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Friday Night Lights

Cats Vs. Dogs

The Itasca Wampus Cats played the Wortham Bulldogs Friday night. The Dogs came out strong in the first quarter scoring the first touchdown of the game. The Cats scored in the second quarter making it a close game. It was a battle to the end, but the Cats came up 2 points short from beating the Dogs. Final score, Wortham 20, Itasca 18.



Class of 1969

Officers of the Itasca Ex-Student Association met in the home of President Nancy Bowman to set plans in motion for Homecoming 2019.

Parade, pep rally, greetings, hugs, and football are only a few of the traditions of homecoming discussed. The officers are excited and looking forward to a large turnout with many classes already making plans for reunions. This year's honored class is the Class of 1969.

Exes make your plans to join us on Friday, September 20. Bring your families, memories, stories, and be ready to reminisce at Homecoming 2019. The cafeteria will be open during the football game for exes to come to mingle, enjoy refreshments, and share memories. Classes feel welcome to come and enjoy yourselves at the cafeteria during game time.

Don't forget to include a visit to the Itasca Depot Museum Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Mrs. Judy McClure and many other community members have done an excellent job in preserving the history of our Big Little town of Itasca.

SEE YOU AT HOMECOMING 2019 ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019.

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>	303 E Monroe	687-2774
<u>Community Church of Itasca</u>		
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	106 N. Lamar	687-2243
<u>First United Methodist</u>	Main & King St.	687-2475
<u>House of Faith of Itasca</u>	129 W. Main Street	
<u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>	FM 2959 East of I-35	
<u>Second Baptist Church</u>	120 W. Marrion	687-9134
<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

401 E. Monroe St. website - itascacbc.org
 Pastor: Matt Dugan 254-687-2343

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Awana & Youth 6:45 p.m.
 Wednesday Adult Bible Study @ Diaz 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

401 E. Main St, Itasca, TX 254-687-2650
 E-mail: itascaumc@att.net
 Re-Think Church
 Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.—Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Pastor: Tom Wood
 Ministers - Everyone

Itasca Church of Christ

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Hear the word of God . . .	Romans 10:17
Believe . . .	Hebrews 11:6
Repent . . .	Acts 17:30
Confess	Matt. 10:32
Baptism . . .	Acts 2:38
Remain Faithful . . .	Rev. 2:10

Sunday 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday evening 6:00 p.m.

Second Missionary Baptist Church

120 W. Marrion St. Itasca, TX., 76055
 Rev. George Demmeritte Jr. (Pastor)
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

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Pastor: Diane Barnes

Sundays - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship in Barton Hall
 10 - 10:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service
 Bible Study – Sunday at 4 p.m.
 Tuesday & Thursday – 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
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Community Church of Itasca

Community Church of Itasca invites you to join our service and fellowship Sunday mornings. Services are held at 109 N. Wall St., Itasca. We invite you to join our family and grow in Christ with us.

Community Church Service 10:00 a.m.

House of Faith of Itasca

Pastor: Philip Burch
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Everyone Welcome!

Third Day Worship Center

Invites you to fellowship every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.
 September 5, will start new time of prayer 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
 We start our new family night for the whole family.
 Starting new Bible study for the family.
 Wednesday is youth night at the youth center building.
 Come join us to learn more about what the Bible says.
 *Ministerial meetings are held at Third Day

Ministerial Alliance of Itasca

The Ministerial Alliance is a group of Itasca local pastors and leaders who desire to share the gospel and love of Jesus Christ in our community. We would be excited to have you join us! Please consider being a part at our next meeting. We meet every first Saturday at 10 a.m. at Third Day.

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting
 2nd Monday of Month 6:00 p.m.

Itasca City Council Meeting
 3rd Monday of Month 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting
 2nd Monday of Month 7:00 p.m.

Home Coming Schedule

Lady Wampus Cat Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 6 *Covington Covington 4:00 V-JV
 Sept. 10 *Blum Itasca 5:30 JV-V
 Sept. 12 & 14 JV Tournament @Valley Mills TBA JV
 Sept. 14 *Milford Itasca 10:00 V
 Sept. 17 *Bynum Itasca 5:30 JV-V
 Sept. 20 *Italy Itasca 4:00 V-JV
 Sept. 24 *Avalon Itasca 5:30 JV-V
 Sept. 27 *Kopperl Kopperl V
 Oct. 1 *BYE
 Oct. 4 *Frost Frost 4:30 V-JV
 Oct. 8 *Covington Itasca 5:30 JV-V
 Oct. 11 *Blum Blum 4:30 V-JV
 Oct. 15 *Milford Milford 5:30 V
 Oct. 18 *Bynum Bynum V
 Oct. 22 *Italy Italy 5:30 JV-V
 Oct. 25 *Avalon Avalon V-JV
 Oct. 29 *Kopperl Itasca (S) 5:30 V
 Nov. 1/Nov. 2 Area TBA TBA V
 Nov. 5/Nov. 6 Region Quarterfinals TBA TBA V
 Nov. 9/Nov. 10 Regional Tourney San Angelo TBA V
 Nov. 14/Nov.
 15 State Tournament Garland TBA V
 Head Coach: Rochelle Grisham Athletic Director:
 Jim Kerbow
 *District Games
 (S) Senior Night

Susan Crawford Theater Arts Scholarship Fundraiser

Second Annual Murder Mystery Diner
 (Wedding Reception Attire) will be held No-
 vember 16th from 6pm-9pm in the Itasca
 ISD Cafeteria.

Contact Charlotte Martin at the HS
cmartin@itascaisd.net for tickets or infor-
 mation.

Tickets are \$20 per person and MUST be
 purchased in advance.

Dinner will be Salad, Chicken Alfredo,
 Green Beans and Dessert. Drinks will be
 Iced Tea and Water— MOCK-tails are
 available at the CASH BAR.

All funds will benefit the Susan Craw-
 ford Theater Arts Scholarship to be award-
 ed May 2020.

Senior Spotlight Travis Abbott

Reporter: Linda



Travis Abbott age 17, was born in Waco Texas. He is the son of Kim and Jason Abbott and has a younger brother Ayden (11). Abbott describes himself as charismatic, hardworking and respectful. Some of the ac-

tivities Abbott likes doing are fishing, riding horses, and playing in the Itasca High School band as a percussionist.



Family is really important to Abbott. Kim, his mother is his role model and is someone who has made a difference in his life. Abbott also has future plans to have a family of his own on a big ranch one day in Central Texas.

Abbott has been attending Itasca ISD since Pre-K. All the years that he has been at Itasca his favorite teachers are Mrs. Durazo and Mr. Nickell. During his senior year he is using his perfectionist qualities to get into Tarleton University. As a senior, Abbott would like to advise his underclassmen to work hard, be coachable, and do your best no matter what to be successful in high school.



Senior Spotlight Andrew Arellano

Reporter: Kalee



Andrew Lee Arellano was born to David and Missy Arellano on May 23, 2002. Andrew has two siblings, David Arellano Jr and Alyssa Arellano. His family also includes his black lab, Duke.

Andrew has been enrolled at Itasca ISD his entire life,

during his time here he has enjoyed playing Football, Basketball, and Baseball. In his early high school years Andrew played trumpet in the Itasca Band. He has also been enrolled in honors classes, and been an active member of NHS. He also would like to take credit for starting the mullet trend at Itasca High, Coach Durazo, who loves his mullet, is his favorite teacher because she is always so positive in class.



When he isn't studying hard or playing sports Andrew enjoys fishing and hunting. He would describe himself as a family oriented person. Andrew likes to spend time with his "awesome" family, and they frequently get together for family breakfast.

Andrew hopes to attend Tarleton University and expressed interest in Sports Medicine.

He would like to thank his mom for helping him come this far and always supporting him. In ten years Andrew hopes to have a good job, a house, and a wife. He would like to leave this advice for the underclassmen: "Always go to class, don't argue, turn in your work, and do everything you can while in high school."



ITASCA WAMPUS CAT FOOTBALL



VARSITY SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
AUG. 17	(s)RANGER	RANGER HS	6:00PM
AUG. 23	(s)BARTLETT	PATTON FIELD	6:00PM
AUG. 30	WORTHAM	WORTHAM HS	7:30PM
SEPT. 6	HUBBARD	PATTON FIELD	7:30PM
SEPT. 13	FROST	PATTON FIELD	7:30PM
SEPT. 20	**INSPIRED ACADEMY	PATTON FIELD	7:30PM
SEPT. 27	*BOSQUEVILLE	PATTON FIELD	7:30PM
OCT. 4	*BRUCEVILLE-EDDY	BRUCEVILLE-EDDY HS	7:30PM
OCT. 11	*AXTELL	PATTON FIELD	7:30PM
OCT. 18	BYE		7:30PM
OCT. 25	*ITALY	ITALY HS	7:30PM
NOV. 1	***RIESEL	PATTON FIELD	7:30PM
NOV. 8	*MOODY	MOODY HS	7:30PM

JV & JH SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
AUG. 17	(s)RANGER [JV ONLY]	RANGER HS	6:00PM
AUG. 23	(s)BARTLETT [JV ONLY]	PATTON FIELD	6:00PM
AUG. 29	WORTHAM [JV ONLY]	PATTON FIELD	5:00PM
SEPT. 5	HUBBARD [JV ONLY]	HUBBARD HS	5:00PM
SEPT. 12	FROST [JH ONLY] JV TBA	FROST HS	5:00PM
SEPT. 19	INSPIRED ACADEMY [JV & JH]	PATTON FIELD	5:00PM
SEPT. 26	*BOSQUEVILLE [JV & JH]	BOSQUEVILLE HS	5:00PM
OCT. 3	*BRUCEVILLE-EDDY [JV & JH]	PATTON FIELD	5:00PM
OCT. 10	*AXTELL [JV & JH]	AXTELL HS	5:00PM
OCT. 17	BYE		5:00PM
OCT. 24	*ITALY [JV & JH]	PATTON FIELD	5:00PM
OCT. 31	*RIESEL [JV & JH]	RIESEL HS	5:00PM
NOV. 7	*MOODY [JV & JH]	PATTON FIELD	5:00PM

Denotes:

(s)Scrimmage | *District | **Homecoming | ***Senior Night

Athletic Director/Head Football Coach: Jim Kerbow

Asst. Coaches: Christian Cruz, Bernard Jackson, James Holcomb, Joey O'Hearn

Superintendent: Mark Parsons

High School Principal: Allison Middleton

Middle School Principal: Kristi Sargent

The CITY OF ITASCA will hold a meeting at 06:00 PM on SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 at City of Itasca, 134 N. Hill St, Itasca, TX 76055 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate or tax year 2019. The proposed tax rate is 0.500000 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the CITY OF ITASCA by 4.887770 percent.

THE DOROTHY GAINES FOUNDATION NOW ACCEPTING 2019 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Board of Directors of the Dorothy Gaines Foundation recently announced that the Foundation is now accepting grant applications for 2019. The Foundation is authorized to make grants to organizations and institutions that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or to governmental entities. The Foundation will make grants for specific projects, building and capital improvement campaigns and general purposes. Grants will only be funded which will serve organizations and the people of Hill County, Texas, or Tarrant County, Texas.

The Dorothy Gaines Foundation was established in 2003 by Dorothy Gaines as a private foundation with the primary purpose to promote the quality of life in Hill County and Tarrant County, Texas. More information about the Foundation and grant applications can be found on the Foundation's website: www.dorothygainesfoundation.org.

Applications for grants to be awarded in 2019 must be received on or before October 15, 2019.

ITASCA Ex-Students Scholarship Fund

It is that time of year again when the Ex-Students Association of Itasca high School will determine who among the graduating Seniors at HIS will receive the Itasca Ex-Students Scholarship.

The Ex- Students Association voted in October 2016 to limit the scholarship to students who have family members that have graduated from Itasca High School.

The scholarship fund was developed by the Ex-Students Association in 1990 when James Cammack contacted the President if the Association suggesting a raffle to collect the initial funds. The Scholarship Fund started that first year with \$250.00 and the initial scholarship of \$50.00. The fund has continued to grow and numerous graduating seniors have benefited from the generosity of the Itasca High School Ex-Students.

Should you wish to help these students pursue a secondary education you can mail your check made out to The Ex-Students' Scholarship Fund to P.O. Box 324, Itasca, Texas 76055.

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2nd CHANCE BREAKFAST



Join Us For Breakfast

Itasca ISD cafeteria will give our high school and middle school students a 2nd chance to eat breakfast to help start their day!

High school will start on Monday Aug 26th from 8:40 to 8:47 students will have a chance to grab breakfast items in their school between class. We will have both senior and freshman commons areas set up and ready to go!

Middle school will start the following week, Tuesday September 3rd from 8:40 to 8:47 in middle school commons area!

How it works!!!

2nd Chance Breakfast will be the same just as if you were getting breakfast in the cafeteria! So if you're running late, not quite ready to eat that early, need a extra little something, whatever the case is, we will bring breakfast to your school! Breakfast will be the same as on the menu with a few additional ala cart sale items i.e. fresh fruit, juice, milk, yogurt, cheese stick, muffin, granola bar etc. All eligibility requirements that apply for meals served in the cafeteria, will also apply for students who participate in the 2nd chance breakfast.

Antique Alley

Antique Alley is an annual event that is held twice a year, once in April 19-21 and September 20-22. All vendors will need to have a Texas Resale Number, you can get your number by calling 817-666-5024. All vendors are required to have a Vendor Permit that is \$20.00, you can get the permit by calling the City of Grandview at 817-866-2699. All valid Fundraisers are accepted.

Antique Alley is 30+ miles of shopping, Antiques, Art, Collectibles, Crafts, and Yard Sale items. Multiple cities in Johnson County participate in this event, such as Grandview, Sand Flat, Cleburne, Maypearl, Alvarado, and Venus.

If you would like more information you can go to the Antique Alley website @ AntiqueAlleyTexas.com

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Depot Fall Schedule



September 20-Homecoming Open 10-2
 September 21-Open 10-1
 October 26- Open 10-1
 November 23-Open 10-1

Do You Remember...?- “Itasca’s Cafe”

Columnist Carl Sweeney Reprinted from Issue #33, 2009



Itasca has been blessed over the years with some really good eating places: cafes or restaurants. One person said the only differences between a cafe and restaurant is about five or ten dollars.

Itasca started having eating places during the early days of the town. Some of the older ones were Frank Thompsons Itasca Cafe almost a hundred years ago, the American Candy Kitchen, Bon Ton Confectionery, Greens Confectionery, the Hodges Brothers Cafe in 1906 and C.C. Livingston Short Order around 1900. Then there was “Morrissey’s” operated by Mrs. Morris with the help of her daughter, Maydell (Morris) Pruitt. It was located on the school grounds in the 1930’s. She had delicious hamburgers for a dime and two chocolate covered donuts for five cents. Many of the school kids ate lunch there. Another popular eating place was the Rainbow Inn next to the Petrified Station. It was owned by Homer and Mae Dodson. Besides their other good food, Mae was famous for her ham and cheese sandwich. Joe Bradley had a cafe on East Main Street where the Farrow Room is now. It was a popular hangout for the young people. Joe Jr. and Doris helped sometimes and their friends headquartered there.

It was not a cafe, but a confectionery owned by Walter Pruitt, affectionately known as “Uncle Hez.” it was a popular place for all ages. He made his ice cream and his specialty was Banana Nut and Strawberry. I remember eating those five cent Strawberry Cones myself in the 1930’s. Kids loved Uncle Hez, and he was fond of them.

Then there was the Cozy Cafe owned by D.O. Knick for years. The Rotary Club ate there each Thursday when it was first formed in 1937. The Cozy Cafe existed until Mr. Knick sold it to Pat and Ruth Patterson. They called it the “Roundup Cafe.” When Pat and Ruth left Itasca to open a Roundup in Gatesville, they sold the building to Wendell and Ann Jordan for their “Ideal Cleaners.” When Wendell and Ann moved their business to Hillsboro the building is now owned by Carl and Gaynelle Seale.

Another popular eating place was Gladys Sweeney’s Cafe. She was famous for her steaks and home-made pies. Before Gladys moved into the building there was Villa Hodge who also had excellent food. I remember I sold her pigeons for her cafe. She had a few customers who thought the squabs were delicious. Woodrow and Ernestine Coutret operated their cafe, called the “Cactus Cafe” where Cindy Lou’s is now.

Also there was always a snack bar at Cotton Mill. There were several owners over the years, such as Jake Lackey, W.L. and Olive Mae Chandler, George and Ruby Valentine and Ruby’s father before that. At one time Mrs. Wright also made sandwiches at home and sold them to the mill workers. Elma Clamp told me that some of his relatives were involved in the vending units that sold hamburgers and other items to the mill workers. The original store was operated by Katie Johnson, and it was called “Charlie’s Shack.”

There were many eating places in and around Itasca; I do not have a listing of them all. Some of the ones I remember were, Barney’s Canteen owned by Franklin Martin, Holland’s Cafe, the Green Lantern Sandwich Shop in 1930, Dominguez Bar and Grill, Adwells Cafe, Carl and Marguriet’s Snack Bar in the Tower Theater and Estalene Turners “Cats Den” across from the school.

I guess one of the most popular cafes in itasca history was “Franks Cafe,” owned by Frank and Gracie Lee Etter. It was a place of good food and a popular hangout by young and old. Gracie didn’t have much time for the cafe; she was too busy raising five girls, Mary Alyce, Hazel Dean, Luthene, Frances Lee, and Enid.

Frank added a room in the back with a Juke Box for the young people; however it was also enjoyed by some of the older citizens, such as B.B. Christian, Toad Moore, Jay and Gracie Faries, Buster Ince, Ralph Bailey, and other who danced.

Frank had a chili recipe that was excellent. He would not reveal it to anyone, except once. He told Luthene who entered a chili contest at one of the Itasca Arts and Crafts fairs. She won the grand prize. She had been encouraged to enter by her daughter-in-law Diana Taylor.

Bud and Verna Laird purchased the café owned by Frank Etter. Their place turned out to be a popular and successful business. They had good old fashion food that was popular with everyone. Dr. Campbell liked to go there for his coffee and enjoyed teasing and having friendly arguments with Ada Kirkpatrick.

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