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Scholarships Await Them

Brunswick Community College celebrated the second birthday of its two anniversary scholarship recipients Thursday with a cake-and-balloon party on the main campus in Supply. Pictured blowing out the candles on their cake are Mallory Milliken (left) of Ocean Isle, held by her mother Sonja, who is a cosmetology student at BCC, and Amber Combs of Holden Beach, with her mother Lynette. The girls were born Sept. 20, 1989, the day of BCC's 10th birthday celebration, and will attend the school tuition free starting 2007 with the support from the BCC Foundation.

CLUB BRIEFS

New Shallotte VFW Post Slates Meeting

The charter for a newly formed Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Shallotte will hold its first organizational meeting Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Shallotte Town Hall on Cheers Street.

VFW Post No. 11275 of Shallotte will hold its first organizational meeting Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Shallotte Town Hall on Cheers Street.

Membership is open to all overseas veterans having a combat occupational or expeditionary medal.

More information is available from Boege, P.O. Box 1042, Whiteville, N.C. 28472, or 919-642-3439.

Elks Initiate 16

Sixteen men were initiated into Calabash Elks Lodge Wednesday, Sept. 11, reports spokesman John F. Ziefel.

Exalted Ruler Sky Bramley administered the oath of office to these new residents of the area: Kenneth Anderson, James Blanda, Edward Bohn, Joseph Bruzzi, Robert Finley, Lynwood Gruber, Timothy Hamilton, Steven Huk, William Kauffman, Donald Lowry, Warren Metz, William Miller, Martin Ryan, John Serafin, R. John Van Marter and James Ver Meersch.

Lodge membership continues to grow, said Ziefel, boosting Elks' civic involvement.

Friends To Meet

Friends of the West Brunswick Branch Library meet next Thursday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. at the library on Business U.S. 17 in Shallotte, with participation open to all who are interested in helping the library expand its services to the public.

Dues are as follows: individual, \$5; family \$10; donor, \$25; sponsor, \$75; patron, \$100; benefactor, \$150.

For more information contact the library, 754-6578.

Anniversary Marked

Town Creek Senior Citizens Club will hold a covered dish dinner Thursday, Oct. 3, at noon celebrating the club's anniversary, said Lena Beachum, president.

The dinner will be held in conjunction with the club's regular meeting at Town Creek Township

Park at Winnabow.

Membership in the club is open to all seniors residing in Bishop, Boiling Spring Lakes, Bolivia, Funston, Mill Creek, Town Creek and Winnabow.

Flight Club Forming

The Coastal Carolina Aero Club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 1, at Kirby's Sizzling Sirloin Steak House in Shallotte at 7:30 p.m. The club is still in the formative stages, but all who are interested in flying are invited to attend.

Questions about the club or ground school classes can be directed to Skip Davis, 579-3502.

NARFE To Meet

Jeanine Farrell of Southern Bell Telephone will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Brunswick County Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE).

The chapter meets Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 12 noon at Sandfiddler Restaurant, Southport, said James H. Bryant, chapter public relations chairman.

Ms. Farrell will discuss telephone services available in the area.

NARFE meetings are open to the public. Membership is available to all federal government retirees and federal employees with at least five years of service.

Literacy Meeting Set

A meeting for residents of the Southport, Oak Island and Boiling Spring Lakes area who are concerned about literacy issues will be held today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Southport campus of Brunswick Community College, 705 N. Lord Street, said Gladys Wagenseil, coordinator for the Brunswick County Literacy Council (BCLC).

Tutors, volunteers, literacy students and others interested in im-

provement of literacy skills are invited to attend and to share their views about the how the BCLC can best serve the area.

More information is available from BCLC at 754-7323.

Rotary Hears Hodges

Sabrina Hodges, director of Southeastern Welcome Center, told members of the Rotary Club of the South Brunswick Islands she hopes the facility will be open in six to eight weeks, reports Dr. Jeffrey T. Mintz, club public relations chairman.

The center is presently under construction at the intersection of the U.S. 17 bypass and N.C. 130 West. Its major purpose will be to promote travel and tourism for southeastern North Carolina, and to promote Brunswick County on a local basis.

Rotary Club President John Fazekas presented Ms. Hodges a 19-inch color television for the use of the center and to provide weather information for travelers.

The club meets for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Fridays at Sandpiper Bay Golf and Country Club, Old Georgetown Road. Visiting Rotarians are welcome.

Roseman Was Speaker

Sherry Roseman of Shady Oaks Nursery spoke at the Sept. 12 meeting of the Sunset Sands Garden Club at the Property Owners' Clubhouse.

She explained different ways of arranging flowers, using a fall arrangement as a demonstration of how easily a display can be assembled, said Ruth Asmussen, publicity chairperson.

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Fall Armyworm Damage Can Be Acute

Dear Plant Doctor: My beautiful bermuda grass lawn is being eaten up by worms. I have enclosed several specimens for you to examine. What are these things and what is a safe, environmental method of killing them? Thanks.

Answer: You have enclosed the larvae of the fall armyworm (*Laphygma frugiperda*). Fall armyworm larva prefer plants in the grass family but will eat just about any green plant when hungry. Farmers often have problems with fall armyworms on corn and sorghum.

The fall armyworm is classified as a tropical insect. The adult form of this insect is an innocuous looking small brown moth. In the southern United States moth populations grow rapidly early in the season. These moths swarm northward as the growing season progresses, often being helped along by hurricanes or tropical storms.

When the moths find "green" suitable for dining, then the females begin to deposit clusters of eggs on the green leaf tissue. A healthy female moth can lay over 1,000 eggs.

In several days the small larvae emerge and begin feeding, and feeding and feeding. Larvae have the tendency to eat all the green leaf or stem issue on the plant. When present in great numbers, the effect of these armies of larvae on turf grass and other crops is very impressive.

I have seen large areas of bermuda grass turf defoliated in 24 hours to 48 hours. In fields with a heavy fall army infestation flocks of birds will often be seen in a feeding frenzy.

When the larvae mature, they burrow into the ground and pupate. In two to three weeks the pupae hatch into a new crop of adult moths and the cycle continues until cold temperatures kill existing insects.

Fall armyworm outbreaks are un-

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predictable, highly localized and vary greatly in severity. By the time you find fall armyworm damage, most of the damage has already been done. Turf grass severely damaged by the fall armyworm is highly prone to winter injury and damaging pests.

Several approaches can be taken to control the damage of these insects. Insecticides such as carbaryl (Sevin), diazinon (Spectracide), chlorpyrifos (Dursban) or acephate (Orthene) will quickly kill the fall armyworm larvae.

In many cases, birds and other natural predators will eventually control the outbreak of fall armyworm.

Another alternative is to plant grass species that fall armyworms

do not like to eat. Centipede grass, zoysia grass and bahia grass are rarely damaged by fall armyworm feeding.

Dear Plant Doctor: I have enclosed a plant for you to identify. What is it and where can I get more of it?

Answer: You have enclosed a specimen of lantana (*Lantana camara*). I quickly reviewed through a number of gardening catalogs and reference books and could find very little specific information about lantana.

Lantana is the only ornamental plant I have ever known to actually thrive on neglect. I have grown lantana plants from cuttings or divisions. This spring I saw specimens for sale in local garden centers.

Lantana is in the Verbena plant family and in some parts of Asia is considered a noxious weed. Flower colors range from yellow to orange to light blue. The plant is a great low maintenance flowering perennial but will spread quickly into other flower beds. Purple berry seed clusters in autumn can seed new plants into undesirable locations.

Send your gardening questions to The Plant Doctor, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.

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