The right plant in the right place

BY LIZ DOUVILLE

For The Spokesman The observations I have been able to enjoy through these months of quarantine have been beyond joy. Something awesome and eye opening seems to happen every week.

The normal most every day is the faithful five does coming into the yard for a nibble and sometimes a nap. As I write this article, I am watching not 1, or 2, or 3, or 4 — but 5 bucks using my rockery for a game of King on the Mountain and the grassy area for a race track. Two are young and feeling playful and cocky. Maybe their growing head-gear is akin to our teenage sons getting their first freedom of driving.

One buck has lost half of a good-sized rack and the other two are seasoned to the ways of the world. Young buck wanted to engage old buck in a game of horn butting by giving a gentle poke to his rack. And then the

game started. It wasn't a serious game, and after a dozen pushes forward and back the game abruptly stopped and they went back to munching.

To think all of this happens one block from busy 27th Street, makes me realize what I thought was my land, really isn't, and that's OK with me.

The observation of more people walking in my neighborhood and throughout the city brought to mind a subject I have never written about, "streetscaping."

Streetscaping involves the narrow strip of land between the street and sidewalk, usually between three- to six-feet wide and can be several times that in length.

The City of Bend has published a guidebook specifically regarding the use of that strip of land with regard to water consumption. The guide book is titled "WaterWiseTips, StreetscapeGuide.org" available on-line and at the City



File photo

Deer graze in winter.

Hall.

At the time of publication, it was noted that approximately 60% of all residential water use in Bend occurs outdoors, most of which goes to landscape irrigation. Much of that irrigation is lost due to overwater through improper irrigation scheduling and to irrigation overspray resulting in run-off onto streets and driveways.

The book is a step-by-step

guide to create a better looking and more water-efficient alternative to what you may have. The guide includes an initial design or landscape plan, a focus on soil preparation and grading, an efficient drip irrigation system and minimal routine maintenance.

There is a notation that some street strips in Bend are designed to collect and retain stormwater. These strips have been engineered for a specific purpose and should not be altered. Please call the City of Bend WaterWise Program (541-317-3000 option 2) if you have questions about your property. Property owners who are part of a Home Owners Association should check on the regulations in place with the association.

The guide offers four planting options all of which are water efficient, functional and aesthetically pleasing. The transformation isn't as simple as just digging out what you have and replanting. There are site preparation and grading which will include soil or sod excavation and a switch from overhead sprinklers to a dripline irrigation system.

Remember the Golden Rule of gardening — "plant the right plant in the right place." Be aware of the maximum growth width of the plant, especially shrubs. The plant may look great for a year or two and then

extends growth into the sidewalk impeding walkers and bike traffic. Label the plants for the benefit of walkers who might be encouraged to follow your example. What could be a better way to build community than in your front yard?

The publication is a great inspiration to help correct some of our old beliefs that there will always be enough water. Maybe we should be thinking more seriously now rather than later. Remember that basically, we are living in a desert and not in the lush Midwest. In years to come who knows the problems others might encounter as well.

In addition to the "Water-Wise Streetscaping Guide," the City has also published "WaterWise Tips, Landscape Guide and WaterWiseTips, Irrigation Guide." "Water-wise Gardening in Central Oregon," an Oregon State University extension publication is also available online.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

The Spokesman will update items in the Police Log when such a request is received. Any new information, such as the dismissal of charges or acquittal, must be verifiable. For more information, call 541-548-2185.

Redmond Police Department

Feb. 2

Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 3:22 p.m. in the 1200 block of NW Sixth Street.

Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 1:25 p.m. in the 500 block of NW 17th

1:32 p.m. in the 900 block of SW First

2:45 p.m. in the 2200 block of SW 36th Court.

Vehicle crashes — Accidents were

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Street, with injury. 5:12 p.m. in the area of U.S. Highway 97 and SW Evergreen Avenue.

Criminal mischief — An arrest was made for criminal mischief, following a report of suspicious activity at 12:05 a.m. in the 700 block of NW Sixth Street. The suspect was also charged with possession of methamphetamine, theft and criminal

DUII — Luis Gabriel Montes Medina, 28, of Kent, Wash., was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants at 1:41 a.m. in the 2900 block of NW Eighth Street, and was also charged with reckless driving. Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

10:47 a.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane, and an arrest made. 2:02 p.m. in the area of NE Fifth Street and NE Kilnwood Place, and an arrest

made. The suspect was also charged with criminal trespass, theft and escape.

Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 10:16 a.m. in the 500 block of SW Rimrock Way. Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 12:14 a.m. in the 1200

block of SW 15th Street. Burglary — A burglary was reported at 8:44 p.m. in the 1000 block of SW 14th

Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 8:30 a.m. in the 4500 block of SW Elkhorn

6:10 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane.

Vehicle crash — A noninjury accident was reported at 6:16 a.m. in the area of SW Sixth Street and SW Highland

Feb. 6

Criminal mischief — Acts of criminal mischief were reported at: 10:56 a.m. in the 600 block of NE Quince Avenue.

3:13 p.m. in the 3800 block of SW Airport Way.

Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 8:09 p.m. in the 3000 block of SW Peridot Avenue Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

8:18 a.m. in the 3200 block of SW 35th 10:05 a.m. in the 3500 block of SW

Cascade Vista Drive. 10:01 p.m. in the 900 block of SW

10:07 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane.

Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 1:03 a.m. in the area of SW 17th Street and SW Odem Medo Road.

Theft — A theft was reported at

10:37 a.m. in the 1600 block of SW Odem

Medo Road.

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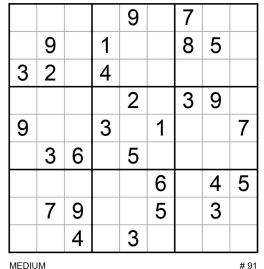
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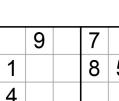
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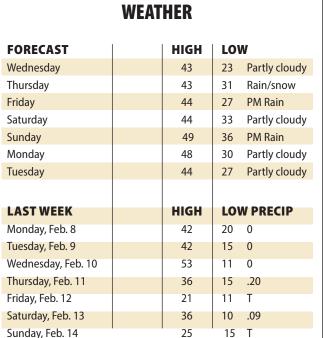
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