

## Learning Center funding problem

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bid for construction of the Learning Center was \$183,000 higher than the amount allotted to the project. Bassett will be meeting with a representative from CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) to discuss possible funding for the difference. The City is already working with CDBG on the wastewater upgrade and the Senior Center project and it is not known whether any of those projects might be impacted by an additional funding request for the Learning Center.

A resolution was approved designating August 2 as National Night Out (NNO) at the request of Police Chief Mathew Workman. NNO is a crime prevention event taking place across the nation. (See page 4 for additional information.)

The city has been notified that their program of giving senior citizens a discount on water prices is discriminatory and must be discontinued. Council approved a resolution removing the senior discount and also setting new fees for bulk water users of \$30.00 for the first 1,000 gallons per month and \$2.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons. Bulk water users are those outside the city who don't have water service and bring in tanks on trucks to obtain water.

Council approved a grant application for a Special City Allotment for street and sidewalk

improvements on East Avenue from Bridge to A Street. East Avenue property owners have also been notified of their responsibilities for sidewalk improvements.

At the end of the June 20 meeting Council recessed the meeting and went on a tour of the proposed Senior Center site on Rose Avenue, the water plant, Vernonia Lake, the area of the proposed bike/pedestrian path along E. Bridge Street from the museum to the green bridge, and the city sewer ponds. Bassett and Jeff Burch, from Public Works, described upcoming and/or needed changes or projects at each site.

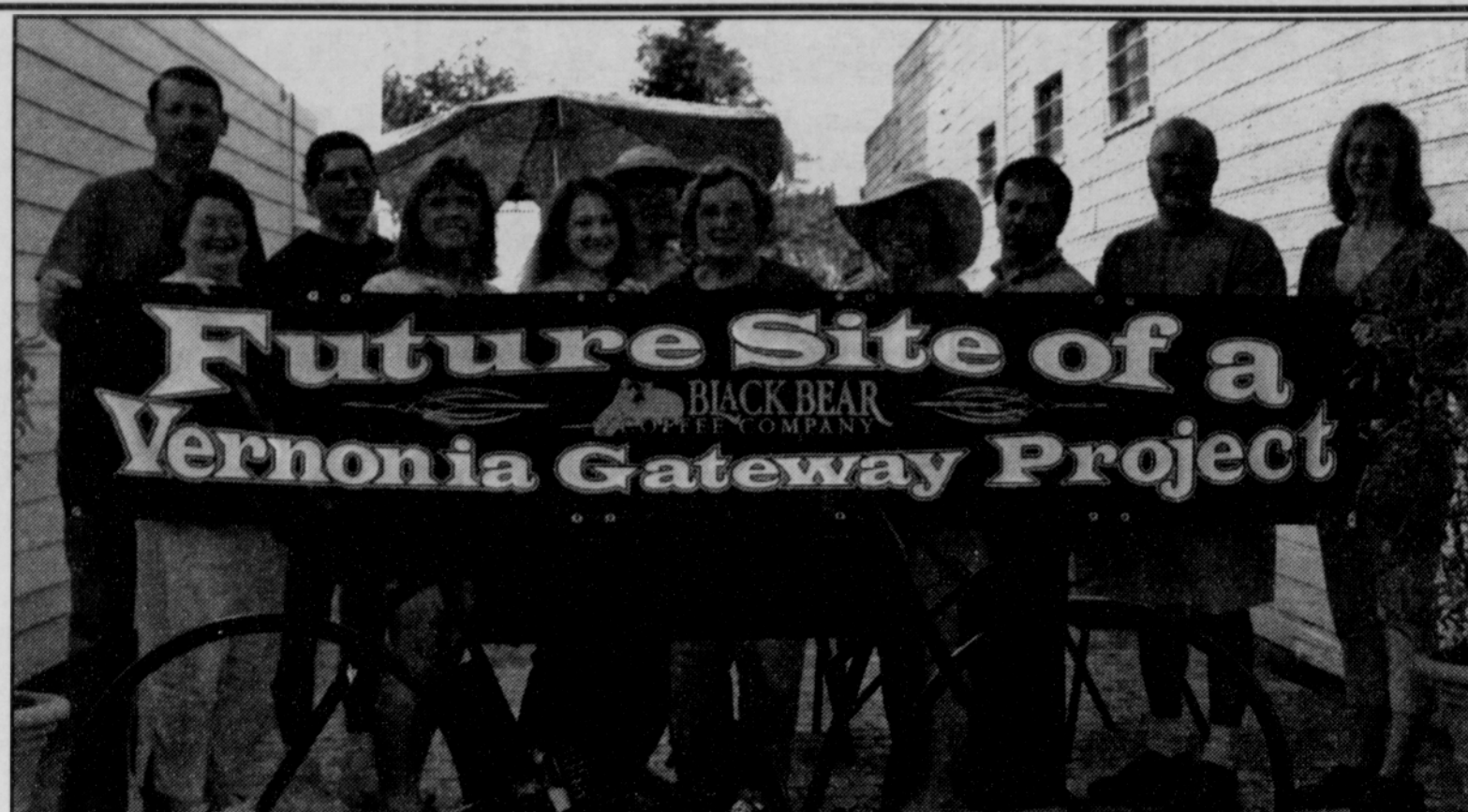
Bassett reported that the caretaker at Anderson Park will be leaving July 22. She expects the Parks Committee to recommend hiring a replacement when they meet next week. In the meantime, city employees will handle reservations and collections at the park.

In other business, Council:

- Heard a request from Torin Tierney for help with the cost of new, more vandal-proof, metal interpretive signs along Webb Way. Mayor Sally Harrison designated \$250.00 from the Mayor's Fund for the project.

- Deloris Webb and Jerry Keenon were reappointed to the Parks Committee.

- Approved a waiver of remonstrance allowing Jim and Kathy Morrison to postpone



Above, the kickoff of the Vernonia Gateway Project was held on June 23 at the Pocket Park next to Black Bear Coffee Company. The Vernonia Gateway Project is a group of local

citizens who attended Ford Family Foundation training. As part of that training, the group chose a project according to specific guidelines. The group chose this project to further the city-wide goal of creating pedestrian friendly areas and to try to act as a catalyst for additional public art throughout the community. The group will work on leadership and other skills learned during the Ford Family Foundation training in order to apply these skills to this and other projects that will benefit the community. Look for additional information at upcoming community events, such as the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree.

sidewalks on new property until the area is upgraded. Because no sidewalks exist in the area, a city ordinance allows postponement until future development.

- Approved a request from the Police Department to declare two vehicles, a desk and a modular map case unit as surplus so they can be sold.

- Approved a request from the Police Department asking for permission to sign an interagency agreement with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services that will allow Vernonia to take advantage of state pricing on rental and purchase of vehicles.

The next city council meeting will be July 18 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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#### MAY 2005

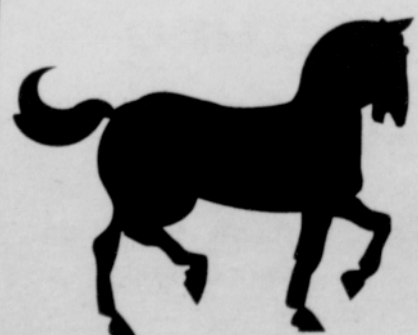
- May 1 - EMS assist - trauma, MVA (2) Hwy 6 & 26 Pole fire & smoke investigation
- May 2 - EMS assist - sick person
- May 4 - EMS assist (2) - sick person & trauma
- May 5 - EMS assist - trauma, MVA Hwy 26 @ Mountindale
- May 6 - EMS assist - stroke commercial alarm
- May 7 - MVA (2) Hwy 26
- May 8 - Set up Life Flight zone
- May 12 - EMS assist (3) - heart, breathing, diabetic MVA Hwy 6
- May 13 - Auto alarm
- May 14 - EMS assist(2) - trauma & allergic reaction
- May 15 - MVA Hwy 26 @ MP 51 miscellaneous fire
- May 17 - EMS assist - cardiac
- May 19 - EMS assist - trauma
- May 20 - Vehicle fire
- May 21 - Slash burn follow-up
- May 24 - EMS assist(3) - trauma breathing, abdominal & odor investigation
- May 25 - EMS assist - trauma
- May 27 - EMS assist(2) - unconscious, breathing MVA Hwy 6 @ MP 28
- May 28 - EMS assist - unconscious, Mutual aid w/F.Grove fire, brush fire & pole fire
- May 29 - EMS assist - unconscious Commercial alarm
- May 30 - EMS assist - assault MVA Sunset Hwy

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#### JUNE 2005

- June 1 - Vehicle fire
- June 2 - Auto alarm, Mutual aid with District #2
- June 3 - EMS assist - sick
- June 4 - EMS assist - trauma MVA (2) Hwy 26 & Roy/Harrington
- June 5 - MVA (2) Hwy 47 @ Hoffman & Cedar Canyon
- June 6 - EMS assist - diabetic
- June 8 - EMS assist(2) - traumas, MVA Hwy 47, Brush fire
- June 9 - EMS assist - breathing, Miscellaneous fire
- June 10 - EMS Assist - sick MVA Hwy 26 @ Pihl
- June 11 - EMS assist - trauma
- June 14 - EMS assist - assault
- June 15 - EMS assist (2) - unconscious & emotional
- June 17 - EMS assist - chest pain
- June 20 - EMS assist - sick
- June 21 - MVA Sunset Hwy
- June 22 - EMS assist - sick & breathing
- June 23 - EMS assist - fall & emotional
- June 24 - MVA Hwy 26/47
- June 25 - MVA Sunset @ Lodge
- June 26 - MVA(2) Hwy 26 & Roy/Harrington, Mutual aid w/FGrove on MVA
- June 27 - EMS assist - diabetic Mutual aid w/FGrove on a fire
- June 28 - MVA Hwy 6/26, Illegal burn
- June 29 - MVA Nowakowski, Mutual aid w/FGrove on MVA, Illegal burn & Smoke investigation
- June 30 - EMS assist - seizures, Mutual aid w/FGrove on MVA



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