

### Drug-Free Party Set For Seniors

Seniors from Brunswick County's three high schools will be partying all night May 31, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The Graduation Celebration of Brunswick County committee is planning a "chemical-free" night of fun, games, activities, refreshments and live music for area graduating seniors at the Brunswick Community College student center in Supply.

A DJ will also be on hand and prizes will be awarded at the party, the committee's first attempt at a drug-free party for all county seniors. Last year a local committee sponsored a similar event for West Brunswick High School seniors at a Myrtle Beach, S.C., night spot.

West Brunswick High School seniors graduate May 29, North Brunswick on May 30 and South Brunswick on May 31.

Volunteers and student committee members are needed. For more information, call Linda Fowler, 371-4216, or 655-4667.

### Literacy Council To Train Tutors

The Brunswick County Literacy Council has scheduled a two-session tutor training workshop for volunteers interested in helping other adults improve their basic reading skills.

The workshop will be held Thursday and Friday, May 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the literacy council office in Supply.

Rich Dixon will be the trainer. The \$10 registration fee may be paid at the first session. Tutors who complete the course will be certified to tutor using the one-on-one, phonics-based Laubach approach.

Anyone who knows how to read and enjoys helping others is qualified to volunteer as a literacy tutor.

Those planning to attend the workshop are asked to pre-register by calling the literacy council at 754-7323 or writing to the Brunswick County Literacy Council, P.O. Box 6, Supply, N.C. 28462.

### Class Offered


A class that begins April 9 at Brunswick Community College is aimed at people who need conversational Spanish on the job.

The continuing education class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Room 162 of the ALS building on the main campus north of Supply.

Registration costs \$25, payable at the first class. Exempt are North Carolina residents ages 65 and older.

While the class is geared to clinical personnel, teachers and store managers, it will help anyone who works with Spanish-speaking persons or has Spanish-speaking friends, said Ann Bellamy, BCC public information officer.

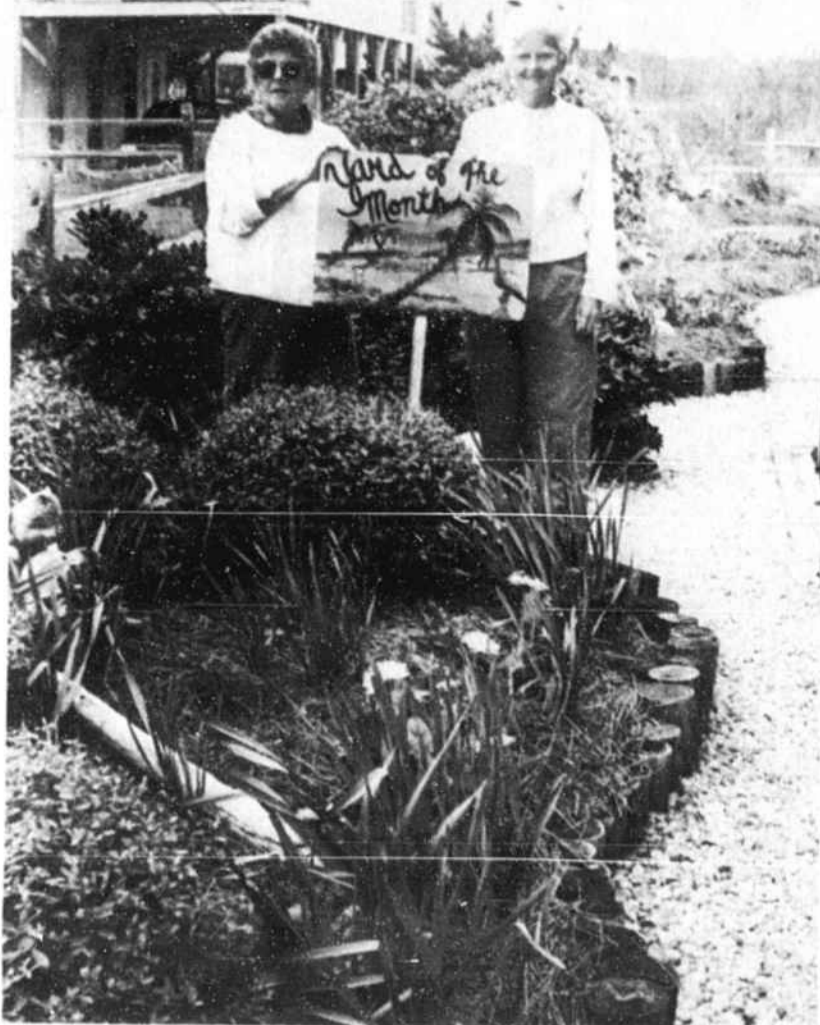
More information is available from the Continuing Education Department, 754-6922, 457-6329 or 343-0203.



**LORDY, LORDY, BRENDA LOU IS 40!**



Jeanette Crecraft and Christopher Harrell will be married April 6 at 5 pm at Lettles Grove Church, Shallotte. Friends and relatives are invited.



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### Gibson Yard Selected

The Holden Beach Beautification Committee has chosen the yard of Dave and Flo Gibson of 296 Brunswick Avenue West as yard of the month for April. Pictured with Mrs. Gibson (right) is beautification committee representative Rose Smith. This is the first yard of the month selection for 1991. Homeowners are eligible to win the award every other year.

## Oak Species May Be Hard To Pinpoint

BY C. BRUCE WILLIAMS  
Extension Area  
Turf Specialist

Dear Plant Doctor: After reading your articles we wondered if you would mind identifying several trees for us. A leaf from each of the trees is enclosed. We were told that we had pine trees and live oaks but after seeing these trees through three growing seasons, we are not so sure. Can you help with identification of these trees?



WILLIAMS

Answer: The oaks are a promiscuous group of trees. Species cross hybridize easily. This creates a real problem when it comes to identifying some of the oak species.

For identification purposes, the oaks can be divided into two general groups—the red or black oak group and the white oak group. The red oak group will generally have small bristles on the tips of the leaf lobes whereas the white oaks generally have no bristles.

The leaves you sent me seem to indicate you have at least one live oak (*Quercus virginiana*). The live oak is generally considered to be in the white oak group and is known to hybridize with the Overcup oak (*Quercus lyrata*) and the Post oak (*Quercus stellata*). I see no evidence of hybrid live oak types in the leaf specimens you sent me.

The other leaves you sent me are

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in the red oak group. You definitely have at least one Laurel Oak (*Quercus laurifolia*).

I can only speculate as to the species identification of the remainder of your trees. They all appear to be in the red oak group. Since these trees retain their foliage throughout much of the season I suspect you have a group of hybrids. The southern red oak (*Quercus falcata*) hybridizes with the laurel oak to produce numerous semi-evergreen segregates. I suspect that is the case for the remainder of the trees in your yard.

Dear Plant Doctor: My wife and I recently purchased a turn-of-the-century home that is badly in need of landscaping. As we will use the house only during the winter months we are interested in suggestions of plants that are particularly showy at that time. There are a number of live oak trees on the property so it is well shaded most of the day.

It would be appreciated if you would suggest some plants, particularly those which are well adapted to this area, and are relatively easy to maintain. Do you have any suggestions for grass?

Thank you for your help. Answer: I recently helped a friend of mine with the landscape design of his turn-of-the-century home in Hillsborough. Period landscaping requires substantial research, planning and work. I suspect that is more than you are willing to

do, but still take the time to plan your landscape carefully.

One of the plants that you would enjoy in the winter that should do well in the shade of your live oaks is the camellia.

*Camellia sasanqua* for autumn blooming and *Camellia japonica* for winter and early spring blooming are good choices. Hundreds of varieties are available.

Another winter bloomer is the hybrid witch hazel (*Hamamelis x intermedia*). Dr. J.C. Raluston of the N.C. State Arboretum likes the variety "Arnold Promise," which has yellow flowers with a reddish calyx cup.

Witch hazel usually blooms in mid to late January.

Yet another winter bloomer is the Cornelian cherry dogwood (*Cornus mas*). Small yellow flowers are produced in late January or February that can have a spectacular effect in an otherwise barren time of the year. Another dogwood that has excellent winter stem color is the Redosier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*), most nurseries will be glad to help you locate these plants.

The most shade tolerant of the warm season grasses is St. Augustine grass (*Stenotaphrum secundatum*). However, even St. Augustine grass must have adequate light for growth. There are other alternatives, such as groundcovers and mulch, for shady areas that you may want to consider.

Contact your local extension agent for more information. Send your gardening questions to *The Plant Doctor*, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.

### CLUB BRIEFS

#### VFW Wants Cards And Labels Bells To Ring

The Calabash VFW Post 7288 Ladies Auxiliary wants area residents to save and donate the front covers of greeting cards and labels from Campbell's and Betty Crocker products.

Spokesman Mary Benes said the items will be sent to the St. Jude's Ranch, a home for abused and neglected children. The children use the articles to make new cards and crafts.

Items can be mailed to Auxiliary President Florence Cook, c/o VFW Post 7288, Box 198-C Carter Road, Calabash, N.C. 28459.

Also, auxiliaries host a covered dish dinner the second Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. at the post.

The group's next regular meeting will be April 15 at 7:30 p.m. Members and guests are welcome.

Wedding bells will ring at the Calabash Elks Lodge at Traders Village Sunday, April 14, when "preacher" Darius Lewellyn officiates the "wedding" of George Conley and Rita Wainwright.

Giving away the bride will be Leon Noorigian.

The couple will be accompanied by a full bridal party.

Skip Smith will play *Here Comes The Bride*, and Mike Healy will be the vocalist.

The 4 p.m. event is open to members of Lodge No. 2679 and their guests.

An appropriate "gift" for the occasion, said spokesman Mary Noorigian, would be a covered dish of food or sandwiches for the reception afterward.

### Band Selling Moo Doo Tickets

Members of the West Brunswick High School Band are selling tickets for the annual Moo Doo Day, which is scheduled Saturday, April 27, on the football field.

Each person who buys a ticket will be assigned a square on the football field and has a chance at winning \$1,000.

A local cow will determine the grand prize winner by where on the field it is standing when nature calls, hence the name "moo doo."

Tickets cost \$2 each and will be on sale through April 15. Band director Craig Morris said the band

will not hold a carnival as part of this year's event due to the high expense involved.

Proceeds from the fund-raising

event will be used to send the band to band camp at Camp Greer at Old Fort in mid-August.

Parents of rising ninth-graders who will be participating in the high

school band next school year should contact Morris at home, 754-5539.

People who want to purchase tickets by mail can send checks to WBHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 2096, Shallotte, N.C. 28459.

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### Birthdays And Anniversaries

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| <b>Thursday, April 4</b><br>Jessie Allen, Ken Newton Jr., Josephine Collins, Bobbie Ward, Del Smith, Chris Ellis, Thaddeus Evans, Hilda Inman, Michaela Miller, Betty Jo Edge; Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Timmy Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hewett. | <b>Saturday, April 6</b><br>Janie Steorts, Sylvia L. Tripp, Allyn Wilson.                                |
| <b>Friday, April 5</b><br>Elliott Reynolds, Doris Benton, Melody Benton; John and Christine Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rogers.  | <b>Sunday, April 7</b><br>Matthew Edwards.   |
|   | <b>Monday, April 8</b><br>Kim Evans, Elizabeth Milligan.   |
|   | <b>Tuesday, April 9</b><br>Edna Russ, Skip Fenton, Austin Redwine, Rex Gore; Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Lewis. |
|   | <b>Wednesday, April 10</b><br>Steve Causey, Cindy Fenton.  |

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