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Itasca Chamber of Commerce 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award



Pictured above (L to R): Betty Sumner and presenter Bob Wilson.

Betty Joyce Sumner was awarded the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award. Betty was born on August 14, 1926 in Itasca to Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Sumner. She grew up with seven brothers and one sister. Betty graduated from Itasca High School in 1943; she then graduated from North Texas State University in Denton in 1947. Betty taught school for a total of 45 years in Sweetwater, Odessa, Saudi Arabia, and Itasca. Betty loved to travel and travelled all over the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

Betty loves Itasca and has been President of the Chamber of Commerce, served on the Itasca City Council, and has been the President of the Board of Revitalization for many years. With the help of Itasca ISD, Betty has worked to make November 11 a time to show our Veterans that they are appreciated. Betty attends First Presbyterian

Church in Itasca. Over her many years at First Presbyterian, she has taught Sunday School, been a youth leader, an Elder, and a choir director. If there was ever anyone who represented Itasca, it is Betty.

Runyon Wins "Spirit of Hill County" Award

Reported by: Shayna Russo

Sisters Christian and Hallie Runyon both competed in the Hill County Queens' Pageant. In early January, these girls got all dolled up in their boots and belts and danced away in the Hill College Performing Arts Building. The purpose of the pageant was to raise money for Hill College scholarships by selling raffle tickets as well as being a part of the pageant itself. Also, people attending could sponsor a participating young lady who planned to attend Hill College. Twenty-four girls who live throughout Hill County were nominated and this year was the first year that, not only could members of FFA be nominated, but 4-H member could now be nominated. Two girls per each town in Hill County were chosen to compete.

Around noon on that Saturday, the judges of the competition had interviewed

Christian and Hallie. These said questions were mainly about who they were in regard to family, relationships, education, FFA, their future goals and dreams.

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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>Community Church of Itasca</u>		
<u>First Baptist Church</u>	107 S. Lamar	
<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: 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 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

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



Runyon Wins “Spirit of Hill County” Award

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After the interview, the girls dressed up in their Western wear and danced for entertainment of the judges and all who attended. Christian wore blue jeans, a pearl snap button up, a black felt cowboy hat, and a belt and belt buckle. The girls had to memorize a speech about who they are and what their role in the Hill County Fair is.

Afterwards, the girls dressed up in their formal wear. Christian wore a two-piece sequin dress that was black, silver, and white. She walked the runway while an announcer introduced who she was and her goal and dreams for her future.

The judges then left and deliberated their results. While deliberating, the audience was entertained by musicians and singers. The top six out of twenty-four girls advance, but the Runyon sisters didn't advance. However, Christian was awarded the Spirit of Hill County Award. Christian is very proud of her award and said that the pageant was a “new and very fun experience.”



It's Wildlife Baby Season and They Need Your Help!



Wildlife Volunteer Orientation

Saturday, March 18
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Whitney Library
602 E Jefferson Ave
Whitney, TX 76692
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Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Overview of wildlife rehabilitation Foster Care and the many volunteer opportunities with Texas Metro Wildlife Rehabilitators, Rogers Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and the DFW Wildlife Coalition.

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Hill County Day in Austin

The Texas Legislature got its 85th session underway last month and now local residents have the opportunity to be a part of the Austin scene during Hill County Day at the state capitol.

Chartered buses will leave Historic City Hall at 127 East Franklin Street in Hillsboro at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 22, for the day trip.

Activities will kick off with opening ceremonies in the House of Representatives and Senate.

This year's Dutch-treat luncheon will once again be held in the underground extension of the capitol in the Legislative Conference Center, which is E2.002.

Scheduled to speak at the luncheon are State Senator Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, and state Representative Byron Cook, R-Corsicana.

The speakers' line up for the afternoon is being finalized, but will include Russell Devorsky, current executive director of the Heart of Texas Council of Governments and former chief of staff of state Representative Jim Dunnam of Waco.

He will discuss his time working at the Capitol and some of the interesting characters he dealt with, including Hillsboro's own Bob Bullock.

The trip gives local residents an opportunity to see their legislators at work on the floors of the House and Senate and in committee hearings.

The lunch will be followed by afternoon speakers.

For those not wishing to hear the speakers, a capitol tour for local residents has been set up for 2 p.m.

A limited number of seats remain on the buses. The cost of the bus is being covered this year by the day's sponsors, HILCO, Atmos Energy, AT&T, Oncor and Hill County Farm Bureau.

The noon meal will be \$15 per person payable in advance to the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce.

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, along with chambers from Lake Whitney, Hubbard and Itasca, is hosting the event.

To make reservations, contact the Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce at 254-582-2481.

Buses will return to Hillsboro at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study at First Presbyterian Beginning February 26 at 4:00 Fellowship Hall

"Paul Behaving Badly"

We will be using this book by E. Randolph Richards and Brandon J. O'Brien along with the Bible to try to figure out just who the Apostle Paul really was. Was he a racist, chauvinistic, homophobic jerk?

Session will be:

1. Paul Was Kind of a Jerk
2. Paul Was a Killjoy
3. Paul Was a Racist
4. Paul Supported Slavery
5. Paul Was a Chauvinist
6. Paul Was Homophobic
7. Paul Was a Hypocrite
8. Paul Twisted Scripture

Or was he? Come join us as we attempt to answer these questions. Differences of opinion are always welcome here. It doesn't matter which church you attend - or if you don't attend church - come join us for this study. You can call Diane Barnes at (254) 687-2243 for more information.

Pianist Wanted

First Presbyterian Church of Itasca is looking for a pianist to play for its 11:00 a.m. Sunday services and the occasional special services. If interested please call (254) 687-2243 and leave a message.



Itasca Depot Schedule

February 18	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
March 18	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
April 22	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
May 20	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Locker Room Chats

Sports Editor: Adam Youngblood

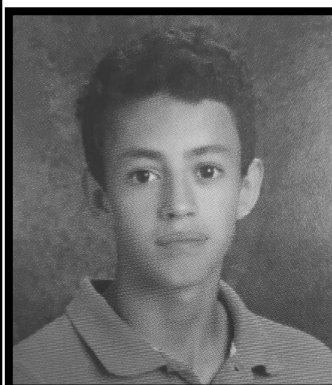


As a sophomore, Ariel Gonzales is one of many Lady Wampus Cats athletes. Participating in cross country, volleyball, basketball, tennis, and track, Gonzales finds herself in another world as sports surround her high school career.

In volleyball Ariel was known as a defensive specialist in the back left position. In basketball she is known as a guard and was also one of the leaders of the JV Lady Cats. While the spring seasons roll around, Ariel is found on the tennis courts and on the track.

In tennis, Ariel competes with her partner Chalo Cavazos in mixed doubles. Though the placement of events for track has not been finalized, Gonzales plans to compete in the Pole Vault along with running the 400 meter dash.

As she is one of the fastest sophomore girls, she is seen as a top candidate for the team. Other teams fear her as she steps into her lane. Coaches admire her for her speed and ability and plan to use them to advance further in the next couple of years.



Ethen Agreda, a freshman, is one of the most prominent athletes in the locker room. Focusing on cross country, basketball, and track, Agreda has been building his endurance since the seventh grade when former Itasca Coach Brandee Kettler simply asked him if he could run. With an answer of "yes", Ethen has advanced his way to the state cross country meet along with his teammates in the 2016 season.

He is also known for leading the team placing 19th out of 100+ contestants. Preparing for track, Agreda shows his talents on the basketball courts as a post.

In track, Agreda looks forward to running the Mile and 2 Mile since long distance running is his specialty. Coaches see him as one the most endurable athletes in the locker room and he only looks forward to advancing further as his high school career has just begun.

Lady Cat Softball

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>February</u>			
16-18	Rio Vista Tourn.	Rio Vista	TBA
<u>March</u>			
2	Gorman Tourn.	Gorman	10:25am/1:15pm
3	* Covington	Home	4:30 pm
7	*Italy	Italy	5:30 pm
10	OPEN		
11	*Blum	Home	2:00 pm
21	*Kopperl	Kopperl	4:30 pm
24	*Avalon	Home	4:30 pm
28	*Frost	Frost	4:30 pm
31	*Covington	Covington	5:30 pm
<u>April</u>			
4	*Italy	Home	4:30 pm
7	OPEN		
11	*Blum	Blum	4:30 pm
14	*Kopperl	Home	4:30 pm
18	*Avalon	Avalon	4:30 pm
21	*Frost (SN)	Home	4:30 pm

*District Game (SN) Senior Night

Senior Spotlight

Jacob Miles



Reporter: Shayna Russo

Weird, creative, and dorky are three words that describe Jacob Lewis Miles. Miles was born on March 30, 1999 in Federal Way, Washington. He is the son of the proud parents Timothy Miles and Laurie Miles. Jacob has a twin sister named Lindsay, and two half-brothers, and one half-sister.



He has attended Itasca ISD since his freshman year. After graduation, Miles plans to finish his basics and obtain a degree in communications to pursue a career in film. Miles currently films sports events for the Itasca Athletic Department. In his previous years in Itasca, Miles has been the lead technician for One Act Play.

Miles advises his underclassmen to “work hard and never give up.” Miles said his favorite teachers are Mr. Scott, Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Crouch, and previous Itasca ISD teacher Mr. Bishop. Miles plans to attend Hill College at first, but is undecided where he wants to go afterwards. Miles is currently unemployed, however, he is a former electrician apprentice, since he used to work under his father.

His current vehicle is a red Ford Focus. His favorite snack is anything that includes chocolate. Miles owns a cat, named Oliver, and a dog, named Lily. Miles’ favorite summer activity is wakeboarding; his favorite movie series is *Star Wars*. He currently has no vision of himself because he plans to take life “day-by-day.”

Senior Spotlight

Lindsay Miles



Reporter: Jasmine Sparks

Lindsay Leigh Miles would describe herself as being friendly, eccentric, and determined. She was born on March 30, 1999 in Federal Way, Washington. Her parents are Laurie Miles and Tim Miles and she is 17 years old. Lindsay’s siblings include: her two half-brothers, Brian Burdette who is 33 years old, and Timothy Burdette who is 32; her half-sister, Ashley Burdette-Liscum; and her twin brother Jacob Miles who, like her, is 17 years old.

Lindsay has attended Itasca ISD since she was a freshman. She is the cheer captain, the senior class representative, a member of the student council, and the National Honor Society’s secretary. Lindsay also participates in UIL poetry. Although he left Itasca High, she still says that Mr. Bishop is her favorite teacher. After graduation, she plans to go to Hill College for a year then transfer to a 4-year university. She plans to receive a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology, and a Master’s degree in Occupational Therapy. In 10 years she can see herself married and successful in her job.

“Don’t be concerned about anything but your grades because they will get you where you need to go,” is Lindsay’s advice to the lowerclassmen. She would like to thank her family, her teachers, and her school for getting her as far as she is in life. Her family has attended Itasca High for generations and she is related to Betty Sumner. Lindsay works at Pit Stop Pizza in Covington and her favorite food conveniently is pizza. You can find Lindsay watching her favorite movie, *Howl’s Moving Castle* with her Maltese named Lillie and her Persian cat, Oliver.

Her hobbies are hiking, reading, singing in the shower, drawing, listening to music and cheering. She plans to one day visit Ireland, the place where her family came from, as well as backpacking Europe and going to Japan. She wants to learn French, Latin, Greek, Gaelic and German before she goes. Like any Christian, Lindsay’s role model is Jesus Christ. Her favorite Bible verse is Psalms 18:2, “The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”



Itasca Junior High Robotics



Team Sponsor: Amanda McCue

The Eccentrix Upgraded participated in the FLL (First Lego League) North Texas Regional Championship Saturday, February 4, 2017. This is the fourth year in a row that the team has advanced to the championship as well as the first year that the team took home an award.

On Saturday the team won the Rising Star award, which is a judge's award given to a team who is noticed by the judges for enthusiasm and working together.

The Eccentrix Upgraded was made up of: Kalee Payne, Ashton Tinklenburg, Trevor Manning, Mackenzie Hernandez, Lili Layden, Brendon Heath, Kayd Lightsey, Charilse

Ferrell, and Joseph Davis. This is a special year too because we have a team member who has participated all three years of middle school and helped bring her team to this special victory. Congratulations Kalee Payne, on all you've done to help the robotics team and way to lead them to recognition this year!

Ministerial Alliance Minutes for Feb 4, 2017

The Itasca Ministerial Alliance met on February 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Central Baptist Church. Attending were: Jonathan Bowman (Central Baptist), Bob Wilson (Presbyterian), Tom Wood (Methodist), Johnny Bates (St. John's Baptist), James Bouldin (Bethlehem Baptist), Rose Handy (Third Day), Diane Barnes (Presbyterian), and Mollie Moore (Presbyterian Children's Home and Services).

Meeting was opened with prayer, led by President Jonathan Bowman. Financial report showed a balance of \$1,111.08. Several people have been helped during the months of December and January.

Prayer requests were discussed.

Church Reports:

Presbyterian Church will have a free movie night on Feb. 25 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come the movie "God's Not Dead 2". The Presbyterian Church also invites everyone to Game Day on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00, Exercise Classes for those 50+ on Tuesdays and Thursday at 9:30, and Bible study each Sunday afternoon at 4:00. The next one will begin Feb. 26 and will be based on the book "Paul Behaving Badly," which will take a close look at some of the things the Apostle Paul said and did.

Central Baptist will have lunch for all community churches on the last Sunday of each month. Their AWANAS group will go to the Itasca Nursing Home on Feb. 15. Their youth group will be attending a youth event in Hillsboro on Feb. 24 and 25. They have a community Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 at Diaz.

St. John's will have appreciation day for Mr. Farmer. A service and dinner will be held beginning at 3:00 on Feb. 19

Third Day is going to begin a Bible study for women in March. It will be held at 7:00 on Tuesdays. They also have a "Refresh" Bible study on Sunday mornings.

Mayor James Bouldin said there are still seven lots for sale. Anyone interested should go to City Hall and get more information.

Next meeting will be on March 4 at 10:00 at Central Baptist.

Meeting was closed with prayer, led by Tom Wood.



Do You Remember When...? Washday

Columnist Carl Sweeney, reprinted from issue #10, 2006

Quite often we see an old black cast-iron wash pot in someone's yard, sometimes suspended on a tripod. Nowadays the pots are used for flowers and other decorations, also, as antiques.

There was a time when those old pots played an indispensable role when washday came around. During the summer when school was out, on a Monday or maybe a Saturday or a holiday, the day started with the mother and children preparing for the washday ritual. The boys gathered wood and started fires under the pots; there were usually two of them. Water was carried from the well and dumped into the pots to boil. The sheets, pillow cases and other white clothes were boiled, after adding some of that good old lye soap and some Mrs. Stewart's blueing to make them whiter. I always wondered how blueing that looked like food coloring could make things white. When the whites had boiled, it took a couple of kids to wring out the water, this was done by folding the sheets in the middle, inserting a stick in the fold and twisting, the stick was usually an old cut off broom handle which was also used to punch and stir the wash while it boiled. After wringing, we hung the sheets and things on the clothes line to dry. This was a boring chore for us boys. We were usually thinking the fish might be biting down on the creek, or we could hear the hounds chasing a raccoon.



Of course, there could have been worse things than helping with the wash. We could have been picking cotton, hoeing cockleburrs, or "heading" maize, which to me was the worst job on the farm. It was done in hot weather, and the chaff mixed with sweat was extremely uncomfortable.

After the white clothing came the colored clothing, blue jeans, aprons, flower sack dresses and drawers. We usually had to rub these on the old rub board as they were not boiled. The sheets took up all the clothes lines, so we hung the rest on the fence around the yard. This was in later years called our "solar dryer." If there were cattle or goats around we had to keep an eye out because they had a tendency to chew on the clothes. It must have been the clean smell and the taste that attracted them.



I still wonder to this day how we got all the work done back then when everything had to be done by hand. We had no modern conveniences that we have today, such as washing machines, dryers and other appliances.

We made our own starch by adding two table spoons of Kingsford Starch to cold water. The mixture was boiled until it made a thick translucent paste. We dipped the clothes in this and hung them out. Of course this necessitated ironing, which was also a laborious chore. As you might guess, we had no perma-press clothes back then. Washdays of yesteryear left many treasured memories. As mother was scrubbing on the rub board, she no doubt was dreaming of automatic washers and dryers, water heaters, indoor plumbing, refrigerators and the many other modern appliances we take for granted today.

Lions Club Chili Lunch, Food Drive Set

The Hillsboro Lions Club will host its annual chili lunch and food drive Sunday, February 26, at Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin Street.

Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., eat in or carry out. Luncheon tickets are \$7 and available from Lions Club members at the door.

In addition to the luncheon, the club will be collecting nonperishable food items to fill a fire truck.

Donations will be used to replenish the pantry at Hillsboro Interfaith Ministries (HIM) after supplies were depleted during the recent holiday season.

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Facts About Some Presidents You May Not Know

- As a young boy, John Adams would often skip school, choosing instead to spend his time hunting and fishing.
- During his brief tenure as President, William Henry Harrison had a billy goat with him at the White House.
- James Buchanan was the only President to never marry, instead remaining a bachelor his entire life.
- The 18th President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was given a \$20 speeding ticket for riding his horse too fast down a Washington street.
- Benjamin Harrison was the sitting President when electricity was first installed in the White House. However, he was scared of being electrocuted and refused to touch the light switches.
- Warren Harding liked to gamble, although it seems he wasn't very good at it. In one poker game, he bet the White House china collection and lost it all in one hand.
- Herbert Hoover moved his family to China before becoming President, and he and his wife learned to speak Mandarin Chinese fluently.

Source: www.huffingtonpost.com

Itasca High School Events



February

- 17 Student Holiday
- 18-20 FFA San Antonio Show
- 20 No School (President's Day)
- 24-26 FFA San Antonio Show

March

- 2 One Act Play Clinic @ Cleburne
- 8 One Act Play District rehearsal @ Frost
- 9 One Act Play District @ Frost
- 13-17 Spring Break (no school)
- 23 Bi-District One Act Play
- 24-25 UIL Academics @ Navarro

April

- 6-8 UIL Academics Regional meet
- 20-22 UIL Academic State meet
- 27 Class Group Picture Day
- 29 Prom Night