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New Police Chief Sworn In



At the November 15 City Council meeting interim Police Chief Winson Brewer was sworn in by City manager Mark Gropp as the official Itasca PD Chief. Brewer has worked for the department for over seven years and is familiar with the day to day process of running the department. He has held all ranks in the department and is well versed in all aspects of the department.

Thomas Takes 4th at State Cross Country Meet

By Coach Jimmie Lott



Philip Thomas finished 4th at the State Cross Country meet held at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock last month. Philip did a great job representing both Itasca ISD and the city of Itasca.

Philip led the race for the first mile and a half. It was a windy day and Philip had a strong finish to hold off several other good runners. He finished with a time of 16:47, not far off the champion who came in with a time of 16:03. Philip came into the race with only the 6th fastest time, so his 4th place finish shows a lot about his competitive drive.

Philip's only quote after the race was over. "They can't beat me in the mile! (Referencing the upcoming track season, and Philip's prospect of winning a state championship in track.)"

Linemen Make HILCO History

Press Release



HILCO Apprentice Lineman Clayton Thompson; First Class Linemen Journeyman Team Lance Henkelman, Jason Patton, and Kane Montgomery; and Apprentice Lineman Chris Brown.

HILCO First Class Linemen Lance Henkelman, Kane Montgomery and Jason Patton made HILCO history when they proudly represented HILCO Electric Cooperative this summer at the 2010 Texas Lineman's Rodeo in Seguin.

In the Texas Lineman's Rodeo the linemen out performed 27 other teams, winning 1st Place Journeyman Team in the Cooperative Division and placing 2nd in the Overall Journeyman competition.

In the Single Phase Capacitor Change Event, the HILCO Journeyman Team won third place and another 3rd place in the 600 Amp Switch Event at the Texas contest. Apprentice Linemen Chris Brown and Clayton Thompson competed in the Apprentice Division in eight events, including the Rope Event in which Brown took 2nd place and Thompson 35th place. In the Fuse Change Out with Longstick Event, Brown scored 10th with Thompson scoring 53rd; Overhead Service Install, Thompson 26th and Brown 37th; and Pole Climb, Brown 23rd and Thompson 35th. In the Overall Apprentice Ratings, with 82 individuals competing, Thompson scored an overall ranking of 20th with Brown ranking 28th.

HILCO employees who volunteered to help with the judging and other responsibilities at the Rodeo were Linemen John Houston, John Prescott and Travis Sanders. Lending support for the contestants were their families, Underground Foreman and Rodeo Coordinator B. J. Williams, Assistant General Manager Lea Sanders, Director of Operations and Engineering Thomas Cheek, and Overhead Foreman Milton Cranfill.

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Churches of Itasca

<u>Bethlehem Missionary Baptist</u>	W. Spurgeon 687-2800
<u>Central Baptist Church</u>	401 E. Monroe 687-2343
<u>Church of Christ</u>	200 N. Aquilla 687-2774
<u>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>3rd Day Worship Center</u>	107 E. Adams 214 564-2185
<u>Itasca Nursing Home</u>	Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Everyone Welcome	Monday Evening 6:00 p.m.

Central Baptist Church

200 E. Monroe St.

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

Youth (7th - 12th 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

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254-687-2774 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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120 W. Marrion St. Itasca TX 76055

Rev. George Demmeritte Jr. (Pastor)

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

2BC*2 Youth Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday

First Presbyterian Church

106 N. Lamar Itasca 254-687-2243

itascafpc@sbcglobal.net www.fpcitasca.org

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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

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

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, December 20, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

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



2010 Holiday Season Calendar

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

Line up on Monroe 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 8 - Citywide Caroling - First Presbyterian

Church Youth - 6:00 p.m. (All churches & groups welcome to join) Meet at FPC with singers & trailer

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 entertainment by Lincoln Durham - Contact any Chamber Director to nominate for awards



Little Dribblers Needs Your Help



Itasca Little Dribblers 2010 season is about to begin. This year we will be operating in both gyms and will need everyone's assistance. LeAnn and Jason Kirkpatrick are asking anyone that wants to help in various areas needed, to please contact them at 817-219-6134 or leannkirkpatrick@sbcglobal.net.

Some of the areas that require assistance are: Score books, time clock, referee, cleanup, gate keeper, and general assistance. If you have any questions about the listed areas, please contact us.

Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School Performs in Cowboy Stadium

Press Release



On October 2, 2010 the Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School located at 125 W Elm in Hillsboro, Texas was invited to the Dallas Cowboy Stadium to perform an exhibition class on the field. Students and instructors, parents and grandparents, friends and

neighbors enjoyed a great day at the field with a tour of the stadium, Cowboys locker room, Cheerleaders locker room, press box and much more.

Pictured (Top row L to r) Donita Odom-Itasca, Amanda Gayler-Grandview, Kelly Smith-Whitney, Danny Smith-Whitney, Jana Lintijens -Hillsboro, Travis Tinney-Hillsboro and Master Charles Kight. (2nd row) Toni Rejcek-Bynum, Zoey Johnson-Hillsboro, Bailey Johnson-Hillsboro, Morgan Bledsoe-Osceola, Tyler Odom-Itasca, Jorge Gallardo-Hillsboro, Joey Robinson-Blum, Wyley Johnson-Hillsboro, Cameren Hight-Itasca, Donavan Garcia, Itasca, Kitt Seymour-Itasca, Pamela Russell-Grandview and Pamela Navarro-Grandview.

(3rd row) Alex Cantemoury-Grandview, Neida Gallardo-Hillsboro, Alex Russell-Grandview, Humbarto Mancilla-Hillsboro, Harold Santiago-Hillsboro, Xavier Navarro-Grandview, Christine Rejcek-Bynum, Brianna Dixon-Hillsboro, Aidan Gayler-Grandview, Rylie Smith-Whitney, Cameron Rejcek-Bynum, Oliver Hillsboro, Ross Gilcrease-Hillsboro, Kierstyn Buxkemper- Hillsboro, Kelsey Ramsey-Itasca, Hunter Smith-Whitney, and Mauricio Mancilla-Hillsboro. (Bottom row) Kevin Devers-Black Belt-West, Kathryn Devers-Black Belt-West, Heather Odom-Black Belt-Itasca, Megan Odom-Itasca, Timothy Friesenhahn-Black Belt-Osceola, Quinton Kight-Lorena, Jordan Satterfield-2nd Degree Black Belt-Hillsboro, Kaydee Jean-Black Belt-Blum, Jenifer Simmons-Black Belt-Itasca, Kayla Butnor-2nd Degree Black Belt-Covington, Shelby Sifford-2nd Degree Black Belt-Itasca, Jacob Jean-Black Belt-Blum, David Jones-Black Belt-Malone and Guillermo Santiago-Hillsboro.

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.hillsborofkd.com.

Healthy Woman/Senior Circle Alzheimer Program in Whitney

Press Release



Back by popular demand, Howard Gruetzner, M.Ed., LPC, Education and Family Care Specialist with the Area Agency on Aging-Heart of Texas Council of Governments in Waco, will be the guest speaker at 12:00 Noon on Monday, December 13, at the First Baptist Church, 209 N. San Marcus, in Whitney.

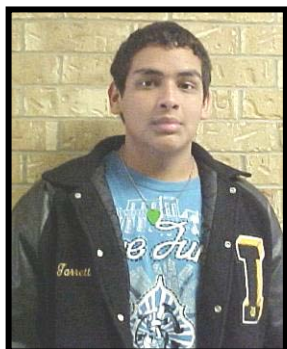
His topic, "Alzheimer's Prevention" will answer questions such as, "How can I prevent or reduce the risks for Alzheimer's," "Can you do anything to reduce your chances of developing dementias like Alzheimer's?" and "What are the risks and can any of these risks be reduced?"

Mr. Gruetzner has worked in the area of Clinical Gerontology for over 33 years with special interests in Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. He has been instrumental in identifying early brain impairment and adaptation to impairment, care giving and coping, geriatric depression, psychological trauma and complicated forms of bereavement.

Healthy Woman and Senior Circle members are encouraged to make their reservations for the program and complimentary lunch provided by TXU Energy. TXU will also be providing a special door prize and giveaways. Reservations are necessary and should be made in advance by calling Becky Jones at 254-580-8887 or Judie Dibbern at 254-580-8888. Deadline for reservations is December 9.

Senior Spotlight Garrett Johnson

Reporter Aren Barton
Caricature by Martin Martinez



Garrett Johnson describes himself as the middle child of a family of five. He is one of the more reserved students that meander through the halls of IHS. Garrett prefers staying out of the spotlight instead of having attention brought upon himself.

"I've always attended school in Itasca," Garrett said, "but sometimes I would have rather gone to a larger school where everyone did not know

your name, especially the teachers."

While enjoying his temporary stay (13 years) in the Itasca district, Garrett has been actively involved in the school band, playing the trumpet for the past seven years.

"I enjoy playing the trumpet," Garrett said, "The highlight of my high school days has been going to State in band. Band is where I feel I have achieved the most in high school."

He has had many adventures in school. His favorite teacher, he said, was taking theater arts from Coach Wolfe because, "He was awesome and he never made us do anything, but fun stuff." But upon reflection, Garrett has one regret.

"I wish I would have tried harder in high school," Garrett revealed. "My freshman year I didn't care and now my GPA reflect those grades and that may affect which college I attend."

After walking across the stage in May to collect his diploma, Garrett has some long term plans that he aspires to fulfill.

"I'm not sure about college," Garrett said. "At some point I want to join the Air Force, later become an air traffic controller and get married, but I'm not sure about having children."

Garrett, being a major fan of basketball, enjoys watching his favorite team, the Celtics, play. He also spends a lot of his time listening to his most prized possession, his MP3 player. Garrett listens to all types of music.

"I do not have a favorite genre. In fact, I really do not have any favorites or prejudices in food, movies or music. What I do have is a favorite pastime: writing stories, mostly fiction."

Garrett is the son of Dale and Elena Johnson. His two older siblings, Clayton and Nicole, both graduated from IHS, and his two younger siblings, Caitlain and Jesse, also attend Itasca High.

"I am looking forward to graduating this year," Garrett said. "I guess it's what everyone looks forward to in high school."



Middle School 2nd 6th Weeks "A" - Honor Roll

5th Grade - Chalo Cavazos, Wendy Chen, Alessandra Diaz, Kyra Henderson, Melissa Maya, Joe Savala

6th Grade - Fen Tao Chen, Callie Pittman, Chandley Sargent

7th Grade - Claire Eaddy, Haley Rodriguez

8th Grade - Rachel Freeman, Devin Hernandez

2nd 6th Weeks

"A-B" - Honor Roll

5th Grade - Jocelyn Ali, Alexis Arellano, Daniel Coronado, Heidi Delgado, Chloe Dumas, Brenna Durham, Layton English, Destiny Fennell, Yardley Gamez, Wendy Garcia, Erik Gonzalez, Destiny Graham, Brayden Hennig, Jennipher Ignacz, Ethan LaFountain, Zackery Moore

6th Grade - Karla Cruz, Jason McFatridge, Gracie Rugh, Chrystal Sanchez, Taylor Skinner, Autum Throckmorton, Elizabeth Wood

7th Grade - Tommy Ashley, Madison Bassett, Cesar Diaz, Brandi Fehnel, Adrain Flores, Harley Germer, Leticia Gonzales, Tanner Graig, Jesus Gutierrez

8th Grade - Macy Arellano, Skylar Campbell, Peyton Cordell, Bryanna Flores, Khilah Frederick, Hunter Germer, Lacey Horton, Gabriel Macias, Kierra Mayberry, Leslee Payne, Megan Scoggins, Kathie Wilkins, Brittany Woods

2010 - 2011 Picture Dates

January 11

Basketball - Junior High & High School, Cheerleaders - Junior High & High School

May 5

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Lady Cats Boast 8-1 Record

Sports Reporter & Lady Cat Ashley Spain



The Lady Cats played in their first tournament of the season the week-end before Thanksgiving. The Wortham Tournament is usually on the Lady Cats schedule and they expect tough competition. Last year they brought home the 2nd place trophy but this year they stepped up and garnered the 1st placed plaque. They started the tournament by defeating the Mildred Lady Eagles JV and then overcame the Blooming Grove Lady Lions to earn a spot in the championship game against the Wortham Lady Bulldogs.

Over the Thanksgiving break the Lady Cats played two games: Maypearl and Castleberry. Maypearl was a very important game for Itasca. They came out a little sluggish and allowed the Lady Panthers to take an 8 point lead. The Lady Cats stayed within striking range throughout

the game. With 3 minutes left in the game the Lady Cats were down by 12 points. Jasmine Guy, Beruke Namaga, and Chase Patterson all made some great steals that led to points that put the Lady Cats back into the game. The game rested on free throws and the Lady Cats missed 4. After the Lady Panthers scored twice in the final seconds the Lady Cats suffered their first loss. In a game against the Castleberry Lady Lions last Saturday the Lady Cats pulled off a win even though they made a lot of mistakes.

Tuesday night Itasca traveled to Venus to play the Lady Dawgs. The team is working hard to correct any mistakes they make and it showed in this game. They allowed very few turnovers and improved on their free throw percentages. With the Lady Cats' quick speed and resolve, they defeated Venus 43-29 bringing their record to 8 wins and only 1 loss.

The Lady Cats will suit up against Blooming Grove this Friday night in the Special Events Center starting at 5:00 p.m. .

Lady Wampus Cat Basketball

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	Axtell	V	TBA
11	Itasca JV Tournament		JV	TBA
14	Waco Vanguard	Away	JV, V	5:00
17	Burleson Centennial (Tourn)		JV, V	TBA
27-29	Godley Tournament	Godley	V	TBA
28	Southwest Christian (Tourn)		V	TBA

District January 7 - February 15

January

7	*Blum	Away	JV, V	5:00
11	*Bosqueville	Away	JV, V	4:00
14	*Meridian	Home	JV, V	4:00
18	*Moody	Away	JV, V	4:00
21	*Valley Mills	Home	JV, V	4:00
25	*Blum	Home	JV, V	4:00
28	*Bosqueville	Home	JV, V	4:00

February

1	*Meridian	Away	JV, V	4:00
4	*Moody Sr. Night	Home	JV, V	4:00
8	*Valley Mills	Away	JV, V	4:00

2010-2011 Wampus Cat Basketball

December

2-5	Era Tournament	Era	V	TBA
7	Brock	Away	JV, V	5:00
9-11	Axtell Tournament	Axtell	V	TBA
14	Dallas Life	Away	JV, V	5:00
17	Grandview	Away	JV, V	5:00
20	West	Away	JV, V	5:00
21	Burleson Centennial		JV, V	TBA
28-30	Clyde-Eula Tournament	Clyde	V	TBA

January

4	Waco Rapaport	Home	JV, V	5:00
7	Avalon	Home	JV, V	5:00
11	Venus	Home	JV, V	5:00
13-15	Peaster Tournament	Peaster	JV	TBA

District January 14 - February 15

14	*Meridian	Home	JV, V	5:00
18	*Moody	Away	JV, V	5:00
21	*Valley Mills	Home	JV, V	5:00
25	*Blum	Home	JV, V	5:00
28	*Bosqueville	Home	JV, V	5:00
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CPS Board Addresses Itasca Rotarians

Press Release from Rotarian Karon Farquhar



Nicole Tanner member of the Child Protective Services Board presented a program to the Itasca Rotary Club at the November 30 weekly meeting.

Tanner explained that the CPS Board's function is to provide Hill County foster children with clothing and other needs while in foster

care. Everyone's help in this endeavor is always appreciated.

The Itasca Rotary Club meets each Monday at noon in the Itasca Rotary Room. Anyone interested in becoming a member can contact Bob Wilson at 254-687-2331.

Heritage of Hill County Book Vol. II Goes on Sale

Press Release

The Heritage of Hill County, Texas, Volume II book will be for sale Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4 in Hillsboro. Those who preordered a book should pick up their copy at this time. The books will be available at the John Erwin Courthouse Annex (former Marshall and Marshall Funeral Directors building), 200 block of East Franklin from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Anyone having a gift certificate to redeem must bring it with them.

People will be able to purchase books for \$60 each and pick them up in Hillsboro that day. Books may still be ordered by mail. Send a check or money order for \$60, plus \$6.00 shipping fee to: Hill County HBC, Vol. II, P.O. Box 555, Hillsboro, Texas 76645. To order by credit card, contact Richard Greenhill at (254) 582-8912 or call Heritage Publishing Consultants at 1-800-568-1611.

Volume I is sold out. One hundred books have to be ordered and prepaid before it will be reprinted. For information, check Heritage Publishing Consultants website: <http://heritagepublishing.net> or call 1 (800) 568-1611.

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HILCO Linemen

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In the 27th International Lineman's Rodeo held in Kansas City, Kansas, the HILCO Journeyman Team made an impressive showing.

The rodeo attracts the best linemen from around the world to compete in events based on traditional linemen tasks and skills, with the primary focus on safety at all times.

Competing against the “best of the best” teams worldwide, Henkelman, Montgomery and Patton ranked 17th in their division of 28 and 82nd in Journeyman Overall of 156. In the Hurtman Rescue, they placed 86th; 23rd in “Mystery” Event #1; 36th in “Mystery” Event #2; and 121st in the Pole Climb.

Cheek and General Manager/CEO Debra Cole also supported the Journeyman Team in Kansas City.

Cheek said, “We are extremely proud of our linemen and their accomplishments. They have shown great pride, commitment and dedication to themselves, their families and HILCO to put in all of the time and effort for this competition. Our linemen work hard every day, and it is awesome to see them show their skills and compete. I would also like to recognize our entire workforce that stays home and helps keep our system running smoothly, so that we can participate in events like this.”

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Public Notice

Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Intent to Request Release of Funds

City of Itasca
126 N. Hill Street
Itasca, Texas 76055
254-687-2201

PROJECT CONTRACT 710351, Date of Publication: December 2, 2010. This Notice shall satisfy the above city two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Seventeen days after the date of this publication, on or about December 21, 2010, the City of Itasca, Texas will submit a request to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended. This Grant will allow the City of Itasca to address a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Notice of Enforcement Order and other violations for deficiencies at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant to undertake a Wastewater Treatment Plant Sanitary Sewer Overflow Plan and Corrective Action Measures.

ACTIVITIES & LOCATION

Project construction shall include the installation of one (1) generator with concrete pad, one (1) automatic transfer switch, standby power electrical connection, 176 ft. fencing, two (2) clarifier internal replacements to include bridge, scraper, baffles, weirs, drive and sludge arms and sludge valves and all associated appurtenances and shall take place at the City's wastewater treatment plant located at the south edge of the city, southeast of the intersection of Highway 81 and Texas 176 Spur. The environmental clearance area is within the boundaries of the Itasca wastewater system footprint located in the rural area within the incorporated city limit of Itasca. The land use around the project area is residential, agricultural and open pasture land. The environmental clearance area is located within the 100-year floodplain. The City believes the cost of construction for improving the overall environmental and health impacts justifies the appropriate use of the CDBG funding. These activities shall benefit 1,461 persons, of which 763 or 52% are low to moderate income.

ALTERNATIVES

The following Alternatives may be included if funding permits:

- 1) To do nothing would not address the City's TCEQ Notice of Enforcement Order for deficiencies at the City's wastewater treatment plant and would not protect human health and the environment. In the event additional funding remains:
- 2) Effluent meter stilling improvements to include the installation of a cast iron frame and lid atop the opening, followed by a grout application around the new frame.
- 3) Blower improvements to include placing an identically sized 3-HP blower next to the original unit, wiring and a timer.
- 4) Effluent line replacement.
- 5) Outfall structure improvements to include replacement of poor surrounding soils and an additional 6" concrete slab reinforcement to be tied to the existing outfall structure.

NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Exempt Activities:

- 1) **Administration:** This activity will provide for the administrative process required to coordinate the project with other Agencies and to keep all records and manage program operations during the contract.
- 2) **Engineering:** This activity will provide for assistance in completing the Environmental Review Record, surveying, project design, plan development, bidding, construction inspection and other related services during the period. Once work is complete the vegetative cover will be restored.

This environmental review has been designed to cover all construction activities funded by TDRA in the area specified in the approved construction plans and in the areas within 300 feet in all directions from the site in the proposed construction.

NON-EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

The City of Itasca has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required.

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Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City of Itasca, City Hall, located at 126 N. Hill Street, Itasca, TX 76055, Phone # 254.687.2201 and may be examined or copied between the hours of 9:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M., weekdays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Itasca, at the above address. All comments received on or before December 17, will be considered by the City of Itasca prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing

RELEASE OF FUNDS. Project Cost and Funding Sources: \$250,000 TDRA funded, \$25,000 City of Itasca funded, Total budget \$275,000. The City of Itasca certifies to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs that James Bouldin in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The City of Itasca Office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Itasca to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Rural Affairs will consider objections to the release of funds and the City of Itasca certification if received on or before January 5, 2011, or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Itasca approved by the Office; (b) the City of Itasca has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer:

Title: Mayor James Bouldin City of Itasca

City Hall, 126 N. Hill Street

Itasca, Texas 76055

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Note of Thank You



The Itasca 4-H would like to thank everyone who bought items at our recent bake sale.

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susan.r.mcintyre@gmail.com or 682-429-

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Remember When . . . “The Bandanna”

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In past columns we have written about various articles of clothing and other objects of everyday use; such as blue jeans, grandma’s apron, the handkerchief, the bonnet, and others. There is one article of wearing appeal that has been around for millennia that we have overlooked. Today we call it a “bandanna.” It has been a very versatile, useful, and decorative object in our lives. I guess its versatility is the reason it has been around so long. Also because it is gender neutral. I don’t know if it had anything to do with its development or not, but Fred Flintstone (from the

Stone Age) wore it as a tie.

The best of our research indicates that the bandanna originated in Ancient Rome and China. The soldiers wore neck cloths apparently to keep the body armor from rubbing their necks, and also to keep it from touching their necks when it was cold. Around the 1600s, the bandanna became an accessory as part of dress wear. Louis XIV of France helped it along by his wearing of colorful tights, full lace collars, and tall wigs. There were some Turkish mercenaries that came to France and appeared before King Louis. He saw the colored scarves they wore around their necks and he was taken with this and made it his own Royal cravat.

English dandies, or gentlemen, wore some type of cloth around their necks called cravats. They were made from plaid embroidered linen and other materials. Beau Brummell, sometimes called the Father of Neckties invariably wore a cravat, or necktie. He developed many knots or ways to tie it for different social events or time of day.

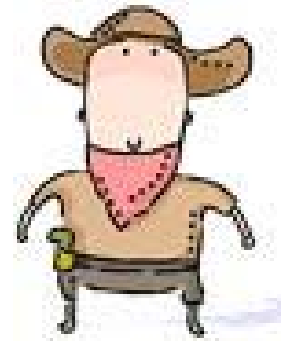
The cravat came to America in the late 17th Century, but since the colonists had strong feelings about anything English, they chose the bow tie instead of the cravat. Then they graduated from simple forms of that to simple squares of cloth. These were used as neckerchiefs, head wraps, and bundle wraps. When the “cowboys” came along it was natural for them to use them and they became an indispensable item to them. They were used for everyday living to multiple uses on the trail drives. They pulled them over their nose to keep out the dust, wore them under their hats and let them hang down in the back to prevent neck sunburn, used them as a wash rag, as trail markers, and any other purpose where a piece of material was needed. Red or blue were the original colors of the bandanna with red always being the most popular.

Most of us are familiar with the bandanna and a lot of its uses, but there are stories, uses, and fashions connected to it some of us might not know about. The following is a listing of some of them. Bandits used them to conceal their identity. If you are a nun it can double as a veil, just put it on your head and start your prayer. They can be used to change hot light bulbs, open a tight jar lid, or dust off furniture. One good use is when traveling, tie one to your luggage, and when the carousel comes around it is easily spotted. At one time it was commonly used with a picture frame. It is also used by gangs as a method of identification to your gang. Remember the Ninja Turtles? They wore bandannas also. There was Leonardo, with the blue one, Michelangelo with orange, Raphael had a red one, and Donatello’s was purple. However, the bandanna sometimes has drawbacks. It could be a risky thing also, such as a Babushka wearing grandmother in East L.A. I also understand that the gay community use it for certain preferences.

Another good use for a bandanna is to tie one on the trailer hitch to help eliminate bruised shins. It also make a good egg separator, knee pads for gardeners, a potpourri holder, or a shelf liner. It is good to have when you need to find friends in a crowd, or to hail a taxi. It can even make a bald man cool. It can double as a diaper in an emergency and as a patch for jeans, but I’m pretty sure that fad is over. The hobo tied a bandanna on a stick, which contained his belongings. I remember once my wife made a lamp shade from one of my silk shirts and a bandanna could also be used for that purpose.

The country of Australia has a “National Bandanna Day.” It was originally started for young people who were going through chemotherapy to cover their heads. When traveling you might draw a map on one. You may get curious stares while in the lounge, but at least you won’t get lost. It can be used wet as a mean rat-tail, or twisted as handcuffs or a slingshot (in case you happen to run into Goliath). It can be used to tie onto a long load on your truck in order to warn the driver behind you or as an antenna decoration—that is, if you still have an antenna on your car.

Of course, you can also wear it for its original intent, simply as an accessory. Wear the knot in back like the cowboys, or on the side if you are confused. It makes a good gift for someone who has everything, or for someone who has nothing. However, some say the perfect gift for someone who has everything is “Penicillin.”



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Wampus Cats of the Week

“Heart of the Band”

Wampus Cat Band Drum Majors

Reporter Ashley Spain



Every band has the instruments, the musicians and the roadies (ones who help set up) and all are very important, but some would argue that the most important work is to conduct it. They describe the conductors as the heart of the band.

It is the job of the conductors or in a high school



band, the drum majors to keep everyone on beat and in line while playing and marching. If any part of the ensemble gets faster or slower in either their playing or their movements, then the program does not work.

Drum Majors, Senior Maria Coronado and Junior Kenneth Clary did a wonderful job of conducting the IHS Band as they took to the field each Friday night. Fans can see and enjoy the band this Saturday afternoon as they march in the Christmas parade.

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