

# Paw Print Press

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## White Earns 3<sup>rd</sup> Gold at Firefighters Olympics

Press Release



Local resident Doug White wins 3rd his consecutive gold medal and sets a new state record at the 25th annual Fire Fighter Olympics held July 15 in Dallas. White participated in power lifting Masters Division where he won his 3rd gold medal in as many years. He holds the Texas State Fire Fighter record in the bench press. Doug is a full time Fire Fighter/Paramedic for The Colony Fire Department.

Doug attributes his success to hard work and training at R&R Fitness. White wishes to thank Lieutenant Clay Davis of the Hillsboro Fire Department for all his help over the last 3 years.

Pictured from left to right: Doug White, Kathleen Reddell of R& R Fitness and Clay Davis.

## Council Votes to Increase Water, Sewer Rates

At the regular July, meeting of the Itasca City Council the council members voted a rate increase for water and sewer that would go into effect August 1, 2007.

"The ordinance amending Water/Sewer Rates and Charges was approved July 16, 2007 with a minimum monthly rate increase of 2% for the water and sewer rates. Water Single-family residential minimum monthly rate - \$22.95 and All other uses minimum monthly rate - \$26.01. Sewer Single-family residential flat monthly rate - \$15.29 and All other uses minimum monthly rate - \$8.67. This ordinance shall become effective on August 1, 2007 and shall apply to all fees charged on or after that date."

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## Prescott Attends American Legion Boys State

Reporter Mary Maddox & Boys State website



"I was nervous," Junior John Prescott said about the interview that awarded him a very

important week at the American Legion Boys State Convention.

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government. The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Hillsboro conducted the interviews.

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## J.S.C.M. Property Builders Officially Welcomed



The Chamber of Commerce, Cinco de Mayo, Revitalization Committee, Rotary Club and Itasca *Paw Print Press* were on hand, as J.S.C.M. Property Builders were officially welcomed to Itasca with a ribbon cutting. Citizens State Bank Vice President Lance Meinzer stood in for the owners of the business.

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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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, August 20, 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, August 27, 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

### Garage Sale

#### First Presbyterian Church of Itasca, Barton Hall

Friday August 3 &  
Saturday, August 4, 2007  
8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Furniture, appliances, lots of good stuff  
Sponsored by "Hour of Power" Youth group



### Multi Family Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday

August 3 & 4      8 a.m.

Furniture, toys, clothes,  
kitchen items & more

Corner of Walls St. & W. Main St. (FM 934)  
(Old Westside Garage - across the tracks)



### Giant 50 or More

### Family Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 4

Doors open at 8:00 a.m. until  
6:00 p.m. ONLY

Hillsboro Karate School

125 W Elm-Hillsboro, Texas

Furniture, Exercise Equipment, Appliances,  
Tools, Toys, Clothes, and Much More

Come in and register for a FREE drawing.



## J.S.C.M. Builders

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J.S.C.M. Property Builders is owned by Randay Jurgens, Greg Speicher and Oscar Castillo (pictured above) and is located in the Citizens State Bank Building.

The company offers assistance for future homeowners that begins with credit counseling, financial underwriting and help in designing a unique custom built homes. Purchasers will also be offered landscaping and furniture packages. All homes will include appliances. Prices will range from \$70,000 to \$120,000.

## Help Name the Downtown Park on the Corner



The City and the Economic Development Committee are asking citizens to submit suggestions for a name for the new park located on the east corner of Main and Hill Sts. Place your suggestions in the box located in City Hall or see Sue Comer at the water department window. The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2007.

**Buckle Up, Drive Safely  
The Life You Save May Be  
Yours!**

## Water, Sewer Increase

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“This ordinance shall not affect any charge prior to its effective date regardless of whether said fees have been paid in whole or in part.” (Summary provided by City Hall)

Ordinance No. 071607, Ordinance amending water/sewer rates and charges was addressed. It read: An Ordinance Amending The City Of Itasca Code Of Ordinances Chapter 19, Utilities, Section 19-41 Concerning Water Rates And Section 19-41 Concerning Sewer Rates, And Ordinance No. 121703 Section 1,2, And 3; And Providing For A Repeal Of Conflicting Ordinances

The increase was highly recommended by the auditors during this year’s audit as Itasca’s rates are barely and sometimes are not meeting the cost of expenses. Itasca has been exploring avenues for funds to repair and replace the city’s infrastructure and in many cases, the grants show that the city’s rates are not keeping up with the cost of doing business.

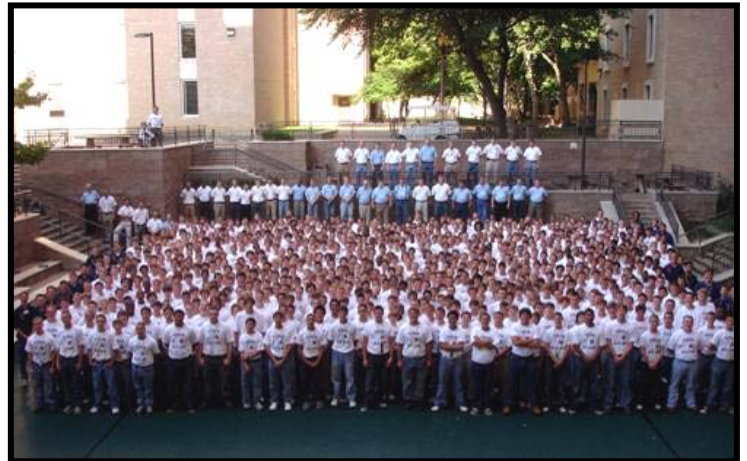
This is the first increase since December 2003. The vote was unanimous.

## Prescott at Texas Boys State

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Photo from Boys State website

Prescott attended the prestigious program June 2-8. It was held at Texas University in Austin Texas. He stayed at Jester Hall, which holds more than eight thousand students.



“The dorm is so big it has its very own zip code,” Itasca High School teacher Mrs. Gordon said. “Boys State is a great honor as it incorporates leadership and character into the selection equation not just high grades.”

Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935 when it organized to counter the Fascist inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

High school juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts to attend the program. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business or another community-based organization.

# 1.7 Million Texans to Benefit Minimum Wage

## 50,000 Military Families Also Benefit from \$5.15 to \$7.25 Increase by 2009

Press Release

U.S. Representative Chet Edwards announced that 1.7 million Texans will benefit when the minimum wage increases from \$5.15 to \$5.85 an hour on Tuesday, July 24. It has been 10 years since American workers have seen an increase in the federal minimum wage. In May, the new Congress passed, and the president signed into law, legislation increasing the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 by 2009. Coupled with the minimum wage increase was \$4.8 billion in small business tax cuts to help offset costs for businesses.

"I believe an honest day's work deserves an honest day's pay and this needed increase rewards work, not welfare. It's been ten years since minimum wage workers received a pay raise, the longest time without an increase since the minimum wage was enacted in 1938. In that time, rising consumer costs have hit low-wage workers especially hard as the purchasing power of the minimum wage has plummeted to its lowest level in more than half a century leaving millions of families behind. This increase is long overdue," said Edwards.

One in six U.S. workers directly affected by the minimum wage increase lives in Texas, are 20 or older, and working full time, according to the Center for Public Policy Priorities. In Texas, 863,000 workers will see a direct increase in their hourly pay and 1.7 million workers overall would benefit from the raise over the next two years. For a full-time minimum wage worker who works 40 hours a week, an increase from \$5.15 to \$5.85 means an additional \$1,344 more per year. The increase of \$2.10 an hour to \$7.25 by 2009 means an additional \$4,400 a year to meet critical needs. On average, that's 15 months of groceries, over two years of health care, 19 months of utilities, or 20 months of childcare. Nationwide, nearly 13 million hard-working Americans will benefit from raising the federal minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour according to the Economic Policy Institute (EPI).

"This modest down payment is the first step of a broader American agenda for families who work for a living, including making college more affordable, reducing energy costs, tax breaks for middle and low-income Americans, record increases in veterans' health care, and expanding children's health coverage-all in a fiscally responsible budget," said Edwards.

At \$5.15 an hour, a full-time minimum wage worker has brought home \$10,712 a year - barely above the federal poverty level for one person and nearly \$6,000 below the poverty level for a family of three. Nearly half of low-wage workers in families with children are the sole breadwinner for their household. This raise will help 7.4 million women, and 3.3 million parents, and 6 million children will see their parents' income rise. This pay raise is critical to the families making the supreme sacrifice for our nation.

Some 50,000 military families will also benefit from an increase in the minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour.

"The bottom line is that Americans who work in full-time jobs should not be living in poverty in the United States of America," said Edwards.

### Drop off School Supplies at Citizen State Bank

Don't forget that the employees of Citizens State Bank in Itasca are collecting school supplies to assist needy students. There are elementary and middle school supply list in the foyer of the bank. For more information, you may contact Patsy Bishop at Citizens State Bank at 254-687-2811.

### Attention - IHS Students taking College Courses

All students who will be taking college courses needs to meet in the library at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 along with their parents.

### School Registration

#### High School – Wednesday, August 22

8:00 a.m. – Seniors      9:00 a.m. – Juniors  
10: a.m. – Sophomores      11:00 a.m. – Freshmen

#### Middle School Registration

5th Grade & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade -- August 13, 14 & 15  
7th Grade & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - -August 15, 16 & 17  
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### Elementary Registration

New Students - August 5 – August 17  
Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Documents required Social Security Card, Immunization Record, Birth Certificate, previous year's report card and proof of residence in Itasca ISD school district. Students who are 4 on or before Sept 1, 2007 are eligible for Pre Kindergarten. If you attended Itasca Elementary last year, you do not need to register.

## Wampus Cat 2007 Youth Football Camp

Thirty-nine boys in grades kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade and one adventurous kindergarten girl took the field last week to learn some of the basic fundamentals of football. The campers were divided in groups by age and they rotated around the field learning and developing as they went.

Head Football Coach Craig Horn was in charge of the camp. Coaches Kirby Basham, Ben Powell, Trey Bates, Jeff Mayberry and Micah Fletcher assisted him. Coach Fred Dakan was on the disabled roster with a broken leg. A number of high school varsity football players were also on the field volunteering and working with the campers. This is the first football camp for elementary age players.

The campers will hold a kick, punt and pass competition during the inter-squad scrimmage on August 11.



## 2007-08 Football Schedule

Homecoming September 21

### 2007 Varsity Football Schedule

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

### 2007 JH/J.V. Football Schedule

August 18 - Itasca @ Venus - Scrimmage 10:00 a.m.  
 23 Itasca @ Palmer - Scrimmage 6:00 p.m.  
 30 Tolar - Away - 7th/8th/JV 5/6/7 p.m.  
 September 6 Rice - Home - 7th/8th/JV - 5/6/7 p.m.  
 13 Blooming Grove - Away - 7th/8th/JV - 5/6/7 p.m.  
 20 Wortham - Away - 7th/8th/JV - 5/6/7 p.m.  
 27 Scurry Rosser - Away - 7th/8th/JV - 5/6/7 p.m.  
 October 4 Open  
 11 \*Maypearl - Home - 7th/8th/JV - 5/6/7 p.m.  
 18 \*Grandview - Away - 7th/8th/JV - 5/6/7 p.m.  
 25 \*Hico - Home - 7th/8th/JV - 5/6/7 p.m.  
 November 1 \*Rio Vista - Away - 7th/8th/JV - 5/6/7 p.m.  
 8 \*DUBLIN - Home - 7th/8th/JV - 5/6/7 p.m.

\*Start times subject to change due to field availability

## Welcome Home Baby



Kevin Tucker Mears, "Tucker," was born July 12, 2007 at 10:47 p.m. at Hill Regional Hospital in Hillsboro. He weighed 8 lbs 12 oz and was 20 inches long. His parents are Kristin Rivera and Jake Mears. Grandparents are Lynn and Anita Mears and Chris and Sue Rivera of Itasca.

### MAKE A DREAM A REALITY!

Families and individuals are needed IMMEDIATELY to host a special young ambassador from around the world. Student profiles arrive in August 2007, for the next academic year.

All students are between the ages of 15 and 17, speak English, and come with medical insurance. P.I.E. provides LOCAL SUPPORT for our host families.

CALL TODAY TO VIEW AVAILABLE STUDENT PROFILES

Dawna 800-637-0217 or 817-558-2337

Email: dawna@azmail.net

## When There's Water on the Road, Turn Around, Don't Drown

Public Service Announcement

Water displaces 1,500 pounds of weight for every foot it rises. It takes only two feet of water to float a car weighting 3,000 pounds.

"Never drive around a flood barrier on a highway," said State Coordinator Jack Colley of Texas Emergency Management. "Drivers often underestimate the power of flood water. Saving your life is as simple as choosing an alternate route. If your car or truck stalls in floodwater, the best advice is get out quickly and move to higher ground."

Most Texas drownings are caused by people driving in, walking in and or playing near floodwaters.



## American Red Cross

## Red Cross Battling "Dog Days" and Needs Blood Donations

Press Release

(August 16, 2007 Itasca, Texas.) It's August, the "dog days" of summer with its stifling heat are upon us. But, regardless of the temperature outside, the need for blood remains. Across the nation, collecting summertime blood donations continues to create a serious community challenge. The blood supply in many areas of the country remains very low. With each donation so urgently important this time of year, the American Red Cross offers some tips on donating blood during the hot summer months.

The need to be well hydrated takes on even greater importance in the summer heat; therefore, donors should drink at least eight extra glasses of water or fruit juice the day before donating and the day of donation. Caffeinated beverages like soft drinks, tea and coffee and alcoholic beverages should be avoided. People should also be well nourished, but shouldn't plan to donate right after a meal.

"During the summer months it's always difficult maintaining an adequate supply of blood," says Calvin Smith, Executive Director, American Red Cross, Texas. "But a patient needing a transfusion doesn't care if it's hot outside or schools are on summer vacation. There is only one way that patient will receive the blood they need - by someone caring enough to make a life-saving donation."

The Red Cross urges area residents to donate at the HILCO Building 115 East Main Street -Itasca, Texas on Thursday, August 16, 2007, from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. For more information to donate, call Bob Wilson at 1-800-338-6425 ext. 2210. Please invite a friend, co-worker or relative to donate with you. Remember each donor will receive a free American Red Cross T-shirt.

Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good health. The Red Cross reminds donors to bring a photo id when coming to donate.

## ESTATE SALE

*Unique Exquisite Treasures*

Collectables / Furniture / Household Items / Linens

**\*\*\*COMING SOON\*\*\***

Labor Day Weekend

127 North Hill, Itasca, TX

Next to the Justice of the Peace  
Across Street from Police Station

Cash Only, Sales Tax will be collected, All Items sold AS IS, No refunds or Exchanges.

## July Police Blotter

- 7-8 – Suspicious person – 300 blk. S. Hill St.  
 7-8 – Reckless driver – I-35W northbound mm 8½  
 7-8 – Report of aggravated assault – 300 blk. N. Wesley  
 7-8 – Civil stand by – 1200 blk. E. Main St.  
 7-8 – Disturbance – 1200 blk. E. Main St.  
 7-9 – Traffic stop (speeding) – N. Hill St.  
 7-9 – Courtesy transport – S. Hill & Spurgeon Sts.  
 7-10 – Reckless driver – I-35W southbound mm 12  
 7-10 – Assisted EMS (Difficulty breathing) – 700 blk. E. Main St.  
 7-10 – Trespassing (Cutting through yard) – 100 blk. E. Marrion St.  
 7-10 – Children on golf cart in roadway – 400 blk. S. Wesley St.  
 7-10 – Assisted DPS (Minor accident)- FM 67 & Hwy. 81  
 7-10 – Assisted DPS (Minor accident-2 vehicles) – I-35W northbound mm 9  
 7-10 – Suspicious activity – 300 blk. Loom St.  
 7-11 – Possible burglary of a building – 400 blk. E. Henderson St.  
 7-12 – Report of reckless driver (18 wheeler) Citation issued – I-35W southbound mm 8  
 7-12 – Report of reckless driver (18 wheeler) Unable to locate – I-35W northbound  
 7-12 – Report of shots fired (Fireworks) – 700 blk. S. Files St.  
 7-12 – Suspicious person- 400 blk. E. South St.  
 7-12 – Disturbance (children) – 500 blk. E. Spurgeon St.  
 7-12 – Accident (Minor-2 vehicles) – 200 blk. N. Hill St.  
 7-12 – Report of traffic hazard – I-35W mm 9  
 7-13 – Assisted citizen (Flat tire) – 800 blk. Mill St.  
 7-13 – Assisted motorist (Courtesy ride to bus station) – I-35W northbound mm 8  
 7-13 – Assisted citizen (Directions) – I-35W north mm 9  
 7-13 – Assisted citizens (Verbal disagreement) FM 934 & HCR 4254  
 7-14 – Crowd control – 125 N. Hill St.  
 7-14 – Class C assault and Public Intoxication citations – 100 blk. N. Wall St.  
 7-14 – Report of motorcycle racing – I-35W southbound  
 7-14 – Loitering – 200 blk. E. Main St.  
 7-14 – Loud music – 800 blk. E. Adams St.  
 7-15 – Reckless driver report – I-35W northbound  
 7-16 – Traffic stop (Failure to maintain a single lane) – Warrant arrest (Johnson County) – Transported – 300 blk. S. Hill St.  
 7-16 – Traffic stop (105/70 mph) Passenger intoxicated (Became combative – arrested) Resisting arrest & Public Intoxication) Driver arrested (Driving while Intoxicated) – I-35W southbound mm 7  
 7-16 – Civil stand by – 200 blk. Weave St.  
 7-16 – Request for close patrol – 100 blk. S. Hill St.  
 7-16 – Traffic stop (90/70 mph) Warrant arrest served (Crockett County) – Citations issued (No proof of insurance, No valid drivers license) Vehicle towed, Subject transported - I-35W northbound mm 8  
 7-16 - Traffic stop (Speeding) – Citations issued (Speeding, No proof of insurance, No valid drivers license) Vehicle towed – I-35W northbound mm 8½  
 7-17 – Missing person report – 400 blk. N. Wesley St.  
 7-17 – Courtesy transport – Grandview (Request of Hillsboro PD) – 1200 blk. S. Files St.  
 7-17 – Assisted Grandview PD – Vehicle search – I-35W northbound mm16  
 7-17 – Abandoned vehicle – (Orange tagged) – I-35W northbound mm 8  
 7-17 – Traffic stop (No signal) - Citations issued (No proof of insurance, No valid drivers license) Vehicle towed, Main St. & Wampus Cat Dr.  
 7-18 – Animal complaint (Loose pit bull) – 300 blk. S. Aquilla St.  
 7-18 – Assisted HCSO – 100 blk. N. Hill St. IPD  
 7-18 – Loud music complaint – 400 blk. N. Hill St.  
 7-18 – Stranded motorist (Jump start & water for radiator) – FM 934 & Exit 7  
 7-18 – Assisted motorist – I-35W northbound mm 7  
 7-19 – Suspicious Activity – I-35W southbound mm 7  
 7-19 – Burglary of a building – 300 blk. E. Main St.  
 7-19 – Assisted EMS – 600 blk. S. Files St.  
 7-19 – Report of low power line – I-35W northbound mm 8  
 7-20 – Vehicle impounded - \_35W northbound mm 8  
 7-20 – Minor accident – 1500 blk. E. Main St. @ Exit 8 off ramp  
 7-20 – Assisted citizen (Directions to I-35E) – 1500 blk. E. Main St.  
 7-20 – Reckless driver report – Minor speeding on N. King St. – Contacted parents  
 7-20 – Reckless driver – (Citations issued) – 300 blk. E. Main St.  
 7-20 – Suspicious person – Lawless Park  
 7-20 – Reckless driver report – I-35W northbound  
 7-21 – Arrest (Furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors) – 600 blk. E. Main St.  
 7-22 – Major accident (1 vehicle rolled) 2 persons care-flighted – I-35W southbound mm 7  
 7-22 – Children on 4 wheeler in roadway – 100 blk. W. Wilkerson St.  
 7-22 – Assisted HCSO with traffic control (Power lines down) – I-35W southbound mm 8  
 7-22- Reckless damage (Drove on grass) – 400 blk. E. Main St (Citation for failure to change address)  
 7-22 – Assisted citizen (Juvenile matter) – Itasca PD  
 7-23 – Assisted citizen (Ran out of gas) – I-35W southbound mm 7

## June City Council Meeting

The Itasca City Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 18, 2007 in the Council Chambers, 136 N. Hill, Itasca, Texas. Mayor Matthew Fehnel called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

Bettye Lewis gave the invocation.

Motions were passed to approve the May 21, 2007 minutes and the payment of the bills.

Giving reports for the month of May were Becky Harvey for the Fire Department, an employee of Todd Williams for Water and Sewer Operations, Bettye Lewis for the Planning and Zoning Committee, Police Chief John Griscavage on the police department, CinDee Garrett concerning the Economic Development Corporation and the monthly report for the Office of Code Enforcement was given by Felicia Mayberry.

Mayor Matthew Fehnel opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. for a public participation to receive comments from the public regarding the 2006 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. There were no comments and the public participation was closed at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor Matthew Fehnel opened the meeting at 6:16 p.m. for a public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the City of Itasca proposed Operating Budget for FY 2007-2008. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed at 6:17 pm.

The proposed Operating Budget for FY 2007-2008 was approved and adopted on a unanimous vote.

Mayor Matthew Fehnel read a Proclamation of Appreciation presented to the City of Itasca from TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (TML-IEBP).

The meeting was open for general Mayor, Council, and City Administrator discussion and reports. Award plaques were presented to the Fire Department and city employees.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:30.

## Homecoming, September 21

Classes ending in 7s & 2s need to begin making 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 Gordon (Bunkey) Davis from the football team of 1937 (254-687-2108).

## June IISD Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 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, Secretary Claude Garrett, Donny Faries, Kevin Lightsey, Nancy Bowman and Susan Bason.

Administration present were Mr. Glenn Pittman, Superintendent, Rickie Harris, High School Principal, Larry Mynarcik, Middle School Principal, Karen Farquhar, Elementary Principal and Norma Merkel, Secretary.

Visitors present were Barbara Petrash, Lisa Wills and Anthony Wills.

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, Lisa Wills and Anthony Wills to the meeting.

The board entered executive session at 7:06 p.m. Upon coming out of executive session at 7:20 p.m., a motion was passed to expel a middle school student for 60 days.

Motions were passed to set a board workshop date for June 19 at 7:30 p.m., to accept transfer students as presented for the 2007-08 school year, to approve the purchase of the property located at 108 and 110 North College St. from Richard Fisher, to approve the resolution to extend the bank depository contract with Citizens State Bank for 2007-2009 and to table a decision on the student and faculty handbook until the July 9 board meeting.

A motion was passed to amend the previous date set for the board workshop from June 19 to June 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 8:11 pm. Upon coming out of executive session at 8:15 p.m., no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

## Hill County Genealogical Society August Meeting

News Release

DNA and its relationship to genealogy will be the subject when Dr. Wesley C. Marshall speaks to The Hill County Genealogical Society on Monday, August 6, 2007. The meeting will be at the Hill County Courthouse Annex Meeting Room, 126 Covington Street, in Hillsboro, at 6:30 P.M.

Dr. Marshall has joined the Hill Regional Hospital staff. He is associated with the Family Diagnostic Medical Center as a family practitioner and obstetrician.

Visitors are always welcome. Please join HCGS for this interesting program.



## Do You Remember . . . ? – “The Hickey Fishing Club”

Columnist Carl Sweeney



In last weeks column we wrote about the long lasting Domino Club. Some members' names were inadvertently left out. Some members I did not remembered at the time such as, O.D. Huffman, Walter Shelton, Lee Daniel and L.B. Meredith. There will probably be some in this week's column as well.

This week's story is about Itasca's famed "Hickey Fishing Club." It was organized in the early 1920s by some of Itasca's most ardent fishermen, Dr. G.R. Ritchey, Dr. C.C. Campbell, Grover Brown, Sid Pruitt, Milton Hampton, Earl Farrow, G.F. (Cap) Kinard, F.K. (Tater) Sanford, and others later, such as J.B. (Doc) Thompson and Joe Martin, Jr.

The Club almost always invited one or more guests on each trip. I remember some, they were Fred Newport, Joe Wilson, Brian Wilson, Zeak Sweeney and Ernest Whitfield, to name a few.

The Club went on at least one-week long trip each year, as well as other one, two or three day trips. They went to the Brazos and Bosque Rivers as well as Llano and the Leon Rivers. Possum Kingdom Lake was a popular place during its heyday for them, also, Lake Whitney in its earlier days; and the Nolan River including Pockett Springs and Sam Black's place near Blum.

I remember one amusing tale they told. It was back in the 1930s, when they were coming back from the Bosque River. The railroad and depot is about a half mile south of Meridian and when they came to the depot there was an elderly black man sitting in a cane bottom chair, leaning against the wall. One of the men (they said it was Earl Farrow) asked, "Uncle, why did they build the depot out so far from town?" The old gentleman replied, "Well suh, I guess cause this is where the railroad is at."

The Club consisted of trotline fisherman as well as bass enthusiast. They kidded each other about catching carp, but I suspect some of that was done also. When Dr. Ritchey bragged about catching a bunch of catfish, they would say, "It was the first time they saw catfish with scales." They, as well as the domino players were a jovial bunch. They enjoyed their trips together, and there was a lot of good natured kidding that went on. Like when they said, A.M. Hampton tried to sell a fishing device called a "yo-yo." It has a spring in it and unwound up suddenly when a fish bit it. They also kidded each other about the lack of fishing expertise, snoring or bathroom habits. Once when James McCreight was visiting the camp, he said they snored louder than the bullfrogs. James was Dr. Campbell's son-in-law. He was a funny guy. He once said that "nobody in Itasca ever calls me by my name, just Dr. Campbell's son-in-law." James was from Mississippi. He was a great joker and storyteller. It was hilarious to hear him tell a story using that Mississippi nasal drawl.

The Club had several cooks to go with them over the years. I remember three of them who were M.T. Sorrels, Cashie Taylor, and M.T. Peel. The McDonald brothers wrote about their trips in the *Itasca Item* and the content was usually funny.

The Club had a correspondent, but we never knew who he was. He made the report to the *Item* after each trip. He came up with a mythical associate he called Dr. Sir Carllyse Dupree, who came up with their funny scientific stories. In one, he states that the reason so many letters are written condemning the carp is the abundance of these fish. The carp has a pretty firm grip on fundamentals. There are 1083 distinct members of the carp family. Just to show you what's going on in this world, states Sir Carllyse, there is an old Ukrainian Proverb which says, "He who has Carps in his pond may bid his friends welcome." So says Sir Carllyse, "You don't actually need a Carp unless you have friends."

I have no record of when the Hickey Fishing Club was disbanded, likely in the early 60's. There have been a number of clubs in and around the Itasca area over the years, such as the Ruskin Club, Home Demonstration Clubs, the PTA and PTO, Ladies "42" Club, Garden Club, Rotary and Lions and others. Perhaps we can tell about them in future columns.

If you would like to write Carl a letter or e-mail him you may send your letters to Carl's address, 306 E. Monroe St., Itasca, TX 76055 or the Paw Print Press at 123 N. College St. Itasca, TX 76055 or [bpettrash@itasca.k12.tx.us](mailto:bpettrash@itasca.k12.tx.us)

### Help Wanted

Wanted part-time in-home child care giver  
Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m. & Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Two school age children  
Call Elizabeth @ 687-2012 or 361-676-5390

### Multi Family Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday  
August 3 & 4 8 a.m.  
Furniture, toys, clothes, kitchen items & more  
Corner of Walls St. & W. Main St. (FM 934)  
(Old Westside Garage – across the tracks)

***Paw Print Press***  
**123 N. College**  
**Itasca, Texas 76055**

**Itasca Garden Club**  
**July “Yard of the Month”**



Release from the Itasca Garden Club

The Kenneth Upton residence at 308 S. Hill St. had the honor of displaying the Itasca Flower and Garden Club coveted sign proclaiming it the “Yard of the Month” during July. Plenty of greenery and summer flowers make the yard beautiful and inviting. The continual rains have their drawback but they have made the yards very lush and green (those that haven’t drowned).

**Cody Allen Scholarship**



IHS Ag Teacher Bill Nickell presented Anita Ponce with the 2007 Cody Allen Scholarship.

Anita was a member of the Itasca FFA for four years. She has represented Itasca as the chapter sweetheart for two years. Last year she was the Hill County delegate at the 2006 Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo in Waco and was chosen as the only sweetheart from Hill County.

The scholarship was established in memory of 1997 Itasca High School senior Cody Allen who died in an accident in the fall of 1996.

# “Meet the Teacher”



**Itasca Elementary**  
**Thursday**  
**August 23, 2007**  
**7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

## *The Itasca Café*

Mon. – Wed. - 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Thurs. & Fri. – 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. & 5 – 8 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun. – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
116 S. Hill St. Itasca, TX 254-687-9944  
To Go Orders Welcome!

Help Your Community - Join the  
**Itasca Chamber of Commerce**  
\$15 individual membership  
\$36 Business membership  
Contact any Chamber Director

## *Karen’s Breakfast Burritos*

Open Monday – Saturday 5:30 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Call in orders welcome! 254-687-9076  
Breakfast Burritos \$1.25 - \$2.40  
Tax included in price  
Enchilada Plate - \$5.99 (w/rice & beans)  
Fajita Plate - \$6.25 (w/rice & beans)  
Hamburger - \$2.40 Cheeseburger - \$2.65  
Wampus Cat Double meat - \$3.25 w/cheese - \$3.50

## **Montes Concrete**

Patios – Driveways – Sidewalks –  
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House Slabs, Add-Ons, etc. Free Estimate  
Luis or Eddie Cell: 254-644-6396  
254-687-2069 Cell: 254-644-6397

## **Itasca Foods – Chevron**

208 S. Hill St.  
Monday – Thursday - 5 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday - 5 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Kitchen open!  
Breakfast sandwiches, burgers, fries, etc.

# Notice

First day to file for a place on the ballot for the Itasca Municipal Election on November 6, 2007 to elect three Council members is August 6, 2007. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is September 5, 2007.

First day to file for a place on the ballot for the Itasca ISD Board of Trustees Election on November 6, 2007 to elect two Trustees and to fill one unexpired term is August 6, 2007. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is September 5, 2007.

## **Josh Huff Farrier Service**

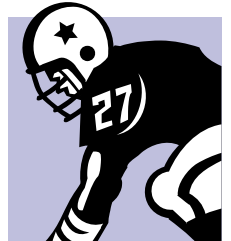
Trimming - \$20 Reset - \$40  
Shoes - \$75  
Floating Teeth - \$20 + drugs



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## **Wampus Cat**

**Two-A-Days**  
**Begins August 6**  
**4:00 -9:00 p.m. -**



## **Missing Dog: Reward**



Lost from 107 N. College.  
If you have seen him please call 687-2201 or 254-315-5099.  
Reward

## **Handy’s Tex-Mex Restaurant**

**Now Open!**



Monday – Friday 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
To Go or Dine In  
254-687-2633