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IHS makes TBEC 2007 Honor Roll

Reporter Sarah Evans



TBEC decides the Honor Roll schools by analyzing three years of performance data for each public school in Texas. Any school selected to be on the Honor Roll must have a high percentage of students meeting state standards on the TAKS test in all subjects for three consecutive years. Criteria for selection account also for each school's student demographics, the number of subjects tested and the grades served.

"I am very proud to be a part of a school that continues to excel academically," Harris said, "Hopefully I can do my part to continue the tradition."

This award is an honor for the students, teachers, administrators and community members who have contributed to the excellence of Itasca High School.

When the Texas Business and Education Coalitions (TBEC) announced that Itasca High School had earned a spot on the 2007 TBEC Honor Roll, IHS Principal Ricky Harris was very proud. IHS was one of only 64 public high schools across Texas to make the list.

"Schools get on our Honor Roll the old fashioned way," Jack Lowe, Chairman of TD Industries in Dallas and TBEC's Business Co-chair said, "They earn it. For us the bottom-line is results. These schools help all students do well in all subjects."



Daylight Saving Time Ends Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time will end Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 a.m. At that time, you will set your clocks back one hour to 1:00 a.m.

Beginning in 2007 daylight saving time began on the second Sunday in March and will end on the first Sunday in November. On the second Sunday in March, clocks were set ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. local standard time, which became 3:00 a.m. local daylight time.

These dates were established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. no. 109-58, 119 Stat 594 (2005). In 2005, U.S. legislators extended DST to 34 weeks in an effort to lower household energy consumption. Daylight saving time also started three weeks earlier this year. Advocates claim the changes will save up to 100,000 barrels of oil in the U.S. for every day of extra daylight.

Itasca ISD Health Services Staphylococcal Skin Infections and MRSA

Press Release

Recently, you may have heard about a common skin infection caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* known as staph infection or MRSA (Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*). Itasca ISD would like to provide you with information about this skin infection.

This skin infection can look like a common sore (often people think they have a spider bite or even a boil) but it will not heal as expected or it appears infected (red, swollen with pus and painful). They may arise from a previous injury such as a cut or scrape or they may even occur with no history of injury at all. The bacterium that causes such skin infections may be contagious with direct contact. This can occur with skin-to-skin contact or by touching or using contaminated objects such as a used towel or athletic equipment. We recommend that if your child has a skin infection or unexplained sore, seek medical attention as soon as possible for prompt diagnosis and treatment.

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Churches of Itasca

<u>Bethlehem Missionary Baptist</u>	W. Spurgeon	687-2800
<u>Central Baptist Church</u>	401 E. Monroe	687-2343
<u>Church of Christ</u>	200 N. Aquilla	687-2774
<u>First Baptist Church</u>	107 S. Lamar	687-2783
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	106 N. Lamar	687-2243
<u>First United Methodist</u>	Main & King St.	687-2475
<u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>	FM 2959 East of I-35	
<u>Second Baptist Church</u>	120 W. Marrion	687-9134
<u>Shiloh Community Church</u>		254-582-0487
<u>St. John Missionary Baptist</u>	506 S. Weaver	687-2821
<u>3rd Day Worship Center</u>	107 E. Adams	214 564-2185
<u>Itasca Nursing Home</u>	Sunday - 10:00 a.m.	
Everyone Welcome	Monday Evening 6:00 p.m.	

Central Baptist Church

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

The emptiest, loneliest thing in the world is a BIRTH - LIFE - DEATH without ever hearing the gospel, and no one ever praying.

Won't you join us for worship at the Itasca Church of Christ, 200 N. Aquilla? We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 and 10:45 am, and 5:00 pm, and on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm.

LIVE the fullness of LIFE that GOD intended.

Itasca Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla

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

2nd Monday of Month 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting

Saturday, November 3 9:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Church

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, November 19, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

November 12, 2007 7:00 p.m.

IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, November 26, 2007 5:30 p.m.

HILCO Operations Building E. Main St.

Volunteer Fire Department Meetings

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

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

Fire Station Downtown Itasca

Public Notice - 3rd Publishing

Street Sign Theft

Within the past two months stop signs have disappeared from several street corners on the northeast side of town. Theft of these traffic signs are treated like any other theft with respect to prosecution and sentencing. Although the theft may seem arbitrary, the missing signs could lead to injury causing accidents. Please report any missing stop signs to Itasca City Hall at 687-2201 and the Itasca Police Department should you see any perpetrator removing the street sign.
City of Itasca

Community Calendar

November 1 - 7th, 8th, JV vs Rio Vista - Away - 5:00 p.m.

November 2 - Wampus Cats vs. Rio Vista on Patton Field - 7:30p.m. - Senior/Parent night

November 3 - Itasca Ministerial Alliance Meeting - 9:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Church

November 8 - 7/8, JV vs Dublin - Home - 5:00 p.m.

November 9 - Veterans Program SEC 9:00 a.m.

November 9 - Wampus Cats vs. Dublin - Away - 7:30p.m.

November 12 - IISD Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - IISD Administration Building

November 12 - Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m. - Municipal Court Building

September Police Blotter

9-27 - Minor accident (Citation issued for Failure to control speed) - Main & Hill Sts.

9-27 - Debris on roadway - FM 66 & HCR 4281

9-27 - Impounded vehicle - I-35W southbound mm 7

9-27 - Animal complaint (Loose pit trying to fight- Snapped at officers) - Dog impounded

9-27 - Reckless driver report - Hwy 81

9-27 - Reckless driver report - I-35W northbound mm 6

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IHS Begins Preparation for UIL Academic Competition

Photo by Susan Crawford



Recently several students and coaches attended a UIL Conference in Austin. The conference was very good and informative. Everyone learned something from his or her workshops. It was a beautiful day and worth the trip. Students attending were Cherri Lloyd, Clayton Wienecke, Yesenia Lara, Lacy Suarez, Devin Corbitt, Maria Worth, Pilar Baskett, Connally Baskett, Mary Maddox, Marsha Guy, Aaron Chavez, Kristen Worth, Elizabeth Bennett, Krystal Benefield and Nick Worth.

The coaches attending, Joy Anderson, Barbara Pet-rash, Susan Corbitt and Susan Crawford, would like to thank Patty Miller for driving the bus.

Staphylococcal and MRSA

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Once the cause of the infection has been determined by your child's doctor, and if it was indeed staph or MRSA, please inform the school nurse and if in athletics, your child's coach, with doctor clearance on when your child may return to school and/or can resume sports activities.

No student will be allowed to remain in school with wounds that are draining. Any student with a staph or MRSA infection will need to bring a doctor's release to return to school. We all must do our part to contain this infection and keep from spreading it to family members, the community, or our school.

Measures to help students from getting skin infections include:

1. Good and frequent handwashing with liquid soap.
2. Showering with liquid soap daily and if in sports, after every practice or competition.
3. Covering cuts or abrasions with a bandage until healed.
4. Laundering personal items such as towels after each use.
5. Cleaning and laundering shared athletic equipment.
6. Having a doctor evaluate wounds that will not heal or that appear infected as soon as they become suspicious.
7. Never share personal items such as used towels or razors.

If you have further questions, contact your doctor, school nurse or check out the website www.mrsatexas.org or the Itasca ISD School Nurse webpage.

Hill County Genealogical Society

The Hill County Genealogical Society will meet Monday, November 5, in the Hill County Courthouse Annex at 126 South Covington Street in Hillsboro at 6:30 pm. This meeting is important to all members, as new officers for 2008-2010 will be elected. There will be a program and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

For further information, you may call 254-582-3603 and leave a message. Your call will be answered after 5 p.m.

For Sale Stroller/Car Seat Combo

Graco Chauffeur Travel System—4 pieces includes: Stroller, Infant Restraint/Carrier, 2 Carrier Bases (also includes Cold Weather Boot + manuals) Manufactured 3/2003, bought summer 2003; no recalls, no accidents, very good condition, all cloth pieces washed recently; frame is light tan, cloth pieces are light tan/green plaid. \$100.00. For questions or to purchase, please contact Lisa at 254-687-9947.

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Free Gospel Concert

featuring "The Praise Posse"

Sat. November 3 7:00 p.m. Downtown Whitney
Corner of Washington & Brazos Sts.

Coffee House & Library will have 15 Flavors of
Coffee as well as snacks and other drinks

Come Enjoy the Fun and Sing-a-Long

It's Time to Winterize our Homes & Vehicles

- Check gas lines, heaters, cover window air conditions, bring in fragile plants
- Check coolant, heaters & get regular oil changes

Senior Spotlight - L.B. Mosley

Written by Mandi Johnson - Reworked by Mary Maddox
Cartoonist Cory Bourland



Those who know senior L.B. Mosley best, say that he is one person who does not let life's setbacks get him down. L.B. was born with Down Syndrome, a genetic condition caused by extra genetic material from the 21st chromosome.

L.B. is an older brother to seven siblings. He and his family moved to Itasca from Dallas, TX in 1999, his freshman year. L.B. likes clothes, singing, drawing, playing basketball, watching wrestling, and listening to the radio.

"I love to rap," L.B. said, "just not during church." L.B. is a member of the Itasca Bethlehem Baptist Church and an involved volunteer member of the church's choir.

This year, L.B. enjoys going to his favorite class, P.E. He has enjoyed attending several of Itasca's Junior and Senior Proms. He usually goes with his sisters, either Lynyetta or Ebonie.

"L.B. loves to dance. He danced all night at every prom he attended. He didn't even stop dancing when the king and queen had their dance," Lynyetta said. "Sometimes L.B. is quiet, but usually he talks a lot. He does not embarrass me, he's my brother. There's nothing to be ashamed of."

L.B.'s advice to underclassmen is to "Stay in school and graduate. I did and it was fun."



Booster Club News

****Congratulations Band!** For a job well done the Booster Club purchased UIL Regional patches.

****We would like to invite everyone out to the November 2 football game against Rio Vista for Parent's Night.** All senior football players, cheerleaders, and band members and their parents will be recognized before the game. Band Beau and Sweetheart along with Football Beau and Sweetheart will be announced during halftime!

**** We will also have a silent auction on Parent's Night** some items included are: team autographed football, afghan, football scrapbook and much more.

Welcome to Itasca ISD

Mr. Patrick Middleton

Reporters & Photo Eva Mayberry & Ashley Durham



Filling the role of new assistant band director, Patrick Middleton makes his presence known. He is very dedicated to the Itasca High School's band. He is using all of his knowledge and skills to assist Mr. Bratton in making the band program even stronger. Prior to coming to Itasca,

Middleton taught at Hart High School.

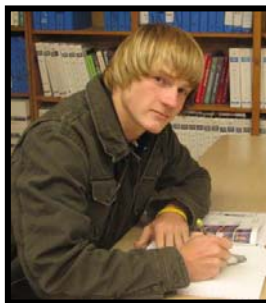
Middleton graduated from Robinson High School, and then continued his education at Texas Tech University. He decided to become a band director because he enjoyed both music and teaching.

He and his wife, Allison, have been married for 4 years. They are the proud parents of 4 1/2 month daughter, Madilyn.

Meet the Press

Zech O'Rarden

Reporter Devin Corbitt



Junior Zech O'Rarden doesn't officially take a journalism class, but he is this year's cartoonist for the Paw Print Press. He comes to the journalism room during activity period to receive his assignments. His job is to animate the seniors for their senior spotlights and to draw any other cartoons

that Mrs. Petrash needs.

You can watch Zech in action every Friday night on the football field, helping the Wampus Cats to seize their victories.

Last year, Zech was in One Act Play and he won many ribbons for his artwork at the Hill County Fair. This year he hopes to win the tri-color.

For Sale— Must sell this week

3 bedrooms, 1½bath, brick w/ new kitchen cabinets, roll out shelves, stove & refrigerator

2 car garage, fenced back yard - \$80,000 - 105 Beard St.

Beautiful Fruitwood French Provincial Dining Room Suite with 6 chairs. Leaded Glass large China Cabinet. Must sell quickly as we are moving out of town. \$1200.

Blue Large Lift Chair in good condition \$50.00 - Other odd chairs. Wheel chair – good condition- \$25

105 Beard St. 254-687-2345 720-220-5947

Cats Take 2nd District Win

Reporters Ashley Durham, Eva Mayberry & Mary Maddox
Photo by Ashley Durham



The game against the Hico Tigers was crucial for the Itasca Wampus Cats. Itasca needed to beat Hico in order to have a better shot at the playoffs. The Mighty Wampus Cats battled their way to victory with the final score Itasca 18 and Hico 14.

In the first quarter, Hico scored on a pass play putting them ahead 7-0. Itasca came back strong in the second quarter. The Cats' first TD came from a 1 yard run by Quarterback Mickey Marshall. Then a 39-yard pass to Tralyn Harden put the Cats up 12-7 going into the field house at half time.

During the third quarter, Itasca was unable to stop the Hico and they went up 14-12. It appeared that the buzzer would sound with the Cats lacking 2 points, but late in the 4th quarter Mikey ran for 7 yards to give the Cats a win. All three extra point attempts failed.

Desmond Guy added 116 yards to his rushing total and Tralyn Harden added 2 catches for 81 yards to his reception total.

IHS 2007 Varsity Schedule

Season - 7-1

August 31	Itasca - 35 - Tolar - 0
September 7	Itasca - 27 - Rice - 0
September 14	Itasca - 21 - Blooming Grove - 19
September 21	Itasca - 52 - Wortham - 15
September 28	Itasca - 47 - Scurry Rosser - 13

District 2-1

October 12	Itasca - 27 - Maypearl - 7
October 19	Itasca - 6 - Grandview - 26
October 26	Itasca - 18 - Hico - 14
November 2	*Rio Vista Home 7:30 p.m.
9	*Dublin Away 7:30 p.m.

Lady Cats will play their first basketball game against Penelope in the Special Events Center on Tuesday, November 6.

Elementary "A" Honor Roll 1st Six Weeks

Grade 1 - Neo Arellano, Isabel Avila, Mackenzie Boyd, Cameron Brandstetter, John Cardona, Kristen Clary, Aileene Diaz, Alan Freeman, Katelyn George, Guadalupe Gobellan, Ethan Greeson, Malacia Guy, Mackenzie Heath, Wyatt Helms, Cameren Hight, Austin Karr, Blaze Payne, Anistashia Rockuemore, Jordan Shelby, Katie Sherber, Samuel Sulak, Lauren Whitfield, Danielle Wilson, Katie-Lynne Younger

Grade 2 - Jocelyn Ali, Alexis Arellano, Amanda Arellano, Kahleil Barlow, Angelina Botello, Chalo Cavazos, Daniel Coronado, Heidi Delgado, Alessandra Diaz, DeeJay Dulaney, Chloe Dumas, Brenna Durham, Layton English, Dustin Feazel, Destiny Fennell, Erik Gonzalez, Kyra Henderson, Brayden Hennig, Cody Hundley, Jennipher Ignacz, Tamera Jackson, Ethan LaFountain, Matthew Lara, Melissa Maya, Katie Nalley, Alexcia Rodriguez, Emili Sarli, Halie Sarli, Joe Savala, BayLee Smith, Monay Snyder, Rogelio Zavala

Grade 3 - Taylor Campbell, Lainey Cavazos, William East, Kenneth Fails, Katlin Joy, Robert Kirkpatrick, Jacob Lacy, Kaleb McGill, Callie Pittman, Brandy Prosser, Aliegha Rodriguez, Gracie Rugh, Christian Runyon, Chandley Sargent, Jacob Schronk, Autum Throckmorton, Cameron Wells

Grade 4 - Faythe Altum, Tommy Ashley, Madison Bassett, Trey Cole, Triston Davis, Sha'Shana Fennell, Kasandra Gavino, Harley Germer, Leticia Gonzales, Jesus Gutierrez, Allena Heath, James Melson, Wesley Neese, Lizabeth Ramirez, Amanda Rodriguez, Harley Rodriguez, Amber Schronk, Chelsea Searcy, Bryant Wilson, Crisol Zavala

"A" Honor Roll - 1st Six Weeks

Grade 1 - Whitley Alverson, Alyssa Andrade, Dylan Beam, Hannah Bruton, William Burns, Samantha Faries, Jacob Farquhar, Harley Finley, Wesley Frederick, Travis Hammett, Keilan Harris, Sophie Hennig, Joseph Hettich-Gafford, Harley Hubbard, Timothy Jacks, Bethany Kirkpatrick, David Kirkpatrick, Jeff Knight, Da'Yonce Mayberry, Darryl Montgomery, Itzayana Pacheco, Christy Roberson, Hallie Runyon, Ricky Salazar, James Savala, Rachele Wood, Armando Yanez

Grade 2 - Rebecca Arellano, Nicky Butler, DeAjanae Diggs, Justin Feazel, Yadakzy Garcia, Payton Gonzales, Destany Graham, Damerya Jarrett, Payton Kimbrell, Landon Lain, Rick Ortega, Amber Plavney, Pepper Rodriguez, Lucas Sayers, Amber Stephens, PJ Stephens, Abby Torres, Kristen Whitlock, Sydney Williams

Grade 3 - Jimmy Arellano, Louis Arellano, Isabella Botello, Marissa Chambers, Marshal Couldron, Karla Cruz, Jose Delgado, Anthony Fowler

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September School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Independent School District met in regular session on September 10, 2007, in the Itasca ISD Administration Building at 7:00 p.m. Present were President Marquita Lloyd, Members Kevin Lightsey, Donny Faries, Susan Bason and Kevin Cordell. Secretary Claude Garrett and member Nancy Bowman were absent.

Administration present were Glenn Pittman, Superintendent, Rickie Harris, High School Principal, Larry Mynarcik, Middle School Principal, Karon Farquhar, Elementary Principal, Barry Durham, Finance Director and Norma Merkel. Visitors present were Barbara Petrash and Dawn Garcia.

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

The board entered executive session at 7:03 p.m. Upon coming out of executive session at 7:40 p.m., a motion was made and passed to deny expulsion of a student to JJAEP. The student will be placed in local Alternative Education Placement.

Motions were made and passed to approve submission to TEA for an elementary class size waiver for the fall semester for one section of kindergarten, to approve HB 3678 district policy as presented, to approve extension agent, Ashley Sulak, to be an adjunct faculty member with the district for 4-H events and to accept the Governor's Educator Excellence Program - Texas Educator Excellence Grant Cycle2 with the award being outside the allocation of \$3000.00.

A motion was made to approve Amelia Brett, Penny Faries, Mary Phipps and Shanah Sewall to be substitute teachers for 2007-08.

The board entered executive session at 8:00 p.m. Upon coming out of executive session at 8:11 pm, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. was made.

Elementary "A-B" Honor Roll 1st Six Weeks Continued

Grade 3 Continued – Donavan Garcia, Courtnee Gore, Symarial Hogan, Darius Lara, Daniel Montes, Augustin Pacheco, Anna Salazar, Jessica Sanchez, Ricky Sanders, Kitt Seymour, Au'Breana Simmons, Luis Soto, Jordan Taylor, Karon Webb, Elizabeth Wood

Grade 4 – Davy Barnes, Cayce Camp, Cheyenne Camp, Shaun Castro, Esteban Cruz, Lili DeLaTorre, Cesar Diaz, Brandi Fehnel, Tanner Graig, Brenda Hernandez, Andrea Hightower, Jesse Huerta, Tyler Kittoe, Lydon Lain, Abraham Ortega, Rebeca Ortega, Luis Ortiz Jimenez, Stephanie Pacheco, Angel Stephens, Thomas Stephens, Bailey Vaughan, Danelle Whitefield

September City Council Meeting

The Itasca City Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 17, 2007 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Matthew Fehnel called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present were Council Members Steve Solis, Susie Davis, James Bouldin, John Laird, and Harvey Wilson; City Administrator Mark Gropp and City Attorney Stephanie Johnson. Motions were passed to approve the August 20 & 27, 2007 minutes and the payment of the bills.

Giving reports for the month of August were Fire Chief Chris Shuffield, who gave a report on the activities and reported that the Bull Riding Fund Raiser had a decline in attendance this year compared to previous years, Wayne Upchurch for Water and Sewer Operations informed the Council that he and Gandolf Burrus of Grant Development Services have been discussing obtaining a grant for a new water well, and Barbara Petrash gave the Planning and Zoning Committee report and reported that approved applications included 107 E. Adams for addition to roof and 504 E. Main for a fence. An application for public storage buildings at 3991 FM 934 was denied, the property is zoned residential. Police Chief John Griscavage explained the monthly police report and the Office of Code Enforcement report was given by Felicia Mayberry. She reported on the code violation notices sent to property owners and the status of each violation.

Frank Razor, PE gave a report regarding the bid summary and bid recommendation for awarding of construction contract in connection with CDBG Grant #726281 for wastewater system improvements. He explained the City received sealed competitive bids for the sewer project on September 6, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Seven (7) bids were received with all being in compliance with the requirements of the bidding process. The low bid was submitted by B & L Construction Co., Hillsboro, Texas, in the amount of \$185,850.00. He recommended that the City award this project to B & L Construction Co. A motion was made and passed to accept the bid.

A discussion was held regarding amendments and additions to the City of Itasca Code of Ordinances Chapter 13, Peddlers. The City Attorney was instructed to revise the ordinance with the recommended corrections and bring the amended ordinance before the Council for approval.

The City Secretary presented to the Presiding Officer of the Governing Body a Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the election scheduled to be held on November 6, 2007. A motion was passed to approve and accept them.

An Order of Cancellation was presented to the Council for approval declaring the election scheduled to be held on November 6, 2007 cancelled and the unopposed candidates elected.

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September Police Blotter

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- 9-28 – Accident - Assisted EMS with traffic control – Hwy 67 & Hwy 81
- 9-28 – Assisted citizen (Flat tire) – I-35W mm 7
- 9-29 – Possible stolen vehicle – (Citation for drug paraphernalia & Failure to display driver's license) - 1200 blk. S. Files St.
- 9-29 – Report of reckless driver – Hwy 81 & HCR 2959
- 9-29 – Assisted stranded motorist (Dead battery) – I-35W northbound mm 11
- 9-29 - Assisted stranded motorist – I-35W mm 10
- 9-29 – Suspicious vehicle – Citation issued for Class C violations – 100 blk. HCR 4259
- 9-29 – Report of runaway – 100 blk. S. Aquilla St.
- 9-30 – Traffic stop (Ran stop sign) – Arrested on outstanding county warrant – 400 blk. S. Hill St.
- 9-30 – Citation - Class C Assault – 1200 blk. S. Files St.

October Police Blotter

- 10-1 – Two forgery complaints (Hot Check Division Hillsboro) – 1200 blk. E. Main St.
- 10-2 – Suspicious person – 700 blk. E. Main St.
- 10-2 – Assisted HCSO – I-35W southbound mm 4
- 10-2 – Stranded motorist (Flat tire) – I-35W southbound mm 2
- 10-3 – Suspicious person – 300 blk. E. Main St.
- 10-3 – Problem with juvenile – 100 blk. S. Aquilla St.
- 10-4 – Abandoned vehicle (48 hr. tag) – FM 934
- 10-4 – Funeral escort – 500 blk. E. Main St.
- 10-4 – 911 hang up calls – 500 blk. E. Monroe St.
- 10-5 – Open gate (Public area) – 700 blk. E. Wilkerson
- 10-5 – Assisted EMS – I-35W southbound mm 3
- 10-5 – Report of possible theft (Battery) – Property found – 600 blk. S. Files St.
- 10-5 – Suspicious person – 500 blk. Ollie Court
- 10-6 – Fight in progress – 100 blk. N. Hill St.
- 10-6 – Stranded motorist - 1200 blk. S. Files St.
- 10-6 – Report (Found property) – 100 blk. N. College
- 10-6 – Suspicious activity – 200 blk. S. Hill St.
- 10-6 – Verbal disturbance – 400 blk. N. Hill St.
- 10-6 – Possible reckless driver – I-35W mm 8
- 10-6 – Civil matter – 500 blk. N. Hill St.
- 10-6 – Request of extra patrols – 500 blk. N. Hill St.
- 10-6 – Assisted citizen – 500 blk. E. Adams St.
- 10-6 – Verbal disturbance – 800 blk. E. Adams St.
- 10-6 – Welfare check – 200 blk. S. Aquilla St.
- 10-6 – Welfare check – 800 blk. E. Adams St.
- 10-6 – 10-8 – Suspicious vehicle – 500 blk. S. Lamar St.
- 10-9 – Verbal disturbance – 600 E. Main St.
- 10-10 – Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle – 800 blk. S. Lamar St.
- 10-10 – Stranded motorist – 700 blk. Mill St.

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October Ministerial Alliance Meeting

Press Release

The Itasca Ministerial Alliance met on October 6 at 9:00 a.m. at the Itasca Nursing Home. Members present were John Merritt, Johnny Bates, Larry Maddox, Betty Sumner, and Diane Barnes. Two guests were present; our hosts, Wade and Dianne Taylor. President Diane Barnes opened the meeting with prayer. In observance of Pastor Appreciation Month, the members of the Alliance were treated to a wonderful breakfast and given cards and “pastor survival” gifts.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. There was no activity in treasurer's report.

Diane reported that she had talked with Itasca ISD Superintendent, Glenn Pittman, about Darla Dudley presenting the “Worth the Wait” program, and that she would be accompanying Ms. Dudley to the Monday night School Board meeting.

The ministers all expressed how much they enjoyed being able to pray with the football team before games and were reminded that we can also help with devotionals on Friday afternoons before games.

Although the Ministerial Alliance does not sponsor the Community Christmas Cantata, it was announced that it will be on December 9 so that all churches can mark that on their calendars.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Presbyterian Church on November 18 at 6:00 p.m. Methodist minister Tom Wood will bring the message. Other ministers will be given their part of the service at the next meeting. All churches are encouraged to have their young people and children present music at this service, as has been our custom for several years.

The annual Food for Families drive will be held in November. Posters were handed out and further plans will be discussed at our next meeting. Church reports were mainly composed of reminders of ongoing programs at each church.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Vice-President Johnny Bates.

The next meeting will be November 3 at the Presbyterian Church.

Police Blotter Continued

- 10-10 – Assisted DPS (Traffic stop) – I-35W mm 6
- 10-10 – Gas drive-off (\$25.22) – 1200 blk. E. Main St.
- 10-11 – Abandoned vehicle – 1100 blk. S. Files St.
- 10-11 – Theft (>\$50<\$500) – 800 blk. E. Adams St.
- 10-11 – Abandoned vehicle – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
- 10-11 – Request of extra patrol – 100 blk. W. Main St.
- 10-11 – Open door (Public building) – 100 blk. N. College St.
- 10-11 – Suspicious person – 600 blk. S. College St.
- 10-12 – Silent alarm – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
- 10-12 – Reckless driver – 800 blk. E. Adams St.

Recent Deaths

Napps, Roland - Mr. Roland Napps of Rosenberg passed away September 30, 2007. He was born in Itasca August 20, 1923. He was in the Marine Corp during World War II and was a high school teacher for Lamar CISD for 30 years. Survivors include: his wife of 20 years, Marlene Napps; one sister, Mary Brown and husband, Bill, of Euleess; three sons, Marvin Napps and wife, Judith, of Maryland, Wally Napps of Blackfoot and Billy Stiles and wife, Teresa, of Harker Heights; three daughters, Rita Graeber and husband, Steve, of Needville, Debra Throckmorton of Arkansas and Linda Barber and husband, Mike, of LaPorte; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held October 3, 2007, at Angeles Crest Funeral Home Chapel in Rosenberg. Graveside services were October 4, 2007 at Itasca Cemetery.

Ellison, Glenn Robert - Mr. Glenn Robert Ellison, 79, of West passed away October 3, 2007, at his residence. He was born October 28, 1927, in Itasca, son of the late Charlie Abraham and Ola Mamie Allen Ellison. He attended elementary school in Rockwall and graduated from Itasca High School in 1945 and from Hillsboro Junior College with an Associate's of Art degree. He then attended Texas Tech and Navarro Junior College and graduated from East Texas State University, receiving his Bachelor of Science and Master degrees in administrative education. He was accepted in the Doctorate Program at Baylor University. He served his country in the United States Navy during World War II from 1945 to 1947 aboard the USS Union 106 and the Mount McKinley AG7.

June 20, 1953, he was united in marriage to Jane Margaret Major in Milford. He worked as an agriculture teacher for Moran and Maypearl independent school districts, as a science teacher and superintendent for Penelope ISD and superintendent for Poteet ISD until his retirement in 1980. He also taught three years at Ranger Junior College.

He enjoyed the outdoors and loved to farm, fish and hunt. He especially loved to spend time with his family and grandchildren. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 524 of Maypearl and Scottish Rite Karem Shriners of Waco and a lifetime member of V.F.W. Post 2758 of Itasca, Texas School Administrators and First Baptist Church of West.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Hollis Ellison, J. C. Ellison and Aaron Ellison; and one sister, Dorothy Aldridge. Survivors include: his beloved wife of 54 years, Jane Ellison of West; two sons, Charles Brent Ellison of Livingston and Randall Glenn Ellison and wife, Mary, of Mount Calm; one daughter, Melanie Jane Teague and husband, Dave, of North Richland Hills; one brother, Albert Ellison of Hillsboro; one sister, Naomi Bailey of Hillsboro; five grandchildren, Shea Davis and husband, Mike, of Schulenburg, Glenn Brent Ellison of Mount Vernon, Deandra Stubblefield and husband, Matt, of Keller and Krista Teague and Jarrett Teague, both of North Richland Hills; one great-grandson, Ashton Davis; several nieces and nephews; other relatives; and friends.

Funeral services were October 6, 2007 at Aderhold Funeral Home Chapel in West with Rev. Bob Briles, Rev. John Crowder and Rev. Kenneth Stevens officiating. Military graveside services were at St. Mary's Cemetery near West, conducted by V.F.W. Post 4819 of West. Pallbearers were Rick Sullins, Harry Marak, Don Schneider, Dale Dunlap, Brent Petty and John Chaney. Honorary pallbearers were Jake Tucker, Raymond Snokhous, Delmer Sullins, Alvin Gehrels, Alton Pratka and Manuel Martinez. Memorials may be made to the Building Fund of First Baptist Church of West, Lake Whitney Baptist Church, Bluebonnet Healthcare and Hospice or charity of one's choice.

Public Notice of Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Constitutional Amendments Election, held on November 6, 2007, will be tested on November 2, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in the basement of the County Courthouse Hillsboro, Texas, This is to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all measures.

Patsy Damschen - Elections Administrator

Aviso Publico de La Prueba Del Equipo de Tabulacion Automatico

El aviso por este medio se da a eso el equipo de tabulación automático que será utilizado en la elección de las enmiendas constitucionales, celebrada el 6 de noviembre de 2007, será probado el 2 de noviembre de 2007, en el 10:00 mañana en el sótano del palacio de justicia de condado, Hillsboro, Tejas. Éste es comprobar que contará exactamente los votos emitidos para todas las medidas.

Patsy Damschen - Administrador de las elecciones

September Council Meeting

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A motion was made and passed to approve and adopt the Order of Cancellation for each candidate (Susie Davis, James Bouldin & Steve Solis)

The potential sale of property known as the Lake Aquilla Intake property, 5.00 acres of land in the J. S. Hogley Survey, Hill County, Texas was discussed and considered. The Council agreed to table for a later meeting.

The meeting was open for general Mayor, Council and City Administrator discussion and reports. The City Administrator addressed the subject of changing the election date to May from November and suggested putting the item on the next agenda for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Do You Remember...?—"The Campground"

Columnist Carl Sweeney



The column about the funeral enlisted some comments about the content. Those who responded said the story was good, but sad. So let's change the pace this time. The following story occurred quite a few years ago.

There was a lady who was enamored with the Acadians and their plight, or history. As we know, they came from France originally. They came to Nova Scotia to escape a situation that was not conducive to their welfare. It seemed that it was the same old story, their religion and lifestyle was not accepted there. The same thing happened in Canada, so they migrated again to the southern United States, to the southern Louisiana area mostly. Here they seemed to have found their niche. They are a fun loving gregarious people. They love music, parties and a good time. We know them as "Cajuns" a name that they apparently chose to call themselves.

Now, this lady that was intrigued by the Cajuns saw an advertisement brochure about a campground in southern Louisiana. I think it was in La Fourche Parish near Brussard. She decided that she and her husband would like to spend some time at the campground. She wanted to make sure the place had all the amenities for a comfortable visit, but she was at a loss as how to ask about toilet facilities. Since she was an old-fashioned lady, quite elegant and proper, especially in her manner and language, she just could not bring herself to write the word "toilet." After much agonizing and thought, she finally came up with the term "bathroom commode," but in writing the letter it still looked risqué to her, so she wrote the letter again and simply used the letter B.C. for bathroom commode. "Does your campground have a B.C.?"

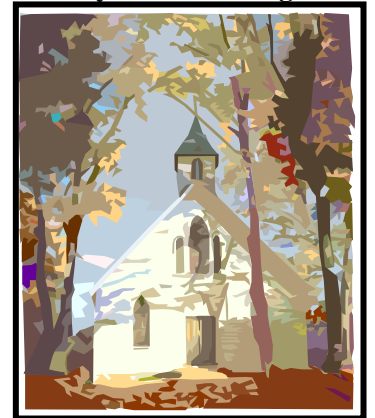
When the campground manager received the letter he was at a loss to understand what she had reference to. The B.C. had him totally confused. He checked with other people and they finally decided the lady was referring to a Baptist Church. He felt comfortable with their decision and he wrote the lady and gave her the following information.

Dear Madam: I am sorry that I have taken so long to reply to your letter however I am happy to inform you that a B.C. is located about two miles from our campground. It is capable of seating about two hundred people at a time. I am sorry that it is not adjacent to our campground. If you are accustomed to going regularly, you will be pleased to know that quite often especially on Sunday the people take their lunches and make a day of it. They usually arrive early and stay late. The last time my wife and I went was about a week ago. We usually try to go at the same time together. This time it was so crowded we had to stand up the whole time we were there.

I wish you could be here now; we are planning a supper to make money for more seats. The supper will be held in the basement of the B.C.

I would go more often, and it pains me very much that I cannot; however, it is no lack of desire on my part. As we grow older it seems to be more of an effort to go, especially in cold weather. Madam, if you do decide to visit our campground I am sure I could go with you and sit with you and introduce you to the other folk. We want you to know that our people are the friendliest anywhere. You expressed an interest in our cultures and lifestyle. You will be happy to know that there will be a good old Cajun dance and party next week. It will also be held at the B.C.

Sincerely yours, Thibideux Marceau



Veterans' Day Program

The Itasca Independent School District and Board of Revitalization extends a special invitation to our veterans, past and present, to our special Veterans Day Program on November 9, 2007 at 9: 00 a.m. in the Special Events Center.

If you are a veteran and are planning to attend, please call Betty Sumner at 254-687-2204 so a nametag can be prepared and a seat reserved on the floor for you.

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#2 Football Fav is #62 Chris Pacheco who is a force that can't be stopped. Mild tempered in the classroom, Pacheco is a bulldozer on the field.



#3 Football Fav is #54 Jacob Pelham - "The Fireman." Pelham has many outstanding tackles and hits. He is a hard-hitting constant for the Cats while putting out the opponent's fire.



#4 Football Fav is #9 Justin Hopkins. Hopkins is a fast and agile senior who makes many important plays. He made a very important interception, which he ran back for 41 yards.



#5 Football Fav is #80 Tevin Mayberry. Tevin is a sophomore with lots of talent. He continues to make key plays as he observes this year's seniors. He has ambition to move up in Harden or Soto's slot.

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