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OCEAN ISLE BEACH property owners got into the spirit of the season this past Saturday with the lighting of the town's first Christmas tree, provided by the Ocean Isle Beach Property Owners Association. Helping to string 300 tiny white lights on the native cedar are (near tree) Gloria Hunsucker, Chuck Armstrong and (to right) Judy Hanna and Jim Bledsoe. POA President Hayden O'Neil and Councilwoman Debbie S. Fox lit the tree, while Stuart Ingram led the group of about 40 in singing *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*.

List Details Festivities Statewide

Need help getting in the Christmas spirit or simply want to celebrate?

Sampling a Carolina Christmas might be the very thing—from the glow of lights and greenery at Tryon Palace in New Bern to nativity scenes, concerts and plays across the state.

From the mountains to the sea, North Carolina offers a variety of festive activities during the period between Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day. Events are suitable destinations for a day trip, or for those from out-of-state, perhaps a longer visit that incorporates a golfing or skiing vacation.

To assist in holiday travel plans, the N.C. Travel and Tourism Division has published its annual "Carolina Christmas" tabloid, a listing of more than 200 holiday celebrations and events along with holiday recipes, Christmas stories and poems.

South Brunswick Islands residents don't have to travel far to enjoy a holiday celebration, especially this coming Saturday.

Shallotte's annual Christmas parade begins at 10 a.m., proceeding from Shallotte Middle School along Blake Drive and Main Street to the main office of United Carolina Bank with an array of floats, musical groups and marching units. After the parade, children are invited to visit with Santa.

The annual Christmas-By-The-Sea Festival Parade gets underway at 3 p.m. at Oak Island.

Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Southport celebrates its heritage as a coastal community with a decorated boat flotilla, at 7:30 p.m. An expected 20- to 30-boat flotilla will pass by Southport's Waterfront Park, where entertainment will begin at 6:45 p.m. Featured will be Miss Brunswick County 1990 Wendy Williams and the youth and adult handbell choirs

from Southport Baptist Church.

Holiday House, the annual community event sponsored by the Southport Woman's Club, takes place Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1-2. This year's house features an exhibition of distinctly adorned Christmas trees, decorating ideas and entertainment by musical groups.

No admission is charged.

Later in the month, Southport will also be the setting of other holiday events. These include a walking tour of the historic district from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and a holiday music concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 at Southport Baptist Church.

For more information on holiday events in the Southport-Oak Island, contact Sabrina Hodges at the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, 919-457-6964.

Also Saturday, Fort Fisher State Historic Site at Kure Beach is the location of a special coastal Civil War Christmas.

Visitors will sip hot apple cider, enjoy the performances of local musicians and choral groups, and take part in a costumed guided tour of the fort, the last bastion of the Confederacy.

Open house hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free of charge.

The fort can also be reached by the Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry.

For more information on the open house, contact Barbara Gilgo, 919-458-5538.

While it does cost to visit the *USS North Carolina* Battleship Memorial, there's no charge to enjoy a view of its holiday decorations. It's brightly colored lights can be viewed from the roadway, or from Wilmington's Waterfront Park, from dusk until midnight.

Visitors to Wilmington can also see a tree billed as "the world's largest living Christmas tree" in the Hilt area. No admission is charged and the tree

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Winnabow Salutes Troops At Christmas

Winnabow area residents will pay tribute to America's armed forces at their annual "Christmas in Winnabow" celebration Sunday, Dec. 2, at 4:45 p.m.

Sunday's event will be held at John Henry's King Awning Shop at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Green Hill Road (S.R. 1410) in Winnabow.

The South Brunswick High School JROTC Color Guard will open the program. Retired U.S. Army Col. Clyde A. Harrison will talk briefly on the responsibilities of citizens to the military.

A community Christmas carol

singing and refreshments are also planned, along with a visit from Santa Claus. This year his local ground transportation will be provided by the Shallotte Army National Guard unit. Santa will have gifts for the children.

In keeping with the tribute, the lights on the community Christmas "tree" have been switched to red, white and blue, said Ralph Frazier, one of the coordinators of the event. "There were 2,200 bulbs that had to be changed," he said. "As of Friday we had four more strings yet to go." As in past years the oldest and

youngest persons attending the program will receive gifts and will get to light the tree and the cross that tops it.

The message on the lighted sign along U.S. 17 near the foot of the tree is also changing to suit the theme. Instead of "Season's Greetings From Winnabow" it will read, "Salute To The Troops From Winnabow."

Saturday, in an unrelated project, Santa Claus will make the rounds of the Winnabow fire district atop a Winnabow VFD truck, distributing candy to local youngsters.

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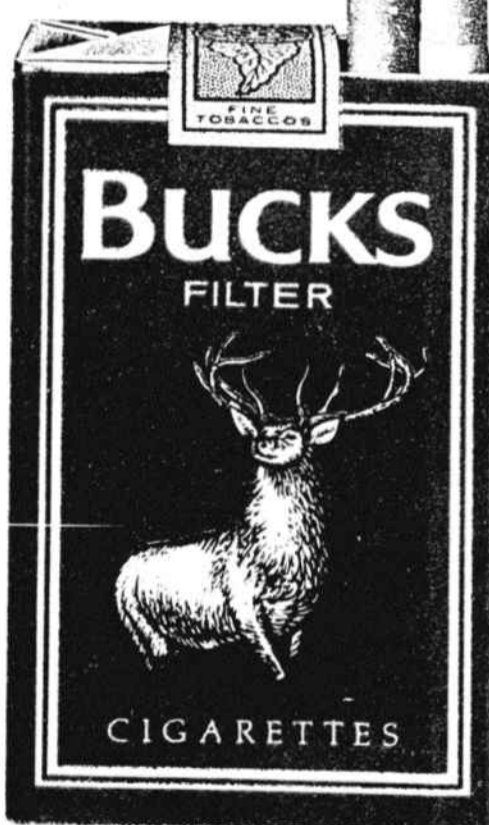
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