

Enjoy the Culture A Hometown Christmas Offers

During the holiday season many Christmas events take place in and around our hometowns, to include each community in Anson County. And it is at this special time, Christmas, that we are reminded how fortunate we are to be surrounded by the love many of us share as citizens of this small but wonderful place. Larger cities around our region offer cultural events that you perhaps delve into, as do I. But in our small towns we too have a multitude of holiday events offering up a heaping helping of culture.

So often you hear, "There is nothing to do here," as some believe they must head in other directions to find good entertainment. But if you take just a second and look around, you will discover wonderful happenings right here within the walls of our local facilities. It's like peering through a hedge that surrounds a secret garden, we who know it best, know to look closely enough so not to miss its hidden treasures and savoir-faire.

At church cantatas and worship services, school plays and holiday shows, local talent showcases, parades and much, much more we all come together with a common thread which knits us unitedly with the joy, the peace, and the spirit of the season. We are blessed with culture here and with so many local talents.

Reflect on each month of the past year while knowing that all twelve of those months were filled with your personal hearts desire. Look toward 2014 with a determination to make the new year an even brighter one for yourself and those you hold dear.

Hometown Christmases are wonderful, whimsical and heart-warming, so be reminded, "You'll be all aglow from your head to mistletoes." And where the small town city lights of Christmastime look like a scene from a snow globe. Ahhh, there's nothin' like Christmas - a hometown Christmas that is. One filled with culture, which has been spun by local talents from the tall to the very small. And that is hometown culture at its finest. *By Melanie Lyon*



Kayla Carpenter, Zaria Elliott, Carmen Jackson, Maleyiah Lowery, Mallory Sikes, Anijah Williams, Kayla Little, Ava Hill and Madison Peters perform "Candy Cane Lane," during their majorette Christmas show on December 16.



Jordin Little, Janae Little, Ellie Gibbons, Brooklyn Miles, Josie Maness, Jasmine Polk, Hilary Gaun and Janiya Little are delighted as they perform to the "Happiest Christmas Tree."



Pictured left are Addison Miles, Elin Lockhart, Katlyn Lisenby, Peyton Peters, Pashunce Maxwell, Baylee Goodwin, Tamia Little, Madeline Leavitt and Trinity Trexler, tiny music box twirlers. *Pictured below left*, Kaylie Burris, Jayden Lear, Komoria Chambers, Alyssa Simon, Ava Phillips, Gracie McCracken, Carlee Rayfield, Aubrey Stevens and Kacey Huntley say, "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas." *Pictured below right*, Leah McLaurin, Xzyreon McClendon, Trista Trexler, Jahzaria Underwood, Emma Trexler, Praise Simons, Taylor Bennett and Sophie Goodwin end their routine with a perfect pose.



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