

Burn permits needed for open fires

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all of the necessary precautions when using fire. "Be aware of the condition of adjoining grass and brush fuels, overall drying conditions and wind can cause a controlled fire to become one that can spread quickly," stresses Mike Simek, Unit Forester. Fire permits have basic and reasonable precautions that must be followed when conducting any burn.

Residents and commercial operators should be aware of the following Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) prohibitions:

- DEQ regulations prohibit any open burning that creates a nuisance or a hazard to public safety.

- DEQ regulations prohibit open burning of the following materials at any time, anywhere in Oregon: rubber products, tires, plastic, wet garbage, petroleum and petroleum-treated materials, asbestos, wire insulation, automobile parts, animal or vegetable food waste, animal remains, asphalt or industrial waste, or any other material that creates dense smoke or noxious odors.

- DEQ regulations prohibit burning materials that have been moved from the property of origin unless that person receives a DEQ permit (generally

only issued for emergency situations). In other words, residents cannot move construction or demolition debris, cardboard, paper or other materials that are legal to burn onto their property from a neighbor's property, a work site or any other property and burn them.

- DEQ regulates construction and demolition debris (C&D) and commercial burning. In most cases, such burning is prohibited. Burning of land clearing material is prohibited when it is within three miles of the towns of St. Helens, Scappoose, Rainier, Clatskanie and Vernonia.

For more information on burning regulations, contact your local fire district or the Oregon Department of Forestry at 503-397-2636. Contact DEQ at 503-229-5545 for questions about commercial or construction or demolition burning.

Succession planning seminar for small woodland owners

When thinking about the future of your small woodland, your best business partners might be sitting with you at the dinner table. On October 19th, The OSU Extension Service will present Ties to the Land, a seminar to help small woodland owners and their families plan for the future of the land and business.

Experts anticipate that an enormous amount of privately owned forestland in Oregon will change hands in the next decade. The question is: Who will the land be transferred to? Landowners often dream of having their children inherit their land and manage it with the same care that they always have—but this will not happen without some planning.

Ties to the Land was originally developed by family forest owners, forestry extension agents, and business experts

from Oregon State University to explore succession planning—the "human side" of estate planning. This award-winning program stresses the importance of formulating a plan with your family, involving the next generation in management decisions early on, and holding family meetings to understand the goals of all family members. It is never too early for families to start thinking about this issue. Those who fail to plan risk a final outcome that they may not like—the loss of the forestland and the loss of a legacy.

Part one of the two-part workshop will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, at the Rainier Senior Center (part two will be in January). Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$15 per family for the first 25 families that register; then \$25 for additional families. For more information

or to sign up, contact the Extension office at (503) 397-3462 or email amy.grotta@oregonstate.edu.

To encourage families with generations spread around the state to participate, Ties to the Land workshops are being held all across Oregon this fall, including sessions in Portland, Salem and other locations. More information on the program and a full listing of dates and locations can be found at <http://tiestotheland.org>.

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Businesses, vendors wanted for Veterans Benefits and Career Fair

WorkSource NW Oregon and other veterans services providers will hold a Veterans Benefits and Career Fair on Wednesday, November 10, from 1 - 4:00 p.m. at the Columbia Foursquare Church in St. Helens.

We are currently looking for businesses, vendors and service organizations who can offer

employment opportunities or free services for veterans including medical, vision, hearing, and dental care, hair stylists, food, clothing, massage therapy, medical supplies, and any other product or service that would enhance the lives of our veterans, help them get a job, or show appreciation for their service. Businesses or

organizations may also supply coupons for products or services for attendees or financial sponsorship for the event.

There is no charge to have a booth at the event but space is limited, so interested businesses are asked to register with event coordinator Phil Butcher no later than October 20. For a registration form, con-

tact Phil at 503-397.4995 x 225 or via e-mail at Leonard.P.Butcher@state.or.us.

This event is sponsored by local, state, and federal veterans service organizations and community partners. We look forward to your participation to show your support and appreciation for our military veterans and their families.

Jobless numbers down, but still high

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there were 478 fewer people unemployed this year.

Seasonally adjusted non-farm payroll employment climbed by 60 jobs in August to 9,550. Seasonally adjusted figures compare actual changes with expected changes. While a gain of 60 jobs is normal for the month, the county added 120. Employment in private sector industries increased by 30 jobs and government edu-

cation added 90 jobs as the school year neared. Manufacturing added 40 jobs and professional and business services gained 20, but retail trade lost 20 jobs.

Total nonfarm employment in August was 60 fewer than one year before. The county lost employment in many private-sector industries over the past year but has added jobs in financial activities and trade, transportation, and utilities.

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