandra Economides; a brother, Don L. Sawyer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

July Police Blotter

7-6 – Disturbance (Verbal) – 200 blk. S. King St.
 7-7 – Report of possible missing person (Found unharmed) – 100 blk. Beard St.
 7-7 – Report and surrender of found item (Checkbook) – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 7-8 - Response to burglar Alarm – 100 blk. E. Adams St.
 7-8 - Report of reckless damage to landscaping with vehicle (Citations issued to drivers - W/M 52 & B/M 61) - 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 7-10 - Report of fight in progress - One injury resulted in hospital visit - Citations issued for disorderly conduct (W/M 51 & B/M 21) - 100 blk. N. Wall St.
 7-11 - Animal complaint (Dog killed by another dog) - 100 blk. E. North St.
 711 - Domestic disturbance (Verbal) - 300 blk. Marrion St.
 7-11 - Report of possible DWI - 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 7-11 - Request for assistance in opening locked vehicle (Unable to comply due to IPD policy concerning side air bags in vehicles) - 300 blk. E. Henderson St.

7-11 - Traffic stop (Speeding 85 mph/65 mph) Vehicle towed - Citations for speeding, no drivers license, no insurance & open container - I-35W northbound mm 8
 7-12 - Report of suspicious activity (Children hiding behind houses when adults appear) - E. Spurgeon & Grayson Sts.
 7-12 - Assisted DPS with DWI stop - I-35W mm 11
 7-12 - Suspicious persons report - 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 7-13 - Report of sewer problem in city (Referred to city employee) - 600 blk. E. Main St.
 7-14 - Citizen complaint (loud noise) - 200 blk. S. Lamar St.
 7-14 - Public relations speech - 400 blk. E. Main St.
 7-14 - Animal complaint (Kitten stuck upside down against house) - 700 blk. E. South St.
 7-14 - Traffic stop (Speeding 84 mph/70 mph) Vehicle impounded - No drivers license H/M 20 - I-35W northbound mm 8

Remember When . . . “J. W. Stufflebeme”

Columnist Carl Sweeney

Typist & Carl's Assistant Brittany Reid



Pictured right – Wallace Stufflebeme in one of his prize corn crops in Files Valley.

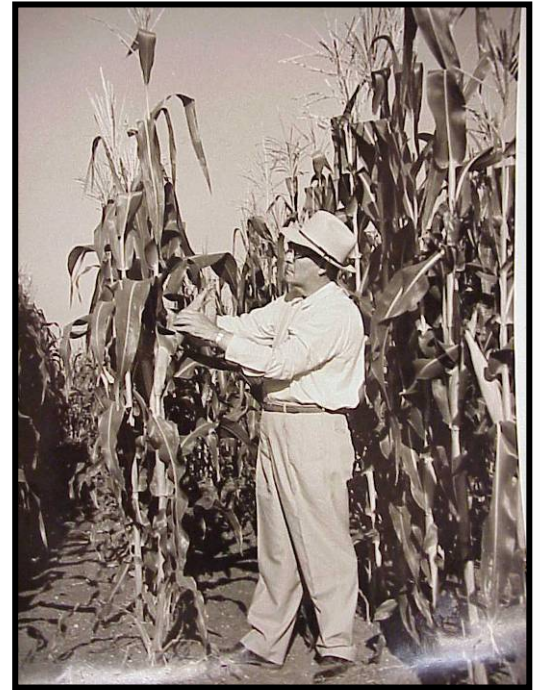
To continue our portrayals of prominent and important people who have lived in our area, today I am writing about a person who was a great asset to Itasca and the whole community. Wallace Stufflebeme loved the people of Itasca and Files Valley. He helped people in many ways that were not known to the public. His benevolence extended to everyone, including the people who worked the crops, picking cotton and other jobs related to the farming industry. He loved agriculture and anything related to it.

J.W. (Wallace) Stufflebeme was born in Brandon, Texas, October 29, 1895. He was the son of Wiley and Ida Bell Stufflebeme, who were tenant farmers. Wallace and the others worked on the farm just like we all did in those days. His parents moved to Itasca when he was a small boy. He attended several schools in the area, and entered Itasca High School as a freshman. Upon graduation, he was Valedictorian of his class. A year later he married Miss Dewey Pritchett of Itasca. Dewey had a brother, Lamar Pritchett who lived next to our farm just south of Itasca. Kenneth Davis now owns the place.

His story is similar to many other young men who had humble beginnings and through diligence and perseverance was able to accomplish worthwhile projects and financial independence. He became interested in cotton seed breeding in the early twenties. He went to state and county fairs for one of the leading seed breeders of that period. In 1925 he studied the process by D.A. Sanders of Greenville, Texas, a famous plant breeder. He easily passed the exam to become a registered cotton seed breeder at Texas A&M. This was during the great depression. Most people thought it was a bad time to go into business because it was during the depression. But he and his brother Bert Stufflebeme went into partnership known as Stufflebeme Brothers Cotton Breeders, Itasca, Texas. Their success now is history.

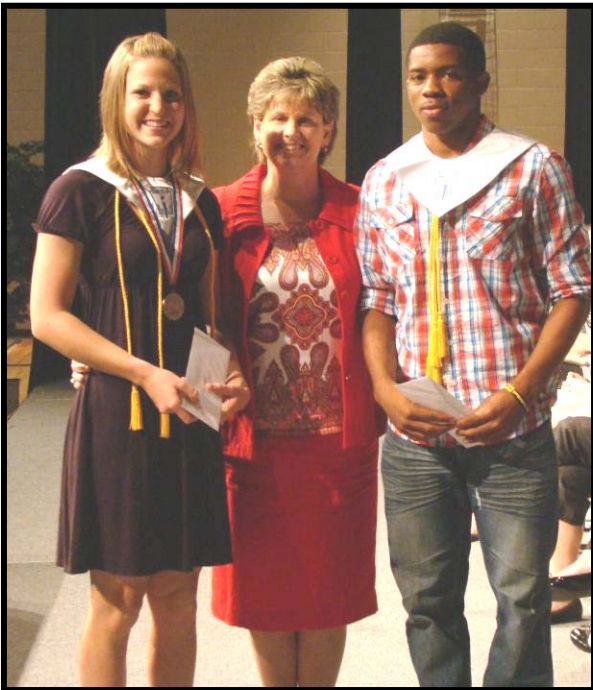
Mr. Stufflebeme eventually was the owner of the Files Valley Cotton Gin as well as land in Files Valley and other areas around Itasca. Although he was a wealthy man, he was never too busy to listen to and administer to other people. Wallace was dedicated to serving his church, which was the Presbyterian Church in Itasca. He served as Sunday school teacher for a number of years, as well as deacon for several years. He was a Charter member of the Itasca Rotary Club, which formed in 1937, and faithfully practiced the 4-Way Test. Mr. Stufflebeme was elected mayor in 1956 and served eight years in that capacity. I happened to be in Itasca's City administrator at that time and worked with him those eight years. I found him to be dedicated to the betterment of Itasca, serving with honesty and integrity, and ethical management. He said to me many times, “Now we want everything on the up and up,” and as us older people know, that means with that kind of dedicated service. We worked together for those eight years with never an argument or a cross word. This kind of management was reflected in the financial health of the city at the time. We bought a fire truck and gave a check for it. We had to dig out leaks with a shovel so a front-end-loader was purchased, also with a check. Then a tractor and mower, all paid for with cash from city funds. Don't you wish you could do that today?

The only vices I can think of Mr. Stufflebeme had was that he loved to go to South West Conference football games, especially to the A&M games. In addition, the yearly Cotton Bowl game was a tradition with him. He also was fond of going out to dinner. Wallace and Dewey Stufflebeme had one son; J.W. Stufflebeme Jr. He attended A&M and became a county agent. He wound up in Brenham, Texas where he married Ruby Lightsey and they also had one son, Kenneth Stufflebeme. Kenneth also attended Texas A&M and served in the military, he came to Itasca to assume operation of his grandfather's business and farms. Kenneth had married Edwina Klatte of Brenham. They still reside in Itasca today. They have two sons, Jim and Mike Stufflebeme. Mr. Wallace Stufflebeme passed away October 8, 1966 and is buried beside Dewey in the Itasca Cemetery. The community lost one of its most faithful boosters with his passing.



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Lloyd Ford Wampus Cats of the Year



Megan Goff and Desmond Guy received the Lloyd Ford and *Paw Print Press* "Wampus Cat of the Year" Scholarships.

For the last six years this scholarship which is funded by Ford International and Lloyd Ford in conjunction with the Wampus Cat of the Week Lloyd Ford advertisement in the *Paw Print Press* has been presented to students who have represented Itasca High School and the community of Itasca in a positive light.

Mrs. Marquita Dwight Lloyd presented the scholarships to Megan and Desmond at the 2010 high school awards night.

Sales Tax Holiday - August 20 – 22

School Clothes & Supplies

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 20, 21 and 22. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers



about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. Last year the Legislature passed HB 1801 that expanded the list of items qualifying for tax exemption during the annual sales tax holiday. In addition to clothes, footwear and some backpacks, Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school. Remember items must be priced less than \$100.