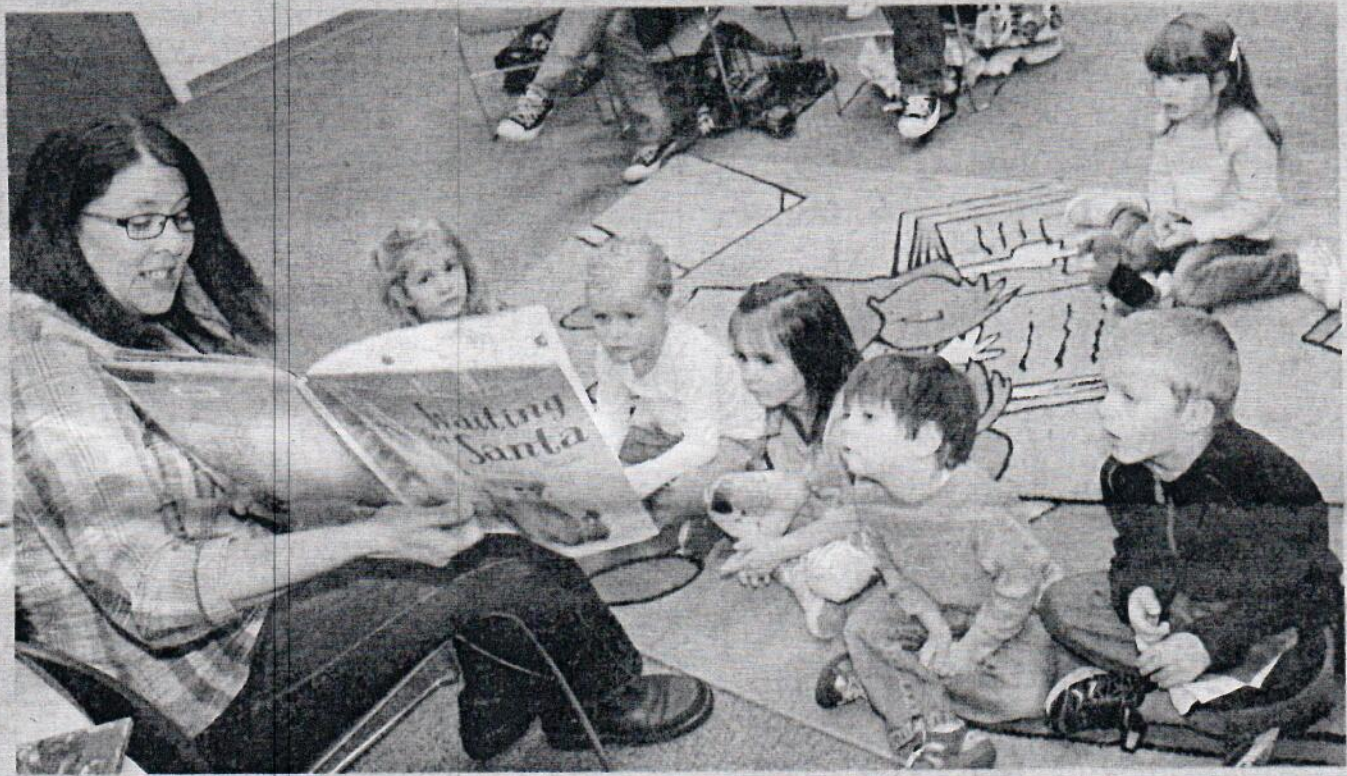


IT'S STORY TIME!



Children look on while "Waiting for Santa" is read to them during Scenic Regional Library's Story Time for Preschoolers held Tuesday, Dec. 1. The Warrenton branch, located at 912 S. Highway 47, has staff members reading to children every Monday at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 10 a.m. Tim Schmidt photo.

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Christmas parade start to busy stretch in Wright City

By Tim Schmidt
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Santa Claus will be coming to Wright City this week and spending a few days to boot.

The Wright City Parks Department will be hosting the annual Christmas parade on Thursday, Dec. 3, followed by Breakfast with Santa and an Ugly Sweater 5K run/1-Mile Fun Run on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Attendees will have the chance to take free pictures with Santa on multiple occasions and Parks Director Curt Kehoe expects dozens to take advantage.

"It's a good thing the weather has been fairly mild in the past," Kehoe said. "We've had lines out the front door."

This Thursday's parade will start at 6 p.m. at Ruge Park and end at Diekroeger Park.

"We've had several people who have said they want to put in floats," he said.

Breakfast with Santa will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m., also at the park building. The breakfast costs \$3 for ages 10 and up, while children 9 and under are free.

Attendees will have the opportunity to have pictures taken with Santa. Other activities planned include crafts, storybook reading and writing letters to Santa.

The Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K run/1-Mile Fun Run will start at 11 a.m. at Diekroeger Park. Registration opens at 10 a.m. The cost is \$15 and includes a T-shirt.

Participants are encouraged to wear their "ugliest" Christmas sweater. Awards will be given for the best — or worst — sweaters.



HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS

Where: Main Street, Warrenton

Schedule: Opening ceremony, 4:45 p.m.; tree lighting, parade, 5 p.m.; Gobble Giveaway, 5-8 p.m.; chili cook-off, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; carriage rides, 5:30 p.m.; "The Diary of Anne Frank," 8 p.m.



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