

Business Notes

Valley Veterinary Clinic announces their new Veterinarians

Valley Veterinary Clinic has welcomed five new Veterinary Associates from June 2011 through June 2012. The new members of the Valley Veterinary team are:

- Dr. Michelle Galbraith is a 2012 Oregon State University (OSU) graduate of the School of Veterinary Medicine. She joined the Valley Veterinary team this past June. Her interests are in large and small animal nutrition and cardiology. Away from work, she enjoys riding her horse, "Dotty", and spending time with her two poodles. Her husband, Dustin, will complete his veterinary degree in 2013.

- Dr. Jennifer Barton is a 2012 graduate of University of Illinois, School of Veterinary Medicine and joined this team in June of this year. Her veterinary interests lie in the area of large animal surgery and medicine. She grew up on a farm in the midwest, raising cattle, hogs, and spending time showing her Arabian horses. She also enjoys rock climbing and playing with her yellow lab, "Rugar".

- Dr. Sandy Sadowitz is a

2011 OSU, School of Veterinary Medicine graduate who started at Valley Veterinary in December 2011. Her interests are in small animal surgery and medicine. She loves the mild climate and plethora of outdoor opportunities here in Columbia County.

- Dr. Kenneth VandenBergh joined the clinic in May of 2012. He is a 1991 OSU, School of Veterinary Medicine graduate. His primary interest is in large animal medicine, especially cattle, but he also enjoys small animals. Away from work, he enjoys his dogs.

- Dr. Lisa Kellihan joined the team in June 2011. She is a Colorado State University, School of Veterinary Medicine graduate whose interest is in mixed animals. She enjoys working with all sizes and breeds of animals. Outside of the office, she likes salsa dance, bike riding and playing with her dog.

Dr. VandenBergh has been the veterinarian serving in the Vernonia office most recently. In addition to these relatively new staff members, Dr. Sally McNair and Dr. Lynn Taylor are

the clinic's long time associates.

Valley Veterinary Clinic also handles emergency calls for

their clients. The Vernonia outpatient/walk-in clinic hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. The office is located

at 58376 Nehalem Hwy. S., and appointments can be made by calling 1-503-556-3084 (the Rainier office).

Council looks at downtown parking fees

The Vernonia City Council meeting of July 16 started with a public hearing on a parking amendment that would apply to downtown businesses. About eight downtown business owners were in attendance at the hearing. The Planning Commission had held a public hearing on the matter in June and recommended reducing some of the existing off street parking requirements for downtown businesses, while creating a funding mechanism for downtown parking lots. An existing ordinance lays out the amount of off street parking required for different business types. The two parking lots discussed will be the paved area across from the old West Oregon Electric Cooperative building (now being torn down) on the corner of Maple St. and Adams Ave. and the site of the building itself, which will be graveled.

Downtown businesses took council to task for not doing a better job of notification, because it was only by word of mouth that businesses were aware of the hearing. Those in attendance agreed with the reduction in parking spaces, but there was no clear community

position on how the funding mechanism should work. Council was presented with three funding options;

- 1) Only new businesses would be required to pay a fee if they did not have the required off street parking (called annual fee-in-lieu),

- 2) Every business would pay the annual fee-in-lieu, or

- 3) A portion of the existing business license money would be earmarked for a parking fund.

After over two hours of discussion, Council decided to continue the hearing to another night so the wording could be reworked and additional information about the costs that the fees would bring could be developed. There was no cost analysis provided and Council stated an unwillingness to implement a fee structure without knowing how much money was needed.

Council also agreed to notify each downtown business be-

fore the hearing reconvenes.

In other business, the City was presented with a picture of downtown Vernonia, commissioned by Shirlee Daughtry. The picture will be hung where it can be enjoyed by all.

There was an executive session (closed to the public) held to "review and evaluate the performance of an officer, employee or staff member. No action was taken in open session afterwards.

In other business, council:

- Approved Police Chief Conner's request to start a Reserve Officer program, contingent on his having the necessary funds in his existing budget.

- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 883, repealing Ord. 867, and removing wording about "Green River" regarding solicitations, as required by state and federal laws.

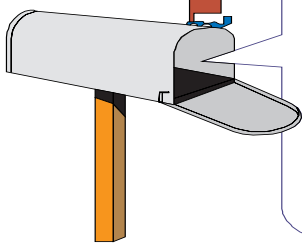
The next regular meeting will be held August 6 starting at 7:00 p.m. at city hall.

BOLI offering supervisory training

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laws or protected leave provisions – but the program also offers customized training as well as the New Supervisor Training Series, which will run parallel sessions, totaling 18 hours over six months, in Portland and Salem. The Salem series will provide additional in-

sights for public sector employers like local governments and state agencies, although neither set of classes is limited to one type of employer. Specific details of the class and registration information are available at www.oregon.gov/BOLI/TA.



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