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Homecoming 2010 – Hug* Kiss* Reminisce

2010 Homecoming Queen Nominees



(L to r) – Nancy Reyes, an honor student taking dual credit courses, is the daughter of Juana and Zenon Reyes. She is a member of the National Honor Society, plays the saxophone in the band and has competed in numerous athletic and UIL events.

Jasmine Guy, an honor student taking dual credit courses, is the daughter of Tracy and Felicia Guy. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has played on the Lady Cats varsity basketball team since her freshman year.

Maria Coronado, the 2010-2011 Wampus Cat Marching

Band Drum Major, is the granddaughter of Mercedes and Andres Cruz. She has played the flute in the band since 6th grade and is a member of the Lady Cats softball team.

Class Officers of the Honored Class of 1960



Left to right: Carolyn Fox, Reporter; John Crouch, Vice President; Sandra Atkinson, Finance Chairman; Pat Pruitt, President; Betty Garrett, Secretary - Treasurer.

Homecoming October 8-9

Friday, October 8

3:30 p.m. — Parade—Downtown

Open House- Citizens State Bank

7:30 p.m. — Football Game — Itasca vs. De Leon

6:30 - 11 p.m. — Fellowship IISD Cafeteria

Saturday, October 9

9 - 11 a.m. — Coffee/Get Together ISD Cafeteria

11:30 a.m. — Barbeque Lunch in Cafeteria

1 p.m. — Business Meeting - Special Events Center

50-Year Honored Class — 1960

All Classes ending in 5s and 0s will be honored

Special Homecoming Open House at Citizens State Bank after the parade. There will be a bounce house and numerous activities outside for the youngsters, but the inside lobby area is reserved for the ex-students.

All ex-students are invited inside for refreshments and time to relax and talk about "the good old days."

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.

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.



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

Itasca Depot Heritage & Education Center 2010 Schedule

October 9

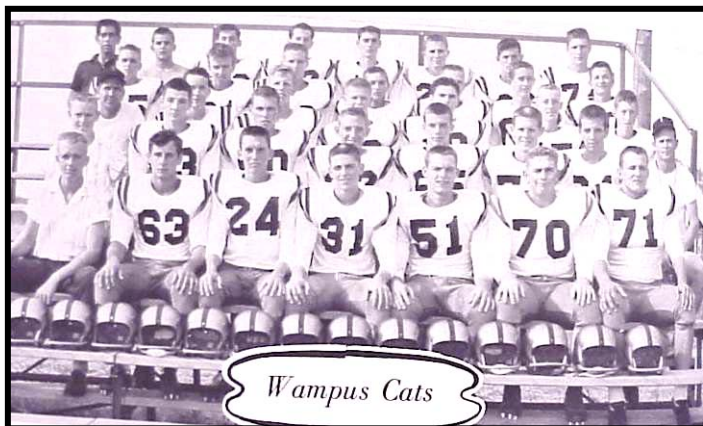
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

(Saturday, Homecoming)



1959-60 Wampus Cats Football District Champs

From 1960 Mowana



Top row (l to r) Johnny Rodriguez, Manager; Sonny Hight, David Dashner, David Sawyer, Pat Pruitt, Rex Turner, Eugene Hooper, Ollie Huggins. 2nd row: Mickey Bowman, Lynn Henry, Jack Bratton, Mike Littrell, Jack Patton, Johnny Rhea, Randall Griffin, Coach Jesse King, Ray Neal, Alphonse Vanek, Robert Lee, Earl Cummings, Jenks Garrett, Johnny Stout. 3rd row: Charles Vaughn, Manager; Ronnie Upchurch, John Crouch, Roger Swafford, Bob Summers, Jimmy Smith, Mike Dwight, Coach Billy Tom "Caddo" Sanders. 4th row: Jesse Summers, Sammy Wilson, Ivy Briers, Bob Holloway, Ronnie Coop, Gerald Cockerham, Joey Nalley.



**Team Captains
Pat Pruitt &
Rex Turner**

**Coaches
Jesse King &
"Caddo" Sanders**



"Cans for Paw Pals," Approaching 10,000 Pound

Press Release



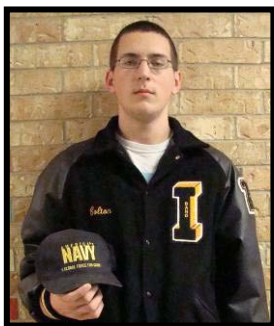
Hundreds of conscientious Hill County citizens have leaned towards "green" by donating their aluminum cans to support the goals of Hill County Paw Pals. Paw Pals formed some seven years ago with attainable goals to correct our community's horrific pet overpopulation by establishing an animal shelter in order to support a proactive county animal control program. Credit for the success of this recycling project goes to Jean & JD Landis who named and manages "Cans for Paw Pals." This project, where nine loads weighing 9,034 pounds have already been harvested, has generated \$5,681.82 towards the goals of Paw Pals. 9,000 pounds of aluminum cans equate to some 227,000 cans. Interestingly, if one were to place 227,000 cans end to end the cans would stretch 18.2 miles or from Hillsboro past Lake Whitney dam! To put this into symbolic perspective, each of these donated cans was handled by a person who consciously made a determination to place the empty can into a receptacle destined to "Cans for Paw Pals"—a seemingly slight but in reality a major contribution in correcting pet overpopulation since the success of our endeavors is based on a determined and positive mind-set. The Landis' selfless devotion and contribution to Paw Pals' undertaking bring great commendation and represents the warm and progressive spirit that exists in our community.

The 16' caged trailer used for this worthy project (valued at \$1,600) was graciously donated by Ronnie & Dana Fuchs, proprietors of Cen-Tex Trailers of Hillsboro.

If you would like to participate with "Cans for Paw Pals", please bring your clean aluminum cans to Brookshire's in Hillsboro, our Low Cost Spay/Neuter and Vaccination Clinic on the first Tuesday of each month (Outlets at Hillsboro, Suite #102), drop them off at Jean and JD's home which is located one mile west of Hackberry bridge on SH 22 (west of Hillsboro), or call to arrange pick up. Please, do not donate aluminum foil, pie tins or cat food cans (recycler will not accept these items). For more information about Hill County Paw Pals, please visit www.hcpawpals.org where there is a link to the new Facebook page. Email is hcpawpals@yahoo.com and phone # is (254) 580-0679.

Senior Spotlight Colton Trent Sullins

Reporter Shelby Ledwig
Caricature by Martin Martinez



"I want to go into the Navy after high school," Colton said wishfully three weeks ago, "and maybe train in the medical field."

That was his goal three short weeks ago before he took the ASVAB test, a test developed by the U.S. Department of Defense as part of the ASVAB Career

Exploration Program that was developed to help students decide on a plan following high school.

"I was so excited when I scored 96 out of a possible 99. They offered me a spot in the Navy Nuclear Program and I recently spent a week in Dallas at MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station) doing paper work, background check and taking a physical. I enlisted for eight years and will even receive a signing bonus."

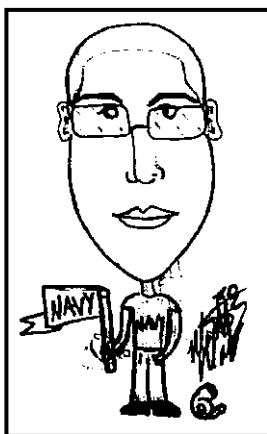
Colton is not the only person excited about his recent success. His parents Jaranda Kae and Marvin Ralph Collins are also beaming. Colton is their only child and they couldn't be prouder.

Colton has attended Itasca ISD since the third grade. He is very involved in music. He plays the bass guitar in a band at First Baptist Church in Itasca and the French horn in the high school's marching band.

"I enjoy playing both instruments but I also listening to "metal music." My favorite band is Chimaira."

Although Colton is anxious to join the Navy, he will not leave for Basic training in Great Lakes until June 27, 2011, two weeks after returning from the band trip to Florida.

"I couldn't miss the Florida trip," Colton said smiling. "The Navy will have me for at least eight years so I need to get a little bit of 'kid time' in first."



IHS Important Dates

October

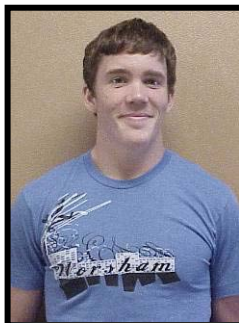
13 - PSAT Test (9th - 11th - \$13 - only 50 seats)

19 & 20 8th 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 ghen-nig@itascaisd.org

Meet the Press – David Corbitt

Reporter Hannah Johnson



David Alan Corbitt is staying busy his first year on the *PPP*. He's in power-lifting, track, UIL Debate, and hopes to be in One Act Play and Prose and Poetry this year. He's on the Varsity football team, and writes the varsity sports articles.

David, a 15 year old sophomore, is the son of Susan and Alan Corbitt and the younger brother of former *PPP* editor Devin Corbitt, who is currently a student of Southwestern University in Georgetown.

After David graduates, he hopes to go to Texas A & M to follow in his uncle's footsteps and get a degree in Engineering.

2010 Varsity Football

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October

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

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*Depicts district games

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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

October

14 Cedar Hill Invitational HS

25 District Santo HS

November

6 Regional Vandergriff Park (Arlington)

13 State Round Rock

2010 - 2011 Picture Dates

October

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

November

15 Marching Band - Group
Retakes - Individual (Pre-K-12th & Staff)

January

11 Basketball - Junior High & High School
Cheerleaders - Junior High & High School

May

5 Class Groups - (Pre-K-12th)
"Buddy" or Individual



Cats Lose to Lions 35-0

Sports Reporter David Corbitt



Playing against big 2-A schools with more seniors than your own number of players is not very high on the “to-do” list for most 1-A schools in the state of Texas. However, for the Itasca Wampus Cats, this is becoming a common trend.

Coming out of their big win last week against Wortham, the Cats squared off against the Teague Lions last Friday night for their last non-district game. The game started off well for the Cats, but after a few special teams’ mistakes, Teague got ahead and never looked back, coming out with a

35-0 win over Itasca. Despite the score, the Cats never gave up, and made the Lions work for every inch they gained.

The Cats regard this game as a success however, in light of the great practice and preparation it earned them for their upcoming game against De Leon.

This matchup is the start of the Cat’s district play, and also their homecoming game, so they are working harder than ever this week to prepare both mentally and physically to bring home a district win.



Cross Country Teams Look Great as District Approaches

Ashley Spain & Coach Jimmy Lott

Photos by Ashley Spain



The Wampus Cat cross-country team can be seen each morning running the track and the streets around the high school. That practice is paying off as the runners continue to bring home medals from the various meets.

Philip Thomas won races at Keene, Whitney, and Glen Rose. Thomas placed 15th at the James Smith Invitational in Midlothian in the 5-A division and 20th place in the 5-A division at the Elk Run in Burleson (several of the top runners in the state are in class 5-A). Thomas has improved his time by over 2 minutes from his best time last year.

Bob Slotvig medaled (6th place) at Whitney and has three top 20 finishes and has also improved by almost 2 minutes over his best time from last year. Tyler Speed finished 27th at Whitney and has improved by almost four minutes from his best time last year. Jaciel Gutierrez and Jonathan Reyes have both improved greatly from last season and the team is rounded out by newcomers Brandon Kelley and Dylan Shuman.

Beruke Namaga ran her best time of the year at Whitney placing 8th. Freshmen Susie Rodriguez, Jackie Green, Amber Shelby, Amanda Anderson, Emma Orr, and Taylor Coulter have done a great job this year and they have gained from valuable varsity running experience.

Emilee Nalley and Belinda Reyes have both showed steady improvement. The girls’ teams have been very competitive week in and week out as they have faced very tough competition.

“Both the boys and the girls have one more meet at 5-A Cedar Hill on October 14, and about a month to prepare for a tough district meet,” Coach Lott said. “These runners have been getting up early in the morning and running since early August and their hard work will really pay off in the upcoming District, Regional, and State meets in late October and early November.”



Sheriff Jeffrey Lyon to Speak on "Cemetery Desecration in Hill County" at HCGS October Meeting

Press Release

Hill County Sheriff Jeffrey Lyon and members of his staff will be guests of the Hill County Genealogical Society on Monday, October 11, at 6:30 pm in the Hill County Courthouse annex meeting room at 126 South Covington Street.

The subject will be the Desecration of Cemeteries in Hill County, the most recent being Scott's chapel, southeast of Aquilla. Members of the various cemetery associations in and around Hill County are welcome to attend as well as any other interested persons.

Should anyone have a particular question they wish addressed, please contact Cleo Young Davis, VP/Program Chairman, at 254-582-3603, and she will put the question on the agenda.

Guests are always welcome to HCGS meetings. The meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday evening of each month. Question and answer session follow the program while refreshments are being served.

Time Change for Democrats of Hill County October Meeting

Press Release

The Democrats of Hill County Family Fun Fest will be the venue for October, 2010 meeting. The event will take place at Hillsboro City Park on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 4 p.m. The public is invited for free hamburgers, hotdogs and games for the kids. Donations for the local food bank will be accepted.

Junior High & High School Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, October 18 –

Friday, October 22

Mon, Wed, Thurs. & Fri. 7:45 - 4:30

Tuesday 7:45 - 6:00 p.m.



Itasca 4-H Meeting

Sunday, October 10

3:00 p.m.

Itasca Boy Scout Hut - 102 N. King St.
Everyone interested is invited to attend!



County Awarded Federal Reimbursement from 2010 SCAAP

Press Release from Sheriff Lyon

The U.S. Department of Justice announced the award of \$10,853.00 to Hill County, TX, to reimburse some of the costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens who have committed serious crimes in the United States. The goal of this program is to enhance public safety in communities throughout the nation.

This opportunity originates from federally mandated programs that the County is providing at local cost. As many local entities are aware, the Federal Government drives local political entities to assume more responsibility for the administration and delivery of government services. Many times these services are funded with local dollars.

However, in some cases there are federal funding opportunities available, if the proper request is made. Identifying federal funding stream opportunities and then properly applying for them are not simple or easy tasks. The interaction between federal, state, and local political entities is complex, and often unwieldy for most local political entities.

An aggressive program of researching and applying for little known federal programs to supplement the local tax burden was implemented by engaging Justice Benefits, Inc. (JBI) for assistance. JBI is a public sector consulting firm located in Dallas, Texas, that specializes in locating and accessing hard-to-find federal reimbursements for local and state entities. JBI does the research, gathers and analyzes the data, and completes all necessary information to be included in the application. As a result of JBI's expertise and experience, Hill County was able to maximize its dollar amount on this application. Hill County was one of only 865 (out of 3,140) eligible local entities across the U.S. that successfully applied for these dollars.

Use of SCAAP Awards: The Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-162, Title XI) included the following requirement regarding the use of SCAAP funds: "Amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in paragraph (5) that are distributed to a State or political subdivision of a State, including a municipality, may be used only for correctional purposes." Beginning with FY 2007 SCAAP awards, SCAAP funds must be used for correctional purposes only.

FY 2007-2010 SCAAP Use of Funds List

Salaries for corrections officers - Overtime costs - Corrections work force recruitment and retention - Construction of corrections facilities - Training / education for offenders - Training for corrections officers related to offender population management - Consultants involved with offender population - Medical and mental health services - Vehicle rental / purchase for transport of offenders - Prison Industries - Pre-release / reentry programs - Technology involving offender management / inter agency information sharing - Disaster preparedness continuity of operations for corrections facility.

Recent Deaths

Gardner, Krystal - After a long and courageous battle with cystic fibrosis, Krystal Michelle Gardner of Burleson went to sleep Sunday, August 22, 2010, and woke up Monday, August 23, 2010, with the Lord. She was surrounded by her family who loved her dearly. Krystal was born November 21, 1986, to Jim and Linda Gardner. She attended Hillsboro Elementary School and Whitney Middle and High schools. Krystal lived a short life but she touched and was touched by many. She was an angel and brought her family great joy, taught us how to be strong and to enjoy life to the fullest. Krystal was preceded in death by great grandparents, Chester and Francis Bennett of Hillsboro and Lewis and Thelma Baskett of Cleburne; grandfather, L.R. Baskett Jr.; and uncle, Randy Baskett of Covington.

Survivors include: her parents, Jim Gardner of Fort Worth and Linda Baskett Gardner of Burleson; two sisters, Kami Barrett and Tamera Gardner; three brothers, Brian Baskett and James and Timothy Gardner; grandparents, Ray and Treasure Hawhee of Covington; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service was held at First United Methodist Church in Covington. Krystal wanted to be remembered as the vibrant, happy young woman that she was and forever will be in our memories.

Bearden, Wilton - Wilton Bearden, 85, of Itasca died September 28, 2010, Providence Hospital in Waco. Wilton was born February 6, 1925 in Hill County the son of H. R. and Priscilla (Clark) Bearden. He graduated from Hillsboro High School, Hillsboro Junior College, and Texas Wesleyan University. During World War II, he served his country in the U. S. Army in the Pacific seeing active duty on New Caledonia Bougainville Island and other islands. After the war, he completed his education and became a science teacher and coach in Itasca before retiring to farming and ranching. On January 16, 1948 he married Nell Ruth Keeton and she preceded him in death on October 15, 2001. He was of the Baptist faith. Also preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include his children, Robert Bearden and wife, Charis, of Austin and Ann Ball and husband, Randy, of Itasca; and two grandsons, Christopher Ball and wife, Olga, of Waco and Michael Ball of Itasca. Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church Senior Adult Fund, P. O. Box 263, Hillsboro, TX 76645.



Smith, Dorothy J. Clements Gilley - Dorothy Gilley Smith, 79, passed away September 27, 2010. Services were held October 1, 2010 at Grandview Cemetery Pavilion. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Odyssey Hospice of Fort Worth, Western Hills Church of Christ of Fort Worth or Itasca Church of Christ Building Fund. Dorothy was born in Parker and had lived in the Grandview area. She graduated from Grandview High School in 1948. Dorothy was married to Donald Gilley in 1948 and they had five loving children. She was a loving wife and "super mom," serving as a room mother, president of the Itasca PTA and girls' softball coach. She was a member of Western Hills Church of Christ of Fort Worth. Her loving spirit, compassion and energy will be missed by all whose lives she touched. The family wants to express deep and heartfelt thanks to Dr. Quang Le and the wonderful staff at Odyssey Hospice House for their loving care.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Gilley, in 1980; second husband, Harold Smith, in 1992; and brothers, Jimmy Clements and Bill Clements. Survivors: Children, Nancy Bowman and husband, David, Sherry King and husband, Charles, Gary Gilley, Susan Smith and Donald Gilley Jr. and wife, Donna; brother, Johnny Clements and wife, Gaye; sisters, Edith Hand and Linda Jewell and husband, George; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.



Forbes, Herman Hays, Jr. - Herman Hays Forbes, Jr. passed away September 24, 2010. He was 82 years old. He was born in Mountain Peak Texas on March 24, 1928 to parents Herman Hays Forbes, Sr. and Dena Caskey Forbes. He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Connie Loney Forbes and their children and grandchildren. Julie and Joe Anzaldua, children Matt, Lauren and Andrew. Morris and Cindy Forbes, children Nat, Adrienne, and Jaime. Robin and Scott Steinberg, children Marc, his wife Amy and Sarah. Kaycie and Joe Bohazi, children Jordan Forbes and Sawyer Foyle. Melissa and Nolen Scott, children Nevan, Aubry and Alice. He so loved all his family.

Herman graduated from the [University of Texas](http://www.utexas.edu) in 1951. After a brief stint in the Army he and Connie returned to Texas and remained throughout their life together. He was employed by the State of Texas General Land Office for 37 years. He retired in 1988 as Director of the Surveying Division. Services were held September 28, 2010 at Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery in Pflugerville. Memorials may be made in his name to the charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent to www.cookwaldenfuneralhome.com. (From *Austin Statesman* newspaper)

“A Chapter from my Early Life”

The following is a reprint of a story that was published in the 1920 Mowana. It was written by Cecil Wilson, Class of 1920, who according to his bio by his picture says he was “Bright, happy and handsome – that’s Cecil; always worrying about getting by, loved by all the boys and the faculty. He is manager of the boys’ basketball team and an A-1 forward. This is the first and last year at IHS.”

He may have only been at IHS for one year but Cecil Calvert Wilson and Emery and Cora Wilson are remembered every year by the grateful students at IHS that receive their memorial scholarships. Thank you so much from all the alumni that have been assisted by the Wilson family’s generosity.

This bibliography –No, I mean biography—of my early life is as full of the unexpected as custard pie comedy. At times my life seemed really *delishing*; then again it did not seem half so *delishing* as it did *refreshous*.

It surely was *delishing* during the first months for dad had to buy an extra cow, and mother ordered pacifiers by the cartoon. Oh, I was one of those distinguished suckerfish, but I possessed such lofty ambitions that I could not be content, until I had swallowed pacifiers, bottles, and all.

Having successfully performed this act while only three years of age, I decided in my fourth year to try swimming. My chance came when mother left a tub of water on the back porch. I was so anxious to try the water that I did not even take off my clothes, but just dived in; and, believe me, I almost cashed in. My crippled uncle, who was staying with us at the time, heard me as I made my nose dive and came hopping towards the tub, bull-frog fashion. He was so scared that he could not call anyone, but kept trying to get me out. When mother got there, he was stirring me round and round. I think I had swallowed about half the tub of water by that time, but as I have said previously, I was some fish; so I survived.

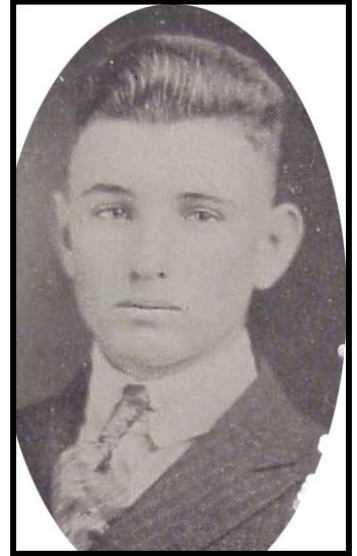
After trying the water I decided to try hunting, so I picked up my little gun that “Ole Santa brought me,” and first tried hunting in the kitchen. I looked under the table, expecting a bear every moment. There was not a thing under there but a burnt biscuit. This I put in my pocket, because I calculated that I might need something to eat if I should get snowbound on my hunt, or, perhaps, treed by a panther. I continued to hunt, looking under the cabinet, bench, and everything that afforded protection for big game. Finally I came to a large black precipice towering high in the heavens. This event is pretty hazy in my memory, but I think this must have been our cook stove. I looked in my gun to make sure it was loaded, because I knew there would be all kinds of bloodthirsty beasts under such an excellent shelter. Cocking my rifle and creeping up to the cook stove, I peeped under. There he was, a GREAT BIG ONE, sitting up on his haunches, ready for a spring.

I drew a bead half way between two sparkling eyes and fired. When the smoke had cleared away from my stopper gun I looked for my bear, but he had vanished. I was heartbroken, for I almost knew I had let a big grizzly escape, until mother found me with the butter paddle; then I learned I had shot the house cat. Mother came very near breaking up with my hunt, but I had not been in the front room yet; so when she went back to her work I made for the front room, loading my gun on the run.

Peeping through the door, I saw over in one corner what appeared to be an elephant, but dad said that elephants did not have any hair on them; so there I was, confronted by an enormous beast crouched flat on the floor ready for a spring. I was afraid to move backwards, for in one leap he would be upon me. I had only two stoppers for my gun, and one of them had been lost when I shot the cat under the stove, and mother kicked me in the *kitchen*. Nevertheless, I was brave, and I never doubted for a moment but that my gun would lay him low the first shot. Trusting to luck, I took deliberate aim and fired. The bullet went through him, for he never groaned. So I advanced, peacock style, to where the animal lay dying. Yes, he had died, but perhaps several years before; for it was mother’s bear skin rug that I had shot so nobly.

I found my stopper and loaded my gun again. Gee! But I was mad all over because mother had kicked me in the *kitchen*, and I had been so disappointed in my last shot. Oh! I was desperately angry. I wanted to get revenge on mother, so I backed off, took good aim and fired at grandpa’s big picture hanging on the wall. My, how the glass did fly! And now I was no longer a hunter, but a murderer. I made it all right until noon. Then dad came in and found what I had done. He didn’t even ask me a question; just grabbed me up, bent me over his knees and played “Yankee Doodle” right where mother had kicked me in the *kitchen*. Now this was one of those *refreshous* events of my life; however, it ended my hunting career.

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“A Chapter from my Early Life”

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Next came my experience with the wasp. Dad had brought me a wasp nest once, and I liked to pinch those young wasps out of their holes. But now I thought I was large enough to get my own wasp nests. So I went down to the cow shed with my pockets full of rocks ready to knock them all down. Over in the corner was a great big one, and I could hardly wait to pinch out those young wasps. With a good rock in each hand I advanced and let drive at one of them. I came very near getting it the first shot; and those little old wasps got mad! Why, the whole bunch just reared up on their front feet and shot their back at me. It sure did tickle me to see them get so mad. So I let drive with another rock.

But this time they didn't stay on their nest and shake their feet at me. One of the little rascals flew at me and *lit* right on my lip. Gee! His little old feet just felt as warm! I didn't want him to stay there either, so I just reached up and pulled him off. Mind you, I wasn't standing still, either, when all this took place; I was running like sixty, shouting “Mamma” every breath. My lip got almost as large as my whole head was when that wasp was shaking his foot at me. My eyes were swollen shut for three days, and dad had to feed me with a spoon. I'll tell you what, when a little old wasp shakes his foot at you, you had sure better be traveling if you don't want to get bitten.

Of course, I swallowed everything from a pacifier to a bottle, and rode everything from a stick horse to a billy goat; but my swim in the tub of water, my bear hunt, and my experience with the *wasp-hopper* were the most exciting events during the first six years of my life.

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IHS Alumni Dance & Reunion

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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 & Reminisce, October 8, 2010!

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Halloween Trick or Treating on Saturday in Itasca

The City has announced that Trick or Treating will be conducted on Saturday night since Halloween falls on Sunday night. Most festivity around the area are also scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2010 instead of Sunday.

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Wampus Cats of the Week

“Wampus Cat French Horn Section”



Reporter Ashley Spain

(1st row (l to r) Brittany Woods, Bryanna Flores, Hannah Johnson and Heather Odom. 2nd row (l to r) Emily Offut, Brittany Bourland, Taylor Coulter. Amber Shelby, Ashlie Rodriguez, Katy Worth and Carter Reid. 3rd row Colton Sullins.

The French Horns are one of the quietest brass sections in the band. The players of these instruments have to practice keeping their mouth tight when they are playing. Like any brass instrument, the French Horn has high and low notes, but the for the French Horn players they are much harder to hit.



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