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## Parade, lighting this week 'Green' joins M&M siblings as third grand marshal

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Holiday festivities will begin with Friday's lighting of the Cleveland Christmas Tree, and continued with the annual Christmas Parade through downtown Cleveland at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Another treat has been added to this year's celebration. It has been announced by MainStreet Cleveland Director Vanessa Clark that the "Green" M&M will join the "Blue" and "Red" as the grand marshals of this year's parade.

The three M&Ms will be joining Santa Claus as a four-way treat for the community's children.

The start of the weekend celebration begins at 5 p.m. Friday with the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree at the Courthouse Annex on Broad Street. There will be season's greetings from Bradley County Mayor D. Gary Davis and Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland.

Following the tree lighting, there will be free carriage rides. Saturday, prior to the evening's parade, will be the annu-

al Breakfast with Santa at Arnold School from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased at the school, or at the MainStreet office.

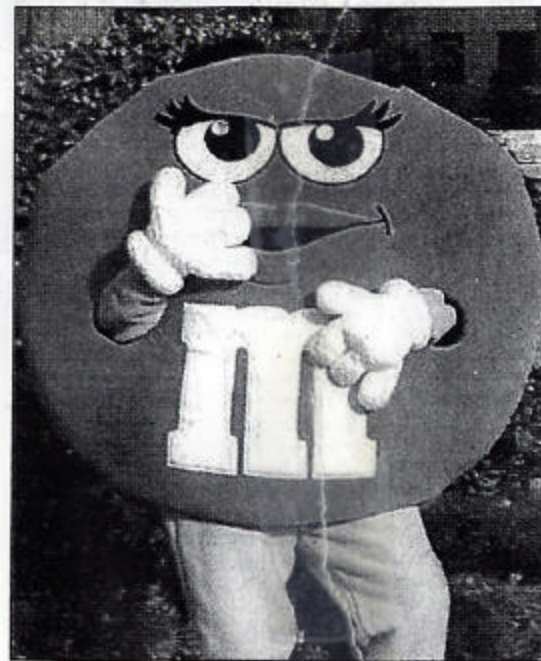
Local residents attending Cleveland's annual Christmas Parade Saturday will have a chance to join with Cub Scouts Pack 3136 and the U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program to assist some of the less fortunate children in our community.

The Scouts will have a float in Saturday's parade, while the Marines and volunteers will be collecting toys along the parade route for "Toys for Tots."

The trailer used by the Scouts for their float was supplied by Steve Williams Construction Co. It will also be used by Cub Scouts Pack 3044 in Polk County for the Benton Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 13.

In addition to collecting toys at this year's MainStreet

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**A THIRD GRAND MARSHAL** — The "Green" M&M, left, will join its red and blue siblings as a third grand marshal for the downtown Cleveland Christmas Parade Saturday evening. Weekend festivities begin with the 5 p.m. Christmas tree lighting Friday at the Courthouse Annex. The tree lighting will be followed by "Breakfast With Santa" Saturday morning at Arnold School, and the parade at 6 p.m.