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Barbecue Cook-Off Featured At Go Texan

Press Release

One of the featured events at the 2007 Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair will be a barbecue cook-off. It will be held in downtown Hillsboro Friday and Saturday, September 7-8.

The International Barbecue Cookers Association (IBCA) will sanction the cook-off. Entry fee will be \$100 per team. The guaranteed purse will be \$5,000 in the open category, plus there will be cash prizes for the Go Texan division, which is for Hill County participants only.

Awards will be presented through 10 places in chicken, pork spare ribs and brisket. The Go Texan division this year will be brisket. The top local team will advance to the World Championship Barbecue Cook-off prior to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Houston next February.

Chicken will be judged at noon, pork spare ribs at 1:30 p.m., brisket at 3 p.m. and Go Texan at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Teams may start setting up at 3 p.m. Friday. All teams must have a representative at the cooks' meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

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Wampus Cats Set to Kick Off 2007 Season

Reporter Sarah Evans – Photo Jessica Grindele



On Monday, August 6, forty high school football players suited up and took the field to start the 2007 football season. Although the number of players were not what the coaches would like, their spirits and attitudes were great. The athletes practiced hard in spite of the hot temperatures and rain.

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Citizens State Bank Praise Citizens for their Support



Front row (l to r) Evonne Schuman, Elizabeth Solis and Rochelle Hardin. Back row Lance Meinzer, Stacy Beam, Elaine Heald and Patsy Bishop.

"Itascans have the biggest hearts and most generous spirits of any small town around," Pasty Bishop said about the amount of school supplies donated at Citizens State Bank. "The number of items we received was phenomenal."

The bank, under Mrs. Bishop's direction, collected school supplies and donated them to the elementary and middle schools for children who were unable to afford the list of supplies.

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Order of Election

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 6, 2007 for the purpose of the City of Itasca General Election to Elect (3) Three Aldermen.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 126 N. Hill, Itasca, Texas between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on October 22, 2007 and ending on November 2, 2007. Additional early voting will be held as follows: 126 N. Hill, Itasca, Texas October 25, 2007 7:00 am - 7:00 pm 126 N. Hill, Itasca, Texas November 1, 2007 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Cynthia Lewis, 126 N. Hill, Itasca, Texas 76055.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 30, 2007.

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

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m.
 Sunday evening Bible Study 5:00-6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.
 Ladies Bible Study Tuesday 10:30-12:00

First United Methodist Church

Come join us in our beautiful, historic sanctuary, where worship is a joyous celebration. Main at King St.
 Rev. Tom Wood, Pastor Worship 10:50 a.m.
 254-687-2475

Itasca Church of Christ

We all start out holding the hand of God. But he gave us free will; and desiring us to grow, he allows us to turn loose and wander off. Some have gone off so far that they have forgotten the way back to God.

Those of us who have stayed close to God, or found our way back to God, are seeking our missing siblings to return to God to experience the fullness of life, and not mere existence.

Itasca Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla
 Sunday: 9:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. 5 p.m. Wednesday: 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Schedule

9:00 - 9:30 Praise & Worship (Sanctuary)
 Cross Roads Band
 9:15 - 9:45 Fellowship Time in Barton Hall
 9:45 - 10:30 Sunday School all Ages (Nursery - Seniors)
 10:50 - Praise and Worship - 11:00 - Worship Service
 "Hour of Power" - 7th - 12th grades
 Sunday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Barton Hall
 Exercise Classes- Senior Citizens Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.
 Game Night - 3rd Tuesday Night - 6:00 p.m.
 Angel Food Ministry Host Site - 687-2243

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 5:30 p.m.
 Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

Saturday, September 8 9:00 a.m. - Bethlehem Baptist

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, September 17, 2007 6:00 p.m.
 Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

September 10, 2007 7:00 p.m.
 IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, September 24, 2007 5:30 p.m.
 HILCO Operations Building E. Main St.

Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

2nd Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.
 Fire Station Downtown Itasca

IISD Offers Season Football Pass & Special Event Center Reserve Seating Combo

Itasca ISD Season Athletic & SEC Reserve Seating Pass is on sale in the high school office.

The pass will allow one-person entry into all HOME high school and junior high athletic events (football & basketball) as well as reserving seating in the SEC (no reserve seating for football games) for band concerts, Spring Festival, UIL One Act Play Performance and any other school-sponsored event. The pass will not be honored at Graduation Ceremony 2008 or any event where an outside entertainer or presenter has been hired or the performance is being used as a fundraiser for an organization. The price for this 2007-2008 all seasons pass is \$75.

There are 126 seats (9 rows of 14 seats each) that are available for reservations, all located in the center section.

Mail in your check or bring it to the high school office with the attached form. Seats are assigned on a first come-first serve basis. Indicate lower seats, seats in the middle of the section or seats at the top of the section. If you are buying more than one ticket and would like them together indicate that also.

Come to the high school office to see a schematic.

Reserve Seating Passes

Name: _____
 Number of seats _____ @ \$75 each _____
 Location (Circle preference)
 Lower Middle Upper section
 Total enclosed \$ _____
 Make checks payable to Itasca ISD & mail to Itasca High School, 123 N College, Itasca, TX 76055.

Citizens State Bank's Support Appreciated by Itascans

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Bishop is very proud of the amount of items collected, but she is also concerned because we tend to forget that children's needs are continuous and that necessities are always required.

"This drive has made me more aware," Bishop said. "I don't have children so I have no idea what they may or may not need, but the next time I go to Wal-Mart or the Dollar General, I am going to continue to pick up an extra something for those children who might need it and take it to the school."

The bank has an active presence in the community year around. During Homecoming festivities on September 21 the bank will host an open house after the parade. All Itascans, past and present, are invited to stop by for snacks and fellowship.

The bank supports the school and community in many ways besides as a superb financial institution. They proudly display and sell Wampus Cat shirts and Itasca memorabilia. Currently the Ex-Students Association has a Wampus Cat quilt on display and they are selling raffle tickets for the Association. All proceeds go toward the Itasca Ex-Student Association Scholarship Fund.

As the bank employees thank the community for generously supporting their school supply program, the community thanks the bank for caring about and helping the citizens of Itasca.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Buy a chance to win this beautiful quilt at the bank, or by mailing the following form and money to: Itasca Ex-Students Association, PO Box 324, Itasca, TX 76055



Quilt Raffle:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

The quilt was made and donated to the Ex-Students Association by Jan Calfee wife of Jim Calfee, Class of 1950 for the express purpose of raising money for the scholarship fund.

IVFD 2007 Bull Riding

Itasca Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Chris Shuffield announced that the 2007 IVFD Bull Riding will be held on Saturday, September 15. Further information will be forthcoming.

Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair

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Other weekend activities include washer, horseshoe and doubles-domino tournaments, special entertainment, pet parade, antique farm equipment and classic car shows and Saturday night street dance

Being sanctioned as a Go Texan county automatically qualifies a Hill County senior for a scholarship through the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association. Local scholarships, combined with awards made by the livestock show, have totaled over \$145,000 during the past 16 years.

This year's sponsors include Ag-Texas Credit, Brookshire's Food Store-Hillsboro and Whitney, Cole Ford Sales, Cheers, Hill County Farm Bureau, Robertson Grain, Tipton International, HILCO, Fort Worth Gear and Axle, Wells Fargo, Bryant-Russell Construction LLC, Warren Laboratories, Citizen State Bank-Itasca/Whitney, Gerik Ag Service, Hill County Title, UAP-Ken Gerik, Brandom Cabinets, Oncor Electric Delivery, Hancock Sales Service and American Ice.

For more information, contact the Hillsboro Marketing and Development Department at 254-582-5499 or Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce at 254-582-2481 or, toll free, 1-800-HILLSBORO.

Football – Wampus Cat Style

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The Wampus Cats hosted a "Meet the Cats" night on August 11, where the team was introduced to a large crowd of fans and family. The Cats participated in an inner-squad scrimmage that night.

The athletes are no longer wearing their names on the back of their jerseys. A practice that was started to urge the players to work out on their own during the summer.

"Having names on the back of their uniforms shows individualism," Head Coach Craig Horn said, "we work as a team, not as individuals."

After 3 weeks of intense practice, the Wampus Cats are excited to kick off the season.

"This year we hope to be more successful" Horn said, "we want to build on the success we had last season and go further."

The Cats' first game is at home this Friday night against Tolar beginning at 7:00 p.m.

HILCO Celebrates 70-Years of Service to Members

“The R.E.A.” Still Thriving

As we celebrate our 70th anniversary this year, HILCO Electric Cooperative is taking a look at our humble beginnings to reflect on how far we have come.

Incorporated in 1937, the cooperative, then called Hill County Electric Cooperative, is one of the oldest electric cooperatives in Texas. The co-op enjoys a rich historic background as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Rural Electrification Administration (REA) program to bring electricity to rural areas. Many still refer to the cooperative as “The REA.”

Our cooperative was founded in 1936 with Earl Farrow as its original general manager. The founding incorporators who served as directors and managed the affairs of the corporation were Claude Wakefield of Milford; C. W. Johns, Itasca; George B. Russell, Hillsboro; Roy McKey, Itasca; and F. W. McCown, Whitney.

Today, a member-elected board of directors representing seven districts in our service area governs HILCO, with Debra Cole serving as the co-op's general manager and CEO. The current directors are Steve Sawyer, president, District 4; William (Bill) Allen, vice president, District 5; Margaret Hill, secretary/ treasurer, District 2; K. W. McPherson, District 3; George H. Thiess, District 6; and Dave Smith, District 7. The District 1 seat is currently vacant.

Centrally located in Itasca, with satellite offices in Midlothian and Whitney, HILCO provides full electric service to its member-owners,

currently serving over 22,140 meters at competitive rates.

Since its beginning in Hill County, the cooperative service area now includes parts of Dallas, Ellis, Johnson, and McLennan counties. As one of Itasca's largest employers, the co-op currently employs 80-full

subsidiary.

HILCO United Services, Inc., our subsidiary company in Whitney, was opened in 1997 as the result of a member survey. The company provides full propane service to over 2,600 customers, many of whom are HILCO Electric Co-op members.

HILCO not only concentrates on meeting the needs of its members, but we also take pride in being an integral part of the communities we serve. HILCO offers safety programs to schools and organizations; Operation Round Up®, a voluntary member based program; scholarship programs, student incentive programs, and youth educational opportunities; and other services to our communities.

One of the many unique features of an electric co-op is that any excess funds realized at the end of the year, after operating costs are paid, are returned to co-op members in the form of patronage or Capital Credits. This benefit is returned to our member-owners based on their prorata share of electricity used.

While HILCO has experienced many changes throughout the years, the cooperative has maintained its core values and adheres to the Seven Cooperative Principles of Voluntary and Open Membership; Democratic Member Control; Members' Economic Participation; Autonomy and Independence; Education, Training and Information; Cooperation Among Cooperatives; and Concern for Community.



HILCO was among the first co-ops in Texas to bring electricity to rural areas.

time employees and four part time dispatchers.

HILCO has a fully staffed water management department that oversees the day-to-day management and billing responsibilities of three water systems with over 1,700 water meters in four counties. Approximately 3,600 water meters are owned and operated by a HILCO Electric Cooperative

Quality Service Since 1937

HILCO members are hearing a lot about our anniversary this year. That's because we're proud of our cooperative and the quality service we provide, and we take pride in our 70-year heritage.

The HILCO Board of Directors is excited, too. Working as a team, our directors are following a long standing tradition of serving our members, just as our founding fathers did in 1936.

Our directors are charged with making decisions in the best interest of the cooperative, an awesome responsibility for an electric cooperative whose total plant value is over \$97 million dollars (June 2007). We appreciate the many hours they devote to serving our cooperative and their dedication to our members and employees.

We are also grateful to our power provider, Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, who has helped us provide reliable electric power to our members at an affordable cost over the years. The generation and transmission plant, headquartered in Waco, was founded in 1941 by eleven distribution co-ops,



HILCO Electric Cooperative, Inc. Board of Directors
President Steve Sawyer, District 4; Kyle Cross, former director of District 1; George H. Thiess, District 6; Secretary/Treasurer Margaret Hill, District 2; Vice President William (Bill) Allen, District 5; K. W. McPherson, District 3; Dave Smith, District 7; and Corporate Attorney Martha McGregor.

including Hill County Electric Co-op. Our founding general manager, Earl Farrow, served as president of the Brazos board from its beginning until his death in 1968.

Mr. Farrow was also instrumental in establishing the Association of Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC) in 1940 and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in 1942.

Every day at HILCO is "Member Appreciation Day," but on the first Friday of each month until the end of the year, we will be serving light refreshments in all of our offices to honor our members. To show our appreciation, all HILCO members will be receiving a special Touchstone Energy retail discount card and those attending our Member Appreciation Picnic will also be eligible for a special prize drawing.

From 622 meters in 1938 under the helm of our founding board, to a \$97 million dollar organization under our current board, we do, indeed, have something to celebrate.



800-338-6425
www.hilco.coop

• 115 E. Main, Itasca

• 300A Silken Crossing, Midlothian

• 4581 FM 933, Whitney

Sixty Copies left of Volume I - *Heritage of Hill County, Texas*

Press Release

There are only sixty copies left of the first volume of *The Heritage of Hill County Texas* book, so now is the time to buy one. The books are for sale for \$60 each at these locations in Hill County:

Covington City Hall Monday-Friday (254) 854-2373

Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, 115 N Covington Street, Monday - Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (254) 582-2481

Will Lowrance, Chair of the Hill County Historical Commission - John W. Erwin Hill County Courthouse Annex at 200 East Franklin Street in Hillsboro (254) 580-5379

Hill County Cell Block Museum - Sat. 10-4 though October.

Price, if ordered by mail, is \$65.00 each. To order books by mail send a \$65 check made out to the Hill County Heritage Book Committee to: Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 67, Clanton, AL 35046. For more information, contact Richard Greenhill, (254) 582-8912.

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Class of 1977 - 30 Years

Anyone interested in a 30-year class reunion please contact Patsy Nalley Bishop at 254-582-2279.

"I probably won't answer the phone but leave a message," Bishop said. "It might be best to e-mail me at jackandgeorgia@hotmail.com. See you at homecoming!"

Big Labor Day Community Party

Everyone is Welcome

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For more information, call Laura 254-582-3029 or Alicia 254-854-2806

Lady Cat Cross Country Team has Big Attendance

Press Release



The Lady Wampus Cats had their first cross-country work out on Monday, August 20. The workout began at 7:00 p.m. and lasted until 8:00 p.m.

The streets of Itasca had 20 sets of running shoes kicking up dust as the Lady Cats ran the town course. Citizens were on their front porches supporting the girls as they worked hard to represent Itasca ISD and the community.

Leading the Lady Cats were Ebonie Scott, Valerie Farquhar and Courthey Phillips.

"We have a long way to go," Coach Wallace said, "but there is some talent in this group. More important than talent is a desire that I see to compete and improve. With that desire, our athletic program will make great strides. We have girls running that are improving themselves through cross-country, making themselves better athletes, in preparation for basketball, softball and track."

The kind of commitment these girls are showing is what it takes to build a good athletic program.

AARP Driver's Safety Program

September 10 & 11, 2007

1:00 to 5:00 PM Itasca Senior Center

140 W. Main St. \$10 fee to AARP

May result in 10% discount on auto insurance

Call Paul at 687-2260 for more information.

Class of 1997 - 10 Years

Anyone interested in a 10-year class reunion please log on to myspace.com/ihs_class_of_97 and/or send an email with comments and questions to wampus.cats@hotmail.com for further information.

Are You Planning a Reunion? Send information to *Paw Print Press* at bpetrash@itasca.k12.tx.us

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology (Vocational) Education Programs

Itasca Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Agricultural Science, Computer Science, Health Care Science, and Diversified Career Preparation. Itasca ISD provides a free, appropriate education consisting of regular or special education and related aids and services in Career and Technology Education programs that are designed to meet individual educational needs of disabled persons as adequately as the needs of non-disabled persons.

It is the policy of Itasca ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Itasca ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Itasca ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX and 504 Coordinator, Mr. Glenn Pittman, at 123 N. College, Itasca, TX 76055, and 254-687-2922.

Notificación de No Discriminar en los Programas de carreras y educación de tecnología

Itasca ISD ofrece programas vocacionales en la ciencia de agricultura, la ciencia de computadoras, la preparación de carreras diversas, y la ciencia de carrera en medicina.

Itasca ISD provide una educación gratis y apropiada consistiendo de una educación regular o especial y asistencias y servicios en el programa de CATE que han sido hecho para las necesidades individuales de las personas de inhabilidades tan adecuadas como las necesidades de las personas que no tiene inhabilidades.

Es norma de Itasca ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen, nacionalidad, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios or actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y las sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Es norma de Itasca ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen, nacionalidad, sexo, impedimento o edad, en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda: el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, la Ley de Descriminación por Edad, de 1975, según enmienda, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Itasca ISD tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que le falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX y Sección 504, Mr. Glenn Pittman, en 123 N. College St., Itasca, TX 76055, 254-687-2922.

Early Childhood Intervention Program

Public Service Announcement

Do you know a child from birth to age 3 who is behind other children their age in learning how to sit up, walk, talk, or understand what others say? Call Itasca ISD Special Education Department at 687-2922 ext. 114.

Intervención Temprana Infancia (ECI) ofrece un sistema estatal de servicios para el niño menos de tres años que en comparación con otros niños de su edad, presenta un retraso al sentarse, caminar, hablar, o entender lo que lo dicen. Llame a 687-2922 ext. 114.

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Recent Deaths

Stacey, Bill – Mr. Bill Stacey, 74, of Hillsboro died July 23, 2007, at his residence. He was born February 15, 1933, in Wagoner, Oklahoma, son of Lewis Stacey and Viola Marie Brogden.

As a young man, he entered the military and served in Korea, where he was disabled and received a Purple Heart. In 1949, he married Eleanor Brock, and they had two sons: Billy Joe Stacey who died in 1970 and James Lee Stacey. He later married Ester Viola Proffitt, and they had three children: Carolyn Jean Stacey who died in March 2007, Sharon K. Stacey Epting and John Lewis Stacey who died in May 1997. He later married Ruby Manus, and they had one son: Carl Dewayne Stacey. He later married Betty Jane Hunsacker in Fort Worth, and she preceded him in death December 16, 2001.

He did volunteer work at Itasca Nursing Home and enjoyed participating in the Texas Sideband Radio Group and amateur radio association. He also collected miniature antique cars and doing leather craft. He was a lifetime member of DAV Chapter #215 of Whitney, lifetime member of VFW and a past member of American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister. The family wish to thank Bridgeway and Outreach Hospice, Dr. Allan Lane and other volunteers for their immense support and compassion.

Survivors include: three children, James Lee Stacey and wife, Deanette, of Del City, Oklahoma, Sharon K. Epting and husband, Boyd, of Peoria and Carl Dewayne Stacey and wife, Melanie, of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; one brother, William Stacey and wife, Annaliese, of Hanes, Arkansas; one sister, Geneva Bradfield and husband, Jake, of Wagoner, Oklahoma; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; one stepgreat-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held July 26, 2007 at Marshall and Marshall Funeral Directors Chapel in Hillsboro with Rev. Darrel Phillips of Line Street United Methodist Church of Hillsboro officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Garden of Memory near Hillsboro. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, Bridgeway Hospice, DAV #215 of Whitney or any of the local nursing homes.

Kirkpatrick, John – Mr. John Kirkpatrick, 82, of Itasca died July 24, 2007, at Itasca Nursing Home. He was born January 28, 1925, in Hillsboro, son of Travis Monroe and Nettie Abney Kirkpatrick.

He graduated from Texas A & M and served in the United States Army. He taught economics in Ivy League schools and traveled abroad as an international financial consultant. In 2002, he retired and came home to Hillsboro. He was laid to rest at the feet of his late parents. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Travis Kirkpatrick.

Survivors include: two daughters, Carol Xandegar and husband, David, of Lindenhurst, Illinois and Elizabeth Jennette and husband, William, of Tampa, Florida; one son, John Kirkpatrick of Vernon Hill, Illinois; five grandchildren, Derek, Deana, John, Jessica and Tyler; and loving sister, Susan Hinson and husband, Ed, of Graham.

Graveside services were held July 27, 2007, at Ridge Park Cemetery in Hillsboro with Carol Raulston of Fort Graham Baptist Church of Whitney officiating.



Waldrop, Harold – Harold Waldrop, 77 of Denton, formally of Itasca, passed away August 16, 2007 in Denton. He was born to the late Walter G. & Gladys Crawford Waldrop on July 17, 1930 in Itasca.

Harold was an avid gun collector and loved restoring war guns. He retired as a jet mechanic from Aviall Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Nova Waldrop Beaver of Kingston, OK; son, Kenneth Waldrop of Denton; brothers, Walter Lee Waldrop of Waco, Rev. Bill Waldrop of Laredo; sister, Patsy Ruth Cox of Cleburne; several nieces and nephews and 2 uncles.

A brother, Leo Waldrop, preceded him in death. Funeral services were August 21, 2007 at the Clayton Kay-Vaughan Funeral Home Chapel of Itasca with Rev. Bill Waldrop officiating. Interment followed at the Itasca Cemetery.

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Do You Remember...?—"Itasca Football in The Interim"

Columnist Carl Sweeney



It would be impossible to list all of Itasca's games, players, and statistics, so let's just ramble around with some things that might be of interest to the players and others. To regress a bit, I mentioned in the last article that in 1928 Itasca defeated Walnut Springs 104 to 0. Also, that year we beat Hubbard 81 to 6, and defeated Belton 27 to 0 for the state "B" championship.

I do not have any information on our teams 1930 thru 1934, but in 1935 Coach Wiley Grinnell came to Itasca and coached three years 1935, 1936, 1937. In 1937 we defeated Marlin for the Championship 30 to 12. Those three years were written about in articles in the Paw Print Press October 20, 2006 and October 13, 2006. Those were known as The Glory Years. 1938 also produced a good team with Coach Westerfeld

that year. The team went to camp at Latham Springs again that year. In 1938 a yearbook was published for the first time since 1921. Of course, we know it as the "Mowana". Also in 1938 the Itasca Rotary Club started honoring what they called a Rotary Boy and a Rotary Girl. The first recipients were Glen Sanderson and Jeanne Wood. The Rotary Club also sponsored the sports banquet. The best offensive player that year was Lloyd McGee and the defensive player was Wayne Gardner, who later became quarterback. The most unselfish Wampus Cat was Walter Arthur. In 1987 a Fifty-Year Reunion was enjoyed by the 1937 team.

Evidently there wasn't much interest during the WW II years. Mr. L.O. Shelley was principal and coach. Lloyd Curlee was drum major and Leroy Thompson helped the coach. There was a year or so then with no school annual. 1939 was also a good year academically as well as sports-wise. Lloyd McGee was Rotary boy and Clava Vera Hawkins was Rotary girl. They had a successful year in football and some of the players were Lloyd McGee quarterback, Alex Compton, Ken Wiley, James Acton and Bobby Pollard. Also in that year the band got new black and gold uniforms. The later forties were good years for Itasca Sports. In the late 50s coaches, Ben Harmon and Al Jones came to Itasca. They were fine role models as well as excellent coaches. Ben went from Itasca to Lewisville and Al went to A&M and had a long association there. He eventually became General Jones with the army reserve. He married an Itasca girl, Ann Hallaway. Ben and Al had some good players during their time here, such as Roy Yeamon, Bobby Pollard, Bobby Turner, Butch Westbury, and Durwood Vinson. One of those players, Kenneth Upchurch played four years for Itasca, four years for TCU, then came back to Itasca later and coached from 1969-1977. He had a very good record and had the longest coaching record of Itasca.

After that came Coach Billy Tom (Caddo) Sanders. He carried our team through regional but we were then defeated in Elgin, where people in that area said no one could beat Elgin on their Field, especially when they selected the officials. It might sound like sour grapes, but occasionally it is true. Some of Coach Sanders players were Ronnie Upchurch, David Sawyer, Bob Holloway, Pat Pruitt, Bobby Hammer, Bob Summers, Jonny Hight, Sammy Wilson, and others. One player, Rex Turner, was on the Super Centex team and on an All State Tem. Turner then went to play for South West Texas State under Coach Jim Wacker. He excelled there also and eventually tried out for the Dallas Cowboys. He later became a successful coach himself.

There were so many good Itasca football players I wish I could mention them all. Maybe some day someone will write a book and mention them all. Some others about that time were John Crouch, Tommy Howard, Don Redden, and Durwood Vinson, who later played for Wichita state. Wayne Gardner played four years at Itasca, became quarterback, then in later years became coach of Waco High, where he had many successful years, and was very respected both as a coach and a citizen, and a mentor.

Ricky Wiginton, after high school went to play for Texas Lutheran, then won two national championships while he was there. Also under Coach Jim Wacker, Leon Cockerham was also a good player at Itasca and went on to excel at Stephenville College. We have listed players in prior columns who were outstanding, Sam Baker who was All-State, Wendell Jordan gained over 2000 yards in a season then played for Austin College in Sherman, Opie Gilliland who many say was the best running back ever at Itasca. Then there was Ollie Baker, he played during the glory years and Jinx Tucker in one of his sports columns, said Ollie "waltzed" through Marts' line, then he became known as "the Waltzer." We would be amiss if we did not mention another Itasca boy, Greg Cranfill. He played quarterback and broke a state passing record for 2-A football with 2316 yards on November 1, 1991. He came back to coach for Itasca, and had a good couple of years before going on to Ferris, TX.

Next week we will list some more players and some dads who had multiple sons to play for Itasca, also some coaches.

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Best Bets for Fueling Your Child's Brain

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The best advantage you can give your child for succeeding at school may be as close as your refrigerator or pantry. Keeping your kids fueled with protein and the right carbohydrates can help your kids stay alert, focused and energized at school. Make sure your back-to-school shopping includes a trip to the grocery store to stock up on the best brain foods for your kids.

“The goal is to give your kids complex carbohydrates and protein which break down slowly in the body and provide sustained energy,” said Shannon Norwood, R.D./L.D., dietitian at Presbyterian Hospital of Plano. “Select whole grains and high fiber foods to help fuel them through the day.”

Brain Boosting Breakfasts

Whole grain waffles with peanut butter	Yogurt with granola and fruit	Whole grain English muffins
Eggs and turkey bacon	Granola bars w/ less than 150 calories	Oatmeal w/ peanut butter
Whole grain cereal & milk (if insists on more sugar, mix in some high fiber cereal)	Fruit	Low-fat milk

Lunches That Go the Distance

Fruits, such as bananas, apples or oranges	Vegetables, such as carrots or edamame	Healthy soups
Sandwiches made with whole grain breads, lean meats and limited mayonnaise or mustard		Low-fat yogurt
Wrap sandwiches made with whole-wheat tortillas and filled with chicken and/or vegetables		Trail mix
High fiber crackers and string cheese	Pretzels or baked chips	Granola bars w/ less than 150 calories
Healthy leftovers that don't have to be reheated	Water (not soda or juices)	

For dessert, consider packing sugar free pudding, graham crackers or a 100-calorie pack of cookies. Avoid foods made of simple sugars, such as donuts, cookies and white bread. The body breaks these foods down quickly, providing only a limited amount of energy, which can leave your child dragging as the day wears on.

Snacking for Success

Late night projects & test preparation require extra fuel to keep those brains bright. Try these snacks for an extra boost: Low-fat yogurt fruit smoothie, High fiber crackers and string cheese, Granola bars with less than 150 calories, Popcorn or Trail mix.