

GARDEN CORNER

# Get ready to plant (but don't overdo it on Day One)

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For The Spokesman

We turn the pages of the calendar and like children we ask, "Are we there yet?" We are so anxious to start an active gardening season, and the question is what should we do now? On the chilly days, sit tight, organize your plans, research when to divide an overgrown perennial bed, or which shrubs can be pruned in the spring.

All the blooms for this year can be lost if you prune spring blooming shrubs that bloom on last year's growth. Lilacs are a good example. Wait until blooming is finished and then remove the flower spikes back to where you see the new branches beginning to push out. Check for crossed branches and small diameter branches on the interior of the plant and cut them out.

Clean and sharpen tools. Be ahead of the frost warnings in June and July on the 6 pm news by planning on what will be needed for protection of the warm weather crops. Double check your planting supplies. Seed starting mix, potting soil, compost or soil amendments may sell out quickly again this year. If you don't have a soil thermometer, that should be at the top of a shopping list.

Cool-season vegetable seeds can be planted at a soil temperature of 40 degrees. The readings would have to be on a consistent basis over a week's reading. The selection would include beets, carrots, peas, radishes, lettuce and spinach.

Also on the shopping list should be sunscreen, sunhat or visor and gloves. The sunscreen is especially important for protection as our high desert climate promotes skin cancers. Think



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Picking the right seeds for night temperatures is important this time of year.

of all the items as your new spring outfit.

On the first days of sun and warmth, we tend to overdo the garden activity — writes the gardener who doesn't take heed of the advice. No matter how active we think we are, anyone headed out the door with a shovel and a rake needs to do some serious stretching exercises a few days prior.

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Next on my list is to cut back the perennials that were left for winter plant protection.

I fertilized my spring blooming bulbs when growth started appearing. Now I will wait until the plant dies back naturally. No cutting back the foliage as the dying foliage is nourishment for next year's bloom. Some gardeners complain that it is so unsightly. The solution is to find a perennial that can be planted close by that would camouflage the bulb foliage as it develops in the spring.

Preparing the garden soil makes us

feel closer to the real digging in and planting time. With the soil cleared, compost, soil amendments or cow or horse manures can be added. It is not unreasonable to ask the vendor if the manure is free of herbicide residue.

Each year I remind gardeners that the era of the big roto-tiller is over. In recent years the results of soil science studies have become more available to the benefit of home gardeners.

Gardeners are learning the value of what is below the soil surface. Algae, bacteria, fungi, protozoa, nematodes and macroscopic organisms, each have their importance in the structure

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**Interested in classes?**

OSU Master Gardening Spring Seminar classes scheduled are Native Plant Landscaping on April 10, Irrigation on April 17 and Lawn Care on April 24. Classes are zoom classes, cost is \$5 per class. For more information: [gocomga.com](http://gocomga.com).

of healthy soil. By roto-tilling we disrupt the natural cycle and millions of organisms are killed or displaced.

To mimic nature, information from Cornell University of Soil & Crop Science advises to add compost or amendments to the soil surface or to incorporate them into only the top few inches of soil. For the planting of trees, shrubs and perennials follow the advice from Oregon State University of mixing compost in the planting hole with the native soil before placing the plant.

What's on your mind? Send your garden questions to [douville@bendbroadband.com](mailto:douville@bendbroadband.com)

**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**

March 22  
Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 3:54 p.m. in the 1700 block of S. U.S. Highway 97.  
Theft — A theft was reported at 4:39 p.m. in the 100 block of NW 29th Street.  
Vehicle crash — An accident was reported at 7:42 a.m. in the 3900 block of SW 21st Street.  
March 23  
Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 8:32 a.m. in the 700 block of SW 11th Street.  
2:33 p.m. in the 3100 block of S. U.S. Highway 97, and an arrest made.  
Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 9:17 p.m. in the 1200 block of SW 18th Street.

Vehicle crashes — Noninjury accidents were reported at:  
8:08 a.m. in the area of SW Highland Avenue and SW 11th Street.  
9:37 a.m. in the area of NW Sixth Street and NW Maple Avenue.  
March 24  
Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 8:25 a.m. in the 100 block of SW Sixth Street.  
Thefts — Thefts were reported at:  
7:51 a.m. in the 4300 block of SW Ben Hogan Drive.  
11:02 a.m. in the 2300 block of NW Kingwood Avenue.  
6:51 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane.  
March 25  
Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 1:08 p.m. in the 800 block of SW Rimrock Way.  
Theft — A theft was reported at 10:32 a.m. in the 400 block of SW Umatilla Avenue.  
Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 1:50 p.m. in the area

of NE 17th Street and NE Greenwood Avenue, and an arrest made.  
Vehicle crash — A noninjury accident was reported at 11:50 a.m. in the area of SW Reindeer Avenue and SW 22nd Street.  
March 26  
Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 9:38 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane.  
Thefts — Thefts were reported at:  
10:59 a.m. in the 1200 block of NW Canyon Drive.  
3:22 p.m. in the 100 block of SW 35th Street.  
4:13 p.m. in the 1100 block of NW Sixth Street.  
Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 8:16 p.m. in the 2500 block of SE Jesse Butler Circle.  
Vehicle crash — A noninjury accident was reported at 5:39 p.m. in the area of SW Glacier Avenue and SW 10th Street.  
March 27  
Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 2:08 p.m. in the

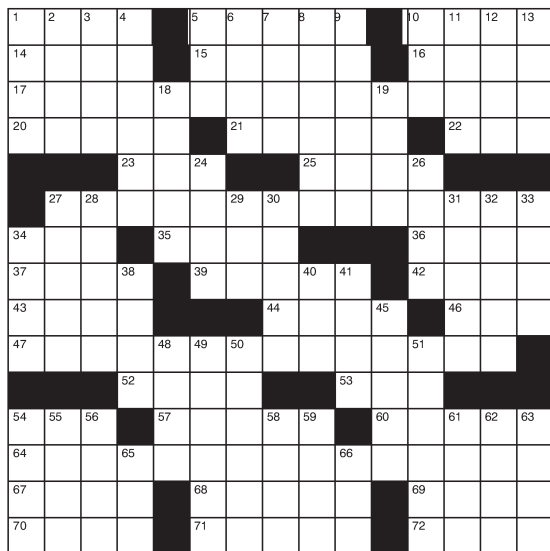
300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane.  
Vehicle crashes — Noninjury accidents were reported at:  
11:50 a.m. in the 800 block of SW Rimrock Way.  
1:08 p.m. in the area of SW Canal Boulevard and SW Salmon Avenue.  
March 28  
Thefts — Thefts were reported at:  
9:14 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane.  
11:29 p.m. in the 1300 block of NW Eighth Street.  
Vehicle crash — A noninjury accident was reported at 6:17 p.m. in the area of SW 27th Street and SW Glacier Avenue.  
**Redmond Fire Runs**  
March 22  
7:59 a.m. Vehicle accident, general cleanup, 3901 SW 21st St.  
5:40 p.m. Barkdust fire, 300 NW Oak Tree Lane.  
March 23  
1:31 p.m. Natural vegetation fire, 5110 NW 83rd St.

March 24  
8:28 a.m. Passenger vehicle fire, 2197 SW Umatilla Ave.  
March 25  
11:53 a.m. Passenger vehicle fire, in the area of SW 36th Street and SW Coyote Place.  
1:24 p.m. Motor vehicle accident with injury, in the area of NW 43rd Street, Terrebonne.  
March 26  
3:11 p.m. Natural vegetation fire, in the area of NW Helmholtz Way near milepost 2.  
4:15 p.m. Natural vegetation fire, 2841 SW 58th St.  
March 27  
12:42 a.m. Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire, 419 NW 25th St.  
1:31 a.m. Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire, 2631 NW Cedar Ave.  
11:34 a.m. Authorized controlled burning, 1587 NW Larch Ave.  
9:50 p.m. Authorized controlled burning, 2145 NW Rimrock Loop.  
March 28

7:01 a.m. Motor vehicle accident with injury, in the area of SW Tomahawk Avenue and S. U.S. Highway 97.  
7:55 a.m. Authorized controlled burning, 4725 NE O'Neil Way.  
2:06 p.m. Natural vegetation fire, 3233 Northwest Way.  
2:52 p.m. Authorized controlled burning, 1585 NW 35th St.  
3:57 p.m. Forest, woods or wildland fire, 7418 SW Quarry Ave.  
4:48 p.m. Forest, woods or wildland fire, 18650 Bull Springs Rd., Bend.  
5:23 p.m. Unauthorized burning, 990 NW 67th St.  
6:11 p.m. Natural vegetation fire, in the area of NW Coyner Avenue and Northwest Way.  
6:35 p.m. Barkdust fire, 1990 S. U.S. Highway 97.  
6:38 p.m. Unauthorized burning, 4725 NE O'Neil Way.  
7:57 p.m. Forest, woods or wildland fire, 3233 NW Way.  
March 22-28: 96 Medical aid or transfer calls

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Come and Get It!

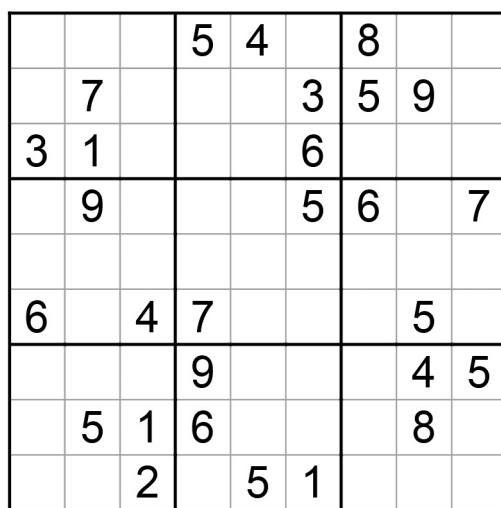


- CREATORS NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston
- ACROSS**
- 1 Coming-out misses
  - 5 Layers
  - 10 Word of woe
  - 14 Presley or Valentino
  - 15 Turkish title
  - 16 Pierce
  - 17 "Oh, I just remembered!"
  - 20 Fiery remnant
  - 21 Look after
  - 22 Do lacework
  - 23 I.M., of architecture
  - 25 Soft palates
  - 27 "You lose some, you win some"
  - 34 Sounds of hesitation
  - 35 Wizenad
  - 36 Shore bird
  - 37 Bridge ploy
  - 39 Actor Alain
  - 42 Bardot's friend
  - 43 Type type: abbr.
  - 44 Pearl Buck character
  - 46 Eng. degrees
  - 47 "In this door and out the other"
  - 52 Sum and substance
  - 53 Cheer beginner
  - 54 Ms. Huxtable
  - 57 Cove
  - 60 Party fare
  - 64 "Don't count me out!"
  - 67 Frigg's hubby
  - 68 Chemical compound
  - 69 Geometer's finding
  - 70 Level
  - 71 Lee's opposite
  - 72 Kind of room or area
- DOWN**
- 1 Vegas rollers
  - 2 It became Idumea
  - 3 Critical flop
  - 4 What a narcoleptic does
  - 5 \_\_\_ Sharkey
  - 6 Treat for Trigger
  - 7 US tennis great
  - 8 Steal
  - 9 South Carolina river
  - 10 History
  - 11 Hit a pop-up
  - 12 Covent Garden solo
  - 13 Paving stone
  - 18 Low cards
  - 19 Beverage base
  - 24 Kind of tea
  - 26 Nick's terrier
  - 27 Marvell's muse
  - 28 Eria's home
  - 29 Tram stuff
  - 30 Casaba
  - 31 Sana is its capital
  - 32 Norwegian composer
  - 33 Individuals
  - 34 Magnificent
  - 38 Cowboy's nickname
  - 40 Antique
  - 41 Hayburners
  - 45 Cacophony
  - 48 Dusseldorf denial
  - 49 India's sacred river
  - 50 Finally!
  - 51 Meteorologist's line
  - 54 Love, personified
  - 55 Crib call
  - 56 Related
  - 58 Morph or derm preceder
  - 59 Digits
  - 61 Be intrepid
  - 62 Lafayette Escadrille members
  - 63 Card game for three
  - 65 Deep-sea camouflage
  - 66 \_\_\_ Dalloway

Answers on Page 6

**SUDOKU**

Fill in the grid so every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, with no repeats.



MEDIUM # 4

Answers on Page 6

**WEATHER**

FORECAST	HIGH	LOW	
Wednesday	66	34	Sunny
Thursday	54	23	Sunny
Friday	64	32	Sunny
Saturday	51	25	Partly cloudy
Sunday	59	29	Sunny
Monday	65	34	Sunny
Tuesday	66	35	Sunny

LAST WEEK	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
Monday, March 29	48	26	T
Tuesday, March 30	55	16	0
Wednesday, March 31	73	15	0
Thursday, April 1	73	30	0
Friday, April 2	71	29	0
Saturday, April 3	69	35	0
Sunday, April 4	64	29	0

Precipitation to date this year: 1.17 inches  
\* = daily record  
National Weather Service broadcasts are on 162.50 mhz.

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