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Meet the Principal

Reporter: Felicity Cockerham



Itasca High school welcomes a new principal, Robert David Webb. Mr. Webb was born in Eastland, TX, lived in his hometown of Cisco, Texas and attended Cisco High School. In high school, his extra curricular activities were football, track, and year-book staff. After high school, he went to college at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX. There he majored in History and minored in Political Science. Mr. Webb graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and eventually received a Master of Education in Educational Learning in 2001. He has taught Social Studies/Texas History, US History up to Reconstruction, World Geography, and Economics. He chose these categories because he enjoys studying history and cultures and sharing the insights. Mr Webb says "that if we do not study and learn from history we are doomed if we repeat it."

Mr. Webb's hobbies are reading leadership books and hunting. If he were to describe himself in three words it would be; a Veteran, a Christian, and a Texan.

Something unique about our new principal is that he has been selected three times by the Raise Your Hand Texas Foundation to attend the Harvard University Graduate School of Education Principals Center for Summer Institutes on Leadership. We asked Mr. Webb if he didn't teach what he would be doing and he said "that he would like to be a soldier in the army once again to lead and train the next generation of leaders."

A couple of Mr. Webb's favorite items are: chicken fajitas from Uncle Julio's restaurant and he enjoys unsweetened iced tea, his favorite movie and book are; "The Dead Poet's Society" and the Bible, and his favorite quote is "Find a way or make one" - Hannibal (as he led his troops across the Alps to take Rome). Growing up his role models have always been his teachers and coaches.

Mr. Webb's wife is Tandy Elizabeth Brown Webb. She has three cats. Together they have three children; Aaron who is 25 and lives in Lubbock, TX attending South Plains College; Tyler who is 23 and lives here and will graduate from Midwestern State University in August of this year; Caity who is 22 and lives in Richardson and recently graduated from the University of North Texas and is working as a Behavior Therapist.

Mr. Webb has been in education for 23 years and has served as an administrator for 17 of those years. The previous schools he has worked at are: Castleberry High school in Fort Worth, Texas where he served as the acting principal within Castle Berry ISD, he also served at Ballinger ISD; Snyder ISD; Early ISD; Tahoka ISD; Spur ISD; Sinton ISD; and Lefors ISD previously. He plans on Itasca ISD being his last stop and intends to retire at the end of his career because "once a Wampus Cat always a Wampus Cat!" The reason Mr. Webb chose Itasca ISD because it is a great location and he wanted to return to a small town to get to know the students more personally, as well as, their families. He believes that he can make a bigger impact in a small town school. His inspiration for teaching is he truly wants to make a difference in students' lives, wants students to graduate with a post secondary plan for their lives and believes the learning doesn't stop at the edge of the graduation stage.

Lastly, Mr. Webb's advice to help high school kids along the way is, "Keep your eyes up and on your goals for your life; begin to consider and create a plan for life after high school."

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>	303 E Monroe	687-2774
<u>Community Church of Itasca</u>		
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	106 N. Lamar	687-2243
<u>First United Methodist</u>	Main & King St.	687-2475
<u>House of Faith of Itasca</u>	129 W. Main Street	
<u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>	FM 2959 East of I-35	
<u>Second Baptist Church</u>	120 W. Marrion	687-9134
<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

401 E. Monroe St. website - itascacbc.org
 Pastor: Matt Dugan 254-687-2343

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday - Youth Bible Study - 4:30 p.m.
 Children's Choir - 6:30 p.m., Church-wide Bible Study -
 6:30 p.m., Ladies Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

401 E. Main St, Itasca, TX 254-687-2650
 E-mail: itascaumc@att.net
 Re-Think Church
 Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Pastor: Tom Wood
 Ministers - Everyone

Itasca Church of Christ

303 E. Monroe 254-687-2774 254-687-2858
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Hear the word of God . . .	Romans 10:17
Believe . . .	Hebrews 11:6
Repent . . .	Acts 17:30
Confess	Matt. 10:32
Baptism . . .	Acts 2:38
Remain Faithful . . .	Rev. 2:10
Sunday 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.	
Wednesday evening 6:00 p.m.	

Second Missionary Baptist Church

120 W. Marrion St. Itasca, TX., 76055
 Rev. George Demmeritte Jr. (Pastor)
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

106 N. Lamar - 254-687-2243

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Pastor: Diane Barnes

Sundays - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship in Barton Hall
 10 - 10:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service
 Bible Study - Sunday at 4 p.m.
 Tuesday & Thursday - 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
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Community Church of Itasca

Community Church of Itasca invites you to join our service and fellowship Sunday mornings. Services are held at 109 N. Wall St., Itasca. We invite you to join our family and grow in Christ with us.

Community Church Service 10:00 a.m.

House of Faith of Itasca

Pastor: Philip Burch
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Everyone Welcome!

Third Day Worship Center

Invites you to fellowship every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.
 September 5, will start new time of prayer 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
 We start our new family night for the whole family.
 Starting new Bible study for the family.
 Wednesday is youth night at the youth center building.
 Come join us to learn more about what the Bible says.
 *Ministerial meetings are held at Third Day

Ministerial Alliance of Itasca

The Ministerial Alliance is a group of Itasca local pastors and leaders who desire to share the gospel and love of Jesus Christ in our community. We would be excited to have you join us! Please consider being a part at our next meeting. We meet every second Saturday at 10 a.m. at Third Day.

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting
 2nd Monday of Month 6:00 p.m.

Itasca City Council Meeting
 3rd Monday of Month 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting
 2nd Monday of Month 7:00 p.m.

THE DOROTHY GAINES FOUNDATION NOW ACCEPTING 2020 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Board of Directors of the Dorothy Gaines Foundation is now accepting grant applications for 2020. Dorothy Gaines was a native of Hill County who lived the majority of her life in Fort Worth, Texas. She always considered Hill County her “home.”

The Dorothy Gaines Foundation was established in 2003 by Dorothy Gaines as a private foundation with the primary purpose to promote the quality of life in Hill and Tarrant County, Texas. When Dorothy Gaines died in 2009, the majority of her estate was left to the Foundation, with the intention that her gift be given in memory of her parents, Enoch and Ethel Curtis.

The Foundation is authorized to make grants in amounts up to \$10,000 to organizations and institutions that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or to governmental entities. The Foundation does not award grants to individuals. In 2019, the Foundation made grants to twelve non-profit organizations totaling \$66,700.

For more information about the Foundation and grant applications, please go to the Foundation’s website: www.dorothygainesfoundation.org.

Applications for grants to be awarded in 2020 must be received by the Foundation on or before October 1, 2020.

Free Dump Days

September 5-12

October 17-24

*Please note all residents that take a trailer will be required to unload in the back and will need a hard hat and a safety vest. Republic will have them for sale, \$8.00 for the hat and \$8.00 for the vest. Residents are permitted to bring their own. Residents must show proof of their water bill.

Depot Schedule

The Depot will be open:

August 22, opens 10am-1pm, September 18, opens 11am-2pm, September 19, opens 10am-1pm, October 17, opens 10am-1am, and November 14, opens 10 am-1 pm.



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Job Opportunity

Itasca ISD Cafeteria

The Itasca ISD cafeteria is hiring for a sub positions.

If you are interested you can apply on line at itascaisd.org or in person at the Superintendents office.



Pop and Gran's

Antique Shop

Pop & Grans is an antique shop located downtown Grandview. They sell great antiques and fresh eggs.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The ITASCA ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM 08/31/2020 in Itasca ISD Library, 123 N College St, Itasca, TX 76055. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.026800 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.302900 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% (increase) or	-0.360000% (decrease)
Debt service	% (increase) or	-7.130000% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% (increase) or	-0.930000% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$286,277,839	\$306,850,402
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$5,450,230	\$9,459,770
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$229,596,164	\$248,111,758
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$5,161,954	\$9,127,227

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(7), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$9,740,000

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.068300	\$0.356900*	\$1.425200	\$5.117	\$9.225
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.044000	\$0.313910*	\$1.357910	\$4.129	\$10.085
Proposed Rate	\$1.026800	\$0.302900*	\$1.329700	\$5.212	\$9.164

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$98,568	\$102,528
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$74,575	\$78,285
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.425200	\$1.329700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,062.84	\$1,040.95
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$-21.89

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.329700. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.329700.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$2,607,824
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$522,223

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Budget Summary Report for

ITASCA ISD

2015 - 2020 Actual Budget	2020 - 2021 Proposed Budget
Instruction	Instruction
11 Instruction	11 Instruction
12 Instructional Resources, Media Services	12 Instructional Resources, Media Services
13 Curriculum Development & Staff Development	13 Curriculum Development & Staff Development
95 Payment to Juvenile Justice AEP	95 Payment to Juvenile Justice AEP
Total	Total
Instructional Support	Instructional Support
21 Instructional Leadership	21 Instructional Leadership
23 School Leadership	23 School Leadership
31 Guidance & Counseling, Evaluation	31 Guidance & Counseling, Evaluation
32 Social Work Services	32 Social Work Services
33 Health Services	33 Health Services
36 Co-curricular & Extra-curricular Activities	36 Co-curricular & Extra-curricular Activities
Total	Total
Central Administration	Central Administration
41 General Administration	41 General Administration
41 Publish Required Notices	41 Publish Required Notices
41 Expenditures for "directly or indirectly influencing or attempt to influence the outcome of legislation or administrative action as those terms are defined in Section 305.002, Government Code."	41 Expenditures for "directly or indirectly influencing or attempt to influence the outcome of legislation or administrative action as those terms are defined in Section 305.002, Government Code."
Lobbying	Lobbying
Total	Total
District Operations	District Operations
51 Plant Maintenance & Operations	51 Plant Maintenance & Operations
52 Security and Monitoring	52 Security and Monitoring
53 Data Processing	53 Data Processing
34 Student Transportation	34 Student Transportation
35 Food Services	35 Food Services
Total	Total
Debt Service	Debt Service
71 Debt Service	71 Debt Service
Other	Other
81 Community Service	81 Community Service
81 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	81 Facilities Acquisition and Construction
91 Contracted Instructional Services Between Public Schools	91 Contracted Instructional Services Between Public Schools
92 Incremental Cost Associated with Chapter 41 School Districts	92 Incremental Cost Associated with Chapter 41 School Districts
93 Payments to Fiscal Agents for Shared Services Arrangements	93 Payments to Fiscal Agents for Shared Services Arrangements
97 Payments to Tax Incremental Funds	97 Payments to Tax Incremental Funds
99 Inter-government charges not Defined in Other codes	99 Inter-government charges not Defined in Other codes
Total	Total

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The CITY OF ITASCA will hold a meeting at 06:00 PM on September 14, 2020 at City of Itasca, 134 N Hill, Itasca, TX 76055 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2020. The proposed tax rate is 0.485300 per \$100 of value.



Itasca Street Market

The Itasca Fire Department Auxiliary and the City of Itasca wants to invite you to join us:

Itasca Street Market

August 29, 2020

Downtown Itasca

You are welcomed to bring your tents, chairs and have stuff for sale, it can be yard sale stuff or new stuff! It is up to you!

Set up time will be at 8:30AM and the street will open at 9AM and end at 3PM. Each Space will be \$10. BRING A FAN AND EXTENTION CORD!!

Waterslides & Pony rides for the kids!

ALL antique cars/cool cars are welcomed to be shown off! We will line you up about 8:45!

****The Auxiliary will be selling fried catfish plates and snow cones.****



Remember When... “J.W. Stufflebeme”

Reprinted Issue # 34, 2010 Columnist Carl Sweeney



To continue our portrayals of prominent and important people who have lived in our area, today I am writing about who has great assets to Itasca and the whole community. Wallace Stufflebeme loved the people of Itasca and Files Valley. He helped people in many ways that were not known to the public. His benevolence extended to everyone, including the people who worked the crops picking cotton and other jobs relating to the farming industry. He loved agriculture and anything related to it.

J.W. (Wallace) Stufflebeme was born in Brandon , Texas , October 29, 1985. He was the son of Wiley and Ida Bell Stufflebeme , who were tenant farmers. Wallace and the others worked on the farm just like we all did in those days. His parents moved to Itasca when he was a small boy. He attended several schools in the area and entered Itasca High School as a freshman. Upon graduation, he was a Valedictorian of his class. A year later he married Miss Dewey Pritchett of Itasca. Dewey had a brother, Lamar Pritchett who lived next to our farm just south of Itasca. Kenneth Davis now owns the place.

His story is similar to many other young men who had humbling beginnings and though diligence and perseverance was able to accomplish worthwhile projects and financial independence. He became interested in cotton seed breeding in the early twenties. He went to state and county fairs for one of the leading seed breeders of that period. In 1925 he studied the process by D.A. Sanders of Greenville. Texas, a famous plant breeder. He easily passed the exam to become a registered cotton seed breeder at Texas A&M. This was during the great depression. Most people thought it was bad time to go into a business because it was during the depression. But he and his brother Bert Stufflebeme went into partnership known as Stufflebeme Brothers Cotton Breeders, Itasca Texas. Their success now is history

Mr. Stufflebeme eventually was the owner of the Files Valley Cotton Gin as well as land in Files Valley and other areas around Itasca. Although he was a wealthy man, he was never too busy to listen to and administer to other people. Wallace was dedicated to serving his church, which was the Presbyterian Church in Itasca. He served as Sunday school teacher for a number of years, as well as deacon for several years. He was a charter member of the Itasca Rotary Club, which formed in 1937, and faithfully practiced the 4-Way Test. Mr. Stufflebeme was elected mayor in 1956 and served eight years in that capacity. I happened to be in Itasca's City administrator at that time and worked with him those eight years. I found him to be dedicated to the betterment of Itasca, serving with honesty and integrity, and ethical management. He said to me many times “ Now we want everything on the up and up,” and us older people know that means kind of dedicated service. We worked together for those eight years with never an argument or a crossword. This kind of management was reflected in the financial health of the city at the time. We brought a fire truck and gave a check for it. We had a dig out leaks with a shovel so a front-end-loader was purchased, also with a check. Then a tractor and mower, all paid with cash from city funds. Don't you wish you could do that today?

The only vice I can think of Mr. Stufflebeme had was that he loved to go to South West Conference football games, especially to the A&M games. In addition, the yearly Cotton Bowl game was a tradition with him. He also was fond of going out to dinner. Wallace and Dewey Stufflebeme had one son; J.W. Stufflebeme Jr. He attended A&M and became a county agent. He wound up in Brenham, Texas where he married Ruby Lightsey and they also had one son, Kenneth Stufflebeme. Kenneth also attended Texas A&M and served in the military, he came to Itasca to assume operation of his grandfather's business and farms. Kenneth had married Edwina Klatte of Brenham. They still reside in Itasca today. They have two sons, Jim and Mike Stufflebeme. Mr. Wallace Stufflebeme passed away October 8, 1966 and is buried beside Dewey in the Itasca Cemetery. The community lost one of its most faithful boosters with his passing.

Paw Print Press

123 N. College

Itasca, Texas 76055

The 2020 yearbooks have arrived. The books can be purchased or picked up in the high school during the day.....if you need an additional time please contact me at pwillman@itascaisd.net

