

# Paw Print Press

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## Water, Sewer Maintenance Department Earns Awards

**Arellano "Most Dedicated" Employee  
Patrick "Most Committed" Employee**



At the annual city employees' awards presentation during the regular June city council meeting Albert Arellano received the "Most Dedicated Employee" plaque. Mayor Matt Fehnel and City Administrator Mark Gropp presented the awards with lots of kind words and praise for all of the city employees.

Arellano has received numerous awards in past years and the citizens of Itasca would agree that he is deserving of all of them and more. Arellano and his crew work in all kinds of weather and at all hours of the day and night. With

only a four-man crew, they are stretched thin but continue to provide Itasca with the services that the citizens expect.

Arellano accepted the plaque and praise as he always does - with appreciation and modesty.

For the second year in a row, Ben Patrick was honored by the city for his hard work. Patrick, a crewman on the water and sewer maintenance department, received the "Most Committed Employee" award for his hard work.

This year has been an especially hard one on the department with all of the rain and breaks that go along with the situation. Patrick was named as the 2006 "Employee of the Year" last year.

## Classes of 7's & 2's

Began making your plans for Homecoming 2007. If you or your class would like a brick engraved and laid before Homecoming 2007 (September 21) you must get in touch with Kelly Tinklenberg or Matt Fehnel (254-687-2331) and order and pay before August 1.

\*\*\* The Paw Print Press would like to get in touch with anyone from the football team of 1937 (254-687-2108).

## R.E. Lee Masonic Lodge #449 Honor Freeman with Mirabeau B. Lamar Award



For many years, Dr. E. Ray Freeman looked on and applauded as the Masons of Lodge #449 in Itasca honored his teachers with the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award. This year the

teachers returned the kindness as they proudly stood and applauded as Mason Joe Daniels presented him the award.

See student presentation on page 3.

## Itasca's Fishing Guide Becomes Pro-Staff Guide for Catfish Gold Magazine & The Boy Scouts of America

Press Release - Photo by M. Routh



Just a little info on Team Redneck Guide Service I wanted to share. I was contacted several week's ago by Outdoor Journalist and Catfish Gold editor Luke Clayton and was offered a position as one of their Pro

Staff fishermen. They have teamed up with The Boy Scouts of America Council 10 to assist those Boy Scouts that are going for their fishing merit badge. There are over 73,000 boy scouts in Council 10 and 15,000 leaders. Luke personally hand picked six guides in Texas to work with them and to become Pro Staffers for Catfish Gold Magazine, a national publication.

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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>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

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

Sunday evening Bible Study 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study Tuesday 10:30-12:00

### First United Methodist Church

Come join us in our beautiful, historic sanctuary, where worship is a joyous celebration. Main at King St. Rev. Tom Wood, Pastor      Worship 10:50 a.m.

254-687-2475

### Itasca Church of Christ

We all start out holding the hand of God. But he made us free will; and desiring us to grow, he allows us to turn loose and wander off. Some have gone off so far that they have forgotten the way back to God.

Those of us who have stayed close to God, or found our way back to God, are seeking our missing siblings to return to God to experience the fullness of life, and not mere existence.

Itasca Church of Christ      200 N. Aquilla  
Sunday: 9:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. 5 p.m.      Wednesday: 6 p.m.

### First Presbyterian Church

#### Sunday Schedule

9:00 - 9:30 Praise & Worship (Sanctuary)

Cross Roads Band

9:15 - 9:45 Fellowship Time in Barton Hall

9:45 - 10:30 Sunday School all Ages (Nursery - Seniors)

10:50 - Praise and Worship - 11:00 - Worship Service

"Hour of Power" - 7th - 12th grades

Sunday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Barton Hall

Exercise Classes- Senior Citizens Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.

Game Night - 3rd Tuesday Night - 6:00 p.m.

Angel Food Ministry Host Site - 687-2243

### Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

## Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

None during June, July or August

## Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, July 16, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

## Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

August 13, 2007 7:00 p.m.

IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

## Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, July 30, 2007 5:30 p.m.

HILCO Operations Building E. Main St.

## Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month Fire Training - 7:00 p.m.

Fire Station Downtown Itasca

## Registered Child Care Home

Kim Graig- 687-2467 - Food Program - References

CPR/First Aid- One Spot Available

15 Yrs in Child Care

## Day Care Opening

Mimi's Playhouse has summer openings for full time, part-time and drop ins. Hours are 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. 0 months - 12 years old.

Melissa (Missy) Mayberry 687-2001

## 2007-08 Football Schedule

### Homecoming September 21

August 18 - Itasca @ Venus Scrimmage 10 a.m.

24 Wampus Cats @ Palmer Scrimmage 6 p.m.

31 Wampus Cats vs. Tolar 7:30 p.m.

September 7 - Wampus Cats @ Rice 7:30 p.m.

14 Wampus Cats vs. Blooming Grove 7:30 p.m.

21 Itasca vs. Wortham - Homecoming 7:30 p.m.

28 Wampus Cats vs. Scurry Rosser 7:30 p.m.

October 5 - Open

12 \*\*\*Wampus Cats @ Maypearl 7:30 p.m.

19 \*\*\*Wampus Cats vs. Grandview 7:30 p.m.

26 \*\*\*Wampus Cats @ Hico 7:30 p.m.

November 2 - \*\*\*Itasca vs. Rio Vista 7:30 p.m.

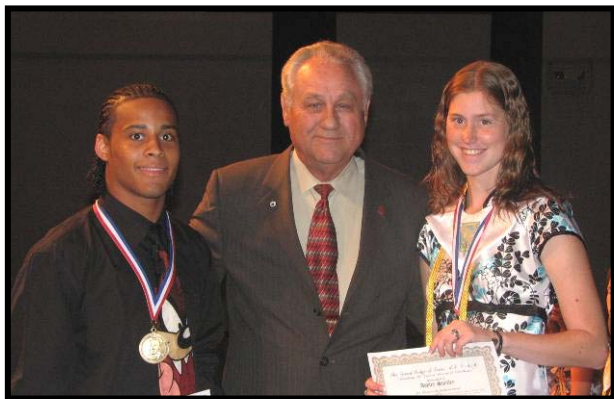
9 \*\*\*Wampus Cats @ Dublin 7:30 p.m.

\*\*\* District Games

## Applications Being Accepted

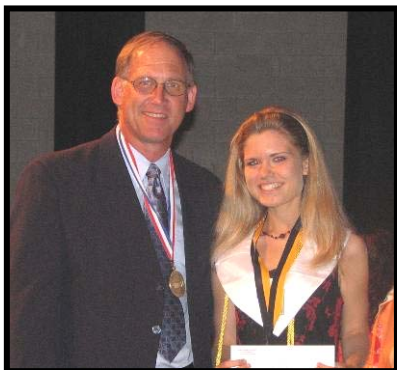
Itasca ISD is taking applications for a full time transportation/maintenance position. Diesel experience is a plus. Pay negotiable with experience. Applications may be picked up and returned to the administration office. Office hours are 8 a.m. - noon.

## Mayberry, Swilley Receive Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal



On behalf of the R.E. Lee Masonic Lodge #449, Joe Daniel presented Kendale Mayberry and Ashley Swilley with the Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal for Outstanding Students. The award is given to students that achieve in school but also strive to be a good person in life.

## Superintendent's Award, UIL Scholarship

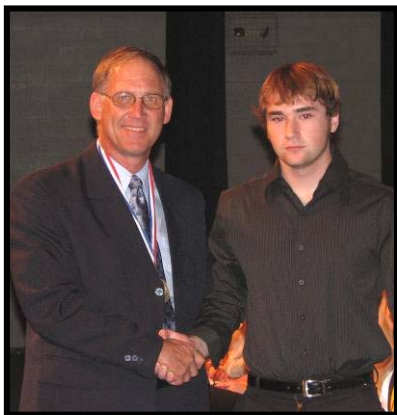


Each year for eleven years, Dr. Freeman has presented one of the most coveted awards: the Superintendent's Award. The reason it is considered one of the most prestigious awards is the words that are inscribed on the plaque that hangs in the high school hall. "A Sense of What is Right, Just and True" and one who has demonstrated "Integrity, Character, Courtesy, Dignity, and Courage."

Paige Bailey proudly received the award from Dr. Freeman.

Kyle Baker earned the Superintendent's UIL Award and Scholarship. This scholarship goes to a

student that has participated in all aspects of UIL. Kyle was a member of the Wampus Cat Band, a member of the UIL Academic team and played varsity football. He represented Itasca as an all around student.



## Team Redneck Guide Service Guide for Catfish Gold Magazine & The Boy Scouts of America

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Not only do we have the opportunity of helping kids and teaching them but with this comes a world of opportunity, we are getting just a boat load of sponsorship offers, bait companies sending baits monthly, possible tackle manufactures coming on board and keeping us supplied with all of our equipment, and possible boat and motor dealers/factory jumping in with free boats fully rigged yearly, and a company that is throwing in a boat wrap and truck wrap each year for the Pro-Staff Guides. I was flattered to even be considered for a position with the Pro Staff, some of the guides I am teamed up with I have read about most of my life and have looked up to with great respect and never dreamed I would actually be rubbing elbows so to speak and never thought I'd be on a Pro Staff along with them. I am still in shock a little I guess. Will someone pinch me please? I had the pleasure of taking Luke Clayton, Richard Grisham and Dub Wallace all of Catfish Gold magazine out Tuesday on Lake Whitney for a Catfish trip and man did we ever get in them. I was a little nervous as I have not been on a Catfish bite due to targeting Stripers but I had a good hunch where to find them. There is an Island on Lake Whitney that the cattle Egrets have taken over, literally thousands of nesting birds raising their young, now the lake is flooded and rising and has caused the water level to flood the Island and is under the trees that the birds are nesting in. In the winter we like to catfish under roosting Cormorants' because they eat their weight in fish a day and are continuously relieving them selves into the lake, a natural chum line if I may.

So I went on a gut feeling that the Egrets where doing the same and creating a natural baited hole. I was right, we anchored up and immediately went to catching fish, big fat healthy Blue and Channel cats. I mean fast and furious action and I was looking like a hero, ha ha. We kept enough to send all three home with some nice fillets and enough to cook up a great shore lunch. Luke made blackened catfish on a new product Coleman came out with. A portable propane skillet, everyone needs one of these. Cousin Andy was there for the lunch and we both put in our orders for the skillets. You can go to my web site "<http://www.teamredneck.net> and click on the link at the top for the Radio show and hear me talking Cat fishing under the Egrets with host Luke Clayton. Take care and hope to C Ya on the water, I'm Randy Routh.

## Rotarians Help Chamber With Cook-off



For the last eight years the Itasca Chamber of Commerce has hosted a barbeque cook-off. The event is a large undertaking for such a small town but all of the Chamber members pitch in and help. Even with everyone's help the cook-off would not be possible without another important group – the Itasca Rotary Club.



A large part of the cook-off is the barbeque luncheon served on Saturday. The Rotarians let the Chamber use the Rotary Room and they pitch in and help serve the meal, take tickets and clean up after the meal. Without their help the community of Itasca would miss an event that brings the community together as well as acts as great publicity for Itasca.

“Every Rotarian pitches in and does something to help,” a Chamber spokesperson said. “Then they turn around and buy a plate and eat with their friends. Without the Rotary Club the cook-off would be almost impossible.”



## Itasca FFA Donates Plant Sales to Veterans Memorial Upkeep



For the last several years, the IHS horticultural classes have sold plants and seedling during the Itasca Garden Club's annual flower show in April to raise funds for the upkeep of the Itasca Veterans Memorial in downtown Itasca. Mrs. Pam Willman has assisted the Ag teacher and students with this project.

Anita Ponce presented Rotary President Lance Meinzer the proceeds from this year's sale. The Veterans Memorial Committee is under the umbrella of the Itasca Rotary Club.

**Wampus Cat  
Youth Football Camp  
July 24-26  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
All Grades K - 9<sup>th</sup>  
\$5.00 per camper  
\$15 with Camp T-shirt**

Age appropriate instruction includes basic fundamentals, identifying offenses and defenses, nutrition, strength training, agility and conditioning.

Registration

Tuesday, July 24 5:00-5:30 p.m.

To pre-register or for additional information contact Coach Craig Horn  
254-687-2922 ext 160

# 2007 Lil' Cats Cheer Camp

Reporter Eva Mayberry

The 2007-2008 Wampus Cats Varsity Cheerleaders held its annual Lil' Cats Cheer camp on Monday, June 25 through Wednesday, June 27. The Itasca Kitties (ages 3-12) were very eager to learn their two cheers, two chants, and a new dance. All of the girls worked very hard to learn these cheers in the 3 days and on Wednesday they performed, them all exceptionally well for the parents.

Everyone that attended the camp received a mini mega phone and a pencil. Varsity cheerleader sponsor, Kelly Tinklenberg, ran the camp.

The new six junior high cheerleaders participated in the camp. Their sponsor, Mrs. Cheryl Schneider assisted Mrs. Tinklenberg. This year 46 girls signed up for the camp on the first day but on the last day there were only 37 little cheerleaders still cheering. They Itasca Kitties will perform at the first home game on August 31, during the first quarter. The Wampus Cats will take on the Tolar Rattlers at 7:30 p.m. on Patton Field.



## May City Council Meeting

The Itasca City Council met in a regular session on Monday, May 21, 2007 in the Council Chambers, 136 N. Hill, Itasca, Texas. Mayor Matthew Fehnel called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present were Council Members Susie Davis, James Bouldin, Steve Solis, John Laird, and Harvey Wilson; City Administrator Mark Gropp and City Attorney Stephanie Johnson.

Rev. Johnny Bates gave the invocation.

Motions were made and passed to approve the minutes for April 16, 2007 and April 23, 2007 meetings and to pay the bills.

A report of the Water and Sewer Operations said that compliance documentations had been submitted to TCEQ for some of the alleged water system violations and more compliance documentation will be submitted for the remaining violations by the due date or an extension will be obtained. The Planning and Zoning Committee report presented eleven permit applications that were approved, tabled or denied. During the Police Department report, the Council was advised that Hill County had been denied any federal assistance for storm damage. The EDC and Office of Code Enforcement reported on their normal activities.

A motion was made and passed to allow re-platting of Lots 10, 11, and 12 of Block 3 of the Files-Chiles Addition into the plat of Lots 10-R and 11-R of Block 3 of the Files-Chiles Addition. The owners of the property requested a re-plat since the size of the lots were too small to build a home on and a re-platting would enable them to build a Jim Walter home on the property.

The City Administrator gave an update on the letter of agreement between the City of Itasca and the property located at 507 E. Adams.

The City Administrator reported on the continued clean up after the storms. He reported that not all the damage might be cleaned up during the citywide free dumping at the landfill, but they (the landfill) had agreed to help the city after cleanup, if the Fire Department is unable to burn the debris.

Motions were passed to amend the FY 2006-2007 Operating Budget, to approve presenting the proposed operating budget and to setting a public hearing at the next meeting.

The Council accepted Susie Davis resignation as Mayor Pro-Tem and elected James Bouldin as Mayor Pro-Tem.

During the general Mayor, Council and City Administrator discussion and reports, the Mayor commended all of the employees for all their hard work. A question was raised and answered about who is responsible for the damage to and from buildings down town. The answer given was that the property owner was responsible.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

## May IISD Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2007, in the Itasca ISD Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Marquita Lloyd. Board members present were Vice President Rex Jean, Donny Faries, Kevin Lightsey, Nancy Bowman and Susan Bason. Secretary Claude Garrett was absent.

Administration present were Dr. E. Ray Freeman, Superintendent, Glenn Pittman, High School Principal, Larry Mynarcik, Assistant Middle School Principal, Karen Farquhar, Elementary Principal, Barry Durham, Special Populations Director and Norma Merkel, Secretary.

Visitors present were Barbara Petrash and Valerie Farquhar.

Motions were made and passed to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting and to approve the bills and financial report.

Marquita Lloyd welcomed Barbara Petrash and Valerie Farquhar to the meeting.

The board entered executive session at 7:05 p.m. Upon coming out of executive session at 7:19 pm, three motions were made and passed to expel three students for 60 days.

A motion was made and passed to adopt the (LOCAL) policies contained within the reconstructed TASB Localized Policy Manual, effective May 14, 2007, and repeal all previous policies.

The board went into executive session at 7:38 p.m. Upon coming out of executive session at 7:55 p.m., a motion was made to accept the resignation of Tonye Davis. The board expressed thanks for her service to the district. Another motion was made and passed to hire Sandra Confer, Clinton Wallace, Benjamin Powell and Rickie Harris.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

## Hiring TRC - (Temporary Rural Carrier)

This is a temporary position. You will be required to carrier a rural route on Saturdays and be available Monday-Friday to cover annual vacation and sick leave of other carriers.

Pay \$12.50 per hour. This job will include covering a full time route on Saturdays and vacations .You will be asked to cover a part-time route when needed in the absence of a particular carrier. Your reporting time will be 7:30 a.m. You will need to provide your own vehicle; you will receive an EMA (equipment maintenance allowance).

You may pick up an application at the Itasca Post Office.

## Tragedy on the Horizon without County Animal Control

By Mike Hendricks

Hill County Paw Pals, a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation, is a grassroots group that organized three years ago working towards two goals; 1) Facilitate installation of a county animal control program and promote and contribute to building a county animal shelter; and 2) Organize to challenge the overpopulation of unwanted companion animals (dog and cats) with four programs working simultaneously—Education, Legislation, Spay/Neuter, and Adoption (Project ELSA).

Pet overpopulation stems from one source—irresponsible and misguided pet owners who allow their pets to roam and breed at will. Starting from one pair of uncontrolled breeding dogs, in seven generations, 4,372 offspring can result! Two uncontrolled breeding cats can produce 420,715 cats in this same period! This implicit fact is compounded with the fact that communities and citizens outside of Hillsboro and Whitney simply do not have a place to take unwanted dogs. Hill County's pet overpopulation issue will only worsen without our elected representatives' intervention.

A county animal shelter will become the nucleus for a much needed county animal control program. Without an animal control program, our county's pet overpopulation will continue to go unchecked—allowing continual exposure to health, economic, legal and safety liabilities (HELS) to the general public—especially our children.

Nearly everyone has a story that is related to our county's prevalent pet overpopulation issue. The following is a factual story that could have been much worse and ties together each of the mentioned existing liabilities. Early one morning one of our grown cattle was attacked by a pack of "stray" dogs. The cow's face was completely bloodied because of its two ears being chewed off along with its extensive injuries to her mouth and nose. This cow fought for its life! The cow had to be destroyed because it could no longer eat with its disfigured mouth. Dogs running in packs are dangerous not only to livestock but to our citizens. Imagine if a child were in same pasture instead of this cow. If this pack of dogs didn't fear a fighting 1,500-pound grown cow, would they have feared a 40 pound frightened child? Our county has all the ingredients for a future dog attack on one of our children—sadly, a preventable situation. We as citizens do not have to tolerate pet overpopulation because this situation can be simply corrected but it will take a community along with our elected representatives to initiate positive change. Animal control is simply a necessary core service that taxpayers expect. Apathy promotes pet overpopulation. Help us correct pet overpopulation with your involvement to install a county animal control program by writing or calling your elected representative today (visit our website for writing suggestions).

If you would like to become involved with the efforts of Hill County Paw Pals to bring positive change to our county, please call (254) 580-0679; email [hcpawpals@yahoo.com](mailto:hcpawpals@yahoo.com); write PO Box 1533, Hillsboro, Texas 76645 or visit our website [hcpawpals.org](http://hcpawpals.org).

## City Honors Volunteer Fire Department



Becky Harvey accepted a plaque on behalf of the Itasca Volunteer Fire Department during the June Council Meeting. The plaque, inscribed with the names of all of the current

members, was in appreciation of the members' dedication and hard work.

The department has been very active in the community during the last several months. They had a barbeque booth during the Cinco de Mayo Celebration and on Friday night of the Chamber of Commerce Barbeque Cook-Off, they sold hamburger plates. Part of the funds generated from these and other fundraisers will go to pay for some very important equipment they recently purchased.

During the April City Council meeting, the Council voted to allow the IVFD to purchase a new Hurst ML-16S Maverick combination tool for \$13,340.67. This tool is a Jaws of Life apparatus and was greatly needed by the department.



## Sales Tax Holiday - August 17-19, 2007

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 17, 18, and 19 - the state's annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday. The law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt.

### TAX-FREE

Baby clothes  
 Backpacks for use by elementary and secondary students  
 Belts with attached buckles  
 Boots - cowboy, hiking  
 Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted  
 Coats and wraps  
 Diapers - adult and baby  
 Dresses  
 Gloves (generally)  
 Gym suits and uniforms  
 Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts  
 Hosiery  
 Jackets  
 Jeans  
 Jerseys - baseball and football  
 Jogging apparel  
 Neckwear and ties  
 Pajamas  
 Pants and trousers  
 Raincoats and ponchos  
 Robes  
 Shirts  
 Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking  
 Socks (including athletic)  
 Shorts  
 Suits, slacks, and jackets  
 Sweatshirts  
 Sweat suits  
 Sweaters  
 Swimsuits  
 Underclothes  
 Work clothes and uniforms

### TAXED

Accessories (generally) - barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches  
 Backpacks - unless for use by elementary and secondary students  
 Baseball cleats and pants  
 Belt buckles (without belt)  
 Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders  
 Buttons and zippers  
 Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics  
 Dry cleaning services  
 Football pants  
 Golf gloves  
 Handbags and purses  
 Handkerchiefs  
 Hard hats  
 Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports  
 Ice skates  
 Jewelry  
 Laundering services  
 Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel  
 Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder  
 Personal flotation devices  
 Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes)  
 Roller blades and skates  
 Safety clothing, glasses  
 Shoes - bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf



## Do You Remember . . . ? – “Glimpses of the Past”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



After numerous requests we have decided to bring back a few of the old newspaper clipping, some before the Civil War.

**1861-** From the Whitney messenger; Twenty five people met in Blum to organize a Baptist church and build a building. Want to trade- a good yoke of oxen for a gentle mare. Dr. Edwin Sessions purchased a new buggy last week, he always keeps a dandy rig. The Woodbury Masons Picnic last week was attended by about 2000 people.

**1891-** February 20, 1891 The Itasca City Council passed a resolution stating Itasca had more than 1000 inhabitants and accepted a new charter relating to towns and cities. C.C. Weaver was mayor at that time. From *Itasca Item* files.

**1892-** April 8, 1892 - The city council paid \$2700 dollars to McLeod Artesian Well Co. The well pumped 150 gallons per minute.

**1898-** July 16, 1898 MK&T Railroad asks for and gets permission to build a spur upon and across West Front Street in Itasca.

**1899-** The city got a private post office box. July 17, 1899. A franchise was given to W.B. Lockhart for the local telephone system in Itasca.

**1900-** March 9, 1900 J.W. Hockaday was owner and operator of the Itasca Electric light plant.

**1921-** June, Messrs Dewey Barnes, Barney Millsap, Clem Files and Pink Hester left Friday for West Texas to help with the wheat harvest. Mrs. H.E. Chiles had a chicken broil in Martin's Park Tuesday. Some of the guests were Mesdames, John Griffin, Cad Wilkerson of Grandview, Will Pruitt of Osceola, John Coffin of Blum, and Mrs. Lee Files of Files Valley.

**June 1921-** The “old well,” the first deep well sunk by the city, (It was not the old well with the oaken bucket), was uncovered during excavation of West Main Street. The well was 200 feet deep. The casing was in good condition after 29 years. It had been covered since 1892. Coach Heinie Uier has recently left Itasca to coach with the Palestine Schools. He had been in Itasca the past three years.

**June 1921** – At eight o'clock Tuesday morning 160 members of the First Baptist Church Sunday School and a number of guests left Itasca for Puckett Springs on the Nolan River for a day of picnicking. They arrived two hours later. After fishing a couple of hours the group gathered around for church. After lunch there was swimming, fishing and games. They arrived back in Itasca about sundown.

**June 1921** – Mrs. Walter Pruitt delightfully entertained the “42 Club” and other friends at her beautiful home with a Fourth of July Party. The home is now occupied by Wayland and Diane Price.

**June 1921** – Rev. JD McLean preached the Presbyterian Church Sunday. He is a student of the theological seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He will preach until September, when Rev. James Sedgewick will take charge. Rev. Sedgewick and family will move here from Virginia. The Railroad Brotherhood Chiefs intimated that a strike would be likely if the men refused to take a cut in wages. Mrs. Young's class of Young Ladies of the Methodist Church enjoyed a picnic at Martin's Park Lake Saturday.

**1926** – A petition was circulated recently to build a new school building in Itasca to relieve the crowded conditions. It must have failed because I know of no new school until the old three story building. The 1911 building was demolished and replaced in 1951.

**1926 March** – Chicken thefts were busy last week in the Bois D'Arc community. Some of the people who had chickens stolen were Doug Barron, W.C. Alverson and J.C. Ownby. This article was from the *Whitney Messenger*.

**1926** – From the *Messenger*. A Missouri man was fined \$756 for calling a political candidate a thief, a robber and a murderer. “Look out Leno.”

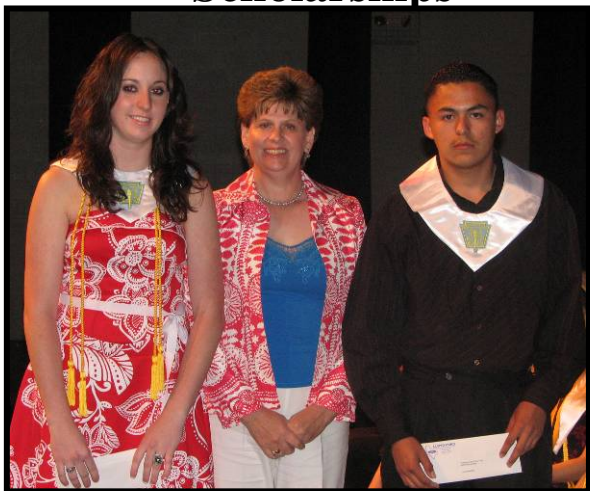
**1926 June** – Miss. Hattie D. Alverson had the highest average at the Itasca High School this past year, with an average of 92.58. Miss. Ruby Popejoy came in second with 92.38.

**June 30, 1926** – From the *Itasca Item*. There were plans for a July Fourth Celebration and festivities including the formal opening of the Itasca Country Club, but plans were cancelled because heavy farm work prevented officials from being able to finish the project. A hail last week damaged the cotton crop, north and east of Itasca. Heaviest losers were G.R. Holloway and J.H. Huggins of Pleasant Hill. Zeak Sweeney on the mountain stated that 50 acres of his cotton was also damaged.

**1927 Fall** – The first bale of cotton from Hill County was ginned by Joe Weaver. Fred Newport auctioned off the bale, which was purchased by the Itasca Cotton Mfg. for the big sum of \$28.35.

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**123 N. College**  
**Itasca, Texas 76055**

**“Wampus Cats of the Year”  
Scholarships**



Alecia Evans and Javier Medina received the Lloyd Ford and *Paw Print Press* “Wampus Cat of the Year” Scholarships.

Lloyd Ford funds the scholarships in conjunction with the Wampus Cat of the Week Lloyd Ford advertisement in the *Paw Print Press*.

Mrs. Marquita Lloyd presented the scholarships to Alecia and Javier.

**Itasca Nursing Home Volunteer  
Scholarship**



Itasca Nursing Home Director Dianne Taylor presented Gabby Rivera, Alecia Evans, Kendale Mayberry and Autumn Bennett volunteer scholarships for their work and help at the nursing home.

Gabby and Alecia worked coloring and hiding eggs with the residents during the community Easter Egg Hunt at the nursing home.