

# Paw Print Press

Proudly Serving Itasca "The Big Little Town" since 1997

Itasca, Texas 76055

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## Interim Police Chief Assigned

With the resignation of Itasca Police Chief John Griscavage last Wednesday, Lt. Winson Brewer took over the running of the PD temporarily. Brewer has worked for the department for over seven years and is familiar with the day to day process of running the department.

Griscavage, who has headed up the department for over six years resigned to pursue other interests.

Speaking on behalf of the city, Mayor Matt Fehnel voiced appreciation of the years of service Griscavage has given to the citizens of Itasca. He also affirmed faith in the ability of Brewer in the running of the department.

## Orr Receives Texas, Hill County Republican Financial Support



Mel Bryant, Hill County Republican Chairman, recently presented Angelia Orr, Republican candidate for Hill County District Clerk, with campaign contribution checks from the Texas Republican Party and the Hill County Republican Party. Mrs. Orr's campaign was selected by the Candidate Resource Committee (CRC) of the Texas Republican Party for funding. After a lengthy submission process, Mrs Orr was one of the few candidates recognized to receive funding from the CRC.

## Wampus Cat Band Earns "1" at Regional 8 Competition



Reporter Hannah Johnson

Photo by A. Cranfill on special assignment

On October 20, the Itasca High School Marching Band stepped onto La Vega High School's Astro turf football field to perform in the Regional 8 Marching competition.

The band performed a "Classic Rock" show that included the songs *House of the Rising Sun*, *Any Way You Want It*, *I Can See for Miles*, and *Turn, Turn, Turn*. Band Directors Patrick Middleton and Jared Bass created intricate and difficult formations for this year's program that showed-off the band's large numbers.

The week before, the band traveled to Troy for a practice competition, where they also received a "Division I" rating. Division I is the highest rating a judge can award. Although they ranked high at the practice competition, the band continued to work extremely hard the following days to prepare themselves mentally for the upcoming competition.

"Our marching style has definitely improved this year," Mr. Middleton said. "If we keep up the good work, we'll be ready for State next year."

## Early Voting Ends October 29 Election Day

Tuesday, November 2, 2010  
Polls open 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

## 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

200 E. Monroe St.

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: [itascaumc@digitex.net](mailto:itascaumc@digitex.net)

### APPLICATION PREACHING!

Sermons for the REAL WORLD that we live in.

What good is a wonderful sermon on Sunday if it cannot be applied to the concerns of your life when Monday morning rolls around?

Find the fun, joy, and comfort you were promised. Bring an open heart and mind.

Sunday School 9:30 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 Demmeritte 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](mailto:itascafpc@sbcglobal.net) [www.fpcitasca.org](http://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 Zoning Committee Meeting

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

## Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, November 15, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

## Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

Monday, November 8, 2010 7:00 p.m.

## Invitation to All Veterans

All veterans are urged to contact Betty Sumner @ 254-687-2204 or Itasca HS @ 254-687-2922 ext. 115 by November 1 to RSVP for the 2010 Veterans Memorial Day Program (November 11) honoring our servicemen, past and current.

RSVP is not necessary but the students wish to acknowledge all of the veteran attendees with a certificate and they need the list in order to make the certificates ahead of time.



## First United Methodist Church

### Lord's Acre & Fall Festive

401 E. Main St. @ N. King St. Itasca

October 30 8 a.m. - ?

Barbeque Sandwich Luncheon, Auction, Crafts, Bake Sale, Rummage Sale

Your support will be greatly appreciated!

## Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held by the Planning & Zoning Committee on November 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court room to consider rezoning the property at 309 W. Monroe St. also known as Itasca OT Blk 31 Lot 7 & 8.



Halloween Trick or Treating on Saturday in Itasca

Most festivities around the area are scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2010 instead of Sunday.



## Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School Grade for Advancement

Press Release

In August 2010 students from the Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School located at 125 W Elm-Hillsboro graded for new belts at the Hillsboro High School Gym. Grand Master Park from Houston, and Master Jeff Wiles from Round Rock were on hand to grade the students. Students are required to perform patterns, break boards, and spar at the grading.



Pictured from bottom to top are students: Jeida Bibles, Rylie Smith, Hunter Smith, Nada Gallardo, Madison Bills, Gracie Renfroe, Destini Ramsey, Griffin Shropshire, Xavier Navarro, Asher Renfroe, Juliana Busby, Alyson Rea, Marcos Meza and Will Teague. Second Row: Humbarto Mancilla, J. D. Bennett, Gillermo Santiago, Jonathan Ramsey, Harley Snider, Ross Gilcrease, Kelsey Ramsey, Austin Greene, Isamar Perez, Zoey Johnson, Morgan Bledsoe, Diana Ortiz, Christine Rejcek, Jonathan Monroy, Brandon Sifford and Cameron Hight.

Third Row: Cameron Rejcek, David Jones, Heather Odom, Tristan Molina, Wylie Johnson, Jennifer Simmons, Sherry Pritchett, Toni Rejcek, Caprice Kellum, Heather Odom, Bailey Johnson, Octavio Ortega and Joey Robinson.

Fourth Row: Jorge Gallardo, Israel Ortega, Lindsy Price, Jordan Satterfield, Jacob Jean, Mauricio Mancilla, Aidan Gayler, Imani Powell, Tyler Odom, Spencer Molina, Tyler Greene, Mario Perez, Justin Tyra and Grand Master Park-Houston. Top Row: Master Charles Kight-Instructor, Amanda Gayler, Kelley Smith, Danny Smith, Richard Leggett, Kathryn Devers, Timothy Friesenhahn, Kevin Devers, Travis Tinney, Shelby Sifford, Kaydee Jean-Black Belt, Pamela Russell, Kari Price, Aira Tinnin, Melissa Renfroe, Amy Tinney, Princess Hughes and Dana Bennett.

Classes are taught each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4:45, 5:45 and 6:45. The first two classes are free and parents are always welcome. If you would like to receive a free informational packet call 582-5111 or you may want to check out our web-site at [www.hillsborotkd.com](http://www.hillsborotkd.com). The new fall session will begin on November 15, with a meet the instructors night on November 12 at 6:30 p.m. If you would like more information call 582-5111.

## Walmart Presents Grant to Hill County Paw Pals

Press Release



Hillsboro Wal-Mart's "Volunteerism Always Pays" awarded a grant to Hill County Paw Pals on August 23, 2010 as part of Wal-Mart's local giving program. The program presents grant dollars to qualifying organizations in recognition of associate volunteer hours. Wal-Mart associate, Lea Slocum (center) has demonstrated unparalleled dedication to the Paw Pals sponsored low cost pet sterilization and vaccination program. Lea has volunteered at every clinic. Paw Pals is proud of Lea Slocum's service and applauds the effort of Wal-Mart to reward her selfless spirit.

Assistant Wal-Mart Manager Brad Lankford (left), with Slocum, is shown presenting the check to Lana Crow, Paw Pals Vice President and Ava Crawford (youngest Paw Pals volunteer, daughter of Matt and Shelby Crawford).

Lea Slocum's volunteerism has directly resulted in over \$2,000 in Wal-Mart grants to Paw Pals since 2006. Lea is devoted towards Paw Pals' mission to

bring correction to our county's pet overpopulation crisis. The grant money is used towards Paw Pals' successful Low Cost Pet Sterilization and Vaccination program under the direction of Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) from Denton, Texas ([www.texasforthem.org](http://www.texasforthem.org)). The Hillsboro clinic is held the first Tuesday of each month at Outlets at Hillsboro, Suite #102. To date, nearly 3,000 pet surgeries have been performed and over 6,000 rabies vaccinations administered at Hillsboro's location. In total, TCAP has performed 83,524 sterilizations and 105,231 rabies vaccinations through North Texas. For more information about Paw Pals and this clinic, please visit [www.hcpawpals.org](http://www.hcpawpals.org) or call 254-580-0679.

## Senior Spotlight - Christina Frances Monasco

Reporter Shelby Ledwig

Caricature by Martin Martinez

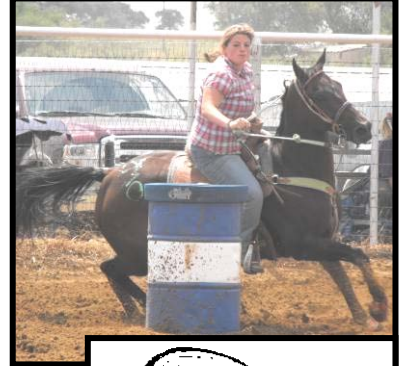


Middle School.

"I'm not afraid to do anything, Cowgirl Queen Christina Monasco said smiling. "I don't let anything stop me or get in my way."

This is one of the many unique characteristics that Christina Frances Monasco uses as she goes through life. Her perseverance is one of the reasons she believes that she has been successful so far.

Christina is the daughter of Linda Jarvis and Kirk Monasco, and the older sister to Tyler Kitto, who is a seventh grader at Itasca Middle School, and Dean Monasco, a sixth grader at Rockwell



Christina is cowgirl country and loves to go home after a long day at school and saddle up her horses, Cat and Boo. She does not just ride her horses for fun. Christina is an awesome barrel racer on Cat and attends many rodeos and play-days on the weekends. These events includes the Fort Worth area and as far east as the state of Mississippi.

She has earned many awards and honors. Her latest honor was being crowned 2010 Miss NARC and SP (National Association of Riding Club and Sheriff Posse) last October. She was also awarded best in "Personal Appearance," "Riding Competition," "Silent Judges' Award," "Most Popular Vote Award" and "Miss Congeniality Award" that was voted on only by the District Queens. Being crowned Miss NARC & SP was especially special since it was a goal that she dreamed of accomplishing since she was 8 years old.

Aside from her country attire of boots, jeans and a colorful button down shirt, Christina also wears #5 on her basketball jersey on the basketball court. She has played post on the varsity basketball for three years. Her sophomore year she received a spot on the All-District Honorable Mention team and her junior year a place on the All-District Second Team. During track she also went to Regional last year with her discus throwing.

Even though Christina is an aggressive basketball player, she is also a very kind person. She participates in the Chisholm Challenge Function at the Fort Worth Stock Show. It is a program for disabled children that teach them how to ride horses.

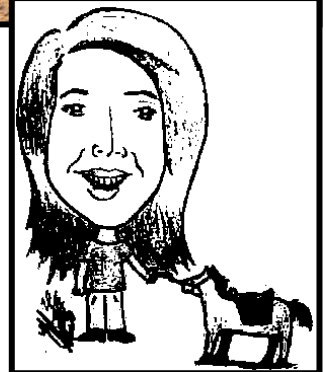
After high school, Christina wants to attend Texas A&M to become a large and exotic animal veterinarian and then move to Australia to start her career.

"My mom is my role model," Christina said. "She has always been there for me and my brother and made sure that we always had the best. My grandma, or Mam-Maw, has also really influenced my life. She has always pushed me to be a better person and make better grades."

Besides the strong role models in Christina's life she has a motto that has served her well over the years.

"Do not follow where the path leads. Instead go where there is no path and leave a trail."

With this as a motto it is not surprising that Christina's advice to the underclassmen is "not to just stay in Itasca, but to get out and experience the world."



## Meet the PPP – Co-Editors

*Paw Print Press* Co-Editors Aren Barton and Hannah Johnson are returning for their third year on the Paw Print Press staff. After the five senior staff members graduated last year, the two juniors stepped up to the plate with experience and remembered the leadership advice they have come by over the years.

"For the past two years we have been the one under the leadership of our mentors, but now suddenly we are the mentors. We are in the place of leadership where we can teach our reporters not only how to write a senior spotlight and conduct a proper and professional interview, but how to apply those skills to their lives," Aren and Hannah agreed. "Being co-editors is a challenge, and a huge responsibility, but it is also a very important learning experience that we take pride in. We can't wait to see what advances we make as the year progresses."

Both Aren and Hannah are honor students who edit previously written stories, along with training the newcomers to be excellent writers and future editors. They also run errands for Mrs. Petrash and write numerous articles of all genres.



## Cats 0-3 in District Valley Mills-38 Itasca-6

Sports Writer David Corbitt



The Valley Mills Eagles travelled to Patton Field last Friday night to battle the Wampus Cats in their latest district matchup. This game was more than just district play for both teams; it was the next step towards the playoffs. Both teams needed a win to keep their hopes alive.

What stopped the Cats the most in this game was their playing. Turnovers and a lack of offensive production in the first half put them in a bind that they would not be able to overcome. Despite a fantastic second half, and a great effort to the very end by the Cats, the final buzzer sounded with the score Valley Mills- 38, Itasca- 6. (Great running by #15 Opie Mayberry-pictured).

After this loss, the Cats' playoff dream is extinguished, barring extreme circumstances. They will play next week in Santo in what is likely to be their last game of this season.

### 2010 Varsity Football

Overall W - 3 L - 5

District W - 0 L - 3

October 29	Santo	Away	7:30 p.m.
November 5	Bye		

### JV Football Schedule

W - 2 L - 6

October 28	Santo	Home	5:00 p.m.
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### 2010 Cross Country Schedule

November		
6	Regional	Vandergriff Park (Arlington)
13	State	Round Rock

### 2010 - 2011 Picture Dates

November	
15	Marching Band - Group
	Retakes - Individual (Pre-K-12 <sup>th</sup> & Staff)

January	
11	Basketball - Junior High & High School

Cheerleaders - Junior High & High School

May	
5	Class Groups - (Pre-K-12 <sup>th</sup> )
	"Buddy" or Individual



## Shelbee Coleman Wampus Cat Trainer

By: Ashley Spain



Some people think a water boy, or in this case water girl, and an athletic trainer are the same but they are far from being the same. A hydration person is someone who gives water to the athletes when they are playing and an athletic trainer is someone who takes care of the athletes when they get hurt, like taping whatever is needed to be taped or even by doing something easy but important as getting a bag of ice to treat a bruise or cut.

Shelbee Coleman is the Cats' trainer and she does a wonderful job of taking care of the athletes. She is right behind the coaches if an athlete is hurt or down on the field. When Coleman was sick herself during two-a-days, she still managed to show up to football practice because she didn't want to let the players and the coaches down.

This spring, Coleman will be participating in a trainer's class at TCU and during the summer she will attend another class and workshop in Corsicana.

"She (Shelbee) is great on the field and in the locker room. She is a hard worker and very reliable," Head Coach Craig Horn said.



## Lady Wampus Cat Basketball 2010 - 2011

November				
2	(Scrimmage) Glen Rose	Away	JV V	5:00
5	(Scrimmage) Rio Vista	Away	JV, V	6:30
9	West	Away	JV, V	5:00
12	Riesel	Home	JV, V	5:00
16	Axtell	Home	JV, V	5:00
18/20	Wortham Tournament	Away V		TBA
18/20	Castleberry Tournament	Away JV		TBA
23	Maypearl	Away	JV, V	1:00
27	Saturday Castleberry	Away	JV, V	2:00
30	Venus	Away	JV, V	5:00

December			
3	Blooming Grove	Home	V 5:00

## Trunk or Treat at First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of Itasca invites all children 4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger to come by the church on Halloween night, October 31, for Trunk or Treat.

Youth that are 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to come earlier at 4:30 for a '50s and '60s Party in our Fellowship Hall. Come join us!

Diane Barnes, Commissioned Lay Pastor  
First Presbyterian Church of Itasca

## Public notice

A public hearing will be held by the Itasca city council on November 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the municipal court room to consider rezoning the property at 309 W Monroe st. also known as Itasca OT Blk 31 Lot 7 & 8.

*Elect*  
*Karon Farquhar*  
*for*  
*Justice of the Peace*  
*Precinct 2*



**Your vote will be appreciated.**

Political ad submitted by  
Karon Farquhar for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2  
Everyone Welcome – Many Vendors!

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Now taking bill payments &  
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TXU, Reliant Energy, First Choice Power,  
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## Baker's Pride Cleaning Service

Commercial & Residential

Insured & Bonded

254-580-3079

Call for free bid

*In business since 1998*

References furnished on request

## Itasca Museum Schedule

Saturday, November 6 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 4 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## Beautiful Home for Sale

3927 Fm 67 Itasca, TX  
Austin Stone Home 2.90 acres



4 bedrooms, 3 and 1/2 baths, office, 2 car garage, nice size living room with Austin Stone wood burning fireplace, built-in entertainment center, separate dining room, kitchen with beautiful counter tops, lots of cabinets, refrigerator, large laundry room w/ plenty of storage cabinets, master bath w/ 2 sinks, walk-in closet, large shower, garden tub, 2 central air and heat units, 2 hot water heaters, ceramic tile floors & carpet

The lot is fenced and crossed fenced. You can have 2 head of horses, goats, etc per acre. Front and backyard has a sprinkler system. Property is located north of Itasca on a paved road (FM 67) with easy access to I-35. Available – Built in 2005

Contact Jamie Siddons 254-582-0077 or 254-337-0217

Julie Siddons Realtors

**VOTE**

**Angelia Orr**

Republican  
Candidate for  
Hill County  
**District  
Clerk**

**Focused on  
our Future**

## September Police Blotter

9-1 - Report of theft of service (Lock on water meter broken) - 500 blk. N King St.  
 9-1 - Outstanding warrant served (Hill County) - 800 blk. Mill St.  
 9-1 - Burglary of a habitation (air conditioner) - 400 blk. S. Hill St.  
 9-3 - Citizen complaint (loud noise) - 100 blk. Marrion  
 9-3 - Motor vehicle crash (2 vehicles - care flight) IPD cared for 2 canines until claimed by family members - I-35W northbound mm 7  
 9-4 - Assisted HCSO (Warrant service) - 300 blk. E. South St.  
 9-4 - Animal complaint (Dog bite investigated) - 500 blk. S. Aquilla St.  
 9-4 - Traffic stop (Speeding) Vehicle impounded (No drivers license, speeding) F/H - I-35W mm 8  
 9-5 - Traffic stop (Speeding) Arrest (Possession of controlled substance) - I-35W northbound mm 8  
 9-5 - Burglary of a habitation (numerous DVDs) - 500 blk. N. King St.  
 9-6 - Citizen complaint (Reckless damage of property) Citation issued - 200 blk. W Forest St.  
 9-8 - 911 Hang up call - 800 blk. E. Adams St.  
 9-8 - Animal complaint (Loose dog hanging around area) - 700 blk. Mill St.  
 9-10 - Concerned citizen (Regarding high risk sex offender mail out) - IPD  
 9-11 - Animal complaint (Dog possibly abandoned by owner) - 700 blk. Weave St.  
 9-12 - Motor vehicle crash (1 vehicle - 1 cow) County case turned over to HCSO - Hwy. 81 north of Itasca  
 9-12 - Welfare concern (18 wheeler parked for over 24 hours- Driver-ok) - 1500 E. Main St.  
 9-13 - Report of theft (Saw) - Report to IPD  
 9-15 - Animal complaint (Possible rabid skunk) Removed by Itasca Animal Control - 1200 blk. S. Files St.  
 9-15 - Suspicious activity (Vehicle picking up females - Driver possible "high") - 300 blk. N. Files St.  
 9-16 - Reckless driver report (Vehicle stopped 4 mm) - I-35W southbound  
 9-16 - Burglary of a business (Laptop & business records) - 1500 blk. E. Files St.  
 9-16 - Report of suspicious activity (Possible attempted break-in) - 100 blk. N. College St.  
 9-18 - Citizen complaint (Loud noise - Party) - 100 blk. W. Main St.  
 9-18 - Citizen complaint (Fight in process) Citation issued for minor in possession - 100 blk. Grayson St.  
 9-18 - Citizen complaint (Disturbance on Main St.) Large crowd dispersed - 100 blk. W. Main St.  
 9-18 - Business complaint (Theft under \$50) - 1500 blk. E. Main St.

9-19 - Burglary of a habitation (House ransacked) - 300 blk. N. Aquilla St.  
 9-19 - Report of reckless driver (Driving at high rate of speed) - 600 blk. S. Hill St.  
 9-19 - Citizen complaint (Anhydrous smell) - 800 blk. S. Files St.  
 9-23 Citizen complaint (Domestic disturbance) Criminal trespass warning issued - 300 blk. S. Hill St.  
 9-23 - Business complaint (Possible shoplifting) - 800 blk. E. Files St.  
 9-24 - Domestic disturbance - Arrest made (Family violence causing bodily injury) - 200 blk. S. King St.  
 9-27 - Business complaint (Shoplifting) - 800 blk. E. Files  
 9-28 - HSCO received call advising of "man with a gun in IISD cafeteria" - Campus was searched and no stranger and no weapon was located - No one could be located that had seen either - 100 N. College St.  
 9-28 - Assisted JP #2 Constable Gerke in recovering stolen property - 200 blk. S. King St.

### Itasca PD August Report

Arrests	Cases Filed
1 Felony	1 District Attorney
1 Misdemeanor Juvenile	3 Municipal Court
3 Class "C"	

Total calls for service - 58

Vehicle forfeited to PD - 1995 Ford F-250

Money forfeited to PD - \$964.72

Traffic Citations

781 Moving    34 non-moving    69 warnings

Class "C" Citations

1 Public intoxication	1 Theft of service
1 Possession of drug paraphernalia	

### Itasca PD September Report

Arrests	Cases Filed
2 Felony	3 District Attorney
1 Misdemeanor Juvenile	1 Municipal Court

Total calls for service - 52

Money forfeited to PD - \$178.40

Traffic Citations

460 Moving    32 non-moving    41 warnings

Class "C" Citations

1 Theft under \$50	2 Reckless Damage
1 Minor in possession (Consuming alcohol)	
1 Possession of drug paraphernalia	
1 Theft of service	

City Ordinance

1 Dog at large

## Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies Texas Parks and Wildlife, U.S. EPA Region VI, U.S. HUD Forth Worth, Heart of Texas Council of Governments (HOTCOG), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Groups and Individuals in Hill County.

This is to give notice that The City of Itasca has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements under Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) Contract No. 710351.

The City of Itasca's Wastewater Plant (WWTP) is in disrepair and has experienced malfunctions causing potential health, safety and environmental problems for all concerned. The City of Itasca shall address Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Notice of Violations and Enforcement for deficiencies at the City's WWTP through CDBG funding, using the funds to ensure compliance with TCEQ's rules and regulations.

Construction shall include the installation of one (1) generator with concrete pad, automatic transfer switch, standby power electrical connection, fencing, two (2) clarifier internal replacements to include bridge, scraper, baffles, weirs, drive and sludge arms and sludge valves and all associated appurtenances. The environmental clearance area includes the entire WWTP site where urban use natural values exist and where approximately .20 acres of construction will be located within the 100-year floodplain. Construction shall take place at the City's WWTP located southeast of the intersection of Highway 81 and Texas 176 Spur, City of Itasca, Hill County, Texas.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Itasca at the following address on or before November 9, 2010, a minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 16<sup>th</sup> day after the publication: City Hall, City of Itasca, 126 N. Hill Street, Itasca, Texas, 76055 and phone #(254) 687.2201 Attention: Matthew Fehnel, Mayor during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Date October 25, 2010

### Itasca VFD August Report

	City	County
Assist EMS	6	2
Barn/Shed Fire		1
MVC	1	2
Vehicle Fire	1	2
Weather Watch	2	
Total calls – 17	Total calls YTD – 155	
Total man hours – 102	Total mileage – 150	
Total members – 15		
Mutual aid given – Hillsboro FD – 1	Maypearl – 1	
	Mutual aid received	
Grandview VFD – 1	Covington VFD - 1	

### Itasca VFD September Report

	City	County
Assist EMS	4	1
False Alarm		2
Grass/Brush Fire		1
MVC		4
Disregarded		1
Weather & Flooding	1	
Total calls – 14	Total calls YTD – 168	
Total man hours – 146	Total mileage – 184	
Total members – 17		
Mutual aid given – Hillsboro FD – 1		
Mutual aid received	0	



## Remember When . . . “B. B. “Pat” Christian”

Columnist Carl Sweeney

Typist & Carl's Assistant Brittany Reid



Today I would like to write about a special person who loved Itasca with a passion. He was the most caring, dedicated, unselfish person I have ever known.

B.B. “Pat” Christian was born in Itasca, July 10, 1910 to Boyd and Elizabeth Christian. There are no official names attached to B.B. He acquired the nickname “Pat” because he was so fond of his Sunday school teacher, Pat Hooks and his friends started calling him “Pat.” At the age of about one, he was struck with polio. At the age of three he started using crutches, and would continue to do so until his death. He did not let his handicap deter him from what he wanted to do, as you will see in his story.

Pat was active in school activities, even playing tennis. He supported sports in school with his columns in *The Itasca Item* and by writing for the *I-HI Press*. Upon graduation from Itasca High School he entered Austin College at Sherman, Texas, where he received his B.A. and M.A. Degrees. A few weeks after Pat entered Austin College he met Helen Elliot Orr in church. They were both Presbyterians. They dated for six years as he walked on those crutches the two miles from his dormitory to Helen's home to visit her. They married October 12, 1939. They lived happily together for 66 years, until his death. Pat wrote a two volume book and in one he wrote some words of Matthew Henry that he liked. He said that when he thought of Helen those words came to mind. They were: *“A woman was not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled on by him. But out of his side to be equal to him, and near his heart to be loved by him.”*

Pat and Helen had three daughters, Linda, Gay, and Irma, who died with Polio in 1952. Helen also earned her B.A and M.A. degrees at Austin College. She taught school in Weatherford for 24 years. Some of their Itasca School mates were Jac & Jo Priest, Red & Mary Yeargan, “Took” Gilliland, Milton Buchanan, Wendell Jordan and Helen Gibson. Pat wanted to teach but after he had a leg amputated; muscles would not allow a successful prosthesis. He did teach Sunday School and was very active in the Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Grace Presbyterian Church for 55 years. He also attended churches in San Antonio and Weatherford.

I don't see how the man did all that he accomplished with his physical handicap. He did the cooking while Helen taught school and graded papers at night. He wrote a 260 page cookbook, as well as the two volume book he called, *“One Leg or No.”* He was an avid reader. He was an admirer of Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn. As a result he donated thousands of books to the Sam Rayburn Library; some of them, autographed and inscribed by the authors. He baked cakes and cookies for his friends and especially shut-ins. He served on the Weatherford School Board, and acted as a liaison between the home and the school board in an effort to keep young people in school.

About this time Pat and Helen owned the Red Chain Feed Store, delivering feed and all the other work a store of that type involved. Later after they sold the feed store, they thought they needed a place to put down roots, so he and Helen bought some acreage and started raising livestock. They had cattle, hogs and thousands of chickens. They got up at four o'clock and attended to the livestock, came to the house, cooked breakfast and got the kids off to school. Then Helen went to school where she was a teacher. Pat did house chores and did the cooking for the rest of the day, including the cookies for others.

His keen sense of humor, his genuine interest in people of all ages, and his generous sharing of books and resources along with his many letters brought him pleasure in serving others. I remember Pat best during the 1950s and 60s and later in the 1980s, when he came to Itasca to visit. He had a routine he almost always followed. First he came by the City Hall to visit with Nig Holloway and me, then he went next door to visit his good friends Donald and Gordon McDonald at *The Itasca Item* office, next to the bank to visit with Pat Hooks and his last visit was at the Itasca Nursing Home. The ladies there eagerly looked forward to his visits as he always brought them small gifts; a cake or cookies that he had made himself. My mother was there then and she thought Pat hung the moon, and you know he just might have.

B.B. Christian, affectionately known as “Pat” died November 6, 2005. He requested that his body be donated to the U.N.T. Health Science Center for medical research, and in lieu of flowers the family requested that donations be made to the Itasca Presbyterians Home. Words simply cannot express what a wonderful person Pat was.



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## Wampus Cats of the Week

### “Trombones/Baritones Section”

Reporter Ashley Spain



(1<sup>st</sup> row (l to r) Brekin Shuffield, Kaleigh Lightsey, Karen Coronado, Martin Martinez, Melissa Prosser, Jessica Maya, Macy Arelano and Danny Davila. 2<sup>nd</sup> row - Ivan Gomez, Emma Payne, Breelle Garcia. Jessica Farquhar, Emilee Nalley, Caitlain Johnson and Shannon Rodriquez. 3<sup>rd</sup> row - Daniel Whitlock, Joshua Lacy, James Faulkner

The baritones are similar to the trombones but in a trumpet form. Both baritones and trombones have the same mouth piece but a different body. They are also similar to the French horns, in that they can be quiet when need be and extraordinarily loud under the Friday night lights football game or at band competition. The major difference of the trombone and other horns is the slide instead of finger buttons.



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