
GCWC hosts third annual Snacks with Santa and Mrs. Claus event

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The Christmas season is obviously a busy time of year for Santa and Mrs. Clause. However, the two, along with their personal elf, Buddy, were able to adjust their schedules for a quick trip to the Gilchrist County Woman's Club on Dec. 10 to spend some time visiting with children in the community.

This was part of the GCWC's Snacks with Santa & Mrs. Claus event.

Each kid had the opportunity to get his or her picture taken with the Clauses and with Buddy the Elf. There were giggles and smiles, and a few scary tears that soon melted away.

Buddy gave out hugs and sticker sheets for the children to design their own Santa, snowman, reindeer and other Christmas characters.

Out behind the club building was a most curious



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A child smiles as he visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Dec. 10 at the Gilchrist County Woman's Club.

sight. Cotton, the Mystical Unicorn, came by to visit and take pictures with the children. Cotton lives on Z Acres – Forever Funny Farm – and loves to visit with kids everywhere.

In addition to the visiting and picture taking, the kids and their families had the chance to eat sandwiches

and desserts prepared by the ladies of the GCWC.

Additionally, the women also set up an array of stations so that families could work together to decorate cookies, make crafts or watch a classic holiday show while snacking on “cop corn” given out by the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Department. There was also a hot cocoa bar.

On their way out, each child got to choose two gifts to take home.

Twenty community sponsors helped with this year's Snacks with Santa and Mrs. Claus event, which was sold out. The fundraiser is in its third year and all proceeds go directly back into the community.

One way the funds are used is by offering a scholarship to a graduating senior.

The GCWC hopes that next year, Santa and Mrs. Clause, along with Buddy the Elf, will return for an even bigger snack time.