



OUTSIDE STANLEY HARDWARE, store clerk Deb Macfee (above) held the door while Andrew Wade and Quinton Cook sang when students from Oberlin Elementary School went caroling downtown last Wednesday. Bethany Mason, Heather Treese and Emma Borton (below) sang as they walked through the courthouse.

Students make music downtown

Dressed in heavy coats, gloves, scarves and Santa hats, the students and staff from Oberlin Elementary School headed out last Wednesday morning to spread a little Christmas cheer around town.

Students gathered with their extended learning families, groups formed by the school last year, to go caroling downtown, at the Good Samaritan Center, Cedar Living Center and Wheat Ridge Terrace over the lunch hour. One group, or extended learning family, went to each of the facilities while the others went downtown.

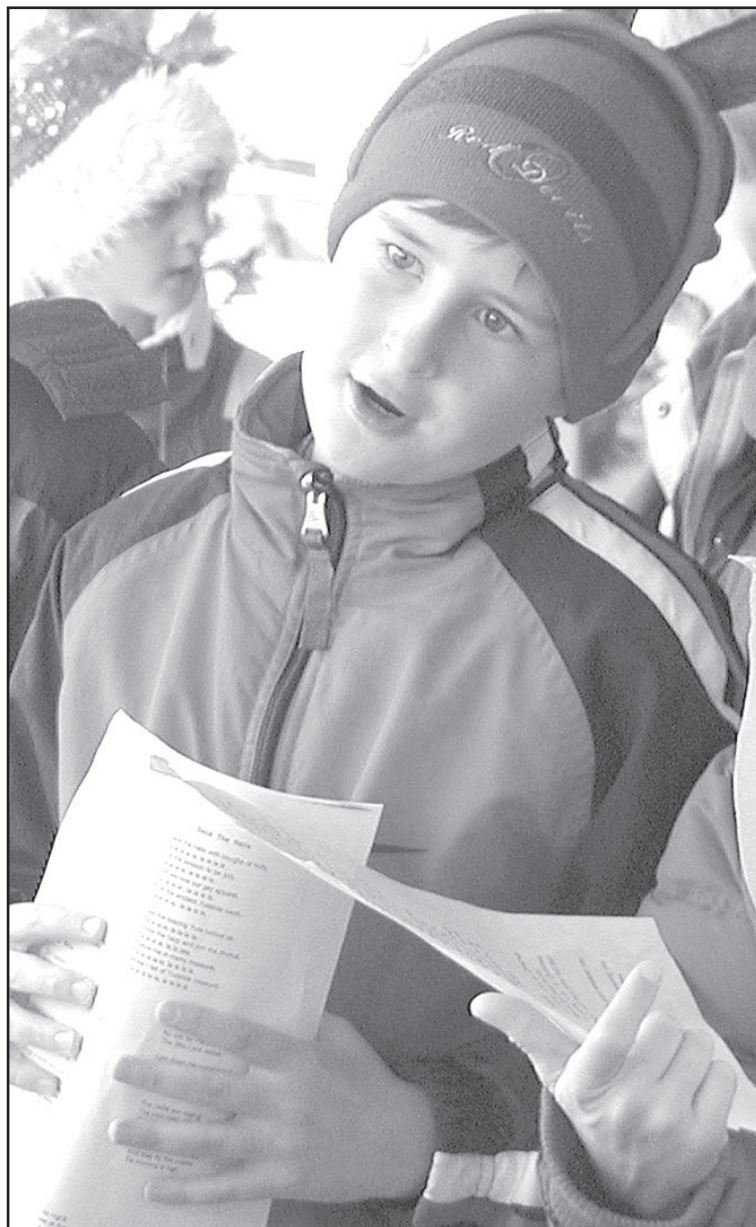
The extended learning "families" were set up last year at the school. Each group has a few staff members and students from each of the grades. The families meet monthly for activities, said Principal Duane Dorshorst.

Mr. Dorshorst said they decided to go caroling to spread a little Christmas spirit and to teach the

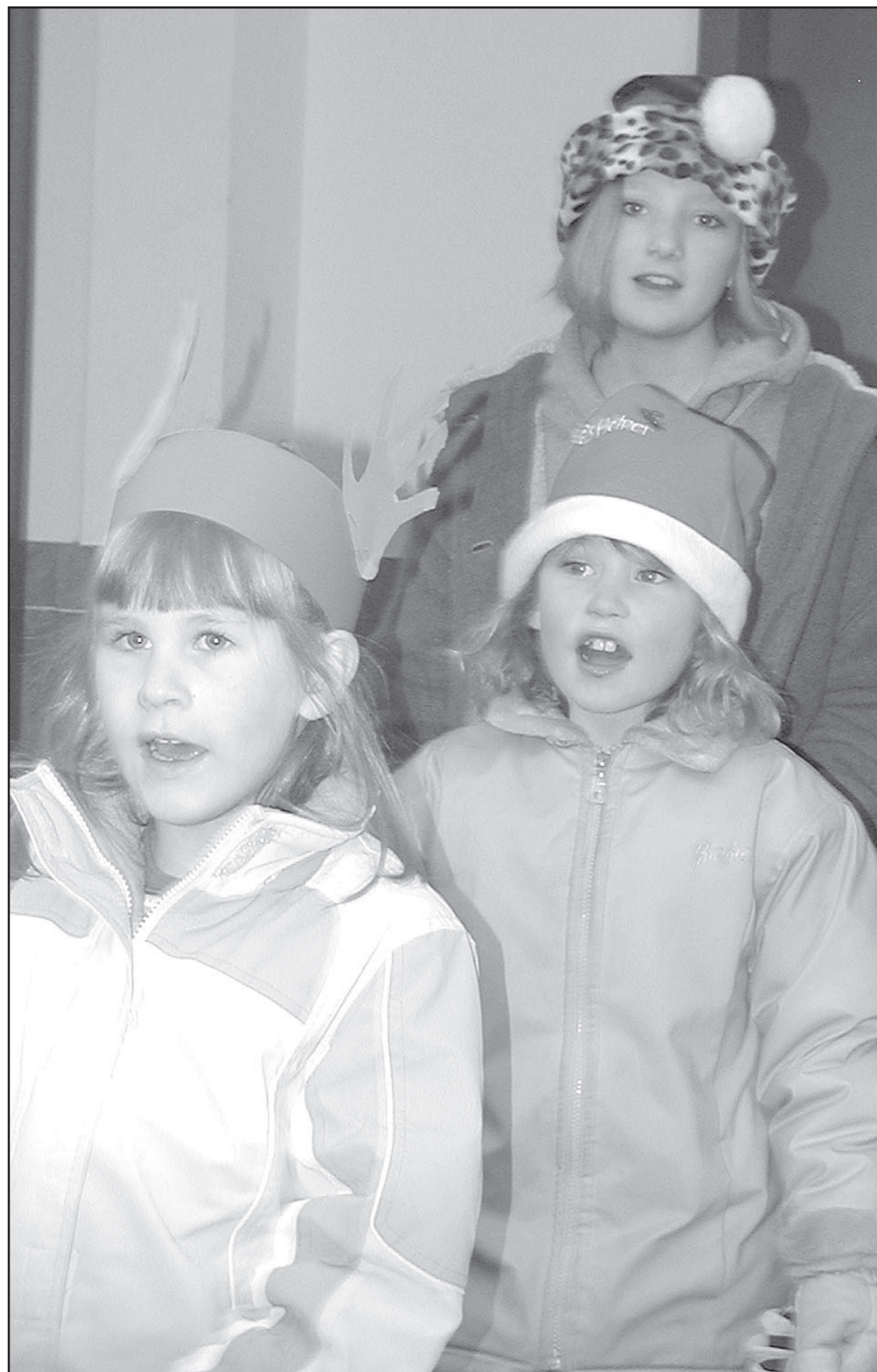
kids about the holiday tradition.

The students stopped at each business downtown and sang a few

songs, closing with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," before walking back to school.



WITH HIS EXTENDED LEARNING FAMILY from Oberlin Elementary, Mason Ahlberg caroled on Main Street last Wednesday.



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