

Ambulance letter deemed "viscious"

To the Editor:

Never have I heard such a vicious attack on anyone, as appeared in the letter to the editor, October 22, 1981, against the Vernonia Ambulance Service.

Thank God there are people here in Vernonia, so unselfish as each and every member of that service. I can only speak of my experience but I can't praise them highly enough.

Our call was promptly answered. The three persons who answered the call knew their jobs and did them. The

teamwork they displayed was fantastic. Without the hours they gave to learn to help others, my writing this letter might not be possible.

I want to offer my vote of confidence, my heartfelt "thank you" to the crew of three and to all the others who so unselfishly serve this community.

I'm lucky to live in a community with a heart.

Harriette Bowers
Vernonia

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City Council Notes

police department. The council expressed a desire that the problem be handled without police intervention. One remedy suggested would be for the lights in question to be moved to the opposite side of the parking lot where they would no longer catch oncoming drivers in the eyes, and would serve to better illuminate both the parking lot and the side of the restaurant their sign is on. The city attorney pointed out that under existing Oregon law Ms. Randall could be held responsible for damages incurred in any auto accident that resulted from a driver being momentarily blinded by the lights in their current position.

Two local citizens, both unable to pay fines levied in Municipal Court, will be performing public works instead. The council was told during Monday night's meeting that Barry McMurray and an unidentified juvenile will spend 48 hours cutting and stacking firewood on city property that will then go to the Senior Center, in lieu of the fines.

A request from the Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department for a bond issue to finance the purchase of a new fire engine has been put on hold by the City Council until more public input can be gathered. The council also asked Fire Chief Lanny McDonald to look into prices on the equipment from sources other than Western States Fire Apparatus

Company, of Cornelius. The council also seemed to feel that there was some question as to whether or not city voters would approve the bond issue, requested for an estimated \$110,000, and it was felt that the costs involved to organize the issue and sell the bonds were prohibitive. It was pointed out that today's financial market is not good enough for the city to get the bonds at a reasonable interest rate and that under new banking and saving policies investors can make as good or a better deal with their bank than they can with municipal bonds.

Firefighter O.J. Ziegler will make a presentation at the Senior Center on Friday, November 6 at noon to explain to any interested citizens the department's need for the new equipment and to answer questions. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Additionally, the City Recorder's office in City Hall has detailed information available upon request.

As their last business before adjourning to executive session at Monday's meeting the council considered a request from the police department that city ordinances be amended to increase parking fines from \$2 to \$5 and to make parking in the bike path a fineable violation. It is expected both measures will be passed.

HEAVYWEIGHT—

Waldo, The Giant Pumpkin, was featured in a Halloween contest last week at Washington Grade School. Students were asked to guess his weight, with the closest guess winning the oversized squash. Guesses ranged from a high of "Ten thousand pounds," to the low guess of one little five year old girl who, marveling at Waldo's size, said he had to weigh all of "Five pounds". Actually, he weighed in at 112¼ lbs. Seventh grader Greg Holce guessed the closest at 113 lbs. Grown by district speech and language specialist Cheri Fitzsimmons, who says that although there were many other blossoms in her pumpkin patch, Waldo is the only one who grew. Here Waldo is shown with his hat and travelling shoes on as he's obviously far too big for one seventh grader to carry home alone.



FREEDOMFOTO

U-turns cause damage

To the Editor:

We have seen dozens of drivers come off the bridge in Riverview without stopping, we have also seen plenty making a U-turn in front of the no U-turn sign.

Either they can't read or love to disobey the law.

That's bad enough when they make the U-turn and knock down street signs and stop signs and make no effort to replace them it's disgusting.

The reason I am writing is Saturday night someone making a U-turn not only ran into the ditch but hit our post at the corner of the fence and broke it off.

It isn't the first time our property has been destroyed for we have had our fence torn out and our bridge destroyed.

We are senior citizens and aren't able to replace or mend our property time after time.

The driver didn't have the decency or guts to come and admit his mistake and offer to fix it for us.

I know this won't get to the right person but did want to let someone know how we feel.

That is if the person can read.

John and Ida Kudrna
Vernonia

Hanlon seeks royalty input

To the Editor:

It is not too soon to begin working on proposed legislation designed to address the problem of dealing with aid to impacted areas with funds derived from gas royalty revenues in Columbia County. I have already alerted Legislative Counsel that I will be bringing in whatever proposals may be forthcoming from the county to be incorporated into a bill that, hopefully, will meet with general approval of all those concerned.

I hereby invite you to contact me with ideas of how we should approach this matter. Please call me at 647-2305 or write me at Route 1, Box 221, Cornelius, Oregon 97113. I will wait until the middle of November to allow time for all suggestions to reach me before directing Legislative Counsel to proceed with a bill.

This is your opportunity to join in the making of a piece of legislation that affects your community. I await your response.

Charles Hanlon
State Senator
District No. 1

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Overall Economic Development Program Committee will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 9, 1981 at the Village Inn, St. Helens, Oregon. Homer I. Spencer, from Solid Waste Energy Systems, will be the guest speaker. He will give examples of how local government and private industry can cooperate to solve the solid waste disposal problems faced by most small communities and, at the same time, benefit from one another. Also, Dena Nelson will give an update on the status of Columbia County's economic indicators. The public is invited to attend.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Columbia Education Service District Board will meet in regular session on Wednesday, November 11, 1981 at 7:30 pm in the Columbia Education Service District office, 1290 Deer Island Road, St. Helens, Oregon for the purposes of considering:

1. Space for ESD office
2. Salaries for 1982-82
3. Appointment of Budget Committee Member
4. Purchase of Copier

There will be a meeting of the Columbia County District Boundary Board that same evening beginning at 7:30 pm for the purpose of considering updated boundary descriptions.

thank you

Community response to our canned food drive last week was excellent. The food we gathered over the weekend will be used throughout the year to help those of your neighbors in need through the coming year.

Thanks again for your community spirit.

Seventh Day Adventist
Community Services

SILVER ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Friends are invited to share in the celebration of Don and Barbara Bergerson's Silver Wedding Anniversary. There will be an open house from 3 pm to 9 pm on November 7 at the home of Don Bergerson, Timber Rt. Box 160, Vernonia.

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