

Senior News

ACTIVITIES

A delightful, eye-opening experience was enjoyed by a large group of seniors, travelling in two vans on a trip around Mt. St. Helens on August 11th. Considerable road work is in progress, making the journey long and slow. Next year when it is completed the trip will be shorter, and visitors will get much closer to the crater.

A trip to the zoo for Senior Day, was cancelled because of rain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The seniors are planning a harvest dinner on October 15 to raise money for the Emergency Food Bank. Following the dinner there

will be a pie and cake auction as a benefit for SNAPP, our nutrition program.

More nimble fingers are needed by the quilters to meet the demand for quilts. The quilters meet every Monday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone is invited to come and see what we do, and to join in this creative activity.

No Smoking! will be the rule at the Saturday night bingo games because a number of persons cannot tolerate smoke. So come and enjoy a smoke free environment and an enjoyable evening with friends.

More orders for paper have also been received, so help is needed for this volunteer activity.

and, though he hadn't yet made a kill, he liked the experience and planned to hunt until sundown. He was unaware of the length of time hit game can travel, or how long it can take to follow a blood and spoor trail. He didn't even have a flashlight.

Another obstacle he failed to consider was removal of a downed deer or elk from the field. Speed is paramount in retrieving and processing game, a task almost impossible for one person, and sometimes difficult even for two people. A hunting partner is important.

The autumn leaves are issuing an invitation to the salmon and sea run cutthroat trout to enter the river mouths and estuaries along the coast, so Connie and I

ventured to the north fork of the Nehalem River, at Nehalem, to troll for chinook and cast rooster tails for sea runs.

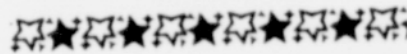
After three hours of trolling we decided to motor up river, casting and drifting with the tide. As we drifted around a bend we saw two boys in a motorized rubber raft, seemingly hung up on some debris about mid-river. The tide was going out at full ebb and the small motor wasn't able to combat the swift current. To compound matters, one of the boys was fast to a nice fish. The fish was heading up stream, they, the raft and the debris were heading down stream. Securing their raft alongside our boat, we helped both boys aboard. The line on the reel

was just about spooled when we started chasing the fish, and in a few minutes the fish was fought out, netted, and in the boat...a nice silver.

The ending to this story was a happy one, but the potential for tragedy was there. Underestimating nature, overestimating your equipment, and lack of familiarity with tides and river conditions creates many sad endings. If you're unfamiliar with an area, ask at a local tackle shop.

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