

## Old Christmas Trees Great For Wildlife

Don't toss out your Christmas tree after the holidays—use it as a bird feeder! Remove the ornaments and tinsel, but leave the strings of popcorn and cranberries. If you add a few bags of suet, table scraps, and other treats, you'll soon have a flock of living, feathered ornaments congregating around your tree.

Suet is a popular bird food that is easy to prepare. Melt beef fat or bacon grease, cool, add bird seed, peanut butter, fruit or granola. It's important that birds have protein-rich items that carry them through the winter. Also add some finely crushed eggshells to the mix to supplement the bird's diet with calcium. Birds obtain calcium from insects in the summer, but it is in short supply in the winter. Mesh onion bags make good suet containers and are easy to hang from the tree.

Discarded Christmas trees can also be used to sweeten your favorite fishing hole. Simply bundle several trees together, and sink them. These "fish hurdles" will soon attract crappie and other panfish.

## Santa Claus To Visit Youngsters, Seniors

Santa Claus has a special gift tucked in his sack for every senior citizen who attends a Christmas celebration at the Brunswick County Government Center on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The event, planned in the entrance area near the human services building, is sponsored by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Santa's friends of all ages are invited, with a special invitation to senior citizens, said Assistant Director Tina Pritchard.

After Santa arrives at about 2:30 p.m., he'll also bend his ear to hear the Christmas wishes of children.

If possible, Pritchard continued, each child who attends is asked to bring a Christmas ornament to hang on a tree at the complex as "admission" to talk to Santa.

Decorating a tree and visiting with Santa isn't the only fun planned at the party. There will be special entertainment, refreshments and sing-along Christmas caroling.

More information is available by calling the parks and recreation department at 253-4357.

## November Warmest On Record

November was the warmest November noted since the Wilmington Weather Office began keeping records in January 1871, reports the National Weather Service in Wilmington.

Temperatures were more in keeping with late September, "a pleasant month for homeowners and those involved in outdoor activity," the service indicated.

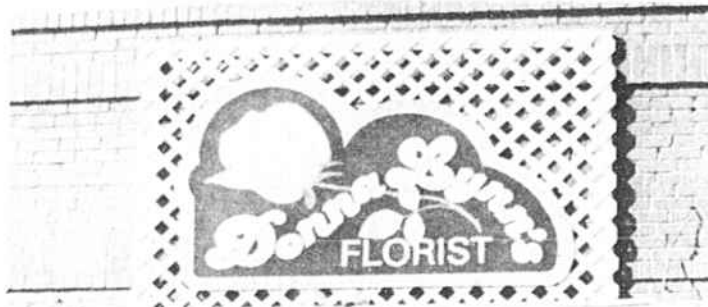
The monthly average temperature was 66.6 degrees, or 11.2 degrees above normal. This was also four degrees warmer than the 62.6 average temperature for November

1948, previously the warmest November on record. New record high temperatures were set on six days of the month, with the warmest temperature recorded 83 degrees.

November was also fifth wettest November of record, with total rainfall of 6.74 inches, or 3.55 inches above normal.

The average wind speed during the month was 6.9 mph, with the highest one-minute average 29 mph from the east, recorded on Nov. 22.

There were 10 sunny days, four partly cloudy days and 16 cloudy days during the month.



Ribbon Is Cut

Donna Lynn Troll (left at doorway) cuts the ribbon officially opening her new business, Donna Lynn's Florist, on Main St. in Shallotte. Store employees, dressed as clowns, entertained customers during the grand opening festivities.

## Boat Parade, Festival To Benefit Area Hungry

Three competitive events and a variety of activities are planned as part of the first Calabash-Little River Christmas Boat Parade on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Proceeds of all events will be used to help feed hungry children in Brunswick County and in Horry County, S.C., according to organizers Ken and Terri Canupp.

Festivities begin at 8 a.m. along the Calabash waterfront and continue until dusk, when a nautical parade of boats will wind down the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway to a judges' stand at Little River, S.C.

Boats will begin lining up at 1 p.m.

A strip boat race will be held at 10 a.m. at Calabash, with prizes awarded to the first and second place winners. Entrance fee donations of \$5 or more are requested in each event.

Decorated yards, docks, boat landings and businesses along the waterway route also will be judged during the day.

Booths along the waterfront will offer fried fish, pork barbecue, hot-dogs, sausage biscuits and coffee (available at 8 a.m.) and other items.

Activities scheduled during the day include bingo, an arts and crafts show, video games, bake sales, clowns, a children's parade, entertainment by blue grass bands, local bands and the West Brunswick High School Jazz Ensemble. Santa Claus will be there to pose for portraits with children, bringing his own photographer.

Donations to the Christmas project can be sent to the Calabash Branch, UCB, P.O. Box 308, Shallotte, N.C. 28459; or to Horry County National Bank, Little River, S.C. 29566.

## Temporary Closings Over

Several areas temporarily closed to shellfishing were reopened as of Friday by the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Waters in Shallotte River and

Saucepan Creek were returned to their status immediately prior to the statewide closing on Sept. 27.

The upper reaches of the Shallotte River remained closed to shellfish harvest.

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