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## Friday Night Lights in Itasca

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*"Homecoming means more than winning a competition or sporting event. It provides opportunity for every component of the town to come together to celebrate as a whole"- Jerry Smith*



Itasca homecoming of 2014 commenced with the Kerens Bobcats winning the coin toss and electing to receive. Right out of the gate, the Wampus Cat special teams pulled the wildcard and made an onside kick. Michaelas "The Great" Caulfield (#3) was able to recover it but the drive ended shortly, with the Wampus Cat defense standing tall and



getting the ball back. #6 Brandon Farquhar was able to complete a pass to #11 Jesus Gutierrez to get the first points of the game. Unfortunately, Kerens answered back with a touchdown of their own ending the first 6-7 with the Wampus Cats in the lead. The second quarter consisted of both teams scoring multiple touchdowns, even tying at 20. Unfortunately, the Wampus Cats grew weary and were

unable to stay with the Bobcats and fell behind ending the half 42-20. Wampus Cat halftime is considered to be one of the best shows in the area. Completing their performance, the Itasca High Marching band introduced their 2014-15 show: "El Fuego en el Llano!" Inspired by the lingering drought and terrible wildfires that struck Texas in 2011, "Fuego en el Llano-fire on the plains" is a Spanish Latin screamer. After a slow yet dramatic intro with amazing formations, there was a burning opener entitled "Fuego Salvaje-Wildfire". This was followed by an eerie ballad representing nighttime, featuring a very invigorating ensemble of trumpets. The hush of the night was the broken up by "Tormenta Incendio- Firestorm" which is a red hot summer with multiple "flaming" percussion breaks. Concluding, the audience heard a brief reprise of most of the earlier themes followed by an extravagant finale. As the boys ran back out, there seemed to be a sense of urgency in their minds, willing to risk it all for the win. The 3rd quarter started pleasantly, by the Wampus Cats gaining multiple first downs, but unfortunately were unable to convert in the red zone. The Itasca defense performed as they did before and allowed only one last touchdown. With the win literally right in front of them, the cats fought hard but regrettably ran out of time as the last buzzer rang, ending the game 49-20. With a record of 1-4 the boys have not given up hope. Prove to them that you are a fan of the Mighty Wampus Cats as they take on Mart in Mart on October 10 at 7:30.



## Homecoming Queen 2014

The 2014 Homecoming nominees were (l to r): Brittany Woods, Macy Arellano, and Shannon Rodreguiz. Crowned the Queen for her senior year was Macy Arellano.



## Public Notice

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss  
Itasca Independent School District's  
State Financial Accountability Rating

The Itasca Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., October 13, 2014 during the regular board meeting in the Library at 123 N College to present the Itasca Independent School District's School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating.

## PSAT Notice

The PSAT will be given at the Itasca High School Campus October 15, 2014 at 8:00 AM. The cost of the test this year will be \$14.00, checks may be made out to Itasca High. All home students who would like to take the test are welcome to come to the high school. For further information or to reserve your testing seat, please call Grace Hennig at 254-687-2922, ext. 116.

## PAW PRINT PRESS

Have a news story, human-interest story, or need to advertise your business or garage sale? Call 254-687-2922 ext 158 (leave a message) or email [lbishop@itascaisd.org](mailto:lbishop@itascaisd.org). Send articles for publication to: Paw Print Press, 123 N College St., Itasca, TX 76055.

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Read All About It!

## Itasca Fall Cleanup

October 11-18

November 8-15, 2014

While many towns and cities in Texas have years of clean up ahead because of the hurricanes and storms, Itascans have so much to be thankful for. We urge every citizen to clean-up around your own home and business. You can take trash to the landfill at no charge during this time, just show your water bill.

Landfill hours are 6:00 AM to 5 PM during the week and 7:00 AM-12:00 Noon on Saturdays. Allied will pick up on your trash day if your trash is in a bag or in boxes of 50 pounds or less. Limbs must be bundled in 3 foot lengths. If you have a pickup truck, please help someone who does not have one or help an elderly or disabled person.

Items not accepted are chemicals, paint, batteries, tires, hazardous waste, and anything with freon.

Every citizen is urged to stop littering our streets! Let's take pride in this free land. Our soldiers are dying and suffering every day to keep us free. We need to show our appreciation by keeping Itasca free and clean. Let your home show that you care.

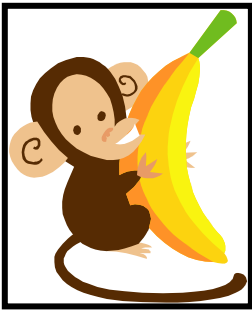


## The Drive to be the Best

Reporter N. Turner Jackson  
Editor/Photographer Peyton Cordell

What does it take to be a football player? The majority of people think that it is only

a game of big athletes and hard hitting. Little do they know there is so much more to the game. Behind the scenes is where the true football player is made. Hard work, long days, and fatigue all describe what the preparation is like. However, while all of this seems so difficult, the reward that being a football player provides is priceless. What it takes to be an athlete is a simple answer, but hard as well. You have to have the mind set, the drive, and most importantly you need to have the heart. No matter what the weather condition, whether it is hot, cold, or rainy, after the long, hard week of practice, it is time for you and your team to 'match up'. There is nothing better than preparing to walk on the field in front of your home town with screaming and yelling fans, and you know you get the opportunity to see how you stack up against your opponent for the Homecoming game.



## KITCHEN KORNER

Reporter Loretta Bishop

Here is a great recipe for the fall, Banana Nut Bread. As we get closer to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, please send any recipes you would like to share with others. Simply send it to: **PAW PRINT PRESS,**

123 N. College St., Itasca, TX 76055 or email [lbishop@itascasaid.org](mailto:lbishop@itascasaid.org). we look forward to hearing from you.

### Banana Nut Bread

<i>1/2 cup shortening</i>	<i>1/3 tsp. salt</i>
<i>1 1/2 cups sugar</i>	<i>1/4 cup buttermilk</i>
<i>2 eggs</i>	<i>1 tsp vanilla</i>
<i>2 cups sifted flour</i>	<i>1/2 tsp. soda</i>
<i>1 cup mashed bananas (overripe)</i>	
<i>1 cup chopped pecans</i>	

*Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and mix thoroughly. Sift the dry ingredients together. Using low speed of the mixer, add dry ingredients alternately with buttermilk and vanilla, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Add mashed bananas and nuts; mix lightly. Pour into a greased 9 x 5 inch loaf pan and bake at 350 degrees 1 hour and 15 minutes.*

## I'm Thankful For...

Kristin Mears at [kompletelyk.blogspot.com](http://kompletelyk.blogspot.com)

Dust off your boots! We made it to FALL! With Thanksgiving right around the corner, I thought I would share a fun craft my son and I did last year to show what he is thankful for. It was super easy and fun! Hope you and your kiddos enjoy too!

### Supplies:

1 permanent marker  
Safety pins or clothespins  
Twine/string/ribbon (whatever is on hand!)

Card stock in preferred colors

Leaf printable  
1. Once you have all your supplies (and the help from your little ones), save the leaf image below to your computer or desktop. Then print the template on your desired card stock. You could use regular printer paper if needed, but card stock works best if you want to use it as a decorative piece for fall like I did.



## Did You Know?

Taken from [www.heartoftexastales.com](http://www.heartoftexastales.com)

The history of a place has always been fascinating, especially when there is tales of Civil War happenings, frontier families, and beginnings of a county or town. Researching for this week, some history was found at the above named website. How much of it did you know?

“James Jackson Gathings, a relative of United States President Andrew Jackson, and his wife Martha Wall Covington Gathings, were born and married in North Carolina. They lived for a while in Mississippi before migrating further west with the promise of cheap, fertile land in Texas. In 1853 they arrived in what was soon to become Hill County. They acquired about ten thousand acres of land and built their home on the frontier.

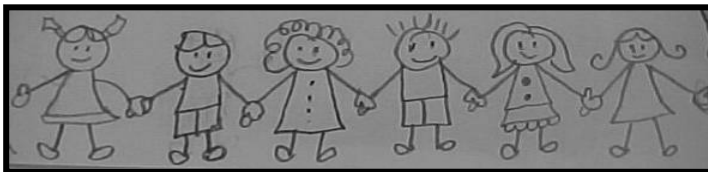
To the west on a neighboring hill was Jose Maria Village. Chief Jose Maria and his group of Indians often visited the Gathings' home where they traded hides for red calico. Despite their believing that the land was rightfully theirs, they never harmed the family and proved to be friends on more than one occasion.

Soon after settling in his new home, Colonel Gathings, as he came to be known, laid off 100 acres of land for a new town, which he named after his wife, Martha Wall Covington Gathings. He also set aside ten acres for a burial ground and twelve acres for church purposes. The town land was subdivided into lots of from 2 to 10 acres each and offered free of charge to anyone who would build his home and "lend his influence in building up the school." The only restriction was that no strong drink be sold in the town. Thus, Covington became one of the first "dry" areas in Texas.

The Colonel was interested in machinery and established a steam mill, saw mill, tannery, machine and wood shop, cloth loom, brick yards, and a shoe, boot and saddle plant. Covington grew quickly and far surpassed Ft. Worth in population and significance.

In the early 1860's, James and his brother Phillip established Gathings College, which immediately became the largest and soon the best school in Texas. A famous educator, Dr. Church, arrived in Covington and became the first President of the school. He brought with him a staff of teachers trained in the languages, literature, music and art. With an enrollment of over 200 students from all over the state, the school was said to have offered college classes that could not be obtained locally by these young men and women.

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**Itasca Depot & Museum Schedule**

October 11, 2014: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM  
November 15, 2014: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM  
December 13, 2014: 10:00 AM- 1:00 AM

**Garage Sale**

407 E. Adams  
October 3-4, 2014  
Lots of stuff and baby toys  
8:00 AM

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Using: The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan  
Every Tuesday 6:30 – 7:30

Study guide and book \$ 15:00 // contact Dean Bennett  
@ 254-337-1024

Matt 7:13. "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad

is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

14. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."



**The Culpepper and Meriweather Circus**

Is coming to town!

Sponsored by:  
Itasca Chamber of Commerce  
October 16th for two shows  
5 PM and 7:30 PM  
Tent raising that morning  
Next to Itasca Lloyd Ford  
Tickets available at:  
Citizens State Bank  
Itasca Coop  
Itasca City Hall  
Adults: \$10 Child: \$6.00

### 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>Community Church of Itasca</u>		
<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>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>Shiloh Community Church</u>		254-582-0487
<u>St. John Missionary Baptist</u>	506 S. Weaver	687-2821
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Day Worship Center</u>	107 E. Adams	214 564-2185
<u>Itasca Nursing Home</u>		Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Everyone Welcome		Monday Evening 6:00 p.m.

### Central Baptist Church

400 E. Monroe St.	website - itascacbc.org
Sunday School 9:45	Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Youth	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Meal	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Youth & Children	7 p.m.

### First United Methodist Church

401 E. Main St, Itasca, TX 254-687-2475  
 E-mail: [itascaumc@att.net](mailto:itascaumc@att.net)  
 Re-Think Church  
 Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.-10:30 (All ages)  
 Sunday Worship Service 10:50 a.m.  
 Pastor Tom Wood Snacks 10:40 a.m.

### 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)  
 unday 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  
[itascafpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:itascafpc@sbcglobal.net) [www.fpcitasca.org](http://www.fpcitasca.org)  
 Sundays - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship in Barton Hall  
 10 - 10:45 Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service  
 Bible Study – Sunday at 4 p.m.  
 Tuesday & Thursday – 10 a.m. Exercise Class - Barton Hall

### First Baptist Church of Itasca

James McCarty, Pastor  
 107 South Lamar  
 (254) 687-2783  
 Sunday School..... 9:45AM  
 Sunday Worship Service 10:45 AM & 5:00PM  
 Wednesday Adults & Youth 6:30 PM

### Community Church of Itasca

Community Church of Itasca invites you to join our service and fellowship Sunday mornings. Services are currently held at The Warehouse. We invite you to join our family and grow in Christ with us. Community Church Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Potluck Lunch 11:00 a.m.

### House of Faith of Itasca

129 W. Main St, Itasca, TX  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Pastor Philip Burch Everyone Welcome!

### Scripture of the Week



2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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It is impossible for the *Paw Print Press* to spotlight every person or organization that deserves recognition, but we would like to try and we need your help.

If anyone would like to suggest someone for the Wampus Cat of the Week column, please send us information at *PPP*, 123 N. College, Itasca, TX 76055 or [lbishop@itascaisd.org](mailto:lbishop@itascaisd.org). Please also include a picture if possible.

Itascans can use this opportunity to thank the neighbor for mowing your lawn or the person who always shows up with food in a time of need or even the city employee who removed the crazy skunk from your porch. This is your opportunity to say thank you in a very public way!

**Wampus Cats of the Week  
Itasca Citizens**

Itasca is a very unique community as its citizens stick together and support each other in every endeavor and nothing proves this like the town's involvement in events such as, the Cinco de Mayo Annual Celebration, Chamber of Commerce events, IVFD Fundraisers, school events, and the many other events that shine a positive light on Itasca.

