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Brake Failure Results in Building Damage

Press Release



Saturday morning as a Dodge Ram truck turned into the Exxon SmartStop and Golden Chic parking area, its brakes failed and the vehicle continued on into the north side of the building. Before coming to a stop it bounced off the front of the restaurant and hit another vehicle parked on the lot.

The driver was ticketed for failure to control the speed of the vehicle. No one was injured. Lt. Winson

Brewer worked the accident.

Hon. F. B. McGregor, Jr. Completes Fourth Amendment Course

Press Release

The National Judicial College (NJC) announce that the Honorable F. B. "Bob" McGregor, 66th District Court, Hillsboro, Texas, completed The Fourth Amendment: Comprehensive Search and Seizure Training for Trial Judges course, presented at the University of Mississippi's School of Law in Oxford, Mississippi. The program was presented by the NJC and the National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law (NCJRL). Judge McGregor served as a discussion leader during the course.

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Hooks Memorial Boy Scout Hut Moved

Reporter Devin Corbitt



In October, the Pat E. Hooks III Scout Memorial Building was moved to a new location on N. King St. It was placed next to the Central Baptist Church parsonage. The building was moved by the H. D. Snow Co. who also moved the depot museum.

However, the Boy Scouts did not just leave the old location the way it was. They quickly spruced up the empty space that was left. It now looks as if the Scout Hut had never even been there. Now that the building is settled in its new home, the Boy Scouts will be able to renovate the building. They have plans to repaint the outside, put on a new roof, fix up the bathroom, add a new door, and reattach the porch.

The Boy Scouts would like to give special thanks to the Itasca Police Department for escorting the building to the new site and to Central Baptist Church for allowing the Boy Scouts to use the land where the building now resides.

Middle School Students Send Joy to Troops Overseas

Reporter Maria Worth – Photo by P. Willman



Every year Kelly Tinklenberg, middle school technology teacher, sends a little something from home to the troops across sea. Last year she had her students make postcards to send.

This year Tinklenberg's fifth and sixth grade students are given extra credit for bringing something to do with the spirit of Christmas. The students brought items such as stockings, decorations, Santa hats, cards, and food. Tinklenberg and her students are giving the troops a Christmas gift so that they also can have some holiday cheer even though they are far away from home.

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: Praise and Worship 9:00 a.m.

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

R.A.'s & G.A.'s (1st-6th) - Youth (7th-12th) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 10:45-12:15 p.m.

Wednesday - Supper 6:00 p.m. (\$2.00 ea. w/\$10.00 max/family) Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Youth (7th-12th) 7:00 - Kids' Choir 7:00 p.m.

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 p.m. Live the fullness of Life that GOD intended. Itasca Church of Christ 200 N. Aquilla

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Schedule

9:00 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, January 5 - 9:00 a.m.

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, December 17, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court Building 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

December 17, 2007 7:00 p.m.

IISD Administration Building - 123 N College St.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Monday, January 7, 2008 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

Community Holiday Events

Community Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 9, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Central Baptist Church

City Hall Open House

Monday, December 10, 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Itasca City Offices 126 N. Files St.

Chamber of Commerce Christmas

Decorating Contest - Judging 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18

***Complete an application to be eligible for judging (Available at business downtown)

Deadline for application is Thursday, December 13.

December 24-January 4

IISD Christmas Holiday - School resumes at 8:00 a.m. January 7, 2008.

Water Fees, Fines Increase

Council members passed a City Ordinance (waived 2nd & 3rd readings) at the November meeting raising the late fine for a water bill to \$10.00 from the previous \$5.00 charge. This increase is effective with the bills mailed out on December 30, due January 10. Also included in the Ordinance were increases in deposits, reconnect fees and a special fee for reconnect after hours and on holidays.

These increases were part of an effort to follow the recommendations of this year's auditor. 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.

Supreme Court of Texas Creates Judicial Readiness Task Force

Press Release

The Supreme Court of Texas issued an Order on November 19, 2007 appointing Judge F.B. (Bob) McGregor, Jr. to be a member of the "Task Force to Ensure Judicial Readiness in Times of Emergency."

"I will do my best to be of assistance to the Texas Supreme Court," Judge McGregor said, "in this effort to make sure Texas courts remain open to its citizens in times of crisis."

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita heightened the need to establish a coordinated plan when disaster strikes. Just as hurricanes pose challenges for our coastal region, terrorist events, technical failures, or a health crisis could similarly threaten the operation of our justice system in other parts of the state.

The judiciary must have the capability to perform essential functions without interruption under all circumstances. Vulnerable children rely on the courts for protection and care. The incarcerated must be supervised and our courts must have the means to adjudicate criminal cases even when a disaster compromise to social order. Landlords may need to take possession of properties for repair or demolition. Disputes may arise about insurance coverage or property damage. In short, Texas courts must remain open to its citizen in times of crisis.

A recent survey conducted by the Office of Court Administration reveals the most of our courts do not have a disaster response plan. Therefore, the Supreme Court created a Task Force to Ensure Judicial Readiness in Times of Emergency.

Appointing the sixteen members to sit on the Task Force is an important first step to designing and implementing a full service emergency management program that helps courts at every level prevent, prepare for and respond to a broad array of disruptions.

IISD Special Ed Notice

Press Release

Itasca ISD Special Education Department will hold a public meeting on December 19, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Itasca ISD library. The purpose of the meeting is to gather public input in the effective operation and performance of the Itasca ISD special education program through a community focus group that will address predetermined questions. Your attendance and input would be much appreciated.

Dear Santa Letters

If you are a parent, grandparent or care giver and your children would like their Dear Santa notes included in the December 21 issue of the *Paw Print Press* bring them to the high school on or before Wednesday, December 12. Each one should be limited to 25 words or less including their name.

Mail to Paw Print Press, 123 N. College St., Itasca, TX 76055 – The mailed letters must be received by December 12, also. We are not responsible for letters not received on time.

McGregor Completes Judicial Course

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The faculty for this course consisted of judges and law professors who are experts in the intricacies of the Fourth Amendment.

After participating in this program, participants are able to: Identify what constitutes a search and what constitutes a seizure; determine when a seizure occurs within the meaning of the Fourth Amendment; summarize voluntariness issues involved in consents to search; analyze the admissibility of evidence argued to be in "plain view," describe who may give consent; and integrate their state supreme court with U.S. Supreme Court rulings on standing.

The National Judicial College has created judicial education endowment funds to enable individual states and courts to utilize the NJC's services without straining their budgets. The College has an appointed 18-member Board of Trustees and it became a Nevada not-for profit (501)(c)(3) educational corporation on January 1, 1978. Please visit the NJC website at www.judges.org for NJC news, ways to donate, course information and more, or call (800) 25-JUDGE for more information.

Notice of Public Meeting

The Itasca Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., December 17, 2007 during the regular board meeting in the Administration office at 123 N College to present the Itasca Independent School District's 2006-07 AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicator System) report.

High School, Junior High Band Concert

Thursday, December 6 –
7:00 p.m.

Special Events Center

Free! – Everyone Welcome



Notice of Public Meeting

The Itasca Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., December 17, 2007 during the regular board meeting in the Administration office at 123 N College on exemption for goods in transit.

Senior Spotlight - Edgar Soto

Reporter Megan Goff – Cartoonist Zech O’Rarden



“Edgar is funny, very social, and has a nice smile,” fellow senior Tralyn Harden said about senior Edgar Soto. One place Edgar uses his social skills are on the gridiron. Often the other team does not respond because of the defeat that they just suffered from the Wampus Cats.

Edgar wearing #1 was a receiver for the 9-1 Wampus Cats on offense and a defensive back on defense. He racked up more than 20 impressive tackles and 1 quarterback sack.

Edgar is the son of Thomas and Juana Ballesteros. His older brothers Jose, class of 06, and Jesus, class of 07 are both Marines. He has two younger brothers, Oscar, and Ivan. Edgar has gone to school at Itasca since 7th grade.

“I will always remember that I didn’t know what a Wampus Cat was until this year,” Edgar said.

Edgar and his wife Elizabeth are the proud parents of Natalie Alexa Soto.

“Liz has made a huge difference in my life,” Edgar said. “We have been through a lot of stuff together.”

After graduation, Edgar plans are to study auto body at TSTC. He is very anxious for May and graduation to arrive.

“I’m ready to graduate because I hate coming to school, just because it is school,” Edgar said.



Senior Spotlight Marilla Smith

Reporter Devin Corbitt – Cartoonist Zech O’Rarden



“I love theater because I can express myself,” 18-year-old Marilla Autumn Smith said. Besides theater, she also enjoys watching basketball, singing, reading, talking to her friends and riding horses. In fact, her current job is training a Clydesdale

named Daisy, the daughter of Maximus the Great.

“I’m very lucky that riding horses comes naturally. I love it, especially riding English style.”

She also has some pet peeves. One of them is people smacking their lips when they talk and calling her “dumb names.”

“Just so you know, I prefer not to be called Marilla Gorilla.”

Marilla describes herself as a “flamboyant, honorable leader.” Her role model is Charlotte from Charlotte’s Web. She is ready to graduate, but she isn’t quite ready to leave. After graduation, she hopes to become a lawyer for children. But first, she just wants to take a break and travel.

“I am ready to graduate to a point, but then life hits you faster than you think. I’m just not ready for that. I will always remember high school because of the unique personalities I have come across.”

Marilla was born on July 18, 1989. She is the daughter of Andrea and Robert Wright and David III and Debbie Smith. She is the youngest of many siblings.

“We’re a bunch of crazy, bipolar people. We love to have big parties when we can.”

As she readies herself to leave her sheltered high school life, Marilla leaves the underclassmen this advice: “You’re not born with luck. You are born to achieve it. Don’t just wait for it because you make your own success.”



IHS Welcomes New Secretary

Reporter Maria Worth



“I thought it would be great to be at Itasca every day,” Diana Johnson said about her new position as high school secretary.

Johnson graduated from Grandview and attended Hill College in 1987. She worked as an IBM secretary in Bedford before she moved to the country outside

Itasca in 2003. After moving, she began substitute teaching at Itasca where the students fell in love with her.

“I once lived in Alaska,” Johnson said. “The weirdest thing I think I have ever done is to throw snowballs at a moose so it would get out of my front yard so that I could take my kids to school.”

Diana Johnson is married to Lloyd Johnson and they are very proud of their two children Zac, a senior at IHS and Hannah an eighth grader.

Johnson is taking the place of Melissa Wilson who has been promoted to PEIMS and Special Ed secretary.

Wampus Cats Hit the Court

Reporter Nick Worth



Front row (left to right) Senior Tralyn Harden, Junior De'Veon Mayberry, Senior Edgar Soto, Sophomore Desmond Guy. Second row (l to r) Senior Terry Brumbalow, Senior Clayton Wienecke, Junior Mikey Marshall, Junior Jacob Boyd and Senior Dee Marshall.

The Itasca Wampus Cats basketball team suited up in new jerseys for their first game on November 20, 2007 after only four days of practice.

They came out with a bang, beating Comanche in their first game by over 25 points. Starters Tralyn Harden, Dee Marshall, and Clayton Wienecke obviously never looked back from their successful football season as they continued on to beat Whitney in their second game. Once again, the point spread was over 25 points.

Last weekend they entered the Dublin Tournament, which matched them against Breckenridge, Comanche and then basketball powerhouse Brock. After beating Breckenridge in the first round, Comanche once again fell under the Cats' quickness and skill. In the finals, Itasca faced off against old basketball rival, Brock. Although the Cats did not win, they had a many good plays and used the game to hone their skills and prepare for district which starts in only two short weeks.

The final score was Itasca 44 and Brock 59. The Cats are competing in the West Tournament this weekend before taking on Brock again next Tuesday, December 11.

Wampus Cat Boys Basketball

Varsity Cats Season - 4-1

December				
6/8	West Tournament		V	TBA
11	Brock	Away	JV, V	5:00
14	Dallas Life	Away	JV, V	4:00
18	* Maypearl	Home	JV, V	5:00
21	Godley Home		JV, V	4:00
27/29	Godley Tournament		V	TBA
31	Bruceville Eddy Tournament		JV, V	1:00

Lady Cats Continue "Same Name – New Game"

Roving Lady Cat Reporter

The Lady Cats are on a roll. After the Penelope game, Moody was the next victim. At Moody, the varsity played a tough game and pulled off a win with few seconds left on the clock.

"It came down to free-throws," shooting guard, Mary Maddox said. "We learned how important each possession is."

The final score was 52-51. While the varsity played in Moody, the JV finished up a tournament in Venus.

"We had a lot of lay-ups off of steals," shooting guard, Katelyn Seaman said. "Our defense held until the second half, but then they came back and won by one lucky shot."

Next the Lady Cats traveled to Abbott and both teams left behind defeated teams."

Sadly, the streak could not last. Blooming Grove brought a team of giants and left with a win from both the JV and Varsity.

Last weekend, the girls' competed in the Bruceville Eddy tournament. Their first game was a close one against Bruceville Eddy. Both teams played hard; however, the BE girls pulled ahead with two minutes left on the clock and won 52-42.

The second game of the tournament matched Itasca with Woodsboro. Itasca took the game easily 53-30.

Saturday, the Consolation Finals pitted Itasca against the team from Waco, 3- A La Vega, a very fast and tough team. The Lady Cats fought to keep up with La Vega. It was a game where the girls had to think, instead of just play. The Lady Cats were defeated by 20 points.

The tournament taught the Lady Cats some very important lessons that they will use as they go into district play next Tuesday, December 11 against Grandview, be patient and offensive plays will develop.

Lady Wampus Cat Basketball

Lady Cats Varsity Season - 5-1

December				
6/8	Frost Tournament		V	TBA
11	* Grandview	Home	JV, V	5:00
14	* Hico	Away	JV, V	4:00
18	* Maypearl	Home	JV, V	4:00
27-29	Need game or Tournament			

Junior High Basketball 2007-2008

December				
10	Maypearl	7B, 8B	Away	5:00
	Maypearl	7G, 8G	Home	5:00
January				
10	Dublin	7B, 8B	Away	5:00
	Dublin	7G, 8G	Home	5:00

Elementary "A" Honor Roll 2nd Six Weeks

Grade 1 – Isabel Avila, Mackenzie Boyd, Cameron Brandstetter, Kristen Clary, Samantha Faries, Alan Freeman, Katelyn George, Guadalupe Gobellan, Malacia Guy, Mackenzie Heath, Joseph Hettich-Gafford, Cameren Hight, Austin Karr, Bethany Kirkpatrick, Blaze Payne, Jordan Shelby, Katie Sherber, Lauren Whitfield, Danielle Wilson, Katie-Lynne Younger

Grade 2 – Jocelyn Ali, Amanda Arellano, Chalo Cavazos, Daniel Coronado, Heidi Delgado, Alessandra Diaz, Chloe Dumas, Brenna Durham, Layton English, Dustin Feazel, Erik Gonzalez, Kyra Henderson, Brayden Hennig, Jennipher Ignacz, Ethan LaFountain, Matthew Lara, Melissa Maya, Alexcia Rodriguez, Emili Sarli, Halie Sarli, Joe Savala, Rogelio Zavala

Grade 3 – Louis Arellano, Taylor Campbell, Lainey Cavazos, Kenneth Fails, Katlin Joy, Jacob Lacy, Kaleb McGill, Callie Pittman, Aliegha Rodriguez, Gracie Rugh, Chandley Sargent, Autum Throckmorton, Cameron Wells

Grade 4 – Brandi Fehnel, Sha'Shana Fennell, Amanda Rodriguez, Chelsea Searcy, Crisol Zavala

"A-B" Honor Roll – 2nd Six Weeks

Grade 1 – Neo Arellano, Kyndel Basye, Dylan Beam, Hannah Bruton, John Thomas Cardona, Aileene Diaz, Jacob Farquhar, Harley Finley, Wesley Frederick, Ariel Gonzales, Ethan Greeson, Travis Hammett, Keilan Harris, Wyatt Helms, Sophie Hennig, Harley Hubbard, Timothy Jacks, Jeff Knight, Da'Yonce Mayberry, Kobe McGruder, Darryl Montgomery, Itzayana Pacheco, Chasity Roberson, Anistashia Rockuemore, Hallie Runyon, Rico Salazar, James Savala, Samuel Sulak, Armando Yanez

Grade 2 – Alexis Arellano, Rebecca Arellano, Kahleil Barlow, Angelina Botello, Nicky Butler, DeAjanae Diggs, DeeJay Dulaney, Justin Feazel, Destiny Fennell, Yadi Garcia, Destany Graham, Cody Hundley, Tamera Jackson, Damerya Jarrett, Landon Lain, Katie Nalley, Rick Ortega, Calvin Roberts, Lucas Sayers, BayLee Smith, Monay Snyder, Amber Stephens, PJ Stephens, Abby Torres, Kristen Whitlock, Sydney Williams

Grade 3 – Jimmy Arellano, Isabella Botello, Marissa Chambers, Karla Cruz, Jose Delgado, William East, Daniel Garcia, Donovan Garcia, Courtnee Gore, Connor Hamblin, Robert Kirkpatrick, Darius Lara, Henri Martinez, Daniel Montes, Brandy Prosser, Christian Runyon, Anna Salazar, Jessica Sanchez, Ricky Sanders, Jacob Schronk, Kitt Seymour, Au'Breana Simmons, Luis Soto, Jordan Taylor, Karon Webb

Grade 4 – Fathe Altum, Tommy Ashley, Madison Bassett, Cheyenne Camp, Shaun Castro, Trey Cole, Esteban Cruz, triston Davis, Cesar Diaz, Kassandra Gabino, Harley Germer, Leticia Gonzales, Tanner Graig, Jesus Gutierrez, Allea Heath, Brenda Hernandez, Andrea Hightower, James Melson, Wesley Neese, Rebeca Ortega, Luis Ortiz Jimenez, Stephanie Pacheco, Lizabeth Ramirez, Haley Rodriguez, Amber Schronk, Thomas Stephens, Bailey Vaughan, Danelle Whitefield, Bryant Wilson

Middle School "A" Honor Roll 2nd Six Weeks

Grade 5 - Peyton Cordell, Rachel Freeman, Hunter Germer, William Gunn, Devin Hernandez

Grade 6 - Amanda Anderson, Shelbee Coleman, Chelsae Faries, Fisher Henning, Kaleigh Lightsey, Emma Orr, Samuel Orr

Grade 7 - Cole Coleman, David Corbitt, Christian Cruz, Rebecca Durham, James Hanes, Michelle Ignacz, Michael Macias, David Maddox, Jordan Sizemore, Jessica Zint

Grade 8 - Rebecca Maul

2nd 6-Weeks "A-B" Honor Roll

Grade 5 - Autumn Beatty, Skylar Campbell, Chip Chambers, Brandon Farquhar, Lacey Horton, Gabriel Macias, Kristian Mangum, Kierra Mayberry, Shannon Rodriguez, Emilee Ross, Reagan Rugh, Tristan Sulak, Alexis Whitlock

Grade 6 – Nick Arellano, Cora Bruton, Taylor Coulter, Andrew Fails, Jessica Farquhar, Breelle Garcia, Destinie Gutierrez, Katie LaFountain, Alton McCullough, Tristen Prescott, Darrell Rasco, Carter Reid, Ashlie Rodriguez, Amanda Seymour, Amber Shelby, Jordan Whitfield

Grade 7 – Christian Avila, Wyatt Berry, Justin Bonds, Brittany Bourland, Chris Collins, Brandon Kelley, Emilee Nalley, Heather Odom, Megan Odom, Tyler Odom, Brittany Reid, Belinda Reyes, Jonathan Reyes, Tylor Serbus, Alaina Valentine, Da'jae Wells, Samantha Wills, Katherine Worth

Grade 8 – Kenneth Clary, Courtney Conway, Robert Duby, Hannah Johnson, Emily Offutt, Joaquin Reyes, Alice Seymour, Maria Zuniga

Yard Sale

Thursday, December 6

9 a.m.–2 p.m. - 117 Minnie Dr. Itasca
Toys, sewing machine, furniture, household items

Pecan on the Halves

Needed - Someone to pick up pecans on the halves. Call if interested - 687-2681.

Carport Sale

Friday, December 7 (weather permitting)
9 a.m.–4 p.m. – 409 N Files St. Itasca
Odds & ends, crafts & clothing

Itasca PD Police Blotter

October

10-25 – Assisted EMS – 300 E. Wilkerson St.
 10-26 – Assisted stranded motorist (Out of gas) – I-35W northbound mm 5
 10-26 – Assisted stranded motorist – I-35W mm 7
 10-26 – Report of stolen pecans
 10-26 – Assisted DPS (Vehicle struck cabinet in roadway) – US 81 @ old airport
 10-26 – Complaint of vehicle striking another vehicle – 100 blk. W. Wall St.
 10-27 – Crowd control – 100 blk. N. Hill St.
 10-27 – Assisted DPS with arrests – I-35W mm 3
 10-27 – Report of possible theft - 100 blk. E. Main St.
 10-27 – Report of moving road hazard – I-35W southbound mm 16
 10-27 – Drug report – Itasca PD
 10-27 – Traffic stop – Arrest made for possession of marijuana <2 oz. (Citations for multiple violations) – E. Main & N. Hill Sts.
 10-27 – Fight in progress – Warehouse Itasca ISD
 10-27 – Report of stolen fire truck (False alarm – Grandview
 10-27 – Assisted DPS (Drunk driver) – S. Hill & E. Spurgeon Sts.
 10-28 – Vehicle towed (Blocking road & a hazard) – 500 blk. S. Files St.
 10-28 – Assisted EMS & Care flight – 900 blk. Mill St.
 10-28 – Report of a burglary (Phone) – 500 blk. K Lane
 10-28 – Report of pedestrians on I-35W – mm 7
 10-29 – Abandoned vehicle – Harris St. & Hwy 81
 10-29 – Report of theft – 500 blk, S. College St.
 10-30 – Possible drunk driver – I-35W mm 5
 10-31 – Request of close patrol – 400 blk. E. South St.
 10-31 – Minor accident (Citation for failure to yield right of way) – FM 66 & Wampus Cat Drive
 10-31 – Assisted motorist – 1200 blk. E. Main St.
 10-31 – Juvenile dispute – Itasca PD
 10-31 – Assisted motorist – Itasca PD
 10-31 – Criminal mischief complain – 400 blk. E. Wilkerson St.

November

11-1 – Courtesy transport – Request of Hillsboro PD – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 11-1 – Information on anhydrous leak – 700 blk. S. Hill St.
 11-1 – 911 hang-up calls – 200 blk. N. Hill St.
 11-2 – Welfare concern – 100 blk. S. Aquilla At.
 11-2 – Information on stolen 4-wheeler – Hillsboro PD
 11-2 – Traffic stop (speeding) – No valid drivers license (black/male 26) Vehicle towed – I-35W northbound mm 8
 11-2 – Burglary alarm – Lamar & E. Adams Sts.
 11-2 – Traffic stop – Probable cause search (Crack cocaine) – 2 arrests (black/male 19 & Hispanic/male 18) – Mill & Harris Sts.
 11-2 – Assault complaint – Citations issued 2 juveniles (16 & 13) – 100 blk. College St.
 11-3 – Found dogs (2 Dachshunds) – Hill County road
 11-3 – Traffic stop (speeding) – Arrest DWI (white/female 41) - I-35W southbound mm 7
 11-4 – Criminal trespass warnings issued (white/male 19 & white/female 34) – 800 blk. Mill St.
 11-4 – Report of missing money – 500 blk. S. Files St.
 11-4 – Report of theft (juvenile) – 3300 blk. S. Hwy. 81
 11-4 – Animal complaint (dogs chasing children) – 800 blk. E. Adams St.
 11-4 – Suspicious person – 1200 blk. E. Main St.
 11-5 – 911 hang up – 900 blk. Mill St.
 11-5 – Suspicious person – 100 blk. N. College St.
 11-5 – Open door public building – 900 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
 11-6 – Animal complaint (loose dog) – 500 blk. N. King St.
 11-7 – Missing person (juvenile) – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 11-7 – Traffic stop (speeding) - Probable cause search (drugs & large amount cash) – Vehicle towed – I-35W northbound mm7
 11-7 – Loud music complaint – 800 blk. E. Adams St.
 11-7 – Possible burglary of habitat – 400 blk. E. Main St.
 11-8 – Request for extra patrol – 100 blk. Beard St.
 11-9 – Welfare concern – 200 blk. N. Files St.
 11-9 – Welfare concern – 400 blk. N. Wesley St.
 11-9 – Assisted DPS – I-35W northbound mm 8
 11-10 – Traffic stop (Defective taillights) – No valid drivers license (Hispanic/male 31 – Vehicle towed – 100 blk. W. Main St.
 11-10 – Civil matter – 400 blk. N. Wesley St.
 11-10 – Civil matter – 700 blk. S. Hill St.
 11-10 - Anhydrous leak – 700 blk. S. Hill St.
 11-10 – Traffic stop (defective headlamps) No valid drivers license (Hispanic/male 28) – Vehicle towed - 100 blk. E. Adams St.
 11-10 – Assisted HCSO – I-35W southbound mm 8
 11-10 – Assisted stranded motorist (flat) – I-35W mm 8
 11-10 – Reckless driver report – I-35W southbound
 11-11 – Traffic stop (speeding) No valid drivers license (Hispanic/male 41) – Vehicle towed - 1500 blk. E. Main St.
 11-11 – Assisted HCSO – 1200 blk. S. Files St.
 11-12 – Assault/family violence (juvenile) – 800 blk. Loom St.
 11-12 – Stranded motorist (overheated) – I-35W mm 12

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor, I read with great interest the article that Pam Willman wrote about her "other family." Bobby and Patty Miller lived across the street from my mom, Ollie Daniel, and always did things to help her also, and mom enjoyed knowing them.

I am so thankful they are now there for Beth Nalley. She deserved it and so much more because she was that same kind of friend to my mom. She was always so kind and helpful and went out of her way many days to make sure Mom had everything she needed, especially in the winter during icy weather. I am grateful and thankful that Mom had the experience of the last home she had in Itasca being next door to Beth Nalley. Thank you Beth and I hope you enjoy your "new family" as much as Mom enjoyed you.

Edith Daniel Minor, Burleson, TX

2007 Hill County Christmas Parade and Live Nativity

Downtown Hillsboro Courthouse Square

Monday, December 10, 2007 6:00pm

Free Family Activities Include: Hot Cocoa & Apple Cider,
Children's Area for Letters to Santa & Holiday Cookie
Decorating

Santa Will be Available for Personal Photo Taking
Annual Tree Lighting & Choir Groups Performing Carols

Christmas in Texas

www.hillsborochamber.org/parade - additional information & entry form.

Deadline Nears for Submissions

Press Release

Organizers have set December 31, 2007 as the deadline for submitting articles for Hill County, Texas Heritage Book, Volume II. Finish your family and/or topical story and send it in soon. Stories should be mailed to Hill County Heritage Book Committee Vol. II, P.O. Box 555, Hillsboro, TX 76645 and postmarked by the deadline, December 31, 2007.

A Military Service section is being included in Volume II. Any person with Hill County ties who has served in the military may be featured in a biographical article which includes his or her full name, birthday and where born, parents, dates of service, rank, name of war, branch of service and unit, schooling, marriage, overseas duty and one photo in uniform, if available. Persons who were in the military during peacetime may also be included. The article may be up to 500 words at no charge.

Guidelines for writing family and topical (historical) stories may be found on Hill County Genealogical Society website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txhcg>. Click on Heritage of Hill County, Texas Volume II to find directions. Or contact Roy Bessire, 254-666-3283, e-mail rcbess@aol.com or Richard Greenhill at 254-582-8912 for a brochure or information about the book.

Itasca Garden Club News

Press Release

The Itasca Garden Club's November meeting was in the home of Diane Peckham. Other hostesses for the meeting were Martha Strona and Pat Gibbons.

Cathye Miller gave an interesting and fun program on "Signs of Gardening Obsessions."

The club welcomes new member Angela Orr.

Itasca Basketball Sign-Ups

Place: Itasca Middle School Gym

Time: Tuesday Dec. 11 - Time 6:00 p.m. To 8:00 p.m.

Thursday Dec 13 - Time 6:00 p.m. To 8:00 p.m.

Saturday Dec. 15 Time 9:00 a.m. To 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per Child (Due at Signup)

Sign-Up Form

Child Name _____

D.O.B. _____ Grade _____ M/F _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Work _____

Shirt Size: Youth: S M L

Adult: S M L XL XXL

Paid: Yes ___ No ___ Amt _____ Check# _____

(A Fee of \$25 for Return Check)

Itasca Youth Association Is Not Held Responsible
For Any Injury to
Participant _____ Date _____

Consent of Medical Treatment (Minor)

As the parent or legal guardian of the above named player, I hereby give consent for emergency medical care prescribed by a duly licensed doctor of medicine or doctor of dentistry.

This care may be given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve the life, limb, or well-being of my dependent.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

List any medical problem or prohibition player may have _____

Person to Notify In Emergency

Name _____ Phone _____

Parental support: check areas in, which you are willing to help.

Coach ___ Help Coach ___ Score Clock ___

Referee ___ Clean Up ___

Please Do Not Return This Form to the School
For Information Contact:

Jason or Leann Kirkpatrick at 254-687-9886.

Do You Remember...?—"Chapman Ranch Sojourn"

Columnist Carl Sweeney

Photo from Carl Sweeney



In the early 1920's a Mr. Chapman and others purchased land near Corpus Christi and the King Ranch; they called it "Chapman Ranch." The soil was broken up for the first time ever. It was divided into plots for a "share cropper" operation. Each plot had a house and barn for the tenants. A number of people migrated from other areas including Hill County. I still cannot believe that my father was adventuresome enough to make that move. It was close to 350 miles from Hill County to Chapman Ranch. We left Pluto, Texas, loaded our mules, plows, household stuff on the train. Then we climbed into the Model "T" and headed south to a new adventure.

Some of the families I remember who went were the Carl Sweeney Sr. family, Tom Blissits, Walter Sheltons, George Cate, George Pierce; who probably did blacksmith work there, Cliff Shelton, whose Sam Wendell was born there, Earl Candon, whose daughter Carol graduated from Chapman Ranch School, along with Alpha (Pierce) Alverson. The Chapman Ranch School closed in 1941. Another family that went was the Callaways. They stayed and became prominent in the area, son, Parham (Preacher) Callaway eventually became mayor of Corpus Christi. C. B. (Red) Hobbs was there at on time. He also farmed at Austwell and Robstown. It wasn't so bad being away from home with so many people we knew from back in Hill County. Occasionally we all go together for a big picnic and called it "Hill County Day."

We raised mostly cotton and made two bales to the acre without fertilizing, which was not done in those days. I remember at five years old I could climb up in the lower limbs of these cotton stalks. I also remember the leaf worms in the cotton and the "Paris Green" poison used on them. There were lots of wolves in the area and they came after our chickens at night. There was a policeman who hunted them with greyhounds and a big bulldog. The greyhounds surrounded the wolf

until the slower bulldog got there. He attacked the wolf and they all piled on and killed him. We were seventeen miles from the ocean and we went there every Sunday in the summer and on warm days in the winter. We played in the



surf and then went to the docks where they were shelling oysters. We bought them for ten cents a dozen. Once when we were at Chapman Ranch, we had a small hurricane. It rained so much the water rose onto our porch, which was about two feet off the ground. One thing that has stuck with me all these years was when a Mexican woman was picking cotton for us. She was bitten by a spider and went blind. There were lots of rattlesnakes in that part of Texas. There was a black man that went there from Hill County also. The only name I remember he had was "Shug." He caught rattlesnakes, and once he had a very small rattlesnake in a Prince Albert tobacco can.

The village of Chapman Ranch consisted of a cotton gin, a general store, a school, a church, and a huge warehouse where cotton bales were stored until sold. There was also a "filling station" as we called it then; "Fuel, Gasoline and Car Repair." There was also a "store" called Patuille where we sometimes brought groceries but I can't find anyone who remembers it.

Once when we got lonesome for Hill County, we loaded up the Model "T" and headed for Itasca. We left before daylight and carried our lunch and supper. We finally arrived in Itasca after dark. We probably averaged twenty-five miles per hour when on the road. The old Standpipe really looked good. I heard someone say recently that they really miss the Itasca Standpipe. They are not alone either.

After making two or three crops at the Chapman ranch, we became homesick for home. We along with several others headed back to Hill County. We settled on a farm on the north bank at Island Creek and the kids started school at Lee Summit.

The sharecropper is gone from Chapman Ranch now. It was taken over by bigger operations. There is one Itascan who still goes back there each summer for the cotton crop; he is John Kyle, an entomologist. And so ends our sojourn at Chapman Ranch.

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Itasca, Texas 76055

Wampus Cats of the Week - The Lady Cats

The Lady Cats have started the season strong and with a winning record, 7-3, including tournament play.

Our #1 Fav is # 23 Junior Courtney Phillips. Courtney is the Lady Cats' strong starting point guard. She is quick on the break and talented stealing the ball.

#2 Fav is Sophomore Shooting Guard #13 Mary Maddox. Mary is a strong shooter from inside and outside the 3-point line. She guards her opponents tightly causing a number of turnovers.

#3 Fav is #20 Sophomore Post Megan Goff. Megan brings height, agility and experience to the floor. She is a hard worker under the basket and scrambles for the rebounds.

#4 Fav is #11 Sophomore Shooting Guard Eva Mayberry. Eva is one of the Lady Cats' secret weapons on the 3-point line. She is also a good ball handler and fast on the floor.

#5 Fav is # 15 Sophomore Guard Chantel Courtnier. Chantel is a all-around player, fast on the floor, quick on the rebounding and accurate in the basket.



“Merry Christmas Itasca”

Lloyd Ford

**Invites you to the annual
Christmas Open House**

“Fried Turkey Day”

Friday, December 14

12 noon - ?