

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### Come celebrate like the Dickens this weekend

Lockhart's classic holiday-season tradition returns this week, with A Dickens Christmas kicking off to help you stave off any potential cases of the holiday humbugs.

The Friends of the Dr. Eugene Clark Library, the City of Lockhart and the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce invite you to step into the enchanting world of Charles Dickens' 19th century England on Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7.

A Dickens Christmas in Lockhart transforms downtown into an enchanting Christmas of yesteryear. Enjoy two days of activities and entertainment in Historic Lockhart. Share the delight of children's laughter as magicians, jugglers, a Master Falconer, choirs, and musicians entertain as Father Christmas is on hand to listen to holiday wishes throughout the day.

This year's event is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Donnie R. Wilson, who served Lockhart valiantly as a volunteer at the First United Methodist Church, the Caldwell County Christian Ministries Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, the Friends of the Dr. Eugene Clark Library and many more organizations.

The event kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 with the Dickens Night Parade and wraps up at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 with the lighting of the Yule Log in front of the Dr. Eugene Clark Library.

The Dickens Night Parade also falls on First Friday, and downtown businesses have said they will remain open late for holiday shopping.

The full schedule of events is as follows:

## Friday, Dec. 6

6 p.m.: Vendors Tents Open7 p.m. Evening Lighted Parade

## Saturday, Dec. 7

9 a.m.: Vendors tents open; Franko the Ice Man; Children's Arts and Crafts

9:30 a.m.: Navarro Elementary Choir

10 a.m.: Clear Fork Elementary Choir; Kiddie Express Train; Father Christmas arrives; Caricaturist Chuck

Bryan begins drawing; Face painting by Carrie Smith begins

10:30 a.m.: Alma Brewer Strawn Choir

11 a.m.: Silver Thistle Pipes & Drums; Maverick horseback riding/pony rides; Hay rides from the Decotah

Dream Team

11:30 a.m.: Ballet Folklorico Tonzantzin

Noon: Mariachi Cielo Azul; photo booth (Norma Acosta); pedicab service begins

1 p.m.: Birds of prey show (Last Chance Forever); street juggling (Jack Byrd); life size snow globe

2 p.m.: Storytelling (Mr. Johnny Productions); Fry's Fun Farm Petting Zoo

3 p.m.: Strait Ahead Band; Austin Reptile Show

4 p.m.: Plum Creek Elementary Choir

4:30 p.m.: Junction Band

5:30 p.m.: Lockhart Lionettes & Legacies 6 p.m.: Lockhart Jr. High School Choir 6:30 p.m.: Lockhart High School Choir

7 p.m.: Lighting of the Yule Log