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Volunteers decorating the Hiwassee Town Square on Nov. 17 in preparation for the Dec. 1 Light Up Hiwassee event. Photo by Jarrett Whitener

Bradshaw is expected to be on hand and possibly be a golf cart parade judge.

“We have that new ‘JOY’ display,” said Ordiales. “It’s beautiful. It’s 8 feet tall, it’s J-O-Y, and the middle O is a manger scene and a star at the top. It’s very pretty. When we light up Hiwassee, of course, all of that will be lit up.

“This is, for us, a great

community event. It’s a time to bring everybody together and celebrate the Christmas holiday. It’s a great function.”

Everyone is welcome to attend the Dec. 1 Light Up Hiwassee event, which will feature food and craft vendors.

Kids’ activities begin at 4 p.m. that day, and the Golf Cart Parade will take place at

5:30 p.m. Enotah CASA will hold the annual lighting of the luminaries at 6 p.m., and the Town Square Christmas lights will be turned on around 6:15 p.m.

Santa is expected close to 6:30 p.m., and everyone will get the chance to join in with the singing of Christmas carols at 7 p.m.

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Many boats took part in this year’s Sheriff’s Empty Stoking Fund Parade, including Georgia BASS Nation High School Fishing. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

of giving, attendees of the event were also encouraged to bring toys to donate to the Empty Stoking Fund, and the turnout pointed to a tremendous show of support for local children and community endeavors.

“I think it may be the best I can remember,” said Clinton of the 2018 parade. “Everything went very smoothly, and I truly believe participants and

spectators alike had a wonderful time.

“I want to thank our staff and the police department for doing a great job. Thanks to all who had a part in this fun event for such a great cause.”

According to a follow-up Facebook post from Sheriff Clinton, the Adam Kennedy Team won First Place in the float contest, followed by Reel

Money Team Trail in Second Place and the Towns County Lions Clubs in Third Place.

“Thank you all for making this another successful parade,” said Sheriff Clinton. “New, unwrapped toys for underprivileged Towns County children are accepted at our courthouse and administrative offices, as well as monetary donations.”



The Blue Ridge Mountain EMC wished all a merry Christmas during this year’s parade. Photo by Jarrett Whitener

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out.” With each night of the light display being about holiday exhibits, the booth areas of the Fairgrounds will feature different scenes filled and decorated by area businesses wanting to get in on the Christmas spirit.

One such exhibit, run by WoodmenLife, presents Santa’s list with names of many children on it.

When a child walked up to the list and couldn’t find their name last weekend, Lynn Buck of WoodmenLife made room for it to ensure that each name had a place on Santa’s Nice List.

“This is a really neat thing to see,” said Buck. “Anytime the kids don’t see their name, I’ll add it to the list, and they absolutely love it. I have already added plenty during our time this week, and I’m sure this will be completely filled by the end of it all.

“I may have to go back and erase all the names just so I can write them smaller and make room for more kids. It’s great to see them come over and smile when they find their name on the Nice List.”

Of course, Santa also attended the event to meet with children, take their requests and then a picture, and he’ll be back throughout the remainder of the Mountain Country Christmas in Lights.

Many local vendors will also be available during the event, offering classic holiday treats such as hot chocolate and smores.

Attendees can also make their way over to the animal tent at the Fairgrounds, which features camel rides, pony rides and a small petting zoo.

For a small price, guests can feed the collection of animals, including goats, camels, parakeets, pigs, emus, and others that may not normally be seen around the mountain area.

Last weekend, Children lined up for the opportunity to ride a camel for the first



Jerry Taylor brings history to life with his antique reed organ display and performances during the Christmas-themed light show at the Fairgrounds. Photo by Lowell Nicholson



Folks will have ample opportunity to take some amazing Christmas photos at the Mountain Country Christmas! In Lights. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

time, giving them a unique experience that is hard to find. While the event offers plenty for families with children, it also serves as a great romantic stroll for any couple looking for a relaxing evening.

The walkthrough display offers something for everybody, and people smiled and laughed together as they made their way around the Fairgrounds.

“This is more than just lights,” said Anita Poole, who

attended the opening weekend with her husband Travis. “It’s Christmas, it’s lights, and it’s a good atmosphere to enjoy.”

Entry into the Mountain Country Christmas is just \$5 per person, and children 12 and under get in free.

For more information on upcoming events at the Fairgrounds, including featured music taking place during the Christmas light display, visit GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com.

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Kemp resigned from his position, Crittenden will be in charge of overseeing the runoff election.

Also resulting from the Nov. 6 General Election, county restaurants will now be able to apply for liquor licenses, which will be regulated by ordinance to determine the hours and

other parameters of liquor by the drink sales, excluding Sunday sales altogether.

Also, Hiwassee voters approved a referendum to move the start time of local alcohol sales by the drink from 12:30 p.m. to 11 a.m. on Sundays to accommodate extended brunch sales.

Christmas Craft Show

Christmas Craft Show - Friday, December 7th, 12 noon to 8 PM. The Valley River Arts Guild presents an indoor arts & crafts show. Find unique and handmade gifts for Christmas. One Day Only.

For more information, contact the Valley River Arts Guild at vraginc@gmail.com, or 828-360-3038. NT(Nov28,Z3)CA