

Fall Fest and Halloween Carnival on last Thursday, Saturday in October

STAFF REPORT

This year area children have two celebrations of the season to attend, and both will be held next week – the Fall Festival on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 26 and the annual Halloween Carnival that begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28

The Fall Festival will be held from 3 to 5:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Boca Grande Community Center. It will include bounce houses, a cake and pumpkin walk, tractor pictures, guess-the-candy-jar-count and goody bags.

One bag of individually wrapped candy per child is appreciated. Please drop off candy to the Lee County Parks office # 9 by Tuesday, Oct. 24. This event is sponsored by the Boca Grande Woman's Club, The Friends of Boca Grande and Lee County Parks & Recreation.

The Halloween Carnival next Saturday, Oct. 28 will feature the traditional

costume contest, which begins at 9 a.m. The event runs until noon.

Festivities include carnival games, tractor pictures, guess-the-candy-jar-count, find the gold pumpkin, cart or treat and a costume contest. Costume contest registration begins at 9 a.m., and judging starts at 9:30 a.m. Cart or treat starts at 10 a.m.

Volunteers are always needed at these events. To volunteer or register a golf cart for "cart or treat" contact Dawn Balsizer at (239) 533-2923 or dbalsizer@leegov.com.

For more information about Lee County Parks and Recreation locations, amenities and other special events, visit leeparks.org. For more information, call (239) 533-7275 or email leeparks@leegov.com.



Boca Grande Woman's Club announces scholarship opportunities for 2024-25 school year

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The Scholarship committee of the Boca Grande Woman's Club is now accepting applications for the 2024- 2025 school year.

Applicants for the program must meet the following criteria:

1) Have applied for admission to a school of higher education, such as a university, college, trade or vocational school;

2) Demonstrate a high school grade point average of B or better;

3) Reside in Boca Grande, or be the child or grandchild of such resident, or be the child of a parent, grandparent,

or guardian currently employed a minimum of two years and whose primary source of income comes from work on Boca Grande; or

4) Be an applicant who personally contributes to the Boca Grande Community and has documentation



of employment/and or volunteer work for a minimum of 20 hours per week for at least 40 weeks over a two-year period.

Additionally, the applicant must complete a FAFSA form. Go to fafsa.gov online and submit current SAR (Student Aid Report) as part of the application. Complete and submit the BGWC Scholarship application available online at bocagrandewomansclub.org/scholarships/submission. Applications are also available at Lemon Bay High School Career Center for LBHS students.

Deadline for applications is Febru-

ary 1, 2024. Interviews for all students who qualify for the program will be scheduled in early March.

Founded in 1948, the Boca Grande Woman's Club began sponsoring scholarships in the early 1970s. Since that time, over 200 students have participated in the program.

The program has grown dramatically in recent years. Presently, thirty-eight scholars are receiving financial support from the Boca Grande Woman's Club for the fall of 2023.

Almost time to Turkey Trot!


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The Island School PTO invites everyone to come out to watch students from The school participate in the 2nd Annual Turkey Trot at the Boca Grande Community Center.

The event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 9:15 a.m. Clap, whistle, cheer for your Island School students as they help raise money for

the TIS PTO, which does everything from provide snacks for events to buy yearbooks.

Call the School at (941) 964-8016 with questions. If you would like to donate to the cause, go online at app.99pledges.com/fund/tispto2nda



**The Island School PTO
2nd Annual
Turtle Trot**

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023
8:45AM
Community Center**

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