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Sue Comer

Retirement Party



Come join the City of Itasca for Sue Comer's Retirement Party. Sue Comer has worked for the City of Itasca Water and Tax Collector for 24 years! "Her diligence and knowledge will be missed here in the office. She is a great employee but an even better friend."— Cindee Garrett (City Administrator). The party will be held at the Itasca Community Center 100 W Main St. on February 25, 2020 from 11am-3pm! There will be food and fun! Come out and wish Mrs. Sue a Happy Retirement!

Coats for Kids Program



Thank you to Vernon Markwardt, Hillsboro Knights of Columbus Council 10375, for donating coats to our students. This is the "Coats for Kids Program" and we are very grateful for their generosity. Because of their generosity some of our kids are able to be warm during this winter season. Thanks so much!!

CX Debate Teams



On Thursday, February 6, 2020 the Itasca CX Debate team competed here in the Library. They came away with 1st place— Michael Battelson & Abby Weaver, 2nd place— Kalee Payne & Olivia Lee, and 3rd place (Alternate to State)— Marilyn Cisneros & Alondra Ramirez. Congratulations on heading to State and giving up some of your spring break to bring home the gold.

Back Row Pictured: (L to R):
Alondra Ramirez, Michael Battelson, and Olivia Lee.
Front Row Pictured (L to R):
Marilyn Cisneros, Abby Weaver, and Kalee Payne.



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

303 E. Monroe 254-687-2774 254-687-2858
 God's plan for saving man

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

106 N. Lamar - 254-687-2243

We're on Facebook!

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
 “We are here to know God and to make God known.”

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 second 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.

Recent Deaths



Anna M. Alverson, 92, of Itasca passed away early Sunday morning, February 16, 2020, at Grandview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 a.m. with funeral services beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at First Presbyterian Church in Itasca with Rev. Diana Barnes officiating. Burial will follow at Itasca Cemetery.

Anna was born June 11, 1927, in Itasca to Travis and Zelma (Whitfield) Holloway. She grew up in Itasca and was a 1944 graduate of Itasca High School. Following graduation, she worked at Neiman Marcus for a short time before going to work for Hill County Electric for about three years.

On November 29, 1947, Anna was united in marriage to Fred B. Alverson at the Files Valley Church. The couple served as cottage parents at the Presbyterian Children's Home. They also owned and operated Alverson's Variety Store in Itasca for many years. Anna would later work at the Itasca High School, Grandview Library, and in retail sales at several clothing stores in Hillsboro.

A member of First Presbyterian Church in Itasca, she was a member of it's Ladies Circle and served as an elder. She was also a member of the Itasca Garden Club, Area Art Guild, PTA, and 42 Club.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Fred B. Alverson on October 25, 1996; and one brother, Jack Holloway.

Survivors include her three daughters, Angela Skoczlas and husband, Ken, of Aledo, Marcia Tackett of Burleson, and Lauri Alverson and partner, Rhonda Hermes, of Itasca; four grandchildren, Holly Strickland and fiancé, Randy Perez, Bryan Mahanay and wife, Katrina, Michael Strickland and fiancée, Ashley, and Emily Miller and husband, Rob; five great-grandchildren, Logan, Kylie, Colton, Aaron, and Nolan; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 710 N. 64th Street, Waco, TX 76710.

Meet the Teacher:

Danielle Graber

Reporter: Alasyha



Danielle Josephine Graber was born in Medina, Ohio. She graduated from Tarleton State University with the

education for Kinesiology and graduated in 2018. Graber teaches Credit Recovery and Athletics, Graber also describes herself as athletic, outgoing, and relentless. She went to Palmer High School. Graber says that licking her elbow is something unique about her. Graber did all extracurricular activities in high school and in college she played Softball. Improving the future inspires her to teach. The advice Graber would give to the high school students is to do something for others, before yourself. Graber's hobbies are watching movies, playing sports and going to the gym. Graber says that if she wasn't a teacher, then she would be a full time farmer. Role models in Graber's life are her coaches and her parents. Graber also has a dog named Bella. This is Graber's first year teaching, before working here she worked at a warehouse. Graber's favorite things to eat and drink are pizza, and Dr. Pepper. Graber's favorite movie is *Sweet Home Alabama*, and her favorite quote is "Working hard for something we don't care about is called stress, working hard for something we love is called passion."

Meet the Teacher:

Marla Lamar

Reporter: Linda



Marla Kim Lamar, a single mother of 4, teaches Graphic Design, Animation, Princi-

ples of Art and AV Tech and Communication at IHS. This is her third year of teaching but she has been in public education for nineteen years. She previously worked in Peaster ISD but chose to join the Wampus Cat family because she wanted to teach the subjects she was most passionate about. She was born in Oklahoma City but attended high school in Denison, Texas, where she participated in a band as a clarinet player. She graduated from Texas Woman's University in 2010, where she graduated with a degree in Bachelor of General Studies.

Ms. Lamar is a kind, honest, responsible person who enjoys reading, spending time with her grandkids, swimming and playing piano. She has a passion for teaching because she feels like high school kids deserve the best education you can give them and knowledge is power. According to Ms. Lamar's words of wisdom, "High school is short but follows you the rest of your life. So try hard and get out on time." Her favorite quote however is, "It wasn't a waste of time if you learned something."

2019-2020 Lady Wampus Cat Softball Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GAME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	
02-08-2020	Bruceville-Eddy	Bruceville-Eddy	Varsity	10:00 AM	Scrimmage
02-13-2020	Keene	Itasca	Varsity	5:00 PM	Scrimmage
02/17-18/2020	Try outs				
02/20-22/2020	Castleberry Tournament	Castleberry	Varsity	TBD	
2/27-29-2020	Whitney Tournamet	Whitney	Varisty	TBD	
3-3-2020	Covington*	Covington	Varsity	4:30 PM	
3-10-2020	Italy*	Itasca	Varsity	5:30 PM	
3-13-2020	Blum	Itasca**	Varsity	4:30 PM	Played in Itasca
3-16-2020	Kopperl*	Itasca	Varsity	10:00 AM	
3-24-2020	Avalon	Itasca	Varsity	5:30 PM	
3-27-2020	Frost*	Itasca	Varsity	5:30 PM	
3-31-2020	Covington*	Itasca	Varsity	5:30 PM	IYA Night
4-3-2020	Italy	Italy	Varsity	5:30 PM	
4-7-2020	Bye	Bye	Bye		
4-9-2020	Blum***	Itasca	Varsity	5:30 PM	
4-14-2020	Kopperl	Kopperl	Varsity	4:30 PM	
4-17-2020	Avalon	Avalon	Varsity	4:30 PM	
4-21-2020	Frost	Frost	Varsity	4:30 PM	

Head Coach	Danielle Graber	Bold	District Game
Asst. Coach	Melody Durazo	*	Home Game
Principal	Allison Middleton	***	Senior Night
Ath. Director	Jim Kerbow		
Supt.	Mark Parsons		

2019-2020 ITASCA BOYS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

2020 Varsity Wampus Cats					2020 JV Wampus Cats				
Date	Opponent	Type	Location	Time	Date	Opponent	Type	Location	Time
18-Feb	Hubbard	Scrimmage	Wampus Cat Park	6:00 PM	18-Feb	Hubbard	Scrimmage	Wampus Cat Park	6:00
21-Feb	Poolville	Scrimmage	Wampus Cat Park	6:00 PM	21-Feb	Poolville	Scrimmage	Wampus Cat Park	6:00
24-Feb	FW Western Hills	Non District	Wampus Cat Park	7:00 PM	24-Feb	Benbrook JV2	Game	Wampus Cat Park	4:30
28-Feb	Dawson/Meridian	Non District DH	Wampus Cat Park	4:30/7:00					
3-Mar	McGregor	Non District	McGregor HS	7:00 PM	3-Mar	McGregor	Non District	McGregor HS	4:30
March 5-7	Wampus Cat Invitational	Tournament	Wampus Cat Park	TBD					
10-Mar	Abbott	District	Wampus Cat Park	7:00 PM					
March 12-14	Baytown Tournament	Tournament	Goose Creek HS/Lee HS	TBD					
16-Mar									
20-Mar	Italy	District	Wampus Cat Park	7:00 PM	20-Mar	Italy	District	Wampus Cat Park	4:30
24-Mar	Milford	District	Wampus Cat Park	7:00 PM	24-Mar	Poolville	Non District	Wampus Cat Park	4:30
27-Mar	Avalon	District	Wampus Cat Park	7:00 PM					
31-Mar	Buffalo	Non District	Buffalo HS	7:00 PM	31-Mar	Buffalo	Non District	Buffalo HS	4:30
3-Apr	Frost	District	Frost HS	4:30 PM					
7-Apr	Blum	District	Wampus Cat Park	7:00 PM					
10-Apr	Covington *	District	Wampus Cat Park	7:00 PM	10-Apr	Covington	District	Wampus Cat Park	4:30
14-Apr	Mexia	Non District	Mexia HS	7:00 PM	14-Apr	Mexia	Non District	Mexia HS	4:30
17-Apr	Italy	District	Italy HS	7:00 PM	17-Apr	Italy	District	Italy HS	4:30
21-Apr	Frost	District	Wampus Cat Park	7:00 PM	21-Apr	Benbrook JV2	Non District	Wampus Cat Park	4:30
24-April	Regional Track								
28-April	BYE				28-April	Italy	District	Italy HS	4:30
1-May	Italy #	District	Wampus Cat Park	7:00 PM	1-May	Italy	District	Wampus Cat Park	4:30
5-May	Frost	District	Frost HS	4:30 PM					
13-May	Bi District								
20-May	Area					Head Coach	James Holcomb	IYA Night *	
27-May	Regional Qtrs.					Assistant Coach	Bernard Jackson Jr.	Senior Night #	
3-June	Regional Semis					Athletic Director	Jim Kerbow		
10-June	Regional Finals					Principal	Allison Middleton		
14-17 June	State Tournament					Superintendent	Mark Parsons		

Depot Schedule

The Depot will be open:

February 22 opens at 10am-1pm, March 21 opens 10am-1pm, April 25 opens 10am-1pm and May 23 opens 10am-1am.



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Job Opportunity

Itasca ISD Cafeteria

The Itasca ISD cafeteria is hiring for a sub positions.

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Antique Shop

Pop & Grans is an antique shop located downtown Grandview. They sell great antiques and fresh eggs.

If you have any question please call Pop & Gran's @ 817-666-5024 or visit their website @ popandgrans.com, you can also email them at info@popandgrans.com

Did You Receive Your Water Bill In The Mail?

Press Release

In Itasca, water bills are due on the 10th day of each month unless the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday. Then, it is due the next day that City Hall is open. After the 10th a \$20 late fee is added to the original bill.

If the bill and late fee are not paid before the 20th of the month, service will be disconnected on the 20th and it will cost the customer the original bill + \$20 late fee + \$50 reconnect fee to have service restarted. The reconnect fee of \$50 is charged during office hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) but after 4:30 p.m., the reconnect fee is \$100.

If for some reason, you do not receive your bill in the mail by the 3rd or 4th day of the month please call City Hall (254-687-2201) and ask how much the bill is for that month.

If you do receive your bill in the mail, be sure to bring it when you pay your bill or detach the small part of the bill and include it in the envelope when you use the drop box.

Remember, whether you receive your bill in the mail or not, it is still your responsibility to pay it on time.



2nd CHANCE 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.

Remember When... "Church Wit & Wisdom"

Reprinted from Issue # 10, 2010, Columnist Carl Sweeney



At present and also in the past, bloopers, misprints and just plain fool-ups have provided materials for newspapers, television and other media. Jay Leno has fun with errors in newspaper advertisements. The church bulletins are right up there with the rest of them. We will list the funny ones first, and then perhaps we can list some of a more serious nature.

A Jewish bulletin read; the victim of an attack by a rabid dog was rushed to the hospital; for anti-rabbi shots. This being Easter Sunday, Mrs. Brown will come forward and lay an egg on the altar. Next Wednesday there will be an ice cream social, all ladies giving milk please come early. On the National Day of Prayer and Fasting, the cost for attending includes meals. Remember in prayer those who are sick of our community. Don't worry dis-able you, let the church help. Mrs. New sung, 'I will not pass this way again'" to the pleasure of the con-

gregation. Mrs. Carter remains in the hospital and has trouble sleeping; she requests tapes; of the pastor's sermons. A potluck supper was held in the Methodist Church Friday, prayer and medication followed. The Bible study will be held Wednesday. All ladies are invited to lunch after the BS is done.

During the absence of our pastor we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon, by the Reverend Walker. A bean burrito supper will occur in the fellowship hall, music will follow. The low self-esteem support group meets Monday at seven, please use the back door. Weight Watchers will meet at the Presbyterian Church, please use the double doors. The associate minister unveiled the new tithing campaign, "I upped my pledge, now up yours."

The Methodist Church often has bake sales in the lobby of the bank. Mrs. Smith was to bake a cake, when she took it out of the oven the center fell, she said, "Oh dear, I do not have time to bake another." She looked around and spotted a roll of toilet paper on the counter. She placed it in the center of the cake and covered it with icing. The cake looked beautiful, and she rushed it to the bank lobby. She gave her daughter some money and told her to buy the cake first thing. When she arrived, the cake had already been sold. Alice was devastated. A few days later, she was invited to a friend's house for a social. There was a fancy table all set for lunch, and there in the middle was the cake. Mrs. Smith was beside herself with anxiety. Then one of the ladies exclaimed, "What a beautiful cake," to which the hostess replied, "Yes and I made it myself."

Quite often pastors get letters from small children; the following is a sample of a few of them.

Dear pastor, My mother is very religious. She goes to church to play bingo every week, even if she has a cold.

Dear pastor, I think more people would come to church if you moved it to Disneyland.

Dear pastor, I hope you go to heaven someday, but later rather than sooner.

Dear pastor, I liked your sermon Sunday, especially when it finished.

Dear pastor, My father should be a preacher, everyday he gives us a sermon.

Good News and Bad News for pastors

Mrs. Cantrell likes your sermons; she also likes Beavis and Butthead, The Gong Show & The Chainsaw Massacre.

** Good News & Bad News: Your deacons want to send you to the Holy Land the next time they have a war.

** Good News & Bad News: Church attendance rose last Sunday while you were on vacation.

The following is a few musing observations and philosophy that most of us can relate to.

** Why look for the perfect church, you would feel out of place?

** Some people would walk a mile for a Camel, but not two blocks to church.

** We sit in the cold rain at a football game, but if it sprinkles Sunday morning, it's too bad to go to church.

** Some people go to church to see who didn't.

** Don't stay away from church because of the hypocrites. There is always room for one more.

** It is not the talented people who serve the Lord, it's the dedicated ones.

** Making a sacrifice now means doing without things parents never had.

** No man's character is better than his word.

** Faith is not believing that God can, but that he will.

** Great preaching deserves great listening.

** Some preachers preach from text-too far from it.

** Preaching from the Bible will scare the hell out of people.

** Trying to do away with the truth of the Bible is like trying to mop up the ocean with a sponge.

** Some people are regular church goers, they never miss Easter.

** The devil is not afraid of a dust covered Bible.

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**This year Spring Break will be the week of March 16, 2020—
March 20, 2020. Everyone will return to school on Monday,
March 23, 2020.**

