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Mrs. Georgia Martin Celebrates 97 Years



Mrs. Georgia Martin celebrated her 97th birthday Wednesday, September 1 in her home. The party was hosted by the members of her Central Baptist Church Sunday School class. Mrs. Martin came to Itasca in 1934 after teaching for one year in the Ponder, Texas school district. She taught thirty and a half years in the Itasca school district before retiring. The day was completed with cards, phone calls, and visits from friends and family.

Motorcycle Ride, Arts and Crafts at Go Texan/Fair

Press Release

Plans are being finalized for the 2010 Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair to be held in Hillsboro Saturday, September 25. The event will once again be held on East Franklin Street, east of Waco Street.

Among the events to be held are a motorcycle ride, entertainment, arts and crafts and more. Registration for the motorcycle ride will get underway at 9:30 a.m. on the south side of the courthouse square. There will be three stops on the ride with an optional game for those who want to participate. They will be announced during registration. Last bike is out at 10 a.m., and the last bike in will be at 12:30 p.m. Entry fee for the ride will be \$5 per bike with proceeds benefiting the Go Texan Scholarship Fund. For those interested, judging of bikes in the Elm Street Rod Run won't start until 1 p.m. Riders will have the opportunity to take part in the show. The registration fee will be discounted to \$15 for those who take part in the ride. For more information, call Lea Sanders at 254-648-2635. Continued on page 3.

Youth Highlighted at Rotary Meeting

Press Release



During the week of July 4, Central Baptist youth and chaperones attended the Texas Baptist Encampment at Palacios, TX. Mark Fehnel, one of the sponsors and chaperones presented the program

information to the Itasca Rotary Club during a weekly meeting. The group of approximately 53 youngsters and chaperones enjoyed the time of Christian fellowship and of course, the good home cooking was a big hit with the young people.

The Itasca Rotary Club meets at noon on Mondays at the Itasca Rotary Room. For more information on becoming a Rotarian, contact Bob Wilson, President at 254-687-2331 ext 2210 or email bwilson@hilco.coop

Fehnel is pictured with Rotarian (and his mother) Beverly Fehnel.

Cullum Jazz Band to Open Hill College Performing Arts Series

Press Release

Kicking off its 18th season, the Hill College Performing Arts Series will feature jazz cornetist Jim Cullum with his band, who may be heard nightly at The Landing on



the San Antonio Riverwalk and weekly on "Riverwalk Jazz" on NPR. The performance takes place at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 21 in the Gov. Bill Daniels Auditorium of the Vera Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center, just behind the Texas Heritage Museum on the Hillsboro campus and is free and open to the public. No reservations are required. A reception with the artists will be held immediately following the event in the south PAC, sponsored by the Performing Arts Series committee. Continued on page 3.

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 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.

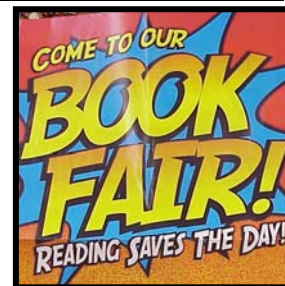
Itasca Ministerial Alliance

Begins a New Year

All Itasca area pastors and/or church leaders are urged to attend the first meeting of a new year on Saturday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Business at this meeting will include election of new officers and discussion about several events coming up in the fall, including 5th Quarters and the Community Thanksgiving Service. Please plan to join us.

Book Fair

Dear Parents, The Itasca ISD Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair Monday, September 27 through Friday, October 1. Students, parents, and teachers will have the opportunity to purchase titles, which include old favorites as well as the latest works by popular authors and book illustrators. The library will be open for purchases Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 7:45-4:30 and Tuesday 7:45-6:00. Money earned from the book fair will be used to purchase additional books for the library. All parents, students, and teachers are urged to support the book fair.



Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on September 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room, 136 N. Hill St. Itasca, Texas. The purpose of the hearing is to order the repair/removal of the following structure:

****801 E. Main St., Itasca, Texas

Files & Chiles Blk. 4 Lot 5 & 6

****129 N. Hill St., Texas, Texas

Itasca OT Blk. 17 Lot 19A-21A

Wayland Price, Code Enforcement

Delinquent Tax Information #3

The City of Itasca is once again shining the spotlight on businesses and individuals who owe delinquent taxes. The names of the delinquent taxpayers will be listed in the *Paw Print Press* under a state law that allows for the exposure of tardy taxpayers. Should you feel that the information that is or was printed in incorrect, please contact the City of Itasca Tax Collector, Sue Comer at (254) 687-2201. Changes to the city tax roll can only be corrected and/or changed through the Hill County Appraisal District.

Sherman McPaul Est - 14	Vernell McVea - 5
Luis Montes - 2	Melissa Montes - 2
Willie Paul Moore - 33	Jerry Murray - 2
Doris Nagib - 9	New Eureka Lodge - 8
Jose Noriega - 4	One Way Home & Land - 4
Tom Phillips - 21	Brady Pleasant Est - 9
Robin Plumlee - 3	Billy Priester - 4
Lola Proctor - 21	Will Rhymes - 4
Bobby Rios Jr - 2	Rc Roberts Est Mrs - 3
Frank Rogers - 16	Ruby Searcy - 2
Patricio Saldierna	5 properties - 2 Years Phillip Sivils - 2

Hill College Performing Arts Series

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More information on this concert is available by visiting the Hill College website and clicking on "Performing Arts Series" on the right of the page. For senior citizen transportation information, please call 582-5851.

The Jim Cullum Jazz Band plays jazz in the classic manner, the style of small, hot ensembles prior to WWII. The band's repertoire covers a lot of ground - from 19th century cakewalks to the small pre-war Benny Goodman ensembles. The core of the band's music consists of the sounds of Jelly Roll Morton, Original Dixieland Jazz Band, New Orleans Rhythm Kings, King Oliver Creole Jazz Band, Louis Armstrong, and Sidney Bechet, as well as a heavy emphasis on Bix Beiderbecke and Hoagy Carmichael. In keeping with the band's historical point of view, period instruments and performance practices are often used and each member of the band is a specialist in historically informed jazz styles.

The Jim Cullum Jazz Band has appeared in such major venues as Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap, major worldwide jazz festivals, and stars in its own public radio series, *Riverwalk Jazz*, broadcasting since 1987, heard on over 150 Public Radio stations nationwide and on the internet. From 1993-2005, the Jim Cullum Jazz Band was on the faculty of the Stanford Summer Jazz Workshop and, in April 2007, completed an epic tour of Russia that took them from Moscow to eastern Siberia and back west to the Baltic Sea.

This will be an outstanding evening of classic jazz, appealing to audiences of all ages. Even those who have heard this group before will be treated to a fresh evening of music as, true to the improvisatory spirit of jazz, this group never plays their repertoire the same twice. Join us for this great evening of jazz.

Go Texan/Fair

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A number of art, craft and flea-market booths will be set up in the 100 block of East Franklin Street for your shopping pleasure. There will also be local entertainment acts scheduled on the main stage at the corner of Franklin and Church streets throughout the day. Other activities will include a barbecue cook-off, pet parade, washer, horseshoe and doubles' domino tournaments and antique farm equipment.

In addition, during the weekend, the Elm Street Rod Run will be held, featuring over 250 street rods, customs, bikes and classic cars. Registration starts at 8 a.m., and it will be "show and shine" from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Awards will be presented at 3:30 p.m.

Being sanctioned as a Go Texan county automatically qualifies a Hill County senior for a \$15,000 scholarship through the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association. Local scholarships, combined with awards made by the livestock show, have totaled over \$200,000 during the past 19 years.

This year's sponsors include Ag-Texas Farm Credit Services, Brookshire's Food Store-Hillsboro and Whitney, Cole Ford Sales, Cheers, Hill County Farm Bureau, APEX Grain, Tipton International, HILCO, Fort Worth Gear and Axle, Wells Fargo, Gerik Ag Service, Warren Laboratories, Citizens State Bank-Itasca-Whitney-Hubbard, Oncor Electric Delivery, Texas Land Bank, CenTex Trailers, Hillsboro Sand and Gravel, Hubbard Livestock Auction, Monsanto, Bobcat Contracting and American Ice.

For more information, call the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce at 254-582-2481 or, toll free, 1-800-HILLSBORO.

Itasca 4-H New Member Sign-Up

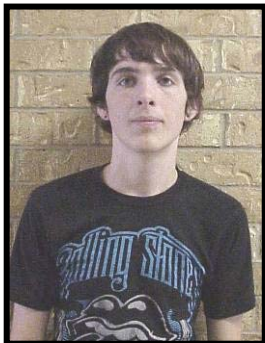
The Itasca 4-H will hold its 2010-2011 organizational meeting on September 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Boy Scout Hut on N. King St. Students grades 3-12 are encouraged to sign-up for the upcoming year's events. Parents are welcome to attend the meeting and are encouraged to be involved in 4-H as well.

Programs available in 4-H are Photography, Sewing, Cooking, Consumer Decision Making, Livestock Judging, Archery, and show animals (goats, pigs, sheep, chickens, rabbits, and horses).

If you cannot make the meeting, get an enrollment form from club President Alex Sparks, at the high school or contact managers Jim and Julie Sparks at 254-687-2745 or 254-580-8188 with any questions.

Senior Spotlight – Tim Bishop

Reporter Brittany Bourland
Caricature by Martin Martinez



“Hurry up Mrs. P. and Miss Bell! I need to get busy on my Personal Finance,” Tim said laughingly as he came into IHS’s A+ Lab.

Tim probably knows more about the new A+ Lab in the high school than anyone else does since he has earned his way from over aged sophomore to senior in just one year. In December of this year, Timothy Jacob Bishop will graduate from Itasca ISD.

In August of 2009, Tim moved to Itasca from St. Louis, Missouri. He came in as an over-aged sophomore and worked in the A+ Lab plus in his regular classes to catch up on his credits. Towards the end of the year, he was moved up to junior level and now, until December, he is a senior.

Tim, the son of Donna and step-dad Raymond Bishop will turn 18 on November 30. He has two older brothers, Patrick and Chris, who are in the Army. Tim lives with his aunt and uncle, Christy and James Lowry and grandmother Peggy Harrison in Itasca. His grandmother who drives a truck for a living is his hero, even though she is the reason they have a house full of animals; twelve dogs and four cats.

“The house is like a homeless animal shelter, except none of them are ever given away,” Tim said. “Grandma rescues a lot of dogs from truck stops where they have been abandoned.”

When Tim is not at school, you can most likely find him with his girlfriend, Cristal. He also enjoys listening to music, especially bands like Nine Inch Nails and AC/DC. In school his favorite teacher is Coach Morrill.

“He is a really cool teacher,” Tim said. “He put some life into his teaching.”

After high school Tim’s plans include attending bartending school somewhere in Texas or moving to Las Vegas, Nevada. In ten years, he sees himself as a big time bartender and married to Cristal. He has one goal and that is to succeed in life.

His words of advice to underclassmen mirror that goal, “freshmen, remember you really can succeed in life no matter what anyone else says. But try to learn your schedule the first week of school.”



Welcome to IISD

Rose Donaldson - 5th & 6th Social Studies

Reporter Hannah Johnson



Black and Gold spirit colors are not new to middle school teacher Rose Donaldson. Bruceville-Eddy a small town similar to Itasca, also sports the black and gold. That is where Donaldson attended high school graduating as Valedictorian

of her class.

This year Donaldson is standing at the front of the classroom as a first-time teacher, showing the intriguing sites, culture, and history of the world we live in with the fifth and sixth grade Social Studies students.

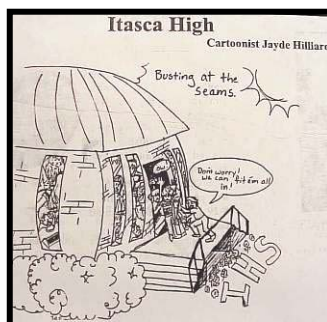
“I’m very excited to teach here in the great town of Itasca,” Donaldson said. “I love working with the students and teaching them about the many amazing places there are to see in the world.”

Donaldson is well traveled as has been to 31 of our 50 states.

“I love traveling, but it’s nice to settle down to work in a nice little town like Itasca.”

Donaldson attended McLennan Community College, where she was a photographer for the Highland Herald, the college newspaper, before transferring to Mary-Hardin Baylor and earning a Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems. She has twenty years of experience in sales and service with different corporations including working with telecom and television stations in her hometown of Waco. She has two daughters, Savannah, 19, and Raven, 17.

“Now that my daughters are grown, I miss being around children,” Mrs. Donaldson said. “Out of all of my past jobs, I know that teaching is definitely going to be my favorite.”



The cartoon at the left was drawn by Jayde Hilliard in September 2002 when the high school was “bustin’ at the seams.”

Once again, we are climbing to those “bustin’ out all over” numbers (210+).

Grandparents Day

Sunday, September 12

Take the worry out of what to give for Grandparents Day and surprise your loved ones with a beautiful floral arrangement. Delivered Saturday & Sunday

Flowers by Karen

138 W. Main St. Itasca, TX 76055 254.687-2100

We accept all major credit cards

Wampus Cats Go 2-0 with 40-13 Win over Rice

Sports Writer David Corbitt



The Wampus Cats kicked off on Patton Field to the Rice Bulldogs to start their first home game of the season last Friday night. The Cats had come out of last week's win over Ranger with confidence, but also with areas that needed improvement. They worked hard all week on squelching the turnovers that had plagued them against Ranger.

Quarterback #15 Opie Mayberry led his offense during the first quarter to an 8-0 lead. Carrying the ball in for the touchdown was #22 Jonathan "Fantastic" Frederick, followed by #2 Shakeal "Speedy" Mozon's two-point conversion.

The second quarter started off exciting for the Itasca fans as Mozon returned a punt for a TD, but they were disappointed as it was called back on a penalty. The crowd did not stay down long as Mozon quickly came back with 44-yard touchdown run.

"Fantastic" Frederick lived up to his nickname as he crossed the goal line two more times for TDs. One of the scores was 80 yards of spectacular agility, broken tackles and incredible speed. The Cats' defense led by BJ "the Bruiser" Jackson held strong, preventing a field goal attempt and ending the half with the only interception of the game, made by Mozon. The Cats went into the locker room up 28-0 over the Dogs.

Frederick and Mozon both added another TD each to the scoreboard in the second half. Although the Dogs were down 40-0 they did not quit, they ran the ball back 75 yards for a touchdown from a kickoff and then scored again with the point after good to put the score: 40-13.

The Wampus Cat defense very near dominated the field. The entire game was filled with big hits and tackles all around, sacks made by #62 Jack Panting and #9 Martel Wallace and a forced fumble by Wallace. The Cats' defense held the Dogs to 156 rushing yards and zero passing yards.

They will meet the Tolar Rattlers on Patton Field next Friday night (September 10) after a bye week.

IHS Open House Thursday, September 9

Seniors & parents - Library 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)
All grades - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. High School

2010 Varsity Football

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September

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 (Sr. Night)	Home	7:30 p.m.
29	*Santo	Away	7:30 p.m.

November 5

Bye

*Depicts district games

JV Football Schedule

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September

16	Tolar	Away	5:00 p.m.
23	Wortham	Away	5:00 p.m.
30	Teague	Home	5:00 p.m.

October

7	DeLeon	Away	5:00 p.m.
14	Bosqueville	Home	5:00 p.m.
21	Valley Mills	Away	5:00 p.m.
28	Santo	Home	5:00 p.m.

Junior High Football Schedule

September

16	Tolar	Away	5:00 p.m.
23	Wortham	Away	5:00 p.m.
30	Teague	Home	5:00 p.m.

October

7	DeLeon	Away	5:00 p.m.
14	Bosqueville	Home	5:00 p.m.
21	Valley Mills	Away	5:00 p.m.
28	Santo	Home	5:00 p.m.

JV Over Rice 22-14

The JV Cats continued on the winning trek as they defeated the JV Rice Bulldogs 22-14 last Thursday night in their own dog pound.

The JV Cats are led by freshman quarterback #12 Fisher Hennig. He has a powerful line in front and behind him.

The JV's next game is away against the Tolar Rattlers next Thursday night.

2010 Property Tax Rates in City of Itasca

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for City of Itasca. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$237,976
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$237,976
Last year's tax base	\$42,291,863
Last year's total tax rate	0.562700/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$237,976
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$41,560,213
= This year's effective tax rate	0.572600/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$237,976
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$41,560,213
= This year's effective operating rate	0.572600/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.618400/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.618400/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Itasca adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.572600 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$8,810.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	45,366

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 1407 Abbott Ave, Hillsboro, TX 76645.

Name of person preparing this notice: Kristi Hill

Title: Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector

Date prepared: August 11, 2010

Hill County Genealogical Society Meeting

The Hill County Genealogical Society is honored to have Mr. Lloyd D. Bockstruck of Dallas as the guest speaker at the Monday, September 13, meeting beginning at 6:30 pm in the Hill County Courthouse Annex meeting room at 126 South Covington Street in downtown Hillsboro.

Bockstruck is a well-known genealogist and former columnist for The Dallas Morning News on the subject of genealogy. He is associated with the Dallas Public Library's Genealogical and Historical Department. Guests are welcome to attend and participate. Prior to the meeting, those who wish to have dinner with Bockstruck are welcome to join the Society at 5:30 pm at Frenkie's Pasta and Pizza restaurant on the north side of the Hill County Courthouse, 57 West Franklin Street. Please give Cleo Davis a call at 254-582-3603 and leave a message as to how many reservations are needed so as to ensure seating. You may also email cleodavis@sbcglobal.net.

The Society is hoping for a good crowd to welcome Bockstruck to Hillsboro and to the Hill County Genealogical Society. The next meeting will be October 11.

Team Roping, Calf Roping Practice at T3C3

Trail To The Cross Cowboy Church of Hillsboro has Team Roping & Calf Roping Practice every Friday beginning at 7:30 pm. The T3C3 Arena is located at 226 Stadium Drive, which is behind the High School Football Stadium. Cost is \$15 per roper. There will be a short devotional message. For more information, please call 254-640-7560.

Entertainment Sought For Go Texan/Fair

Entertainment acts are being sought for the annual Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair to be held in Hillsboro Saturday, September 25. The event will be held in the 100 and 200 blocks of East Franklin Street in Hillsboro from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. For more information, contact Robin Ralston at 254-337-1523.

Vendor Slots Available For Go Texan Event

Vendor spaces are now available for the 2010 Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair. It will be held Saturday, September 25, in downtown Hillsboro from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The charge is \$40 for 10'x10' and \$75 for 10'x20' open-air spaces.

Arts, crafts, flea market and antique vendors are welcome. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available and will be filled on a first come-first served basis. Interested parties can contact Jennifer Nowlin at jf.hatco@sbcglobal.net or the Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce at 254-582-2481 for more information.

Democrats of Hill County Meeting

Democrats of Hill County hold monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held Monday, September 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Itasca Rotary Room in downtown Itasca on Main St., across the street from the Curry building. Contact Lanore Dixon for more information at lanore@dixonpen.com or call 254-221-0511.

Local Artists Needed September 17-19

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.

Class of 1970 Reunion

The Itasca High School Class of 1970 will have an informal Class Reunion after the Homecoming Parade until Midnight. The reunion will be at Bob Wilson's House located at 207 South College Street in Itasca. A light meal will be served around 6:00 pm. For more information contact Helen (Clay) Trlica on face book or @ 254-826-5828, Karen Sweeney Degner @ Kdegner52@yahoo.com or 254-533-2378, or Bob Wilson at bwilson@hilco.coop or 817-845-6072. If anyone has phone numbers or email address for class members please call or email us. All friends are invited.

30-Year Reunion Planned

The Class of 1980 is planning a 30-year class reunion. Members please 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

90's Classes Reunion

All IHS grads 1990-1999
Saturday, October 9
6:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Food & Music
\$20 donation

Please RSVP even if you are not attending

Kelly Tinklenberg
602 Williams St.

Grandview, TX 76050

RSVP or send any pictures or memorabilia from school days to ktink@itascaisd.org.

Recent Deaths

Bates, Betty – Mrs. Betty Bates passed away on Thursday, August 26, 2010. She was born December 16, 1933 in Dallas, TX to the late Mr. James W. Littleton Sr. and Alice Mae Littleton of Dallas, TX. Services were held September 2, 2010 at the Bethlehem Baptist Church of Itasca. She was preceded in death by Robert Earl Wyatt, her 2nd oldest child.

Mrs. Bates attended public school in Dallas and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1961 at the age of 16. She enrolled in Prairie View University for 2 years. She then had a Christian experience at an early age at the Bethel A.M.E in Dallas. At her demise, she was a member of St. John Baptist Church and Bethel A.M.E. Baptist Church as a board of trustee under Danny Poe. In 1969, she married J.L. Bates. She worked as a nurse assistant at the Veterans' Hospital in Dallas, TX and Denver, Co. and later at the Coors Co. in Denver.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, J.L. Bates; sons, Douglas S. Wyatt and James A. Wyatt both of Denver; daughters, Shirley M. James of Denver and Carmen James of Dallas; 11 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; nephews, nieces and a host of family and friends.



Smith, Patsy Worlow – Patsy Worlow Smith, 72, of Itasca died August 27, 2010, at Park Plaza Nursing Home in Whitney. She was born February 16, 1938, in Osceola, daughter of the late Isaac Wesley and Thelma Fowler Worlow. In 1956, she graduated from Itasca High School. On September 8, 1956, she married Milton E. Smith. She loved her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much and was very supportive of the Masonic scholarship fundraisers. She was a member of Central Baptist Church of Hillsboro.

Survivors include: her husband, Milton E. Smith of Itasca; two sons, Randell Smith of Hillsboro and Ronald Smith and wife, Mary, of Houston; one sister, Sue Boyd of Whitney; two grandchildren, Randell Guy Smith and Kimery Smith, both of Houston; two step grandchildren, Ronny Manning and Christina Monclova; and one great-grandson, Keaton Wayne Smith.

Funeral services were held August 29, 2010, at Marshall and Marshall Funeral Directors Chapel in Hillsboro with Rev. Steve Peace and Rev. Darrel Beggs officiating. Burial was at Ridge Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church Building Fund, P. O. Box 263, Hillsboro, TX 76645.



Major, Helen Ollie - Helen Ollie Major, 91, was born April 3, 1919 in Aransas Pass, TX. She was the daughter of Dr. Henry P. and Jessie E. Beatty. Helen graduated from Harlandale High School in San Antonio and attended Draughans Business College. She married B.T. (Byron Thomas) Major on April 20, 1939 at the home of her parents in Beaumont. She and B.T. moved to Milford in 1940 and later to Itasca in 1966. She was employed by the Dallas Housing Authority from 1959-1966 and the Itasca Independent School District from 1968-1984.

Mrs. Major entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on September 1, 2010. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Hillsboro. She was active in the Homebound Singers Choir, Business Women's Club and the Itasca Garden Club. She was preceded in death by her husband B.T. on November 9, 1982, parents Dr. Henry P. Beatty on November 4, 1941 and Jessie E. Beatty on January 30, 1981; sister, Jessie Mae McCurley, on April 30, 1985; sister, Mary Ruth Branyon on May 24, 2005.

She is survived by her children, Thomas Henry Major of Granbury, Carol Jean Major of Fort Worth, Dianne Packwood and husband Steve of Cleburne, and David Lynn Major of Italy. Grandchildren Melissa Marion Dempsey and husband Pete of Mountain Park, OK, Jason David Marbut and wife Laura of Covington, Lisa Diane Hall and husband Aaron of Saginaw, Byron Adam Marbut of Burleson, and Jessica Lauren Major and fiancé Matt of Virginia Beach, VA. Great Grandchildren Caleb Kirby Marbut, Haley Diane Hanson, Hunter Michael Hanson and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held September 4, 2010 at Central Baptist Church in Itasca. The Rev. Kenneth James and Dr. Jill Branyon officiated. Pallbearers were nephews Jim Page, James Hugh Major, Charles Major, Gary Price, Myron Major, and Randy Ellison. Memorials may be made to United Way of Johnson County. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.



(Left to right) Forrest Powers, James Wington, Carl Sweeney and Ernest Bo Psencik at Jimmy's Corner Store December 1993.

Remember When . . . "The Coffee Break"

Columnist Carl Sweeney



The coffee bean goes back as far as the 13th century. There are conflicting stories about its origin. Some think that Ethiopian ancestors of today's Aromo people were the first to discover the energizing effect of the coffee bean plant. Some think it was not known about prior to the 17th century. Another story tells of an Ethiopian goat herder who noticed his goats eating the berry. He tried it and coffee came from that. There is credible evidence however, that coffee drinking appeared in the middle of the 15th century in the Sufi monasteries of Yemen. It is said that it was here that the first coffee beans were roasted and brewed. By then it had reached the rest of the Middle East, Persia, Turkey, Northern Africa, then spread to Italy, the rest of Europe and then to Indonesia and America.

It is believed that the word coffee entered the English language in 1598 via the Dutch word, *koffie*. This word was created from the Turkish word, *kabue*. Another possible origin of the name is the Kingdom of Kaffa in Ethiopia where some said the coffee plant originated. Some refer to it as Java because of the plant's expansion to Brazil and the Island of Java.

During World War I, the Americans had been accustomed to drinking the brew at home so they had coffee in the mess halls and in their ration packs. The term "Cup of Joe" came from G.I. Joe who always had to have his cup of coffee. Coffee is important to the world economy. It is one of the most valuable primary products in world trade. In many years, it was only secondary to oil as a source of foreign exchange for producing countries. Coffee is a traded commodity on major futures and commodity exchanges; most important in London and New York.

The coffee filter was invented by a German housewife. She first used her son's school blotting papers, but later she and her husband Hugo came up with the coffee filter in 1908. In 1901, a Japanese American chemist developed instant coffee. In 1938, Nescafe, a freeze-dried coffee came along. The Maxwell House slogan "Good to the Last Drop" was a registered trademark.

Coffee drinking has not always had smooth sailing in its history. In earlier days, there was some controversy about it. In some places, women were banned from drinking coffee such as in Europe and England. In Germany, they had free access to coffee and places that served it. In 1674, an anonymous "women's petition" against coffee was declared. It stated, "the excessive use of abominable, heathenish liquor called coffee has eunuched our husbands and crippled our kind gallants," I doubt that petition had much success.

The practice of so-called "Coffee Breaks" is claimed by many sources or business, but actually it was started more or less simultaneously by more than one. In 1901, a Buffalo, New York company shows a ledger entry for free coffee for its employees. In 1902, the Barcolo Mfg. Co. negotiated a short break with its employees. One source states that in the late 19th century in Stoughton, Wisconsin the wives of Norwegian immigrants originated a coffee break. The city celebrates this every year with the Stoughton Coffee Break Festival.

Today a coffee break is written into some Union contracts. Most companies have come to realize that the coffee break with free coffee is a valuable low cost benefit. The break practice has many descriptions over the globe. In England it is called the "Elevenses," morning tea; not to be confused with "High Tea" which is a social event for them. In Australia and New Zealand they call it the "Smoko."

There is another ritual connected to coffee that is not considered a coffee break, but a social gathering of mostly retired men. Each morning, and sometimes again in the afternoon, we gather at a café, convenient store or other place to socialize, discuss politics, religion and other subjects. These men really look forward to the meetings and to most, it is the highlight of the day, something to look forward to each day. It is especially valuable to retired men who might not have anything else. In many cases, it eliminates boredom and depression. Sometimes the discussions might become rather heated, but a difference of opinion is universal wherever you are.

Here in Itasca the guys gather at Jimmy's Corner Store. When we leave the house we tell the spouse, "we're going to coffee, or simply I am going to Jimmy's."

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Wampus Cat Receivers

Reporter David Corbitt



(Left to right) Coach Trey Bates, #9 Martel Wallace, #4 Trinton Crawford, #7 Michael Macias, #21 Matt Colbert, and #8 Nick Castillo.

The Wampus Cats labeled as receivers (along with the rest of the team) is made up of primarily young players. With only one receiver (#9 senior Martel Wallace) having any varsity experience, Coach Trey Bates has had many fresh faces to work with. Luckily, their inexperience has not fazed them, as they have done well under the Friday night lights.

"They are working very hard so far in practice and during the games," Bates said. "I expect them to contribute a lot to our team and take some of the pressure off of the running game."

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