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Community Enjoys 16th Annual Chamber/Garden Club Christmas Brunch



The Farrow Room was decked out in holiday splendor as the citizens of Itasca gathered to enjoy seasonal goodies, coffee, punch and lots of reminiscing with old friends.

This tradition of an open house was started in 1985 by the Chamber of Commerce but the gathering quickly became too large for one organization to handle so the Itasca Garden Club joined to help create a tradition that is looked forward to each year as one of the "kick-

offs" of the Christmas season.

Pictured top left are members of the Itasca Garden Club (l to r Martha Strona, Amy Castillo, Lisa Hill, Linda Hinson, Betty Sumner, Nita Redmon, Dianne Taylor, Lorene Thames, Betty Strona, Charlene Wiginton, Karen Buckner and Angelia Orr and bottom right are Chamber of Commerce Directors (l to r Diane Barnes, Bob Wilson, Joe Marek, Betty Sumner, Angelia Orr, Beverly Fehnel and Barbara Petrash.

(More pictures on page 8)



City Employees Welcome Christmas Season



The fire station in downtown Itasca threw open its doors and welcomed everyone inside Wednesday morning, not to a meeting but to a community open house with lots of delicious food, drink and good hearted fun. All of the city employees were on duty at sometime during the "party," but City Manager Mark Gropp and Fire Chief Wayland Price were the official hosts of the event, welcoming all. The Open House is another of the unique Itasca traditions that its citizens look forward to each year.

Pictured are left to right – George Bolling, CinDee Garrett and City Secretary Cynthia Lewis. More pictures on page 7.

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!

Obeys 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 5:30 p.m.

2BC*2 Youth Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. 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 Ministerial Alliance

Saturday, January 8 9:00 a.m. First Baptist Church

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Business Meeting December 27

Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

2nd Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

3rd Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

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

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, December 20, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

First Presbyterian Church

December 24, 6:00 p.m.

You are invited to join us in worshipping our Savior, the newborn King, this Christmas Eve, and here are 10 good reasons to join us:

***You remember Christmas services from your childhood and would like to re-connect with those memories.

***You would like to make the beauty of the Christmas story a part of your annual Christmas activities.

***You want your children to hear the Christmas story and be reminded that Christmas is about more than getting gifts and leaving treats for Santa.

***You want to be with people during this emotional, and often lonely, season.

***You want to be somewhere peaceful and holy as you meditate on the significance of this special time.

***You enjoy singing those beautiful Christmas carols in the glow of candlelight.

***You've been thinking about going to church anyway, and this would be a good time to do it.

***You've been wanting to get to know other Christians in our community.

***Being in church on Christmas helps you relax from the stress of the season.

***You've been longing for a touch from God and it seems like this would be a great time to reach out to Him.

Come, Let Us Adore Him

Hill County Heritage Book

News Release

The Heritage of Hill County Texas, Volume II, books are now available in Hill County. The following people have copies for sale at \$60 each: Hillsboro - Richard Greenhill-254 582-8912, Mollie Stinson-254 582-3242 and Cleo Davis-254 582-3603, Hubbard - Enid Waldrop-(cell) 254-721-6191 or 254-576-2327, Covington - Juliann Lumpkin-254-854-2254 and Cleburne - Mildred Lee-817-517-9382.

Price, if ordered by mail, is \$66 each. To order books by mail send a \$66 check made out to the Hill County Heritage Book Committee to Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 22128, Louisville, Kentucky, 40252-0128. For more information call Heritage Publishing Consultants at 1-800-568-1611.

If you have not picked up your pre-ordered book(s), contact Richard Greenhill-254-582-8692 or Mollie Stinson-254-582-3242 to make arrangements to pick up your books.

To the Citizens of Hill County, Precinct 2

First, let me say how grateful I am to those 590 voters who voted for me during the November 2 election. Your support of me during the campaign and the encouragement to apply for appointment will always be appreciated. When I entered this race, I knew it would be a challenge, but I truly believe, as a Christian, that the Lord has his plan for us. I know the County Commissioners worked diligently to appoint someone who will represent our precinct.

I appreciate Rodney Adams and his professionalism during this campaign.

I know Charles Jones will do a great job of Justice of the Peace and I wish him the best.

Sincerely, Karon Farquhar

Tommy Alverson

Is coming to Itasca

Tell your friends!

Saturday, January 15, 2011

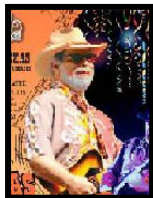
Curry Building.

Doors open at 7:00pm Tommy starts at 8

Tickets \$15.00 - children under 12 \$5.00

No unaccompanied minors please!

Proceeds go to the Community Friends of Itasca!



***Photo from Tommy Alverson website

Rotary Governors Visit Itasca

The Rotary District 5870 Governor Ruth Allison and Governor Elect Suresh Pahwa recently visited the Itasca Rotary Club. The Governor reported on the 2010-11 activities and upcoming 2011-12 activities for Rotary District 5870.

The Itasca Rotary meets Mondays at 12:00 at the Itasca Rotary Room. To become a member of the Rotary Club, contact Bob Wilson at 254-687-2331.



New Process For Go Texan Scholarships

Press Release

Qualifying Area Go Texan scholarship applicants are now required to apply online to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The online application must be submitted by midnight, Sunday, January 16, 2011. Required documentation must be postmarked by January 18, 2011.

The 2011 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo application process requirements include: all applications must be submitted online; students must apply for a scholarship designated for the county in which they attend high school; all applicants must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) report; all grade-point averages must be on a 100-point scale and be un-weighted.

The application includes a section related to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo participation. Students should apply by visiting www.rodeohouston.com. Seventy, 4-year, \$16,000 college scholarships are awarded each year to eligible students representing the 60 Area Go Texan counties. The 70 scholarships include an additional 10 awards given at-large to students from all the area counties.

These scholarships are just a part of the show's annual educational commitment, including four-year, \$16,000 scholarships awarded as follows: 70-4-H, 70-FFA, 214-Metropolitan, 10-FCCLA, 100-Opportunity and 15-School Art. Since 1932, the show has committed more than \$265 million to the youth of Texas.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a Section 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to benefiting youth, supporting education, and facilitating better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. The 2011 Show runs March 1-20 at Reliant Park. For more information, visit www.rodeohouston.com.

Senior Spotlight – Autumn Pelham

Reporter Shelby Ledwig
Caricature by Martin Martinez



Melody and Harold Pelham were blessed with their last child, Autumn Marie Pelham, on December 7, 1992. Autumn is the youngest of three. She has an older sister, Samantha (IHS Class of 2005) and big brother, Jacob (IHS Class of 2008).

Those who are close to her use words like “smart, bold, outspoken, beautiful, and crazy” to describe her. One friend said, “Autumn is amazing with her unique style.” She credits much of her uniqueness to her role model, Lady Gaga.

“She (Lady Gaga) is unique and nobody else is like her, and I think that people shouldn’t be afraid to stand out from the crowd like she does,” Autumn said.

After living in Itasca her whole life and going to school at IISD since Pre-K, Autumn is ready for a change and is eager to leave.

“After high school I’m going to the Marines,” Autumn said sadly but with a ready look in her eyes, “I want to leave as soon as I can because I know that if I don’t do it fast, I’ll never be able to leave this town.”

Her plan is to make a career of the Marines, but she is also considering going to college, hopefully on the Marines money. Before she can make these dreams a reality, she has to get through high school, which she seems to be no problem even with the challenge of dual credit classes and juggling a full schedule of extras which include band, athletics and work.

Autumn is the Drill Sargent for the clarinet section in the IHS Band. She has played the clarinet since the sixth grade and is excited about her position as a Sargent. On the basketball court she sports #21 on her jersey and on the softball field her number is #14. Autumn has suited up for the varsity teams since her freshman year.

“I love being part of the Lady Cats and we have a great team,” Autumn said, “we are more like a family so it makes it more meaningful than just playing a game.”

If you haven’t seen Autumn on football field marching during half time, on the basketball court posting up against the opposition, or on the softball fields protecting first base, then you have probably seen her at Dairy Queen where she has worked for almost one and a half years.

“I love my boss,” Autumn said, “and all the people that work there.” Which is a good thing since she also loves to shop and her job affords her that pastime.

“Shopping is a terrific stress reliever and it’s so much fun.”

Autumn’s advice to underclassmen is “Always put your grades before everything else. In the end they are what will help you be successful. Always keep your head up because there are people who would kill to see you fall down.”



Lost Wedding Rings

Thin gold double band w/ small marquis diamond

Possibly lost in the IISD area

If found please call Shirley Maddox or the
Itasca Elementary @254-687-2922 ext 120

Seven Sisters Bake Shoppe

Deli is now open!

3682 FM 934 Itasca 254-687-2828



New hours Tuesday – Saturday 7:30- 5:30

May all your days be blessed!!

sevensistersbakeshoppe@gmail.com

www.SevenSistersBakeShoppe.com

GREAT STARTER HOME FOR A GROWING FAMILY IN A PRIME LOCATION

If this is you, look no further. This is the house for you located at 103 E. Spurgeon St. next to Crouch Park the house sits on 1/3 of an acre with plenty of tree's and a large backyard. The house has been remodeled and has 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room, den, newly remodeled kitchen/dining area with new tile flooring. Large size utility room and recently replaced Central air/heating. DON'T DELAY, call Michael Mayberry @ 817-295-7297 or 817-584-3114.

Spaghetti Supper - Come on out!

Friday January 14,

2011

IISD Cafeteria

\$7.50 a plate

(spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, desert & drink)

Benefiting Community Friends of Itasca



IES Students Enjoy Opera

Reporter David Corbitt - Photographer Brittany Reid



The Three Billy Goats Gruff is a classic children's story telling of three goats' struggle against a bully. In recognition of the state-wide Red Ribbon Week, Itasca Elementary invited the Ft. Worth Children's Opera to perform this play for the elementary students. The performers of the opera sang, danced and told jokes to entertain the students for a few hours, and also managed to squeeze in a valuable lesson.

"It was funny and had a cool message." Fourth grader Sophie Hennig said of the performance. "It shows that girls have power and that anybody can stand up to a bully who is being mean. Oh, and I really liked the dresses!" Sophie said.

The Itasca Booster Club provided half of the funds for the performance. With this financial assistance all students could attend the "Opera."

After the Holiday Season comes Tax Season

Have a happy tax season in 2011!

Have your Federal 1040 prepared and e-filed and get your refund in as little as 2 weeks for \$75* OS Tax Service

Oscar Salinas 682-225-7442

245 Hill County Road 4141 Itasca, TX 76055

oas4562@gmail.com

*Almost ALL returns. In rare cases, a return may be of a difficulty which may require an additional cost.

For Sale

29 gallon Top Fin fish tank
Fluorescent hood with bulb – Heater
Top Fin power filter with cartridge
Volcano and decor included
Fish also included - \$50

susan.r.mcintyre@gmail.com or

682-429-2968



Lady Wampus Cat Basketball

Won – 10 Loss - 1

December

17	Burleson Centennial (Tourn)	JV, V	TBA
27-29	Godley Tournament	Godley V	TBA
28	Southwest Christian (Tourn)	V	TBA

District January 7 – February 15

January

7	*Blum	Away JV, V	5:00
11	*Bosqueville	Away JV, V	4:00
14	*Meridian	Home JV, V	4:00
18	*Moody	Away JV, V	4:00
21	*Valley Mills	Home JV, V	4:00
25	*Blum	Home JV, V	4:00
28	*Bosqueville	Home JV, V	4:00

February

1	*Meridian	Away JV, V	4:00
4	*Moody Sr. Night	Home JV, V	4:00
8	*Valley Mills	Away JV, V	4:00

2010-2011 Wampus Cat Basketball

Won – 2 Loss - 5

December

17	Grandview	Away JV, V	5:00
20	West	Away JV, V	5:00
21	Burleson Centennial	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

District January 14 – February 15

14	*Meridian	Home JV, V	5:00
18	*Moody	Away JV, V	5:00
21	*Valley Mills	Home JV, V	5:00
25	*Blum	Home JV, V	5:00
28	*Bosqueville	Home JV, V	5:00
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Raffle Tickets

1st prize - 42 inch Husqvarna zero turn mower

2nd prize - porch swings

3rd prize - porch swings

Tickets - \$10 or 6 for \$50

Tickets available from FFA or 4-H members or at Itasca bank.

Benefiting Community Friends of Itasca

October City Council Meeting

The Itasca City Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 18, 2010 in the Council Chambers, 136 N. Hill St., Itasca, Texas. Mayor Pro-tem James Bouldin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Susie Davis, Denis Heyse, Doug Farquhar and John Laird. Also present were City Administrator Mark Gropp and City Attorney Stephanie Johnson. Mayor Matt Fehnel was absent.

Motions were passed to approve the September 20, 2010 meeting's minutes and to pay the bills as presented. Monthly Department and Committee reports were given as follow by Wayne Upchurch (Water/Sewer Operations), IPD Chief John Griscavage (IPD), Wayland Price (IV Fire Department), (Planning and Zoning Committee), (Office of Code Enforcement) and (Building Standard Commission- no regular meeting was held but two public hearings had been held during the last month).

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. A motion was passed to accept the contract agreement; City Administrator and City Attorney are authorized to negotiate the contract agreement; and give the City Administrator authority to sign the contract agreement.

Emergency purchase of a tanker truck for the Fire Department was discussed and considered. Wayland Price had applied and received a grant from the Texas Forrest Service in the amount of \$155,000 toward the purchase of a tanker truck. Three bids proposals have been received. A motion was made and passed to approve purchase of tanker truck up to \$175,000; give City Administrator the authority to negotiate the purchase of tanker truck and sign bank documents.

The meeting was open for general Mayor, Council and City Administrator discussion and reports. Susie Davis thanked everyone who put effort into the town looking good for homecoming. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

October IISD Board of Trustees Meetings

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 2010, in the Itasca ISD Library at 7:00 p.m. Members present were President Susan Bason, Vice President Oscar Castillo, Jr., Secretary Angelia Orr, Marquita Lloyd, Kevin Cordell and Brian Bassett. Absent was Nancy Bowman. Administration present were Superintendent Glenn Pittman, Principals Rickie Harris, Keith Hannah and Karon Farquhar, Special Programs Director Amy Reyna, Student Services Coordinator Kristi Sargent, Business Manager Kim Eaddy and Norma Merkel, Secretary.

Visitors present were Bob Coleman, William Wisnosky and Calvin Wright. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President Susan Bason.

William Wisnosky addressed the board regarding the dress code policy concerning the length of his son's hair. Calvin Wright presented information regarding character building classes being offered in the middle school.

Motions were made and passed to approve the board meeting minutes from September 13, 2010 regular meeting and September 27, 2010 Workshop and to approve the financial report.

President Bason opened the floor for a public hearing on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). No comments on public hearing. A motion was passed to to approve TASB policy update 85 as presented. Motion carried. Vote: Unanimous

Bob Slotvig presented information regarding purchasing a new basketball scoreboard. The booster club had sent letters for contributions from ex-students. As of this date \$4000 has been contributed by the ex students. Lloyd Ford has agreed to be a corporate sponsor. The one presented is at a cost of \$12679.00 and \$2500 to move the old scoreboard from the Special Events Center to the old gym. The club asked for the district to contribute \$5000. The Board passed a motion to contribute district funds for the purchase of the basketball scoreboard. (Marquita Lloyd abstained from the vote).

Coach Wright presented a request for the eighth grade students to go to Washington D.C. on June 21-24 (Board passed). Superintendent Pittman presented information on the Monday school policy. The Board approved the 2011-2012 district goals and changed the December meeting date to December 6, 2010. Pittman gave an update on the status of the construction. He reported that the depot outhouses have been repainted, sealed and calked and that the district was contacted by the family owning the Blanch Files house to be moved to the depot area. The family will incur all cost to renovate the house. Documents have been submitted to TEA regarding the special education RF tracker report. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

To Ms. Barbara Petrash and All of the Wonderful Students Involved with the *Paw Print Press*,

Greetings from Fort Lauderdale, Florida,

An incident happened recently that made me realize how much I look forward to, and appreciate, every issue of *P. P. P*. The 11-5-10 Issue 45 came right on time, 11-5. Then nothing until the 22nd when Issue 47 came. I figured Issue 46 was lost forever . . . the next day, it arrived. Still a mystery but I am happy, anyway.

A few comments, if you do not mind. I hated to miss Homecoming this year but hope, and pray that I will be there next year. It would have been great to attend the November 11 Revitalization/IISD Veterans Day Assembly, also, thanks to Betty Sumner, and everyone. By the way, where did you get all those "old" pictures? I do not recognize any of them. They would probably say the same about me. With names, I might be able to match a few of them.

I am sending a donation to Rodney and Evonne Adams for the FFA support in honor of his dad, Bobby Adams. Bobby and I were the oldest of friends since my birth six months after his and until his death. He came to IHS in the 10th grade from a two teacher, nine grades school on Pleasant Hill, five miles east of Itasca. I came the same year from a three teacher, nine grades school from Osceola, five miles west of Itasca. In our senior year, 11th grade then, I believe he was the secretary and I was the treasurer of the FFA. In those days, and until a few years ago, it was the Future Farmers of America. In my opinion it should still be that. Do your students know what FFA is or stands for? It was, and I hope still is, a wonderful organization that taught life-long ideas and ideals.

Being a Future Farmer Officer is one of my many pleasant memories of IHS. This enthusiasm continued during my studies at Texas Tech from which I graduated with a BS Degree in Animal Husbandry and a Minor in Agricultural Education. It was my privilege to serve as the President of our collegiate chapter of Future Farmers of America in my senior year 1941-42. From 1951 to 1960 I taught Vo-Ag in high school here in Florida. We had one of the outstanding FFA programs in the state of Florida – winning state championships and other state awards.

Other fond memories include being the First Rotary Boy, along with Jeanne Wood being the First Rotary Girl, being Sports Editor of the yearbook, "Mowana," a member of the all male typing team, (masculine muscles were needed for pounding those mechanical keyboards!), and being a member of The Wampus Cat Team of 1937 – still the only untied and undefeated team.

Sorry, Ms. Petrash, for your editing problem, but you know what happens when I take pen to paper about I.H.S.! Keep up the good work. Cub Sanderson #67

City Open House



Attention All Itasca FFA, FHA, 4-H Alumni

Press Release

Friends and Community of Itasca, the committee that is responsible for buying the projects at the county fair needs your help. Donation and fund raisers are getting harder and harder to come by in a small town with fewer and fewer businesses and a predominately non-agricultural population, so we need your help. We are asking for monetary donations from all of you exes that participated in FFA, FHA or 4-H at Itasca.

Remember all those that supported you and show a little support for the next generation of Ex-Wampus Cats. Any help will be appreciated. Please send your donations to any of the listed addresses.

Friends & Community of Itasca
% Citizens State Bank
PO Box 126
Itasca, TX 76055

Sandra Grisham
288 FM 3147
Itasca, TX 76055

Rodney & Evonne Adams
109 Beard Dr.
Itasca, TX 76055

Recent Deaths

Tyler, Vivian Bailey – FERRIS, TX - Vivian Bailey Tyler, 95, of Ferris, went to be with the Lord on Monday, October 11 in Ennis. Vivian was born on March 6, 1915 in Itasca. She was married on Dec 23, 1935 to Roland Tyler. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Ferris. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents Wolsey P, Margaret S. Washer Bailey and eight siblings.

She survived by one daughter Carol Trees of Red Oak; two sons Roland W. Tyler and wife Alice of Forney and Gerald B. Tyler and wife Brenda of Ferris; one brother John Bailey of Hillsboro; grandson Tommy Tyler & wife Sheila of Forney; two great-grandchildren Casey Tyler , Careston Tyler, and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held October 13, 2010 at Ferris Memorial Park North in Ferris with Rev. Steve Hamm officiating.



Kimbrell, Nelson - Nelson Kimbrell, age 98, passed away on Sunday November 7, 2010. He was born January 16, 1912 and was a long time resident of Itasca, TX. Graveside Service were held Thursday November 11, 2010 at the Itasca Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by Juanita Kimbrell, Gary Nelson Kimbrell and Roma Anderson Kimbrell. Survivors include daughters, Janice Jones of Sea Island, GA and Patricia Crow of Burleson, TX; numerous loving grandchildren and great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Community Comes together to Welcome Christmas Season





Remember When . . . “The Euphemism”

Columnist Carl Sweeney

I have noticed something in our society today that has escalated to the point of being universal, but especially in the English language. That is the practice of using euphemisms. It has many uses, variations, contradictions and or put downs. They can be descriptive and maybe even uplifting. One might ask, “What is a euphemism?” Simply put a euphemism is a less explicit substitute for a word or phrase. It more or less conceals the offending nature of the word or phrase, but still reveals the true meaning. This practiced had led to many satirical movies, shows, and books that effectively use the art of “double meaning” words or phrases in an attempt to amuse. We notice this in most all “sitcoms.”

The inception of euphemism examples can be attributed to or laid at the door of the news media, as people seemed to be offended by certain words. The media also felt that these certain words and phrases led to a negative effect on young people. There are euphemism examples in literature. This happens when an author disguises a certain part of the text that may offensive to others. We will see more of this when we discuss “figure of speech” later in the column.

Of course, there are variations of the description of euphemism, such as the one that says “euphemism is, in a situation of an expression that may offend or suggest something unpleasant to the receiver, instead an agreeable, or less offensive expression to make it less troublesome for the speaker, as in the case of doublespeak. The development of euphemism is a central aspect within the public application of political corrections. Personally I think that this political correctness trend we experience today is, to use a euphemism, “for the birds.” The euphemism may also substitute a description of something or someone to avoid revealing secret or holy, or sacred names to the uninitiated or to obscure the identity of the subject or a conversation from potential eavesdroppers.

There are also superstitious euphemisms based on the idea that words have the power to bring bad fortune. As an example, not speaking the word “Autism.” We further describe that, by the dictionary description of the word “Etymology,” and common examples based on religious euphemism. That words are spiritually imperiling, this also can be further understood by checking the words “Taboo,” and also etymology.

Perhaps we have said enough to explain the meaning of euphemism. Now some examples may be in order. One of the most common examples in our English language is the phrase, “Passed Away,” to refer to someone who has died. To simply say “They died,” could be offensive to some people, and therefore a politically correct way of saying this had to be used. This is something people are sentimental about and measures must be taken so as not to offend someone. I have picked out a few examples of euphemisms for this occasion.

<u>What it says</u>	and	<u>What it means</u>
adult entertainment		pornography
ample proportion		fat
correctional facility		prison
sanitation engineer		garbage collector
character line		wrinkle
between jobs		unemployed
used car		pre-owned
expecting		pregnant
inventory leakage		theft
revenue enhancer		taxes
remains		dead body
lose your lunch		vomit
call of nature		going to the bathroom (which sometimes is a euphemism)
Powder your nose		go to the bathroom

We could go on and on with these and some of them are rather suggestive to use a milder word. We try to keep our column clean. I am sure we all have noticed that these words and phrases are used in books, movies and news media and in regular speech, and as we stated, there are a lot more example that mean a host of different things. The universal nature of the English language means that these euphemism examples are understood just about over the entire globe. They have given people the option to sound morally and politically correct and disguise an offending word or phrase so that no one else is offended - hopefully!

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Wampus Cats of the Week

Dwight & Marquita Lloyd (Lloyd Ford)

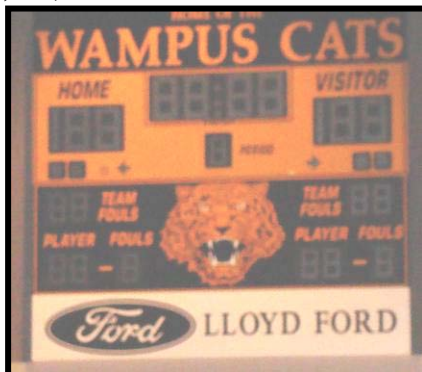


Dwight and Marquita Lloyd have supported the community and especially the Wampus Cats for the last 26 years. Recently when they heard that the IISD Booster Club was looking for a corporate sponsor to help fund new scoreboards in the Special Events Center, they stepped up and volunteered to take on that task.

The initial funds (approximately \$4,000) for the scoreboards came

from contributions from ex-students and citizens of Itasca. Since the scoreboards' price tag was much more than the amount raised, the volunteering of Lloyd Ford was like an early Christmas present to the district.

(Pictured are the Lloyds (right) presenting a check to booster club representatives, Felicia and Bob Coleman.



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