

'Simply having a wonderful Christmas time'



"And on the (18th) day of Christmas my true love gave to me"...lawnmowers trimmed in tinsel, tractors topped with wreaths, bikes bearing silver bells, pick-up trucks aplenty, a merry group of carolers, and Santa riding on a golf cart.

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, the Woodbridge community continued a Christmas tradition now in its 18th year. A parade of festive lawnmowers, bikes, vehicles, tractors, fire trucks, scooters, golf carts and carolers on foot traveled throughout the

Moss Lake-bordering community wishing neighbors a jolly Merry Christmas. The procession stopped at houses along the way to sing choruses of Christmas songs. At the end of the parade, the carolers stopped at the home of Doug Sharp for homemade cookies, candies, treats and cider. After the parade, Santa was available for any last minute "rocking chair" requests. Woodbridge's 18th annual Christmas procession is considered to be the "longest running lawnmower parade in North Carolina."

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(Left) Carolers take off down streets in the Woodbridge Community near Moss Lake in the 18th annual Lawnmower Christmas Parade.

'Oh Holy Night' the lights are brightly shinning



Photos by KYRA TURNER

Hundreds of spectators strolled through Mountain Rest Cemetery on the night of Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, to see the illuminating splendor of 6,000 lights which shone on graves. City Public Works Director Jackie Barnette estimated that more than two thousand dollars was raised from the luminary service. Money raised will be used for cemetery improvements. Local Boy Scouts, David Smith, Doug Lawing, City Councilman Mike Butler and other volunteers from throughout the community helped make the season bright by lending a helping hand to the service.

