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Fun at Camp



Kids enjoy cooking the tortillas they learned to make at summer camp. See story on page 11.

Public hearing set on terms for sale of city owned 20 acres

At the August 6 Vernonia City Council meeting, council directed city staff to set up a second public hearing on the proposed sale of 20 acres of city held property. This hearing is legally required in order to publicly set the general terms and conditions of the sale. Once this hearing has been held, council will be able to consider any offers on the property during closed executive sessions.

New city staff job descrip-

tions were approved. The changes eliminate the position of City Recorder, currently held by Kate Conley. The newly approved position is entitled Administrative & Financial Services Manager/Recorder and will supervise the Customer Service/Cash Receipts Clerk. The new position will likely go through an open hiring process. The new job descriptions become effective September 1 and, according to City Administrator M.R. "Dick" Kline, should have little or no financial impact on the city.

Mayor Sally Harrison ap-
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Benefit dinner to help Rhiannon

Friends of Rhiannon Meyer (Gina Cropp and Sasha Mack) have organized a Benefit Dinner to help with the continuing expenses of hospitalization and recovery.

The dinner will be held at the Vernonia Senior Center on Saturday, August 18th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Volunteers will be serving hamburgers, chips, salad, dessert & beverage for \$5. Everything needed for the dinner – food, supplies, labor, etc. – has been donated, so 100-percent of the proceeds will go to the Rhiannon Meyer Fund at Wauna Federal Credit Union.

Watch for flyers around town or go to the website rhiannonupdate.blogspot.com for more information.

Reward for information on killing of juvenile Osprey. See page 5

Vernonia Night Out plans family fun, food

The third annual Vernonia Night Out will be Tuesday, August 21, 5-7:00 p.m., at Anderson Park.

Once again, Vernonia Night Out will feature a free barbeque, prizes, free admission, demonstrations, freebies, music, police, fire and ambulance vehicles.

Join your neighbors and take a stand against crime and violence at Vernonia Night Out, presented by the Vernonia Police Department.

Bear Creek Run benefits V. Cares

Runners and walkers can still participate in the Vernonia Bear Creek 10K/5K Run/Walk on Saturday, August 18, by registering in Anderson Park, starting at 7:45 a.m. The 10K starts at 8:15 a.m., 5K at 8:30 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m. awards will be given out for first place winners in both the run and the walk, plus a free prize drawing will be held for all participants. Free

snacks, too, at the awards ceremony.

Children, strollers and dogs
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**Banks Bar-B-Q,
Truck/Tractor Pull
and Combine
Demolition Derby**

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Annual Old Timers get-together Sunday

The annual picnic of the Vernonia Society and "Old Grads" will be held August 19 at Anderson Park in Vernonia. Registration starts at 10:00 a.m.

Hot dogs and soft drinks will be on sale by Vernonia Pride, or bring a picnic lunch. Coffee and cups will be provided.



This 160 foot, 175 year-old Douglas fir will replace a deteriorating spar tree in the display of logging equipment at Camp 18. The tree was felled by Camp 18 owner Gordon Smith. Gustafson Logging, Nygaard Logging, both of Astoria, and Pellham Cutting, Inc., St. Helens, donated their services for this project.