

Business Notes

U.S. Bank names new managers for Vernonia and Banks branches

The transition from Customer Service Manager to Bank Manager of Vernonia's U.S. Bank was not difficult for Carol Barker last Monday. Barker has held every position in the Vernonia branch in her 12-year tenure, beginning in 1983. Jim Winczewski was then the manager. She then worked with manager Patricia Ray (now Wilhelm), followed by Betts Enneberg and, finally, this past year with Carol Noah.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity," she said, "It's not as though I'm new; I know everyone in the bank and most of the people in the community and there will be

no staff changes."

"Still, it will be a real growth experience for me," she continued. "I'm not nervous because I have great resources available to me within the system, so I can deal with any situation that might arise," she added.

Barker and her husband, Lyle, have two grown children, a married daughter, Carlene, and son Steve, who will marry on July 15.

During the past year, while Noah has served as manager-trainer for Barker in the Vernonia branch, she has also served as manager-trainer for Barbara Colson in the Banks branch.

Colson, like Barker, has been with U.S. Bank for 12 years. The last eight of those years she has worked in new accounts, rising to supervisor, before transferring to the manager's position in Banks.

Colson previously lived in Roy, but is now settled into her Banks home with her husband, Richard, and two children who attend Banks schools. She is well on the way to involvement in the community as treasurer of the Banks Area Merchants Association. She says the rapid rate of change in the community makes it a very exciting time to be involved.

Meanwhile, Noah is neither here, nor there; she is now at work in a new position at US Bank Plaza, in Portland, where she will head a new service department, providing 24 hour service to commercial accounts. In that capacity she will supervise a staff of 80 employees.

"I have enjoyed working in Banks and Vernonia," Noah said, "I have had the opportunity to meet many nice people in both cities."

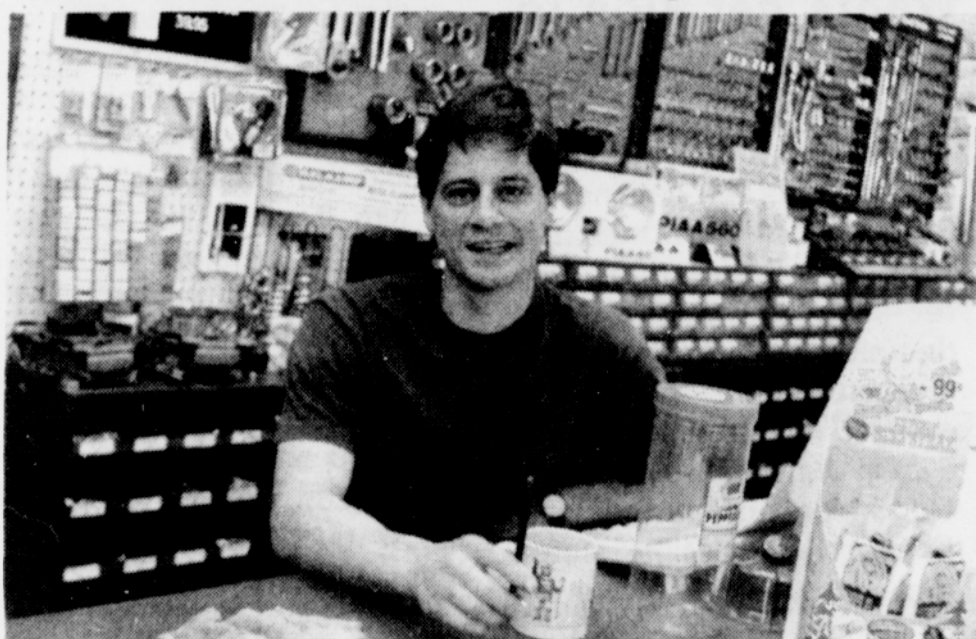
"I have also enjoyed the ride from Banks to Vernonia. It is a beautiful trip," she added.

Colson and Barker assumed their new responsibilities on July 10th.



Carol Barker, left, and Carol Noah

John Williams takes control of Vernonia Auto Parts operations

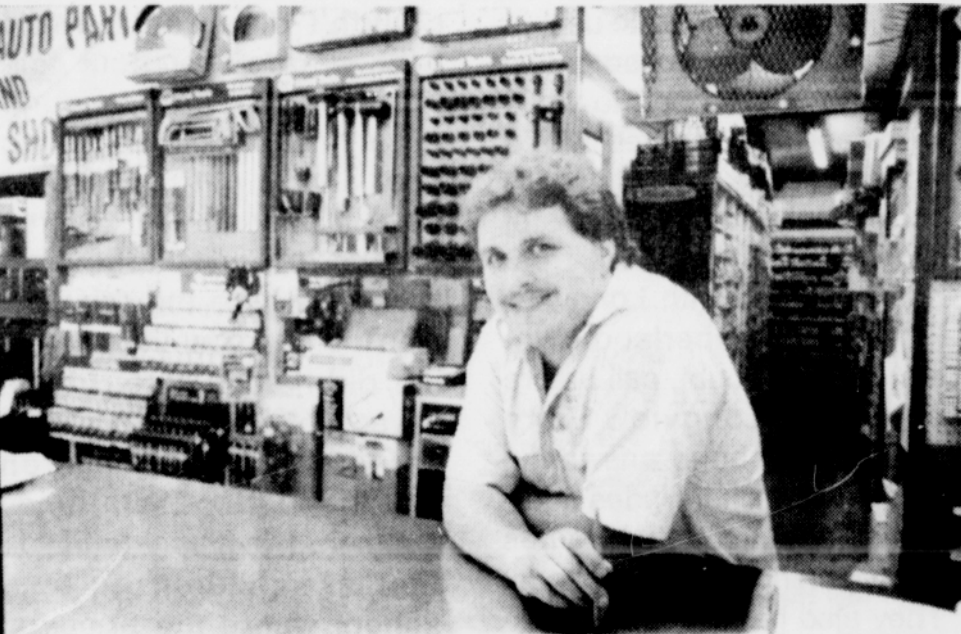


Joe Thornton

John Williams took over as manager of Vernonia Auto Parts on June 30, after former manager Joe Thornton left to return to school. Thornton, who had brought the store from a casual, small town operation to an efficient, well-stocked business, had managed the store for eight years.

But Williams is no stranger to the Vernonia store where, for the past four years, he has been a part of the professional management team, getting to know the clientele and their needs.

Williams grew up in Eastern Oregon and, shortly after leaving high school, started working in the auto parts business. Before moving to the Portland area, he managed two similar stores, one



John Williams

in Elgin, the other in Baker City.

Williams was hired by Thornton and Barry Hess, who owns both the Vernonia store and one in Scappoose.

He makes his home in Vernonia with his wife, Sherry,

and their three daughters. Sherry is an Emergency Medical Technician in Multnomah County.

Although Sherry says she's tempted to post the store hours on her front door for the "occasional" after hours mechanic, they love the community and look forward to remaining here for some time.



Barbara Colson

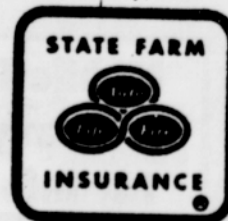
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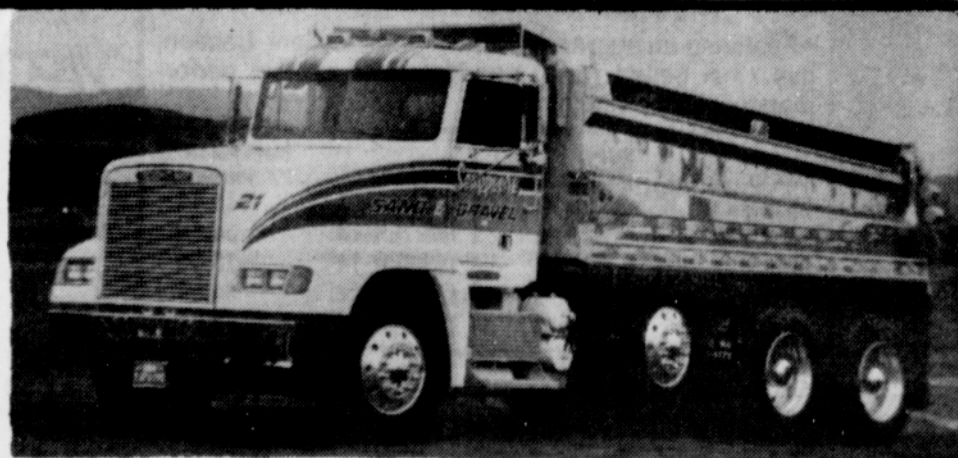
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