

Garden calendar

# February can be busy month in garden

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**OUTDOORS:** If your soil can be worked, Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, is the traditional Northwest early pea planting date. Sown now, you can be harvesting luscious peas from the vine in May.

Prepare a bed for them in a sunny, well drained location with adequate air circulation to avoid mildew problems.

Fertilize the planting row with well-aged compost to give them a better start. Pre-sprout pea seed for four to six hours before planting by soaking in warm water; drain. Sprinkle seed with a good commercial legume inoculant for better growth, larger yield. Legume inoculant is a specially packaged soil, available at most garden centers, containing nitrogen-fixing bacteria for more vigorous plant growth. Plant seed immediately after inoculating as prolonged exposure to air will render the bacteria inert.

Space pea seed 1/2-1" apart; cover 1" deep. Provide support — fence,

wire — for vining types. Early plantings usually escape pea blight, a disease that attacks later sowings. Have mulch materials on hand for bouts of warm weather. Peas like cool feet.

Onion seed can be sown late in the month in the cold frame or outdoors in warm, well-drained areas. Be sure to choose seed types specified for long-day growing conditions. These onions have been bred to develop bulbs under the long daylight growing conditions found in the northern latitudes. Some recommended varieties include Ebenezer (yellow), Red Hamburger and the relatively new Fiesta Hybrid storage onion. Or try a mini pearl onion like Quicksilver for early pickling or a steaming pot of peas and pearl onions. They will mature about the same time as peas.

Spring planted garlic will not always form cloves, but if you want to try, February is the month to plant it. Loosen the soil 12" deep, add a 2" layer of compost and incorporate well. Plant small clove garlic —

Italian, Silverskin — 1-2" deep, 6" apart. Elephant garlic, the least likely to head up properly from spring planting, should be set 4-6" deep, 1 foot apart. Fall planted garlic should have the mulch pulled back now.

If you fall-planted a green manure cover crop — rye, wheat, oats, clover, winter peas — and it's made sufficient growth by the end of the month, turn it under in the garden spots planned for early spring vegetables. This is also the best month to incorporate lime, wood ashes, rock phosphate and potash rock for the main growing season.

Start extra-early transplants of cabbage and lettuce in the cold frame. On sunny days, keep an eye on the temperature and humidity. A rapid rise in either can cause wilting and damping-off disease, a fungus deadly to seedlings. Move leeks and perennial flower and herb seedlings started in January to the cold frame later in the month. They can be set outdoors in March during settled weather.

Begin removing mulch from spr-

ing flowering bulb beds — crocus, daffodils, tulips, hyacinth — or blossoming may be delayed. Scratch in bone meal at first signs of growth for maximum flowering.

If weather permits, divide or move perennial flowering plants. Prepare a site beforehand and get them moved as quickly as possible. Mulch well in new location to guard against frost heaving.

February is fruit tree planting, pruning and spraying month. Finish pruning chores before weather warms and sap begins to flow. Spray with dormant oil and lime sulphur for insect and scale protection before buds begin to swell. Set out new trees while still dormant. Begin planting ornamental evergreen trees and shrubs. They, too, need frost protection and ample, not abundant, water to defeat transplant shock. Plant on an overcast day to avoid sunburned roots.

During a prolonged dry spell, get a head start on preparing new lawn sites for March sowing. Break up sod, grade, level and till in lime, rock

fertilizers and a nitrogen-bearing additive such as compost. If the soil drains poorly, add peat moss with the fertilizers. Healthy grass roots mean a thick, long-lived, easy to manage lawn.

Spike the compost pile with an addition of fresh manure and lime to increase bacterial action. Cover the pile to keep precious nutrients from leaching out during wet weather.

**INDOORS:** If you are planning to start vegetables or flowers indoors, watch for pre-season sales on potting and starting soil, peat pellets, growing trays, liquid fertilizers —

seaweed, fish emulsion — florescent lights, anything that may come in handy when it's time to plant.

Start begonia tubers now in shallow trays, barely covered with a light soil mix, half sand, half peat moss. Give filtered light and keep moist, not soggy. When they sprout, transplant to 10" pots in a good growing mix. Keep indoors until all frost danger has passed. Shade-loving begonias look lovely hung from baskets on porches, along covered walks, or in a cool shaded spot in the greenhouse.

## Boring Upper Grade names honor roll

Boring Upper Grade School recently announced its honor roll for the second nine weeks of school.

Students on the principal's honor roll maintained a grade point average of 3.8 or better. They were:

Fifth grade: Andrea Gustafson, Jacob Robinson, Ariana White, Emily Cornell, JT Davis, Christina Heitzman, Jeff Leopold and Mitzi Johnson.

Sixth grade: Kristine Broeren, Anne Harriman, Chelsea Howell, Kathryn Kruger, Taralee Trammell, Holly Holmstrom, Cori Lancaster and Anjanette Richards.

Seventh grade: Lance Richards, Tara Johnson, Kelli Howell, Lara Keislo and Jody Meyer.

Eighth grade: Valerie Harriman, Jennifer Achord and Carrie McKen-

zie. To qualify for the honor roll, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.2 or better. They were:

Fifth grade: Debbi Adam, Ricky Hamell, Angela McCulloch, Sean McDonough, Nathan Perry, Lynn Steiner, Kyle Beck, Marisa Frasier, Royce Gaare, Melissa Godfrey, Jeremy Johnson, Lim Loy and Jenny Meyer.

Sixth grade: Constance Barlow, Kevin Dyal, Brett Loomis, Chris Mayner, Darin Morrison, Patrick Patoray, Rian Schmidt, Scott Anderson, Denny Cunningham, Chad Hamel, Kendra Maley, Bryan Minnear and Joshua Stearns.

Seventh grade: Corinna Wright, Katie Woodall, Brandi Rainier, Dar-

ren O'Halloran, Rich Nevis, Beth Gustafson, Patricia Heitzman, Lauri Greene, Fred Buescher, Jason Kennedy, Shonna Nelson, Luke Scherler, Marion Sontra and Kang Tang.

Eighth grade: Anne Rockwood, Lim Hing, Kellie Laufer, Denise Phillips, Matthew Smith, Tracy Telford, Jodie Fisher, Angela Hamel and Michelle Liepold.

## Students checked for spinal curvature

Thursday, Feb. 6 was scoliosis screening day at Hood View Junior Academy. Sheri Culver, the student nurse from Walla Walla College who did the testing, noted several possible

cases to be checked further. Scoliosis is a spinal curvature that may result from continued faulty posture or lack of proper exercise. Braces, plaster casts, special exercises or surgery may correct the condition.

"Crooked spine," Culver said, "can be identified when the student bends over. The difference in shoulder blades is noticed in the standing position."

Hood View, a Seventh-day Adventist Christian school, has the scoliosis screening every year for the benefit of the students.

## FFA hosts donkey basketball

The Sandy FFA chapter is sponsoring its annual donkey basketball game on Friday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in Sandy High School's Gym A.

Business people in the Sandy High School District will be contacted by telephone by FFA members or others asking for support. FFA is a non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

Proceeds from the game will be used to send delegates from Sandy's chapter to the state convention in Corvallis. Some of the money will also be used for the awards banquet in the spring.

People with questions are welcome to contact Jim Clark at Sandy High School, 668-8011.

## Menus

### Bull Run School

Feb. 18-21

Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, broccoli, angel biscuit with honey butter, peaches and milk.

Wednesday: Navy bean and ham soup, celery with peanut butter, cookie, orange and milk.

Thursday: Pork gravy over mashed potatoes, buttered peas, whole wheat bun, pears and milk.

Friday: Enchiladas, corn, bar cookie, applesauce and milk.

### Sandy Schools

Tuesday: Beef tostada with lettuce and cheese, apple, bread and butter and milk.

Wednesday: Fish sticks with tartar sauce, buttered corn, fruited Jell-O,

cinnamon roll and milk. Thursday: Baked lasagna, vegetable salad, applesauce, garlic bread and milk.

Friday: Hamburger on a bun with lettuce and pickle, tater tots, sliced peaches and milk.

### Welches School

Tuesday: Noodles and beef, carrot coins, applesauce, garlic bread and milk.

Wednesday: Taco salad, peas and carrots, fruit cocktail, cornmeal roll and milk.

Thursday: Hamburger gravy on rice, green beans, fruited Jell-O, wheat roll and milk.

Friday: Shells and cheese, lettuce wedge, apricots, bread and butter and milk.

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