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HILCO Directors Elected

Press Release



Newly elected HILCO Board officers Bill Allen, president; George Thiess, vice president; and Margaret Hill, secretary/treasurer.

(Pictured right) Ronald R. Roberts, HILCO District 3 Director.

Two HILCO Electric Cooperative directors were re-elected to serve three-year terms on the HILCO Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting held on September 27 in Itasca.

Margaret Hill of Midlothian was re-elected to represent District 2 cooperative members in the northern service area. Ms. Hill has served on the HILCO board since 1995. She is active in her community and the electric cooperative industry, serving as vice chair of the Rural Friends/ACRE, a nonpartisan political action committee that represents the interests of Texas' 74 consumer-owned electric distribution and generation and transmission cooperatives.

K. W. McPherson of Blum, who has also served on the HILCO board of directors since 1995, was re-elected to represent the members of District 3. He has owned and operated a dairy farm for several years and is a well-known and respected member of the Blum community.

In a surprise announcement after the business meeting, McPherson submitted his resignation from the board, citing personal and business reasons. He said, "I have given my recommendation to the board that the seat go to my opponent, Ronald Roberts of Whitney. I think he will do a good job for the members of the cooperative."

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IHS Junior to Participate in NYLF

Reporter & Photographer Devin Corbitt



Pilar Baskett was nominated to attend the fall semester of the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF). The forum is held in Washington D.C. November 13-18.

NYLF is an educational organization that was established to

help prepare young people for their professional careers. Its mission is to empower these young people with the confidence to make career choices.

Forums are offered in a wide variety of career fields, such as law, medicine and national security.

Pilar will participate in the Forum of Law. She and her fellow students will be able to interact with distinguished legal scholars and take part in seminars on current legal issues. They will also have the chance to visit top law firms and law schools, as well as local and federal courtrooms, and the United States Supreme Court. At the end of the week, the students will conduct a model Supreme Court hearing based on an actual case.

See NYLF on page 3.

Cats over Panthers in First District Game

Itasca 27 – Maypearl 7

Sports Editor Nick Worth

Last Friday, the Itasca Wampus Cats took on the Maypearl Panthers in their first district game of the 2007 football season. Overall, the game was slightly uneventful as the Cats slowly but surely defeated the opposing team to stay undefeated this year.

The game started in the Cats' favor as the defense quickly showed their stuff and forced a punt. The punt was fumbled and the Cats took over with only a yard to go for a touchdown. They scored but missed their extra point. From there the ball went back and forth with no one scoring until the second quarter when Dee Marshall made an impressive run. The PAT (point after touchdown) was missed again, which brought the score to 12-0.

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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

The emptiest, loneliest thing in the world is a BIRTH - LIFE - DEATH without ever hearing the gospel, and no one ever praying.

Won't you join us for worship at the Itasca Church of Christ, 200 N. Aquilla? We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45 am, and 5:00 pm, and on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm.

LIVE the fullness of LIFE that GOD intended.

Itasca Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla

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, November 3 9:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Church

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, November 19, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

November 12, 2007 7:00 p.m.

IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, October 29, 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

Public Notice

Street Sign Theft

Within the past two months stop signs have disappeared from several street corners on the northeast side of town. Theft of these traffic signs are treated like any other theft with respect to prosecution and sentencing. Although the theft may seem arbitrary, the missing signs could lead to injury causing accidents. Please report any missing stop signs to Itasca City Hall at 687-2201 and the Itasca Police Department should you see any perpetrator removing the street sign.
City of Itasca

Community Calendar

October - Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow contest - Downtown Itasca - Judging October 26

October - IHS Ag Meat, Cheese & Fruit Sales - Call 254-687-2922 ext 119 or 115

October 13 - 27 - Clean-up

October 18 - 7th, 8th, JV - Grandview - 5:00 p.m.

October 19 - Wampus Cats vs. Grandview Zebras - Patton Field - 7:30p.m.

October 20 - 80th Birthday Party - Margaret Ann Dyson - Presbyterian Church's Barton Hall - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

October 22 - Shot clinic - IISD Nurse's Office 9:00 a.m.

October 24 - District Cross Country Meet - Keene

October 25 - 7th, 8th, JV - Hico on Patton Field - 5:00 p.m.

October 26 - Wampus Cats vs. Hico - Away - 7:30p.m.

October 27 - Angel Food Distribution

October 27 - First United Methodist Church - 11:00 a.m. - Lunch beginning at 11:00 - \$6.00

October 27 - Cinco de Mayo Halloween Dance - Warehouse - 7:00 p.m.

October 29 - Chamber of Commerce meeting - 5:30 p.m.

October 31 - Halloween Contest - Jimmy's Corner Store - 5:00 p.m.

Itasca Garden Club's October Yard of the Month



The residence of Oscar and Judy Castillo on E. Spurgeon St. proudly displays the Itasca Garden Club's "Yard of the Month" sign along with many pumpkins and other fall foliage.

Since the summer weather continues to linger, the lawn is still green and the flowerbeds are still blooming.

October Garden Club News

Press Release – Photos by Mowana staff



Itasca High School Junior Gardeners, Pam Willman and Mr. Nickell hosted the Itasca Garden Club's October Meeting.

Junior gardeners Sydnee Perkins, John Prescott and Jacob Pelham greeted the club in the school's greenhouse. Sydnee presented the program on different types of plants that the Junior Gardeners have grown and the future plans for additional plants. The Garden Club was provided wonderful refreshments prior to their monthly business meeting.

The Garden Club appreciates all the time and effort by everyone involved in hosting the club's meeting.

Amy Castello was elected as a new Garden Club Member.



HILCO Directors

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The board subsequently voted to appoint Roberts to fill McPherson's unexpired term as District 3 Director. He will join the newly elected 2007-2008 officers and other board members, President Bill Allen of Whitney; Vice President George Thiess, Hillsboro; Margaret Hill, Secretary/Treasurer; and Directors James (Jim) Perkins, Oak Leaf; Steve Sawyer, Itasca; and Dave Smith of Hubbard.

Whitney area resident Ronald R. Roberts has been a homebuilder in Hill County since 1992. He and his wife, Carla, have three children and two grandchildren.

HILCO General Manager/CEO Debra Cole said, "We welcome the new members of the board and look forward to working with them. We sincerely appreciate all of the hard work our directors devote to the cooperative. Each board member devotes numerous hours every month to their duties and responsibilities. HILCO directors are required to act in good faith and to make fair and sound business decisions. Their ultimate decisions must always be based on the best interests of cooperative members."

HILCO Electric Cooperative provides electric power to over 22,170 meters in parts of Dallas, Ellis, Hill, Johnson and McLennan Counties.

NYLF

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Although she is nervous about traveling far away from home alone, Pilar is very excited to be given this wonderful opportunity.

Participants are nominated to attend a program by educators, organization advisors, alumni, participating institutions, or through classroom surveys. Students may also be admitted through an application process. All students who attend need to achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or above on a 4.0 scale. The Forum on Law sets the strictest standards for nomination and enrollment. Only the nation's highest-achieving students qualify for selection. All participants demonstrate strong academic abilities, leadership, and a strong interest in the career field being studied.

Halloween Contest

- Infants – PreKindergarten \$5 Gift certificate
- Kindergarten – 5th Grade \$10 Gift certificate
- 6th – 8th \$15 Gift certificate
- 9th – 12th Grade \$20 Gift certificate
- Adults \$25 Gift certificate

**Judging - Halloween Day, October 31 at 5:00 p.m. at Jimmy's Corner Store (Sponsor of Contest)

**Gift certificates may not be used on tobacco/alcohol products, Lotto or gas

Senior Spotlight Jacob Pelham

Reporter Mary Maddox – Cartoonist Zech O'Rarden



"Itasca Fire Department, there has been a reported fire." Hill County Sheriffs Office (A.K.A. S.O.) summons.

"18-19 page received," junior firefighter and high school senior Jacob Pelham responds.

In May of 2007, Jacob joined the Itasca Junior Fireman crew. He was introduced into the firefighter way of life as a child when his father, Harold Pelham became a firefighter.

Jacob has always dreamed of following his father's footsteps and plans to attend fire school and fire academy after high school. His choice of college is undecided. Although this is a very dangerous career, his mother, Melody Pelham is very supportive.

Jacob has an older sister, Samantha, who graduated from IHS in 2005 and a younger sister Autumn, will graduate in 2011.

"Cobb" is a nickname given to Jacob by football Coach Ferguson in eighth grade and it has stuck with him. He is a right guard for the Wampus Cat offensive line, and plays first base on the baseball team.

Outside of school, Jacob enjoys watching rodeos, sports, participating in firefighting, and being involved in the Open Range Cowboy Church at Whitney. He also enjoys working alongside his good friend Jon Rodgers at the Dairy Queen.

One of his favorite memories of growing up in Itasca was during the summer of his eighth grade year. He was playing for the Itasca Little League team and he hit a game winning run.

"It was awesome!" Jacob said, "I'll never forget that day."

For Jacob, senior year has been the best. He is ready to move on to bigger and better things but "making memories has been great," Jacob said.

"I'll never forget the time I broke the chair in the cafeteria," Jacob said. "I was embarrassed, but it was hilarious."



Welcome to Itasca ISD Mrs. Kara Mackey

Reporters & Photo Eva Mayberry & Ashley Durham



"I always knew I was destined to be a teacher!" new 3rd grade teacher Kara Mackey said.

This will be Mackey's eighth year as an educator, and she says she has enjoyed every moment of it.

Mackey graduated from high school in Indiana then furthered her education at Baylor University. She has been married 5 years to husband Jay, and they are proud parents of a

2-year-old daughter, Meredith.

"I love Itasca! I have a great class and the teachers I work with are nice."

Cats Cross-Country Team "Wamp" the Competition

Press Release from Stacy Mayberry

At the Rio Vista Eagle Cross Country meet held on October 6, the seventh and 8th grade girls were the first to run, and run they did. With rain coming down, the Lady Wampus Cats approached the starting line. When the gun sounded, it was apparent that the Wampus Cats were headed to the front of the pack. Beruke Nagama led the Wampus Cats as the rest followed close. It wasn't long before the front of the pack was covered with Itasca Gold and White. At end of the race the announcer called out, "and the winner of the 7th and 8th grade girls division, Itasca."

The 7th and 8th grade boys also had a great meet. Benjamin Nickens, Brandon Kelly, Marcus Martinez, and Michael Macias all medaled. If the boys had had one more runner, they would have won the entire meet.

The Junior Varsity Girls took two runners, Nancy Reyes, and Megan Goff. Both girls finished in the top 10 receiving medals. In the Junior Varsity Boys division, Bob Slotvig and Phillip Thomas both finished in the top 10 to medal. Both young men gave great effort and ran a smart race. With about 500 meters to go, Thomas turned on the burners to pass a Hico boy and finish in 2nd place.

Champions & Medalists - 7th Grade girls: Becca Durham, Emilee Nalley, Beruke Nagama, Heather Odom, Chase Patterson, Belinda Reyes, Celeste Rodriguez, Lacy Rogers, Ashley Spain, Cassidy Mangum, Samantha Wills.

8th grade girls: Monica Anderson, Alice Seymour, Breanna Browning, Reyna Ramirez, Faviola Mandujano.

7th Grade Boys: Marcos Martinez, Brandon Kelly, Michael Macias. **8th Grade Boy:** Benjamin Nickens

HS Girls & Boys: Nancy Reyes, Megan Goff, Bob Slotvig and Phillip Thomas

Cats over Panthers

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Near the end of the half, the defensive backs let one through and a Panther pass took them to the 2-yard line. The Cats failed to stop them as they scored and put themselves back into the game, 12-7.

The second half was similar to many previous games as Itasca shutdown any offensive scheme Maypearl

had. The Cats also continued to put points on the scoreboard with two more touchdowns but still failed to grasp anymore PAT. Itasca won again by a large margin - 24-7.

The Cats will meet the Grandview Zebras on Patton Field Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the second district game.



Players Working hard Today for Varsity Spots Tomorrow

The learning of rules, acquiring of skills and building of teamwork are the goals that the seventh and eighth grade coaches hope to achieve. If they win a game, all the better.

The seventh grade team is made up of fifteen players giving it their all every Thursday night to Coach Micah Fletcher. It appears to the fans that other junior high schools either incorporate a growth serum in the water or their students are all third year seventh graders and they have their own space in the teachers' parking lot. In other words, our boys are small. The fact that they hit the field each week and go against the Goliaths of the area speaks well of their tenacity.

Suiting up each week for the seventh grade squad are #10 Brandon Kelley, #12 Cole Coleman, #21 Trinton Crawford, #22 Chris Collins, #23 Tyler Serbus, #25 Marcos Martinez, #32 Jonathon Reyes, #44 Tyler Odom, #45 Brandon Duby, #51 Joey Gonzales, #52 Eric Garcia, #62 Wyatt Berry, #63 Jimmy Rodriguez, #65 Christian Cruz, #72 James Hanes, #75 David Corbitt, #77 Justin Bonds, #81 Michael Macias, #85 David Maddox.

Under the direction of Coach Trey Bates the eighth grade team has demonstrated that they are anxious and ready to compete. This team is the final training ground before 2-A-Days and Friday night lights. Fighting for the pride of the "Black and White" are #7 Benjamin Nickens, #9 Shakeal Mozon, #10 Martin Martinez, #11 Raul Librado, #12 Jonathon Fredrick, #22 Cory Wright, #29 Jaciell Gutierrez, #33 Dontrell Thompson, #34 Robert Duby, #45 Walker Hoard, #51 Alex Solis, #52 Josh Shelton, #53 Robert White, #55 Joaquin Reyes, #62 Murray Cansler, #65 Daniel Odom, #66 Kenneth Clary, #81 Robert Marshal.

Supporting their black and white warriors all the way are the seventh and eighth grade cheerleaders. They direct the junior high fans in cheering for the teams every Thursday night. Representing the seventh grade are Chase Patterson, Jordan Sizemore and Brittany Reid. Representing the eighth grade are Jessica Johnston, Reyna Ramirez and Emily Offutt.

IHS 2007 Varsity Schedule

Pre-season - 5-0

- August 31 Itasca - 35 - Tolar - 0
- September 7 Itasca - 27 - Rice - 0
- September 14 Itasca - 21 - Blooming Grove - 19
- September 21 Itasca - 52 - Wortham - 15
- September 28 Itasca - 47 - Scurry Rosser - 13

District 1-0

- October 12 Itasca - 27 - Maypearl - 7
- October 19 *Grandview Home 7:30 p.m.
- 26 *Hico Away 7:30 p.m.
- November 2 *Rio Vista Home 7:30 p.m.
- 9 *Dublin Away 7:30 p.m.

Cross County Meets

- October 24 District 11-2A Keene
- November 3 Regional II Arlington
- November 10 State Championship Round Rock

JH/J.V. Football Schedule

- October
 - 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.
- Start Times Subject To Change Due To Field Availability

August City Council Meeting

The Itasca City Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 20, 2007 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Matthew Fehnel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Steve Solis, Susie Davis, James Bouldin, John Laird, and Harvey Wilson; City Administrator Mark Gropp and City Attorney Stephanie Johnson. Motions were passed to approve the July 16, 2007 minutes and the payment of the bills.

Giving reports for the month of June were Wayne Upchurch for Water and Sewer Operations. He reported that the pressure test of the fire hydrants has been completed and that the water system is at a capacity of 93% on its maximum well production and the production should not go over 85% of its capacity by TCEQ standards.

Bettye Lewis for the Planning and Zoning Committee (Approved applications included, corner of Henderson and Wesley for a sidewalk, fence and driveway, 403 N. King for a deck, 610 S. Files to repair and enlarge gateway, 600 Milford Street for a fence, 408 E. Spurgeon for a concrete sidewalk, and 214 S. Hill for a metal storage rental building. An application for a dog cage was approved and a picket fence was tabled at 210 W. Adams. Tabled applications included 3991 FM 934 for a metal storage building.) Police Chief John Griscavage explained the monthly police report and the Office of Code Enforcement report was given by Felicia Mayberry. Fire Chief Chris Shuffield reported on the activities of the Itasca Fire Department for the months of June and July 2007, and gave an update on the Bull Riding Fund Raiser that is scheduled for September 15, 2007.

Sedalia Scott's application for the Planning & Zoning Committee was brought before the Council. A discussion regarding applicants not having any ordinance violations or correcting an ordinance violation before submitting a permit application. An applicant needs knowledge of what the Planning & Zoning Committee is about and the procedures of the Zoning Ordinance. The application was denied.

Mayor Matthew Fehnel read a letter of appreciation received from the Itasca Senior Center for including them in the city's budget again this year.

The Council discussed a proposal to establish an Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the tax year 2007 of .50 cent per \$100 of valuation, which would allow the city to collect an estimate of \$6278 more in revenues.

The first reading to adopt the proposed tax rate Ordinance #082007 Fixing and Levying City Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Itasca for the Year 2007: Directing the Assessment and Collection Thereof: and Declaring an Emergency was read by the Mayor. Susie Davis made a motion "I move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.50/\$100", second by Harvey Wilson, waiving the second and third readings; unanimous vote.

The Council considered accepting the TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Rerate Notice and Benefit Verification Form. The City Secretary presented medical plan options. She explained the cost difference between the Rx plans. A motion was made and passed to approve and accept Option 1 of the TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Rerate Notice and Benefit Verification Form.

Mayor Matthew Fehnel ordered an election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to elect three (3) Council Members.

The Order of Appointment for Election Judge and Alternate for the election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 was discussed and considered. A motion was made and passed to approve and appoint Wayne Williams and Barbara Wilson as election judges.

Qualifications needed to teach Fire Department training courses were discussed. The Council was presented with a letter from the City Administrator regarding qualifications needed to teach training courses for our fire department. A Level I Instructor is certified to instruct within his/her fire department only. A Level II Instructor is certified to teach other fire department's personnel as well as within his/her fire department. Wayland Price certification is a Level II and does not need to be a member of our fire department to teach classes. The Council took no action.

Implementing rules and regulation for gatherings on public properties were discussed. The City Attorney Stephanie Johnson stated that she is working on information for an ordinance. She recommended scheduling a workshop meeting and for the Council to think about what they want in the ordinance. The Council scheduled a workshop meeting on Monday, August 27, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was open for general Mayor, Council and City Administrator discussion and reports. The City Administrator stated that on September 18, 2006 the Council approved creating an ordinance establishing permit fees and allows vendors to set-up on the old bank building property (new park). He explained that the construction for the new park by the EDC is not just for the beautification of the town but also to bring new vendors into town.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

See August 27, 2007 workshop minutes on page 7.

City Council Workshop Meeting

The Itasca City Council met in a workshop session on Monday, August 27, 2007 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Matthew Fehnel called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present were Council Members Steve Solis, Susie Davis, James Bouldin, John Laird and Harvey Wilson; City Administrator Mark Gropp and City Attorney Stephanie Johnson.

The Council and City Attorney had an extensive discussion regarding an ordinance to implement rules and regulations for gatherings on properties. After discussing several options, the Council agreed to replace and install new signs at the city parks informing the public of the rules.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow Contest

Bring your homemade scarecrow to downtown Itasca & secure it to any of the post (not light poles) in front of business (ask for permission) or put them in a square hay bale. Judging will be October 26, 2007 - Place a card with your name & phone number on it with your scarecrow. - Be sure to place the card in a plastic baggie to protect it. - Prizes will be awarded in different categories.



Halloween Dance!

Costume Party So Dress Up !

October 27, Saturday - 8pm-12am

Doors Open at 7pm - Warehouse - Itasca

\$8.00 per person....BYOB

\$6.00 for 13-17yrs old, 12-under free w/parent.

Children - no going in/out or you will pay again! Not responsible for accidents! D J Music - Concessions available & set-ups - All proceeds go to the Itasca

Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Foundation!

Thank you for supporting us!

Itasca Clean Up October 13 – 27
See downtown posters for more information!

August IISD Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2007, in the Itasca ISD Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Marquita Lloyd. Board members present were Secretary Claude Garrett, Donny Faries, Kevin Lightsey, Susan Bason and Kevin Cordell. Absent Nancy Bowman.

Administration present were Mr. Glenn Pittman, Superintendent, Larry Mynarcik, Middle School Principal, Karen Farquhar, Elementary Principal, Barry Durham, Financial Director and Norma Merkel, Secretary. Visitor present was Barbara Petrash.

Motions were made and passed to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting, the bills, the financial report and, to call the School Board election for November 6, 2007. The election will be for three full three-year terms (Marquita Lloyd, Kevin Lightsey and Donny Faries) and one unexpired term (Kevin Cordell). The election schedule is:

Date of Election	November 6, 2007
Place	Itasca Rotary Room
Time	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Filing Dates	August 6-September 5, 2007
Drawing for Place on Ballot	September 11, 2007
Early voting dates	October 22 - November 2, 2007
Early voting times	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Early voting place	School Administration Office
Early voting clerk	Norma Merkel
Early voting assistant clerk	Barry Durham
Election Judge	Wayne Williams
Election Clerks	Barbara Wilson & Beverly Fehnel
Canvass Votes	Superintendent's Office
Called School Board Meeting	November 19, 2007

Motions were made and passed to set August 27, 2007 for a public meeting on the 2007-08 operating budget and proposed tax rate, to approve updating the district signature authorization with Citizens State Bank, to approve the district membership with TASB Buy Board, to approve Glenn Pittman to be the district liaison with the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education program, to postpone the HB 3678 district policy, to approve the district purchasing the property at 104 N College St. for \$11,000, to postpone the District Crisis Management Plan, to approve the resolution authorizing the district membership in Energy for Schools (an electric power aggregator) and to approve the interlocal electricity agreement pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Government Code and approval of the offer and price sheet.

The board entered executive session at 7:37 p.m. Upon coming out at 7:58 p.m., motions were made and passed to accept the resignation of Tresa Rinehart and to hire Kimberly Camp. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

See August 27, 2007 called session minutes on page 8.

Recent Deaths

Tekell, Harold - Mr. Harold Tekell, 82, of Hillsboro died September 7, 2007, at VA Medical Center in Waco. He was born September 4, 1925, in Norton, son of the late Newton and Ruby Ivy Tekell. As a child, he moved to Central Texas and had lived in Hill County most of his life. He joined the United States Army September 1, 1944, and was honorably discharged July 24, 1946. On June 14, 1947, he married Jean Blissett in Hillsboro. A lifelong farmer, he also served as a city councilman and mayor pro-tem in Hillsboro for many years. In addition, he worked with other leaders to secure the construction of Lake Aquilla. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Hillsboro, American Legion, past master of Hillsboro Masonic Lodge #196 and also a member of Shrine and York Rite Mason.

He was also preceded in death by one brother, Adron Tekell. Survivors include: his wife, Jean Tekell of Hillsboro; four children, Larry Tekell and wife, Candy, of Itasca, Cindy Young and husband, Andy, of West, Jay Tekell and wife, Lou Nan, of Waxahachie and Jill Martin and husband, Jeff, of Flower Mound; three brothers, Melvin Tekell and wife, Faye, of Hillsboro, Charles Tekell and wife, Becky, of Itasca and Jerry Tekell of Italy; two sisters, Joyce Boyd and husband, Zippy, and Dorothy Duncan, all of Hillsboro; one sister-in-law, Jo Tekell of Bynum; six grandchildren, Dee Tekell, Kalen Tekell, Mac Tekell, Jett Tekell, Benjamin Martin and Katherine Martin; and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were September 12, 2007, at Marshall and Marshall Funeral Directors Chapel in Hillsboro with Rev. Reed Justus of First United Methodist Church of Hillsboro officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Garden of Memory near Hillsboro. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Green, Howard - Howard Green, 70, of Itasca passed away September 16, 2007. He was born March 15, 1937, son of the late Henry Green and Rosie Green. He was a retired city worker for Itasca. He was also preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers. Survivors include one sister, Claudia Hill of Hillsboro; three brothers, James Green of Hillsboro and Robert Green and Isaac Green, both of Itasca; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was cremated, and no services were held.

Michaels, George Robert - George Michaels, 78, of Itasca passed away October 2, 2007, at a Hillsboro hospital. He was born March 9, 1929, in Bartlett, son of the late Lee Roy Michaels and Beuna Caskey Michaels. He was preceded in death by one sister. Survivors include one son, Gregg Michaels of Itasca; one daughter, Judith Michaels of Malibu, California; one granddaughter; and two brothers, Jimmy Michaels of Bedford and Roy Michaels of Pasadena. Funeral services were held October 4, 2007, at Clayton Kay-Vaughan Funeral Home Chapel in Itasca. Burial was at Itasca Cemetery.

School Board Called Session

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in called session on Monday, August 27, 2007, in the Itasca ISD Administration Building.

President Marquita Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Secretary Claude Garrett, Donny Faries, Kevin Lightsey, Nancy Bowman, Susan Bason and Kevin Cordell.

Administration present were Mr. Glenn Pittman, Superintendent, Barry Durham, Financial Director and Norma Merkel, Secretary.

Motions were passed to adopt the final amended budget for 2006-2007, to adopt the operating budget for 2007-2008, to set the 2007-08 tax rate for maintenance and operations at \$1.17005 and to set the 2007-08 tax rate for interest and sinking at \$.10986 making the total tax rate for 2007-08 at \$1.27991.

The board went into executive session at 7:19 p.m.

Upon coming out of executive session at 7:32 p.m., a motion was made and passed to hire Tammie Owens. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Fall Celebration Party!

Live Music! Free Refreshments! Everyone is Invited!
Come Join The Free Fun!

Friday, October 26, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

“The Warehouse” 109 N. Wall St. - Itasca
An evening of inspiring praise & southern gospel music!

Singer/Song writer Steve Sawyer

Praise Posse - Southern Gospel Music Assoc. Artist

Singer/Musician Alice Goar & Friend

New talent Kendra Shelby Singers

Special guest performers announced at the event

Open microphone

Come Enjoy Uplifting Music That Will Encourage &
Energize Your Spirit!

Happy 80th Birthday

Everyone is invited to help Margaret Ann Dyson celebrate her 80th birthday. The party will be Saturday, October 20 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Barton Hall at the Presbyterian Church. Festivities will last until 4:00 p.m. Come & Go as you please.

She requests NO GIFTS!

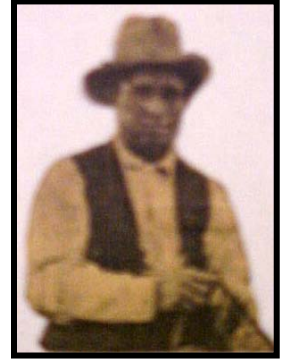


Do You Remember...?—"The Chief"

Columnist Carl Sweeney



The recent series that Ken Burns provided about World War II reminds me of a story that made the rounds after the conflict was over. There were several stories about individuals who might have been more independent more colorful, or of unusual character than others. This story is about one of them. I will not reveal his real name, or the outfit he was in. He has been claimed by several units. Let us say his name was Robert Sentani but in the service he was simply known as "Chief" because of his Native American heritage. He is not to be confused with the Navajo "Code Talkers" who performed an invaluable service to our country in the war.



Chief was a rugged individualist, living on the reservation, free to come and go as he pleased, and enjoying life, when the letter came from the draft board saying that your friends and neighbors have selected you to help protect our country. Needless to say he was not happy with the situation. He was entirely satisfied with his life as it was, and consequently never adjusted to military life and the discipline.

After basic training, which he hated, he was sent to the European Theater. He had always had a fondness for the grape at home and it did not take him long to acquire a fondness for Schnapps, a German liquor. He would take a drink for almost any reason, the sun coming up or going down, a rainy day, or just plain unhappiness. When he drank fighting was not necessarily with the enemy. He spent much of his time in the "Brig" sobering up. Chief held the rank of "PP," Prospective Private. As soon as he earned a stripe he would be involved in unacceptable behavior and would be demoted. He would then have to removal his stripe. He finally got to where he would glue a stripe on one sleeve for easy removal, then he hung his uniform in the locker with that one stripe to the other side. The Inspector never looked at the other side.

His love for the wide-open spaces was enjoyed on the reservation, and therefore he hated fences. Of course the military installation always had them. They blocked his access to the bars and guesthouses, where he was a regular customer. The fence problem was quietly solved by the Chief. He drove a wrecker for his outfit on which was mounted a boom. He would get a buddy to hoist him over the fence with that and when he came back the buddy put him back inside. He usually got a pint from the chief for helping him. However, one night when he was lifted over the fence it was into the arms of the military police and into the brig again. He once again removed his stripe.

The Chief was a terror on the battlefield. I guess he took out his unhappiness and frustration on the Germans. He received several medals for his performance in battle, but he said he did not want the "damn metals" (sic) he just wanted to get it over with and go home. During the rest of the Chief's time in the service his career followed the same pattern of up and downs.

When the war was over and it was time to go home Chief Robert Sentani came down the ship's gangplank with his two full duffel bag. The bags were heavy and had a suspicious "clink." Evidently the Chief wasn't taking any chances on getting thirsty on the voyage home.

I suppose the service still has a few "characters" around and with individuals like that, perhaps the service will not be so dull after all.



Third Day Worship Center Volleyball Champion Team

Recently Third Day Worship Center Pastor Noe Gonzalez and some members from the church had a volleyball tournament against the high school students who attend Third Day. The "old men" beat their young counter parts.

We are not sure who was on the losing team but, Adam Handy, Isai Coronado, Leo Coronado and Eddie Coronado were a little droopy a couple of weeks ago.

"Youth is great but, aaah the sweet smell and taste of victory is wonderful."

Thanks to Paula Montes for the picture. We (PPP) are responsible for the story.

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Wampus Cats of the Week

“Our Fav Football Five”



One cell phone ad is always asking, “Who is in Your Fav Five?” For the next several weeks, we are going to highlight “Our Fav Football Five” for that week.

#1 Football Fav is #33 DeVeon Mayberry who was red hot this week. He scored 2 touchdowns for the offense and made a number of important tackles for the defense. He has 43 tackles for the season and 1 sack.

#2 Football Fav is #10 John Prescott. He had some impressive carries and he is always in the mix, both offensive and defensive. He has 6 carries for 86 yards.

#3 Football Fav is #12 Frank Sanchez who leads the team with tackles (44) and sacks (4). Opponents see him as a “threaten force” to be reckoned with on the field.

#4 Football Fav is #55 Josh Huff who is a big constant for the Wampus Cats. He can be counted on to do the job and do it right every time. Huff has 20 tackles and 3 sacks.

#5 Football Fav is #5 Mikey Marshall who continues to have a cool head on the field. Friday night he put his trust in his line and they gave him lots of time to find his receivers and make the throw. He can also be counted on to gain some yardage himself. He has connected 31 times for 579 yards and 4 TDs.



Special of the Week



“Load everyone up in this beauty and come watch the Cats and Zebras brawl. My goal is to rearrange some Zebra stripes.”

'07 Crown Victoria LX Leather, Loaded, Luxury



Only 9K Miles!!!

\$17,985

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Fall Festival

Itasca First United Methodist Church



401 East Main Street, Itasca

Saturday, October 27

8:00 a.m. – ‘til ?

**Bar-B-Q Sandwich, Chips, Pickles,
Onions & drinks - \$.600**

**Bar-B-Q Briskets (by the pound)
To order a whole brisket call 214-
924-4232.**

Lunch served 11 a.m. - Sold Out

**Bake Sale
Arts & Crafts
Garage Sale Items**



**Something for everyone!
Everyone's support will be
appreciated!**

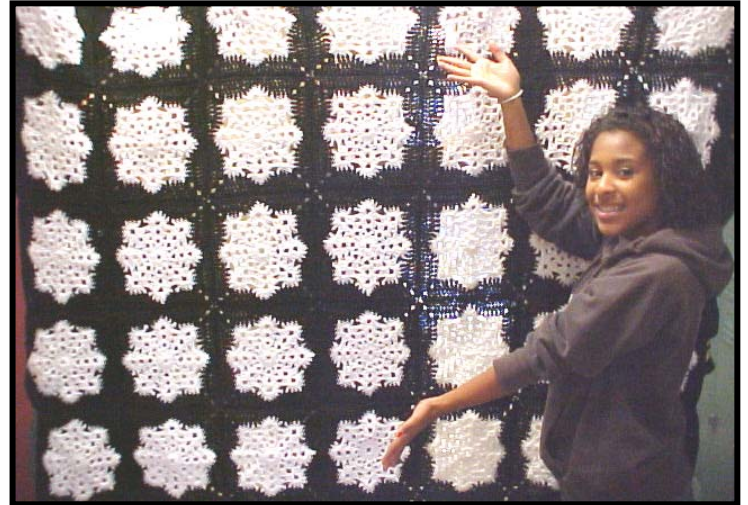


Booster Club Raffle

**Black & White Afghan
(on display at Citizens State Bank)**

tickets

\$1.00 or 6/\$5.00



**Drawing at
Itasca – Grandview game
Friday, October 19, 2007**

**Afghan made and donated by
D’Nan Dakan**

**Get tickets at the bank or from a Booster
Club member**

Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow Contest

Put your entry in downtown Itasca & secure it to any of the post (not light poles) in front of business (ask for permission) or put them in a square hay bale. Judging will be October 26, 2007 - Place a card with your name & phone

number on it with your scarecrow. - Be sure to place the card in a plastic baggie to protect it. - Prizes will be awarded in different categories.

