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Volleyball and Football All-District Selection



2nd Team All-District

Chloe Sherber



Honorable Mention (L to R) Madison Rodriguez, Josephine Sisior, Molly Pritchard



Football All District Selection– 1st Team Offense (L to R) Jose Gutierrez (Offensive Guard), David Arellano (Wide Receiver)



2nd Team Offense (L to R) Robert Scott (Offensive Tackle) Andrew Arellano (Quarterback)



2nd Team Defense (L to R) Xavier Garza-Garcia (Outside Linebacker) Michael Delaurie (Inside Linebacker)



1st Team Defense (L to R) Nicholas Johnson (Defensive End), Kayd Lightsey (Inside Linebacker)



Honorable Mention (L to R) Ja'Vonn Reed (Running Back) Willie Bible (Corner) Travis Abbott (Offensive Tackle)



**All Academic Back row (L to R) Susie Balch, Chloe Sherber, Elizabeth Brown, Brisia Garcia
Bottom Row (L to R) Josephine Sisior, Yakziry Garcia, Molly Pritchard**

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

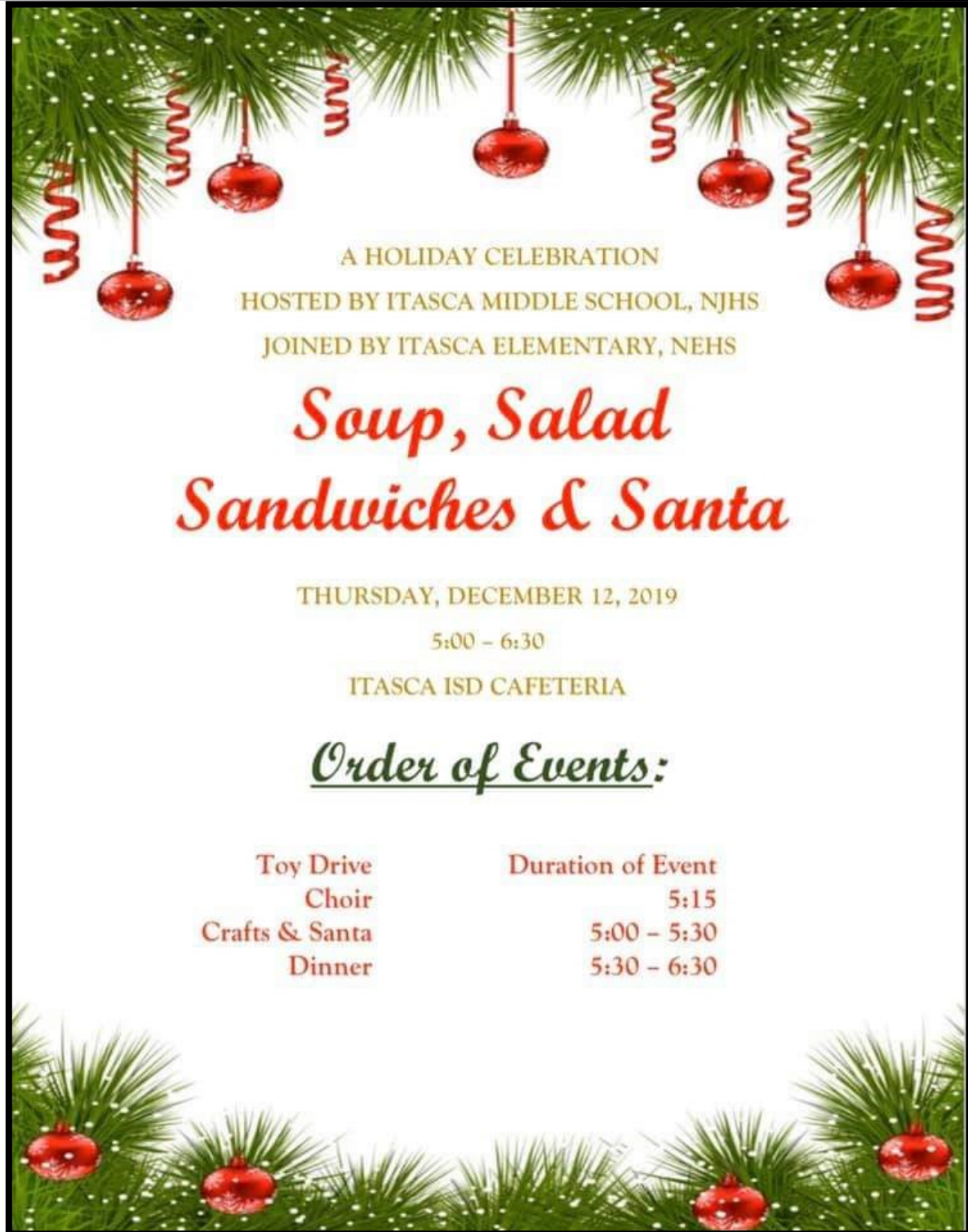
Ministerial Alliance of Itasca

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.



A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
HOSTED BY ITASCA MIDDLE SCHOOL, NJHS
JOINED BY ITASCA ELEMENTARY, NEHS

***Soup, Salad
Sandwiches & Santa***

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019
5:00 – 6:30
ITASCA ISD CAFETERIA

Order of Events:

	Duration of Event
Toy Drive	
Choir	5:15
Crafts & Santa	5:00 – 5:30
Dinner	5:30 – 6:30

Paw Print Press to Publish “Dear Santa” Letters

Once again, the *Paw Print Press* will publish Dear Santa letters from all the Itasca students who wish to participate. The letters must be in to the newspaper copy room by Friday, December 13.

You can mail your child/s wish list to 123 N. College St. Itasca Texas. 76055 Attn: *Paw Print Press*.



Senior Spotlight

Brandon Neal



Reporter: Kalee

Brandon Darrell Neal was born in Georgia, on July 1, 2001 and is currently 18 years of age. His parents are Michael and Michelle Malcomesius and he has three siblings; Chris, who is

16, Samantha, 14, and Aven, who is only 6 months old.

Brandon would describe himself as funny, crazy, and laid back. He has only attended Itasca High for two years, but he has bonded with his two favorite teachers, Coach Gipson and Coach Moore. He likes that Coach Gipson is funny and he makes the day go by faster. Coach Moore is a good teacher and he learns well in her class. While he is close to these teachers, he says he is his own role model, because everything he does is for the best. However, he couldn't have made it this far on his own. He would like to thank his parents for never letting him quit and his friends for being there for him every step of the way.

Brandon says he can do anything he puts his mind to, and he is able to block out negativity that others may try to throw his way. He enjoys driving his 1985 Chevy Silverado, going to amusement parks, eating BBQ chips, and watching his favorite movies, *The Last Ship* and *It Chapter Two*.

After high school, Brandon wants to go to college at UT to study engineering, because most of his family has attended UT as well. He would like to tell the underclassmen to "live life to the fullest because you only live once." In the future, you will hopefully see Brandon living his dream of having a family, a good job, and living in Georgia.

Senior Spotlight

Jared Persons



Reporter:

Jared Clayton Persons was born in Cleburne, Texas on January 31, 2002 to his parents Jerry and Deanda Persons. Jared is currently 17 and he has 5 siblings:

Dustyn, Travis, Trever, Emily, and Elisa. Jared has been attending the Itasca School District since Pre - K and after he graduates, Jared wants to attend TSTC for Diesel Mechanic. After college, Jared sees himself being successful and having a good job. Jared's favorite teachers at



Itasca would have to be Mr. Nickel and Mr. Contre-ras. Jared's role model would be his Dad, Mr. Persons, because he has always looked up to his Father. Jared is a good fisherman and his favorite activity to do during the summer is to fish and hunt. Jared also loves his pets, 2 Dogs, 1 Cat, and 2 Rabbits. Jared loves to go to work and when he has free time, he likes to hunt or be at home watching his favorite movie "*That My Boy!!*". Jared advice is to "Respect everyone no matter what".

Lady Wampus Cat Basketball Schedule

Date	Game	Site	Team	Times
NOV. 2	SCRIMMAGE	WHITNEY	JV/V	TBA
NOV. 5	SCRIMMAGE	KEENE	JV/V	TBA
Nov. 9	WESTERN HILLS	HOME	JV/V	11/12:30
Nov. 12	NCTA	HOME	JV/V	5/6:30
Nov. 19	VALLEY MILLS	HOME	JV/V	5/6:15
Nov. 21-23	CASTLEBERRY	TOURNEY	JV	TBA
Nov. 21-23	KEENE	TOURNEY	V	TBA
Nov. 25	VENUS	HOME	JV/V	11/12:30
Nov. 26	CASTLEBERRY	AWAY	JV/V	4/5:30
Dec. 3	OPEN			
Dec. 5-7	VENUS	TOURNEY	V	TBA
Dec. 10	MT. CALM	HOME	JV/V	5/6:30
Dec. 12-14	<i>COMM. CHR.</i>	<i>MINERAL WELLS</i>	<i>JV</i> <i>TOUR</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Dec. 17	FERRIS	HOME	JV/V	4/6:30
Dec. 20	OPEN			
Dec. 27-28	<i>MERIDIAN</i>	<i>TOURNEY</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Jan. 3	<i>MERIDIAN</i>	<i>AWAY</i>	<i>JV/V</i>	<i>10/12:30</i>
Jan. 7	<i>POOLVILLE</i>	<i>AWAY</i>	<i>JV/V</i>	<i>4/6:30</i>
Jan. 10	CROSS ROADS	HOME	JV/V	5/6:30
Jan. 14	CAYUGA	AWAY	V	6:30
Jan. 17	ITALY	HOME	JV/V	4/6:30
Jan. 21	KERNES	HOME	JV/V	4/6:30
Jan. 24	FROST	AWAY	JV/V	4/6:30
Jan. 28	CROSS ROADS	AWAY	JV/V	4/6:30
Jan. 31	CAYUGA	HOME	V	6:30
Feb. 4	ITALY	AWAY	JV/V	4/6:30
Feb. 7	KERNES	AWAY	JV/V	4/6:30
Feb. 11	**FROST	HOME	JV/V	4/6:30

Head Coach– Steve Montgomery

Assistant– Danielle Graber

Principal-Allison Middleton

Athletic Director-Jim Kerbow

Superintendent-Mark Parsons

Bold: Home Games

Italics: Tournaments

******: Senior Night



2019-2020 ITASCA BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	JV	V	Time
FRI	11-15-19	WACO MEYER	HOME	X	X	5:00
TUES	11-19-19	DIAMOND HILL JARVIS	AWAY	X	X	5:00
FRI	11-22-19	HILLSBORO	HOME	X	X	4:00
TUES	11-26-19	WHITNEY	AWAY	X	X	5:00
THURS-SAT	12/5-102/7	CHICO TOURNAMENT (c)	AWAY		X	TBD
TUES	12-10-19	GOLDTHWAITE	TBD	X	X	TBD
THURS-SAT	12/12-12/14	HILLSBORO TOURNA- MENT	AWAY		X	TBA
TUES	12-17-19	VALLEY MILLS	HOME	X	X	5:00
FRI	12-20-19	RIESEL	AWAY	X	X	5:00
SAT	TBD	ITALY JV TOURNAMENT	AWAY			TBA
FRI-SAT	12/27-12/28	MARIDIAN TOURNA- MENT	AWAY		X	TBD
MON	12-30-19	HICO	AWAY	X	X	12:00
FRI	1-3-20	MERIDIAN	AWAY	X	X	11:00
FRI	1-10-20	MERIDIAN	AWAY	X	X	5:00
FRI	1-17-20	ITALY*	HOME	X	X	4:00
TUES	1-21-20	KERENS*	HOME	X	X	4:30
FRI	1-24-20	FROST*	AWAY	X	X	4:00
TUE	1-28-20	CROSS ROADS*	AWAY	X	X	4:30
FRI	1-31-20	CAYUGA*	HOME	X	X	4:30
TUES	2-4-20	ITALY*	AWAY	X	X	4:00
FRI	2-7-20	KERENS*	AWAY	X	X	4:30
TUES	2/11/20	IFROST*	HOME	X	X	4:00
FRI	2-14-20	CROSS ROADS*	HOME	X	X	6:00
TUES	2-18-20	CAYYGA*	AWAY	X	X	6:00

**Head Coach-Joey
O'Hearn**

**Assistant-Bernard
Jackson**

**Athletic Director-
Jim Kerbow**

**Principal-Allison
Middleton**

**Superintendent-
Mark Parsons**

***Denotes District
Games**

**!Denotes Senior
Night**



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., December 9, 2019 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.

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Homecoming 2020

Officers of Itasca Ex-Student Association met at the home of President Nancy Bowman to discuss and plan for Homecoming 2020. Many new and old ideas and traditions were explored and considered so that all ex-students would have a central location to meet and visit during Homecoming. The officers are excited to announce that a barbeque dinner will be held in the school cafeteria before the football game of Homecoming of 2020.

More details and information will be provided later, so please start making plans to meet your classmates for Homecoming dinner in the Itasca School cafeteria.

Partnership for Prom

We will be previewing photos of our Holiday Baskets this weekend and tickets will go on sale through December 19! It will be full of goodies as usual! Tickets will be \$5 each or \$5 for \$20!

Thank you in advance for all that you do to support our student activities!



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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.

Do you Remember...?- “The Year 1934 Continued”

Columnist Carl Sweeney Reprinted from Issue #49, 2009

As stated in our last column, the year 1934, was an unusual year for news, events and community activity. We had a good response from the article and promised to dig up some more events from that year.

The women's Ruskin Club met March 29 in the home of Mrs. Lee Files. the program was “The Old South.” In the personals section were the following other news events: Miss Louise Ritchey of the Wichita School faculty is home for the summer, Mrs. R.P. Stanley and daughter Cora Frances Chappelle are back living on the farm east of Itasca. Miss Effie Easterling, a former teacher in the Itasca schools, now living in Abbott, has subscribed to *The Item*. She says she has fond memories of Itasca. Harley Davis of the DeLeon School System faculty is home for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis left Sunday for a vacation in “Cool Colorado.” Miss Madelle Park is visiting relatives in Lampasas. Roy Burks was a business visitor in Waco Monday. Mrs. J. G. Stanley left this week for Waco to join her husband who is taking a course in the Music School of Baylor University. Mr. Stanley will be a member of the Baylor band. We wrote about Mr. Stanley in a May 25, 2006 column, “Strike up the Itasca Band.” He was instrumental in forming the first school band in Itasca.

J.B. Lackey was cut and bruised late Sunday when the car he was riding in collided with an Interurban on South Waco Street in Hillsboro. He was treated at the Boyd Sanitarium. In some Boy Scout news, pine logs from east Texas have been delivered for an old fashioned log building to be used by the Scout Troops. In other news, the local Scout Troop will enjoy an evening of camping, advancing activities, boxing and other activities, Dr. Ritchey and Bob Holland will be in charge. Those eligible to go are; James Collins, Carl Sweeney, Pat Hooks II. J. D. Barber, Leland Brown, Roland Napps, Vance Taylor, Glenn Reece, Travis Braley, and Terry Anderson, Mascot.

Rev. E. B. Odom was convicted of assault to murder in district court Monday. He was given five years suspended sentence. He was alleged to have shot at his mother-in-law at her home near Itasca. He turned himself in to the Sheriff's office without waiting to see if he had hit her, which he had not. From the “Orphan's Herald” the S. W. P. Orphan's Home and School held graduation exercises May 27, 1934 in the Files Valley School. Itasca fisherman who went to the Llano River on a fishing trip reported good success. The group was composed of Dr. Campbell, Dr. Ritchey,, Grover Brown, John Coffin, L. W. Wimbish Sid Files, Sid Pruitt, and D.D. “Pop” Wood.

The Black Panthers, a baseball team composed of colored youth, is having great success this year. They have won ten and lost one; recently defeating Grandview in a close one. The Panthers said they were grateful to their white friends for the help in securing new uniforms. Candidates for political office will have a speaking engagement in Files Valley, Saturday, June 9. The Itasca Seniors enjoyed an all day picnic to the Bell Branch Lake, with fishing, boating, swimming, and golfing. Mr. Wimbish and Dr. Campbell arrived in time for lunch and Dr. Campbell treated everyone to a bottle of “pop.” From *The Itasca Item*; a reminder that Monday is Swap Day in Itasca and then, in June 9, candidates of the county will speak. The ladies of the Methodist Church will serve lunch. The Files Valley Circle of Women Auxiliary met Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. W. S. Dotson and Mrs. Cullen Williamson took charge.

Young master, Billy Underwood, had his bicycle stolen recently. City Marshall Josh Walters found the frame in a creek, north of Hillsboro. Woodrow Coutret, who was operated on for appendicitis several weeks ago, is still confined to his bed. He is much improved. Dr. H. R. Allman was painfully injured when an animal he was treating struck him in the face with a horn. Delford Williamson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Williamson of Files Valley, sustained a painful injury last Friday when a horse he was riding fell on him. Most of the bones in his foot were broken or dislocated. He is being treated at the Cook Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth. In a word of admonition, Mayor Earl Farrow urges us to celebrate Halloween, but do so using restraint with pranks that might injure others or damage property. Mayor Farrow himself is not far removed in years from such celebration, and would not curtail any innocent fun, but he does draw the line at damage to property. We are glad now that damaging mischief is no longer practiced. I can remember when we hired extra officers on Halloween night to help curtail that sort of activity.

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Weird and Wonderful Christmas Traditions from around the World

Since 1966, a 13-metre-tall Yule Goat has been built in the center of Gävle's Castle Square for the Advent, but this Swedish Christmas tradition has unwittingly led to another "tradition" of sorts – people trying to burn it down. Since 1966 the Goat has been successfully burned down 29 times – the most recent destruction was in 2016.

If you want to see how the Goat fares this year when it goes up on December 1st, you can follow its progress on the [Visit Gävle website](#) through a live video stream.



Source: <https://www.momondo.com/discover/article/christmas-traditions-around-the-world>