

Here Comes Santa Claus

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The day after Thanksgiving, when turkeys have trotted, wine bottles have been emptied, and aunt Sue and cousin Ben still aren't talking to each other because of a heated game of post-dinner Scrabble. It is a day for rest or shopping. But for some, it's the day that Santa comes to town.

Hundreds of kids and parents showed up at First National Bank last Friday night for the annual holiday procession down Main Avenue – and a chance to get a peek at the man (and woman) in red. Caroling revelers followed the Mr. and Mrs. in their sleigh to Buckley Park for more singing, cookies, hot chocolate, and a countdown to light up the tree.

Santa, his lovely wife, and their elf helpers then took a seat for quintessential lap sitting and photo taking to mark the memory and the beginning of this year's holiday season.



The North Pole gang arrives to find a spirited crowd.



No time to hear all the wishlists, Santa obliges photo opps.



Waving to Mr. and Mrs. Clause in their horse-drawn carriage (sorry, no reindeer were available.)



The lighting of Durango's communal Christmas tree in Buckley Park.