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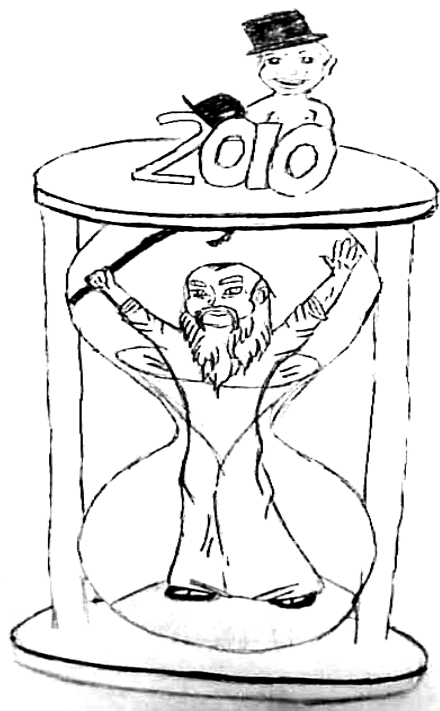
**January 1, 2010**

## ***Itasca Welcomes 2010***

***Wishing Each of You a Safe & Prosperous 2010***

### **City of Itasca**

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& all of the City Employees



### **Itasca Independent School District**

Itasca ISD Board President Susan Bason  
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Technology Director Richard Wilson  
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& all of the Itasca ISD Faculty & Staff

### ***Paw Print Press Staff***

Community News Editor - Devin Corbitt  
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Community Information Editor - Sally Crouch

Special thanks to Michelle Ignacz for the New Years drawing.

## 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>First Baptist Church</u>	107 S. Lamar 687-2783
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	106 N. Lamar 687-2243
<u>First United Methodist</u>	Main & King St. 687-2475
<u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>	FM 2959 East of I-35
<u>Second Baptist Church</u>	120 W. Marrion 687-9134
<u>Shiloh Community Church</u>	254-582-0487
<u>St. John Missionary Baptist</u>	506 S. Weaver 687-2821
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:50 a.m.

R.A.'s & G.A.'s (1st-6th) - Youth (7th-12th) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 10:45-12:15 p.m.

Wednesday Supper 6:00 p.m. (\$2.00 ea. w/\$10.00 max/family)

Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m. - Youth (7th-12th) 7:00

Kids' Choir 7:00 p.m. website - itascabc.org

### First United Methodist Church

Guaranteed no-nap Preaching, or double your doubt back. *Where Worship Is Joyous*

*Experience the energy of God's promise in a beautiful, historic sanctuary.*

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m.

### Itasca Church of Christ - 200 N. Aquilla St.

Are we taking a test without reading the book?

That is exactly what many are doing when it comes to the Bible. They go by what they feel, think, or what others have told them, but have never read for themselves the complete book. This is the most important test you will ever take! Join us at the Itasca Church of Christ?

Sunday mornings - 9:45 a.m. - Bible classes-

10:45 a.m. - Worship - 5:00 p.m. - worship

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Bible study All are welcome.

### First Presbyterian Church

106 N. Lamar Itasca 254-687-2243

[itascafpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:itascafpc@sbcglobal.net) [www.fpcitasca.org](http://www.fpcitasca.org)

"In mission to and with the Presbyterian Childrens Home to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Sundays - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship in Barton Hall

10:00 - 10:45 Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 - Worship Service

6:00 - Praise and Worship in Sanctuary

6:30 - KFC and Hour of Power

Tuesday and Thursday - 10:00 Exercise Class in Barton Hall

Wednesday - 6:30 Vespers Service at PCH Chapel

7:15 Choir practice

### ANGEL FOOD SITE

#### Itasca Ministerial Alliance

January 2 - First Baptist Church - 9:00 p.m.

#### Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month 6:00 p.m. - 136 N. Hill St.

#### Itasca City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

#### Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

January 11 7:00 p.m.

#### Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.

### Chamber Banquet Date Set

The Itasca Chamber of Commerce will hold its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Monday, January 25, 2010. The Banquet will be held in the Itasca ISD cafeteria. The silent auction and refreshments will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 (\$12.00 at the door) each and can be bought from any Chamber director or at Citizens State Bank (Cory Cole), HILCO (Bob Wilson), Itasca Floral & Gift (Clay Dean Hamilton), or at the high school (Barbara Petrash).

This year's theme is "Celebrating Our History." The Chamber is urging citizens to mail their ideas for awards to be presented and their nominations for those awards. This is everyone's chance to have a say in the Citizen of the Year, Community Service and all other awards presented.

Suggestions can be mailed to Itasca Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 205, Itasca, TX 76055 or given to any of the Chamber directors listed.



*Itasca Chamber of Commerce*

P.O. Box 205  
Itasca Tx, 76055

### Itasca ISD Holiday

December 21, 2009 - January 5, 2010

Drive Carefully - Children at Play

### No Fireworks in Rest Areas

There is a state law prohibiting fireworks in rest areas and inside city limits as well as a city ordinance prohibiting them from being fired inside the city. These laws will be strictly enforced. Tickets will be issued for violations of the fireworks ordinance. Fines can cost as much as \$2,000. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior and they will be required to pay any fines that are assessed.

# Resolutions for 2010



## Paw Print Press Staff Resolutions

These were our 2009 resolutions and the results

Devin Corbitt - To buy more sweaters (I now have several more)

Megan Goff - To get Ready! (I am READY!)

Eva Mayberry - Be less dependant on others (I am still working on it, but I am getting better)

Ashley Durham - To stop procrastinating (Didn't happen as it is on this year's also)

Mary Maddox - To get a paying job! (Didn't happen)

Hannah Johnson - To finally finish my book and send it into a publisher (I don't think so)

Aren Barton - Get better in basketball (I quit!)

Martin Martinez - Not to make resolutions I can't keep (This worked well)

Brittany Reid - Get good grades (Did well 1<sup>st</sup> semester)

Mrs. Sally Crouch - To get WCAT news up and going (We are L-I-V-E)

Mrs. Petrash - I think I need to stop making resolution that my students can use as blackmail and raise my standards of expectations on PPP staff (according to my friend Sally). (I did not make any new resolution this year - still working on the old ones)

## Our 2010 Resolutions

Ashley Durham - To not procrastinate and to develop good study habits for college

Martin Martinez - To do better in everything I am involved in, but try to get more sleep during week days-

Aren Barton - Don't try to impress everybody because it's too much work with no payoff

Hannah Johnson - Learn to be patient with people and pass 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Brittany Reid - Have good grades next semester and pass all classes with flying colors

Mary Maddox - "I'm perfect, so I don't need to make a resolution"

Devin Corbitt - Go to bed earlier every night

Brittany Bourland - To be the best person I can be in Christ because I can always be better

Megan Goff - To learn to differentiate the important from the petty

Michelle Ignacz - To try to be the very best at everything I do and to try to make the best I can of this year and the next

Mrs. Sally Crouch - To get the voice & video in sync

## More 2010 Resolutions

To be a better mom, to do better in school, and work on my attitude! - Elizabeth Olguin

Be nicer to my sister Monnie and have my baby on New Year's - Katherine Green

To follow Coach Campbell's advice and to stay calm in all situations - Shelbi Rogers

Spend more time with the people I love - James Michael Cody Reece

To get a new car, stop cussing and make good decisions - Desmond Guy

To keep Chad away from tobacco - Hunter Laird

To graduate this year - Forest Elkins

To make straight A's - Ivan Gomez

To be more friendly - Colton Sullins

To put effort in my school work and pass all my classes and to be nice to everyone - Sarah Farquhar

To start my life over for the better and make good decisions for myself and my baby - Rebecca Cisneros

To find a very nice young man that is sweet, nice and faithful - Shelby Jones

To not let stupid things get the best of me because it's not even worth it, and to always try to be in a good mood no matter what - Chan'Tira Diggs

To make good choices and not repeat stupid mistakes - Kristen Worth

To hang out with my mom and earn enough money for a car because I get my license in February - Stephanie Ignacz

To have a great year, mud a lot, and lead into a great summer with a special person - Parker Kowalski

To gain self-control and not to worry too much about the past, focus on the future! - Raven Nichols

To not have a New Year's Resolution - Rebecca Maul

Be better in school, be nicer, and get better grades than everyone in my class - Emily Offutt

To get way stronger - Robert Duby

To not get any tickets and get a job - Halston Hilburn

To be more organized, to work harder, and to stop being headstrong - Alex Sparks

To see my brother coming home safely from Bagdad - Lacie Rogers

To be a better student and a better person - Whitney Thompson

Being nicer to my siblings - Shyanne Reece

To be taller - Natalia Filio

To be smarter than Kaleigh and Whitney! - Deazhane' Davis

To learn how to ice skate - Marisela Ochoa

To pass and be nicer to my siblings - Tori Silva

To prove to my teachers that I am not the person that they think I am - LaQuavion Diggs

## 2009 in Review



Itasca Chamber of Commerce recognized Diane Barnes as "Citizen of the Year." Eddie Davis, Michael Gates, Rochelle and Ricky Hardin received "Community Spirit and Pride" awards. Chamber of Commerce presented "Lifetime Achievement Awards" to John Merritt, Beverly Fehnel, and Patsy and Herman Cockerham. Sarah Evans and Zech O'Rarden earned "Youth of the Year" awards.

Patton Field receives new scoreboard from the Booster Club. Itasca EDC begins Lawless Park renovations. The 2009 Cinco de Mayo Court was crowned; Duchess Anahi Botello and Queen Autumn Pelham. Itasca Police Department added K-9 Officer Astor to their rank.

Denis Hayes was sworn into the City Council to fill Harvey Wilson's seat. Jennifer Bustin and Dylan Hernandez were chosen as the 2009 Rotary Girl and Boy. Itasca ISD hosted the grand opening of the Itasca Depot Heritage and Education Center.

Carol Lewis retired after serving over 23 years with the United States Postal Service. Randy Kline is appointed the new Fire Chief. Chamber of Commerce cut the ribbon on "Flowers by Karen" flower shop. Lloyd Ford celebrated 25 years of dedicated service to the Itasca community.

## 2009 in Review Continues



The Itasca High School Marching Band received new uniforms. Senior Zech O'Rarden took "Best of Show" at the Hill County Fair. The Wampus Cat and Lady Wampus Cat basketball teams finished district with an undefeated record. Freshman Daniel Odom received a first place ribbon for his market hog at the Hill County Fair.

The CX Debate teams of Devin Corbitt and Martin Martinez, and Kristen Worth and Walker Hoard took first and second place at the district UIL meet. Itasca One Act Play advanced to Area UIL Competition for the first time in many years. The Itasca High School baseball team made it to the playoffs. Junior Devin Corbitt placed 2nd at the State UIL Meet in Editorial Writing.

The graduating Class of 2009. The 2009 Homecoming Court was Mary Maddox, Katelyn Seaman, Megan Goff, and Queen Courtney Barton. The boys' 4x200m relay team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the State Track Meet.

The Itasca High School Marching Band placed 10th in the State UIL band competition. Desmond Guy and Courtney Barton were voted Football Beau and Sweetheart and Eddie Coronado and Devin Corbitt were voted Band Beau and Sweetheart.

# More New Year's Resolutions



To have a good year when I get to high school  
Melissa Prosser

To prove I'm not the bad kid everyone thinks I am. I want to get trust back  
Robert Vasquez

Make Mr. Harris let me drive my tractor to school  
Cody Lewis

To not hurt myself this year  
Katie LaFountain

Raise my grades  
Crisol Zavala

To spend more time with family and friends  
Harley Hilburn

To make my grades really good  
Haley Jeffers

To learn more math and to work out more  
Logan Langley

To make the earth safer for the next generation  
Adrain Flores

Make A Honor Roll instead of A-B  
JaQuiest Long

To understand math  
Hallie Hilburn

To start doing better at math and have time to study every day  
Brett Dunham

To spend more time with my family  
Lydon Lain

To make more friends and make better grades in all of my classes  
Dacee Turner

Make better grades  
Tiffany Ramos

To spend more time with my family  
Andrea Hightower

Spend more time with my family and get better grades  
Trey Cole

To not get any detentions, turn my homework in on time, and spend as much time with family as possible!  
Haleigh Ward

To do better at school  
James Melson

Doing better in school  
Tanner Graig

To be a better helper and a better friend  
Tommy Ashley

To make good grades like my sister  
Michaelas Caufield

To help more people get saved, that I become a better person, and to follow God more  
Jesus Gutierrez

Being a better student and a better reader in all my classes  
Cayce Camp

To make better grades  
Mason Richters

To study in school, get better grades, respect people, be more helpful, and live my life better each day  
Esteban Cruz

To be more respectful  
Nathan Vargas

To get all A's and B's on my report card  
Spencer Mote

## Adults, IISD Faculty, Subs

To spend more time with my family doing the things we love  
Mrs. Kristi Sargent

To be better organized and have the belated estate sale  
Mrs. Bettye Lewis

Not to make any resolutions this year. I only break them anyway  
Mrs. Debra Scott

To give my students every advantage possible  
Ms. Kim Camp

To try to keep my classroom more organized  
Ms. Carissa Helke

To get in shape and be the best teacher than I can be!  
Ms. Tasha Bell

To be more forgiving of others and help more where needed. I want to have a servant's heart  
Ms. Tonya Heath

Not to kill any students (Just kidding – Love'em all)  
Mr. Bill Nickell

Diagram at least three sentences each night. They must have verbals and clauses, and I will use appropriate colors  
Mr. Clay Strawn

To learn beneficial ways to handle my stress ☺  
Mrs. Lisa Von Borstel

Spend more time with my family and goof off more!  
Mrs. Diana Johnson

To be more organized, to say thank you more often, and to encourage people to do their best  
Mrs. Joy Anderson

To become a better teacher for my students  
Coach "J. Rod" Rodriguez



Not to sweat the small stuff, but live for the moment especially time with my family  
Mrs. Kim Abbott

To begin learning Spanish with my husband so that I can communicate better in my community  
Mrs. Connie Grogan

To have more patience  
Ms. Anissa Bell

Eat healthier in the upcoming year  
Mr. Rickie Harris

To make it a point to watch all the Rocky movies  
Mr. Jared Bass

Not to make a New Year's Resolution  
Mr. Patrick Middleton

## Rescue Airlift Bridge to Aspen, Colorado Well Traveled

Press Release

Since September, three additional rescue airlifts with some 30 Hill County dogs were arranged to move north to Colorado to a better life or just to have a life since these dogs were either abandoned and would have met certain horrific death or scheduled to be unceremoniously euthanized. By arrangement from Carole and David Huens, of Paw Pals adoption committee, the dogs were airlifted to Aspen, Colorado on the private jet of philanthropists Cheryl and Sam Wyly as it repositioned from Dallas Love Field to Aspen (Carole, of Whitney, is the mother of Cheryl Wyly). Aspen is the home of a group called Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter (FAAS)([www.dogsaspen.com](http://www.dogsaspen.com)) where the animal shelter is proudly named Cheryl and Sam Wyly Aspen/Pitkin County Animal Shelter. To date, over 100 dogs from Hill County have been airlifted to Aspen and with an overwhelmingly successful 100% adoption rate—some of Hill County's abandoned dogs have found homes with celebrities; one now resides on Park Avenue—a real Cinderella story!

Cheryl promoted the idea of adopting Hill County Paw Pals as the sister organization of the Aspen group. Although our two organizations are 873 miles apart, our causes parallel one another—providing shelter and hope for unwanted companion animals. Citizens of Hill County, particularly volunteers with Paw Pals, are forever grateful to Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter for their benevolent outreach to Hill County—particularly to directors Seth Sachson and Anne Gurchick who make the pet adoption process happen. Last year this group also made possible 200 “free” pet sterilizations for Hill County citizens of which Paw Pals administered.

Thanks to the efforts of Paw Pals ever rising adoption program, fortunate animals of Hill County are being saved from certain death. Paw Pals adoption program's growing success stems from the supreme dedication of volunteer workers. Outstandingly are director Lana Crow, Andree Luallen, Kathy Moore, and already mentioned Carole and David Huens. Hillsboro Animal Control Officer James Deluca is also to be thanked for his unwavering dedication with life saving initiatives. However, despite the happy ending for the dogs airlifted to Aspen, there are hundreds more that don't get a second chance each year in Hill County. Transporting unwanted pets to another state is not the answer to pet overpopulation in our county. We must continue to look at already identified proactive programs of education, enforcement of existing Texas animal control laws (legislation), and low cost pet sterilization. To support these proactive programs, we must move forward to build an animal shelter for Hill County and implement animal control for our citizens. Isaac Newton once wrote: “If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants”. We thank Cheryl and Sam Wyly and Friends of the Aspen Animal Shelter to allow us to stand upon their shoulders and view first hand how a county can achieve success with stamping out pet overpopulation and achieving a shelter where pets are adopted and not euthanized.

Please continue to support the endeavors of Paw Pals as we reach towards the reality of installing an animal shelter and correcting our county's pet overpopulation issue. Visit [www.hcpawpals.org](http://www.hcpawpals.org) or [www.helphillcountyanimals.com](http://www.helphillcountyanimals.com) for information about Paw Pals or simply call: (254) 580-0679 or email: [hcpawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawpals@yahoo.com).



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## Wampus Cats of the Year

### IISD Booster Club

Reporter Devin Corbitt

The Itasca Booster Club has been an active part of our community for many years. This year was no exception, expect that maybe they were more active than usual.

At the beginning of the year, they provided funds and organized sponsorships for Patton Field's new scoreboard. They helped purchased shirts for all playoff, regional, and state participants, as well as for the band and one-act play members.

For the elementary, they paid for the Fort Worth Children's Opera Company's performance, tulip bulbs for students to plant during Red Ribbon Week, and "yacker-trackers" to gauge the noise level in the cafeteria.

The booster club has also purchased wheeled tubs for the debate teams, a flat-screen television for the girls' basketball locker room, helped with area and state band patches, pole vaulting poles, and much, much more.

The Booster Club has been a tremendous help to Itasca ISD students, all campuses and areas, throughout the past year. It is with many thanks that we name the IISD Booster Club our "Wampus Cats of the Year."



*As we close another year,  
Lloyd Ford wishes to say  
"Thank You" for your patronage  
and friendship  
for the last 25 years.*

*Best Wishes for a  
Happy, Healthy and Prosperous  
New Year.*

*The Dwight Lloyd Family*