

BOLI offers employers the 2009 wage & hour book

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I highly recommend that my clients attend their seminars, purchase publications, and rely on the employer hotline for

quick answers. BOLI's TA services are critical in ensuring that employers understand how to comply with the law."

To learn more about the TA

program or purchase the handbook, please visit www.oregon.gov/BOLI/TA or call 971-673-0824.

seling is FREE to homeowners and assists them with one-on-one counseling to work towards the best possible solution for their specific situation. Community Action Team is a

HUD approved counseling agency and has been serving residents in the tri-county area for more than 30 years.

If you or someone you know
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that the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council and concerned landowners have been busy replanting conifers and other trees to shade the river. If you own land bordering the Nehalem River or Rock Creek, contact Maggie Peyton to get on her tree-planting list. The bad news, we will have to wait 40-plus years to see the results, although if you look, you can see trees that have already been planted starting to poke up along the rivers. Sometimes man's effects last for a very long time.

I looked over the stats for the

Saddle Mt. rifle elk hunts that were drawn a month-and-a-half ago. With the reduction in rifle tags, the complexity of drawing a tag has definitely changed. The 210X hunt had close to a 13% chance that you would not draw it as a 1st choice on your application. One-hundred eighty-five first choice applicants were denied. In the 210Y hunt, which is used by many people as a second choice while trying to get a better eastside unit, only 158 tags were awarded to second choice applicants. I would expect the second season to fill out on first choice applicants next year. The days of

a guaranteed tag to hunt elk is probably over for Northwest Oregon hunters, with the exception of archery hunting.

Speaking of archery, all private lands are currently closed to public access due to high fire danger. Please check with the landowners before you decide to hunt on their lands when the season starts later this month.

Izaak Walton League, Nehalem Valley Chapter meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Call 503-428-7193 for location.

Banks Council approves TGM grant

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Public input on the UGB Expansion Proposal was provided by Don Kilgras, Don Piper, Dave Cady, and David Noren. Mayor John Kinsky limited each interested person's comments to two minutes, allowing 30 additional seconds to wrap up any loose ends.

City Manager Jim Hough read the comments on the expansion proposal provided by

Councilor Ryan Birr, who was unable to attend. Council member discussed concerns about the proposed UGB arrangement. With no agreement, Councilor Craig Stewart moved to change parts of the residential portions of the plan, but the motion died for lack of a second. Council decided to end their discussions until the entire board could be present to participate.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Hough requested that council approve the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) request to amend to the Transportation Growth Management (TGM) planning grant IGA by extending the time line date and authorizing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the city. The motion carried.

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tion on boating safety on the State Marine Board's web site: <http://www.boatoregon.com/O/SMB/BoatLaws/laws.shtml>.

Remember, also, to be cautious on the way to and from our beaches and parks. Wear your seatbelts and make sure children are in approved car seats or booster seats. All of these are designed specifically for you and your children's safety.

Obey posted speeds and drive in a reasonable manner. You save very little time with increased speeds and dangerous driving (e.g. bad lane changes, following too close, etc), and risky driving increases the chance that you and your party never make it there at all.

Summer heat brings out the adult beverages, also. If you are going to drink alcoholic beverages, I recommend staying away from operating a boat or automobile. Alcohol is a depressant and can make you drowsy. Add the heat and hu-

midity we are experiencing this summer, and that becomes a recipe for disaster. In all my years in law enforcement, I've learned that the first thing that goes when you consume adult beverages is your judgment.

I've seen otherwise level-headed people make the most costly mistakes - mistakes they will live with for the rest of their lives - all because they failed to plan for the fact that they may become impaired to the point that they would put others at risk.

If adult beverages are going to be part of your summertime experience, plan ahead of time to make sure a couple people remain sober, and commit to their judgment instead of your own when the heat soars and the brews go down.

I love summer. It is a great time to enjoy the outdoors and spend time with people who are important to us. Make sure you take steps to insure you and your loved ones will be around to enjoy it next year, too.

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ceive dialysis while sleeping, then disconnect and go to work. This was working fine until I got a bad infection and a hernia. After they fixed both of those problems I got hit with them again. They had to move my catheter to the opposite side and I was told I would have to stop working as it was taking a toll on my system. That was the hardest thing for me to do as I have always worked and didn't want to stop now. I was also required to go back to the center three times a week for dialysis as it is the only way I can stay alive.

There is a possible more long term solution to my problem. I am a candidate for a kidney transplant and can be

added to the transplant list if I can raise at least \$8,000 for costs not covered by insurance. I am required to have the money raised and paid before they will add my name to the kidney transplant list. I have no means to raise the funds as I am unable to work at this time. I am asking for your help and support for this much needed transplant so that my family and I can try to lead a more normal life, or simply to prolong my life with them. An account has been opened at Wauna Federal Credit Union for anyone wishing to donate for my transplant. My family will also be having a raffle at the Jamboree to help raise funds. I am asking for your donations and prayers for me and my family

that we will be successful in raising the \$8,000 needed for the transplant. We thank you in advance for your support and prayers.

Sincerely,

Darold & Teresa Mushatt

Counselors help to prevent foreclosure

To the Editor:

With so many articles in the papers regarding the rising number of foreclosures in Oregon, I would like to provide some additional information for homeowners. Community Action Team's Housing Center provides foreclosure prevention counseling for homeowners in Clatsop, Tillamook and Columbia Counties. The coun-



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