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Visit the Police Department's [National Night Out](#) event page for complete information.

[National Night Out](#) is an annual event designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Please contact Community Service Officer Yanez at 253-863-2218 ext. 3247 or e-mail Yanezk@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us.



***Be sure to stay for our Special "Friday Night Flix" presentation for [National Night Out](#) of **Escape from Planet Earth** Movie start at dusk @ [Allan Yorke Park](#)

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Ponderosa News Neighborhood Garage Sale

This is the weekend August 3rd & 4th is our big neighborhood garage sale. We have ads in the Courier-Herald, Little Nickel, Patch, and Craig's List. Clean out your garage and sell your treasures!

Party in the Park

A great time was had by all at the Party in the Park! Thank you to all who came to help and participated to make this event a great success!

Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic



Multiple Dates & Locations, including:
*Bonney Lake Safeway - 21301 SR 410,
for Buckley, South Prairie, and Sumner*

Intake begins at 7:00 a.m.

Low-cost and free pet spay and neuter services are provided by the Pasado's Safe Haven non-profit organization in various locations in Pierce County.

For details, including upcoming dates and locations, please contact Pasado's Safe Haven directly or view the Spay Station schedule online at www.pasadosafehaven.org.

Bonney Lake Days

Friday, August 16, & Saturday, August 17, 2013

Celebrate summer fun at Allan Yorke Park. The event is packed with entertainment for the whole family! Friday's events include stage shows, fireworks, and vendor booths. The fun continues all day Saturday with the Fun Run, Parade, Car Show, Kids Zone, stage shows, and much more!

Tunes @ Tapps

Wednesdays, Thru August 28th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

August 7th

Danny Vernon

August 14th

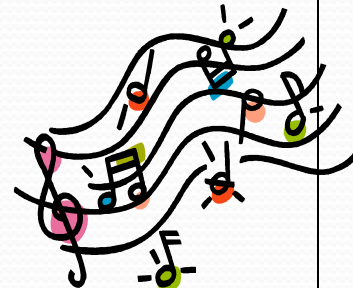
The Beatniks

August 21st

Junction City

August 28th

The Great Pretenders



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August 3-4, 10-11, 17-18 AT THE KELLEY FARM IN BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON!!

Bring Your Family and Friends and help us celebrate one of the Largest Theatrical Events in WASHINGTON State!

The Washington Midsummer Renaissance Faire in Bonney Lake, Washington features full contact jousting, equestrian acrobatics, world-class fencing demonstrations, country dancing, games, music, magicians, puppet shows and more! Our Gates are open from 10a.m. to 6 p.m. all three weekends!

The 2013 Faire will be held at the Kelley Farm at 20021 Sumner-Buckley Highway, Bonney Lake, WA 98391

Enjoy Three Weekends of Renaissance Revelry

August 3RD and 4TH

Join us for a weekend of Piratical Plunder! Our opening weekend, we invite our visitors to unleash the pirate within. Everyone has a bit of the pirate in their heart, and this be the perfect weekend to slap on that eye patch, don a feathered hat and join the rollicking crew of the Emerald Rose in a weekend that will surely be a treasure to remember.

August 10TH and 11TH

Our second weekend, we are proud to present Amy Brown, renowned faerie and fantasy artist; she will be signing autographs from 1pm until 3pm both days. We shall spend the weekend celebrating the fantastical and magical world of faeries, trolls, dragons and more. We encourage our audience to dress in the spirit of the worlds beyond, from faerie wings to unicorn horns, join us in our mystical romp through the faerie realms.

August 17TH and 18TH

Third weekend we invite all visitors to our shire to be part of Her Majesty's Royal Masquerade! A perfect opportunity to show off beautiful Carnival or character masks, or visit our wonderful face painting and mask maker's booths to become part of the magic. With dancing, singing and all forms of merriment, our final weekend will be a truly spectacular festival of color, mystery, coquetry and amusement.

Come join us at The Washington Midsummer Renaissance Faire for three magical and interactive weekends of Family Fun !

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How to control backyard mosquitoes with Natural Backyard Mosquito Control!

***Use Citronella in Backyard !**

Areas where mosquitoes are a problem try these tips to control the pesky bugs...Citronella! Plant citronella plants all over your garden, burn citronella oil in your candles or Tiki torches , add citronella oil to your cream and shampoo, and sprinkled citronella oil around the house! When going outside, rub some cream around the exposed areas of your body or rub several drops of citronella oil in your hands and then wipe your hands on your clothes and especially your ankles.

***Put a Bounce dryer sheet** in the waistband of your clothes and it will ward off mosquitoes. Also make sure you don't have standing water in the yard.

***Short Grass Prevents Mosquito Breeding**

Keep the grass cut as short as possible and clear away any kinds of containers that might hold collected water (tubs, barrels, lids, etc.) in which mosquitoes love to breed.

***Lemon Mosquito Control**

Mosquitoes *hate* lemon scent. Spray your entire yard with equal parts of lemon dish soap, lemon ammonia, and lemon juice. Do this every two weeks with a 20-gallon sprayer, and you won't be on the mosquito menu this summer.

***Insect Control: High Frequency Sounds**

Mosquitoes do not like high frequency sounds. There is a electronic deterrent available in hardware stores, department stores, and discount stores.

It comes with a clip to hook onto your belt loop. It emits a high, but only audible if you put it to your ear, pitch that repels mosquitoes. They sell larger units at Wal-Mart (roughly \$9.00) that repel mosquitoes up to 250 feet. Unfortunately, it does make a somewhat louder noise, but not too annoying. According to many users they do seem to work, the only thing that could make them better is if you could plug them into your wall instead of buying batteries. Check out the local Wal-mart and hardware stores to see what is available locally to help keep you and your family OFF the menu.



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Back-To-School Shopping Secrets



Teaching Kids How to Budget their own School Clothes Money

Back-to-school shopping is always exciting event for any child. They eagerly anticipate that special time of choosing new clothes and buying fresh notebooks and yellow pencils. As an adult with school-aged children, well organized parents have their eyes on the family budget and a plan to keep the budget in place while adequately outfitting their children for the new school year.

As summer vacation winds down, help each child go through her or his current wardrobe to determine what still fits, what still looks nice (no holes, no stains, no irreparable rips), and together make a list of their clothing needs, including undergarments, socks, shoes, coats, gloves, and backpacks etc. Then, pair this list with their school's supply list, and armed with a list from the latest sales flyers, go shopping. But here's the beauty of this system. After making the list, determine how much money your family would reasonably spend per child on their clothes plus supplies, and then let them (the children) shop.

Take them to several discount stores where they can buy supplies from their schools supply list. And then take them to buy the majority of their clothing at area thrift stores, where they can find brand-name clothing in like-new condition. By granting each child freedom in how they spend their back-to-school funds allows each child to determine their own priorities. For example, with a picky teenager, this method allows her or him to have the choice of spending most of the funds on a fancy jacket or pair of overpriced sneakers. They can choose to have the more expensive clothing (or backpack or locker organizer), but then there will be little left for their other necessities, which requires a stop at a discount store for undergarments and t-shirts. This method transfers the freedom, choices, and responsibility onto the child, and teaches lasting lessons in money management to boot.

This technique is a tremendous teaching tool; each child is learning how to budget their money, how to look for bargains where it doesn't matter (lined paper and erasers), and how to get the best value for their cash. This method also teaches planning strategies and is a delightful parent/child time. It has the potential to eliminate parents frustration and theirs as well as they choose (and then must live with their choices) what supplies they like (usually the cheapest ones now) and what they want to wear, within the boundaries of good taste and modesty.

Why do the kids find this such an exciting time? They get to keep whatever money they have left after buying everything on their lists. You can believe they are eager to shop for school supplies again next year !

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Home Canning and Storing Foods Safely



Here's the lowdown on how to can and the safest food storage techniques for keeping food-borne bacteria at bay.

The Mother Earth News had addressed "common" food storage—age-old, low-tech, nonelectric ways of holding easy to keep foods over winter or longer. You may recall that such traditional techniques rely on the the sun or woodstove to dry perishable items like fresh fruit, while inherently more resilient foods like root vegetables go into naturally cold, below-ground storage. In this article, we'll discuss 21st-century adaptations of a slightly more technical off-grid food storage technique: home canning in glass and metal containers. We'll also take a peek at some of the more modern, electricity-dependent methods of freezing foods, vacuum packing and inert-gas packing.

Keep in mind, however, that whether our means are traditional or high-tech, in trying to preserve food much after harvest, we're picking a family feud with Mother Nature. We're meddling in her marvelous life-giving process, frustrating the role of her recycling agents—the myriad of hungry beasts, bugs, bacteria, yeast and molds—that have evolved to churn the no-longer-living back into elemental plant nutrients so that they (we) may complete the circle of life by helping to nurture succeeding generations.

Safe Food Storage Starts With Cleanliness

Your processing and storing facility should be as close to operating-room sterile as you can get it. First, sterilize your apparatus (including your own hands) as thoroughly as possible. We keep a pump bottle of antibacterial soap at the kitchen sink and wash hands and arms well.

All work surfaces—sinks and the cutting board included—are scrubbed with a chlorine-containing scouring powder and rinsed well with boiling water (drawn from the big black-and-white-speckled enamel canner that's kept filled with water and at a high boil). All plastic and stainless steel implements are boiled in the canner for a half hour or so, then wrapped in a clean towel. (If the water shows an oil slick on top, replace it and vow to clean the tools better in the future.)

Our finer-edged-than-stainless carbon steel butchering knives must be oiled to prevent rust, and most have oiled-wood handles that would be ruined in a sterilizing bath. So along with a whet stone, we dip each blade in boiling water after a final sharpening. Canning jars or freezer containers are washed if needed and sterilized for at least ten minutes in a fresh charge of simmering (180°F) water, then either placed upside down on a sterile air-dryer or left in the hot water till pulled out for filling. Canning lids should be heated in hot water, but not boiled.

Home Canning

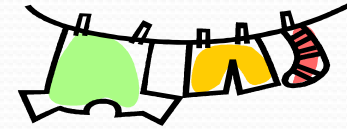
The most popular at-home food preservation technique is heat/vacuum canning of garden vegetables and fruit. It can get very involved, but we lack space here to discuss much more than the basics and tender a few practical insights.

To see the complete article go to: <http://www.motherearthnews.com/real-food/home-canning-storing-foods-safely-zmaz99aszsto.aspx#ixzz2aeli4LzR>

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Consumer tip ... Air Drying Clothes without a Clothesline

We all know that if we don't dry our clothes in the dryer we save on electricity, but many of us don't think about how the dryer reduces the life of our clothes. Many of us feel that we don't have the room for a clothes line but there are alternatives to the traditional clothes line.

The two reasons I think most people don't line dry their clothes are that they think it is inconvenient or they're just not sure how to do it. Here are some of the best tips I have found to air dry clothes without a clothesline.

You need at least one drying rack and some type of clothes rod. You can buy drying racks at most discount stores or hardware stores. You might locate a clothes rod in your laundry room above the dryer, use a sturdy shower curtain rod in the bathroom or get a metal clothes racks that hooks over the back of a door. You don't need much. I can hang two loads of laundry on one drying rack and two feet of clothes rod. Hang as many items as you can on clothes hangers, beginning with the obvious things like dresses, dress shirts and blouses. Hang the hangers on a clothes rod to dry. Be sure not to put the hangers too close together or the clothes will not dry. You can also hang things like pajama tops, t-shirts, small kids' shirts and one-piece outfits. Lightweight pants, pajama bottoms, skirts and sweats can be pinned on clothes hangers and even sheets can be folded and hung on hangers. If you are really short of drying rack space, you can hang socks, underwear, wash rags, hand towels and towels on hangers and add them to your clothes rod, too.

When hanging clothes on a drying rack, I start at the bottom with socks and underwear, wash rags and baby clothes. Young children's clothes and hand towels go on the middle layer and the top rack is for towels, jeans, pillow cases, sweaters, sweats, pajama bottoms and t-shirts. I try to use every inch of space, so if I put a pillowcase on the rack and there are a couple of inches left next to it, I put a sock there. I even hook bras on the corners of the rack.

Drying racks are handy because they can be moved to speed up the drying process. Place them outside on a sunny (but not windy) day. Inside the house, try putting them over a vent and the heat or air conditioner will dry them faster. If you don't have central heat or air, then you can place them in front of your heater or a fan. Don't place clothes close enough to heaters to be a fire hazard. Even though this may sound complicated at first, once you do it a few times, it becomes second nature to you. Pretty quickly, you will discover the most efficient way to hang your clothes on the rack. If you have room for a traditional clothes line using this method may increase your line space so that you can get more laundry up and drying at a time. Happy drying !