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Clyatt House Learning Center Christmas program is a resounding, fun success



Early Head Start babies (from left) Ryder Arrington, Jake Hardin, Ella Hardin Isabella Gray, Sierra Hernandez and Lavina Rainone were the opening act and a big hit with the crowd. Their teachers behind them are Lynn Hill, Sumer Hardin and Joyce Doss.

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CHIEFLAND -- Education can be fun.

The children who performed at the annual Clyatt House Learning Center Christmas program Thursday night (Dec. 20) proved it.

Teachers found a way to manage 215 excited children in a crowded auditorium and lead them to the stage when it was time for each class to perform their dance and song routines.

Vicky Pitts, who owns the center with husband Frank, said the Christmas performance was a treat for the students, but they learned something too.

"I would say part of it is education because we teach the kids routines and make them prepare for their parts," she said.

The children ranged in age from 8 months to 10 years. The babies were an instant hit with the crowd when the curtains opened at the start of the show.

They were seated on a blanket in front of their three teachers as the song "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth" filled the auditorium.

The Christmas show was scheduled months in advance. Absolutely no one could have foreseen that a major winter storm would develop in the Gulf of Mexico. The storm was forecast to hit the West Coast of Florida on Thursday (Dec. 20).

Pitts seemed unfazed by the storm earlier that afternoon. She told a reporter she would pray for clear skies.

As it turned out, the skies were indeed clear when the show started at Chiefland Middle High School Auditorium. The rain had stopped and the wind was calm.

"We prayed it would be clear when we got here...and it was clear," she said with a smile.

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The Toddler Class from the "little school" are (from left) Dawson Barnes, Amberlee Koehler, M.J. Hollis and Johnathan Sanford. They were taught by Brittany Johns, Justina Wix, Mandy Ratliff and Katelynn Tremblay.



Early Head Start class members (from left) Aniyah Ward, Noah Young and Kinsley Ippolito perform for the crowd. Their teachers were Baylee Canon, Haley Barton and Jamie Pitts.

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Malayna Yarell (left) and Samara Smith relish their roles in the PreK/VPK class. Their teachers were Alicia Hamm and Dinah Ramos.



Head Start A students (from left) Wyatt Miller, Cade Watson, Draco Hardee and Harmony Dexter show off their stage skills. Their teachers are Kathy Crews and Nicole Webb.

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Head Start B students (from left) Kaylyn Housekeeper, McKylah Fowler, Jordan Vrabell, Declan Webb and Trinity Webb perform for the crowd. Their teachers are Tabetha Turner and Sherri Bass.



Head Start C students (from left to Summer Jones, Landry Ellis, Zoey Horton, Rylee Wasson and Shawn Smith sing and dance as red Santas. Their teachers are Bobbie Jo Vargas and Cassie Skelton.

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After school class K-5 students Braylee and Brynlee Ratliff perform their roles on stage. Their teachers are Kathy Crews and Tessa Banno.



Performing a rip-roaring finale are Clyatt House Learning Center staff members (from left) Vicky Pitts, Kathy Crews as Mrs. Claus, Sherry Nygard as Santa, Alicia Hamm, Whitney Bell and Natasha Hinkle.