

# Daleville Christmas parade biggest ever

The annual Daleville Christmas parade Dec. 5 was deemed the biggest ever, with about 80 entries and the largest estimated crowd on hand to watch and wait for the special guest of the evening, Santa Claus.

Despite a brisk wind and cold temperatures, several hundred people were on hand to see Santa arrive, culminating the parade that also included the Daleville High School Pride of the South Marching Band, the city float and a host of business and organization entries.

Longtime Daleville businessman Clayton Sellers served as grand marshal this year and Fort Rucker Chief of Staff Col. William H. Forrester also helped Mayor and Mrs. Wess Etheredge welcome the crowd.

After the parade, many in the crowd remained on hand while Etheredge, Sellers and Forrester lit the official city Christmas tree, located on the lawn in front of Daleville High School. Many youngsters, parents and others also stayed for festivities in the DHS lunchroom, where the Daleville Middle School and Windham Elementary School choirs performed a show of Christmas songs.

Santa set up just outside the lunchroom and spent the evening greeting Daleville area youngsters and hearing all about their Christmas wish lists.

Young and old alike were also treated to refreshments served by members of the Lovely Touch Garden Club.



Daleville Man of the Year Bill Filmore and the Daleville queens adorn the city float.