

Did You Know . . .

By Chief Matthew Workman
Vernonia Police Department



August 2, 2005, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Anderson Park. The

Just a reminder that the 1st Vernonia National Night Out celebration will be

Vernonia Fire Department, Metro West Ambulance, American Red Cross, Columbia County Sheriff's Office will all be participating. Life Flight possibly could be landing if scheduling works out. I have received several prize donations for the free drawings throughout the evening, including a \$50 gift card to Target! Come out for free food and a chance to take a stand against crime and violence!

I had an article topic request from a citizen the other day. She brought her dog into the station that had been attacked and severely injured by a family of raccoons. On July 4, we had a young girl bitten by a "friendly" raccoon at Anderson Park and other reports of baby opossums and skunk families around the area. The police department often gets calls about these types of animals in and around people's property.

Please remember these animals are wild regardless of how friendly or affectionate they may appear. They are also somewhat protected by Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) statutes. According to the ODFW you can't even trap these animals without a permit from their office. Also remember it is illegal to discharge a firearm within the city limits. Of course, if the animal is attacking you or your pets you are al-

lowed to responsibly protect yourself.

To discourage nomadic animals like raccoons, skunks, and opossums seeking residence around your home, make sure you secure all possible food sources. Make sure garbage is in sealed containers and don't leave pet food out. If you want more information on dealing with wild animals or you need assistance you can call

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