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Itasca, Texas 76055

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Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair

Press Release

This year's edition of the Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair will be held this weekend in Hillsboro. The 100 and 200 blocks of East Franklin Street will be the location for the activities. Included at this year's event are a state-championship barbecue cook-off, washers, arts and crafts, Go Texan and open horseshoes, flea market, special entertainment, antique farm equipment, doubles' dominoes and motorcycle ride.

Being sanctioned as a Go Texan county automatically qualifies a Hill County senior for a \$15,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association (HLSRA). Scholarships to local seniors have totaled over \$200,000 since the county was sanctioned by HLSRA 19 years ago. All proceeds from this year's event benefit the Go Texan Scholarship Fund.

Setup for the barbecue cook-off starts at 3 p.m. Friday, September 24, in the 200 block of East Franklin Street.

A kids' pork chop cook-off will be held Friday evening. Pork chops will be provided at 6 p.m. and turn in will be at 7 p.m. Winners will be announced prior to the cooks' meeting and Calcutta at 8 p.m. in Historic City Hall.

Judging Saturday in the cook-off will be as follows: chicken-noon, pork spareribs-1:30 p.m., brisket-3 p.m. and Go Texan division-chicken-3:30 p.m. Awards will be presented through 10 places in each of the cook-off categories.

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Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) Carter Blood Drive

Press Release

CARL'S CORNER, Texas (October 9, 2010) – Typically, people think that blood is used for emergencies and trauma resulting from care wrecks or accidents. However, many modern medical treatments focusing on cancer and sickle cell disease depend on transfusions and would be impossible without a reliable blood supply. Considering many patients' treatments require multiple units of blood, Carter BloodCare encourages blood donors to give blood more than once a year. Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) is hosting a community blood drive to benefit Carter BloodCare on Saturday, October 9. The drive will be held at Willie's Place, 101 Cornelius Road North from 10:00am-3:00pm.

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IHS Junior Participates in Texas Baptist All-State Band

Press Release

Kenneth Clary, a Junior and Drum Major at Itasca High School, was selected to participate in the Texas Baptist All State band this past summer. The TBAS band and choir are a select group of high school students from Baptist churches across the state of Texas. These students came together during a week in July for mission work and performances in many Houston area churches. One of the week's highlights was performing the National Anthem at Minute Maid Park before a Houston Astros game. Kenneth is a member of Central Baptist Church Hillsboro where he plays trombone for the morning worship service and plays guitar and sings in the student band. He is the son of Ken and Allison Clary of Hillsboro.



Rep. Jim Pitts Announces 2010-2011 Aerospace Scholars Program

Press Release from Rep. Jim Pitts

State Representative Jim Pitts is pleased to announce the launch of the 2010-2011 High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) program. HAS will enable selected Texas students to explore and become a part of NASA's plan for space exploration. Students selected will apply their math and science skills to complete 10 web-based assignments during the school year, and then travel to Johnson Space Center in Houston during the summer to utilize those same skills to investigate options and propose a mission for sending humans to Mars alongside their peer, NASA scientists, and engineers. The program is at no expense to the students or their school districts.

"This is one of the most outstanding programs that the state of Texas offers to our high school juniors," stated Mr. Pitts. "We have had students from all around Texas House District 10 that participated, and each has found it both educational and enjoyable. I want to encourage any junior in high school to talk to their science teacher about this opportunity and then apply to participate."

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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 9:30 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.

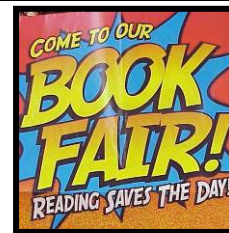
Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, October 18, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

Monday, October 11, 2010 7:00 p.m.

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 Meeting To Discuss

Itasca Independent School District's

State Financial Accountability Rating

The Itasca Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., October 11, 2010 during the regular board meeting in the Library at 123 N College to present the Itasca Independent School District's School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating.

Invitation to All Veterans

All veterans are urged to contact Betty Sumner @ 254-687-2204 or Itasca HS @ 254-687-2922 ext. 115 by November 1 to RSVP for the 2010 Veterans Memorial Day Program honoring our servicemen, past and current. RSVP is not necessary but the students wish to acknowledge all of the veteran attendees with a certificate and they need the list in order to make the certificates ahead of time.



Garden Club Kicks off 2010 Year

Press Release from Itasca Garden Club



Pictured left to right Angelia Orr, Karen Buckner, Betty Sumner, Linda Hinson, Martha Strona, Dan Weaver, Charlene Wigginton, Diane Peckham, Betty Strona, Diane Taylor, Maria Woods. Photo by Amy Castillo

The Itasca Garden Club met at the Central Baptist Church of Itasca on September 9, 2010. This was the first meeting of the year for IGC. We are excited to begin a new year. All the members were to bring a covered dish. Dan Weaver of Weaver Nursery of Cleburne presented the program. He did a short course for Pansies and provided information on how to plant for the upcoming cold months as well as how to plant pansies.

He also did a thorough coverage on how to distinguish the different types of pansies, what are the best fertilizers to use and what were the best companion plants for planting with pansies.

Weaver's nursery, Weaver Nursery located at 711 S. Main, Cleburne, TX 76033 has a full line of fertilizers, plants and insecticides to help with all your fall planting needs. Anyone who has questions can contact Dan Weaver at 817-556-9909. The Itasca Garden Club next meeting will be October 14 at Angelia Orr's home.

Miss Cotton Pageant added to Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair

The Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair has added a Miss Cotton Pick-in' Fair Pageant for 2010. The fair will be held Saturday, September 25, in downtown Hillsboro. The pageant gets underway at 10:30 a.m. on the entertainment stage at the intersection of Franklin and Church streets. The pageant will be open to contestants 0 to 24 years of age and is being co-sponsored by the Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce.

Parents will have the option of helping their daughters on stage or let pageant organizers assist them on stage. Flowers and prizes will be awarded to everyone, and crowns and gift certificates will be presented to winners. Entry fee is \$35 with an optional \$5 entry fee per photo for the photogenic competition. The deadline to submit photos to the chamber office on North Covington Street is Thursday, September 23. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday in Historic City Hall, with the crowning ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

Age groups are: Baby Miss-0-12 months, Wee Miss-13 months to two years, Petite Miss-three-four years, Little Miss-five-six years, Sweetheart-seven-nine years, Pre-Teen-10-12 years, Junior Teen-13-14 years, Teen-15-17 years and Miss-18-24 years. For more information, contact the Chamber at 254-582-2481.

Hillsboro JHS Wee-Paws Club to host Pet Parade

As part of Go Texan Cotton Pickin' Fair on Saturday, September 25, Hillsboro Junior High School Wee-Paws Club has planned their annual pet parade. This group of young civic leaders formed last year to work with Hill County Paw Pals in reaching their attainable goals in correcting our community's pet overpopulation issue (www.hcpawpals.org). Registration will occur at stage center (Hillsboro Historic City Hall of Franklin Street) at 9:30 a.m. with parade start at 10 a.m. Categories of awards have been planned. All entry fees (\$5) will directly benefit HJHS Wee-Paws.

American Red Cross Helping Flood Victims



In an effort to survey the destruction left behind by Tropical Storm Hermine, American Red Cross Damage Assessment teams have fanned out across Bell and Hill counties for the past several days. With Damage Assessment 90% complete, the results are that 184 homes were affected in Bell and Hill Counties.

"Of the 184 affected, 48 were destroyed or rendered uninhabitable for an extended period of time," said Sandra Henderson, chief executive officer, American Red Cross Heart of Texas Chapter. "That's nearly 150 people who have no place to call home now and that's why the Red Cross is doing all we can to help. An additional 20 homes had not been assessed because of high water and dangerous road conditions at the release of this article. Displaced families in Red Cross shelters are guaranteed a safe place to stay and daily meals until a safe place to stay has been found."

Clean-up kits that contain squeegees, mops, buckets, rubber gloves and bleach are being distributed in the affected neighborhoods so that families can salvage what was left behind. Many times we do not realize that a flood carries away everything you own, including what you need to begin clearing away the debris. The distribution of supplies will continue.

American Red Cross caseworkers have begun the task of meeting one-on-one with affected families. The Red Cross will help the family with the means to purchase groceries, new clothing, new shoes and also help them find a new place to call home. Continued on page 6.

Senior Spotlight Chris Carlson

Reporter Aren Barton & Brandon Duby
Caricature by Martin Martinez



Trudging down the halls with cowboy boots, extra long jeans, Affliction brand t-shirt, shaggy hair and his scruffy day old beard, six foot four Chris Carlson is not one to be missed at IHS.

"What can I say about Chris," a friend said, "He is an amazing guy. He is laid back and can be sarcastic, but pretty much everything he says will make you laugh."

Christopher James Carlson is the only son of James and Julie Carlson. He has a younger sister, Ashley, who is in the eighth grade at IJH.

"I look up to my parents," Chris said. "I admire my mom because she is strong willed, and my dad because he is a hard worker."

Christopher has many friends that he considers a part of his family. When he isn't at school, he hangs out with his best friends, Ryan, Hunter, Chad, Chris Rodgers, Aren, his "arch nemeses" Courtney, BJ and Duby.

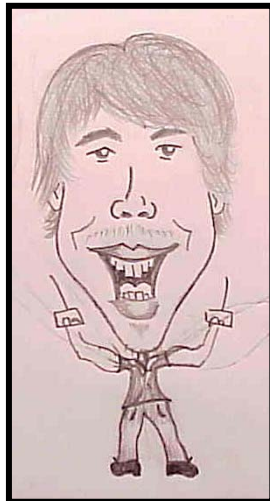
"My favorite high school memories are from my junior year when I hung out with the coolest people on earth, the people of the class of 2010," Chris reflected.

Chris enjoys playing his favorite video game, "Call of Duty," hunting, fishing, sleeping, and drinking Monster energy drinks. He also likes listening to his favorite music artists Avenged Sevenfold, Bullet for my Valentine, Lil' Wayne, and Eminem.

"Rock music sounds pretty cool," Chris said. "It really gets you pumped up and the guitars sound awesome."

Being a guitar player in training, Chris can fully appreciate the sounds put forth by rock guitarists.

During high school Chris has participated in many extracurricular activities. His junior year, Chris wore #53 on the varsity football team as left tackle, defensive end, and offensive lineman. He also played basketball his freshman and sophomore years and went to Regional in Cross Country his sophomore year. His freshman year he played the drums in the band.



Meet the Press - David Maddox

Reporter Hannah Johnson



Joining the *Paw Print Press* staff is sixteen-year-old sophomore David Paul Maddox. He is the son of Larry and Shirley Maddox, has three older sisters, Emily, Amy, and Mary, and a younger brother Ben. He's in One Act Play, Cross-Ex Debate, flips burgers at Jimmy's, and is the lead singer and guitar player at the Cen-

tral Baptist Youth band.

As a staff member, David travels to every football game to take pictures.

"One of my goals in life is to make a difference," David said. "I believe I can achieve that by being a part of what helps keep our town together."

Welcome to IMS

Reporter Shelby Ledwig



Rachel Matus is the new 5th and 6th grade science teacher at Itasca Middle School. She grew up and graduated from West, Texas and continued her education at Baylor University where she got a Bachelor's Degree in Forensic Science. Although she loves forensic science and autopsies, she truly believes that teaching is her true calling.

Matus has been married to her high school sweetheart, James, for 4 1/2 years. They have been together for 10 1/2 years. They began dating when he hit her with a discus when both were on the varsity track team.

She began teaching in December of 2008. Prior to coming to Itasca she taught at Bosqueville and Conley Junior High.

"I like that Itasca has the small town feel like West," Matus said. "With all of the school spirit throughout the town, it is awesome!"

Correction

In Issue #37 we ran a story on her IJH teacher Rose Donaldson. There were errors in her education information. She did attend UMHB (University of Mary Hardin-Baylor) after MCC and majored in elementary teacher, but she stopped her education before earning a degree. When she returned to college she attended Baylor University and earned a BBA in Computer Information Systems. She earned her teacher certification from MCC in 2009.

Wampus Cats Lose to Tolar Rattlers 47-0

Sports Reporter David Corbitt

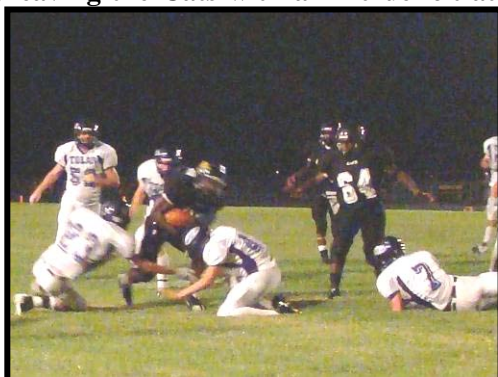


The Wampus Cats took the field last Friday for their third game of the season against the Tolar Rattlers. Coming out of their open week, the Cats had an impressive 2-0 start to the season.

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However, this week's match-up was all Rattlers. The previously superb Wampus Cat offense could not get anything started against this much older and larger Tolar defense. With 15 seniors leading their team, the Rattlers stopped every offensive drive, leaving the Cats with a 47-0 deficit at the end of the game.

Despite the score, the Cats fought hard to the end and gave it everything they had. They are eager for next week's home game against the Wortham Bulldogs, and are working harder than ever this week to prepare themselves.



Aerospace Scholars Program

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Eligible students are required to meet the following criteria: **U.S. citizen **Texas resident **Currently a high school junior **Interest in science, math, or engineering **Able to commit to a relationship with the Johnson Space Center (JSC) including a one-week residential experience during the summer and **Access to the Internet and e-mail (home, school, or public library).

The state of Texas, in partnership with JSC, and the Texas educational community, developed High School Aerospace Scholars in 1999 to encourage students to pursue studies and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Additional partners include the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, University of Houston System, and Rotary NASA. More than 6,000 students from across the state of Texas have participated in the program.

High school juniors interested in applying for the 2010-2011 program should visit the web at: <http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov/>.

2010 Varsity Football

W - 2 L - 1

September			
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

W - 2

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September			
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.

2010 Cross Country Schedule

September			
22	Glen Rose	Glen Rose	
	JH, HS		
29	Whitney Invitational		
	State Park	JH, HS	
October			
14	Cedar Hill Invitational		HS
25	District	Santo	HS
November			
6	Regional	Vandergriff Park (Arlington)	
13	State	Round Rock	

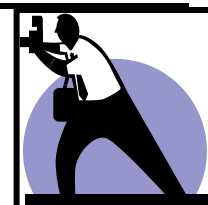


IHS Important Dates

September	
27	University Day at Hill College
October	
6	9 th & 10 th College Prep Test ACT
13	PSAT Test (9 th - 11 th grade)

2010 - 2011 Picture Dates

October	
15	Football - Junior High & High School Individual Pictures (Pre-K - 12 th & Staff)
November	
15	Marching Band - Group Retakes of Individual Pictures (Pre-K-12 th & Staff)
January	
11	Basketball - Junior High & High School Cheerleaders - Junior High & High School
May	
5	Class Groups - (Pre-K-12 th) "Buddy" or Individual



Request for Homecoming

BBQ Reservation

Saturday, October 9 – 11:30 p.m.

Itasca ISD Cafeteria

Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$12.00 each for the Noon Barbecue October 9, 2010.

Please print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Tickets will be \$15.00 at door.

Total \$ _____

You will pick up your paid tickets at the door of the cafeteria. No mail outs.

Send check payable to: Itasca Ex-Student Association before September 27, 2010.

Itasca Ex-Student Association, P.O. Box 324, Itasca, TX 76055

Itasca Depot Heritage & Education Center 2010 Schedule

October

9 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

(Saturday, Homecoming)



Exes Show Your Wampus Cat Pride with Spirit Banner



The Itasca Booster Club is seeking Wampus Cat sponsors. Your banner will be displayed on the Patton Field fence for

all football games and at the Wampus Cat Ballpark for all baseball games.

Yearly banner sponsorship cost is \$100. The 3' x 6' banners are black with gold lettering. Please keep your banner simple with as few words as possible so that it may be read easily. The Booster Club will display the banner for you and all banners become Booster Club property. If you have any questions, please call Laura Crouch at 254-337-0830.

Hillsboro Estate Sale

508 E. Franklin - Fri. 9/24 (9 am - 6 pm), Sat. 9/25 (9 am - 5 pm), Sun. 9/26 (10 am - 5 pm - 1/2 Price)

Estate of Maurine Mash Bacon Reynolds - 68+ years accumulation - house/storeroom/garage full! Antique dining room suite, hall tree, four-poster bed, lg. round oak table, washer/dryer, 4 dressers with mirrors, 2 chest of drawers, trunks, wicker sofa, 2 sofa tables, smoking stand, antique saloon decanters (unique!), glassware, kitchenware, bottle collection, books, practical stuff, elephant collection, room full of Christmas, much more! Preview at PSpencerEstateServices.com or call (512) 663-9976 or (254) 580-0005.

BACA Carter Blood Drive

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The event will be held in conjunction with the group's fundraiser. For more information or to register for an appointment time, contact Jeannetta Green at 254-582-8485.

About one in seven people entering a hospital needs blood. Cancer and leukemia patients use more blood products than any other patient group in the Carter BloodCare service area. Every 90 seconds, someone in our community needs blood. The blood comes from volunteer blood donors. With your commitment to give blood often, many of the patients dependent on transfusions survive and celebrate numerous milestones with family and friends. Potential donors can be 16 years old with a parent's consent; 17-year-olds may donate independently and there is no upper age limit for donating blood. All donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good general health and present a photo ID. Ideally, a donor should also eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids before giving blood. For more information about donor eligibility, call Carter BloodCare at 1-800-DONATE-4 or visit carter-bloodcare.org.

Carter BloodCare's donors provide lifesaving blood for patients at over 200 health care facilities in 56 counties in North, Central and East Texas. Carter BloodCare is the largest not-for-profit 501(c) (3) community blood center in Texas and is accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks, licensed by the Food and Drug Administration and is a member of America's Blood Centers.

Red Cross Helps Flood Victims

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Caseworkers are working hand-in-hand with partner organizations throughout Bell and Hill counties so that families receive as much help as possible in their recovery. The caseworkers are provided in the neighborhoods so families will be able to continue cleaning; only having to stop for the short time when the Red Cross arrives.

"We want every family that has lost their home because of this flood to know that the Red Cross is here to do all we can to help," said Henderson. "But we need help to help others. If you have not been affected and you can make a donation of any amount, please do. Families all across this area need our help." Ways to help are:

****Text: REDCROSS to 90999 to donate \$10

****Call: 1-800-REDCROSS

****Click: www.redcross.org

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and counsels victims of disasters; provides nearly half of the nation's blood supply; teaches lifesaving skills; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization - not a government agency and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its humanitarian mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

Elementary News 4th Graders Receive “American Patriot’s Handbook”



Amy Burk, Woodmen of the World Field Representative for Hill County, recently donated a copy of the "American Patriot's Handbook" to every fourth grade student enrolled in public school in Hill County. The three-part book contains information on the Constitution, the United States flag, and detailed biographies of each American president. Shown above, from left, are Itasca Elementary School principal Karon Farquhar, fourth grade students Samantha Faries and Sophie Hennig, and Burk. For more information on Woodmen products and patriotic presentations, call Burk at 254-582-9416 or email aj-burk@woodmen.org.

August Police Blotter

8-3 - Disturbance (Verbal) - 100 blk. E. Marrion St.
 8-5 - Arrest for Class “C” traffic violation (Refused to pay fine) - Itasca PD
 8-6 - Request for assistance civil matter - 600 blk. E. Adams St.
 8-7 - IPD check of Garage Sale permit - 500 blk. E. Main St.
 8-8 - Report of reckless driver & unsecured child - I-35W southbound mm 8
 8-8 - Report theft of television (over \$50) - 300 blk. S. Park St.
 8-9 - Reports (4 separate incidents) of criminal mischief (Spray painted graffiti)- 100 blk. E. Adams St. & 100 blk. W. Main St.
 8-9 - Domestic disturbance - 600 blk. S. Files St.
 8-9 - Disturbances (Tires slashed) - 100 blk. Front St.
 8-9 - Traffic stop (Speeding 81mph/65mph) No valid drivers license - Vehicle impounded - I-35W northbound mm 7
 8-10 - Report of suspicious person - 400 blk. K Lane
 8-11 - Disturbance (Verbal concerning animal) -800 blk. Mill St.
 8-11 - Criminal Trespass Warning issued - 200 blk. Forrest St.
 8-13 - Report of possible suicide - 300 blk. N. Files St.
 8-13 - Assisted HCSO at Hill Regional Hospital - Hillsboro
 8-15 - 911 Disturbance call (Verbal) - 100 blk. Harris St.
 8-15 - 911 Disturbance call (report of verbal & physical by caller) - 300 blk. E. Henderson St.
 8-15 - Welfare check - N. Files St.
 8-16 - Welfare check (Male attacked) Left on I-35W northbound mm 10
 8-17 - Theft from residence (Over \$50) - 200 blk. S. Aquilla St.
 8-17 - Request of person to be removed from residence - 200 blk. S. Lamar St.
 8-18 - Report of driver displaying lewd behavior - I-35W 8 mm
 8-19 - Trespassing report (Storage rooms w/cut locks) - 100 blk. S. Hill St.

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Go Texan/Cottin Pickin’ Fair

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The art and craft booths open and Elm Street Rod Run gets underway at 10 a.m. Hill County Paw Pals will sponsor a pet parade at the entertainment stage at the intersection of Church and Franklin streets. Registration is at 9 a.m., line-up will follow at 9:45 a.m. and the parade will start at 10 a.m. Participants will return to the entertainment stage where winners will be announced in six categories: biggest pet, smallest pet, owner look-a-like, best trick, best costume and judges’ choice.

The tractors will parade from Hillsboro Center starting at 10 a.m. The tractors and engines will then be on display throughout the day in the 100 block of East Franklin Street. There is no registration fee. People’s Choice awards will be presented to the top three entrants in the show. In addition, there will be awards for the Best Original, Farthest Traveled, Best Engine and Best Gar-den Tractor.

Special entertainment is planned throughout the day on a stage. Open washer, Go Texan horseshoe for Hill County participants only and open horseshoe tournaments will be held on East Elm Street in the vacant lot across from Business Supply Center. Washers will be pitched at 10 a.m., followed by Go Texan horseshoes at 11 a.m. and open horseshoes at noon. The doubles’ domino tournament will get underway at 10 a.m. at Historic City Hall. Entry fee is \$10 per team for each of the competitions. The HLSRA will host the horseshoe, washer and domino tournaments and team penning at the Katy Equestrian Center in February where top Hill County teams will compete.

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, contact the Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce at 254-582-2481 or, toll free, 1-800-HILLSBORO.

Homecoming Information

Class of 1959

Meeting Room of Super 8 Motel (behind IHOP)

Get-Together following Ex-Students Meeting

Saturday, October 9 Approx. 3:00 p.m. - ?

All schoolmates & other friends are welcome to come & spend time together

Class of 1960

The Graduating Class of 1960 will have a

Get-Together at the Curry Building,

Saturday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.

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 p.m.

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

Class of 1980

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

August Police Blotter

8-19 - Trespassing report (Storage rooms w/cut locks) - 100 blk. S. Hill St.
 8-19 - Report of reckless driver (Responsible for children falling off bikes) - 100 blk. Minnie Dr.
 8-19 - Welfare check - 800 blk. Loom St.
 8-20 - Criminal mischief report (Broken window) - 100 blk. S. Aquilla St.
 8-21 - Disturbance report (Large crowd had gathered) - 100 blk. Marrion St.
 8-21 - Disturbance (Women fighting) - 100 blk. W. Main
 8-24 - Assisted motorist (18 wheeler w/broken air hose) - 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 8-25 - Burglary alarm - 100 blk. E. Adams St.
 8-27 - Theft by check - 1500 blk. E. Main St.
 8-27 - Assisted motorist (Ran over unidentified object) - I-35W southbound mm 9
 8-27 - Attempted traffic stop (80mph/70mph) Failed to yield- Felony stop I-35 southbound mm 370 (assisted by HPD) Arrest for evading w/vehicle (Asian/M/23)
 8-28 - Assisted Ordinance Enforcement Officer (Concerning impounded vehicles) - 100 blk. S. Aquilla St.
 8-28 - Report of theft (Over \$50 ladder) - 100 blk. S. Aquilla St.
 8-28 - Domestic disturbance - 300 blk. W. Main St.
 8-30 - Animal complaint (Loose livestock - Bull) - Mill St. & HCR 4259
 8-31 - Arrest (Public intoxication arrest) - 200 blk. N. Hill St.

Itasca Fall Clean-Up

September 25 - October 2

Allied will pick up on trash day

(If in bag or box - 50 lb. limit - Limbs 3 ft. length)

Free dumping by showing water bill

Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 12 noon



(Not accepted: Chemicals, paint, batteries, tires, hazardous waste & anything with Freon)

Domino Tourney - Go Texan/Fair

A doubles' domino tournament will be part of the 2010 Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair. It will get underway at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 25, at Historic City Hall in the 100 block of East Franklin Street. Top-finishing Hill County participants will advance, along with washer and horseshoe winners, to Houston once again.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association will host the horseshoe, washer and domino tournaments and team-penning event at the Katy Equestrian Center in February.

Entry fee for the tournament will be \$10 per team.

 90's Classes Homecoming Reunion	
Saturday, October 9 th , 2010 6:00 pm-1:30 am Location: TRD, will post later	
Calling all IH ^S graduates from the classes 1990-1999...	
It's that time again, Homecoming!!! Let's do it up BIG by celebrating together. We will have music and food, <u>but</u> they don't come cheap. We ask that you please make a small \$20 donation to help with expenses! Mail all donations to the following:	
Kelly Tinklenberg 602 Williams ST Grandview, TX 76050	
(make checks payable to: Kelly Tinklenberg) Receipt Upon Request	
Any remaining funds will be donated to the Ex-Students Association Scholarship fund	
RSVP: <input type="checkbox"/> Attending <input type="checkbox"/> Not Attending <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe	
please return this form EVEN IF NOT ATTENDING	
If you would like to scan and email any pictures/memorabilia from our school days, please send to ktink@itascasaid.org . I will put on display for all to see at the reunion! Thanks!	

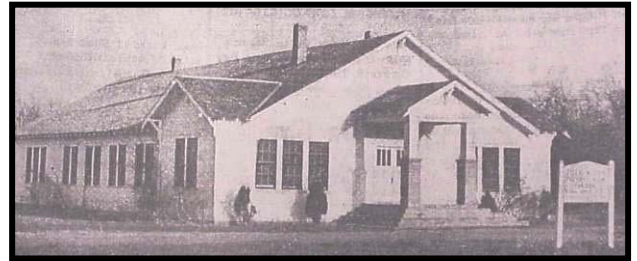
Remember When . . . “Files Valley Presbyterian Church”

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Recently there have been several inquires about the Files Valley Presbyterian Church. Some did not know that the church burned once and that the church is no longer in existence, or what happened to it. So this seems to be a good time for a column on the church.



In 1846, David Files, his brother and their families came to Hill County and settled in Files Valley. But at that time the place was called Eureka Valley. In November, 1879 the name of Files Valley was established. David and his family were Presbyterian and it wasn't long before they decided to establish a church there. So in 1848, a church was organized. They started a fundraising campaign. They were holding services in the school building at that time, and did so again later while another church was being built. I have no record of just when the building was constructed but it must have been around 1850. Records show that another and larger church was built in 1878 and another in 1898.

On December 25, 1933 the church burned. It started from a house fire nearby, spread to the tabernacle at the back of the church and then to the church. The piano, a few pews and the pulpit were saved. Its destruction was a hard blow to the Valley community and the Presbyterian Children's Home, who attended services there. The insurance amounted to \$2,425 and they estimated a new building would cost about \$10,000. The people in the valley could not contribute much since it was during the great depression. So it was necessary that friends over the Synod help with re-building. The building committee consisted of Rev. H.W. Allen, Pat E. Hooks, Mrs. J.E. Watts, Julia Stallworth, Rev. C.B. Yeargan, W.D. Wood, W.P. McEver, Roy McKey, L.S. Files and H. Westberry. The church seemed to prosper for almost twenty years and then attendance began to fall off. Sensing that the church would fail, the Presbyterian Home wanted to come to the Itasca Church.

The Itasca Cumberland Presbyterian Church was organized in 1884 by Rev. J.W. Lackey. On November 14, 1886, Rev. Lackey was hired for one fourth of his time for \$125 a year. At first they met in the Itasca school for worship while the church was being built. A bell was purchased which is still in use today. At that time the building cost \$8,000. There was also a Eureka Presbyterian Church and one at Osceola; they gradually assimilated into the Itasca Church.

In 1954, the subject was broached that the Files Valley Church unite with the Itasca Church. It was decided at the time to try to continue in Files Valley. Mr. A.C. Bridges was called as a pastor at the time. Rev. Wilson Keenan was serving the Itasca Church. Sometime later Mr. Bridges resigned to take a church in Mississippi. The union matter was again brought before the bodies concerned. After several meeting of the official boards a request was made to Central Texas Presbyterian resulting in the union of the two churches.

Rev. Wilson Keenan and Sidney J. Files represented the session of the First Church and elders Delford Williamson and Jim Gillespie represented the Session of the Files Valley Church. By mutual agreement the Files Valley Church was to convey to the First Presbyterian Church of Itasca all properties and records to dissolve the Files Valley Presbyterian Church, effective March 21, 1958. The request was granted and as of midnight March 21, 1958 the Files Valley Presbyterian Church will go out of existence as a separate body.

It was sad to see the church cease to be because of its great influence on the community. Part of the glue that holds a community together is its churches. The other churches in the Valley had gone long before. Although the two church groups had worshipped together many times, now for the first time they would worship together as one body. Leaders from both churches were elected to carry on the program of the now united church body.

With the demise of the church, the only businesses left in the Valley were the Stufflebeme Gin and the general store operated by Sue Files, daughter of Malcolm Files.

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Wampus Cats of the Week

“The Wampus Cat Drum Line”



(Left to right) Eduardo Castellanos, Jose Ramirez, Christopher Bruton, Becca Payne, Brandon Farquhar, Tristen Prescott, Ben Maddox, Hunter Germer, Jimmy Rodriguez, Parker Kowalski.

The Mighty Wampus Cat Band is back and once again the drum line is awesome. The drum line has been working hard every practice to be the best that they can be. Not only the cheerleaders and crowd cheer on the football boys; but the band plays a big part in revving up the team and the drum line with their invigorating beat sets the pace.



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