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New city pool wraps up first season

By Ephraim Payne

Veneta's new Community Pool had a banner inaugural season, according to city records, serving more than 9,600 patrons over a period of about three months.

"We did as well as we expected," said Veneta Community Services Director Brian Issa. "We doubled our revenue but we doubled our expenses. We also provided a significantly higher level of service to the commu-

nity, much more than in the past."

According to a report recapping the 2010 season Issa prepared for the City Council, the City spent about \$73,400 to operate the pool, 5 percent more than expected, while taking in \$45,467 or 16 percent more than planned.

It is normal for a city to spend more on a public pool than it brings in, Issa said, and this year's figures are in line with those of past years.

In fact he said, the pool proved even more popular than expected this year, especially with the addition of water aerobic classes after a patron request. One of next year's challenges will be to modify the pool's schedule to better serve programs with the highest customer demand.

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Public safety tips to help protect your valuables

By Ephraim Payne

After a rash of vehicle break-ins in the area, the Lane County Sheriff's Office warns residents to take reasonable precautions to prevent theft.

According to Sgt. Doug Osborne of the Sheriff's Department, most auto-related thefts are crimes of opportunity. All too many drivers leave valuable items in plane

sight, greatly increasing the chances of a break-in.

Both here in Veneta and across the country, thieves are targeting GPS systems left inside a vehicle. The Sheriff's Department recommends that, before reaching their destination, drivers place GPS units and other valuable items out of sight.

Additionally, motorists

should park in busy, well lit areas, lock all doors and don't leave any indication that a vehicle may contain valuables. Alarms and other anti-theft devices may discourage thieves.

In order to report stolen property or a missing vehicle call police immediately. Make sure to have a description of missing items and vehicle identification numbers.

Donor bricks installed

By Ephraim Payne

Unexpected delays prevented the installation of a display of engraved bricks sold to raise funds for a new City pool before the facility's grand opening this summer. But the bricks are finally here.

"The fundraising campaign went on a little longer than we anticipated," said Veneta Community Services Director Brian Issa. "We wanted to take every opportunity to raise funds."

In October City employees installed the 130 bricks of various sizes into a 10 by 12 foot display outside the pool building. The campaign raised a little over \$31,000 for the municipal facility's construction.

"We want to thank everyone who contributed to making the brick campaign a success," said Issa.

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Visions of Veneta showcases local talent and beauty

By Ephraim Payne

Starting this month, the City of Veneta is offering local photographers a chance to showcase their work in the City's online

photo album and win free passes to the Veneta Community Pool by submitting pictures of the area.

"It is an opportunity for us to showcase the best

of the Fern Ridge area," said Veneta Community Services Director Brian Issa. "It's also an opportunity for amateur photographers to polish their skills and show off what they

can do."

Photo submission guidelines are available on the City's website:

<http://www.ci.veneta.or.us>