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Itasca Children Welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus



Although it had been cold and windy earlier in the week, Saturday was a lovely day with only a slight wind kicking up as many Itasca children waited anxiously for the parade to start that would bring Santa and Mrs. Claus to hear their Christmas wishes.

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived at the Rotary Room in country style – on a trailer filled with hay bales, pulled by a tractor driven by Bill Lewis. Santa was provided with goodies for the children by Claude and CinDee Garrett who furnished candy canes for the children in memory of their son Marcus and by HILCO who provided holiday coloring books.

The IHS band furnished music during the parade and a short concert after in front of the Rotary room. The band will present a free Christmas Concert on Monday, December 13

at 7:00 p.m. in the Special Events Center. Many organizations and churches joined the parade to open the Christmas season. (See pages 6 & 7 for more pictures)

Fire Destroys Home

Special thanks to Ken Henderson for top right photo



At approximately 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 6, a fire call was received by Itasca Volunteer Firefighters reporting a house on fire. The fire which started in the back of the home at 505 E. Spurgeon (northwest side) quickly fully engaged the structure. The three occupants of the home at

the time of the fire exited safely.

The IVFD was assisted by the Hillsboro Fire Department, Grandview Fire Department, Covington VFD, Whitney Fire Department Rehab Unit and student volunteers from the Hill College Fire Academy.

The house which is owned by Henry Diggs appears to be a total loss. The cause of the fire is still under investigation but it is believed to have been started by a space heater that was on in a bedroom in the northwest corner of the house.

"With the onset of the cold weather, everyone needs to take extra precautions with space heaters," Itasca Fire Chief Wayland Price said. "They also need to change the batteries in their smoke alarms or install alarms if you do not have them. Those could be the best Christmas present you give or receive."



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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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!

Obeys 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 5:30 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

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

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

10 - 10:45 Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service

6 pm - Praise/Worship (Sanctuary)

6:30-KFC/Hour of Power

Tues. & Thurs. - 10 a.m. Exercise Class - Barton Hall

Wed. 6:30 Vespers Service Chapel - 7:15 Choir practice

ANGEL FOOD SITE

Itasca Ministerial Alliance

Saturday, January 8 9:00 a.m. First Baptist Church

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Business Meeting December 27

Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

2nd Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

3rd Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.

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, January 10, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

First Presbyterian Church

December 24, 6:00 p.m.

You are invited to join us in worshipping our Savior, the newborn King, this Christmas Eve, and here are 10 good reasons to join us:

***You remember Christmas services from your childhood and would like to re-connect with those memories.

***You would like to make the beauty of the Christmas story a part of your annual Christmas activities.

***You want your children to hear the Christmas story and be reminded that Christmas is about more than getting gifts and leaving treats for Santa.

***You want to be with people during this emotional, and often lonely, season.

***You want to be somewhere peaceful and holy as you meditate on the significance of this special time.

***You enjoy singing those beautiful Christmas carols in the glow of candlelight.

***You've been thinking about going to church anyway, and this would be a good time to do it.

***You've been wanting to get to know other Christians in our community.

***Being in church on Christmas helps you relax from the stress of the season.

***You've been longing for a touch from God and it seems like this would be a great time to reach out to Him.

Come, Let Us Adore Him

Camels in Texas: Topic at December Hill County Genealogical Society Meeting

Press Release

Mr. Doug Baum of the Texas Camel Corps will be the guest speaker at the December 13 meeting of the Hill County Genealogical Society in Hillsboro. This is the second Monday in December and the meeting will begin at 6:30 pm in the Hill County Courthouse Annex located at 126 South Covington Street in Hillsboro.

Many Texans are not aware that camels were brought to Texas in 1853 by the Federal government as an experiment because the camel can travel long distances on very little water and are acclimated to desert environments. Mr. Baum became interested in camels and their history and has established The Texas Camel Corps on his 30-acre farm in Valley Mills in Bosque County. Unfortunately Mr. Baum will be unable to bring a camel to this meeting but his animals have visited Hillsboro before as part of the Nativity Scene on the Courthouse lawn about two years ago.

The program is open to the public and children are welcome with their parents to come and see the videos of the camels. The Hill County Genealogical Society is open to anyone interested in history and researching their personal family history. The group consists of members from the surrounding counties as well as locally. The membership year runs from January thru December. The second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm is the regular meeting time.

Refreshments are served after the meeting and time is allowed for questions and discussion. Unless otherwise noted the meetings are always held in the Hill County Courthouse Annex at 126 South Covington Street. Guests are always welcome.

Members of the Hill County Genealogical Society are available to help with your research in the Genealogical Section of the Hillsboro City Library. For further information you may contact Cleo Young Davis, 254-582-3603, cleodavis@sbcglobal.net, Vice President/Program Chairman.

The Heritage of Hill County, Texas, Volume II, has arrived and may be picked up at the meeting on December 13.

Democrats of Hill County December Meeting

Press Release

The Democrats of Hill County will hold their December meeting, on Monday, December 13, 2010 in Hubbard at Wild Bill's Outlaw Steakhouse, on the corner of 171 and 31 (4th St).

The meeting will be held at 6:30. Everyone is encouraged to bring an unwrapped Christmas gift for a child. All gifts will be distributed locally.

New Process For Go Texan Scholarships

Press Release

Qualifying Area Go Texan scholarship applicants are now required to apply online to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The online application must be submitted by midnight, Sunday, January 16, 2011. Required documentation must be post-marked by January 18, 2011.

The 2011 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo application process requirements include: all applications must be submitted online; students must apply for a scholarship designated for the county in which they attend high school; all applicants must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) report; all grade-point averages must be on a 100-point scale and be un-weighted.

The application includes a section related to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo participation. Students should apply by visiting www.rodeohouston.com. Seventy, 4-year, \$16,000 college scholarships are awarded each year to eligible students representing the 60 Area Go Texan counties. The 70 scholarships include an additional 10 awards given at-large to students from all the area counties.

These scholarships are just a part of the show's annual educational commitment, including four-year, \$16,000 scholarships awarded as follows: 70-4-H, 70-FFA, 214-Metropolitan, 10-FCCLA, 100-Opportunity and 15-School Art. Since 1932, the show has committed more than \$265 million to the youth of Texas.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a Section 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to benefiting youth, supporting education, and facilitating better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. The 2011 Show runs March 1-20 at Reliant Park. For more information, visit www.rodeohouston.com.

2010 Itasca Holiday Season Calendar

December

16 – Christmas Lighting Contest – Judging
6:00 p.m. – Out of town judges - New winners every year!

20-31 – School Holiday

January

4-7 – IISD Flex Days

31 – Chamber of Commerce Banquet featuring entertainment by Lincoln Durham – Contact any Chamber Director to nominate for awards

Senior Spotlight - Maria Ortiz

Reporter Hannah Johnson

Caricature by Martin Martinez



When the Itasca High School Marching Band qualified to go to the State Competition last November, everyone was very enthusiastic, but none, more so than flute player Maria Ortiz.

"I was so excited when we got all '1's," Maria said. "I couldn't wait to go to State! It was like we had been waiting for this for 5 years."

Maria Eugenia Patricia Ortiz, 19, was born in Mexico on January 20. She has a large family, consisting of parents Mercedes Jimenez and Daniel Chavez, along with siblings Keyre and Luis Ortiz, Julio Rodriguez, and Daniela and Michelle Chavez. They range in ages 5 to 17. All of her siblings are students at Itasca ISD.

"My mom is my hero," Maria said. "She's taught me a lot about life and how to live it to the fullest."

In her spare time, Maria likes to run, watch TV, go shopping, watch movies and spend time with her boyfriend Orlando. She's not sure what she wants to do after graduation, but above all else she is ready to graduate.

"I'm ready to get out of school," she said. "but I'm going to miss all my friends and the fun times we have had in school."

When Maria first came to Texas, she went to a school in Fort Worth. It was in 6th grade when her life really changed and her family moved to the "Big Little Town" of Itasca.

"I really do like it here in Itasca," Maria said. "The people here are very nice and it's quiet. Not like the big cities."

As Maria readies herself for the next phase of her life she says that she will use the same motto that has stood her well in high school. "Never give up, there is always a way to overcome any problem."



Lost Wedding Rings

Thin gold double band w/ small marquis diamond
Possibly lost in the IISD area

If found please call Shirley Maddox or the
Itasca Elementary @254-687-2922 ext 120

Sweeney Remember When . . .

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Remember when the funeral homes provided ambulance service? The charge, if any, was about \$5e or \$10 a trip. A 1957 ad in the *Itasca Item* read, "For ambulance service call Sanford Funeral Home phone 31. It was owned by Floyd (Tater) Sanford. Another personal - Walton McDuff who has been with the C.C.C in an Arizona Camp is at home. Gifts for the Graduate at the style shop. Mrs Quinn Edmanson and also Mrs. Ross Vernon were Itasca visitors last week. Both women operated hotels in Itasca at one time.

I personally enjoy these old ads and local news items. If there is an interest shown we could write about most of them in future columns. We could even do a column on "just ads."

Seven Sisters Bake Shoppe

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December 7 - 11 all meat & cheese is 10% off!

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www.SevenSistersBakeShoppe.com

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Wampus Cats Kick off Season

Sports Reporter Shelby Ledwig

The Itasca Wampus Cat basketball season is now in session and the boys are fired up! Suiting up on varsity is senior B. J. Jackson, juniors Matthew Colbert, Opie Mayberry and Aaron Rodriguez, sophomore Cole Coleman and freshmen Fisher Hennig, Nic Castillo, and TaMarcus Sheppard.

Jackson, Colbert, Mayberry and Coleman are veteran players of last year's Bi-District Champs. If the team has any deficiencies they would be that they are a young team with only one senior and they do not have much height. But what they lack in height they make up for in speed and good shooting. Head Coach Jimmy Lott is excited about this season and has high expectations for the team.

"Our non district schedule is really tough." (2-A, 3-A & 4-A teams) Lott said. "Making it through that will get us competitive for district play and ready for the playoffs."

A highlight of the season for the players will be the Clyde-Eula Tournament over Christmas Break.

"It's a very good chance to build up the team and for the boys to get away for a little while."

The young JV Wampus Cats will continue to work on their basic skills that will prepare them for the varsity level when their time comes. Training the young Wampus Cats is Coach Joe Rodriguez.

"There is a lot of heart on the team," Rodriguez said, "people think that basketball is played on the court, but it's really played in your mind. That's something I have to pass on to them."

There is a lot of drive in the boys and they will be ready when their time comes.

The Mighty Wampus Cats started off the season losing to the "green giants" of Dublin, Ennis and to the Alvarado Indians. But things began to look better last Thursday as the team traveled to Era to play in their first tournament. They won their first game against Tom Bean by 7, and came back Friday with another victory against McKinney Christian (49-27). On Saturday the Wampus Cats played a late game for championship against Boyd. The Cats fought hard but came up short and brought home the 2nd place trophy.

Tuesday night the Cats were on the road again, this time they traveled to Brock to battle a long time rival. The Wampus Cats came up short, putting their won-loss at 2-5.

Silent Auction

Monday, December 13 @ Band Concert

Special Events Center

Will benefit 8th Grade trip to Washington D.C.

The bidding on items will end exactly 30 minutes from the end of the concert. Your participation will be appreciated.

Lady Wampus Cat Basketball

Won - 10 Loss - 1

December

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

Won - 2 Loss - 5

December

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
14	*Meridian	Away	JV, V	5:00
18	*Moody	Home	JV, V	5:00
21	*Valley Mills	Away	JV, V	5:00

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Apple, Cherry, Peach or Cream Cheese Kolaches

89 ¢ each or by ½ or full dozen!

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Breakfast starts at 6 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Breakfast - Hot - Fresh - Ready!

Christmas in Itasca - 2010



Christmas Season Arrives in Itasca



November Police Blotter

- 11-1 – Animal complaint (Dog charging a horse) – 900 blk. Mill St.
- 11-2 – Theft under \$50 citation issued – 1100 blk. E. Main St.
- 11-3 – Report of road hazard (Mud over roadway) – FM 934 east of Itasca
- 11-3 – Domestic disturbance – 100 blk. E. Marrion St.
- 11-4 - Domestic disturbance (Two citations issued for Class C assault) – 700 blk. E. Main St.
- 11-4 – Welfare check – 700 blk. E. Main St.
- 11-5 – Assisted stranded motorist (18 wheeler) – I-35W
- 11-5 – Report of reckless driver – 100 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
- 11-5 - Welfare check – 600 blk. S. Files St.
- 11-5 – Investigation of suspicious activity – 300 blk. S. Hill St.
- 11-5 – Warrant arrest made – 100 blk. W. Wilkerson St.
- 11-6 - Domestic disturbance – 200 blk. S. King St.
- 11-6 - Warrant arrest made – (Itasca PD) 100 blk. N. Hill St.
- 11-7 – Investigation of intoxicated person – 1500 blk. E. Main St.
- 11-8 - Warrant arrest made – (Itasca PD) 100 blk. N. Hill St.
- 11-8 – Report of injury – 200 blk. W. Main St.
- 11-9 – Investigation of burglary of a building – 600 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
- 11-9 – Assisted citizen (Illness in family) – 100 blk. E. North St.
- 11-9 – Trespassing complaint – 500 blk. E. Monroe St.
- 11-9 – Minor accident (18 wheeler & car) – 1100 blk. E. Main St.
- 11-9 – Report of theft (cell phone) 1200 blk. E. Main St.
- 11-9 – Welfare check (Assisted IVFD – Referred to APS) – 500 blk. S. Hill St.
- 11-9 – Follow up on motor vehicle accident of October 8, 2010 (Speeding citation issued & citation for driving left of center of roadway) – 100 blk. Wampus Cat Dr.
- 11-10 – Report of criminal mischief (Throwing pumpkins at vehicle) – 300 blk. N. Wesley St.
- 11-10 – Animal complaint (Loose pit bull attacking other dogs) – 800 blk. Weave St.
- 11-10 – Report of possible vehicle crash (Tire had fallen off vehicle – no injuries) – Hwy 81 north of Itasca
- 11-12 – Information concerning criminal trespass warning – 400 blk. E. Main St.
- 11-12 – Traffic stop on complaint from citizen (Citation issued 85 mph/70 mph) – I-35W southbound mm 8
- 11-13 – Report taken concerning water leak (Transferred to city water department employees) – King St.
- 11-13 - Traffic stop (Speeding) Vehicle impounded for no drivers license – I-35W northbound mm 8
- 11-13 – Assisted HCSO (Minors with alcoholic beverages around campfire) – FM 67 west of I-35W
- 11-14 – Disturbance (Verbal) – 300 blk. W. Main St.
- 11-14 - Report taken concerning water leak (Transferred to city water department employees) – S. Files & E. Adams St.
- 11-15 – Family problem report – 100 blk. E. Main St.
- 11-16 - Animal complaint (Possum – possibly rabid) – 100 blk. Circle Dr.
- 11-16 – Citizen complaint of vehicle hazard (truck pulling another truck without lights) citations issued – I-35W southbound mm 7
- 11-16 – Civil complaint – 100 blk. Harris St.
- 11-17 – Criminal mischief complaint (Hole in tire and vehicle break-in) – 800 blk. Mill St.
- 11-17 – Assisted HCSO with information check
- 11-19 – Criminal mischief report (Windows shot with BB gun) – 800 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
- 11-19 – Burglary of vehicle report – 100 blk. S. Park St.
- 11-19 – Assisted HCSO (Burglary of habitat possibly in progress) – FM 67 East of Hwy 81
- 11-20 - Traffic stop (Failure to signal intent) Arrest (W/M 28) DWLI & Warrant for probation revoked – Hwy 81 & Harris St.
- 11-20 – Disturbance (Gathering in front of residence) – 300 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
- 11-21 – Disturbance report (Possibly assault) – 600 blk. E. Main St.
- 1-21 - Disturbance report (Citations (2) issued for simple assault – 1 arrest for public intoxication) – 200 blk. S. King St.
- 11-22 – Report of suspicious activity – 100 blk. Hooks St.
- 11-22 – Citizen complaint (loud music) – 500 blk. Lamar St.
- 11-23 – Criminal mischief report (Children throwing rocks at windows in the area) – 400 blk. S. Lamar St.
- 11-23 – Report of abandoned vehicle (Towed) – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
- 11-25 – Numerous citizens' complaints (loud music) Citation issued – 800 blk. Mill St.
- 11-25 - Disturbance report (Possibly assault) – 100 blk. E. Marrion St.
- 11-25 – Report of burglary of a building – 200 blk. S. Hill St.
- 11-25 – Report of unauthorized use of vehicle – 400 blk. E. North ST.
- 11-26 – 911 hang up call – 1200 blk. E. Main St.
- 11-26 - Animal complaint (Stray cat's head stuck in can of food – Removed head from can) – 500 blk. K Lane
- 11-27 – Criminal mischief report (Front door damaged) – 400 blk. E. South St.
- 11-27 – Assisted DPS (Vehicle accident) – I-35W southbound mm 3



Remember When . . . “Community Happenings”

Columnist Carl Sweeney

In earlier years things were more rural or personal in our society. People were more interested, and more aware of activities and things that happened to other people in and around the community. With no television or other means of instant news and communication, the local newspapers printed what was happening, activities and social events. The news items I have in mind were titled, “Personals” or “Locals.” I remember almost all of the people listed in today’s column.

Let’s start with some news items from the year 1929. “Burglars entered a store in Hillsboro Thursday night and carried off the cash register. It was found the next day in a creek bed near Lovelace. Itasca’s City Marshall Bob Taylor took charge and returned the register to the store. Very little cash was taken.” January 21, 1929 – “The Senate Finance Committee pared more than \$400,000 off the emergency request of the State Eleemosynary (relating to, given as, or depending on charitable gifts) Institutions and prepared a bill appropriating \$253, 645 for eleemosynary emergencies. The only large appropriation recommended was \$125,000 to replace the ward building that burned at the Terrell State Hospital.”

A local story notice read; “The month of January is a time for meeting obligations. On account of illness I shall be unable to see my debtor personally. It will be a great favor to me if those who have an unpaid account call at the “style shop” and settle same, signed Mrs. J.H. Young.” Mrs. Young operated a women’s shop for years.

Now we go into the 1930s to see what was going on then. **Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Hawkins of the Presbyterian Children’s Home went to the Rio Grande Valley. In the PCH’s one and a half ton truck to pick up citrus fruit and vegetables that have been donated to the children’s home. **Quite a number of relatives from Wichita Falls and Big Spring attended the funeral of Ada Blissit, formerly Ada Sweeney, attending were the Rotens, Simmons and Kirkpatrick families.

The Lee Summitt School presented their annual play Friday. It was entitled “Aunt Hetty.” (Back then most schools presented a play that was attended by many people in the community. I remember the Lee Summitt School well, having attended first grade there from our home on Island Creek.)

Nathan J. Salyer, pastor of the Presbyterian Church stirred every member of the church when people walked down the aisle to the altar to unite with our membership, then to have such a great response in attendance. (At that time the church had a junior choir of forty voices. Sid Files was church superintendent and Frank Davis was the assistant.)

In more news; Pete Alverson from Houston was an Itasca visitor last week. Miss Annette Leatherwood is home from college for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Rube Alverson and little son have returned from a vacation trip visiting relatives in Mississippi. Miss Catherine McCall was visiting Dallas this week. As we recall “Kitty” married W.E. (Salty) Girault. Mrs. D.D. Wood and Jean, and Mrs. Alva Underwood and children spent last week in Glen Rose. Mr. and Mrs. Burnam Sumner of Hillsboro were Mothers Day visitors on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Nig Holloway and little daughter Gloria Anna spent Sunday in Grandview with Eunice’s mother.

An inset in the newspaper read, “It would be a nice courtesy to show your guests, to have their visits mentioned on the “personals” page. And be assured that your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.”

Some Covington news from that time was, “Mr. and Mrs. Gene Plumlee moved into their new home Thursday. Linda, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Drennon Durham, fell and cut her knee. She was taken to Cleburne to have stitches, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Lambert of Burleson visited Mr. and Mrs. Luster Smith Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Cartright spent the week with Mrs. C. H. Cartright in Fort Worth. The Cartrights were long time owners of the Cartright Lumber yard in Covington. Visitors in the Will J. Harper home Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bransome, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Harper, Mr. Dan Hamilton and Mrs. Arthur Farrell.

A 1937 *Itasca Item* article listed 154 notaries in Hill County. The following is a list of Itasca residents who were qualified as notaries; Harry Bratton, Dolly Underwood. Archie Williamson, Earl Farrow, John M. Coffin, Leslie Taylor, Pat E. Hooks, J.C. Landrum, Sterling Williamson, J. T. Stamps, Paul McCown and George Leatherwood. Seems to me that we had enough of them to take care of our needs.

Friday, June 25, 1937 the Pastime Theatre had the following ad in the *Itasca Item*. June 24 and 25 “Maytime” with Jeanette McDonald and Nelson Eddy, also comedy and news. Saturday, “Roaring Lead” with The Three Musketeers. June 29 and 30 Super bargain day with two features, “Wings of the Morning” with Annabelle and Henry Fonda, also “General Spanky” with Spanky McFarland. Admission 10 cents and 15 cents.

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Wampus Cats of the Week

Lady Wampus Cat Basketball Coaches

Reporter Ashley Spain



The Varsity Lady Cats are sporting an impressive 9-1 record and the JV Lady Cats are looking good with an 8-4 record starting the 2010-11 season. The “push” behind these hard



working players is the coaching staff of Clint Wallace (head coach for varsity-top right), Calvin Wright (head coach for JV-top left) and Rochelle Grisham (volunteer post coach).

This is Wallace’s 4th year coaching the Lady Cats and Wright’s 2nd year as JV coach.

“Rochelle Grisham is assisting us with the varsity basketball team,” Wallace said. “She volunteers her time to help with the post game. Rochelle played for the Hill College Lady Rebels in 1998-2000. We are glad to have her as part of our team.”

Grisham works as a paraprofessional in the elementary school.



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