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President's Letter

I hope everyone enjoyed their extended weekend in observance of Memorial Day. As I mowed my lawn and watched my American Flag blowing in the wind I was curious about the origin "Memorial Day" and found a great website; www.usmemorialday.org. I give thanks to those that serve to protect our freedoms along with their families.

It has been a busy month here at PEAK and I have several updates that I would like to share with you.

In our continuing push for community stewardship I am glad to see many of our employees participating in our "Out and About" program, supporting a number of charitable causes. Most recently we have had several employees participating in The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Lock Up. The "Out and About" initiative at PEAK allows our employees two paid days each year to participate in a community outreach program of their choice and so far we have seen great participation. Plans are also underway for our annual charity golf tournament, The Casco Classic, in August.

In other news, PEAK has partnered with Linn-Co Federal Credit Union, KGAL and Allied Waste to sponsor community shredding days in Albany and Lebanon. This is a good opportunity for housekeeping and secure destruction of documents that could lead to identity theft. Take advantage of this free opportunity to properly discard all the secure document clutter around your house, contact the Lebanon Linn-Co Federal Credit Union for more information.

As a participant in the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Cascade Gateway Leadership Program I recently had the opportunity to tour the Dentzel American Carousel Museum and the Carousel Studio in Albany. (If only my horses were worth this much) Until then, I had no idea of the "history" behind the initiative, but was impressed by the dedication of the many volunteers behind this project, which is dependent of them and financial sup-

port from the community. For more information on the project, to see how to volunteer or contribute go to; www.albanybrassring.com.

Back to business at PEAK, our engineers and billing staff have been working diligently behind the scenes on our new billing system and we expect to convert later this month. While this is not a sexy new product offering, we will gain operational efficiencies, better customer records and tighter security, all critically important in our relationship with you. If you have questions with the new billing format, don't hesitate to call.

Thank you for your business and may your summer get off to a great start!



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Hit Man Scam or Killer Spam

There's a new variation of an old scam rearing its ugly head lately. Like so many others, it's designed to trick consumers into giving cash to a criminal half-way around the world. In this case, recipients are told to transfer \$50,000 to an overseas bank in the next few days or their life is in danger.

A sample message begins, "I have being paid \$50,000.00 in advance to terminate you. I have followed you closely for one week and three days."

The poor English and the outrageous claims should tip off most recipients that the email isn't real, but this scam certainly sounds more serious than most email scams, and it's easy to think, 'What if it isn't a hoax?'

The Internet Crime Complaint Center issued a warning about extortion e-mails earlier this year. Jim DePriest, an assistant attorney general in Arkansas, said his office has received multiple hit-man complaints recently and the FBI has received about 100 complaints nationwide. "We've received a half dozen or more from consumers who were quite alarmed," DePriest said. Criminals who send out threats of bodily harm are likely liable for prosecution on assault or terrorist threat charges, in addition to charges normally associated with spam and fraud.

Consumers who receive such e-mails should pay them no mind, said Greg Donewar, manager of the Internet Crime Complaint Center. Go to www.LooksTooGoodToBeTrue.com, the agency's Web site devoted to consumer education, for more information. You can also contact us at PEAK to report suspicious emails.

Preventing identity theft is a concern for everyone.

Bring your confidential documents to the following locations to be shredded:

**Lebanon Linn-Co. FCU
Lebanon Office**

**Friday June 8, Noon to 6 p.m.
485 2nd St., Lebanon**

**Albany Linn-Co. FCU
Albany Office**

**Friday June 15, Noon to 6 p.m.
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Allied Waste is partnering with Linn-Co. Federal Credit Union, Peak Internet and KGAL/KSHO to offer a community shred day, free to residents.



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