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colorful ones for the girls featuring balloons and snowmen.

"I like making things for different organizations," Osbourne said. "It keeps me busy while I'm watching TV at night."

After returning to the Hillsdale First United Methodist Church basement, the volunteers helped the children wrap the purchases for their loved ones. Paper, ribbons, bows and tags were made available for the process of preparing the family gifts, with many of the young students helping to fold and tape as older ones supervised.

Three year-old Jennavicia Shaw had tape ready for Head Start teacher Anita Young, who helped her fold over wrapping paper for her father's present.

"I do a really good job," Shaw said.

Hillsdale College Circle K



Head Start students visited with Santa at the Hillsdale Kiwanis Club Christmas party on Saturday. NANCY HASTINGS PHOTOS

member Michaela Blair said it was her third year to volunteer at the party.

"I like being involved in the community while I'm in school," Blair said.

Together, the volunteers wrapped more than 100 presents, according to club member Jackie Wickham, who chaired the party this year for the first time. The night before the party, Wickham said Key Club

members helped wrap presents and stuff stockings for the children.

The children received their gifts after visiting with Santa and also enjoyed refreshments furnished by the club. Fourteen dozen cookies were prepared for the party.

Hillsdale Community Action Agency Children's Program Manager and Kiwanian Carola Thomas said



Hillsdale College Circle K members Michaela Blair and Zachariah Arriagla help Zara Wolf wrap presents for her family during the Kiwanis Club Christmas party Saturday.

it's helpful to have staff helping, so the children have a familiar face when they come to the event.

"Every child here has their teacher here to be with them," Thomas said. "It's also nice to have the student helpers."

For many of the children the gifts they received might be all they get for Christmas she added. And, taking them shopping is something their family members appreciate.