

Many ideas along with proposed rates

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a monthly rate of \$13.50 per unit plus \$1.25 per thousand gallons.

- Churches - A monthly rate of \$5 plus \$1.25 per thousand gallons. Churches are not currently charged for water.
- Users outside the city limits - a monthly rate of \$15.50 plus \$2.50 per thousand gallons.
- Senior citizens, 65 or older - A 15% discount of the total water bill to retired seniors who live in self-owned homes. The discount would not apply to sewer charges and would have to be applied for.

- Outside master meter systems - No change in basic charges, but an increase to \$2.50 per thousand gallons.
 - Inside master meter systems - No changes proposed.
- Other suggestions include the following:
- Dedicate \$1 per month of the business base rate for curb maintenance and street sweeping in the business area.
 - Dedicate 50¢ per month from each user for construction and maintenance of fire hydrants.
 - Contract for monthly meter reading.
 - Bill monthly instead of bi-monthly as is currently done.

- Purchase a new computer system that can more accurately track customer usage and be easier to operate.
 - Replace slow and non-working meters.
 - Develop a new shut-off policy including denial of service unless at least fifty percent of the outstanding bill is paid by the shutoff date; a \$40 reconnect fee plus half of the delinquent water/sewer bill for those whose water has been shut off.
- A public hearing is set for August 17, 6:30 p.m. in the city library. Interested citizens are requested to bring their ideas and proposals to the hearing.

Vote scheduling proves difficult, but will happen

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the "60-days-before" or "90-days..." - time required by state law so changes in local government cannot be rushed through when the people aren't looking. The net effect is that we cannot get on the November election ballot, so we will try to put the merger on the March ballot.

That will put us past the expiration date of the present fire contract, but the rural board and the city council

have informally agreed to extend it. Some people worry that an extension means rural taxpayers will pay more than city taxpayers for fire protection. True - but it's a small difference; city taxpayers have been paying more for years and, besides, it costs more to fight a fire when you're out past the hydrants. Our lawyer is busily filling out papers - we will have a vote- and, if the people approve, we will have one fire district, hopefully

by the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 1993.

If the sight of blood makes you squeamish, if you faint while putting a bandaid on your kid's skinned knee, then you wouldn't be a good EMT. But if you can handle that, maybe you should investigate joining the ambulance team.

To be an EMT, you have to take a course and pass a state test. This takes a fair amount of time and money

Antique shop opens for limited hours without fuss or fanfare

Without fanfare or grand opening formalities, Second-hand Rose, dealing in antiques and collectibles, has opened its doors for business on the corner of Bridge and Jefferson Streets, in the space formerly occupied by Coast Range Bicycles.

Owner-operator Kathy Beierschmitt has been a life-long seeker of antiques - buying and selling. She does not specialize in any particular kind of antique.

For now, she will open the antique store only from Friday through Monday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., while she continues to share duties with her husband, Charlie, at Crazy Charlie's Restaurant.

Three days of activities at Banks

quired and, for this first year, will be limited to 100 people. For reservations call Banks Parcel & Service, 324-2910 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The beer hall and food

concession stand will be open Friday night.

Saturday, Aug. 14, activities will begin with a benefit Run/Walk for the Park at 9 a.m. Register at 8:30 a.m. at Sunset Park. The registration fee is \$2.00.

Other Saturday activities include two events at the Gun Club, individual horse shoe pitch, beer garden and a dance with music by Short-crow.

Sunday's events start with the parade at 11 a.m. and include team horsehoe pitch, horseshoe tournament, tractor pull, and special children's events - greased pole, penny pitch and frog jump. The famous barbecued beef sandwiches will be available and the beer garden will be open until 10 p.m.

"Golden Spike" awards are presented

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Tierney also presented "Golden Spike" awards (railroad spikes found along the abandoned right-of-way, which were gold-plated) for exceptional effort in making the park possible, to Parks Director David Talbot, Paiva, Kathy Shutt-Staver, a planner in the Parks Dep't; Andy Klein of Klein Associates, who did the feasibility study of the park; Babette Horenstein, a member of the state

park commission who chaired the study committee; Vernonia newspaper publishers Dirk & Noni Andersen; and a former Vernonian, Robin Traylor.

After the presentations, Tierney was called back to the podium by Dirk Andersen, who presented him with one of the two Golden Spikes the Andersens had just received, saying that Tierney's efforts also deserved special recognition.

Park Commission Chair-

man Brian Booth noted that visitors to state parks contribute \$350 million per year to Oregon's income, much of it in small towns. There will be more rail-to-trail conversions in Oregon, he added, and the Banks/Vernonia Park will be an example of the cooperative effort required to make them successful.

"After 20 years [without a new park], Booth said, "it's nice to know Oregon is back in the parks business."



Jerry Lionberger, left, a bicyclist and former Vernonian, and Robb Wilson at the Banks-Vernonia Linear Park opening. Lionberger came from his Milwaukie home to join other bicyclists and horse riders at the trail's dedication.



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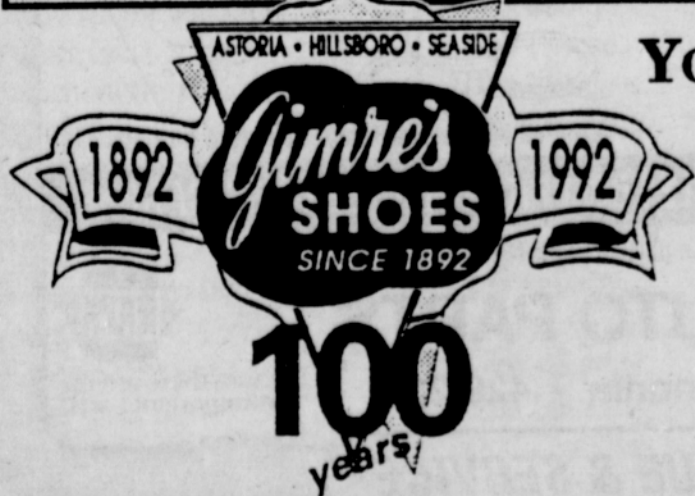
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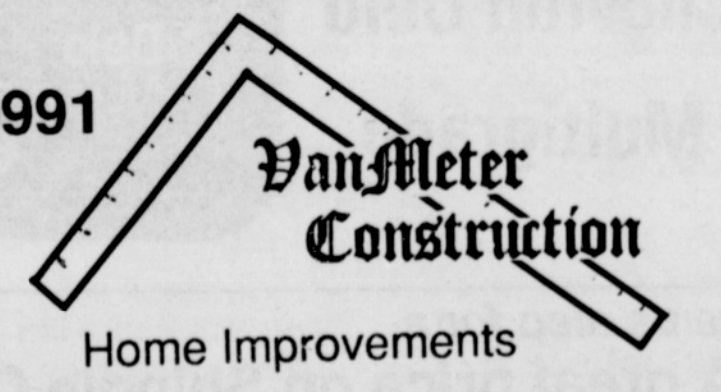
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