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Hill Regional introduces new General Surgeon

Press Release



Patrick C. Obasi, M.D., General Surgeon, joined the Hill Regional Hospital medical staff and is associated with the Hill County Surgical Services where he is now in practice.

He attended the University of Texas at Arlington where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in, Microbiology. While in medical school, he was a Research Fellow at the Cleveland Clinic,

Cleveland, Ohio and at the Veteran Administration Medical Clinic, Washington, D.C. in 2000 and 2001 respectively.

In 2004, he earned a medical degree at the Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, D. C. where he received the Graduating Student's Award for Courage and Perseverance. He also completed Colorectal Rotations at Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D. C. and The Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland Ohio.

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Lawless Park Ready for Homecoming 2010

Reporter Emma Orr



If you remember what Lawless Park looked like a few months ago, you would not recognize it now. The city has not only put forth the effort and money to get new trashcans, sidewalks, shaded picnic areas, and playground equipment but also installed a beautiful rock fountain and three picturesque lampposts. These will be run on timers so as not to waste water or electricity.

But sadly, not all the news is good. The disrespectful behavior of littering in the park has not ceased and the town is stepping up to deal with the problem. If anyone is caught littering, not only will he or she have to pay a fine, but they also will have a court hearing—most likely resulting in community service.

Students, Community, Educators Join Together in World Peace Effort

Reporter Emma Orr

Windmill photo Pam Willman



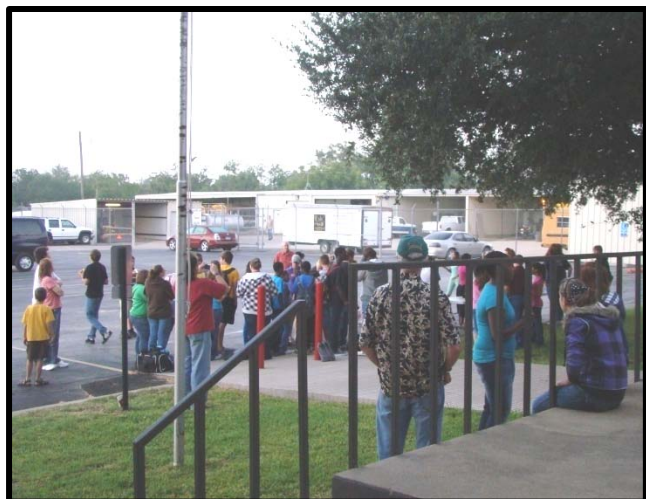
On Tuesday, September 21, art classes all over the world celebrated the International Day of World Peace by designing, assembling, and displaying pinwheels of all shapes and sizes at their schools. Itasca art students also participated in the event and placed their colorful pinwheels in front of the high school for all to see.

"I would like to thank all students who have participated for a job well done," IISD Art

Teacher Nancy Watson said.

On Wednesday morning students and residents of Itasca met in front of the high school to join thousands of other students across the country participating in the annual "Meet You at the Pole." This is a student organized and student lead prayer service that includes praying for world peace.

The local churches furnished breakfast for the early risers. A number of churches also held services and programs in the evening.



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.

Ministerial Alliance News

At the September 11 meeting of the Itasca Ministerial Alliance, elections for the coming year were held. Elected to offices were President-Larry Maddox, Vice President-Johnny Bates, Secretary-Dru Lacy and Treasurer-Maurice Williams.

The Alliance discussed several upcoming plans, including 5th Quarters after the football games and the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 21.

Everyone is invited to attend the Ministerial Alliance meetings, which are held on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Please contact an area pastor for the location or check the *Paw Print Press*.

Diane Barnes, Commissioned Lay Pastor

First Presbyterian Church of Itasca

www.fpcitasca.org

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.



Officials Work to Voice Hill County Concerns in Austin

Press Release

In preparation of the 82nd Legislative Session, Commissioner Larry Wright, Sheriff Jeffrey T. Lyon and Chief Deputy Stephen Girsh attended a meeting with the Johnson County Commissioners Court in conjunction with Texas Association of Counties to address pending items to be discussed that effect Hill County residents. All area Elected Officials and Department Heads were invited to be heard on local issues and concerns. Both Commissioner Wright and Sheriff Lyon believe your voice and the voice of your local elected official is the first step in being heard at the state capitol and to elected officials in Austin and even as far as Washington.

"Local elected officials are the cornerstone of our government," Sheriff Lyon said. "Participate in your local government, attend county commissioners court or ask that is be streamed on the World Wide Web."

Commissioner Wright added that "all elected officials must participate in the bills in their draft forms and committee phases to have local concerns addressed. If we do not let our voices be heard then the elected members of legislature in Austin cannot effectively know our concerns."

Hillsboro Welcomes New Surgeon

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Dr. Obasi started his general surgery residency, at the Graduate Hospital, Philadelphia, PA where he received the Surgical Excellence Award and later transferred to the Medical University of South Carolina for completion. He has also been published in a variety of medical journals including an article to be published in a Laproscopy Journal

"Dr. Obasi is experienced, well educated and brings remarkable energy, compassionate and commitment to our patients, we are very excited he has joined HRH." said Jan McClure, CEO, Hill Regional Hospital.

Dr. Obasi has three children, 1 boy and 2 girls and two dogs he recently acquired at PAWS. His enjoys tennis, horseback riding, reading and traveling.

"I am living my dream, to live in Texas with my family and practice medicine. This community and their well-being is important to me, I want to offer the very best of my skills and experience." said Dr. Obasi.

Dr Obasi is accepting new patients. For more information about Dr. Obasi's practice and surgical services or to make an appointment, call 254-580-9989.

Hill County Heritage Book Vol. II

News Release

Over 300 new family stories will be included in Volume II of The Heritage of Hill County, Texas. Military veterans and Hill County sheriffs and other lawmen will be featured in separate sections of the book. Articles on towns, schools, businesses and clubs will be in another section of this grass roots history book. .

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

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

Volume I is sold out. One hundred books have to be ordered and prepaid before it will be republished. For information, check Heritage Publishing Consultants website: <http://heritagepublishing.net> or call 1 (800) 568-1611.

Community 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 Mon. - Fri. 6 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat. 7 a.m. - 12 noon (Not accepted: Chemicals, paint, batteries, tires, hazardous waste & anything with Freon)

Help Your Classes Please Send Your BoxTops

Support the Elementary
Send them to school with your
child or mail to the *Paw Print*
Press, 123 N. College St. Itasca, TX 76055



Country Concert

Trail To The Cross Cowboy Church of Hillsboro presents The Legends of Country Concert which will be held on Saturday, October 9 in the Hill County Exhibit Building located behind the football stadium. The Legends of Country Concert includes music of Kitty Wells, Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Minnie Pearl and Ray Price. Tickets are \$10 and the doors open at 5:00 pm with raffle prizes awarded throughout the evening. Come early for a good seat and food. The concert starts at 7:00 pm. For tickets and more information, please call 972-571-2603

Senior Spotlight Monnie Green

Reporter Shelby Ledwig
Caricature by Martin Martinez



"My most memorable moment was probably also my most embarrassing moment," good natured Monnie Green said smiling. "I was at Wal-Mart and my niece was holding on to the back pockets of my pants and they fell off! I'll never forget how embarrassed I was, but it was pretty

funny and we all laughed about it."

Monnie Christy Green is the daughter of Teresa and Randy Alison. She has two older sisters, Brandi Harris and Katherine Green (IHS Class of 2010). Monnie has been a Mighty Wampus Cat for three years. Her route to IHS was by way of Cleburne ISD (Pre-k - 8th grade) and then Keene ISD (9th grade). She moved to Itasca her sophomore year and has been a big part of the Class of 2011 ever since.

"My plans following graduation are to extend my education by going to Hill College and study cosmetology. Everything in my life is coming faster than I ever imagined. My daughter is due next month and my goal is to make something of myself. That is especially important since I need to set a good example for her."

Monnie enjoys writing poetry and singing karaoke in her spare time.

"Shania Twain's *You're Still the One* is my favorite song to sing when we sing karaoke. Another of my favorites is Mrs. Van Borstel. She is my favorite teacher because she is just fun to be around."

Monnie has enjoyed high school and she believes if the underclassmen would heed her advice, "Always do your best, it only gets better," most of them would also have a better high school experience.



Found - Dog

No collar – E. Adams area

Call & give description to claim 254-687-9792

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.

Meet the Press - Brandon Duby

Reporter Hannah Johnson



Brandon Scott Duby is a fifteen-year-old sophomore who is very involved with town and school activities. He is in band, Debate, on the Itasca Retro Love Peace Team, and hopes to be in One Act Play and Prose and Poetry this upcoming UIL year.

On the PPP, Brandon is the assistant business manager, which includes jobs such as filing, labeling, making sure all subscriptions get mailed and also writing articles.

"I like being a part of the community newspaper," Brandon said. "It gives me opportunities to meet new people and be involved in events around Itasca."

Two years from now when Brandon graduates, he hopes to go to Texas A & M to become a Marine Biologist. He is the son of Robert Duby II and Courtney Watkins. He has one brother, Robert Duby III, a junior at IHS.

Welcome to IMS

Reporter Shelby Ledwig



Casie Deawn Davison is new to Itasca. She grew up in Odessa and graduated from Bangs High School, a small town close to Abilene. After graduating, Ms. Davison went to Tarleton University where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Biology.

She began school wanting to be a nurse, but this changed, when she realized the only thing that interested her about nursing was the one on one time with the patients. That was when her passion for teaching was born.

"I really only liked the teaching element of nursing," Davison said. "I figured if I can teach older people, then surely I can teach children."

Before coming to Itasca, she taught science for two years in Hillsboro. This year she is teaching 7th and 8th grade English at the Itasca Middle School.

"I like Itasca because it's a small town. You know everyone and everyone has your back. That's how I grew up and it only makes sense to work where your heart is."

Her heart is also at Itasca because her "sweetie" is IHS English teacher and Football Coach Nathan Morrill.

2010 Homecoming

October 8

Itasca Wampus Cats vs. DeLeon Bearcats

Patton Field

7:30 p.m.

Itasca take advantage of Wortham Cats 27 Bulldogs 6

Sports Reporter David Corbitt
Photos by David Maddox



The Wampus Cats stepped out onto the gridiron last Friday with a vengeance. The sting of last week's game was still fresh, and the memory of last year's "mud hole" game against the Wortham Bulldogs still infuriating. They stepped onto Patton Field ready to play; and play they did.

The Cats' offense was led into this rematch with the Dogs by freshman quarterback #3 Fischer Hennig, in his first game as a

part of the varsity lineup, replacing the injured Cole Coleman. During his first ever varsity start this young quarterback did remarkably well. He was protected in the backfield with outstanding offensive line play, and led his offense to score two touchdowns. One of these came during the second quarter as a remarkable 60-yard touchdown run past Dog defenders down the sideline by #2 Shakeal Mozon. The second was again provided by Mozon during the 3rd quarter after a long drive by the offense, again marked with great blocking and impressive plays by all of the offensive players.

Despite their admirable offensive production, the best performances by the Cats came on the defensive side of the ball as they forced 3 fumbles that they then recovered. The first of these fumbles occurred in the first quarter, and was picked up and returned 64 yards by #22 Jonathan Frederick, who also punched in the 2-point conversion afterwards. The second was recovered by #54 Dakota Cox, and the third returned for another TD by Frederick; followed by a #1 Jaciel Gutierrez extra point kick.

Mozon had the interception of the night, which was unfortunately called back because of a penalty on the return. #51 Robert Duby had his best game of the season by far, with his name called over the loudspeakers for tackle after tackle, and sack after glorious sack.

The Cats more than redeemed themselves with this great game. They are now looking forward with new confidence for their upcoming game against the big 2-A Teague Lions.



2010 Varsity Football

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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

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September

30	Teague	Home	5:00 p.m.
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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

29	Whitney Invitational		
	State Park	JH, HS	

October

14	Cedar Hill Invitational		
	HS		

25	District	Santo	HS
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November

6	Regional	Vandergriff Park (Arlington)	
13	State	Round Rock	



IHS Important Dates

September

27	University Day at Hill College		
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October

6 - 9 th & 10 th	Grades College Pre ACT (No cost)		
13	PSAT Test (9 th - 11 th - \$13 - only 50 seats)		
19 & 20	8 th grade Pre ACT (No cost)		

***All home schooled students are welcomed & encouraged to take these exams at Itasca schools. Contact Grace Hennig @ 254-687-2922 ext. 116 or ghennih@itascaisd.org

2010 - 2011 Picture Dates

October

15	Football - Junior High & High School		
	Individual Pictures (Pre-K - 12 th & Staff)		

November

15	Marching Band - Group		
	Retakes - Individual (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		



August City Council Meeting

The Itasca City Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 23, 2010 in the Council Chambers, 136 N. Hill St., Itasca, Texas. Mayor Matthew Fehnel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were council members James Bouldin, Susie Davis, Denis Heyse, Doug Farquhar and John Laird. Also present were City Administrator Mark Gropp and City Attorney Stephanie Johnson. Motions were passed to accept the July 19, 2010 minutes as amended and to approve the payment of bills. Monthly department and committee reports were given for the Water/Sewer Operations, the Itasca PD, the IVFD, the Planning and Zoning Committee, the Office of Code Enforcement and the Substandard Building Committee.

The Hill County Emergency Services District No. 1 (ESD #1) proposed contract agreement for the City of Itasca to provide fire department services was considered. There was a discussion regarding not understanding part of the agreement. A motion was made and passed to table a decision on the agreement until clarification could be obtained. A discussion considering an Agreement for Mutual Aid in Fire Protection and Other Emergency Services between the entities and/or emergency services organizations was also tabled.

A motion was passed on Resolution No 081610 establishing and adopting the Policy and Procedures included in the General Orders manual for the City of Itasca Police Department.

Jose N. Gonzalez request regarding annexing into the city limits, S.R. Barnes Survey Abstract 74, and zone commercial was considered. Discussion included the location of the property, zone commercial to use as a doctor office building, already has utility services on the property, and will not need city utility services. The Council agreed that the property does not have to be annexed in to the city limits for Mr. Gonzalez to have his business and suggested that he go to the county.

Ordinance #081619-1 amending the City of Itasca Code of Ordinances Chapter 19, Utilities, Section 19-40 concerning water rates and providing an effective date was read by the Mayor. The minimum monthly rate for use of 0 through 1,000 gallons for all single-family residential units is 25.45 and the minimum monthly rate for all businesses is \$28.57. A motion was approved to adopt Ordinance #081619-1 with an effective date of September 1, 2010, waiving the second and third readings.

Mayor Matthew Fehnel ordered an election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to elect Mayor and two (2) Council Members. A motion was passed to approve an Election Equipment Lease Agreement with Hill County, Texas for the use of electronic voting equipment to be used by City of Itasca in the election dated November 2, 2010 as is mandated by law.

The Council considered a proposal to establish an Ad Valorem Tax Rate for tax year 2010, schedule public hearings and designate a person from Hill County Appraisal District to calculate the rate. The City Administrator and Tax Collector recommended adopting the effective tax rate of .572600 cents per \$100 of valuation, which would allow the city to collect an estimate of \$8810 more in revenues. There was no need to schedule public hearings to adopt the effective tax rate. A motion was passed to adopt the effective tax rate at the next regular meeting and to designate Kristi Hill from the Hill County Appraisal District to calculate the rate. The Rerate Notice and Benefit Verification Form, and Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement regarding the renewal of medical insurance with TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefit Pool was approved.

The Mayor read Ordinance #082310 of the City of Itasca, Texas which prohibit the sale or delivery of restricted smoking material to individuals below the age of twenty-one (21) and shall prohibit the possession of restricted smoking materials by individuals below the age of twenty-one (21): restricted smoking materials subject to this regulation shall be those substances known as synthetic cannabinoids or salvia divinorum which are frequently known as or marketed as products such as "K-2", "K-2 Summit", "K-2 Sex", "Genie", "Dascents", "Zohai", "Sage", "Spice", "KO Knock-Out 2", "Spice Gold", "Spice Diamond", "Yucatan Fire", "Solar Flare", "Pep Spice", "Fire N' Ice", and "Salvia Divinorum." The Council approved and adopted Ordinance #082310 with an effective date immediately upon its passage, waiving the second and third readings.

The meeting was open for general Mayor, Council and City Administrator discussion and reports. The City Administrator updated the City Council on the progress of the new construction at Lawless Park and the awnings downtown which he hopes the project will be completed by homecoming. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Itasca Depot Heritage & Education Center 2010 Schedule

October 9

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

(Saturday, Homecoming)



Show Your Wampus Cat Pride with Spirit Banner

Yearly banner sponsorship is \$100.

The 3' x 6' banners are black with gold lettering. For more information contact Laura Crouch @ 254-337-0830.

Delinquent Tax Information #5

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.

The number to the right of the names is the number of years the taxes are in arrears.

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	Tom Phillips 21
One Way Home And Land 4	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
Ruby Searcy 2	Don Thompson 2
John Connors 7	Torino Retail 3
Texas Three Health Associates 2	Earl Valentine 20
Trinity Aqua 5	Carrie Washington 24
Jose And Gladis Vincencio 2	William Goar 5
Bennie E West 5	Zelma Williams 16
Barbara Williams 12	Glen & Betty Worley 2
Annette Willis 4	

Card of Thanks

I would like to send out my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who has kept me and my family in their thoughts and prayers for the last 3 months, and still continue to do so. For all the churches, prayer partners, friends and people I don't even know, that have prayed for me, for my healing and comfort, words just don't seem to express how thankful I am for you.

That is why I am here today to be able to say, "Thank You for caring." Words just don't seem enough at this time, but let me assure you, I am a living, breathing testimony that prayers works. Let this be your BIG Thank You that I am here and will always be grateful.

He keeps me functioning each and every day.

Without Him, I will be nothing.

But, with Christ, He strengthens me.

Phil 4:13

With Love, Jimmy Baker and all my Family

Yes, You Can Teach an Old Dog New Tricks

Paw Pals Press Release

How does one teach a dog a new trick? Especially one that involves it going to the refrigerator and fetching its own water bottle and even closing the door? The volunteers with Paw Pals found out by attending a session for basic dog obedience training by Lisa De la Paz, a professional dog trainer, who owns and manages My Pack Leader (www.mypackleader.com) during Paw Pals' August public meeting.

Lisa and her husband, JD, founded their dog sitting and training business out of sheer passion for the well being of our companion animal friends. A basic concept taught is that people have to be trained with the art of dog obedience in order to understand the basis behavior of animals before we teach them. It's never too late for us to learn to teach new or old dog new positive behaviors that lead to its discipline. Teaching a dog to be obedient is simply enjoyable and would help avoid a needless decision of surrendering it because of perceived behavior issue.

Over two million dogs each year are surrendered to animal shelters across our nation because owners think their dogs have uncorrectable behavior issues. Without proper and necessary training, a dog can become unruly and at times not enjoyable and this persuades some people to simply give up and surrender their pet(s) to local animal shelters. Unfortunately, because Hill County does not have an animal shelter to support a needed county animal control program, many of these unwanted pets are criminally abandoned (Class A Misdemeanor; \$4,000 fine and/or year in jail - Texas Animal Cruelty Law Penal Code 42.09). This irresponsible action directly feeds our exiting pet overpopulation issue since nearly all abandoned pets are not sterilized or even vaccinated against the deadly rabies virus.

So, taking time for your dog's training produces an enjoyable pet. If you don't know where to start with its training, contact Lisa or JD at www.mypackleader.com for consultation.

Paw Pals meets on the first Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. of each month at our new property location at 1500 South Abbott Ave which is Highway 81 south of Hillsboro next to Texas Highway Department Maintenance facility (north of Brazos Valley John Deere or Hillsboro High School).

Visit us at www.hcpawpals.org for more information or call 254.580.0679. Paw Pals also has a new facebook page.

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Thank You for Your Continued Support

Welcome Exes To Another Great Year!



IHS Alumni Dance & Reunion

An all I.H.S. Alumni Dance and Reunion will be held at The Curry Bldg. October 8. Featuring classic rock music from The Albatross Band (Texas) back in the 1970's The Albatross Band, played for Itasca's Mai Kai Christmas Dance in 1974-75 and was a featured music group when Itasca's Texas Theater had briefly reopened for business in 1975.

There will be a \$5.00 at the door cover charge (including youth and children) and seating is limited to 225. Doors open at 9:30 until 12:30. Please bring your year books, and photos to share. Please join The Itasca Wampus Cat Alumni Website for more details and register or update your personal class information too. Anyone wishing to contribute to the "Munchie Table" please contact Melinda Terrell Routh at 254-582-5970. Let's Hug, Kiss & Reminesce, October 8, 2010!

Reunion Benefit Dance

For

Lupe Carranza

Saturday, October 2

8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Itasca Warehouse

Ages 12 & up \$5 Ages 11 & under \$2

Music by DJ Larry D & DJ Joe C

Concessions available

Please come out and support Lupe!

All proceeds go towards medical expenses

FUMC Chili Supper Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 6 5:30 p.m.

Itasca First United Methodist Church

\$6.00

includes chili, beans w/all fixings
tea/coffee & dessert



Itasca Floral & Gift

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Estate Sale

Sale by Those Three Sisters for school closing of Philotechnos Pre-School at 133 Corsicana STREET in Hillsboro. To make shopping possible for our local teachers, we are, for this sale only, opening the doors to everyone on Thursday afternoon, September 30, from 5-7 p.m. We will open again on Friday morning, October 1 at 8 a.m., Saturday morning by 8 a.m. and for our half-price sale on Sunday, doors will open promptly at 1 p.m.

Directions: Take Franklin Street east from the courthouse square in downtown Hillsboro. After two long blocks, turn left, north, on Pleasant Street. The third street on your right is Corsicana Street. Easy to follow signs.

Items in this sale will be of special interest to teachers and families with children. This pre-school has operated since 1953 and some of the original furniture will be included in the sale. There are, also, books, teaching supplies, arts & crafts supplies, toys and some playground equipment. Photos are now available on our website:

www.ThoseThreeSisters.com

Itasca Fall Clean-Up

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Remember When . . . “The Homecoming Tradition”

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Fall is almost upon us again and that means most schools, especially in Texas think of homecoming. Itasca has always been strong on getting together each year, to “Hug, Kiss and Reminisce” with old classmates.

At this time we observe the effects of change in people's lives. The class reunion is a great time to understand and accept life's many changes. After observing people at reunions for seventy years, I have noticed a “pattern” or “trend”. Usually at the 10th reunion many people seem to feel the need to show their accomplishments, especially material ones: new cars, fancy clothes, expensive jewelry, and with most at this time, trim bodies that still exist. This group usually stays up late at their parties and are still chipper next the morning.

At the 20th reunion, the narcissistic need to stress status, wealth, and material accomplishment has diminished with most, especially those who are trying to embrace adulthood and maturity. These usually wind up the party earlier than before. Now comes the 30th year, the attendance is less, about half are divorced and some have died. The older one gets the more they enjoy looking back and reminiscing about “the good old days” without feeling a need to display claim to fame. The still married couples have gone through the usual trials and tribulations encountered during early years of marriage. The talk is mostly about children and grandchildren and perhaps retirement and travel.

Those who are fortunate enough to make it to the 40th & 50th reunions are usually just grateful to be able to attend, thankful for the privilege, and to really enjoy the company of old classmates. And folks, if you make it to the 60th or even 70th, the nostalgia is even greater and we feel genuine affection for those who are left with us. As we know changes are inevitable, but laughing and fond memories are part of successful aging, along with a good life. So let's all celebrate ours at our Itasca Homecoming this October 8, 2010.

The tradition of Homecoming Alumni football games held at colleges and universities has been around since the mid 1800s. Several schools claim to have started homecoming, but most sources give the nod to the University of Missouri. In 1891, the Missouri Tigers played the Kansas Jayhawks. It was the starting of a border war between the two teams. It is the oldest football rivalry west of the Mississippi. When their 1911 game came along the athletic director for Missouri, Chester Brewer invited all alumni to “come home” for the game. The event included a parade, a rally and a bonfire. The event was a success with nearly 10,000 former students coming to take part. The Tigers and the Jayhawks played that game to a 3 to 3 tie.

Baylor University and the University of Illinois both held events similar to our modern homecoming in 1909 and 1910. By the 1920s homecoming was widely celebrated across the nation.

The traditional homecoming usually consists of the homecoming parade, a rally, the crowning of the queen during halftime and of course, the reunion of the classes. However, there are events that take place at some homecomings that not everyone does. Some have a homecoming king, snake dances, tailgate parties, “Spirit Week, where the students wear unorthodox clothing or any other “suitable” theme such as tag day, hobo day or pack rat day.

The mum wearing has gotten to be a big thing now. The boys wear a synthetic mum on the sleeve and the girls go all out with a large ensemble mum with memorabilia and trinkets.

Smaller schools with no football team may have their homecoming at a basketball game, ice hockey or another sports game. They usually have a bar-b-que. Some schools in the north refer to it as Winter Homecoming with court warming dress-up day and with a king and queen.

There are homecomings outside the United States but they are uncommon. The best known in Canada are held by the University of Western Ontario, McMaster University, Queens University, University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University. Canadian homecomings are often centered around football games, but are also filled with events such as pancake suppers, keggers and parades. Newfoundland and Labrador have what they call a “Come Home Year.” Homecomings are not popular among high schools in Canada. It is rare to find them there, only two known high schools in Ontario celebrate anything similar to a homecoming; New Market High School and London South Collegiate Institute.

The term homecoming can also be used to refer to the special services held by many smaller American Protestant churches. They celebrate church heritage and welcome back former members and pastors. Sometimes these are annual and sometimes a onetime event.



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Wampus Cats of the Week

“Wampus Cat Trumpets”



(1st row (l to r) Peyton Cordell, Rachel Freeman, Megan Odom, Celeste Rodriguez, Marisela Ochoa and Zachary McDowell. 2nd row (l to r) JJ Helms, Ashley Carlson, Gabriel Macias, Marcos Martinez, Hali Carranza and Cody Mote. 3rd row (l to r) Garrett Johnson, Shamonica Anderson, Jasmin Rockuemore and Netty Payne.

Some would argue that the trumpets are the soul of the band. That may very well be true as this year's trumpet section is one of the largest groups in band. They spend many hours practicing in class and at home to give the fans that great sound.

***Some of you may have noticed we have a new “Wampus Cat” cartoon. The updated Cat was drawn and submitted by the student who drew the original Lloyd Ford Wampus Cat, Cory Bourland, Class of 2005.



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