

Parade and tree lighting draw huge crowd in downtown Hermiston

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Santa Claus arrives on the scene Dec. 4, 2025, at the conclusion of the Christmas parade in downtown Hermiston. (Michael Kane/Hermiston Herald)

HERMISTON — There wasn't an empty parking spot to be found in downtown Hermiston on Thursday, Dec. 4, as a festive crowd turned out for the Christmas parade and tree-lighting ceremony. Holiday songs were performed by the jazz bands of Sandstone Middle School, Armand Larive Middle School and Hermiston High School. The high school's Majazty Choir also performed during the evening. The crowd lined the streets as the parade got underway followed by the arrival of Santa Claus in a fire truck. After the cheers died down, Santa flipped the switch to light up the Christmas tree on Festival Street.



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Pickups, cars, people and dogs fill the downtown Hermiston streets Dec. 4, 2025, for the annual Christmas parade and tree-lighting ceremony. (Michael Kane/Hermiston Herald)





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The Armand Larive Middle School jazz band entertain the crowd prior to the parade Dec. 4, 2025, in Hermiston.

(Michael Kane/Hermiston Herald)





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State Rep. Greg Smith, along with the help from an elf, lead the crowd in a cheer of merry Christmas on Dec. 4, 2025, in downtown Hermiston. (Michael Kane/Hermiston Herald)

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The Christmas parade draws a huge crowd Dec. 4, 2025, to downtown Hermiston. (Michael Kane/Hermiston Herald)

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Children line the streets Dec. 4, 2025, in downtown Hermiston as parade entrants toss handfuls of candy to the crowd. (Michael Kane/Hermiston Herald)

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Muscle cars, classic cars, fire trucks and more take part in the Christmas parade Dec. 4, 2025, in downtown Hermiston. (Michael Kane/Hermiston Herald)

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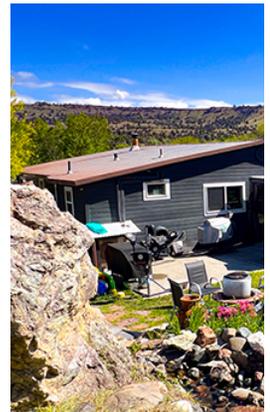
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