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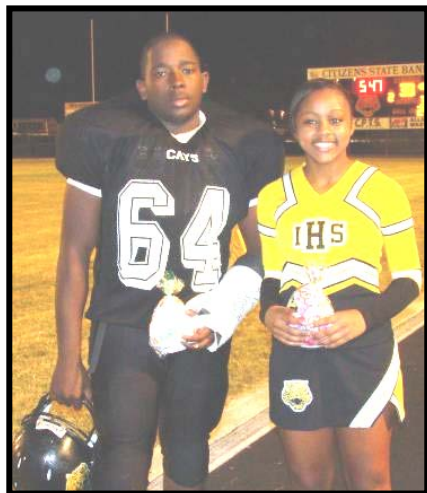
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## 2010 Football Beau, Sweetheart



Jasmine Guy, the daughter of Tracy and Felicia Guy was crowned Football Sweetheart during the final home football game of the season on October 22. Jasmine, team captain of the varsity cheerleader squad, is a member of the National Honor Society, takes dual credit courses, heads up the Lady Cats

varsity basketball team and was recently crowned the 2010 Homecoming Queen.

B. J. Jackson, the son of Verna and Bernard Jackson, was voted Football Beau by the varsity cheerleader squad. B.J. #64 is one of three senior football players on the squad. He is a member of the National Honor Society, takes dual credit courses, plays varsity basketball, baseball and is the senior class president.

## 2010 Band Beau, Sweetheart



Hali Carranza, daughter of Christie Fehnel and the late Lupe Carranza was crowned Band Sweetheart during the final home football game of the season on October 22. Hali takes dual credit classes, is on the PEACE Team and plays the trumpet in the band.

Jose Ramirez, son of Jose and Yasmine Ramirez was voted the 2010 Band Beau. Jose plays the drums in the band, is a member of the National Honor Society and part of the Career Prep program.



## State Bound in Cross-Country

Philip Thomas, a senior, will represent Itasca and the district and region at the 2010 Cross-Country State meet in Round Rock on November 13. He placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Regional Meet last Saturday in Arlington. This is Philip's first trip to state in cross-country. Last year at Regional he finished one place out of eligibility for the state competition.

See story and pictures on page 5.

## Kyra Henderson Selected for Distinguished Youth Program

Press Release



IMS fifth grader Kyra Henderson, has been selected as a candidate in the 2010 Distinguished Youth of Texas Program that will take place in San Antonio, November 26-28. It is an invitation-only event designed to recognize girls

who rank high academically and have also been recognized publicly for their leadership abilities or who have been recognized publicly for their leadership abilities or accomplishments.

The girls are judged in 4 categories which all focus on achievement/academics and at the end will help ensure scholarships and savings bonds for college in the future. The program also provides an opportunity for growth and development in the areas of poise and self-confidence to help encourage continued success. At the end of the weekend, two state titleholders will be chosen, Little Miss of Texas for grades 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> and Young Miss of Texas for grades 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>.

Her parents are Ken and Sarah Henderson.

"We are very proud of Kyra and all of her achievements," her parents said. "We would like to thank all of her sponsors, Janet's Beauty Barn, Ricks Quick-Lube, B & G Tire Service the many family members and friends who have helped in this endeavor."

## Veterans Day Program

Thursday, November 11

9:45 a.m. – Special Events Center

## 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

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Sunday Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

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## 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, December 6, 2010 7:00 p.m.

## 2010 Holiday Season Calendar



November 6 - 13 - Fall Clean-Up (Free dumping)

6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays

7:00 a.m. - 12 noon Saturday (Show water bill)

November 11 - Veterans Day Celebration - SEC

November 21 - Thanksgiving Service 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

December 4 - Christmas Parade - Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Line up on Files St. Santa & Mrs. Claus in

Rotary Room after parade

December 6 - Itasca Garden Club/Chamber Brunch

Farrow Room 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

December 8 - City Open House at Fire Station

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Everyone Welcome

December 16 - Christmas Lighting Contest - Judging

6:00 p.m. - Out of town judges - New winners every year!

January 31 - Chamber of Commerce Banquet featuring

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any Chamber Director to nominate for awards

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## Hill College 2010-2011 Performing Arts Series Welcomes Violinist Elena Urioste with Pianist Dr. Vincent De Vries

Press Release



The Performing Arts Series at Hill College began with two dynamic groups, representing opposite ends of the musical spectrum, the Dixieland strains of Jim Cullum's Band and the rich choral renderings of the State Symphony Capella of Russia. Next to grace the college stage will be a splendid soloist, violinist Elena Urioste. The performance takes place at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 16 in the Gov. Bill Daniels Auditorium of the Vara Martin Daniel Performing Arts Center, just behind the Texas Heritage Museum on the Hillsboro campus and is free and open to the public. No reservations are required. A reception with the artists will be held immediately following the event in the south PAC, sponsored by the Hillsboro Monday Review Club. More information on this concert is available by visiting the Hill College website and clicking on "Performing Arts Series" on the right of the page. For senior citizen transportation information, please call 582-5851.

Elena is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, where she studied with Joseph Silverstein, Pamela Frank, and Ida Kavafian. She completed graduate studies with Joel Smirnoff at The Juilliard School. Her instrument is unique, an Alessandro Gagliano, from Naples, c. 1706. Along with a Pierre Simon bow, it is on extended loan from the private collection of Dr. Charles E. King through the Stradivari Society of Chicago.

Ms. Urioste has been hailed by critics and audiences alike for her lush tone, the nuanced lyricism of her playing, and her commanding stage presence. Elena's debut performances with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 2010 were praised by three separate critics for their "hypnotic delicacy," "expressive poise," and "lyrical sensitivity." Since first appearing with the Philadelphia Orchestra at age thirteen, she has made acclaimed debuts with major orchestras throughout the United States and Europe.

As first-place laureate in both the Junior and Senior divisions of the Sphinx Competition, she debuted at Carnegie Hall in 2004, where she has returned annually as soloist, made her Wigmore Hall recital debut in 2009 as one of three recipients of the prestigious London Music Masters Award and, earlier that year, debuted at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. Her media credits include the popular radio programs From the Top and Performance Today, NBC television's Today Show and a McGraw Young Artists Showcase performance for a live studio audience at WQXR's Greene Space in New York City. She is featured in the Emmy award-winning documentary Breaking the Sound Barrier and in numerous magazines including Symphony, Strings, Philadelphia Music Makers, and Careers and Colleges. Her first CD was released on the White Pine label.

Ms. Urioste will be accompanied at the piano by Dr. Vincent de Vries. Dr. de Vries is an active performer, presenting recitals as soloist, duo pianist, accompanist, and organist. He received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from The University of Texas at Austin and holds a Performer's Diploma from The Royal Conservatory in The Hague, The Netherlands and a Master's degree from Bowling Green State University. Having held positions at both the University of Texas at Austin and Baylor University in Waco, he has recently accepted a position at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea.

In addition to his piano performances, Dr. de Vries is a highly regarded concert organist, with over three hundred solo recitals and eight organ solo CD releases to his credit. In 2003 he received the silver medal from the "Arts, Sciences, et Lettres" in Paris for his contributions to the French organ literature. His recent CD releases include "Into the 21st Century: music for horn and piano" and "In a Lyrical Way" with Jeffrey Powers and a recital featuring the works of Brahms, Poulenc, Rachmaninoff, and Milhaud with duo pianist Dr. Bradley Bolen. All recordings were released on the MSR Classics label. Two world-class artists on one stage. Make plans now to join us for this evening of wonderful music in the classical tradition.

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## Abandoned and Junked Vehicles

Citizens are once again reminded of the Abandoned &/or Junk Vehicle Ordinance. A "junk vehicle" is any vehicle that is inoperable, does not have lawfully attached to it an unexpired license plate, a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate, is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled or discarded, and has remained inoperable for more than 72 consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property or 30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property.

Anyone violating this ordinance can be fined \$150.00. If you have any questions, you may view the ordinance in City Hall during normal business hours or call 687-2201.



## Senior Spotlight - Monishia McDowell



Reporter Shelby Ledwig  
Caricature by Martin Martinez

"My mom has always pushed me to be the best I can be," seventeen year old Monishia said proudly. "She never gives up and always tries to do what is best for our family. She is my role model."

Monishia Dean McDowell, otherwise known as Sheesha, is the daughter and oldest child of Lorrie and Jasen McDowell. She listed her family members as 15-year-old Bobby, Zachary, age 14, Payslie who is 4, and a dog named Sofie. All of them, except Sofie, attend school in Itasca.

Monishia and her family moved to Itasca after their house in Italy caught fire and burned to the ground. She has managed to overcome the tremendous loss that has shaped her into the very talented young lady she is today.

Monishia spends has spent her high school time wisely preparing for college. She takes dual credit classes and plan to go to Texas Tech, after graduating high school, to become a RN.

"I am already a Certified Nurse's Assistant, and am now working on my CMA (Certified Medication Aid). I'll get it this summer." Monishia said with a proud smile on her face.

Monishia takes some of her free time a couple weekends a month to volunteer at the nursing home. She reads and talks with the elderly patients and helps prepare meals. She also volunteers her time as a coach to a recreational Covington and Itasca combined baseball team that her brother plays on. She really enjoys doing this since playing softball/baseball is one of her many hobbies.

Another one of Monishia's interest and talents is dancing. She began dancing when she was 3 years old at Jennifer's Dance Academy in West. She learned to tap, jazz, and ballet dance. She also did gymnastics for 3 years before deciding that just wasn't her thing. In 2008, she tried out for the Dallas Desperados Junior Dance Team. She made the team and danced for a season then the arena football team was bought and the name was changed to the Vigilantes and with the old name went the dance team.

With all of these interests and skills, Monishia has a number of options open for her in the future, but her primary goal is medicine.

"My ultimate goal is to become a doctor. In ten years I see myself with a career, married and working on building my house either in Eastland or Huntsville. The only advice I have for the underclassmen is to never give up. Always try your hardest."



## IMS October Wampus Cat Pride Students



Earning the Itasca Middle School Wampus Cat Pride honors for October were (l to r) Chandley Sargent, Payton Gonzales, Calvin Roberts, Breannah Olvera. These students were nominated by a teacher and selected because they went beyond expectations in regards to Positive Behavior. Students received a Free Kids Meal from Golden Chick.

## 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



## Defensive Driving Class

November 20 & December 1

8:00 a.m. (lunch break) 2:30

Ticket dismissal & or insurance discounts

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125 W. Elm St. Hillsboro

254-582-5111 Walk-ins welcome!

## Cross-Country Runners Medal at District, Outstanding at Regional – On to State

Story Coach Jimmy Lott, Photos by Shelby Ledwig & Emma Orr  
Collage by State contender Philip Thomas



The Varsity Cross Country teams traveled to Santo for District 15-A competition on October 25. The boys' varsity team came away District Champions and the girls were district runners-up, which means both teams qualify for regionals. The boys team of Philip Thomas (District Champion), Bob Slotvig (medalist- 3<sup>rd</sup>), Anthony Wills (12<sup>th</sup>), Dylan Shuman (13<sup>th</sup>), Jaciell Gutierrez (15<sup>th</sup>) and Brandon Kelley (24<sup>th</sup>) all ran great times.

The girls team consisting of Beruke Namaga (medalist-4<sup>th</sup>), Amber Shelby (13<sup>th</sup>), Jackie Green (15<sup>th</sup>), Emilee Nalley (16<sup>th</sup>), Susie Rodriguez (19<sup>th</sup>), and Amanda Anderson (25<sup>th</sup>) have a very bright future, since the team consists of all freshman and sophomores.

The boys' and girls' Cross Country teams traveled to Vandergriff Park in Arlington last Saturday (November 6) for Regional competition. The boys' team finished 7th overall. Philip Thomas ran a great race and finished second in the region, which qualifies him for state meet next Saturday and puts him in the mix as a possible medalist. Philip was quick to credit his teammates for a season of hard work.

Philip said, "I'm proud of our whole team. They all ran their best times and all put in a bunch of early morning workouts this year, especially Bob. He's been there with me as a great workout partner for a long time, and I couldn't have done it without him."

Bob Slotvig ran his fastest time ever and finished 13th. Brandon Kelley showed the most improvement on the boys team, going from a JV runner to a competitive runner at the Varsity level. The girls' team finished 12th overall. They are a very young team (all freshmen and sophomores) and have a bright future. Amber Shelby was the hardest working girl this year and her times showed the most improvement on the team. She worked her way from JV to the second fastest girl on Varsity. Jackie Green also put in a lot of extra work this year.

After finishing 11<sup>th</sup> in the region last year and not qualifying for state, Philip Thomas is now heading to state in Round Rock next Saturday and everyone is cheering for him to come home with a medal.



## September IISD Board of Trustees Meetings

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 2010, in the Itasca ISD Library at 7:00 p.m. Members present were President Susan Bason, Secretary Angelia Orr, Nancy Bowman, Marquita Lloyd, Kevin Cordell and Brian Bassett. Absent was Vice President Oscar Castillo, Jr. Administration present were Superintendent Glenn Pittman, Principals Rickie Harris, Keith Hannah and Karon Farquhar, Special Programs Director Amy Reyna, Student Services Coordinator Kristi Sargent, Business Manager Kim Eaddy and Norma Merkel, Secretary.

Visitors present were Landon Deck, PBK, Brenda Swilley, Richard Hunt, Jennifer Headrick and Marsha Wisnosky. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the President Susan Bason.

Marsh Wisnosky, spoke to the board regarding her son being sent to ISS for the length of his hair. She questioned the student dress code policy. Landon Deck with PBK architect firm presented the next phase for the expansion project. He went over the design in detail. The project so far is under budget as far as the first phase. He briefed the board on the timeline and budget for the next phases.

Motions were made and passed to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2010 regular meeting and the August 30, 2010 called meeting. The first reading of TASB Update 88 was presented to the Board. Motions were made and passed to approve the 2010-11 student transfer as presented and to approve county extension agents Sheryl Raley, Karen Jungman and Gideon Jennings to be adjunct faculty members.

Brenda Swilley presented to the board a request for the Science Club Trip. This trip is high school oriented. It will be open for sophomores, juniors and seniors to participate. Following the presentation a motion was passed to approve the science trip. A motion was passed cancel the November 2, 2010 general election.

Superintendent Pittman informed the Board that the district is sending in documents for TEA to review for district compliance except for items that have to be onsite verification. PBMAS status is stage III. Elyse Tarleton will be the district's TEA contact regarding the PBMAS. The RF tracker preliminarily information will be sent to TEA tomorrow (September 14). He informed the Board that goal setting for 2011-12 needs to be scheduled. A Board workshop is planned for September 27 at 7:00 p.m., for this purpose. DEAC will meet October 28.

The Board entered executive session at 8:17 p.m. and reconvened at 8:42 p.m. A motion was made and passed to approve Amanda McCue, Beth Cole, Philip Crawford and Sylvia Brown to be added to the substitute teacher list.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

\*\*\*The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in called session on Monday, September 27, 2010, in the Itasca ISD Administration office at 7:00 p.m. All Board members except Nancy Bowman and Marquita Lloyd were present. Administration present was Superintendent Glenn Pittman. Visitors present were Brian Payne and Phil Gerik, ESC Region 12. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by the President Susan Bason.

Phil Gerik, ESC Region 12 field service agent, facilitated the discussion. The board discussed items identified as "needs attention" from the board self evaluation instrument. The board discussed 2011-2012 district goals. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Poems

A special thank you to Ms. Carissa Helke's 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders' for allowing us to share their poems.

Stupid sisters stuck stinky  
sticky syrup somewhere. Stanley  
stuck stinky socks and sandwiches  
somewhere smelly and secret.

Jose Delgado 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Leaping lions learn lessons about life  
and lumpy lambs are laughing at the  
lessons lions learn. Large lions wait  
in the leafy fields waiting for the  
laughing lambs. Low-lying lions  
leap onto the laughing lambs, leaving  
them lame.

Miranda Valeriano 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Lady Wampus Cat Basketball

#### November

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	V		TBA
18/20	Castleberry Tournament	JV		TBA
23	Maypearl	Away	JV, V	1:00
27	Castleberry	Away	JV, V	2:00
30	Venus	Away	JV, V	5:00

#### December

3	Blooming Grove	Home	V	5:00
2-5	Southwest Christian (Tourn)	JV		TBA
7	Alvarado	Away	JV, V	5:00
9-11	Axtell Tournament	V		TBA
11	Itasca JV Tournament	JV		TBA
14	Waco Vanguard	Away	JV, V	5:00

## September City Council Meeting

The Itasca City Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 20, 2010 in the Council Chambers, 136 N. Hill St., Itasca, Texas. Mayor Matthew Fehnel called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Members present were James Bouldin, Denis Heyse, Doug Farquhar and John Laird. Councilwoman Susie Davis was absent, Also present were City Administrator Mark Gropp and City Attorney Stephanie Johnson.

Motions were passed to approve the August 23, 2010 meeting's minutes and to pay the bills as presented. Monthly Department and Committee reports were given as follow by Wayne Upchurch (Water/Sewer Operations), IPD Chief John Griscavage (IPD), Wayland Price (IV Fire Department), (Planning and Zoning Committee), (Office of Code Enforcement) and (Building Standard Commission).

Judi Underwood gave a presentation regarding her request to discuss property destruction of 801 E. Main, Itasca, Texas 76055 more particularly described as Files & Chiles Blk 4 Lot 5& 6. There was a discussion and the Council requested Ms. Underwood to give a time line to bring the buildings up to code. A time line was agreed upon by Ms. Underwood and the Council.

Harry Fuller and Glen Vipperman, representatives of Atmos Energy – Mid-Tex Division, addressed the Council for consideration of an ordinance/resolution to approve Atmos Energy Rate Review Mechanism Extension, rate increase and recovery of steel service line replacement program costs. The impact for an average residential customer (using 4.5 Mcf a month) will have an increase of \$1.40/month and an average commercial customer (using 34.2 Mcf a month) will have an increase of \$3.82/month. A motion agreeing to the increase was made and passed with the waiving of the second and third readings.

Allied Waste requested a rate increase to reflect the increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) and fuel costs. Allied Waste Services Representative Laura Capehart presented the request to the Council. She explained the annual CPI calculation is per contract with the City. Allied is requesting an increase of 3% and the effective date of said adjustment should be October 1, 2010. The new rate for residential curbside will be \$11.02/month and commercial handload will be \$12.44/month. The Council approved the rate increase.

A resolution authorizing submission of a Texas Community Development Program application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs, authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's authorized representative, and committing the City's local share toward the grant for sewer system improvements was presented to the Council from Grant Development Services and was approved. The Hill County Emergency Services District No. 1 (ESD #1) proposed contract agreement for the City of Itasca to provide fire department services was considered. There was a discussion that ESD #1 did not disclose an amount (dollar amount) of what ESD #1 will pay the city for fire department services and the Council decided to table the matter until the October meeting. The Agreement for Mutual Aid in Fire Protection and Other Emergency Services between the entities and/or emergency services organizations was approved.

The first reading to adopt Ordinance #902010-2 Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2010 Setting Specific Tax Rates, Applicable to All Real, Personal and Mixed Property Situated Within the City of Itasca was read by the Mayor. The tax rate will raise more taxes for Maintenance and Operations than last year's tax rate. A motion approving and adopting an ad valorem tax rate for Maintenance and Operations for the general fund of \$ .5726 per \$100.00 cash valuation, waiving the second and third readings, was made and passed. Tax rate to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the fiscal year 2010-2011 Budget was approved also.

The City Secretary presented to the Presiding Officer of the Governing Body a Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the election schedule to be held on November 2, 2010. The following candidates are unopposed for election to office: Mayor-James "Boogie" Bouldin, Alderman-Denis Heyse and Alderman-John "Skipper" Laird. The Council approved and passed an Order of Cancellation for the November 2, 2010 election. With the approval and cancellation James "Boogie" Bouldin was certified as the unopposed and hereby elected Mayor, Denis Heyse and John "Skipper" Laird are certified as unopposed and hereby elected alderman. Resolution #092010-2 re-adopting the City's Investment Policy was adopted and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

### Operation Christmas Child at Central Baptist Church

If you would like to give a shoebox of toys, drop it by the church this week until Sunday, November 14. Call Karen Buckner for more info. 687-9220

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## Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies Texas Historical Commission, 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 shall address a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Notice of Enforcement Order for deficiencies at the city's wastewater treatment plant. There is an urgency to bring the operation of the wastewater treatment plant into specifications as set forth according to TCEQ's rules and regulations. The City received multiple violations resulting from the malfunctions of the wastewater treatment plant, causing potential health, safety and environmental problems for all concerned.

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. Construction shall take place at the city's wastewater treatment plant located at the south edge of the city, southeast of the intersection of Highway 891 and Texas 176 Spur, City of Itasca, Hill County, Texas. The environmental clearance area includes the encompassing area where the existing plant is now located. Improvements will be in the area where the wastewater treatment is now located and is of urban use of natural values and is located within the hazard 100-year floodplain. Acreage of construction located within the floodplain is .20 acres.

The City of Itasca has reevaluated and considered the above activities and determined that it is necessary to make the improvements. The activities will have no significant impact on the environment. The County will use mitigation measures to minimize the adverse impacts and restore and preserve natural and beneficial values of the area consistent with state and federal statutes and regulations including best management practices to avoid negatively impacting the local area.

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 15, 2010, a minimum 7 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 7th day after the publication: City of Itasca, City Hall, 126 N. Hill Street, Itasca, Texas 76055 and phone number, (254)687.2201. Attention: Matthew Fehnel, Mayor during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Date: November 8, 2010

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## Volume II of The Heritage of Hill County, Texas

News Release

Time is running out to order Volume II of The Heritage of Hill County, Texas at pre-publication price of \$50. The books will be ready for distribution in time for Christmas giving. Books ordered after November 19 will cost \$60, plus \$6, if shipped.

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## Remember When . . . “Early Days in Texas”

Columnist Carl Sweeney

We have had lots of stories about the early days and people's everyday lives and their tools, clothing, social life, and other activities connected to earlier times. Some of it could be considered history but not “History” as such. I have always loved history whether it is ancient, medieval, world, U.S. or good old Texas History. I thought perhaps some of the readers might share this interest and a little Texas History might be in order.

Of course when we think of Texas History, we think of cowboys and the cattle industry, and the men and women who developed it such as Charles Goodnight, a Mr. Loving and the cattle drivers who were the inspiration for the T.V. series “Rawhide.” We must also not forget the part the Indians played during the development of the state.

Charles Goodnight and his family lived in Colorado. When he was grown, Charles established a ranch there. After the financial turndown in 1873, Mr. Goodnight drove 1600 head of cattle to Texas. In 1877 he met a wealthy Irish financier whose name was John G. Adair. They formed a partnership, and executed a five year contract. Adair furnished the money and Charles Goodnight operated the ranch. At the end of five years Goodnight would get one third and Adair two thirds. Adair died in 1885 and two years later Goodnight sold out and moved to a smaller ranch. A town called “Goodnight” eventually developed nearby.

In earlier years Charles Goodnight and a man named Loving established the Goodnight-Loving Trail. It was during the time when lots of cattle were being driven north to markets in Wichita and Abilene, Kansas and other places.

About 1865 Charles met Molly Dyer, who was from Tennessee. Her father was a lawyer and her grandfather was the first governor of Tennessee. We wonder why they would want to come to Texas, but they did in 1854. Molly's mother died in 1864, and her father two years later, leaving Molly to take care of three younger brothers. She taught school; herself being home schooled by her parents. One day Molly was on horseback taking a younger brother to school, when on the way back she stopped at an Inn for travelers which was owned by Charles Goodnight's mother. It was here that she met Charles. Mr. Goodnight hired Molly's older brother for a cattle drive. It was then that Charles and Molly started dating. They courted for five years that is, when he wasn't gone on business or cattle drives. They married July 20, 1870. She was still taking care of her two younger brothers. Eventually Mr. Goodnight took them in and gave them jobs as they became older.

When John Adair died his family left. This left Molly the only white woman within two hundred miles. The cowboys called her “The Queen of the Palo Duro Canyon.” She and Charles never had children. She cared for the hired hands, took care of their clothes and hosted all social events at the ranch. She even taught some of the cowboys how to read. She had a medicine kit to take care of minor ailments as there were no doctors for miles. Molly went with Charles on a couple of cattle drives and did the cooking on the drive.

Charles and Molly occasionally welcomed Quanah Parker to their home. As we remember, he was the son of Cynthia Ann Parker, who was kidnapped by Indians at Fort Parker near Mexia. She lived with the Indians for years and married a chief, Quanah was their son. It is said that when she was “rescued” by the whites, they would not allow her to go back, and she grieved herself to death.

Charles Goodnight has always been credited with saving the buffalo, but Molly also was a major factor. When the buffalo were slaughtered for their hides they killed them all except the young calves. It was not economically feasible to process the calves, therefore the smaller ones were left to die. Molly asked Charles and the cowboys to bring the young calves to the ranch. Some of them she fed with a bottle. Charles was sympathetic to the operation and that is the way their herd was started. Later, Mr. Goodnight crossed the buffalo with cattle, and called them “Cattalos.” There is another buffalo in Canada that is slightly different from the U.S. strain. They are called wood buffalo. They were also saved.

After many years of running the ranch and developing the country, Charles and Molly lived a happy life, in 1926 at the age of 86, Molly died. A year later on his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday Charles Goodnight married his nurse. Their marriage was to last only a short time, for Charles died in 1929 at the age of 93 year; he was buried beside Molly. They had been married fifty six years.

And so we bring an end to one story about early days in Texas



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## Wampus Cats of the Week

### “Wampus Cat Tuba Player”

Reporter Ashley Spain



Left to right Willie Oxford, Garrett Johnson, Johnny Castro, William Gunn, Bob Slotvig, Darrell Rasco and Kevin Cervantes

Many of us have the misconception that the tuba is the easiest instrument to play, just blow and out comes a “big honk.” That is not the case. As with the other brass instrument, tuba players must tighten their lips for high notes and loosen their lips for the low notes. The tuba section is very small but with such a large instrument, it doesn’t take many to make the very low sound that enhances the music. The tubas are the deepest instrument in the band. Musicians who play the trombone or baritone could make the switch to the tuba. The trombone, baritone, and tuba have similar mouthpieces and use a similar method to play.



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