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Wampus Cats Fried Rice Itasca continues to Hold Opponents Scoreless

Reporter Nick Worth

Photos by A. Durham, J. Grindele & M. Maddox



In the first away game of the season, the Itasca Wampus Cats kept their momentum going by beating the Rice Bulldogs 27-0.

The game began slow as Itasca was forced to punt the ball after gaining only a few yards in the first possession. However, the Cat defense was ready and they stopped the Rice offense possession after possession. Neither

team scored until the second quarter when Tralyn Harden received a pass and ran it in for a touchdown and a 7-0 lead after the extra point. From there it seemed to be a stalemate with the ball moving back and forth with very little progress made by either team. Just before the half, Desmond Guy ran the ball in to score the second touchdown of the game. With both of the Cats' extra points good, the half time clock showed Itasca up with the score of 14-0.

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Mayberry Making Plays at TVCC

Reporter Eva Mayberry



Kendale Mayberry, class of 2007, received a full football scholarship from Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas. The first game of the season was against Garden City in Kansas. Kendale was a third string wide receiver for that game. The next game was on TVCC's home field against Arkansas Baptist and Mayberry was

moved up to second string.

Kendale kept working hard and last Saturday he was on the starting lineup for TVCC. They played Georgia Military in Georgia whom is ranked 5th among community colleges. The game went into double over-time but Trinity Valley was victorious when Kendale caught the winning touch down. TVCC has never beat Georgia Military before.

"TVCC never had a Mayberry play for them either," Grandpa Jesse Dominguez said. Continued on page 3

Homecoming Festivities Planned

Itasca's 2007 Homecoming is September 21. Festivities will begin at 2:30 p.m. with a dedication of the new downtown park on the corner of E. Main St. and N. Hill St. The parade will start and 3:30 p.m. with line up in front of the Central Baptist Church on Monroe St. It will conclude with a pep rally at Lawless Park located behind City Hall.

The Citizens State Bank will hold an open house following the parade. Oscar Castillo has arranged for some fun activities for the children in the bank parking lot. The big game starts at 7:30 p.m. when the Wampus Cats meet the Wortham Bulldogs.

The Ex-Student Association will hold a coffee/get together at 9:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria followed by the catered barbeque luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The business meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. in the Special Events Center.

All of the classes ending in 2s and 7s will be honored with the 50 year Class of 1957 being the guests of honor. Three members of the football team of 1937 will serve as parade marshals.

See page 7 for more homecoming events.

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.

The 1937 IHS Football Team

Written by Glenn "Cub" Sanderson

Seventy years ago, the Itasca Wampus Cats made a new record. It has not been seriously challenged since then--12 wins and 0 losses, 485 points scored and 31 points allowed. Ours was a regional championship.

In 1935, Coach Wiley Grinnell arrived in Itasca, not long out of college. He brought with him not only a fierce desire for winning and strict discipline, but also a love for youngsters. He inaugurated the Notre Dame football system. From the beginning, it worked well with a total of three losses his first two years.

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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, October 6 9:00 a.m. - St. John's 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

October 8, 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 - August 15-

- 8-15 - Class C assault - (Citation issued) - 400 E. North St.
- 8-15 - Found property - 1200 blk. S. Files St.
- 8-15 - Warrant arrest (Hill County) - 300 blk. E. Main St.
- 8-16 - Recovered stolen vehicle - 1200 blk. S. Files St.
- 8-16 - Civil matter - 1200 blk. S. Main St.
- 8-16 - Reckless driving report - 100 blk. W. Main St.
- 8-16 - Report of fire (18-wheeler) - Brakes engaged - 100 blk. W. Main St.
- 8-16 - Assisted citizen - Itasca PD - 100 blk. N. Hill St.
- 8-16 - Traffic stop (Parking in no parking area) - Warrant arrest made (Fort Worth) - 1200 blk. S. Files St.
- 8-16 - Traffic citation (Parked against flow of traffic) Confiscated drug paraphernalia & possible drugs (Pending lab results) Citation issued - 100 blk. W. North St.
- 8-17 - Welfare concern - 100 blk. N. College St.
- 8-17 - Welfare concern - Itasca PD - 100 blk. N. Hill St.
- 8-17 - Welfare concern - Itasca PD - 200 blk. S. Aquilla St.
- 8-18 - Suspicious person - Hwy 81 North of Itasca
- 8-18 - Domestic disturbance - 1200 S. Main St.
- 8-18 - Stranded motorist - I-35W southbound mm 8
- 8-18 - Minor in possession (2 juveniles cited) 300 E. South St.
- 8-18 - Family disturbance - 600 blk. E. Main St.
- 8-18 - Assisted DPS & Covington PD with major accident - FM 67 & Hwy 171
- 8-19 - Suspicious vehicle - 100 blk. N. King St.
- 8-19 - Civil complaint - 600 blk. E. Main St.
- 8-19 - Suspicious vehicle - 100 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
- 8-20 - Abandoned vehicle - 1200 blk. E. Main St.
- 8-21 - Juveniles cited for shoplifting (2) - 100 blk. E. Main
- 8-21 - Vehicle on overpass - I-35W mm 8 overpass
- 8-22 - Down cable lines - W. Spurgeon & S. Front Sts.
- 8-22 - Domestic disturbance (Class "C" citation for assault) - 400 blk. K Lane

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1937 Football Team The Rest of the Story

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That was not good enough. He now had a nucleus of veteran players to add a few newcomers onto: from the Home, the Mill, and Osceola. He stayed with the Notre Dame system. It continued to serve him well. First nine games of 1937 had 9 wins, no losses, 392 points scored and 19 points allowed.

Satisfied? No. There was another undefeated team in the District--Mart, which had defeated him for the District title the previous two years. What to do? Coach Grinnell was not called "Wiley" for nothing. His Notre Dame system was working like magic. Would it continue against Mart? We will never know.

At Monday's practice, Coach Grinnell put his Notre Dame system in his hip pocket. He said, "Today we start a NEW system--unbalanced line with single wing offense and 5-3-2-1 defense." What about the balanced line and Notre Dame shift offense and the 5-2-2-1 defense? "Forget it."

We had five days to learn a completely foreign system--including the day of the game.

For some reason, and no one dared ask why, he pulled me off the 6 player defensive line and made me the third (middle) linebacker. We were given a few offensive plays for the new unbalanced line and single wing offense.

On the day of the District game, I found myself playing opposite a 200 pounder named Honeycutt. More than once, Wayne Gardner, our outstanding quarterback, had to drag me back to the huddle, then put me in position and tell me what to do. I was a soaking wet 140 pounder.

Late in the third quarter the score was still 0 - 0. I surprisingly intercepted. If this were a fantasy, I would have run the interception for a touchdown and the winning score. Didn't happen, but we did score and Lloyd McGee's drop kick for the extra point failed. We won 6 - 0 and became the district champs of 1937.

The following week we returned to our Notre Dame system, and became the Bi-District champs defeating Milford 57-0. The next week Hearne was our victim, 30-12. Total for the season: 485-31.

My moment of glory in the Mart game was missed. That did not matter, as the entire season was a TEAM effort. If anyone has a better 70-year-old recollection of THAT season, I will accept it and quietly step aside. I await a report of the record we made. GO CATS.

Special thoughts go out to members of that team still remaining: Jim Stinson, Ollie Baker and especially Buddy "Buzzsaw" Fields. I outweighed Buddy a couple pounds and still do. What beautiful memories. AND NOW YOU KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY.

Mayberry Makes Winning TD

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Getting to Georgia was a bit of a struggle for the Trinity Valley Community College Cardinals. Half way there, the air conditioner went out on the bus, and when they finally got to the hotel, the bus broke down. However, in the end, it was all worth it. "It was very exciting," Kendale said. "It was my first catch, first touchdown, and first winning touchdown."

Kendale has received two awards since playing for Trinity Valley. The first he earned during two-a-days; it was the big catch of the day award, and then after the Georgia Military game he received the "Spark Plug Award" which is the same as being MVP or player of the game.

Kendale's goal for the year is to earn a position as a starter for the Cardinals the rest of the season. Kendale's wide receiver coach use to play for the Green Bay Packers until he was injured.

"Coach Murphy has taught me a lot more than what most college players won't even learn until they make it to the NFL," Kendale said.

There have been many days when Kendale wakes up and just wants to quit but knowing that there are a lot of people out there rooting for him and expecting him to do something in football inspires him to keep going.

"Playing college ball is a lot different from High School ball," Kendale said. "It's more of a job in college. In college ball you have to know a lot more such as running routes and reading coverage."

Kendale has united with his team players. It was difficult in the beginning but they have now become a family. Kendale is known as the "pretty boy" in Athens.

Kendale is very grateful to Itasca school education.

"I'm probably the smartest person on the team," Kendale said.

He doesn't have as many classes as some of the other players have so he has more time to have a bit of fun, well that's if he doesn't have any team meetings to go to.

"Cherish every moment you have in high school," Kendale advises. "Once you get out, it's a whole new ball game and you just want to go back to high school." ***The Cardinals play at home in Athens this Saturday. Make the trip if possible to support the hometown player.

Oops

In the August 31, 2007, we mistakenly typed in Marlin as the team the Cats defeated for the regional championship. It should have read Hearne 12 - Itasca - 30.

Senior Spotlight

Rikki Mason

Reporter Megan Goff – Cartoonist Zech O'Rardon



“Beautiful, loud and determined,” are three words that can describe Senior Rikki Mason. Rikki has high hopes and dreams for her life after graduation.

“I plan on attending the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise (FIDM) in Los Angeles, California.” Rikki said.

Rikki came to Itasca during the eighth grade and has not forgotten her first day.

“My first day I fell down every step in the commons area and landed on my face,” Rikki said, “but I was lucky that Valerie was the only one who saw me.”

Cheerleading is an important part of Rikki's life. She made the team her junior year and competed at Nationals in Dallas last December. She has returned for her senior year and considers it her sport.

“I broke my ankle the first day of cheerleading practice last year,” Rikki said.

This year she is going to really focus on her cheerleading and try not to break anything.

Rikki played for the Varsity Lady Cats her freshmen and sophomore year then suffered a broken ankle that left her out her junior year. She also participated in one year of varsity softball, a year of varsity tennis and two years of varsity track that lead her to Regionals in pole vaulting. Rikki has also been active in UIL competitions in current events.

Rikki is the daughter of Rick Mason and Georgia Wiginton.

“My mom is who I look up to. She is so strong and has taught me to be who I am.”

As graduation comes nearer, Rikki said that she would not miss the “immature people and drama.”

Her words of wisdom to the underclassmen “Live out loud.”



Welcome to Itasca ISD

Reporters & Photo Eva Mayberry & Ashley Durham



Itasca ISD and the coaching staff proudly welcomes Benjamin Powell to the staff. He is one of the new boys' athletics coaches. Powell has coached since 1999. Before coming to Itasca, he coached at Gulf Coast area, Bay City, La Marque, Baytown, and in Louisiana.

“I am enjoying Itasca. It's excellent so far,” Powell said. “The number of students is different compared to my previous coaching jobs, but here I get to interact with the students more.”

While in school, Powell had coaches that made a powerful impact on his life. He decided he too wanted to be a positive impact on others.

“That is the main reason I became a coach,” Powell said, “Plus you get free food.”

Powell graduated from Travis High School in Austin, Texas. After high school, he attended Louisiana State University. Coach Powell has been married to his wife, Jodie, for 7 years. They have two children, 11 month old Keller and 2 weeks old Riley.

Meet the Press – Junior Staffer

Reporter Maria Worth



“I look forward every day to going to the Paw Print Press,” Sarah said.

Sarah Evans is the only junior returning to the staff. She is looking forward to her last two years on the paper. Last year she was interviewing and writing Senior Spotlights, but this year she received a promotion and is the Feature Editor.

Sarah is excited about UIL this year. She plans to work on the One Act Play, LD debate and will compete in a number of journalism contests.

High school students watch Sarah every day on the WCAT news giving them their daily update on events. She is also on the sidelines every Thursday and Friday nights working as the football trainer.

“Sarah is a multi-talented person,” Mrs. Petrash said. “I am very impressed with her enthusiasm and willingness to work.”

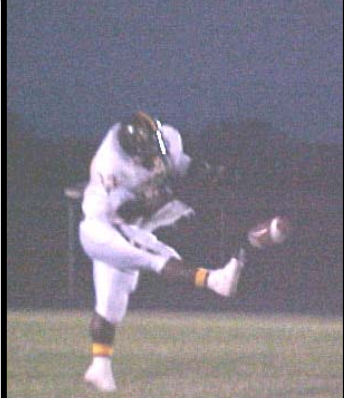
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Itasca - 27 – Rice – 0

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The second half started with a bang. Six seconds into the 3rd quarter, Desmond Guy scored again. Itasca began getting yards through various pitch plays, but unfortunately, none put points on the scoreboard. Suddenly, Desmond Guy intercepted a pass and the Itasca offense took it from there and scored using De'Veon Mayberry's ability to crash through the Bulldog's defensive line. This time the extra point was not good leaving the score at 27-0.

This week's game ran a

lot smoother as the number of penalties was cut in half and both the offense and defense appeared to be more refined and polished.

The team had a great game. Desmond Guy rushed 16 times for 154 yards, 2 touchdowns, and an interception. This brings his total

rushing yardage just shy of the 400 mark. Quarterback Mikey Marshall rushed for 44 yards and passed for 67 yards including one touchdown. De'Veon Mayberry carried 4 times for 44 yards and scored one touchdown. Senior Tralyn Harden caught twice for 64 yards including a touchdown reception and a crowd-pleasing interception.

This Friday the Wampus Cats will take on another pack of Bulldogs as Wortham comes to Itasca to play.

Cross County Meets

September 15	West Trojan CC Meet	West
September 19	Hico Invitational	Hico
September 26	Maypearl Panther Run	Waxahachie
October 6	Cow Pasture Invitational	Rio Vista
October 24	District 11-2A	Keene
November 3	Regional II	Arlington
November 10	State Championship	Round Rock

Coach Clint Wallace & Stacey Mayberry

IHS Wampus Cats 2007 Varsity Football Schedule

August 31	Itasca – 35 – Tolar - 0
September 7	Itasca - 27 – Rice – 0
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.

* - District
Head Coach: Craig Horn (254) 687 – 2922 Ext. 160
Assistant Coaches: Ben Powell, Trey Bates, Fred Dakan, Jeff Mayberry, Micah Fletcher

JH/J.V. Football Schedule

JV Results

August 30	Itasca - ?	Tolar - ?
September 6	Itasca – 6	Rice – 18
13	Blooming Grove Away 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.	
20	Wortham Away 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.	
27	Scurry Rosser Away 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.	
October		
4	Collins Catholic/Rice Home 7th/8th 6/7 p.m.	
11	*Maypearl Home 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.	
18	*Grandview Away 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.	
25	*Hico Home 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.	
Nov. 1	*Rio Vista Away 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.	
8	*Dublin Home 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.	

* - District *Start Times Subject To Change Due To Field Availability

2007 Varsity Starters

Reporter Nick Worth

On defensive line is Zech O'Rarden and Ryan Crouch at defensive end, Josh Huff at nose guard and Adam Handy at defensive tackle. The secondary includes Tralyn Harden and Dee Marshall at cornerback, Desmond Guy and Terrey Brumbalow at the safety position, and De'Veon Mayberry, Frank Sanchez and Edgar Soto take the linebacker positions.

The offensive starters vary according to the package being used. In the backfield are Michael Marshall quarterback and Desmond Guy at running back. Wide receivers are Dee Marshall, John Prescott and Tralyn Harden. The offensive line this year is Zech O'Rarden at tight end, Chad Rutherford at center, Chris Pacheco and Jacob Pelham at guard, and Eddie Coronado and Adam Handy are tackles.

I Cry Because

By: Benjamin Nickens – 8th Grade English

I cry because I lost the girl of my dreams
 I cry because I never get to see you.
 I cry because what I did broke your heart.
 I cry because I need you back in my life.
 I cry because you cry.
 I cry because I know that the one I love is with another
 man; that makes me mad.
 I cry because I'm sad.
 I cry because I'm in pain.
 I cry because you are not here.
 I cry because you cry.
 I cry because I need you.
 I cry, I cry, I cry.

Cards of Thanks

I'd like to thank the Itasca Administration and coaching staff for presenting me with the plaque Friday night at the football game. I accept this with wholehearted thanks and gratitude.

It's been a lot of fun keeping the stats for our football program. I've been to a lot of games and traveled many miles in the last 35 years, but it's all worth it when you get to see the results of some player getting to read his name in the paper about what he and his teammates accomplished last night.

I'd like to thank all the people that have helped me over the years but I'd leave some out so I'll just mention a few. Gene Farquhar helped me when I started and Bob Coleman and Brian Kelley helped me when I finished. But in the middle was one of my favorites. Dennis Boyd. That's because Dennis and I both had sons on the field during these years.

I'd also like to thank the coaches I've worked with; they've all been easy to work with. I'd especially like to thank two. I started with the best coach ever to coach a game at Itasca, and that's my brother-in-law Kenneth Upchurch and I finished with the other best coach to ever coach a game at Itasca and that's my son Greg.

Thank you all very much, Milton Cranfill

The Itasca Elementary and Middle Schools would like to thank the Citizens State Bank for holding the recent School Supply Drive and the citizens of Itasca for their generosity in donating items.

We would especially like to thank bank Vice President Lance Meinzer for allowing the employees to hold the drive and Patsy Bishop for organizing the successful drive.

Hundreds of supplies were donated and distributed to the two campuses. All students attending elementary and middle school have their needed supplies, thanks to the kindness of Itascans.

125th Anniversary Celebration

Press Release



The Itasca Methodist Church will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the church and the 90th birthday of our historic church building at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 16. Several past ministers will attend.

Many historical artifacts of the church will be on display in the fellowship hall during the reception that follows the service. It will be a great opportunity to view our beautiful beamed sanctuary and its priceless 16 feet stained glass windows.

An electric chair lift is available by entering through the front ground floor entrance.

Our regular worship service will be at 10:50 a.m. Sunday morning. Please join us for both services Sunday.

Joshua Walk Planned

Press Release

In the Bible, Joshua was instructed by God to march around the city of Jericho once a day for 6 days. On the 7th day, they were to march around the city 7 times.

A "Joshua Walk" for our schools is planned for Sept. 16 - 22. The first walk will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 7:00 p.m. The walkers will then meet again every day that week at 9:00 a.m. Walkers will meet at the home of Diane Barnes at 404 E Monroe St., walk up to Files Street in front of the Middle School and Elementary School, go around the football field, and up Main Street by the High School, winding up back at Diane's house on Monroe. Before each walk, there will be prayers for our students, teachers, administrators and other workers at our schools. On Saturday, we will walk the route 7 times.

Everyone, including any ex-students here for Homecoming, is invited to join us in this Joshua Walk, which we hope will be a blessing to everyone involved in our school systems.

"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.

Class of 1962 – 45 Years

Anyone who was ever part of the Class of 1962 (staff or student) is invited to get in touch by calling Nancy Shelton @ 972 542-7440 or Judy Parvin @ 972 493-3662. The class will be at the Farrow Room after the ex students' meeting Saturday afternoon. We would especially like to find David Mitchell, Ray Neal, Elaine Silver and Evelina Sellers Littlejohn.

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!"

Class of 1984 (1983 & 1985)

You are invited to a homecoming party at Oscar Castillo's home at 401 E. Spurgeon St.

The Classes of 1983 & 1985 are also invited. See you there!

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

Homecoming Mums

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3XL \$10.00

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New Cat Head
Contact IISD Booster Club

Memorial Planned

Press Release

The First Presbyterian Church of Itasca will begin work soon on the Barbara Hooks Memorial Garden, which will be located between our sanctuary and educational building. Barbara Hooks was a beloved, long-time member of our church who died in June 2005. Barbara fought a long and hard battle with cancer, but was so active in our church and so devoted to God's work that she was helping with VBS just two weeks before her death and hosted a Bible Study at her home just one week before she died. Barbara also worked for many years at the schools in Itasca as an Aide and touched the lives of many young persons - as well as co-workers. One of the things Barbara enjoyed doing in her spare time was taking care of her lawn, which was always beautiful.

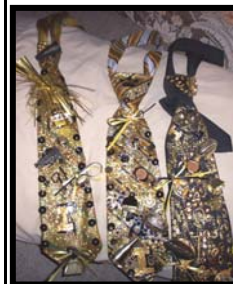
We feel that there could be no more appropriate memorial for this lovely person but something that involves the outdoors and a place for meditation. Most of the money for this project has been given by relatives from the Davis side of her family.

However, in order to make this garden as beautiful and special as Barbara was, we need to raise some extra funds. We will be holding a Taco Dinner on September 29 from 5:30 - 8:00 in Barton Hall of our church. Meals paid for before September 24 will be \$8.00. After that date, the price of each meal will be \$10.00.

We are also selling memorial bricks, which will be part of the brick sidewalk, leading to the Garden. These bricks will be \$150.00 apiece and can be inscribed with the purchaser's name or any name they wish to place on the brick as a memorial or "in honor of." Forms are available in the church office or you may call 254-687-2243. To mail in a check and information for a brick, please send to:

First Presbyterian Church
PO Box 6 Itasca, TX 76055

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!

June VFD Activity Report

Fire Call	City	County
False Alarm		1 Landfill
Motor Vehicle Accident		2
Residence		2
Utility	1 (Gas Leak)	
Other	1 (Weather)	
Total	2	5
Total Calls YTD	50	
Total Man Hours	40 hrs. 21 mins	
6 a.m. - 6 p.m. - 3	6 p.m. - 6 a.m. - 4	
Total mileage 26	Total members 19	

July VFD Activity Report

Fire Call	City	County
Assist EMS	1	
Motor Vehicle Accident	1	2
Utility	1	
Vehicle Fire		1
Total	3	3
Total Calls YTD	56	
Total Man Hours	79 hrs. 32 mins	
6 a.m. - 6 p.m. - 5	6 p.m. - 6 a.m. - 1	
Total mileage 45	Total members 19	

June Police Activity Report

<u>Arrests</u>	<u>Cases Files</u>
1 Felony	1 District Attorney
4 Misdemeanor	4 County Attorney
1 Other Agency	
Total Calls for Service 114	
Vehicles Forfeited to IPD 1	
Money Forfeited to IPD \$687-59	
<u>Traffic Citations</u>	
251-Moving	83-Non-Moving
	62-Warnings
<u>Class "C" Citations</u>	
1 - Public Intoxication	3 - Drug Paraphernalia
2 - Minor in Possession (Alcohol)	3 - Open Container
<u>City Ordinance Violations</u>	
4 - No rabies vaccination	1 - Dog at large

July Police Activity Report

<u>Arrests</u>	<u>Cases Files</u>
3 Misdemeanor	2 County Attorney
2 Other Agency	1 Justice of the Peace
Total Calls for Service 148	
Vehicles Forfeited to IPD 2	
<u>Traffic Citations</u>	
339-Moving	113-Non-Moving
	48-Warnings
<u>Class "C" Citations</u>	
1 - Public Intoxication	1 - Drug Paraphernalia
7 - Minor in Possession (Alcohol)	4 - Open Container
2 - Disorderly conduct	3 - Assault

Police Blotter - September

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8-22 - First on scene at major accident (Fatality) Assisted DPS - I-35W southbound mm 12
 8-22 - Welfare concern - 400 blk. N Hill St.
 8-22 - Stranded motorist - I-35W northbound mm 7
 8-23 - Children making emergency phone calls - 400 blk. N. Hill St.
 8-23 - Assisted citizen w/information - Itasca PD
 8-23 - Traffic stop (Speeding) Arrested for possession of marijuana - Passenger cited (Open container & drug paraphernalia) - I-35W northbound mm 7
 8-23 - Traffic stop (Cited for failure to maintain single lane) - Warrant arrest (Tarrant County)
 8-24 - Assisted motorist - I-35W northbound mm 8
 8-24 - Assisted EMS (Care Flight zone) - HCR 4114
 8-24 - Phone scam report - 100 blk. Ollie Ct.
 8-24 - Assisted citizen w/directions - Itasca PD
 8-24 - Possible overdose - 600 S. Hill St.
 8-25 - 911 call (Domestic disturbance) - 400 blk. N. Hill
 8-24 - Civil dispute - 700 blk. Central St.
 8-24 - Assisted Grandview PD (Possible run-a-way) Mill Block area
 8-25 - Civil disturbance (Class C Assault - 3 Citations issued) - 300 E. Marrion St.
 8-25 - CPS report - 200 blk. N. Files St.
 8-25 - Loud music - 400 blk. N. Hill St.
 8-26 - Fight in progress - Warehouse - No citations issued
 8-26 - Loud music - 400 blk. N. Hill St.
 8-26 - Verbal disturbance - (6 Criminal Trespass Warnings issued) - 400 N. Hill St.
 8-26 - Traffic stop (Reckless driver - Failure to maintain single lane) Driving while intoxicated arrest made - I-35W southbound mm 7
 8-26 - Assisted citizen - I-35W northbound mm 3
 8-26 - Suspicious person - I-35W northbound mm 11
 8-27 - Suspicious person - 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 8-27 - Checked on vacant house - 400 blk. E. North St.
 8-27 - Assisted motorist (Flat tire) I-35W mm 5
 8-28 - Information from Hill Regional Hospital
 8-28 - Domestic disturbance - 100 blk. S. Aquilla St.
 8-28 - Stranded motorist (Flat tire) - I-35W mm 10
 8-28 - Complaint of reckless driver - I-35W mm 12
 8-28 - Loud music complaint - 100 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
 8-29 - Domestic disturbance - 400 blk. N. Main St.
 8-29 - Disturbance - Criminal Trespass Warning issued) - 600 S. Files St.
 8-29 - Assisted citizen - IPD
 8-29 - Welfare concern - 1200 blk. E. Main St.
 8-28 - Abandoned vehicle - 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 8-28 - Attempt to locate vehicle northbound
 8-29 - Suspicious person (Arrested for public intoxication) - 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 8-29 - Traffic stop (reckless driving) - Warrant arrest Bexar County - I-35W southbound mm 6

Do You Remember...?—"Itasca Football –Miscellaneous"

Columnist Carl Sweeney



Let's continue our football columns with more odds and ends of activities and records of teams, coaches, players and special games.

Let's start with Osceola. . . The town had a lot of businesses just after 1900. They had one of the few high school football teams at the time. The following story is credited to Jeeter Pierce who lived in Osceola for years and was postmaster of Osceola when he died. He said the Osceola team played a few high school teams, and then matched



games with colleges. They played TCU in Osceola to a 0-0 tie. TCU wasn't satisfied, so they wanted another try. The second game also ended 0-0. Osceola also played Meridian College and beat them. They played Arlington College and beat them in Arlington. Some of us will remember a few of the members of that team, such as John Mills, Bill Hartley, Jack Malone, Lem Mills, Bill Giles, Buster Smith, Jim McKown, Buck Keeton, Bill Watson, and others.

As stated in a prior column a game was played about 1950 between Files Valley and Osceola. The game was won by Osceola 18-13. The coach for Files Valley was Geneva Sevier but the Osceola coach was Mrs. Dock Bentley. Officials were a Mr. Plumlee and Glen Galiga.

I would like to mention a few coaches who have coached at Itasca who might not have been mentioned before. Such as Bill O'Brien, W.T Waggoner, Francis Pullati, Westerfeldt, Heckathorn, Brenton Hughes, Jack Bumpas, Leon Williams, Guy Thompson, Lidney Thompson, Franklin Bons and Wilton Bearden. We have been fortunate to have had good coaches over the years. I can think of only a couple of "duds" whom I will not mention.

We have had lots and lots of excellent players at Itasca and it pains me not to be able to mention them all. We have had lots of what we call "natural" athletes; some were Charles Snyder, David Sawyer, Bobby Hammer and Tom Bowman to name a few.

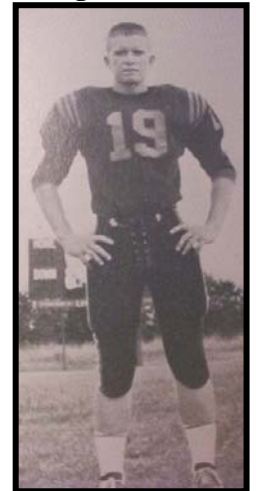
Then there were two Compton brothers who played four years at Itasca. Alex Compton, as far as I remember, played every down both on offense and defense, all through high school. Then there was Edgar (Cotton) Compton who played on all the Glory Teams. He once jumped from the bench and tackled a runner who was about to score. This was prior to the time when Dickie Moegle was tackled the same way.

We had a couple of players that I think should also have special mention. One was a 115 pound back named Malvin Turner. At that time they had what they called a "monster man defense." He could play wherever the offense indicated they might go. Malvin was a Cliff Harris type of back. He was a hard hitter, and each play was a super effort.

Another was John Cockerham. John was not a big bruiser either, but he played with all his heart. Despite bumps, bruises, and broken bones, John hung in there and gave the offense a bad time.

I would like to mention some "families" who played for Itasca such as Harold "Ox" Pollard. He was a legend for Itasca, and had four sons to play. They were Harold Dean, Bobby, Mike, and Ed. Another was Dave and Wilna Sawyer who also had four boys to play, Mickey, David, Sig, and Steve. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin, Sr. had four players also, Joe Jr., Jack, Ted, and Tommy. The Crouch Family had a bunch and still do. Elvin and Cleddy played long ago. Elvin and Mildred had two sons that played. They were Lewis (Smitty) and John. John and Mary had sons Ethan and David who played. David now has a son, Ryan, who is currently on the team.

Homecoming is here again and we often fondly think of those who are no longer with us. I remember Forrest Powers, Jr. who was our kicker. Once when we played West, Forrest missed the ball, but they allowed him to try again. In addition, we remember James Cammack who was probably the most loyal alumni ever. He attended all homecomings, and was a loyal Wampus Cat fan. His wife Isabelle once made a black and gold afghan and donated it to the school. We always remember Harold Terry, who coined the phrase "Hug, Kiss and Reminisce." I haven't forgotten the wonderful records of Brenton Hughes and Wilton Bearden, We will write about them later.



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Wampus Cats of the Week

Mighty Cats' Football Coaches

Head Coach Craig Horn, Assistant Coaches Ben Powell, Trey Bates, Fred Dakan, Jeff Mayberry, Micah Fletcher



The Wampus Cats started their season off with a bang after winning their first two season games. With the addition of a few new faces, the football team is off to a great beginning.

Returning this year are (left to right) head football coach/athletic director Craig Horn, and Assistant Coaches: Jeffery Mayberry, newcomers Trey Bates and Benjamin Powell and (inserts) Micah Fletcher and Fred Dakan

Coach Horn has a strong coaching team and they all work together but each also has their specialty. Powell is the offensive coordinator, while Dakan works with the line, Jeffery Mayberry the running backs, Fletcher the tight ends and Trey Bates the receivers.

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