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SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

18-Wheeler Turns Over on FM-943, Volunteer Firemen Spend Nearly 2 Hours in Rescue of Passenger



July 6, 2016 - At approximately 8:30 am on July 6, 2016, an 18-wheeler logging truck, driven by Alan Dwight Johnson, 32, of Livingston, was west-bound on FM-943 (a few miles from 146). Johnson apparently entered and came out of a curve too

fast. His passenger's side tires left the pavement to the right. When Johnson tried to correct, the pavement (slightly elevated) forced his loaded 18-wheeler to leave the pavement further. This caused his load to shift and the rig turned over losing its load of large pine trees. Americare Ambulance Service was dispatched to the scene along with the Segno and Livingston Volunteer Fire Departments, Deputy Rey Davalos with the Polk County Sheriff's Office and Troopers Nick Hatton, Corporal Ramey Bass, and Sergeant Sam Lattner with the Texas Highway Patrol. Johnson was pulled from the wreckage and loaded onto an ambulance. His passenger, Zulma Santiago, 26, of Livingston was unable to come out as her left leg was severely pinned in the wreckage. Firemen used the Jaws-of-Life to get the door open and get inside with Santiago. Jake Dominy with the Livingston Fire



Department crawled into the turned over 18 wheeler to help the passenger who was severely pinned inside. Once inside the firemen had to remove one of the seats to get Santiago. Due to the severity of the entrapment, it took nearly two hours to free Santiago. Amazingly, she had no major injuries. Both were transported by ambulance to CHI Livingston Memorial Hospital. All traffic on 943 was blocked during investigation and the lengthy cleanup. Alan Johnson was cited for failure to maintain a single lane of traffic. A heavy-duty wrecker from Riley Wrecker Service out of Corrigan cleaned up the mess.

Source: MGN Online

In a report first posted on the Rayford Road Round Up Spring, Texas Facebook page, 3 men allegedly attempted to kidnap a toddler at the Spring Creek Market H-E-B around 9:30 a.m. on Thursday morning.

The report by the mother of the toddler read:

"PSA please be very careful and alert out and about with your children. I just had a very terrifying experience at the new HEB. Three men were profiling my toddler and one man attempted to get close enough to take her. I was extremely lucky to grab her in enough time and secure her in the cart and find management. She was pushing one of the kid carts when three men surrounded us and slowly worked their way closer and closer. Their behavior was extremely suspicious. They continued to follow me through the store as I hustled to find help. They stayed fanned out and continued to follow me until I made a break for the front of the store where I found the manager. They did not have s cart and did not grab any items from meat all the way to the turn by bottled water/household items.

They stayed in the store wandering up and down isles. Separately, then

meeting before separating again. They were approached by the manager

and then at that time they grabbed a few items and paid. I refused to leave until I knew police were called. My focus was on getting my children safely to my car where I could lock it and wait for them to leave. I was escorted out of the building when I was told they left. Multiple HEB employees stood outside and I was escorted to my car. We then saw one of the men come around from one exit and the others all meet at their car. They had not left, just scattered. The manager approached the car as I secured my kids in their seats and we contacted the police. The manager got the license plate and police are currently looking for the car. Please no negative comments. I am terrified. I am already asking what could I have done better, what shouldn't I have done. I am grateful God was watching over us and protected us and alerted me in that moment. I have so much more to say, but between shaking and needing to tend to my kids this is the short story of what happened. Just please be alert.

The suspects were described as 3 heavier set Hispanic males in their 30s-40s in long sleeve plaid or flannel type shirts and jeans. They drove away in an older model Silver Grand AM with the license plate number GWJ-4877.

Buy \$mart, Eat Well

One Pot Cabbage Casserole Ingredients

- 21bs ground beef (Family Pack Fresh Ground Beef \$3.29lb!)
- salt & pepper or creole seasoning
- 1 onion, chopped • 1 cup rice, uncooked (Riceland LG Rice
- 16oz 3/\$2.00!) • 3 large handfuls of roughly chopped cabbage
- 1 8 oz. can tomato sauce (Parade Tomato
- Sauce 80z on sale 4/\$1.00!)
- 2 cups of water (I just use the tomato sauce can twice)
- 1 14 oz. can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 cup shredded cheese (I used Colby Jack) (Crystal Farms shredded cheese 8oz 2/\$4.00!)

Directions:

- •Seas on and brown ground beef and onions. Drain off grease.
- Once onions are clear, add rice, cabbage, tomato sauce, 2 cups of water (or use tomato sauce cans) and diced tomatoes. Stir. • Let it come to a boil and then reduce heat to medium low and cover to
- simmer for about 20 to 30 minutes or until rice is done and cabbage is soft. Do not lift lid before 20 minutes to make sure rice cooks well.
- Once cooked, top with cheese and cover with lid to melt a few minutes. Make it a Meal! Serve with a green crisp salad (Fresh Express Garden Salad Mix 12oz \$1.79!) and garlic bread or rolls to make this a delicious meal! Recipe found at. www.diaryofarecipecollector.com



5 Great Reasons to Quit Smoking



To quit smoking is to literally gain a new lease on life. "There's no single thing you can do to your body on a regular basis that's as negative as smoking," says Thomas Glynn, PhD, director of cancer science and trends and international cancer control for the American Cancer Society. "The Surgeon General said it causes damage to nearly every organ in your body." About half of all smokers who continue with their habit will die of a smoking-related disease, according to the American Cancer Society. Cancer is the biggie, of course; smoking is linked to 15 forms of cancer. Then there's lung disease, heart disease, and other smoking-related illnesses. Male smokers lose an average of 13.2 years of life due to smoking, while female smokers lose an average of 14.5 years of life.

Don't fall for the old dodge that it's too late to quit smoking because "the damage is already done." "There's a lot of data to suggest that quitting at any age is positive for your health," Glynn says. People who quit smoking at age 50 cut their odds of dying during the next 15 years in half.

2. You'll Be Protecting Family and Friends if You Quit Smoking

Smokers aren't just taking themselves down. They're also harming everyone exposed to their smoke.

Says Glynn, "Secondhand smoke kills about 50,000 people a year and sickens many more, particularly children." In fact, a recent study found that pregnant women who live or work with smokers had a higher risk of stillbirth than those who weren't in close contact with smokers, suggesting that exposure to tobacco smoke can harm even unborn babies. Experts speculate that the chemicals in cigarettes may harm the fetus by restricting blood flow and possibly damaging the placenta.

Secondhand smoke contains all the same carcinogens found in the smoke that's been inhaled into your lungs. Infants and children in smokers' homes suffer more colds, bronchitis, ear infections, and other lung and breathing problems than kids in smoke-free homes.

3. Your Body Can Start to Repair Itself When You Quit Smoking

Your body starts repairing itself within hours after that last cigarette. "You start getting your strength back within a week to 10 days after you quit,' Glyn says. "You also get back your sense of smell and taste. " Your heart rate and blood pressure drops almost immediately, and within weeks your circulation and ability to breathe improve dramatically.

You'll also look better. Smoking prematurely ages the skin, causing wrinkles. Smoking stains your teeth, fingers, and fingernails, and causes

4. People Will Like You More if You Quit Smoking

Smoking is much less socially acceptable these days. Nearly all workplaces ban smoking from buildings. Some landlords don't rent to smokers, due to higher maintenance costs and more expensive insurance rates. Most public events are now smoke-free, and more states and communities are enacting laws to ban smoking from all indoor public places, including bars and restaurants.

A survey of current and former New York City smokers found that 81 percent agreed that most folks wouldn't hire a smoker to care for their children, 72 percent thought non-smokers would be reluctant to date a smoker, and 39 percent believe most people think less of smokers.

5. You'll Be Saving Money

Smoking is a very expensive habit. "The average smoker spends about \$2,200 a year on tobacco use," Glynn says. Just add up all the money you're spending on a day's worth of smokes, then multiply that by 365. Don't forget to figure in higher health and life insurance rates, as well as higher health care costs down the line when your habit catches up with you. Your health, your family, your finances — what reason could you possibly have not to quit? (source: http://www.everydayhealth.com)





Paws!





July is a wonderful month!

Two of my grandkids are celebrating their birthdays! Liam Joshua Moreno will celebrate his 1st year on July 2nd and on July 19th his older brother Zaiden Xavier Moreno will be the big 4!

Lots of cousins and grandparents Catarino & Maria Moreno are wishing you a happy birthday!

Undefeated District Champions



McKayden Nelson Skylar Gray **Shelbie Chamblee Chloe Fuller Montana Capps Kinslee Bonds Neveah Murphy Kylie Scifre** Laci Allsbrooks Jaydin Kelso **Bethany Hassler Ani Shaw**

> Coaches: Stephen Chamblee, Chris Chamblee, Timothy Chamblee

New Releases Coming to McClain's DVD Kiosk This Week



The Divergent Series: Allegiant (PG-13) action/ adventure: After the earth-shattering revelations of Insurgent, Tris must escape with Four beyond the wall that encircles Chicago, to finally discover the shocking truth of the world around them.

Starring: Shailene Woodley, Theo James, Jeff Daniels



Miracles from Heaven (PG) drama: A young girl suffering from a rare digestive disorder finds herself miraculously cured after surviving a terrible accident.

Starring: Jennifer Garner, Kylie Rogers, Martin Henderson

Did you know...

by Yvonne Ryba

My grandson is visiting from England, so I bought tickets to the Coldspring Senior Citizen's fundraiser. This featured a meal and entertainment from Harvey, an Elvis impersonator. This event was very well attended and everyone, including my grandson, had a great time. The Center has had some difficult times recently, but with the support from so many people, Charline Smith, who has taken up the reins there, announced that all the bills were paid and things were looking better. Prayer, and hard work, have

Last week Coldspring- San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for First Founders Insurance. Situated next door to Joe's Italian Restaurant in Coldspring, this 'new to the town' business gave a very generous reception to Board members and guests. The event was set in the office which was beautifully decorated in a rustic style. The log cabin effect was charming, cedar being used throughout. The Agency owner is Lacie Smith, who along with the Branch Manager Jennifer Chaney, have been serving the East Texas area for over 16 years. First Founders Insurance Agency is excited to offer multi-line insurance products for both personal and commercial coverage from over 30 different A+Rated Carriers. Their logo reads "Keeping Promises" and they pride themselves on doing this and giving customers satisfaction. Stop and and say hello! For more information call Lacie at (936) 653-2494 or (713) 895-0000.

Shepherd had a most successful July 4th Celebration. The Fireworks and Laser Show were a great hit and it lasted the longest time ever, almost 30 minutes! Lots of people came out to see this and to enjoy the music and food. Thanks to new Board member Joe LeBlanc for his hard work as DJ. Camilla's American Legion 's Commander, Larry Lowe opened the Ceremony with a patriotic speech, prayer and a flag ceremony. We had a lot of really excellent vendors inside the Community Center as well as food vendors outside. Among these were 'Roll'N'Thunder who provided

will host a 'Plucking Chicken Cook Off'!! The date for this event is July 30 starting at 111:00 a.m. until 4:0 p.m. The entry fee is \$40. All entries must be cooked on site but your chicken can be pre-plucked. There will also be a bake Sale, Silent Auction and a Live Auction. The Resale Shop will be open too. Awards for this shindig will be given for Chicken Nuggets; Wings; Pit or Grilled Cooked Fried Chicken and you can use your Grandma's recipe if you want. You can buy a chicken dinner with drink for \$10. The event will be at the Seniors

start a business, a free consultation at the chamber nearest you. Bob directs the Small Business Development Center at Sam Houston state University.

Call the Chamber nearest you to set up your appointment.

Coldspring-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce 31 N. Butler, Coldspring 77331

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce Call (936) 628-3515



''McClain's Food Market'



Senior Menu

MON 7/11: Chicken & Broccoli Rice Casserole, Carrots, Black Eye Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

TUE 7/12: Smothered Pork Steaks with Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Fried Corn, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

WED 7/13: Chicken & Dumplings, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad. THUR 7/14: Salisbury Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies,

Rolls, Salad, Fruit FRI 7/15: Baked Garlic Parmesan Chicken, Corn & Bacon, Green Beans,

Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit MON 7/18: Pork loin, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Cornbread,

Salad, Fruit TUE 7/19: Open Faced, Hamburger Patty & Gravy on a Bun, Buttered

Yams, Stir Fried Cabbage, Salad, Fruit Salad WED 7/20: Chicken, Fried Chicken Breasts, Cream Gravy, Mashed

Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas & Okra, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit THUR 7/21: Ham Croquettes, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Veggies, Rolls,

Salad, Fruit

FRI 7/22: Breaded Pork Cutlets, Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Greens, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

SUN 7/24: Parents Day is Sunday

MON 7/25: Meatloaf, Baked Potato, With Trimmings, Green Lima's, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

TUE 7/26: BBQ Chicken, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit WED 7/27: Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Cornbread, Salad, Pudding

THUR 7/28: Stuffed Grilled Pork Chops & Gravy, Mixed Squash, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

FRI 7/29: Chicken Strips, Cream Gravy, Buttered Rice, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

Second Tuesday Of Each Month Dessert Includes Birthday Cake Menu's Are Subject To Change Due To Availability Call (936) 628-3733 By 9:30 a.m. To Reserve A Meal

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR

PLACE ON THE BALLOT

(AVISO DE FECHA LÍMITE PARA PRESENTAR SOLICITUDES PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA)

Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the Shepherd ISD

(Regular/Special/Primary) Election ballot may be filed during the following time:

(Se da aviso por la presente que las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta de la Elección

(nombre de la subdivisión política/partido)

End Date August 22, 2016

(Fecha Limite)

Office Hours: M-Th 7/25-28/16 7am-4:30pm & M-F 8/1-22/2016 7:45am-4pm

Physical address for fliing applications in person for place on the ballot:

(Regular/Especial/Primaria) de Shepherd ISD

ción a física para presentar las solicitudes en

1401 South Byrd Ave

Shepherd, TX 77371

Shepherd ISD Administration Office

durante el siguiente horario:)

Filing Dates and Times:

Start Date July 23, 2016

(Fecha Inicio)

Steve Durman.

Obituary

Community Classifieds

JOB LISTING: Immediate Hiring Personal Care Attendants Call: 936-933-0611 Fax: 936-585-4772

WANTED: Will haul off all non-working appliances, AC units, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, treadmills, batteries, scooters, jet-skis, dirt bikes, go-karts, generators, solar panels, John boats, inverters, etc. Please call 936-252-9043.

WANTED: Ranch hand, clean record, truck and tools required. 832-264-4138 Sheep and goat babies, \$150 and up.

FOR SALE: 1993 GMC Pickup, stick shift, new inspection, can text picture, in Shepherd. Please call (479) 438-1533.

FOR SALE: Used parts—will barter or cash only! '55 Chevy parts, 2 door post; '55 Chevy hard top door chrome, 327 motor; 400 small black motor close to 500 h.p. complete m21-tranny-new guts. Please call (903) 512-0786. SURPLUS SALE: SISD is having a Surplus Sale on July 11 & 12, 2016. The sale runs from 8:00am until 4:00pm, located at Shepherd Middle School. Bids open on July 14, 2016 @ 11:00am in the Administration Building.

FOR RENT: 2BR/1BA in town, \$525.00 per month, first and last month up front. Need reference and background check.

FOR SALE: Piano \$200.00 Call 281-659-5706.

Community Calendar

7/11: Monday City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center

7/12: 7pm First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM

7/15: Friday Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

7/15: Food Truck; Headstart Coldspring, TX 9-11AM

7/18: School Board Meeting, 7pm

7/24: Parents Day at the Senior Citizens Center

7/27: Bridge of hope community church "Community Fellowship Dinner", Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.

7/29: Food Truck; Shepherd Community Center 9-11AM

*Every Monday & Tuesday: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library.

Church News

TO CALVARY MINISTRIES: A church that preaches the Message of the Cross. 793 Thomas Castleberry Rd. Shepherd (off of FM 1127) Sunday 9:30 a.m. SS Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening 6:30 p.m. Thursday 7:30 p.m. All Welcome!

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be July 20-23 2016 Hwy 150 Shepherd, TX. Children ages 5-12. Stories, puppets, songs, crafts, refreshments

SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH: One Hundred Women in Red Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at 9130 State Hwy 150 West, Coldspring, TX 77331. Rev. Frank Mason, Jr., Pastor; First Lady, Evelyn Mason; Associate Minister, Douglas Jackson; Prophetess, Sheila Jackson. Sermon, Rev. Sykes True Vine Baptist Church of Huntsville, Texas. For more information please call (936) 767-8421 or (936) 653-4531.

SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH: Vacation Bible School at 9130 State Hwy 150 West, Coldspring, TX 77331 on July 5th, 6th, and 7th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Youth Program on July 10th at 3:00 p.m. Theme: "Jesus Our Super Hero" Pastor: Frank L. Mason, Jr.

MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH: Summer Musical Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. All choir, all groups, soloist, praise dangers, all male choirs, everyone is welcome! Contact: Sis. Rosie Reed: (936) 653-4531 or Sis. Arletha M. Burch: (936) 767-8350 or Sis. Gladys Terry: (936) 767-3444. Located at 945 South, Evergreen, TX (936) 767-4907. Pastor: Rev. Eric C. Burch—Clerk: Sis. Pearleen Denson. Please let us know by June 27, 2016.

SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH: Pastor's Aid Presenting a Talent Show on September 3, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Coldspring Jones Auditorium. Pre Sale Tickets: Adult Tickets \$15.00—12 and under

At the Door: Adult Tickets \$20.00—12 and under \$10.00 Lunch Included. Tickets going on sale June 24, 2016

Contestants Registration Fee: Adult \$15.00—12 and under \$5.00 Entry deadline is July 30, 2016.

1st place: \$100.00

2nd place: Dinner for Two at Duke's in Cleveland

3rd place: Gift Basket

Youth: 1st place: \$25.00

2nd place: Trophy

3rd place: McDonald's Gift Card Also drawing for door prizes and silent auctions.

We appreciate all talent, BUT keep in mind this is a Church Fundraiser For tickets or to register contact one of the Spring Hill Baptist Church Pastor Aid Members

Gussie Henry: 832-480-0548 Raye Helen Baines Irene Norsworthy

Monique Reed: 936-239-9804

Edna Allen Bertha Jackson Rosie Reed

Calvin Bernard Brooks



Martha Ann Burkhalter

November 23, 1950 - June 23, 2016

away on June 23, 2016. She left a sister, Barbara C. Wilson and nephew,

Martha Ann Burkhalter was born on November 23, 1950 and passed

June 2, 1954 - June 16, 2016

Calvin Bernard Brooks, born on June 2, 1954 was the eldest boy of Tom and Clara Brooks who preceded him in death.

He was born in Houston, TX but grew up in Shepherd, TX. He attended Dixon High and after integration he attended Shepherd High School where he met his high school sweetheart Rosie Butler (Brooks). Whom he later married on February 24, 1973 and to this union they were blessed with three beautiful children: LaKeysha Brooks, Keithon Brooks and Camesha Brooks.

Calvin, known to many as Bernard, was a hardworking, trustworthy and loving man. He prided himself on being a great provider for his family. Straight out of high school Bernard worked for Hydril for 14 years and later worked for Maverick Tube, now known as Tenaris, for 25 years as a Pettibone Operator. His hobbies included watching sports, watching car races, fixing and collecting "muscle" cars and classics. On February 17, 2013 he was ordained as a Deacon at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend Archie Phillips. He made a point to pass the word of God to his family and anyone he encountered. He was never hesitant to pray for or with someone in need. He is survived by his children, LaKeysha Brooks (Michael), Keithon Brooks (Calantha), Camesha Brooks (Lester); grandchildren, LaQuavea, Channdus, Janessia, Treylon, Dye'Tavion, Lemarcus, Keon, Dariel, Kayla, Tyres, Zakydric, Ariel, Cameron, Kaylupe, Cy'Reice, Isis; great-grandchildren, Shawn, Christopher, A'dori; siblings and in-laws, Cynthia Harrison (Reginald), Pamela Brooks Daniels (who preceded him in death) (Henry), Walterine Brooks Carr (Clenten), Anthony Brooks (who preceded him in death), Carolyn Guidry and Carla Brooks.

Bernard will be missed and his memories will be cherished by his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and family friends.

The Brooks family would like to say a special thanks to the entire community of San Jacinto County for all your prayers & sympathy on whatever you did for us during our time of bereavement for Deacon Calvin Bernard Brooks.

Business News

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Expires July 30, 2016 Fri-Sat Moonlight Glow Bowling 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

For news or special events to be published in

Shepherd Community News: Drop off your information/picture at McClain's, e-mail to mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com, or fax to (936) 628-2866. Information may not be taken over the telephone. Include contact information on your request to have something published. Our deadline is 6 p.m. Tuesday for the following week.



turned things around for the center.

BBQ and other delectable offerings. Watch our for us next year!

Here is an interesting Cook Off. Senior Citizens of San Jacinto County Center at 60 Butler St in Coldspring. Phone them at (936) 653-4175.

Director Bob Barragan offers business owners, and those who hope to

Call (936) 653-2184 www.coldspringtexas.org

Mail to PO Box 520 Shepherd, 77371 www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org



Thurston Maurice Bittick



August 24, 1938 - June 28, 2016

Thurston Maurice Bittick, 77 of Cleveland passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2016 in Kingwood, Texas.

Services for Mr. Bittick were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 1, 2016 at Pace-Stancil Funeral Home Chapel in Cleveland with Rev. Danny Roberts officiated. Mr. Bittick was born August 24, 1938 in Cleveland, Texas to parents, Henry Warren and Estell Godejohn Bittick. He had worked as a pipefitter.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Alma and Benita, son Kevin Bittick and special friend Royce Coe. Thurston is survived by his wife, Ivonne Bittick; daughters, Kristie Bittick, Mistie Walker and husband Brian; sons, Travis Bittick and wife Debbie, and Leslie Bittick; grandchildren, Trista Savercool, Matthew Bittick, Hannah Bittick, Kaytlynn Duncan, Kody Duncan, Olivia Bittick, Bentley Walker, and Hagen Walker; great-grandchildren, Kayden and Landree.

Tom "Bear" Wilson

San Jacinto County honored a resident and hero of the Vietnam War at a memorial service for Lt. Col. Tom "Bear" Wilson on Friday, July 8, 2016. The service was held at 12:00 noon at the courthouse, 1 State Highway

150, Coldspring, TX 77331. Southeast Texas Patriot Guard Riders, American Legion Harold G. Davis Post 629 Riders and other Riders escorted Lt. Col. Wilson's widow, Becky

Wilson, and his ashes from their home in Cape Royal to the service. Lt. Col. Wilson retired from the United States Air Force after serving 24 years. He was a long time Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO) in F-105 and F-4 "Wild Weasels", with over 3000 hours of flying time, mostly in fighters. During his 500 hours of combat flying, he earned four Silver Star Medals for gallantry and three Distinguished Flying Crosses for heroism. He also served in various roles as instructor, flight examiner, tactician, staff officer, and unit commander.

Lt. Col. Wilson authored three highly acclaimed fictional novels of events during the Vietnam War. His first novel, "Termite Hill" is mandatory reading for the Top Guns Pilots. It is also one of the top ten books recommended by the Air Force Historian. He went on to write six more fictional works and numerous articles for military magazines. His works include; Lucky's Bridge 1993; Tango Uniform 1994; Black Wolf 1995; Final Thunder 1996; Desert Fury 1998; Black Sky 2003 and Black Serpent 2005.

His ashes will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery July 13, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.