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Itasca School Board Recognition

January is School Board Recognition Month, and Itasca ISD is joining other districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our public schools.

"School board members serve countless hours working to make public education the best it can be for every child," said Superintendent; Mark Parsons. In a climate of change and challenge, they develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students.

"Preparing today's students to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow is a tremendous task. As elected officials, school board members are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our school children," said Parsons.

"We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of our community's children and families," said Parsons. "These dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their unfailing commitment to the continuing success of our students now and in the future," said Parsons.

The men and women serving Itasca ISD are pictured sitting (L to R): Secretary; Susan Bason, President; Mark Fehnel, and Vice President Kendra Markwardt. Pictured standing (L to R): Brian Bassett, Elizabeth Cervantez, Cassandra May and Kevin Cordell.

"Great leadership always begins with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference. Please join us as we applaud these local leaders for helping our kids soar to success," said Parsons.

Former Itasca Student Second Trip To Haiti

Kaleigh Lightsey, a 2014 Wampus Cat graduate and current senior Biology major at Abilene Christian University, made her second trip to Haiti recently. She's traveling with a group of ACU students with the Live Beyond organization.

Kaleigh was chosen to travel to Haiti last March on a medical mission trip, and was fortunate to be able to go back this past week. Kaleigh will graduate from ACU in May, and has hopes to continue to study medicine after graduation. She definitely has plans to return to Haiti in the future, as she considers these missions as life changing and considers them one of the many blessings in her life.

Churches of Itasca

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist	W. Spurgeon	687-2800
Central Baptist Church	401 E. Monroe	687-2343
Church of Christ	200 N. Aquilla	687-2774
Community Church of Itasca		
First Presbyterian Church	106 N. Lamar	687-2243
First United Methodist	Main & King St.	687-2475
House of Faith of Itasca	129 W. Main Street	
Loveview Baptist Church	FM 2959 East of I-35	
Second Baptist Church	120 W. Marrion	687-9134
St. John Missionary Baptist	506 S. Weaver	687-2821
3rd Day Worship Center	107 E. Adams	214 564-2185
Itasca Nursing Home	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 Awana & Youth 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study @ Diaz 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

401 E. Main St, Itasca, TX 254-687-2475
E-mail: itascaumc@att.net
Re-Think Church
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.-10:30 (All ages)
Sunday Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Pastor Tom Wood Snacks 10:40 a.m.

Itasca Church of Christ

303 E. Monroe 254-687-2774 254-687-2858
God's plan for saving man

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 Demmerritte 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
We're on Facebook!
Pastor - Diane Barnes
Sundays - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship in Barton Hall
10 - 10:45 Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service
Bible Study – Sunday at 4 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday – 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
"We are here to know God and to make God known."

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.
Potluck Lunch 11:00 a.m.

House of Faith of Itasca

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

Ministerial Alliance of Itasca

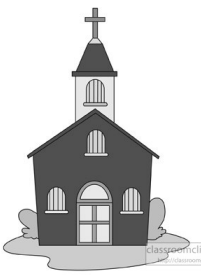
The Ministerial Alliance is a group of Itasca local pastors and leaders that desire to share the gospel and love of Jesus Christ in our community. We would be excited to have you join us! Please prayerfully consider being a part at our next meeting. We meet every first Saturday at 10 a.m. at Central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

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.

If your Church is not listed above and you would like to have it advertised please contact the *Paw Print Press* at smay@itascaisd.net



Your Community Needs You

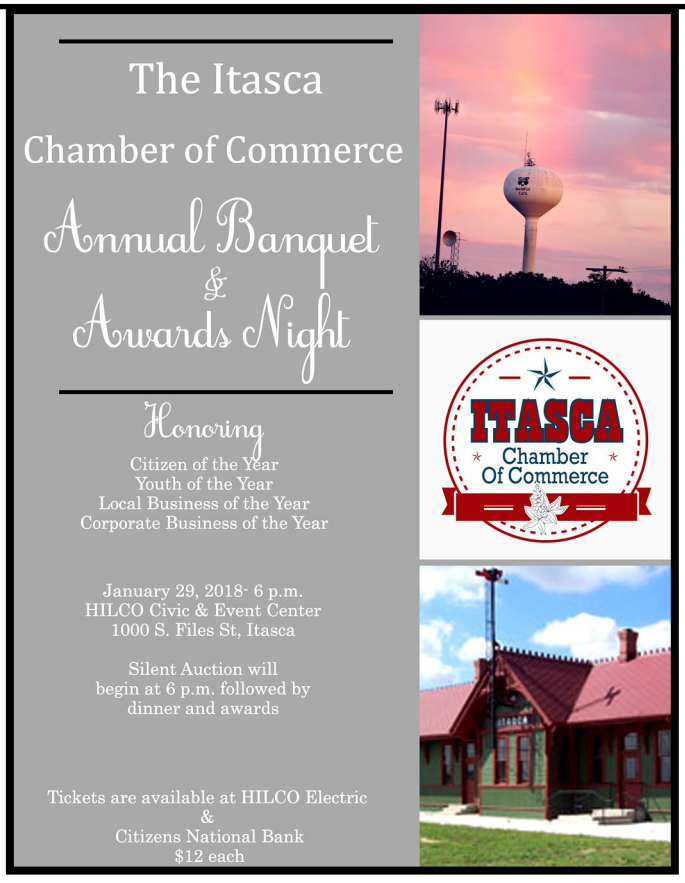
Itasca is in the process of reorganizing the Itasca Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. This organization is open to both male and female Itascans over the age of 18 years old. (Under 18 are part of the Youth Organization.)

Citizens who are interested in serving their community in this capacity are asked to come by Itasca City Hall, Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and fill out an application.

Your community involvement will be greatly appreciated by everyone. An organizational meeting date will be set and published when sufficient applications have been received. Hopefully this will occur during the next few weeks.

Official Notice

Due to Federal Holiday (Presidents' Day), the February City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.



News Release

The Heritage of Hill County, Texas Volume II is currently on sale for $45.00 each as long as supplies last. This grass roots history of Hill County may be purchased at the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, 115 North Covington Street. The Chamber office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mollie Stinson, phone 254-582-3242, also has the books for sale. Proceeds from the book sales go to the Hill County Genealogical Society and the Hill County Cell Block Museum.

Stories and photos of families submitted by descendants, along with memories about communities, churches, and schools are featured in the book. Veterans and Hill County Sheriffs each have a section. This book makes a lovely gift for anyone with an interest in Hill County history.

Orders for books to be shipped may be mailed to Heritage of Hill County, Texas, Vol. II and include shipping costs of $8.00 for a total of $53.00. Be sure to include the name and address of the person to receive the book. For questions about having a book shipped please contact Mollie Stinson, 254-582-3242. It is no longer possible to order a book shipped through the publisher. Credit card or debit card orders are no longer accepted.

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Deadline for items to be printed is <u>Monday 12:00 p.m.</u> Anything submitted after the deadline will be printed if space allows. 254-687-2922 ext. 158 or email us at smay@itascaisd.net. The publisher will respond confirming arrival of email.

We do not charge for ads, but we do accept donations for our scholarship fund. Letters to the Editor are also printed. Due to the limited amount of space we must ask that you limit your letters to 125 words and that they are not slanderous and malicious. All letters must be signed.

Angelia Orr Seeks Re-Election

Hill County District Clerk, Angelina Orr announced that she will seek re-election in the March 6, 2018 Republican primary. Orr has served as the Hill County District Clerk since 2011. She and her husband, will reside in Itasca. Their children, Sam and Emma, are finishing up their degrees at Texas A&M University.

Over the course of the last 7 years, Orr said her greatest achievements have been implementing a new county wide case management system, automating a court collections program to collect money due Hill County from criminal defendants, and imaging over 2.5 million court documents so that they are available electronically. Her future plans for the office include making court documents and information available online, continuing to preserve court files, and instituting a "paperless" file system in the near future.

Orr has served two terms as a regional director for the County and District Clerks of Texas and in 2016 was nominated as Texas district clerk of the year by Region 5 which consists of 22 north Texas counties. She was also recognized by the Hillsboro Historic Commission in 2015 for her work preserving Hill County court records. She is a member of Hillsboro Lions Club, Hillsboro Monday Review, and is currently serving as president of Hill County Aggie Mom's Club.

Hill County District Clerk's office consists of 6 full time employees that record, maintain, image and index approximately 3000 new cases per year. "I am honored to work with such dedicated professionals in my office and in the Courthouse and I hope to continue my service to the citizens of Hill County as District Clerk," Orr stated.

Martin Lake to Seek Re-Election as Precinct 4 County Commissioner

Hill County Commissioner, Martin Lake, announced his bed for re-election in Precinct 4 in the March 6, 2018 Republican Primary.

Lake and his wife, Sylvia, are third generation of their families to live in Hill County. Lake graduated from the Hillsboro ISD, Hill College, and Baylor University with a BBA in finance. He has lived in Precinct 4 since 1963. Lake was raised on a farm and worked many years for banks, savings and loans, and the brokerage business.

Lake and his wife, Sylvia, have 2 daughters and 9 grandchildren. He is past president of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce and Hillsboro Rotary Club, as well as finance chairman of First Baptist Church in Hillsboro for 8 years. He was also on the board of Hill Regional Hospital for 18 years.

Working with the Commissioners Court has been a rewarding experience. There are many aspects of the position. The State of Texas bestows the responsibility to the commissioner court for the following: roads & bridges, county personnel, offices, boards, commissions, operating facility, bonding authority, elections, regulatory responsibility, fiscal operations, public health & welfare, administrative duties, judicial responsibilities, public works and juveniles.

The listed duties require a good working relationship with all the elected officials with the county as well as the State of Texas. Precinct 4 has 6 full time employees who fulfill the needs of the residents of Precinct 4 each day. Lake says, "I am honored to work with the Precinct 4 employees as well as the rest of the employees along with the elected officials to improve Hill County along with planning for the future growth of the county."

** The *Paw Print Press* does not endorse any candidate.

Itasca Lady Wampus Cat Basketball 2017-2018

January				
9	BYE			
12	Kerens*	Away	JV/V	4:00pm
16	Malakoff Crossroads*	Away	JV/V	4:00pm
19	Cayuga*	Home	JV/V	4:00pm
23	La Poyner*	Away	JV/V	4:00pm
26	Italy*	Home	JV/V	4:00pm
30	Frost*	Away	JV/V	4:00pm
February				
2	BYE			
6	Kerens*(SN)	Home	JV/V	4:00pm

* District Games (SN) Senior Night

Itasca Wampus Cat Basketball 2017-2018

January				
12	Kerens*	Away	JV/V	5/7:30pm
16	Cross Roads*	Away	JV/V	5/7:30pm
19	Cayuga*	Home	JV/V	5/7:30pm
23	La Poyner*	Away	JV/V	5/7:30pm
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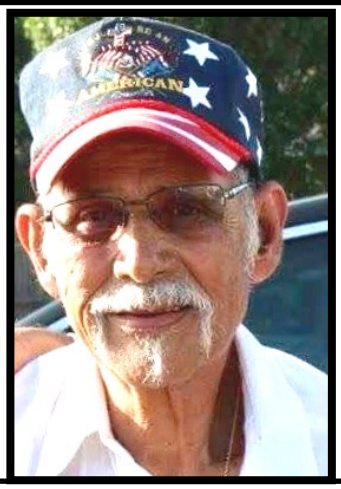
February				
2	BYE			
6	Kerens*(SN)	Home	JV/V	5/7:30pm
9	Cross Roads*	Home	JV/V	5/6:30pm
13	Cayuga*	Away	JV/V	5/6:30pm



Recent Deaths

Joe Luis Rodriguez passed away Saturday, January 6, 2018 in Fort Worth, Texas. He was born April 27, 1940 in Guanajuato, Mexico to Jesus Rodriguez and Guadalupe Gonzalez.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, and his son Larry J. Rodriguez.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Mary Lee Elias Rodriguez; his son, Joe Rodriguez Jr. and spouse, Kathy Rodriguez; his daughters, Carolyn Zamudio; Patricia Rodriguez and spouse, Rudy Rodriguez; his grand children, Chrystal Ervin, Adam Rodriguez, Jessika Rodriguez, Lindsey Zamudio, Nate Rodriguez, and Gabbie Rodriguez. His great grand children, Jasmyn Rodriguez, Aleigha Rodriguez, Brooklyn Rodriguez, Jaelyn Rodriguez, and Avery O'Hearn.

Itasca City Council October 16, 2017

Regular Meeting

The Itasca City Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 16, 2017. Mayor James Bouldin called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Council Members Patty Miller, Susie Davis, Doug White, Kathryn Guy and Dora Hernandez. Present representing the City were City Administrator/City Secretary Cin-Dee Garrett, Assistant City Secretary Arlie Mitchell and City Attorney Stephanie Johnson.

Motions were made and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting and to approve the payment of bills.

Monthly Department and Committee reports were given: Police - give by Lisa Chavez, Fire - Chief Cameron Offutt, Water Department - Kevin LoSciuto, Office of Code Enforcement/Animal Control - Kat McDaniel Offutt, and Planning and Zoning Committee - Barbara Petrash. She reported that no applications had been turned in, so no meeting was held. She also reported that Felicia Mayberry would be taking over the planning and Zoning Committee.

There were no "Comments from the Audience."

During Open Council remarks, Dora Hernandez announced that she was now living in Hillsboro and would have to step down as a Council Member. Administrator Garrett said she would check, but she and Barbara Petrash were fairly sure that it was too late to cancel the election. Garrett also updated the Council on the plans for the 1st Annual Downtown Halloween Trunk or Treat Celebration.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Itasca PD Report October 2017

Number of Citations - 543
Number of Violation - 597
Number of Citations to Juveniles - 3
Number of Citations to Minors - 69

Assault - 1 Following Too Close - 1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - 3
Speeding - 509 DWLI - 10 No DL - 18
No Insurance - 17 Expired Registration - 2
Child Safety Restraint - 6 Seat Belt Violations - 7
Failure To Yield Emergency Vehicle - 6
Failure To Signal - 1
Unregistered Vehicle - 1
Speed Too Fast For Conditions - 2

IVFD Report October 2017

Type of Call	City	County
Assist EMS	10	1
Control Burn	1	
Grass/Brush	1	4
Haz-Mat	1	
Residence	1	2
MVC	2	4
Other	1	2

(Grenade, Traffic Control, Plane Crash)

Total Calls - 30 Calls YTD - 305
Man Hrs. - 186 Members - 15
Mutual Aid Given - White Bluff & Covington
Aid Received - Covington (2) & Grandview
Average Response Time 8.03 minutes

Do You Remember?... - "The Slingshot"

Columnist Carl Sweeney, reprinted from issue #23, 2007

The slingshot in one form or another has been around since Biblical times. The first mention of it we found was when David slew Goliath with one. It was different from what we think of as a slingshot today. It considered of a rawhide string with a loop at one end held by three fingers. There was a pouch in the center and the other end had a knot held between the thumb and forefinger. The thing was swung around to get momentum, then the end that was between the thumb and forefinger was released. There was a rock in the pouch that became the projectile. It was a powerful weapon at close range.

The slingshots we used when we were young were quite different although we used the same type of projectile. Besides stones we used ball bearings, steel slag, acorns, and even peach seeds. My favorite was the round brown stones we found in the fields. They had small nodules, and people said they had fallen from outer space. Our slingshots were two styles. One was cut from the fork of a tree limb, the lower part being the handle. Two rubber bands about a half inch in diameter were cut from an old inner tube that was used on our old model "T's" or model "A's." A tube was selected so that the bands had the proper amount of elasticity. Many a boy has gotten in trouble for using one of dad's good inner tubes. The rubber bands were fastened to the upper prongs with string. The other ends were tied to a leather pouch usually made from old shoe tongues; these were soft and pliable and nested the projectile well. Sometimes the bark was striped off and others preferred to leave it on for a better grip.

My favorite way to make a slingshot was to cut it out from the end of an apple box. Apples back then came in wooden boxes and the solid ends were from soft white pine and easy to cut and smooth. I carried two of these, one in each hip pocket. I painted them silver to simulate the pearl handle pistols some cowboys wore. A boy could become an expert with these weapons. We took rabbits, birds, squirrels, and other small game. We learned early not to kill the mocking bird, which was and is protected, because it is our Texas state bird. We often got into trouble shooting the domestic animals around the farm.

I remember once we had an old sow that was very aggressive. I hated her and shot her rump quite often. When we killed hogs in the fall, my dad wondered why there were bruise spots on the hams. Boys have gotten into trouble lots of times by not using discretion with their slingshots. There was a saying that my mother used when things like that happened. She said, "I was a good boy, but trouble seemed to find me."

There were times during the depression when the slingshot was of some value. When we occasionally brought home a rabbit or a squirrel to supplement our diet. One of my favorite meals was fried young squirrel, fresh black eyed-peas, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, and hot home-made biscuits.

I have seen some boys get into play wars with slingshots which were extremely dangerous. There were some injuries as a result and then came the punishment. Another fight we engaged in was with corn cobs. These were not as lethal as rocks, unless one got hit "upside" the head with an old cob covered with mud and stuff from the barnyard that had hardened in the sun. Another thing we still remember along these lines was on a cold morning while milking the cow; she switched us on the ear with a tail full of cockleburs. There then were other activities we engaged in on the farm, such as fighting bumblebees with a paddle or a broom weed, or twisting a rabbit from his burrow with a piece of barbed wire. A favorite pastimes for Alex Compton and me, when we were in high school was hunting rattlesnakes on the mountain where we both lived. I still have most of the rattlers today. There are other things we engaged in back then that perhaps we can tell about in a future article.

Weather Siren

The third Monday of every month at 1:00 p.m., the Itasca Emergency Management Coordinator will be testing the Weather Siren to ensure it is ready to alert the citizens of tornados.

The test will last 1-5 minutes. For weather and city updates, follow us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/ItascaEMC.

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This Week In History

- **January 14, 1943**

FDR becomes the first president to travel by airplane on U.S. official business.

- **January 15, 1967**

Packers face Chiefs in first Super Bowl.

- **January 16, 1919**

Prohibition takes effect.

- **January 17, 1950**

The Great Brinks Robbery

- **January 18, 1919**

Post-World War I peace conference begins in Paris

- **January 19, 1809**

Edgar Allan Poe is born

- **January 20, 1961**

John F. Kennedy inaugurated

Source: www.history.com