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Sleigh Market planned



Several residents of the Charter Point district in Arlington will be holding their fourth annual Sleigh Market Christmas Bazaar, Friday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ozzie Wade, 4330 River Trail Road. Mrs. Wade (left) is shown with Cindy Liebtag (kneeling) and Ellen Pendleton; all of whom have spent many hours working on decorations which include stained glass, toys, Christmas tree ornaments, wreaths and paintings. Photo by Stephen Kindland.

Is there a fungicide doctor in the house?

Green Thumb
By Raymond H. Zerba Jr.



"I've had a lot of die-out in my St. Augustine grass this year so I called you and you recommend a fungicide which I bought and applied; but I'm still losing grass. Do you really know what you're talking about or is that fungicide no good?"

We've shared with you readers before questions we've gotten and this is one that seems to crop up quite a lot, so we called Dr. Tom Kucharek at the University of Florida and asked him about fungicides and how they worked. His first reply is there is no bad fungicide if it is used properly.

If you are using a fungicide that is labeled to control a particular disease on grass, research has shown it effective against that disease or it could not have received its labeling and registration. If you fail to stop the spread of the disease in your lawn, even after you spray, there may be several reasons for this:

(1) Fungicides need to be applied not only at the rate per gallon listed on the label but also at the rate per square foot area to be covered. Too often a person tries to stretch the fungicide by spraying too large an area for the amount of spray he has mixed.

(2) Fungicides that control lawn diseases are not usually washed in after applying. The exception to this are those that are designed to control Pythium root rot. Brown patch and grey leaf spot disease control programs require a surface application of the fungicide. They should not be washed in after application.

(3) Lawns should not be mowed for a week after applying a fungicide.

(4) Fungicides for the control of grey leaf spot and brown patch are preventative but not curative. They need to be applied to stop healthy grass from becoming infected. They will not bring back to life already infected grass. A fungicide for brown patch and grey leaf spot will not eradicate existing infected leaves. A disease already present will remain on that grass runner until the runner dies or is removed. With the initiation of a spray program and proper lawn maintenance, the grass will begin to grow into the infected areas and green them up again. This is true recovery.

(5) After you spray for a disease, the lawn can still appear to get worse. This is because the night before you sprayed the infected leaf blade was infesting a nearby leaf or runner but it takes up to 10 days for that infected runner to show symptoms, you will still see the infection appearing to spread some ten days after you spray. Remember that fungicides prevent infection of new blades and runners. They are most effective if applied before the infection has become rampant.

In conclusion, the key to effective disease control in St. Augustine grass is to have that fungicide on the grass as soon as you determine a disease is active in your lawn and repeat the application every 14 days until control is achieved (i.e. new runners are growing back in the dead area) or rains have subsided (fungus diseases stop spreading when conditions become drier). Don't blame the fungicide for not working. Give it time.

People / Places

All-stars featured at Christmas boutique

The Calico All-Stars will be featured at this year's Calico Christmas Boutique, Arlington's oldest home boutique.

The boutique was founded eight years ago in the home of Judy Smith at 3545 Sandburg Road, and will be held at the same address, Nov. 10 from 4-8 p.m. and Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

All items for sale are handcrafted and will be displayed in special groupings.

The Calico All-Stars include Carolyn Aabye, Meriene Ackroyd, Rita Alcure, Ruth Chester, Marilyn Davis, Susan Eacho, Ann Egleston, Roberta Elkins, Kathleen Kenny, Helen Knight, Helen Mank, Jenny Pettigrew, Rose Reaves, Diane Seifert, Sue Shea, Carolyn Slough, Janice Newton and Ms. Smith.

Homemakers club meets

The Arlington Extension Homemakers Club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The program will be "Ideas for Low Cost Meals." A covered dish luncheon and a mini-bazaar will follow the meeting. All women are welcome. For further information, call 744-4052.

Grow elected to board

Arlington resident Betty Grow, owner of Jacksonville Service Directory, has been elected to serve on the Northeast Florida Builders Association's board of directors.

Grow also serves as the association's membership chairman and is a member of the association's Apartment Council board of directors.

She was named "Big Spike" by the association earlier this year in recognition of her efforts in recruiting new members for the association. Recently, the Florida Home Builders Association presented her with a plaque for her membership achievements. This year she ranks as the seventh membership recruiter among the 12,500-member FHBA.

Grow has been instrumental in establishing a Property Management Council in Clay County, a spin-off council of the association's apartment council.

Birth prep class slated

A cesarean birth preparation class is scheduled to begin today at 7 p.m. at Sandalwood High School.

The class is intended for all Jacksonville area couples who are anticipating a cesarean delivery, as well as those couples who would like to be prepared to remain together during the baby's birth in the event of an emergency cesarean becomes necessary.

Sponsored by the Childbirth Education Association of Jacksonville in cooperation with Florida Junior College, the class will meet on Wednesday evenings for three weeks at a cost of $10 per couple. For registration, call Ginny Brinkley at 396-BABY between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Muppets coming to town

"Sesame Street Live!" will appear at the Jacksonville Coliseum beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 10, and will continute through Sunday, Nov. 14.

"Sesame Stree Live!" is a new stage spectacular designed for the entire family. Two hours full of music, dancing and laughter, featuring the Jim Henson Sesame Street Muppets — Big Bird, Cookie Monster, The Count, Oscar, Bert and Ernie, plus new Muppets created just for Sesame Street Live!

All seats are reserved, and cost $6.50 and $7.50. Children 12 and under, groups of 25 or more and senior citizens receive a $2 discount on certain performances. For additional information, call 353-0418 or 356-6718.

Recovery meetings listed

Weekly Recovery meetings for those interested in learning to cope more effectively with everyday life are being held at the following times and locations:

Unitarian Church, 7405 Arlington Expressway, Monday, 1-3 p.m., Leader, Sarah L. 724-2973.

Forest Christian Church, 3134 Trout River Blvd., Monday 7-9 p.m., Leader, Dot Z. 757-8957.

Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, 2270 Blanding Blvd., Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Leader, Bill P. 384-5860.

Haydon Burns Library, 122 N. Ocean St., Saturday, 2-4 p.m., Acting Leader, Bob V. 641-8009.

Ramada Inn South, University Blvd. W. and I-95 South, Sunday, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Leader, Shari M. 737-5215.

For further information on Recovery, call Betti L. 354-1106 or Claudine K. 268-6247.

Humanities arcade opens

Jacksonville Museum of Arts and Sciences has opened a new "humanities arcade," a traveling exhibit from CEMREL, Inc. of St. Louis.

The exhibit, entitled "The Humanities Experience: The Subject is YOU!," teaches about people and ideas from all times and cultures through the creative use of pinball machines, computers, juke boxes and all surrounded by free-standing, colorful and informative panels. It has been acclaimed the most exciting and effective exhibit of its kind in the United States, and its only scheduled showing in Florida is at the museum through Dec. 3.

Country brunch planned

The Jacksonville Christian Women's Club will hold "A Little Bit O' Country Brunch and Bazaar" at Valle's Steak House, 5555 University Blvd. W., Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The donation is $5.

The event will feature a country fair with Christmas decorations and hand-made gifts. Jo Griggs from Ocala will speak on country sage.

For reservations and free nursery, call 724-0929 or 733-6846.

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Boy Scout leader speaks of 'unadulterated wisdom'

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Devenburg young himself. Devenburg may be of retirement age, but the sparkle in his blue eyes and the strong grip of his handshake prove his youthful spirit is still around.

"Scouting has given me a chance to stay young and even when I felt I couldn't keep up with them — they carried me through," he said.

The Scouts may have physically helped Devenburg get through those muggy, mosquito-infested campouts, but they also provided wisdom.

"The kids have shown me a lot," he noted. "They haven't got any of this sophisticated social stuff in their souls and they don't get any pre-conceived notions — what they have is pure, unadulterated wisdom."

As the leader of over 2,000 boys in his years as a Scout leader, it cannot be denied that he served as a role model for these youngsters in their formative, youthful years. So Devenburg must set an example for them. That example centers around the premise of becoming independent.

"I try to set an example of trying to become independent and if you think you are right, then — Go!," he said. "I still believe that a handshake is better than a written contract and I try to instill that in my boys."

The proudest moment for Devenburg comes when he learns that his former Scouts are living a life of "a rebel," he said.

"I have a few boy Scouts who have gone their own way and are fighting their own battles, he added.

"A few have gone into the Legislature and didn't last too long because they got thrown out for telling the place they were a bunch of crooks," Devenburg said. "But I was proud because they got to be independent and believe in that."

As a troop leader, the sticky situations which little boys can manage to get into on camping trips is also an area which tests the leaders expert camping abilities. Devenburg recalled that his finest moment came on a campout at Guanopark near St. Augustine (known as "Mosquito Lagoon").

Devenburg had a patrol of Scouts out hiking when he lost the patrol to an alligator, "but I got the patrol back," he boasted.

"These kids were playing with an alligator, about a six-footer, when I found them," he said. "I stopped to turn back and found them in the middle of a mud ditch and all eight of them were tackling him and he (the alligator) was getting in some good rustlin' too."

Another interesting parent-son confrontation erupted at a campout. The father happened to sneak into his boy's cabin and "overheard some remarks about himself from his son," Devenburg said.

"The father became a real basket case but it all settled out real good though in the end," he added.

But there were lessons to be learned by the parent in this instance. Devenburg noted the father discovered his son was a better poker player than he was. "but I think it was the best thing in the whole world for both of them."

The basic tenets of Boy Scouts haven't changed for 70 years, Devenburg said. The addition of new badges in the areas of nuclear engineering and astro physics, and new uniforms have allowed Scouting the privilege of keeping up with the times. But the oath, laws and outdoor codes are still the same as they were in 1910, when the Boy Scout program was initiated at Lake George, N.Y.

Another aspect of Scouting — the personal relationship between leader and Scout — hasn't been affected by new badges or new uniforms. Devenburg has never forgotten his boys and they have never forgotten the principles of independence which he hoped to instill in them.

"My troop is like a 'Who's Who of Jacksonville,'" Devenburg said. "I don't think Scouting did everything for them, but I always like to believe that the basic tenets of Scouting work in their present lives."

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