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Cranfill Honored by IISD for 35 Years of Service

Reporter Mary Maddox



"Thank you for all of your years of supporting the Wampus Cats by keeping and calling the stats into the newspapers," IISD Superintendent Glenn Pittman said as he presented Milton Cranfill with a plaque of appreciation.

Cranfill has collected the stats for the Cats for the last thirty-five years. When he began in 1972, his brother-in-law Kenneth Upchurch was the coach. Cranfill had no children on the field, only the love of the game and a desire to help the Wampus Cats.

"Sometimes it is difficult to focus totally on keeping the stats, especially when the game gets exciting," Cranfill said. "That is one of the reasons you always have more than one person there. It is definitely more than a one man job."

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Cats Defang Rattlers in Season Opener

Photos J. Grindele & A. Durham



Despite 16 penalties for a loss of 151 yards, the Wampus Cats scored five times and held the Tolar Rattlers scoreless in the season opener on Patton Field Friday night.

The Cats won the toss and deferred to the second half. On the Rattlers' second possession with 4 minutes left in the 1st quarter, the Cats created a fumble, which was recovered by #75 Jake Key. Even though the recovery did not result in a score, it appeared to energize the Cats.

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Morgan Attends RYLA

Reporter Megan Goff



Two-year PAL member GiGi Morgan has proved her leadership in another program. This one sponsored by the Rotarians. GiGi was interviewed along with some of her peers last year after being nominated to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp

over the summer.

"I was nervous during the interview," Morgan said. "I just answered all of the question as best as I could."

GiGi was interviewed by Rotary members Beverly Fehnel and Bob Wilson. They asked her about her background and whom she looks up to in life.

"I think what separated me from the others is that I don't live with my parents," GiGi said. "Living with my granny has made me a stronger person and she is my role model."

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Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair Saturday

Press Release

The 2007 Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair will be held this weekend in Hillsboro. Activities will be held around the courthouse square. Included at this year's event are a barbecue cook-off, classic car show, washers, arts and crafts, horseshoes, flea market, special entertainment, antique farm equipment and Saturday street dance.

Being sanctioned as a Go Texan county automatically qualifies a Hill County senior for a scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association. Scholarships to county seniors have totaled over \$145,000 since the county was sanctioned by Go Texan 16 years ago. All proceeds from this year's event benefits the scholarship fund.

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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>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

Police Blotter – July 25-31

7-25 – Assisted citizen (Broken water pipe)–FM 67-Hwy 171
 7-25 – Assisted DPS w/DWI – I-35W northbound mm 8 (off road in field)
 7-26 – Traffic stop (79/65) No drivers license, No insurance – 3 citations issued – Vehicle impounded
 7-26 – Attempted suicide report – 200 blk. N. Files St.
 7-26 – Loud music complaint – 800 blk. E. Adams St.
 7-26 – Disturbance (Verbal combat) – 1200 S. Files St.
 7-17 – Assisted DPS w/search – I-35W northbound mm 5
 7-27 – Citizen complaint (Loitering) – 200 blk. E. Main St.
 7-27 - Citizen complaint (Loitering – Officer issued trespass warning on 2 individuals) – 200 blk. E. Main St.
 7-28 – Assisted citizen (Deliver message) – 400 blk. N. Files
 7-28 – Motorist assist (Gas) – I-35W northbound mm 11
 7-28 - Motorist assist (Blow out) – I-35W southbound mm 7
 7-28 – Assisted citizen – 100 blk. N. Files St.
 7-28 – Suspicious activity – 200 blk. N. Files St.
 7-28 – Assisted citizen (Hole in street) – 500 blk. Lamar St.
 7-28–Assisted DPS (Suspicious person)–1200 blk. E. Main St.
 7-28 – Traffic stop – I-35W southbound mm 14
 7-29 – Reckless driver complaint – 600 blk. N. Hill St.
 7-19 – Assisted motorist – I-35W southbound mm 12
 7-29 - Assisted motorist – I-35W southbound mm 6
 7-29 – Animal complaint (Loose dog) – 400 blk. N Hill St.
 7-29 – Reckless driver report – I-35W northbound mm 8
 7-29 – Report of unsecured load – I-35W southbound mm 14
 7-29 – Gas drive off – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 7-29 - Disturbance (Verbal dispute) – Monroe & Lamar Sts.
 7-29 – Domestic disturbance (Gunshots fired) – PR northwest Itasca
 7-30 – Forgery report (Checks signed) – 300 blk. E. Main St.
 7-30 – Animal complaint (Loose dogs) – 300 blk. E. Main St.
 7-30 – Reckless driver – I-35W southbound mm 15

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Junior Attends RYLA

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The camp is in Bastrop, Texas and was held July 1-4. Over a thousand young leaders participated in the camp. They are chosen for their leadership potential and attend the all-expenses-paid seminars, camp and workshops to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. Rotary clubs and districts select participants and facilitate the event's curriculum.

"It was not all work," GiGi said, "We also had lots of fun. We climbed rock and rafted on the river. On the final day, each of us gave a short presentation."

The students that have attended the camp all agree that it is a life changing experience. It gives you a sense of self.

"I would love to go back next year as a counselor. It was great."

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.

Cranfill Honored by IISD

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The Cats thanked Cranfill by beating Tolar 35-0 in the last game in which he recorded the stats. Cranfill was not only totaling the numbers Friday night, he was training his replacement, Bob Coleman, who has offered to step in and take over the job.

Cranfill will not only be missed in the press box this year; he and his wife Amanda will be missed in the stands. Their son, Greg Cranfill, accepted a job on the coaching staff of Flower Mound Marcus, and since it is in driving distance they will be watching them each Friday night.

"My wife said it was time I sat by her and watched the games," Cranfill said. "I will just be a dad watching his son coach."

Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair

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Setup for the barbecue cook-off starts at 3 p.m. Friday, September 7, on North Covington Street. A cooks' meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, September 8.

Judging Saturday in the cook-off will be as follows: chicken-noon, pork spare ribs-1:30 p.m., brisket-3 p.m. and Go Texan division-brisket-3:30 p.m. Awards will be presented through 10 places in each of the cook-off categories.

The art-and-craft booths open and the antique farm equipment and car shows get underway at 10 a.m.

Registration for the car show will get started at 9 a.m., and the show will continue until 2 p.m. There will be a \$15 registration fee, which includes a free barbecue sandwich, with all proceeds benefiting the Go Texan Scholarship Fund. Trophy presentations will be made at 3 p.m. Top awards include Best of Show and Judges' Choice. First- and second-place trophies will be presented in 10 classes.

Paw Pals will sponsor a pet parade in the downtown area at 10 a.m. The tractors will parade from Hillsboro Center starting at 10 a.m. The tractors and engines will then be on display throughout the day on the courthouse square. There is no registration fee. People's Choice awards will be presented to the top three entrants in the show. In addition, there will be awards for the Best Original, Farthest Traveled, Best Engine and Best Garden Tractor.

Special entertainment is planned throughout the day on a stage to be located at the intersection of Covington and Franklin streets. Open washer and horseshoe tournaments will be held on West Franklin Street across from the fire station. Washers will be pitched at 10 a.m., followed by horseshoes at noon. The domino tournament will get underway at 10 a.m. at the MKT Depot. Entry fee is \$10 per team for each of the competitions. The washer and horseshoe tournaments will be open to youth teams 14 and under and adult teams 15 and older. A doubles-domino tournament has been added to this year's activities. It will get underway at 10 a.m. at the MKT Depot. The top-placing teams from Hill County in horseshoes, washers and dominoes will advance to compete in Houston Saturday, February 9, 2008.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association will host the horseshoe, washer and domino tournaments and team penning at the Katy equestrian center.

The Texas Musicians Museum is hosting a street dance at 7 p.m. Saturday. 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, Bandom 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.

Senior Spotlight

Jake Mears

Reporter Megan Goff – Cartoonist Zech O'Rarden



“Itasca High School, how may I help you?” Jake Mears said into the telephone as he fulfilled his duty as office aide. Balancing homework, a job and answering the phones is only a few things Jake Mears does over the course of a day.

Kevin Jacob Mears has attended Itasca ISD since pre-kindergarten. He has played baseball for three of his high school years and plans to make his senior year the best on the field.

“Baseball is just a wonderful sport,” Mears said. “I love everything about it.”

Jake is undecided about his career path after graduation. Currently, he is working at the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory in Hillsboro.

“The things I am going to miss most when I graduate,” Mears said, “are seeing my friends every day and playing baseball.”

Jake has two older siblings, Mindy and Cody. Mindy graduated from Hillsboro in 2001 and Cody graduated from Itasca in 2003. His parents are Lynn and Anita Mears of Hillsboro.

When Jake is not busy with school or work, he helps take care of his 2-month-old baby, Tucker and spends time with his girlfriend, Kristin Rivera.

Another favorite pastime of Mears is paintballing with his friends. He does have some advice for others who enjoy the sport.

“Once we were all paintballing,” Mears said. “I had on a big pair of overalls and a fat suit and I rode this little rusty bike while 15 of my friends were shooting at me with semi-automatic paintball guns. It was fun, but it hurt when I was shot in the face. Do not shoot anyone in the face or head or better yet, wear a helmet.”



Welcome to Itasca ISD

Reporters & Photo Eva Mayberry & Ashley Durham



child on the way.

Coach Bates graduated from McMurray College in Abilene. He coached at Red Oak High School for two years before joining the Itasca staff.

“I’ve watched and played sports all my life,” Bates said. “I enjoy working with children,” Bates said.

Joining the Itasca coaching staff and special education staff, Trey Bates looks forward to the football season and meeting the students at Itasca High School. Bates is in charge of the Content Mastery lab in the high school.

Bates has been married for 4 years to his wife, Briana. They have an 18-month-old son, Cameron, and another

Meet the Press - Seniors



Returning to the Paw Print Press staff as senior members are Jessica Grindele and GiGi Morgan.

In years past, Jessica has worked as a reporter, business manager, and sports photographer. This year, she is the editor. She stays busy making sure everything is being done the way it should be and snapping pictures

at the varsity football games. It is her fourth year to work on the staff. She was the first freshman to work on the paper.

“I’ve enjoyed the opportunity Mrs. Petrash has given me,” Jessi said. “I owe her for my love of photography. She’s like my other momma.”

This is GiGi’s second year to be a part of the PPP, and she is this year’s business manager. She is responsible for making sure all subscriptions are mailed and keeping the press working. She is also training a sophomore to take her place year.

“I love being part of the paper,” GiGi said. “It is like being at the center of the high school and community. We look into everything that happens in Itasca”

“We have an excellent *Paw Print Press* staff,” Mrs. Petrash said. “Great writers, organized and dedicated - that is what it takes to make the deadline each week.”

Christmas Cantata

The Itasca Community Choir will have its first rehearsal Sunday, September 9 at 3:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church.

“Let’s make this years Cantata very special,” Director Betty Sumner said. “That is the least thing we can do to celebrate the birth of Christ.”

Itasca - 35 – Tolar – 0

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The fans saw a number of good carries by #2 Tralyn Harden, #4 Dee Marshall, #33 De'Veon Mayberry and #3 Desmond Guy. The defensive and offensive lines also showed their stuff for the packed Itasca stands with lots of hits, tackles and by forcing the Rattlers to fumble four times, two that Itasca recovered.

The Cats' roster list 29 players and fans heard the name of all of them called more than once for tackles, recoveries and carries. It was a team effort all the way.

#5 Junior Mikey Marshall took up where he left off last season – passing and scrambling for yardage. He kept the Rattlers off guard by varying his receivers and making the plays hard for them to read.

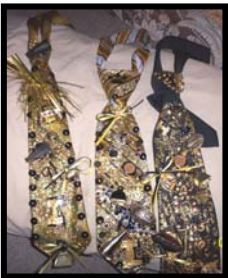
The sophomore class made their attendance know as #3 Desmond Guy carried the ball 22 times for 239 yards and scored one touchdown. #53 Kicker Tomas Garcia was on the money as he put the ball through the uprights three times for the points after.

With a 35-0 win, it would appear that the Cats have it all together, but the 151 penalty yards show that they still have some areas in which to improve. Many of the penalties came from unsportsmanlike conduct. Even giving that the refs may be a little quick to call the penalties, the Cats are going to have to learn to control their conduct on the field.

Coaching the Cats this season are Head Coach Craig Horn, Offensive Coordinator Ben Powell, Assistant Coaches Fred Dakan, Jeffery Mayberry, Micah Fletcher and Trey Bates.

The Cats will travel to Rice Friday night to take on the Bulldogs. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming Ties!



The Itasca Varsity Cheerleaders are selling Homecoming ties in the spirit of Homecoming 2007. The cost is \$7.00. You may pre-order by contacting Kelly Tinklenberg at either ktinklenberg@itasca.k12.tx.us or 817.240.2903 (cell) during

11:00 am each day (please leave voice mail if there is no answer). Orders must be placed by 3:00 on September 14, NO EXCEPTIONS. All proceeds are used to support our Mighty Wampus Cat teams. Thanks for your support! Go Cats!

Itasca National Compete at District

Reporter Devin Corbitt



The Itasca Nationals 12U baseball team dominated this summer with a 12-2 record this past season. They competed against two Italy teams, two Whitney teams, two Hillsboro teams, teams from Milford, Covington, and Frost, as well as another Itasca team.

The team advanced to the district tournament, which took place July 9-14. Advancing along with the Nationals were the Hillsboro Astros, Hillsboro Blue Jays, Whitney Marlins, Whitney Reds, Milford Cyclones, Ennis Price Distributing, and Ennis EBS. Although only the first place team was able to advance to the state tournament, the Nationals played hard and earned a third place trophy.

Brian Kelley, Bob Coleman, Doug White and Steve Solis coach the Nationals. Players on the team are Cole Coleman, David Corbitt, Brandon Kelley, Michael Macias, David Maddox, Taylor Minyard, Tyler Serbus, Alex Solis, Oscar Soto, Robert White, Jordan Whitfield

Student Outreach to Meet with Seniors

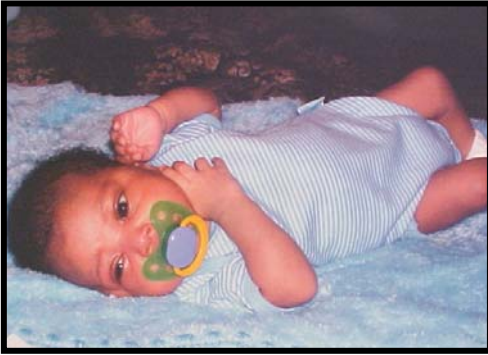
All seniors and their parents are requested to meet with Mr. Harris on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Topics to be discussed are college visits, financial aid, testing and all matters concerned with continuing education.

IHS Wampus Cats

2007 Varsity Football Schedule

Sept. 7	Rice	Away	7:30 p.m.
14	Blooming Grove	Home	7:30 p.m.
21	Homecoming) Wortham	Home	7:30 p.m.
28	Scurry Rosser	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	Open		
12	Maypearl	Away	7:00 p.m.
19	*Grandview	Home	7:30 p.m.
26	*Hico	Away	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	*Rio Vista	Home	7:30 p.m.
9	*Dublin	Away	7:30 p.m.

Welcome Home Jakorian Jamar Shaw



Danitra Marshall and Delvin Shaw are the proud parents of a son born July 28, 2007 at 4:13 a.m. at Hill Regional Hospital in Hillsboro. He weighed 7

lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. He was delivered by Dr. James Earhart and was named Jakorian Jamar Shaw.

Jakorian was welcomed home by grandparents, Tonya Marshall of Itasca, Marshal Dudley of Arlington and Maxcine Becks of Hillsboro. Great-grandparents are Shirley Anderson of Itasca and Melvin and Joyceland Green of Hillsboro.

Happy Birthday Kaden



Kaden John Cordell recently turned two years old. He celebrated his birthday at Splash Station with his brothers, Lydon and Landon, other family members and friends. He celebrated with an Elmo cake and everyone had lots of fun. Kaden is the son of Kevin and Julie Cordell.

Support Local BBQ Team at Go Texas/Cotton Pickin' Fair

Press release

The Itasca Crazy Mexican BBQ Team is cooking in Hillsboro at the Go Texan – Cotton Pickin' Fair September 7 and 8. Come by, support them and buy a t-shirt.

Members of the team are Missy Mayberry, Chunk Dominguez, Martin (Bull) Carranza, Chris Rivera, Joe Mendez and Rudy Rodriguez. They are lead by Head Cook and Coach Jesse Dominguez.

Homecoming Mums

Made to Order – See Samples at
Fleas & Tiques

Martha Hernandez – 682-552-1282

"Part-time Employment Opportunity"

First Presbyterian Church of Itasca has an opening for a regular part-time staff member in its nursery. Position is responsible for the care and supervision of children ages 2 months to 3 years on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Minimum age of 18; background checks required. Interested persons should call the church office at 687-2243 for more information."

90 years is a long time! Happy Birthday Jane!

Friends and family are invited to come help Jane (Dotson)b Stinson celebrate the memory!

Saturday, September 8, 2007

Farrow Room Itasca 3 5 p.m.

No gifts please!

September Meeting of Genealogical Society

Press Release

The Hill County Genealogical Society will meet September 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitney area museum in downtown Whitney. Members of both organizations are urged to attend this annual gathering and learning experience. Dr. Allan Lane of the Fort Graham Baptist Church will be the guest speaker. He will discuss the history of the various communities along the western edge of Hill County prior to the development of Lake Whitney and the progress since. Dr. Lane grew up in the Whitney area and has ties to the historic areas of this part of Hill County.

Refreshments will be served by the members of the Museum following the program.

Normally the Hill County Genealogical Society meets on the first Monday evening of each month in the Hill County Courthouse Annex at 126 South Covington Street in Hillsboro. Persons interested in genealogy and history are always welcome. Members receive the Hill County Crossroads quarterly for a fee of \$18.00 per year form January thru December. The next meeting will be October 1.

The meeting Monday will be an excellent opportunity to visit the Whitney museum, hear an interesting and informative program, and meet other history-minded folks. For further information, please contact Cleo Young Davis, Vice President and Program Chairman, at 254-582-3603 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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.

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Class of 1977 – 30 YearsAnyone 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 mes-
sage," Bishop said. "It might be best to e-mail me at
jackandgeorgia@hotmail.com. See you at homecom-
ing!"**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
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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 sec-
tion.Mail in your check or bring it to the high school of-
fice 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 _____

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Lower Middle Upper section

Total enclosed \$ _____

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Lift for 4-wheel scooter. Must have receiver hitch
\$75.00 - 4-wheel Shasta travel trailer \$75.00

Harry Ellis @ 254-687-2345

Police Blotter

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7-30 – Major accident (Rollover) – Driver care-flighted – FM 67 East of I-35W
 7-31 – False alarm – 200 blk. E. Main St.
 7-31 – Assisted motorist (Bus broke down) – I-35W northbound mm 7
 7-31 – Suspicious person – 1200 blk. E. Main St.
 7-31 – Reckless driver – Hwy 81 north of Itasca

August 1 – 15, 2007

8-1 – Traffic stop (Speeding 85/65) – No drivers license, no proof of insurance – Citations issued – Vehicle impounded – I-35W northbound mm 7
 8-1 – Terroristic threat – 400 blk. S. Hill St.
 8-1 – Animal complaint (Loose pit bull) – 400 N. Hill St.
 8-1 – Gas drive off – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 8-1 – Structure fire – 800 blk. FM 4307
 8-1 – 911 Hang-up calls (Weather related) – 300 blk. N. Hill St.
 8-1 – Traffic stop (Speeding) - Warrant arrest made (Webb County – Laredo) – Vehicle impounded – I-35W northbound mm 8
 8-2 – Theft report (McGregor Real Estate Sign) – 400 blk. E. Main St.
 8-2 – Traffic stop (Speeding 91/45) – arrested for reckless driving – 600 blk. N Hill St.
 8-2 - Traffic stop (Speeding 90/45) – arrested for reckless driving – 600 blk. N Hill St.
 8-2 – Assisted Other Agency – (Grandview PD) – Gas drive off
 8-2 – Suspicious vehicle – 500 blk. S. Files St.
 8-2 – Open door - public building – 100 blk. N. College
 8-3 – Phone harassment – 200 blk. N. Files St.
 8-3 – Information to IPD – 100 blk. N. Hill St.
 8-3 – Assisted DPS w/flat – I-35W southbound mm 6
 8-3 – Criminal mischief and reckless damage (Egging a house) – 100 blk. N. Files St.
 8-4 – Minor accident – 100 blk. E. Main St.
 8-4 – Assisted DPS (Arrest on Public Intoxication charge) – 1200 blk. E. Main St.
 8-5 – Domestic disturbance (Physical assault) No charges filed – 300 blk. W. Henderson St.
 8-5 – Shots fired – Firearm recovered - 100 blk. W. Monroe St.
 8-5 – Verbal threat – 600 blk. S. Files St.
 8-5 – Burglary of habitation – 300 blk. E. South St.
 8-5 – Reckless driver (2 citations issued) – 200 blk. N. King St.
 8-5 – Information to IPD – 100 blk. N. Hill St.
 8-6 – Animal complaint – 100 blk. N. Hill St.
 8-6 – Assisted Covington PD & DPS – (Arrest made) - HCR 1414
 8-6 – Reckless driver – (Citations issued) – Open container, drug paraphernalia – I-35W northbound mm 8

8-6 – Information on previous complaint – 100 blk. N. Files St.
 8-6 – Suspicious activity – 100 blk. N. College St.
 8-6 – Found puppy (Black pit bull) – 100 blk. E. Main St.
 8-7 – Traffic stop – (Speeding 77/65) – No drivers license – No proof of insurance – Citations issued – Vehicle impounded – I-35W southbound mm 8
 8-7 – Mental health call – 500 blk. S. Files St.
 8-7 – Assisted motorist – (Flat tire) – I-35W southbound mm 10
 8-7 – Minor accident – N. King St. & Wilkerson St.
 8-7 – Dog complaint (Loose pit bull) – 600 blk. E. Adams
 8-7 – Assisted citizen – 100 blk. Wesley St.
 8-8 – Roadway hazard – FM 66 1.5 miles east of Itasca
 8-8 – Suspicious person – 1500 blk. E. Main St.
 8-8 – Criminal trespass warning issued – 800 blk. E. Main St.
 8-8 – Report of fire in yard – 600 blk. E. Main St.
 8-8 – Assisted motorist – (Flat tire) – I-35W mm 8
 8-9 – Traffic stop – (Speeding 110/65) – Arrested for reckless driving – I-35W northbound mm 7
 8-9 – Illegal burn – 600 blk. E. Main St.
 8-9 – Terroristic threat – 400 blk. N Hill St.
 8-9 – Arrest made for terroristic threat - 400 blk. N Hill
 8-10 - Open door - public building – 100 blk. N. College
 8-10 – Suspicious person – 100 blk. N. College St.
 8-10 – Hazardous material – (Used syringes) – 100 blk. Minnie Dr.
 8-10 – Gas drive off – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 8-10 – Assisted EMS – 500 blk. E. Adams St.
 8-11 – Welfare check – 400 blk. S. Hill St.
 8-11 – Civil dispute – 500 blk. Weaver St.
 8-12 – Road debris – I-35W southbound mm 6
 8-12 – Reckless driver – (18-wheeler) – I-35W mm 8
 8-12 – Control burn – FM 67 East of Itasca
 8-12 – Assisted citizen w/information – 100 blk. N. Hill
 8-12 – Assisted EMS – 700 blk. Mill St.
 8-12 – Domestic disturbance – Citation & criminal trespass warning issued – 400 blk. S. Hill St.
 8-13 – Animal complaint (Dog not being cared for) – 100 blk. N. Hill St.
 8-13 – Animal complaint (Loose pit bull) – 800 blk. Weave St.
 8-13 – Civil standby – 400 blk. N. Hill St.
 8-13 – Theft (\$50) – 800 blk. Weave St.
 8-13 – suspicious vehicle – 300 blk. S. Hill St.
 8-14 – Curfew violations – 4 minors (2 cited for curfew violations 1-Minor in possession alcohol) – S. King & Aquilla Sts.
 8-14 – Verbal dispute – I-35W southbound mm 12
 8-14 – Assisted motorist (Flat tire) – 1200 blk. E. Main
 8-14 – Reckless driver report – 100 blk. N. Hill St.
 8-15 - Reckless driver report – 800 blk. S. Hill St.
 8-15 – Stalking complaint – 1500 blk. E. Main St.

Do You Remember...?—"The Burney Military Institute"

Columnist Carl Sweeney Pictures & Info from *The Item*



In 1902 a women's college was established in Itasca by David and Rebecca Switzer. The story can be found in a column dated December 16, 2005. In 1912 the college was closed and a military institute was established. It was called the Burney Military Institute, and occupied The Switzer College facilities, and buildings. Located at North Files and Main Street, the grounds covered a block or more. The main building had sixty rooms. There were quarters for the teachers and cadets, and officers. Also classrooms, a mess hall, auditorium and bathrooms. The building was heated by a furnace and had hot water, shower and tub baths. Electric lights also. The had a Calvary unit but I

do not know where the camp was.

The horse barns could have been the base. We do not know. The institute had an advertising brochure that I thought was interesting for our modern times.

It read as follows "Itasca is in Hill County, in Central Texas on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, halfway between Fort Worth and Waco. In addition to the facilities offered by this great trunk line, we expect soon to have the Inter-Urban belt that has reached Cleburne on the North and Hillsboro to the South. There is only this gap to connect. This power line now passes through Itasca. Itasca is free from places of vice. This is a town of churches, and a community of high moral standards. Its citizenship is much above that of the majority of towns. This elevated citizenship and this seclusion from city allurements is greatly beneficial to study and to the thorough development of moral character. There is a most cordial relation existing between the institute and the citizenship, and our cadets mingle freely with the best of families of the town. Amid such surroundings we are free from the expense, dissipation and vice of city life. There is no chance here for night runs to the city. Our boys do not seem to care for it, and seem contented and happy in the enjoyment of such sincere hospitality. The proof of this last statement is the fact that nearly all of them will return."

In addition to the Cadet's military, cavalry and classes, they also had a football team (pictured). I do not know who they played, but they did scrimmage with the Itasca school team. In an old picture there were fourteen players on the team.

The Burney Cadets often marched in downtown Itasca, and were accompanied by the Itasca municipal band. A 1913 picture shows little ten year old J. G. Stanley and another boy leading the marching band. They were buglers. J. G. was, of course, the youngest member of the band. Four years later his name was on the Cadet roster. He later became the bandmaster of Itasca High School's first band. He organized our first band.

After the institute got started in 1912 they graduated three cadets, they were Captain Hubert Spivey Lieutenant Bryan R. Owen and Sergeant Clyde S. Holland. They had fifty-six cadets, later for the 1912-1913 year. We will not name all of them, but some that our older citizens will remember or recognize the names.

Local enlisted men such as Doug Barron, Earl Barron, Carl Cotting, Earl D. Farrow, Hershel Giddens, Quintos Hodge, William Hooks, Rufus Major, Cluster Mead, Charles Pyron, J. G. Stanley, Zeak Sweeney, Richard Webb, Travis Wilkinson, Melton Ritchey, John T. Gill, Clyde Holland, William Niece, Olean Hodge, Grogan Turner and Ross Gaulding. There were others from out of our area that we probably would not know. I thought our area was well represented. This was just prior to World War I. I do not have rosters for subsequent years, if someone else has any information on the Burney Institute, we would welcome it.

The Burney Military Institute was disbanded and sold. Now there are houses on the block where the facilities were. There is a historical marker on the corner of Main and Files Sts. We should have another for the military institute.



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Wampus Cats of the Week

Cross Country Coaches

Clint Wallace & Stacey Mayberry



During the fall, the boys' athletic program is focusing on football. It is two months until the girls begin basketball season, so what are they doing? In Itasca, over forty young ladies from the middle and high schools hit the pavement each morning at 6:30 a.m. or at 3:45 p.m.

and run one mile every day. They are getting in shape for cross-country and basketball.

Coaching the Lady Cats, the cross-country teams and the track teams are Coach Clint Wallace and Assistant Coach Stacey Mayberry.

Wallace is very excited about the enthusiasm and eagerness the girls have shown this year for the program.

The cross-country teams will compete in West on September 15, in Hico on September 19, in Grandview on September 28 and Rio Vista on October 6. The 11 2-A district meet is in Keene on October 24.

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