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Men of Honor

Pictured above back row (L to R): Trenton Jackson, BJ Jackson, Mikey Marshall, Dee Marshall and Quinton Tatum. Middle Row (L to R): Dillion LoSucito, Anthony Hawkins, Charles Houston, Michael Diggs, Chris Marshall and Makiya Hogan. Front Row (L to R): Henry Charles and Deveon Mayberry.

A group of Itasca gentlemen planned a day of fun and fellowship in efforts to bring our community closer together. On Sunday, May 28, 2017, they spent hours smoking barbeque, which fed over twenty kids and over fifty adults. The group, or "Men of Honor," consist of Dillion LoScuito, Anthony Hawkins, Charles Houston, Michael Diggs, Trenton Jackson, Henry Charles, Chris Marshall, Deveon Mayberry, Bernard (BJ) Jackson, Makiya Hogan, Mikey Marshall, Dee Marshall, and Quinton Tatum.

The Men of Honor had a bounce house, sack races, and so much more games and entertainment for the kids. They are hoping to make this an annual event.

Pictured left (L to R): Brittany Bell, Amanda Henderson, Karen Diggs and Nikki Hawkins

2017 Senior Awards & Scholarships

Outstanding Academics

Pictured above Front Row (L to R): Callie Pittman (Outstanding English & John Philip Sousa Award), Grayson Jones (Outstanding Math), Fen Tao Chen (Outstanding Science), Alaina Cavazos (Outstanding Social Studies), Jacob Miles (Outstanding Technology). Back Row (L to R) Mr. Strawn (English), Mr. Scott (Math), Mrs. Weatherly (Science), Mrs. McClure (Social Studies), Mr. Thames (Tech), Mr. Middleton (Music).

Senior Blood Donors

Pictured above Front Row (L to R): Caitlin Bruton, Alaina Cavazos, Jose Delgado, Jennifer Murray, Callie Pittman, and Christian Runyon. Middle Row (L to R): Carlos Diaz, Joseph Howe, Anna Salazar, Karon Webb, Chandley Sargent, Dana Schuman, Joanna Sparks, and Isabella Botello. Back Row (L to R): James Upchurch, Donovan Garcia, Daniel Garcia, Jacob Miles, John McGowan, Aliegha Rodriguez, and Kaleb McGill.

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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 Baptist Church	107 S. Lamar	
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: Jonathan Bowman 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."

First Baptist Church of Itasca

James McCarty, Pastor
107 South Lamar
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service 10:45 AM
Wednesday Adults & Youth 6:30 PM

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 is 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.org

Helping Nourish Our Children's Bodies & Minds

Itasca ISD Cafeteria
Will Again Be Sponsoring the
Texas Dept. of Agriculture's

Summer Feeding Program

Location: Itasca ISD Cafeteria

May 30, 2017 through July 13, 2017
Monday through Friday
Will be Closed the week of July 3 through July 7
Serving Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Serving Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

***Free to all children under the age of 18 on a first-come, first-serve.**

Elementary English Summer Classes

Dear Parents:

Itasca Elementary will offer summer school for students who are going in to Kindergarten and first grade who have limited English skills. Summer school will be for 8 weeks from 8 until 11 a.m. from Monday through Friday.

Please call the Elementary Office at (254) 687-2922 ext. 120 if you are interested.

Queridos padres/guarduanes,

Itasca Elementary estara ofreciendo escuela de verano para hablantes de Ingles limitadoes entrando Kindergarten y primer grado. La escuela de verano sera de 8 semanas de 8-11 a.m. Lunes a Viernes.

Por favor comuniquese con la oficina (254) 687-2922 ext. 120 de primaria si esta interesado.

Public Notice - City of Itasca TCEQ 2016 Consumer Confidence Report

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for 2016 has been submitted to the TCEQ and a copy is available upon request at Itasca City Hall, 126 N. Hill St.

Public Notice

As required by federal mandate, Itasca ISD is seeking to notify private no profit schools that have official nonprofit status (i.e., have a tax-exempt identification number) who are interested in consulting with the school district about possible services that are available through the following federal funds:

Title I, Part A (No Child Left Behind)
Title II, Part A (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment)
Title II, Part D (Enhancing Education through Technology)
Title III (Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students)
Title IV, Part A (Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities)

Other federally funded special education programs under the provisions of Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)

If you possess the tax-exempt identification number as well as proof of home school or private school status and are interested, please contact Lisa Von Borstel, Special Programs Director, 123 N. College St. Itasca, TX 76055.

Paw Print Press Subscription Information

To subscribe to the *Paw Print Press* send a check for $30 to *Paw Print Press* 123 N College, Itasca, TX 76055 along with your correct mailing address.

Deadline for items to be printed is Monday 12:00 p.m. Anything submitted after the deadline will be printed if space allows. 254-687-2922 ext. 158 or email us at smay@itascaisd.org. 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.

504 Child Find Notice

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504 programs, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator Lisa VonBorstel, (254) 687-2922 ext 150.

Aviso Sobre La Identificacion de Estudiantes Incapacitados bajo la Seccion 504 del Decreto de Rehablil-tacion de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y proporcionar servicios educativos apropriados y gratuitos a estudiantes incapacitadoes que califican para recibir serbvicios bajo esta ley, Si usted desea mas informacion sobre los derechos de padres de ninos incapacitados, O si tene preguntas sobre la identificacion, evaluacion, y colocacion de ninos en el programa de Seccion 504, favor de ponerse in contacto con el Coordinador de 504 del Distrito Lisa VonBorstel, (254) 687-2922 ext 150.

Presbyterian Children's Home Memorial Garden

A new Memorial Prayer Garden is planned at the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services' (PCHAS) Itasca Group Home Campus. The idea emanated from the 2016 Itasca Exes Reunion.

It will be a peaceful place where former students can be remembered. Initially it will memorialize three former Itasca students who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country while in the military and remember three former students (from pre-World War II days) who died while in PSCHAS' care.

You also can memorialize a loved one by engraving his/her name on a brick that will be a central feature of the Garden. You might also engrave your own brick. One of the two cement benches planned will memorize "Pop and Ma" Hawkins.

More than $2,000 has already been received toward the $8,000 project. You many donate by sending your check or pledge to PCHAS, 5920 W. William Cannon Drive, Bldg. 3 - Suite 100, Austin, TX 78749.

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Notice of Public Hearing City of Itasca Proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget

Notice is hereby give that the City Council of City of Itasca, Texas will hold a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budgets on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will take place during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers at the Itasca Municipal Court, 126 N. Hill Street, Itasca, Texas.

Mayor James Bouldin

Itasca High School 2017 Summer School Schedule

Session One	**Monday, June 5 - Thursday, June 8**
Session Two	**Monday, June 12 - Thursday, June 15**
Session Three	**Monday, June 19 - Tuesday, June 20**

Schedule:

7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	**Breakfast (free in the cafeteria)**
8:00 a.m.	**Begin Working**
10:00 a.m.	**15 minute break**
12:00 p.m.	**30 minute lunch break (free in the cafeteria)**
2:00 p.m.	**15 minute break**
3:00 p.m.	**Release for the day**

Garbage Bags for Sale

Garbage Bags for Sale at City Hall Itasca City Hall has 33 gallon trash bags for sale. Each roll contains 50 bags and sells for $7.00. These are excellent quality bags. Come by the City Hall/Water Department and pick up a roll.

Locker Room Chats

Sports Editor: Adam Youngblood

Clay Pittman, A freshman is a member of the Wampus Cat Athletic family. After participating in cross country, basketball, baseball, and track in the 2016-2017 school year, Pittman has made a name for himself. Clay went along with his team to the state cross country meet as he prepared for the anticipated basketball season. In basketball, Clay competed as a guard where his favorite position on the court was just inside the arch. In baseball, Pittman was in the outfield where his ability to spot a pop fly helped the Cats with multiple wins. He also repositioned at third base when needed. While in track, Clay was a member of the elite discus team of Itasca. Pittman loves competing with his teammates and has also proved that he is one of the freshman to keep an eye on in the upcoming years.

Meadow Valeriano, a sophomore, participated in volleyball and cross country during the 2016-2017 school year and is looking forward to competing again in the fall. As a member of the 21st century volleyball girls, Meadow was positioned in the back where her ability to get the ball across the net served her well. As running is one of her favorite things to do, Valeriano was able to advance to regionals along with her team but unfortunately was unable to advance any further. Meadow, along with the rest of her team is looking forward to working next year to reach the state meet. Meadow is a valuable asset to her teams and the coaches have noticed as well as looking forward to finding out where her talents will bring the teams next year.

Wampus Cat Cross Country

The Wampus Cats Cross Country Team will be running on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We will meet at the track at 7:30 p.m. We would like to invite you to come join us in continuing a running and winning tradition at Itasca.

Each runner will build up their base mileage, depending on their age and experience. The runners will also build up their core strength with an arm and abdominal program. I believe in quality over quantity, to ensure improvement without over training injuries. The athlete will learn how to improve using tempo, interval and long training runs. This base season will help the runners to become more successful in their endeavors as a distance runner. Please keep in mind this is open to all ages but will be running extended courses they may not be suited for everyone. If you want to improve, then let's run, gun, and have fun!

Assumption of Risk/Release of Liability

I, as a parent or guardian, hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Summer Running Program and acknowledge the fact that he/she is physically able to participate in running activities. I hereby authorize the directors to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. I acknowledge that I will be responsible for any cost (through family medical insurance or otherwise) incurred due to sickness or injury to my son or daughter, I hereby waive any claim I might have against Clint Wallace or Itasca ISD.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Date: _____

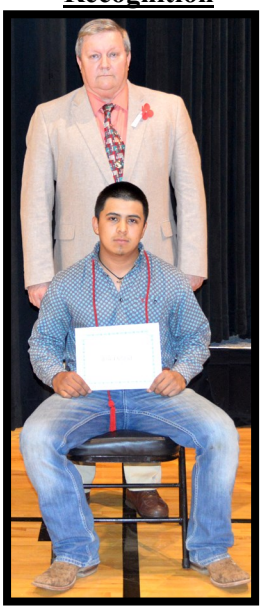
Catch us:
Clint Wallace
817-357-9464

Dates:

Tuesday	Thursday
June 13	June 15
June 20	June 22
June 27	June 29
	July 6
July 11	July 13

2017 Senior Awards & Scholarships

Armed Forces Recognition



Jose Delgado (Air Force) & Mr. Droll

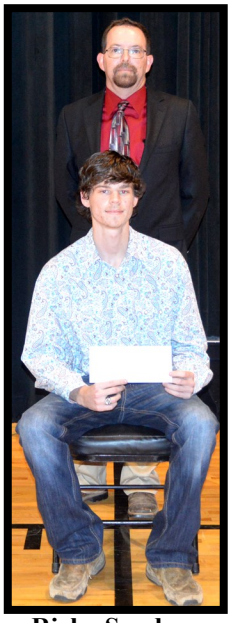
Certificate of Completion

Aliegha Rodriguez (Cosmetology) & Coach Myrick

Emery & Cora Wilson Valedictorian/ Salutatorian Scholarship

Pictured above front row (L to R): Chandley Sargent (Val) & Fen Tao Chen (Sal). Standing: Mr. Parsons.

Cody Allen Memorial Scholarship



Ricky Sanders & Mr. Nickell

Hill County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship

Drew Youngblood & Marelia Geren

Itasca Volunteer Fire Department Scholarships

Pictured above front row (L to R): Isabella Botello (Samantha Pelham Scholarship), James Upchurch (Chris Shuffield Memorial Scholarship). Back row: Casey Carranza, Landon Lain, Cameron Offutt, Kat Offutt, Harley Finley.

R.E. Lee Masonic Lodge #449 Scholarships

Pictured above front row (L to R): Alaina Cavazos, Mrs. Pam Willman (Award of Teaching Excellence), Fen Tao Chen. Back row: Leonard Slamcik, Gordon Wellman, Mark Parsons.

Itasca Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Pictured above front row (L to R): Christian Runyon & Daniel Montes. Standing: Mark Fehnel.

Itasca Rotary Scholarships

Pictured above front row (L to R): Jacob Miles & Jennifer Murray. Standing: Ms. Sazhina.

Hill College Endowments

Pictured left (L to R) front row: Fen Tao Chen, Joanna Sparks, Lindsay Miles, Alaina Cavazos, Chrystal Sanchez, Drew Youngblood. Middle Row: Daniel Montes, Breck Holmes, Carlos Diaz, Ricky Sanders, Coty Morrison, Sherry Davis. Back row: Reece Meyer, Jacob Miles, Donovan Garcia, Cameron Wells.

Open Door Scholarship

Pictured left front row (L to R): Zack Moore, Joanna Sparks, Breck Holmes. Back row: Grayson Jones, Anthony Fowler, Ricky Sanders, Mr. Cermak

Recent Deaths

Patricia Loraine Gibbins, 93, of Grandview Texas, passed away on May 27, 2017. Pat was born on December 14, 1923 in Cleburne, Texas. She married Arthur William Gibbins on October 4, 1942. She is survived by her son Bill Gibbins and wife Karen of Files Valley, Texas, as well as 11 grandchildren, 24 great grand children, 6 great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, sister, husband, two daughters, and two grandchildren. Pat was a wonderful spouse, mother, and grandmother. She worked as a draftsman for Pioneer Natural Gas Co., in Amarillo, Texas for 25 years. Pat was a member of the Itasca Church of Christ.

Itasca Nursing Home Senior Prom Night

The Itasca Nursing Home held their very own senior prom and everyone had a wonderful time. One resident said, "I had to wait 82 years for my prom." They would like to give a giant thank you to the Methodist Church of Itasca, Susan Bason for all the dresses from the prom closet, and to all the families that came and participated.

Prom Queen & King

Ms. Ruth Moon & Ricky Gonzales

Do You Remember…? The Man Behind the Plow

Columnist Carl Sweeney, reprint from Issue #34, 2006

The current drought has been devastating to those who are engaged in agriculture and livestock raising. We are aware that in rural areas of Texas, agriculture fuels our economy, and to a certain extent, in the urban areas as well. It is hoped that we will have empathy for those in this difficult situation, and that our government will be as generous to them as they were to the victims of Katrina. Also perhaps the following poem or song will bring courage and cheer for the road ahead:

The Man Behind The Plow

Author Unknown

I'm not so much at singing as you high falutin chaps.
My voice is kind of husky and a little loud perhaps,
For I have been a-plowing with a Lazy Team, you see,
They keep me rather busy, with a "gid-dap, haw and gee."
But if you'll pay attention I have just a word to say,
About a great mistake they make and do it everyday.
In dealing out your praise, and if this you will allow,
Too often do you slight the man who walks behind the plow.

You talk about your learned men, their wit and wisdom rare,
Your poets and painters, they got praises everywhere.
They are well enough to make a show, but can you tell me how
This world would ere do without the "men behind the plow?"

It's well enough to go to school and learn to read and write,
It's nicer still to dress up fine and sport around at night.
Your music, painting, and poetry are very hard to beat,
But tell me what you're gonna do for something good to eat.
You say my boots are muddy and my clothing rather coarse,
I make a good companion for the oxen and the horse,
My face is red, my hands are hard; tis true, I will allow,
But don't be too quick to spurn the man behind the plow.

Your buyers, clerks, & businessmen with fingers white and small
And men of each profession, but the farmer feeds them all.
If he should quit his business, there would be an awful row,
The world could not exist without the man behind the plow.
There is the city dude you know a-trippin with his cane,
His hands are soft & white as snow, but then Ah! What of him?
He is nothing but a parasite and this you will allow,
He couldn't hold a candle to the boy behind the plow.

I like your great inventions and I'm glad you're getting smart.
I like to hear your music for it kinda cheers my heart, but it can not fill the stomach of a real hungry man,
But I've called your attention to the kind of thing that can.
Now boys don't be too eager to quit the good old farm,
Your father's strength is failing, & he'll need your faithful arm.
If you're honest in your purpose at your feet the world will bow,
For the greatest of all great men is the man behind the plow.

For those of you who have requested poems, I hope today's column will please you as well as our farmer friends. The following poem appeared to me also.

The Old Cottonwood Tree

by: Myrtle P. Hart

The tree stands tall and stately,
Its boughs spread far and wide,
Heavily laden with leaves of green,
Shading the country side.

Old tree, I wish that you could talk
And tell me stories of old ——
Of Indian life and wagon trains,
And the Pioneer's search for gold.

How many storms have you battled?
How many children have played
In the shade of your mighty branches
On long hot summer days?

How many birds have you sheltered?
How many of them stopped to sing,
And stayed to build a cozy nest
When they returned in the spring?

You have seen floods come in the spring,
And the seasons come and go,
With summer heat and winter cold
And winters banked high with snow.

God planted your seed so long ago
And always watered it faithfully.
He most surely have given you a soul.
Old Ancient Cottonwood Tree.

When from this world I shall depart,
And from this earth you're free,
May I again sit 'neath your boughs,
In heaven, Old Cottonwood Tree?'

Free Range Eggs For Sale

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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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City Teen Curfew Ordinance

Itasca has a curfew in effect that includes all minors under the age of 17 years. Curfew hours are Sunday through Thursday night from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. On Friday and Saturday nights the times are 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m.

Both the child and the parent can be held responsible for violating the curfew and they can both be assessed a fine up to $500.

Nolen's Custom Gifts

The Nolen Family
103 W. Main Itasca, TX
254-205-3184
Custom T-Shirts

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If the light is on visit our website/Facebook page or call

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Itasca, Texas 76055

New Police Department Flagpole Donation

To make a donation for the construction of the flagpoles, please fill out the attached form and bring it with your donation to City Hall. Please print name carefully and have the person receiving the donation and form at City Hall to double check all information.

Your involvement will be greatly appreciated by Itasca City hall, Itasca Police Department and all Itascans.

Donation for IPD Flagpole Construction

Name to be inscribed on plaque: _____

Name of Person Making Donation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Amount of Donation: _____