

# Put rose pruning on the calendar

Now that Valentine's Day has come and gone, it's time to pay attention to your roses.

On the west side of the Cascade Range, mid-February is generally time to start thinking about pruning, according to Amy Jo Detweiler, a horticulturist with Oregon State University's Extension Service. Take your cue from the plants. When the buds begin to swell and get ready to break open, pull out your pruners.

Detweiler recommends using bypass pruners rather than anvil because they cut more like scissors and won't crush the stems. Make sure they are sharp. Have some rubbing alcohol on hand for dipping the blades in between cuts, especially as you move from rose to rose.

As you get started, stand back and survey the rose. First cut out any dead, diseased or damaged wood (also called canes). Remove anything smaller than a pencil. Then find three to five of the healthiest canes and clip those back uniformly to 14 to 16 inches above the ground. Make your cut just above a



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Your Garden

bud that faces outward and prune at a 45-degree slant.

"You want the shrub to grow outward so that the center remains relatively open," Detweiler said. "That increases air circulation and reduces the chances of disease."

Be sure to clean up and remove all debris.

Detweiler's directions specifically apply to modern roses such as hybrid teas, floribundas and grandifloras, but also pertain to old-fashioned and shrub roses, though those can be pruned taller — just a third of the plant's size. Roses that bloom just once a year should be pruned right after blooming.

In Western Oregon, prime planting time is coming up, Detweiler said. When you go to the garden center to buy a rose, look for a plant with stems that are green and healthy. Dead branches or



**A beautiful rose depends on appropriate annual pruning, which is easy with a little practice.**

dieback might indicate disease. Also, make sure the roots aren't winding around inside the pot or growing thickly out the bottom drainage holes.

Dig a generous hole, twice as wide as the pot the rose came in and as deep. Mix together one-third organic amendment such as planting compost and two-thirds

native soil that came out of the hole.

Place plant in the hole and fill in with soil and compost mixture. In milder climates, make sure graft line is above ground. Water well. Mulch with 2 to 5 inches of organic mulch, such as bark chips or compost. Keep it level and even, not like a volcano.

## MI TOWN

Our February weather provides us with more twists and turns than a Monte Carlo road rally. One day we're out working in the yard without even a light jacket — and the next, we're curled up in a big chair by the fire, wondering when the warmth will begin to soothe our chilled bones. For those of us who venture out on these spectacular sunrise mornings for a trek around MI Town, the rewards are numerous, and the feeling of accomplishment can quickly replace thoughts of doom and gloom on a mid-winter day.

It's easy to envy friends and family members who are away for this season — soaking up sunshine beside the pool or walking on warm sands beside tropical waters.



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But when Mr. Sun makes his infrequent appearance in the midst of a clear blue sky, it is wonderful to walk outdoors and see the crocuses and daffodils, and to listen to bird-songs everywhere. We all have faith that our beautiful Willamette Valley will soon wake up from a long winter's nap, even though in the next few minutes the rain will again be upon us.

With all the pre-election activities going on around the country, primaries and

caucuses and candidate visits, we Oregonians won't have the opportunity to vote until May — and so many people are commenting that the national presidential candidates will be all but decided by then. All politics begin at the local level, and we have the opportunity to visit city council and county commissioner meetings on a regular basis. Fifth District U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader will be appearing at a town hall meeting at Loucks Auditorium, 585 Liberty St. SE in Salem this evening from 6 to 7 p.m. Here's your opportunity to hear what Schrader has to share with his constituents, and to let him know your concerns. For more information, please call 503-588-9100.

Senior center pancake baker extraordinaire and great pal, Jack Hinkle, shared some lost words from childhood that truly resonate with those of a certain age. Who remembers hunky dory? Or poodle skirts? Carbon copies have gone away, along with hula hoops, skate keys and a fine kettle of fish. We truly have been blessed to live in changeable times. For a child, each word is like a bright and shiny toy, timeless. We at the other end of the chronological arc remember there are words that once did not exist and there were words that walked across the earthly stage and are gone, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging. We can have archaic and eat it too. See you later, alligator.

## PEDEE NEWS

Jacob North, son of Chip and Linda North, just found out that he'd won a trip to Washington, D.C., from Consumer's Power. He'd earned the week-long, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., by submitting an essay on co-ops. This annual Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour gives more than 1,500 students from around the nation the opportunity to visit historic monuments and museums, meet with U.S. representatives and senators, and to meet other students. The group goes in mid-June.

Super Bowl Sunday seems to be a national holiday at this point, judging by how many families get together that day to watch the game and eat lots of good junk food. Linda and Bill Chertu-



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di's son John came from Vancouver to cheer for the Broncos, as well as did his sister Michelle Unger and her family. She, husband Aaron and their five children Andrew, Nick, Lexy, Ethan, and Emma all came from Salem. Ethan had come out on Friday so he could spend Friday night and Saturday with grandma and grandpa before the rest of the family showed up on Sunday.

Darrel and Shirley McBeth had their sons Barry and Bob over on that day, not only to watch the Super

Bowl, but to celebrate Barry's 47th birthday which was on the fourth. Darrel's brother Sam and Terry were also there. All were glad to see the Broncos win for Peyton Manning.

The King's Crossing Coffee Shop had their own party on Super Bowl Sunday and invited everyone in the Pelee/Kings Valley area, to watch the game and eat coffee shop goodies with them and to see what they had going. Such a good idea; I could see this as an annual event for them.

Daniel and Heidi Russell's kids Allana, Alex, Abigail, Aliyah, Arwynne, and Amaya were thrilled to go to Dave and Suzanne Burbank's house Thursday night to see their 15 new piglets who had just been born that

day to Nosey, a very big mother pig. Wynnie wasn't quite brave enough to touch one, but the other children were happy to get a chance to pet them. Abigail was first to the pen and last to leave, as she is all about baby pigs.

## BIRTHS

### Edwards

AvaKay Diane Edwards was born to Nathan and Katie Edwards, of Dallas, at 8:51 p.m. on Dec. 24 at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland.

She weighed 4 pounds, 7.75 ounces, and was 17.75 inches long.

AvaKay is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Eli and Benita Walls, of Dallas, Tim and Anita Lipnos, of Tigard, and Dene and LoraLee Edwards, of Dallas.

### Barton

Sawyer John Barton was born to John and Danielle Barton, of Corvallis, at 5:27 p.m. on Jan. 20 at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield.

He weighed 4 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 18 inches long.

Sawyer joins Shyanne, 9, Natalee, 8, Hollie, 7, Brock, 4, and Connor, 2.

Grandparents are John and Cheryl Barton, of Dallas, and Gary and Denise Brock, of Newberg.

Great-grandparents are Don and Betty Brock, of Auburn, Wash., and Bill Diehm, of Falls City.

### Steggell

Harper Renae Steggell was born to K.J. and Jessica Steggell, of Dallas, at 8:24 a.m. on Feb. 8 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19.5 inches long.

Harper joins Kaylee Ann, 2.

Grandparents are Angie Robinson, of Dallas, Marvin and Renee Gerber, of Queen Creek, Ariz., Guy and Heidi Leppin, of Perrydale, and Kurt Wright, of Aloha.

Great-grandparents are Don and Barb Robinson, of Alsea, John Spock, of Dallas, and Calvin and Cheri Ekstrand, of Keizer.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

**Willamette Valley Food Assistance Program Food Bank** — 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., 888 Monmouth Cutoff Road, Building E, Dallas. Weekly distribution for eligible community members. 503-831-5634.

**Yoga in the Hopyard** — 6 p.m., Rogue Farms Micro Hopyard, 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. Offered on the last Wednesday of every month. Free; bring your own yoga mat. 503-838-9813.

**Painting, Canvas and Cocktails** — 7 p.m., The Boondocks, 318 N. Main St. Fall City. All supplies, paint, canvas and instruction provided. No experience necessary. \$30, snack and cocktail included. 503-787-2700.

**Brew and BS: The Old Testament** — 7 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. A lecture series on the Old Testament. Bring brew of choice — coffee, tea, chai, beer, wine, cider. 435-503-4304.

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**Friday - Saturday Feb 19 - Feb 20**

ZOO LANDER 2 (Digital) (PG13)	(12:20 2:40 5:05) 7:30 9:50
RACE (Digital) (PG13)	(12:50 3:50) 6:50 9:35
KUNG FU PANDA 3 (Digital 2D) (PG)	(12:10 2:35 4:50) 7:10
THE REVENANT (Digital) (R)	
RISEN (Digital) (PG13)	(11:45 2:15 4:45) 7:20 9:40
DEADPOOL (Digital) (R)	(11:30 2:00 4:30) 7:00 9:30
HAIL! CAESAR (Digital) (PG13)	(12:00 2:25 4:55) 7:25 9:45
STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS (Digital 2D) (PG13)	(12:20 3:25) 6:30 9:30
HOW TO BE SINGLE (Digital) (R)	(11:40 2:10 4:40) 7:15 9:55

**Sunday February 21**

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**Monday - Thursday Feb 22 - Feb 25**

ZOO LANDER 2 (Digital) (PG13)	(2:40 5:05) 7:30
RACE (Digital) (PG13)	(3:50) 6:50
KUNG FU PANDA 3 (Digital 2D) (PG)	(2:35 4:50) 7:10
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## The Majestic in Dallas, Oregon

# February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

12:00 noon until 8:00pm  
Vendors, crafters and on-site massages  
Light meal or snacks available to purchase during event.  
6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Game Night: Bingo and Quarter Auction  
\$2.00 buy in with 25 cent bids.

## February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
• Vendors, crafters and on-site massages  
• Fashion Show • Dance Group • Vocalists  
• Honorary Survivors of Polk County Ceremony (3 women)  
• Informative Presentations and Booths:  
Cancer awareness and prevention, Confidence/Empowerment, Sisterhood, Regaining Inner and Outer Beauty, Care Giving, Pain Management and Self-Defense

**West Valley Housing Authority** will hold their **Work Session Meeting on Wednesday February 24, 2016** beginning at 11:30 a.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. The **Regular Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday February 24, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. An Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 will be held immediately following the Regular Meeting, if required.**

**Agenda** for the meeting is posted on the Housing Authority website at [www.wvpha.org](http://www.wvpha.org). The location for the meeting is handicapped accessible. Please advise the West Valley Housing Authority if you need any special accommodations to attend the meeting. For information, please call 503-623-8387, TDD 1-800-735-2900.

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