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## 2010 Election Results Orr, Davis Log Winning Numbers



When the results of the Hill County races were announced Tuesday evening, celebrating a victory were the new District Clerk Angela Orr and County Commissioner Precinct 4 Harley F. Davis II.

Orr in a hard won fight against incumbent Charlotte Barr took 65% of the vote (5696 votes) to Barr's 35% (3106 votes). Davis ran unopposed in the election and received 1675 votes.

Karon Farquhar (586 votes) who was running for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 was defeated by "no opponent." Rodney Adams who was on the ticket as the Republican candidate had pulled out of the race in early October and due to an extraordinary large number of voters who voted a straight Republican ticket, he received the majority of votes (755).



Since he received the majority of the votes the Hill County Commissioners' Court will appoint a replacement to serve.

## Chamber Welcomes Mimi's & Papa's Kitchen to Itasca



Several community organizations were on hand at a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting officially welcoming MiMi's & PaPa's Kitchen to Itasca recently. The business is located in the 100 blk. of W. Main St. Joining in the event were employees of the café (beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> from left) Tonya Sorensen, Yesenia Renteria, Joy McClanahan, Dee Dee Kendrick and owners MiMi (Arlynda) and PaPa (James) McClanahan.

The luncheonette features an "All You Can Eat Lunch" Monday through Friday for only \$6.95. The customer may chose from at least 3 entrees and 9-12 vegetables/salads. On their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> serving they may chose any different entrée and veggies. On the menu the

day of the ribbon cutting was pork chops, fried chicken and roast.

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## Exes Give Downtown Itasca 2-Thumbs Up

Reporter Emma Orr



Itascans and Wampus Cats from all over Texas and the US came "home" to visit last month during homecoming. Some who had not been back to visit in decades returned. Everyone lined the streets sporting glittery mums to watch one of the longest parades in recent memory. The event - It was homecoming in *The Big Little Town* of Itasca.

Many of the ex-students were amazed at the downtown transformation. Some made the remark that our town even looked better than it had when they lived here - and they quickly added - that's a compliment.

The city employees and citizens of Itasca have come together to work toward a cleaner and better Itasca.

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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>3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:itascafpc@sbcglobal.net) [www.fpcitasca.org](http://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

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month 6:00 p.m. - 136 N. Hill St.

## Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, November 15, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

## Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

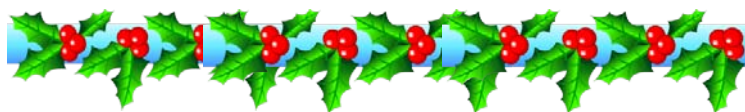
Monday, November 8, 2010 7:00 p.m.

## 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 (November 11) 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.



## 2010 Holiday Season Calendar



November 6 - 13 - Fall Clean-Up (Free dumping)

6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays

7:00 a.m. - 12 noon Saturday (Show water bill)

November 11 - Veterans Day Celebration - SEC

November 21 - Thanksgiving Service 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

December 4 - Christmas Parade - Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Line up on Files St. Santa & Mrs. Clause in

Rotary Room after parade

December 6 - Itasca Garden Club/Chamber Brunch

Farrow Room 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

December 8 - City Open House at Fire Station

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Everyone Welcome

December 16 - Christmas Lighting Contest - Judging

6:00 p.m. - Out of town judges - New winners every year!

January 31 - Chamber of Commerce Banquet featuring entertainment by Lincoln Durham - Contact any Chamber Director to nominate for awards

## Dr. Joan Windmiller Speaks to Itasca Garden Club

Press Release



In October, Dr. Joan Windmiller of Itasca presented a very informative and entertaining speech on peppers. Her topic was entitled “the hotter the better.” She brought samples of the many varieties of peppers she grows every year. Joan talked about all the different varieties of peppers, and shared recipes for each one. Those attending learned the origin of peppers and how Wilbur Scoville invented what is now referred to as the “Scoville Heat Units” chart in reference to the amount of capsaicin found in a pepper. Capsaicin is the chemical in a pepper that makes it hot. The Merriam-Webster’s medical dictionary provided this definition of capsaicin: a colorless irritant phenolic amide  $C_{18}H_{27}NO_3$  found in various capsicums that give hot peppers their hotness and that is used in topical creams for

its analgesic properties. Capsaicin made into a paste and rubbed on the skin burns at first, but eventually will numb the skin and provide relief. Another definition from the American Heritage Stedman’s medical dictionary defined capsaicin this way: a colorless, pungent, crystalline compound that is derived from the capsicum pepper and is a strong irritant to skin and mucous membranes. Chili peppers have been used as both food and for medicinal purposes.

Dr Windmiller said “the sting is the thing! No other plant moved so fast around the world after Christopher Columbus discovered the hot pepper!” She stated the jalapeno is the State Pepper of Texas. The placenta of the pepper is sixteen times hotter than the flesh of the pepper. Joan asked the group “what happens when we eat peppers?” She then announced that endorphins are released when capsaicin is absorbed which causes a natural high, much like the sensation exercise brings. Dr Windmiller explained that the habanero tops the Scoville Heat Unit Chart. It weighs in at between 200,000 - 300,000 units. Heat, water and how long the pepper hangs on the plant dictate how hot the pepper will be. She further instructed that peppers located lower on the plant are usually hotter. Number two on the heat list is the chiltecpin with 70,000 units. The jalapeno is seventh coming in at around 3,500 - 4,500. Peppers are flavorful and easy to grow. Peppers also have other uses. Dr Windmiller reported capsaicin mixed with petroleum jelly and rubbed on the hull of a boat will keep barnacles from growing. Powdered capsaicin (chili powder) will run off a destructive armadillo when sprinkled freely in the yard.

Dr Windmiller an avid gardener, a talented and entertaining speaker is also a gifted retired physician.

The Itasca Garden Club met at the home of Angelia Orr in Itasca. In addition to Joan and Angelia, those in attendance were Pat Gibbins, Charlene Wiginton, Betty Sumner, Lorene Thames, Amy Castillo, Dianne Taylor, Nita Redmon, Diane Peckham, Martha Strona, Maria Wood, Linda Hinson, Karen Buckner and Lisa Hill.

## MiMi’s & PaPa’s Kitchen

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The cafe is open from 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. They have home-made desserts each day (\$2.50 a slice) and customers may special order whole pies and cakes for the holidays with a two day notice. The phone number for to-go orders is 254-687-2000.

MiMi’s and PaPa’s in Itasca will be closed on Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week but they will be open at their Hillsboro location (105 N. Waco St.) on Thanksgiving Day from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for those who do not want to cook and would still like a very special meal. They have the same great home cooking and values at the Hillsboro locations.

## City Improvements Continue

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The improvements are visible in all areas of Itasca, but especially in the downtown area. Lawless Park has new light posts, fountain, picnic tables and sidewalks while Main St.

proudly sports new awnings, flower planters and wooden trash bins that hold the trash cans so they can’t be moved or blown away.

The latest improvement is redoing of the police station windows. On the windows an emblem and some wise words were printed: “The Key to Staying Alive: Don’t Text and Drive.”

While the ongoing Itasca Beautification Project has made a great impression on the returning Exes and citizens, City Hall is hoping it will encourage businesses to give Itasca a second look and that they will decide to make Itasca their home.





## Senior Spotlight Kendrick Carranza

Reporter Brittany Bourland  
Caricature by Martin Martinez

Towering over all of the students and most of the faculty, 6'4 (or with his boots on 6'6), Kendrick Martin Carranza roams the halls of IHS working as an office aide for Mrs. Johnson. "Country Boy, K3ndawg, Goober and Weetod," are just some of the other names he answers to. He describes himself as fun, outgoing, and at times, even stupid.

Seventeen year old Kendrick is the son of Amy and Martin Carranza and the baby brother of 2008 graduate Ashlee.

"My sister really annoys me," Kendrick said laughing. "She gripes about everything I do, even the way I eat!"

In his spare time, Carranza hunts, fishes, goes mud-ding, hangs out with his "redneck Uncle Newman," or works on his future ranch that he is very proud of.

"My Grandpa is my hero because he has taught me to be a hard worker, especially around the ranch."

It is no surprise that Kendrick's favorite class is Ag.

"I love Ag because not only do we learn things, we also get to cook and of course eat in the class. We also have the best teacher ever," Kendrick added with a grin.

After graduation, Kendrick plans to go to Hill College to learn more about welding and then on to TSTC to study diesel mechanics. In ten years, he sees himself living on the ranch in Files Valley, but leaving occasionally to hunt around the world as a professional game hunter.

When ask to give words of advice to the underclassmen, he replied, "I don't really care about the underclassmen honestly, but just tell them to stay in school or whatever."



## Defensive Driving Class

November 20 & December 1

8:00 a.m. (lunch break) 2:30

For ticket dismissal & or insurance discounts

Available in Spanish also

125 W. Elm St. Hillsboro 254-582-5111

Walk-ins welcome!

## Welcome to IHS Science Teacher Garrett Dyer

Reporter Shelby Ledwig



Mr. Garrett Dyer joined the staff of Itasca High as the only newcomer of the year. He is married to the new first grade teacher, Rachael Dyer and they have two children Gabriel (6 years old in 1<sup>st</sup> grader) and Parisia (4 years old in Pre- K).

Dyer teaches grades 10<sup>th</sup> grade IPC and 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Physics.

He also has a TAKS Science class.

Before coming to IHS, Dyer taught for two years at Temple High School, one year at Dunbar High School in Dallas and another year at Peak Preparatory which is a charter school in Dallas.

"I discovered while I was in college, that I had the ability to teach and explain the harder concepts of science while tutoring my friends in college. That was when I decided that teaching was what I wanted to do. My mom was a teacher, so that also had some influence on my decision."

Dyer graduated from Townview Magnet Center in Dallas, where he grew up. After high school he went to Baylor University in Waco, where he earned his Undergraduate Degree in Bio-Chemistry. He is now working on a Masters Degree in Biology at Tarleton University in Stephenville.

"I like the small town feel of Itasca. It seems more community oriented," Dyer said. "It's like one big family on the side of the highway. I never thought that I would be here teaching. I've passed this town over two hundred times driving and never knew what was here. It's really enjoyable and the students are good and the teachers bake cakes and put them in the teachers' lounge so that's pretty nice too."

## Oops We Made Another One!

In Issue 44 we misspelled Christina Manasco's name. We (the staff) is sure that it is Mrs. P's mistake, but we would like to say that no matter how much Christina denies it her middle name is still Frances.

## 2010 - 2011 Picture Dates

November

15 Marching Band - Group  
Retakes - Individual (Pre-K-12<sup>th</sup> & Staff)

January

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

May

5 Class Groups - (Pre-K-12<sup>th</sup>)  
"Buddy" or Individual



## Wampus Cats End District Play Look Forward to 2011 Season

Sports Writer David Corbitt

The Itasca Wampus Cats have worked hard this football season. While they did not have the winning record they strived for, another key component was added to the team and improvement was made. This year's team was made up of mostly young players, with seven freshmen in the lineup. What was gained more than anything else was experience and "hay in the barn" for next year. The seniors on this team did an outstanding job leading, teaching, and setting an example for younger teammates.

The senior's very last game as Itasca Wampus Cats took place last Friday night in Santo. The Cats were playing only for pride after being knocked out of the playoffs last week, but that did not stop them from playing as hard as they could the entire game, and never giving up. Having a bad first half and an outstanding second half has been a common trend this year for the Cats, and that pattern was no different this week. The only touchdown scored in the Cats' favor came on the feet of # 14 Tyler Snow during the third quarter. #1 Jaciel Gutierrez also helped the Cats out greatly with a touchdown-saving interception in the second quarter. Despite the Cat's fierce efforts, the final score to the final game of the year was 44-6 in favor of the Santo Wildcats.

The Wampus Cats are planning on improving greatly in the upcoming offseason, and coming into next year bigger, stronger, faster, and better. With the loss of only three seniors (although a big part of this team), the Cats are looking to be better prepared for next season.

### 2010 Cross Country Schedule

November

|    |          |                              |
|----|----------|------------------------------|
| 6  | Regional | Vandergriff Park (Arlington) |
| 13 | State    | Round Rock                   |

### 2010-2011 Wampus Cat Basketball

November

|    |          |      |       |      |
|----|----------|------|-------|------|
| 30 | Alvarado | Away | JV, V | 5:00 |
|----|----------|------|-------|------|

December

|       |                       |          |       |      |
|-------|-----------------------|----------|-------|------|
| 2-5   | Era Tournament        | Era      | V     | TBA  |
| 7     | Brock                 | Away     | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 9-11  | Axtell Tournament     | Axtell   | V     | TBA  |
| 14    | Dallas Life           | Away     | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 17    | Grandview             | Away     | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 20    | West                  | Away     | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 21    | Burleson Centennial   | Burleson | JV, V | TBA  |
| 28-30 | Clyde-Eula Tournament | Clyde    | V     | TBA  |

January

|       |                    |         |       |      |
|-------|--------------------|---------|-------|------|
| 4     | Waco Rapaport      | Home    | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 7     | Avalon             | Home    | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 11    | Venus              | Home    | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 13-15 | Peaster Tournament | Peaster | JV    | TBA  |

## Lady Cats Tip Off Against West November 9

Lady Cats Reporter Ashley Spain  
Story from Coach Clint Wallace

The Lady Wampus Cats are looking forward to starting the 2010-2011 basketball season. Seniors Autumn Pelham, Christina Manasco and "All-State Point Guard" Jasmine Guy are all focused and ready to make their senior year one to remember.

The Lady Cats' varsity team has one junior, Shamonica Anderson and three sophomores: Chase Patterson, Beruke Namaga and Ashley Spain suiting up this year. Joining the varsity are freshmen Chelsea Faries and Kaleigh Lightsey.

"Faries and Lightsey have a lot of growing up to do," Coach Wallace said. "With more than half of our team being sophomores and freshmen, we are a very young team. Senior leadership will be the key to the success of the Lady Cats."

### Lady Wampus Cat Basketball

November

|       |                        |      |       |      |
|-------|------------------------|------|-------|------|
| 2     | (Scrimmage) Glen Rose  | Away | JV V  | 5:00 |
| 5     | (Scrimmage) Rio Vista  | Away | JV, V | 6:30 |
| 9     | West                   | Away | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 12    | Riesel                 | Home | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 16    | Axtell                 | Home | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 18/20 | Wortham Tournament     | V    |       | TBA  |
| 18/20 | Castleberry Tournament | JV   |       | TBA  |
| 23    | Maypearl               | Away | JV, V | 1:00 |
| 27    | Castleberry            | Away | JV, V | 2:00 |
| 30    | Venus                  | Away | JV, V | 5:00 |

December

|       |                             |       |       |      |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|------|
| 3     | Blooming Grove              | Home  | V     | 5:00 |
| 2-5   | Southwest Christian (Tourn) | JV    |       | TBA  |
| 7     | Alvarado                    | Away  | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 9-11  | Axtell Tournament           | V     |       | TBA  |
| 11    | Itasca JV Tournament        | JV    |       | TBA  |
| 14    | Waco Vanguard               | Away  | JV, V | 5:00 |
| 17    | Burleson Centennial (Tourn) | JV, V |       | TBA  |
| 27-29 | Godley Tournament           | V     |       | BA   |
| 28    | Southwest Christian (Tourn) | V     |       | TBA  |

### Garage Sale 1283 FM 2719

Fri. & Sat. – Nov. 5 & 6 8 am - 4pm

1948 Dr. Pepper machine, 6½ ounce cases of soda bottles, Kitchen stuff/cookbooks, Sports equipment/Tae Kwon Do, Movies/games/toys, Furniture, Computer stuff/books, Clothes/shoes/boots

## Hill County Genealogical Society November Meeting

Press Release

The Hill County Genealogical Society will meet Monday, November 8, in the Hill County Courthouse Annex at 126 South Covington Street in Hillsboro at 6:30 p.m. The students from Hillsboro Junior High School, who recently presented a Twilight Tour of the Historic Hillsboro Cemetery for the Hill County Historical Commission, have been invited to come to the meeting in costume and to present their comments on the deceased they represent. The children did an excellent presentation and we look forward to giving the children this opportunity to perform again.

Peggy Fox is looking for Civil War veterans buried in Hill County. She will explain her project and asks that anyone knowing of the burial location of a Civil War Veteran bring this information with you to the meeting. Any history on the veteran is also appreciated.

Anyone interested in history and genealogy is invited to attend. Refreshments follow the meeting. Annual membership in the organization is from January thru December and costs \$18 a year. A quarterly, Hill County Crossroads, is published by the organization. Queries are published for free. Please call Cleo Young Davis, Vice President/Program Chairman if you have any questions about the organization or would like to present a program to the group, 254-582-3603, or email at [cleodavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cleodavis@sbcglobal.net).

## IISD Accepting CATS Nominations

Press Release

Campuses in the Itasca ISD will be accepting nominations for placement into the CATS Program, the district's gifted and talented program. Nominations will be accepted from students, parents, teachers and other interested persons.

To nominate a student in grades one through twelve for the CATS program, please pick up a nomination packet from any of the campus offices from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. All packets must be completed and returned to the campus office by Friday, November 12.

Nomination of a student does not insure placement into the program. Nomination just insures that the student will have the opportunity to be screened for placement into the program. To be placed into the CATS program, the G/T screening committee on each campus will review at least three criteria collected on each nominated students and determine if placement into the G/T program will benefit that student. Parents will be notified of all placement decisions during the late spring. Nomination for kindergarten students are not accepted as all kindergarten students are automatically screened.

Anyone with specific questions about the CATS program may contact Amy Reyna (254) 687-2922 ext 150 for further questions.

## Democrats of Hill County November Meeting

Press Release

Hill County Democrats hold monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 8, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Bob Bullock Room of the Hill College Cafeteria building.

## 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Poems

Recently Ms. Carissa Helke's 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade English classes studied a unit on poetry and they wrote their own, many using alliteration. Over the next several weeks we will print these poems with permission.

Talented texting turtles sit  
on their tooshies tearing  
their teeth into tangy  
tangerines while tearing up turf.  
Callie Pittman - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tiny turquoise turtles think to tally terrible  
thoughts while tempting tame tigers to  
touch thick thorns. Tall tyrants thoughtfully  
tackle tan tribes, while thinking of tasting  
tart tomatoes. Toucans torture the towering  
trees by tearing off their thriving terrain.  
Christian Runyon - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

I am a girl.  
I wonder if I will ever become a doctor.  
I hear I am beautiful in every way.  
I want to fulfill my destiny as much as an author wants to write.

I am a girl.

I am a girl.  
I pretend I don't care about tomorrow.  
I feel sorry for other people.  
I touch other people's lives with my actions.  
I worry I'm not pretty enough.

I am a girl.

I am a girl.  
I understand why my life is important.  
I say I won't do something, but I do.  
I dream I have a future like a kid dreams of  
Christmas.

I try my hardest to do my best.

I am a girl.

Deja Clark - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Letters to Editor

I am enclosing payment for my subscription as well as those of my son James Billingsley, my cousin Roger Tresp, and my cousin Thomas Dale Bailey. James and Roger are "adopted" Wampus Cats, and Dale remains a Wampus Cat even though he left Itasca many years ago and does no longer feel able to return. (He has Itasca in his E-mail address)

I had planned to renew these subscriptions while in Itasca for Homecoming, but I did not see anyone to do so. And a marvelous Homecoming it was, too!

Many warm thanks to those who worked so hard to make Homecoming such a welcoming and enjoyable event. So many of us return year after year to renew old friendships, laugh and talk about our younger days, and, unhappily, mourn those who have been deceased but not forgotten. Next year will be especially important for me: the 60th year since my class graduated.

Keep up the good work! As a retired teacher, I often wonder how Mrs. P. keeps on having such talented students year after year. She is an exceptional teacher, and I for one am glad Itasca has her and her many talents.

Thank you for keeping the Wampus Cat Spirit alive!

Jane Bailey Billingsley  
Class of 1951

\*\*\*I received the following e-mail and ask permission to print it. Many teachers, especially those today feel as if they are constantly having to fight in order to be able to teach and serve their students. This battle that pits them against a number of obstacles omits one aspect of the equation – the students. Sadly to say, most discussions about education brings in the individual child last. Just one letter such as this one from a student makes all of the hard work worthwhile.

Thanks for sharing, Barbara Petrash

Dear Editor, I read the article about the death of Mrs. Wiginton and am compelled to add the following comments.

I had the good fortune to have a class with her when I was a sophomore at IHS. At that particular time, I was having some difficulty that put me on the verge of being a drop-out. Fortunately for me, Mrs. Wiginton heard about the problem and intervened in my behalf. Because of her interest and intervention, I remained in school, and you know the rest of the story.

A few years ago, I became aware of her location, and contacted her via her daughter. I reminded her of this incident and told her of my gratitude. I never heard from her, but only hope that she received the message.

Although they may never know it, teachers can and do make a difference, and I can think of no one who fits this mold more than you. Name withheld by request

## HILCO Representative Spotlights Energy Saving Programs



Recently at one of the Itasca Rotary meeting, Joe Marek from HILCO presented an energy saving program giving the Rotarians pointers and suggestions on preserving energy and thereby cutting cost to the individual.

The Itasca Rotary Club meets every Monday at 12:00 noon in the Itasca Rotary in downtown Itasca. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Rotary Club should

contact Bob Wilson (bwilson@hilco.coop) for more information.

## Students Receive "Best Performance Award"

Press Release



In August, the Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School located at 125 W Elm-Hillsboro graded students for belt advancement. Certain students from each category are selected by Grand Master Park as students with Best Performance.

Pictured are these students with Grand Master Park. Timothy Friesenhahn-Black Belt and Instructor-Osceola, Kaydee Jean-Blum-Black Belt Division, Bailey Johnson-Hillsboro-Advanced Division, Marcos Meza-Hillsboro-Intermediate Division, Melissa Renfro-Itasca- Beginner Division, Pamela Russell-Grandview-White Belt Division.

Classes are taught each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4:45, 5:45 and 6:45. The first two classes are free and parents are always welcome. For a free informational packet or more information about any class call 582-5111 or check out the web-site at [www.hillsborotkd.com](http://www.hillsborotkd.com).

The new fall session will begin on November 15 with a "Meet the Instructors" night on November 12 at 6:30 p.m.



## Recent Deaths

**Napps, Jessie Faye** - Jessie Faye Napps, 76, of Covington died Wednesday, October 18, 2010, at Baylor Medical Center in Waxahachie. Jessie Faye was born March 10, 1934 in Hillsboro the daughter of Freeland and Juanita (Shine) Durant. On April 12, 1958 she married Billy Dean Napps in Itasca and he preceded her in death on September 17, 2007. A devoted housewife, Jessie Faye enjoyed working in her flower beds and she loved spending time with her grandchildren. She was a member of Central Baptist Church in Hillsboro.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and twin sister, Gladys Hall. Survivors include two sons, Bobby D. Napps and wife, Janet, of Waxahachie and Keith Napps of Covington; brother, Kenneth Durant and wife, Brenda, of Itasca; two sisters, Lilly Bayse and husband, Billy, of Covington and Linda Jordan of Whitney; brother-in-law, Charles Hall of California; four grandchildren, Laura Wright, Travis Wright, Christopher Napps, and Leanna Napps; and a great-granddaughter, Sarah Wright. Funeral services were held October 21, 2010 at Marshall and Marshall Funeral Directors Chapel in Hillsboro with Dr. Allan Lane and Rev. Wade Yarbrow officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Garden of Memory near Hillsboro.



**White, Robert L. "Bob"** - Robert L. White, 74, of Itasca died Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at Hill Regional Hospital in Hillsboro. He was born November 27, 1935, in Fort Worth, son of Hugh and Mary Sue Adams White, and graduated from Paschal High School of Fort Worth. From 1956 until 1961, he served his country with the United States Army paratroopers. On July 7, 1961, he married Nancy Bailey in Fort Worth. An avid fisherman and hunter, Bob loved to be outdoors. He also loved his family and grandchildren very much. In 2009, he retired as a bank courier at First Financial Bank of Cleburne. He was a member of Itasca Church of Christ.

Preceding him in death were his parents; four brothers, Doug, Lee, Jack and Joe White; and two sisters, Judy Price and Mary Barbee. Survivors include: his wife, Nancy White of Itasca; five children, Carolyn Deese and husband, Dennis, of Denver, Colorado, Wayne White and wife, Deborah, and Teresa White, all of Aberdeen, North Carolina, Doug White and wife, Diana, of Itasca and Mike White and wife, Tammie, of Whitney; five sisters, Eva Elliott and husband, Otis, of Tolar, Linda Price of Nashville Tennessee, Ginger Willis of Burleson, Laura Hofsis and husband, Ted, of Forrestburg and Jane Salter and husband, Charles, of Godley; nine grandchildren, Annsley, Brittany, John, Jeremy, Robert, Ashley, Teri, Dale and Junior; and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held October 23, 2010, at Marshall and Marshall Funeral Directors Chapel in Hillsboro with Joe Chase officiating. Burial was at Itasca Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 1700 Lake Success Drive, Waco, TX 76710.



**Carranza, Lupe** - Mr. Lupe Carranza of Itasca passed away Wednesday October 20, 2010. He was born November 20, 1965. He was preceded in death by his mother, Josephine Carranza; and one sister, Teresa Pacheco. Survivors include: one son, Casey Carranza and one daughter, Hali Carranza, both of Itasca; father, Joe Carranza Sr. of Hillsboro; three brothers, Joe Carranza Jr. and Martin Carranza, both of Itasca and Ray Carranza of Hillsboro; five sisters, Juanita Carranza, Judy Medina, Elizabeth Carranza, Sylvia Carranza and Cecilia Carranza, all of Hillsboro; and a host of other family members and friends. Funeral services were held October 23, 2010, at the Special Events Center in Itasca.

**Thuem, Henry Dees** - Henry Dees Thuem, age 82, passed away October 24, 2010. Services were held October 27, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church in Itasca. Interment was in Covington Cemetery. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Evelyn. He was born in Golaid, Texas on January 25, 1928 to Henry Charles Thuem and Annie Mae Dees. He graduated from Texas A & M University on 1949 with a Poultry Science degree. He then married Evelyn Williams of Covington, Texas on September 2, 1953. Henry moved to Hill County in 1964 with Evelyn to take over her family's farm. He was a very successful farmer, and he contributed by serving on many boards benefiting farmers like the Hill County Blackland Soil and Water Conservation Board, Pest Management Board, Federal Land Bank and ASCS. He served his community as a member of the Itasca ISD School Board for many years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Itasca where he was a Sunday school teacher and elder. Most importantly he was a devoted family man and loved his daughters and grandchildren. Survivors include daughters, Candy Tekell and husband Larry of Itasca, Tx, Cherry Alarid and husband Kerry of Spring, Tx and Cathy LeJeune and husband Mitch of Spring, Tx; grandchildren, Dee Tekell, Kalen Tekell, Nathan LeJeune, Aaron LeJeune and Alyssa LeJeune. In lieu of flowers donation may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Itasca, Texas.





## Remember When . . . “The Class Ring”

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The high school and college rings are very popular with students. They are also known as graduate rings. Now they are more personalized than their forbearers, and serve as the best memorandum of one's high school and college life. Class rings began as a tradition at West Point Military Academy in

1835. The student started wearing them to show their unity, and also as a remembrance of the time spent at the academy.

There are many choices of rings, but usually they are round, square, oval, or rectangular. The rings are usually uniform in design for the individual educational facility. The only difference each year was the particular year engraved on them. Then later the class selected their ring design. Over the years, class ring styles changed, giving students more choices. Now, one can personalize his or her own ring with their birthstone, or insignias reflecting activities in which they participated. The types of metal used, and even the students name or initials or any other message can be conveyed. Students who purchase rings often do so as a remembrance of their school days. Usually these rings are cherished by their owners, and are often passed down as heirlooms.

According to tradition and “The Complete Book of Etiquette” by Amy Vanderbilt, the ring should be worn so that the insignia faces the wearer when the arm is extended for so long as the wearer is in school or college. Upon graduation the ring should be turned around signifying that the wearer has left school.

West Point customs follows different rules. Until recent times academy graduates wore their rings on the left hand prior to graduation. The USMA class ring is worn with the class crest closest to the heart, signifying a bond to the class and after graduation the ring is worn with the academy crest closest to the heart signifying the bond with the United States Marine Academy.

It has been popular with young men and women to wear each other's class rings; that is, the ones who are special friends or sweethearts. Sometimes the girl will pad his ring so it will fit her finger, and other times it is worn around the neck on a chain of their choice. Often the boy wears the girl's ring on his little finger. If it is too small for that, I honestly don't know what the heck they do.

As stated before, now students have the privilege of designing their own rings, with the school's mascot, logo, colors and any other choice including gold, silver, or platinum, or whatever. I personally prefer that the class chooses a design by popular vote, one that signifies some connection or identification with the class and school. There are numerous stories connected to class rings especially during the lean years.

I remember one girl years ago whose story reflects those times. None of her siblings graduated from high school and some of them not even from grammar school. She was determined that she would graduate, but her parents stated that they could not afford the \$16.00 that the ring cost at that time. She started doing odd jobs and making money any way she could. When school started she only had twelve dollars. She then started keeping a little out of her lunch money every day, until she had enough to purchase the ring. Now years later she cherishes that ring, even though the lettering is almost worn off. It is one of her most prized possession.

I guess I was in the same boat as that girl; as my parents were not really interested in that sort of thing, and besides did not have the money either. Believe it or not, in 1940, the rings were only \$8.00. It was a beautiful ring with a rectangular black onyx stone and a small gold “T” in the middle, very appropriate with our school colors. I have regretted ever since that time not getting my 1940 class ring.



## Where Does One Go After a Homecoming Parade?



We snapped the photo on the left downtown during the homecoming parade. Later in the day we received the photo on the right that a citizen sent up in an e-mail after being behind this mule drawn carriage for about 20 minutes as it made its way to Dairy Queen for an ice cream break.

Special thanks to our reader for sharing this photo with us.



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## Wampus Cats of the Week

### “Football/Cheerleader Band Members”



Reporter Ashley Spain

Cheerleaders to r) Da’Jae Wells, Chelsae Faries, Susie Rodriguez, Jessica Zint, Brittany Reid and Emma Orr.

Football members (l to r) Michael Macias (drum), David Corbitt, Shelbee Coleman and Jaciel Gutierrez.



Every Friday night during football season, there are football players that give their all on the field and cheerleaders who pump up the crowd and inspire the players, and then manage to grab their instruments and march with the band during the halftime show.

These students, especially the football players, sacrifice their halftime break to march in the band. The cheerleaders say that their biggest sacrifice is not being able to eat their nachos or Frito pie during halftime, while the football players miss some the coach’s pep talk and strategy discussion.

These football players and cheerleaders are very talented, as they not only have to remember their plays and cheers for during the game but also the steps and music for halftime. These students are full of Wampus Cat Pride and truly dedicated to their school.

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