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## Santa Claus visits Williston

Natalie Stegall (left) and Jeremy Stegall, children of Benton and Amanda Stegall, sit on the lap of Santa Claus.

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**WILLISTON** – For the second consecutive Christmastime, Santa Claus has visited the pavilion in Heritage Park of Williston.

Santa Claus arrived Tuesday, Dec. 19 on a Williston Fire Rescue engine.

Williston Police Chief Dennis Strow said the WPD in cooperation with the WFR, Santa Claus, T.G. Lee Dairy and Winn-Dixie again provided children with milk and cookies to enjoy with Santa.



Williston Police Chief Dennis Strow pauses for a photo opportunity with his granddaughter Maddie Whittaker, 4. The young Miss Whittaker was among the many children who enjoyed milk, cookies, and Santa Claus and had an opportunity to watch a Christmas movie.

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**Some people watch a Christmas-themed movie.**

**Some people stand in line for their turn to visit with Santa Claus in Williston. One very well-trained professional observer mentioned that she saw Batman in the Batmobile driving in the area at the time. While this superhero may have been on the outskirts of the event, another law enforcement agency – the Florida**



**Highway Patrol – had at least one trooper assisting the WPD with the WPD’s community outreach event.**

Santa Claus arrived on the back of a firetruck at his request, Chief Strow said, due to his reindeer getting ready for his annual trip to deliver toys to all of the good boys and girls around the world.

In addition to milk and cookies, a Christmas movie was shown. This free event was open to the public, and was even better received than the first year, Chief Strow said.

Among the many elected officials noticed at this event were Levy County Commissioner Matt Brooks and Williston City Council Vice President Nancy Winger. Among the many children, were four brought by Commissioner Brooks.