How to avoid planting deer food

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The Spokesman

There are many old and wellknown sayings regarding "time and place." Some biblical, some humorous and always good reminders for the progression of our days. With that in mind, it's time for the annual "What to do? Deer ate my plants!" And this is the place.

The deer that happily prance through our landscape are the mule deer, whitish rump, black-tipped tail and huge ears. Being from the mid-West, I was more familiar with the white-tail deer.

May-June is the time slot when you will see mama with possibly two fawns. According to a Cornell University Extension publication, a lactating doe requires 4,500 calories daily. Another source relates the food needed daily to 7 to 10 pounds. When you think those calories are taken as buds, leaves, tender shoots, and flower parts, that adds up to lots of foraging.

I am convinced our drought conditions of over a year has caused the deer to eat anything and everything far beyond what they have browsed in

Virtual plant sale

GOOD NEWS DEPT.: The OSU **Extension Central Oregon Master** Gardeners Association will be hosting a virtual plant sale June 12. Items will be offered online for selection, payment and scheduling pickup. Watch for details on varieties and ordering dates.

the past.

The "faithful five" have never touched my lavender, the partridge feather, Tanaciteum densum, or the woolly thyme, until early spring of 2020. Some may say it might have been another critter. No, I watched them enjoy their meal so I know who did the deed. You can identify deer damage by the show of jagged or torn edges on the stems left behind. It will not be a neat cut by any means.

These are strong landscaping plants so I know they will recover but won't be as lush as two years ago.

Plants that thrive in public plantings are good hints as to plants that deer may lightly browse or hopefully pass

up entirely. Pay attention especially to the area around the Old Mill District. We are fortunate that our local nurseries are knowledgeable and stock plant materials that are deer resistant.

Fuzzy leafed plants are difficult for deer to swallow, think of dusty miller and how often it is used in public plantings. Lamb's-ear, the Artemisia family, fern leaf varrow, Liatris, and beds of iris are popular. You will also note the absence (generally) of large plantings of hosta. I tried, but it was like a three month Thanksgiving dinner. Finally gave up and dug them out last summer.

Deer tend to shy away from plants with strong odors. Pungent herbs that have a lemony, minty, sagey taste make good choices. Chives, garlic, the alliums are often intermingled with annuals.

We want to be good gardeners by fertilizing our plants in the spring to give them a good start. We may be a little too heavy handed and end up being part of the problem by encouraging the lush green, tender growth the deer are waiting for. Wouldn't it be better to start building the fertility of the soil naturally instead of relying on chemicals being applied once a month?



Time flies and before you know it, it's July and the time the deer are most interested in the veggie starts you just planted.

This means we need to go to the extreme measure of "exclusion". Exclusion doesn't mean just a wooden or 6" high wire fence. A deer won't go over a barrier if they can't see a clear landing spot on the other side. If you value your food crop, create a hoop planting area. The hoops can be PVC pipe or bended metal covered with bird netting or row cover.

Deer are creatures of habit. They develop a habit of movement, using the same path for an approach direction and a second path for a departing direction. You can break that traffic pattern by using a heavy strength monofilament fishing line, stretched across the approach starting about 18 inches above ground level and tied off either to a tree or pole.

I used that technique to fence off a corn patch one year. I used "T" posts on the four corners, with the filament line 18" apart from the ground to the top of the post. The deer bump up against it and backed off. It worked. We had a bumper crop of corn.

Three outstanding books are: "Creating a Deer & Rabbit Proof Garden", by Peter Derano, "50 Beautiful Deer-Resistant Plants" by Alan L. Detrick and "Deer-Resistant Design" by Karen Chapman.

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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

April 19

Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 10 a.m. in the 1400 block of SW

DUII — Samuel Jay Standridge, 61, of Redmond was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants at 3:32 p.m. in the 1200 block of SW Highland Avenue

Hit-and-run — Hit-and-run incidents were reported at:

12:52 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Quince Avenue. 3:36 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Quince Avenue. Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

1:22 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane, and an arrest made.

3:37 p.m. in the 3500 block of SW 21st Place. Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 5:39 a.m. in the 2000 block of SW 31st

Vehicle crash — A noninjury accident was

reported at 1:02 p.m. in the area of N. U.S.

Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

2:02 p.m. in the 1700 block of S. U.S. Highway 97, and two arrests made. Both suspects were also charged with minor in possession of alcohol. 8:55 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane, and an arrest made. The suspect was also charged with criminal trespass.

Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 5:10 p.m. in the 2200 block of SW

Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 7:55 a.m. in the area of SW 19th Street and SW

1:58 p.m. in the 500 block of SW Fifth Street. Unauthorized use — Vehicles were reported

10:29 a.m. in the 700 block of NE King Way.

4:06 p.m. in the 1100 block of SW Veterans Way, and an arrest made. Vehicle crash — An accident was reported at 1:39 p.m. in the 1900 block of S. U.S. Highway 97.

Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was

reported at 12:52 p.m. in the 900 block of SW

Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 6:50 a.m. in the 1900 block of SW Odem Medo Road, and an arrest made. The suspect was charged with forgery.

2:50 p.m. in the 1400 block of SW Glacier Avenue. 4:38 p.m. in the 2500 block of SW Indian Avenue. Vehicle crash — An accident with injury was reported at 9:19 a.m. in the area of SW Veterans Way and S. U.S. Highway 97. April 23

DUII — Martha Elena Hernandez, 44, of Redmond was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants at 12:16 a.m. in the 1200 block of SW Highland Avenue.

Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 12:10 p.m. in the area of SW Veterans Way and S. U.S. Highway 97. Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

3:10 p.m. in the 500 block of SW Fir Street. 3:35 p.m. in the area of NE Hemlock and NE 17th

7:12 p.m. in the 400 block of NW 19th Street. Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 12:08 p.m. in the 2300 block of S. U.S. Highway 97.

Criminal mischief — Acts of criminal mischief were reported at:

8:34 a.m. in the 500 block of NW Birch Avenue. and an arrest made.

10:09 p.m. in the 3500 block of SW Pumice Avenue.

Theft — A theft was reported at 11:01 a.m. in the area of SW Umatilla Avenue and SW 17th Place. reported at 3:44 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane.

April 25 Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

8:33 a.m. in the 2200 block of S. U.S. Highway 97. 4:43 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane. Unauthorized entry — A vehicle was reported entered at 6:16 a.m. in the area of SW Indian Avenue and SW 31st Street, and an arrest made. The suspect was also charged with menacing, misdemeanor assault and disorderly conduct.

Redmond Fire Runs

April 19 3:32 p.m. Barkdust fire, 1313 SW Canal Blvd. April 20

7:35 a.m. Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire, 2400

NE Maple Ave.

1:35 p.m. Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other, 1811 NW Elm Ct.

5:35 p.m. Motor vehicle accident with injury. 7147 NW Odem Avenue and N. U.S. Highway 97,

7:40 p.m. Authorized controlled burning, 20856 April 22

10:53 a.m. Unauthorized burning, 499 SW Canyon

12:03 p.m. Barkdust fire, 23000 Ghost Tree Lane, April 23

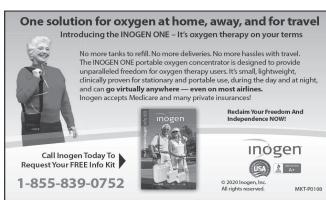
12:26 p.m. Barkdust fire, in the area of SW Quartz Avenue and SW 36th Street.

4:17 p.m. Motor vehicle accident, noniniury, in the area of N. U.S. Highway 97 and NW 10th Street,

8:33 p.m. Building fire, 529 NW Canal Blvd. April 24

8:13 a.m. Natural vegetation fire, 2874 SW 50th St. 2:58 p.m. Motor vehicle accident, noninjury, in the area of SW Veterans Way and SW Kalama Avenue. 6:37 p.m. Motor vehicle accident with injury, in the area of Barr Road.

April 19-25: 102 Medical aid or transfer calls

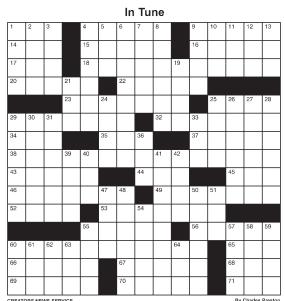






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Precipitation to date this year: 1.56 inches

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