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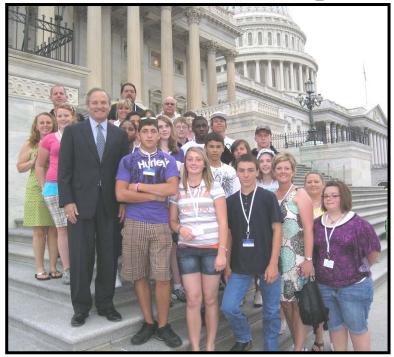
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# Middle School Students visit Congressman Chet Edwards at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.



Story by IISD Counselor Grace Hennig Photo from Congressman Edwards Press Secretary

"Now I know why it's called Capitol Hill," Amy Castillo chuckled as she hiked the steep incline toward the impressive United States Capitol. "It is defiantly a hill."

Billed as a chance of a lifetime, twenty-five Itascans recently took in the sites of Washington D.C. One highlight was visiting the US Capitol and meeting our United States Congressman Chet Edwards. In a suave suit and under cloudy skies, Congressman Edwards held a Q and A session on the Capitol steps right next to Patrick Kennedy and a very loud solitary protestor across the street.

The Congressman told our group that he loves his job because he gets to meet interesting people, help people with their concerns, and make a difference in lives of Americans. These three aspects, he explained, makes a person successful, no matter his or her occupation. He answered many questions and graciously took pictures with our students. Later that afternoon, he was

scheduled to address Congress and invited the group to attend. He hopes students will get involved in our government. He encouraged our students to apply for a summer page position through his office when they turn 16.

"I never dreamed I would met our Texas Congressman on the steps of our US Capitol Building. It was an awesome experience that I will never forget," gushed freshman Kaleigh Lightsey.

Twenty-five students and parents from Itasca toured Washington, D.C. June 15 -18. Four 16-hour days, jammed packed with marble, granite, steps, and columns, were spent in Washington DC. From Ford's Theater to the Supreme Court with the National Archives Building, which houses our United States Constitution, in between, the group walked, laughed, and learned so much about the beginnings of our Nation and its history.

Thank you to everyone who supported the venture; this truly was a trip of a lifetime, one they will never forget.

# **IVFD Holds Community Fourth of July Celebration**

Volunteer firefighters, students, community leaders, IISD personnel, KHBR 1560 Radio and citizens of Itasca and surrounding communities celebrated our country's birthday with lots of fun, laughter, food and even some reminiscing from past celebrations.

The festivities began with a parade through downtown Itasca and ended with a "bang" as the fire department furnished a fireworks display for the community.

The bounce house and water activities were a hit with the children while the "older Ex-Wampus Cats" enjoyed exploring Itasca's historical displays in the Depot Heritage and Education Center. The Center is under the guidance of Ms. Judie McClure and her dual credit/honors U.S. History and Government students.



Fire Chief Wayland Price, the organizer of the event said, "We had a great turn out considering it was the first time for the event and it rained. The main thing was that everyone had a good time. With the Depot's reopening it is the ideal location for the community celebration." See pages 3 and 4 for pictures of the event

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

Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:50 a.m. Youth (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) 5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m. Youth (7th-12th) 7:00 p.m. website - itascacbc.org

#### **First United Methodist Church**

401 E. Main St, Itasca, TX 254-687-2475 E-mail: <u>itascaumc@digitex.net</u>

Application preaching! What good is a wonderful sermon if you cannot apply it to your own life.

You need a message that is as useful on Monday morning as it is uplifting Sunday morning.

We are into our series on "Relationships" now. How can we be a meaningful spouse, parent, child, friend? How do we get to be in communion with ourselves?

Come join us at 10:50 Sunday morning for friendship and joyful "application" worship. "Please bring an open heart and mind, and leave your pocketbook behind."

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.-10:30 (All ages)
Sunday Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Refreshments between Sunday School & Church
Services 10:30 a.m.

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

Light The Night By Being Right!
Obey Jesus Become A Nightlighter!
Join us for worship at the Itasca Church of Christ
All are welcome

303 E. Monroe Sunday 9:45 & 10:45 a.m. Itasca, TX 5:00 p.m. 254-687-2774 Wednesday 7:00 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 5:30p.m. 2BC\*2 Youth Meeting 6:30 - 8:00pm Wednesday

# First Presbyterian Church

106 N. Lamar Itasca 254-687-2243

itascafpc@sbcglobal.net www.fpcitasca.org

"In mission to and with the Presbyterian Children's Home to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Sundays - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship in Barton Hall 10 - 10:45 Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service 6 pm – Praise/Worship (Sanctuary) 6:30–KFC/Hour of Power

Tues. & Thurs. – 10 a.m. Exercise Class - Barton Hall Wed. 6:30 Vespers Service Chapel - 7:15 Choir practice ANGEL FOOD SITE

#### Itasca Ministerial Alliance No Meetings in June, July, August

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

Itasca City Council Meeting Monday, July 19, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting Monday, July 12, 2010 7:00 p.m.

# Itasca Depot Heritage and Education Center Schedule



July 21 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. July 31 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Everyone Welcome

# FUMC Taco Supper Fundraiser

Wed., July 21, 2010 5:30 p.m.

Itasca First United Methodist Church \$6.00 includes taco salad w/all fixings - tea/coffee & dessert

# **30-Year Reunion Planned**

The Class of 1980 is making plans for a 30-year class reunion and would like members to contact us with addresses and contact information. Contacts are <a href="mailto:Dlvrba31@aol.com">Dlvrba31@aol.com</a>, <a href="mailto:Dlvrba31@yahoo.com">Dlvrba31@yahoo.com</a>, or on <a href="mailto:http://www.facebook.com/deevrba">http://www.facebook.com/deevrba</a> and you may also contact Debbie Sellers Gregory or Kathy Cadena. Please contact us as soon as possible. Go Wampus Cats! D. Vrba

## Free Nourishing Lunch – Children ages 0-18

Dept. of Agriculture's Summer Feeding Program
June 14, 2010 thru July 23, 2010

10:00 a.m. thru 2:00 p.m. daily Monday –Friday Itasca ISD Cafeteria

"Because Hunger doesn't take a summer break" Co-sponsored by IISD & USDA.

# Itasca Paints Town Red, White & Blue July 4 Celebration



# **More July Fourth Celebration**



# **June Police Blotter**

6-15 – Report of incorrect bill from North Texas Toll way Authority – Vehicle went through toll booth with out paying – IPD investigation revealed that the tags were same as IISD vehicle but from Rhode Island – 100 blk. N. College St.

6-15 – Disturbance (Verbal) – 1200 blk. E. Main St.

6-16 – Traffic stop (Speeding 77 mph/65 mph) - Arrest made W/M 37 (DWLI  $3^{rd}$  offense – No Insurance  $3^{rd}$  offense) Vehicle impounded I-35W north mm 7

6-16 – Accident report (Golf cart struck breezeway support and air conditioning unit) – Driver transported to Hillcrest Hospital by ambulance – 100 blk. N. College St.

6-16 – Report of child in distress (Breathing) Transported to hospital by ambulance – 800 blk. Loom St.

6-18 – Assisted IVFD with a grass fire spotted by IPD – I-35W southbound overpass mm 8

6-18 – Assisted motorist with locked vehicle (Called locksmith) – 1200 blk. E. Main St.

6-19 - Disturbance report (Verbal) - 100 blk. N. Wall St.

6-20 - Traffic stop (Speeding 83 mph/65 mph) – No drivers license W/M 33 - Vehicle impounded - I-35W southbound mm 7

6-20 - Disturbance (Crowd gathering- Potential fight situation) – 300 blk. W. Main St.

6-20 - Disturbance (Crowd gathering – Report of possible fight earlier) – 100 blk. W. Main St.

6-20 – Animal complaint (Loose donkey or horse) – 900 blk. Mill St.

6-21 – Assisted Code Enforcement Officer – Removed barrier blocking city easement – 100 blk. Beard St.

6-21 - Disturbance (Verbal) - 600 blk. E. Adams St.

6-21 - Disturbance (Argument over children) – 800 blk. Loom St.

6-22 – Report of a rolling road hazard (4x4s extending over back of trailer) Located and items were secured – I-35W southbound mm 6

6-22 – Warrant arrest (Fort Worth - Indecency w/child) – W/M 42 – 300 blk. HCR 4141

# **Itasca PD May Report**

Arrests Cases Filed
3 Felony 3 District Attorney
2 Misdemeanor 3 County Attorney

Total calls for service – 59 Money forfeited to PD - \$153.22 Traffic & Citations 903 – Moving 139-Non-moving 72 Warnings

Class "C" Citations

2 Disorderly Conduct 1 Assault

3 Possession of drug paraphernalia

# **Itasca VFD May Report**

Type of Call	City	County
Assist EMS	11	5
Control Burn		2
MVC	1	2
False Alarm	2	
Trash Fire	1	
Vehicle Fire		1
Haz-Mat	2	
Total Call 27	Total Calls YTD 107	
Total Man Hours 95	<b>Total Milea</b>	ge 157
Total I	Members 15	
Mutual Aid Given – Hills	boro – 1 Gra	ndview - 1

# Missed Calls – 0 **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 Amy Reyna at 687-2922 ext 143.

### Aviso Sobre La Identificacion de Estudiantes Incapacitados bajo la Seccion 504

Bajo la Seccion 504 del Decreto de Rehabilitacion de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y proporcionar servicios educativos apropriados y gratuitos a estudiantes incapacitados que califican para recibir servicios bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas informacion sobre los derechos de padres de ninos incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificacion, evaluación, y colocación de ninos en el programa de Seccion 504, favor de ponerse in contacto con el Coordinador de 504 del Distrito al numero 687-2922 ext 143, o por correo a la siguiente direccion: Amy Reyna.

## House for Sale in Itasca

The house, built in the 1930's, is for sale by owner. It was completely remodeled in 2006 with new hardwood floors, new cabinets, countertop, new dishwasher, new walk-in marble shower, two bedrooms, living room, kitchen, hall, small backroom, and screen porch with ceiling fan. A13 SEER Rating central AC and gas Central Heat was added in 2006. One car detached garage. Cell #817-909-1459.

# Highlights of Paw Pals' Volunteer Breakfast at IHOP

**Press Release** 

In preparation to operate our soon to be built pet adoption center with volunteers, Paw Pals held a working breakfast at IHOP this past Saturday. The highlight of the meeting was volunteer Carol Knight's review of her initiative to organize a volunteer workforce based on volunteers' personal interests. Carol's initiative is based on her construction of a Volunteer Interest Survey that can be downloaded or electronically submitted at www.hcpawpals.org. One can find 20 areas of interests on the survey that include: receptionist, grant writing, training, fund raising, shelter attendant, dog walker, spay/neuter clinic, grooming, and repair work. As the surveys continue to come in, Carol updates the data on a spreadsheet where a matrix forms a growing picture of our volunteer workforce.

"It's certainly inspiring to witness people as Carol utilizing their unique talents towards our mission. It is equally moving to see people from all walks of life volunteer a portion of their busy lives to work towards improving our community by bringing positive change in correcting pet overpopulation—an attainable goal," said Mike Hendricks, Paw Pals' president.

In addition to the survey review, a brief was provided on the importance and projection of on-going education and fund raising endeavors. Upcoming events supporting these endeavors include: Information booth at National Night Out (August 3), Waggin' Trail Bike Ride (September 25), Information booth at Pioneers Day in Whitney (October 3), Paw Pals' Banquet and Silent Auction (October 23), Spooky Pooch Costume Contest (October 31), Paw Pals' County-wide Garage Sale (November 6-7), and Christmas Event (December).

As Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." If you would like to become part of Paw Pals' continued successes, please visit www.hcpawpals.org, email hcpawpals@yahoo.com, or call 254.580.0679.

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John & Skipper Laird 817-517-9986

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Breakfast Burritos
Tax included in price
5:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
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\$1.25 - \$2.40

# **Children and Water**

**PSA** 

It only takes a few seconds for a child to drown or suffer irreversible, permanent damage from a near drowning. A toilet, bucket, hot tub, bathtub, aquarium, or any other container of water can increase the risk for drowning. Drowning is the leading cause for unintentional injury deaths of children age 4 and younger. In children 14 and younger, drowning is second leading cause for unintentional injury fatalities.

Inside the house: Never leave small children alone around any container of water. This includes toilets, tubs, wading pools, spas, aquariums, and buckets. Keep bathroom doors closed and secure toilet lids with lid locks. Safeguard bathtubs and sinks used for bathing by using faucet covers and nonskid mats or decals. Before bathing children, gather the soap, shampoo, toys, towel, diaper, clothing, and any other needed items before running the bath water. Place these items within easy reach. After running bath water, check the water temperature before placing the child in the bath water. Once your child is in the bath, don't leave for any reason. Children can drown in just a small amount of water. They can easily topple into the tub or toilet. It only takes a few seconds for drowning to happen. If you must leave the room for the telephone or door, take the child with you after taking the child out of the water and wrapping him in a towel. To avoid falls and slipping under the water, always keep one hand firmly around the child when bathing and keep the child sitting. Ensure pet doors are inaccessible to young children. Young children like to crawl through them to go outside.

Outside the house: Never leave children alone with water including a pool, wading pool, pond, drainage ditch, or lake. Stay with children swimming or playing in water. They need an adult or certified lifeguard to keep a constant watch. Use approved life jackets. Arrange for swimming lessons with a qualified instructor. Safeguard swimming pools. Use fences with self-closing and latching gates, and water surface alarms. Completely remove pool covers when the pool is in use. Make sure proper safety equipment is located near the pool. Store water toys away from the pool when they are not in use. Encourage safe practices. Don't assume young children will use good judgment and caution around water. Be prepared for emergencies. Have a first-aid kit and emergency medical telephone contacts. Learn CPR and know if your child's friends have home pools.

# Garage Sale

Saturday, July 10 7:00 am - 2:00 pm 704 E. Adams St.

#### Montes Concrete

Patios, Driveways, Sidewalks, Add-ons, Metal Buildings, House Slabs - Free Estimate Call Luis or Eddie 254-644-6396, 687-2069, 254-644-6397

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Published Poems

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#### I Love You

Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
But I still love you.
Roses were meant for me and you
I see you every hour a day
We get up every day and play.
Who is this? A dog I say
We hang out every day
Even though you stink some days.
Because when I am sad You make me glad
You will always be mine forever
Love Your Pal!

Tamera Jackson

#### **A Special Person**

Friends are people who care about you.
Friends are always there for you when you need them.
Friends play with you when you are bored.
They make you laugh and smile.
You can trust them to keep your secrets.
A friend is like a brother or a sister to you!
They will always be there for you.
They will be there to comfort you when you are sad.
They are a special person.

Alessandra Diaz

#### **Rats**

Rats oh rats why do you have to be so ugly?
Rats oh rats do your babies have to be so pink and bold?
Rats oh rats you're never attracting.
Rats oh rats you're never at the table!
Rats oh rats do you have to be so smelly?
Rats oh rats you're hairy, don't you comb your hair?
Rats oh rats do you have to be such a scared rat?
Elisandro Salazar

#### **Pigs**

Pigs why do you root up everything you can?

And when we hunt you

Why can't you run in front of the gun?

So we can throw you in a greasy pan

And eat you as fast as we can.

**Landon Lain** 

# "Camp Out With A Good Book"

Students entering K – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
Register Monday, July 12
9:00 a.m. – noon IISD Library
Open Monday – Wednesday
July 13 – August 4
Take AR Test, check out books and



Take AR Test, check out books and participate in special camping themed activities.

Story time for younger campers

Monday – Wednesday 9 – 10 a.m.

MUST be accompanied by an adult at all times.

# Lil' Cat Cheer Camp

Varsity IHS & Junior High Cheerleaders Sponsors \$35 for all ages Ages 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade welcome July 26-28, 2010 10 a.m. – 12:00 noon



**IHS Special Events Center** 

## Itasca Cat Quick Basketball Camp July 12, 14, 16

Girls entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades–9 a.m. – noon Girls entering 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>–1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. IISD Special Events Center or Jr. High Gym \$35 per child - \$10 late fee after July 12

# **Exit Level TAKS Testing**

\*\*\*If you need to retake the Exit Level TAKS test, Itasca ISD is a testing site for out-of-school testers.

\*\*\*These tests will be given the week of July 12 through July 16. Please contact Kristi Sargent at 254 - 687-2922 extension 139

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2010 Homecoming Date October 8, 2010

# **Itasca Curfew Ordinance** City of Itasca Ordinance #061608

Parents and children alike tend to forget about the city juvenile curfew during the summer months. Although school is out the curfew is still in effect.



The ordinance is for juveniles under 17 years of age. The curfew is in effect from 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. on

effect from 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. on Sunday – Thursday and 12:00 midnight – 6:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Exceptions to the curfew -

- \*\*accompanied by minor's parent or guardian
- \*\*on an errand at the direction of the minor's parent or guardian, without any detour or stop
- \*\*in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel
- \*\*engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop
- \*\*involved in an emergency
- \*\*on the sidewalk abutting the minor's residence or abutting the residence of a next door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the police department about the minor's presence
- \*\*attending an official school, religious or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the City of Itasca, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or going to or returning home from, without any detour or stop, an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the City of Itasca, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor
- \*\*exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and the right of assembly or
- \*\*married or had been married or had disabilities of minority removed in accordance with Chapter 31 of the Texas Family Code, as amended.

It is a defense to prosecution under Section 2 (c) that the owner, operator, or employee of an establishment promptly notified the police department that a minor was present on the premises of the establishment during curfew hours and refused to leave.

<u>Penalty</u> – Any person who violates a provision of this article is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed, continued or permitted. Each offense, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

# "The Children's Herald" 1953 to Present

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1973 – Dr. Jerry Newbold has resigned as executive director of the Home. He has gone back to his roots in North Carolina. Dr. Newbold will be missed by everyone. A succession of directors or presidents has followed since that time including Ralph Weedon, Jerry Thompkins, Charles Mendanhall, and the current one Ed Knight. The business office had moved to Austin during Rev. Tompkins tenure. The program director in charge of the Home now is Dr. Verl Childers, who has done an excellent job for several years. Let's hope that the Home continues to administer to young people for years to come.

May 26, 1976 – A tornado heavily damaged two girls' cottages on the campus, and completely destroyed a third. Due to prior warning the children and staff vacated to a safe place.

June 7, 2003 – A Dedication service was conducted on the campus on Exes day. The service was to honor Thomas Wilson who was an ex-student killed in the Pacific during World War II. The welcome was made by Dr. Verl Childers, Mr. Ed Knight gave the invocation, sharing remembrances were classmates of Tom, J.B. Stovall and Carl Sweeney and the conclusion and prayer of dedication was given by Rev. Dick Braun, Presbyterian Home Trustee.

#### Do You Have a News Item?

Send all news items and advertisements to bpetrash@itasca.k12.tx.us or call 254-205-0704 (B. Petrash's cell). Do not leave a voice message at school; it may be weeks before it is checked. Please give us at least 2 weeks to be a sent at least 2 weeks at least 2 weeks to be a sent at least 2 weeks 2



is checked. Please give us at least 2 weeks notice as we sometimes print a week ahead during the summer, to accommodate vacations, church camps and family time for our reporters.

### **Piano Lessons Offered**

Monday afternoons - \$15 for 30-minute session Beginners only Stephanie Salinas 682-225-7448 or steph.salinas@yahoo.com

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# Remember When . . . "The Children's Herald" 1953 to Present

**Columnist Carl Sweeney** 

1953 – Beginning this year we have changed the name of our newspaper. The "Orphans Herald" has been changed to, "The Children's Herald." We consider this is appropriate, especially since for year there have been few if any orphans here at the Home.

<u>January 11, 1953</u> – Well! Here we go again! The Fred Morrison Cottage has burned again. The last time was in 1940, thirteen years ago. The Cottage will be replaced, construction will begin soon.

October 1953 – The new Byrce Flato Cottage was finished in February and has been occupied since that time.

October 13, 1954 – A group of sixty boys and girls from the Home attended the State Fair in Dallas. They arrived back at the campus late in the afternoon after a very enjoyable day. By Cheryl Olufs.

<u>February 1955</u> – This year the Presbyterian Home and service agency will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary of existence.

<u>February 1955</u> – This Itasca school year Ann Figley of the Home was voted "Most Beautiful Girl in High School." About the same time Franklin Bons, a former student, now in <u>Austin College was chosen for the "Little All-</u>

American Football Squad," left end.

 $\underline{1955}$  – Along with our fiftieth year celebration we are delighted to dedicate the new Bertram Chapel, made possible by Mrs. Phil Bertram of Gustine, Texas in memory of her husband and son who have both passed away.

June 1955 – The formal celebration for our fiftieth year was held last Sunday. There were lots of ex-students in attendance. The day started at the Files Valley Presbyterian Church where former student Rev. Arthur Strickland was the guest minister. There was a picnic in the grove of trees, assisted by the ladies of the Itasca Presbyterian Church. Later in the day it was decided to form an ex-students association. Mrs. Sarah Hamilton was elected President, Mr. Harvard Pettis vice-president, Jeannette



Briley secretary, and Mrs. Mae Fry Witten, Treasurer. Catherine McLean Allen was appointed advisor.

<u>April 1956</u> – Effective July 1, after nearly twenty years service, Rev. Nelson Hawkins (pictured top with children) will resign. He said, "at my age it has become just too much for me along with my other activities. It is with deep regret that I must take this action."

September 1956 – As of September 1, Dr. Jerry M. Newbold (pictured right) has assumed the role of Executive Director of the Home. Rev. Newbold attended high school in Wilmington, North Carolina, later attended Davidson College, entered Richmond Theological Seminary, received his Bachelor of Divinity degree, and later his Doctorate. Some other jobs and duties were coach of a football team at college, asst. chaplain in a penitentiary, pastor in a couple of churches, professor of chemistry in the Shanghai American School in China. He was the director of the Mount Monticello Arkansas Children's Home just prior to coming to Itasca.

We do not have information for the years 1956 to 1966 – The Children's Herald is not available to us.

<u>September 1, 1966</u> – Mr. Carl Sweeney joined the executive staff at the Home in a newly created position of operational manager.

<u>May 1966</u> – The Home extended an invitation to young people in the Itasca School to swim at the Homes swimming pool.

<u>September 1, 1972</u> – Mr. Carl Sweeney has resigned his position with the Home, stating other business interests. This include negotiation to purchase the old J.V. Wood Lumberyard, helping Marguriet run her flower and gift shop, operating projection machines in the Tower Theater and operating the farm.

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# Nineteen Itasca High School Students Receive \$6,000 in Hill College Endowment Scholarships



On behalf of Hill College, Frances Martinez presented \$6,000 to nineteen seniors who have plans to attend the institute next year. Receiving scholarships were (I to r – front row) Corey Martinez, Elizabeth Olguin, Eva Mayberry, Meagan Prescott and Isaac Delgado.  $2^{nd}$  row – Ms. Martinez, Chad Rutherford, Mary Maddox, Courtney Barton and Krystal Benefield. ( $3^{rd}$  row) Cody Reece, Ryan Crouch, Hunter Laird, Stanley Johnson, Jesse Payne, Loree Ward, Dillon Payne and Brenda Jordan. Missing from photo are Eddie Coronado and Leo Coronado.