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life in order to keep their customers happy with silence. I feel that this is more of a need for the Inn to have more insulation, not the children's problem, it is after all their home.

The other thing that really concerns me is the video taping of the children from 12 to 17 years of age in their own yard riding their bikes, playing with their friends, etc. I thought that taping of children under the age of 16 was not legal. Is this not an invasion of privacy? Is this not their own home and land to use as they want? It seems to me that it really upsets the children, and I do not want them traumatized for wanting to have the freedom to use their own yard as they need. These people are on their own land, staying out of trouble and being good citizens. Please quit harassing them.

Many people adore this family and I know most of you know who I am referring. To the ones this letter is written in regard to, please let up. Kids are only kids for a very short time. Don't take that away! I don't have the answer for you, but people have lived next to the Inn forever. The long time Vernonia people should not have to change to accommodate new people that have moved here and want to change the ways that Vernonia has been know for: a caring, supportive, real family oriented community.

Marge Laney
Scappoose

Changes needed at Senior Center shop

To the Editor:

I am writing to bring attention to the way the Vernonia Senior Center is run. I have had the unfortunate opportunity of being accused of stealing from them and feel it is because of the way things are handled there.

My concern is that it seems the center is run as more of a garage/yard sale than a thrift shop. Shouldn't inventory be accounted for and receipts be given to customers? I don't think I would have been questioned if I had been given a receipt.

There are also never any nice things on the shelves. I have seen quality items donated, but never put out for sale. The most valuable items seem to never make it to the shelves. Where do these things go and why is the center run this way?

I feel these questions should be addressed so that situations such as mine will not occur in the future.

Linda Garrymore
Vernonia

Equestrian team says thanks for support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Vernonia High School Equestrian Team and its members, I'd like to say thank you to the generous people who so graciously donated to our team, for without them, we would not have experienced the success that we did during our first year.

Thank you to Vernonia High School and the Vernonia School District Board of Directors for allowing this team to form. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reeves, Gary Yarborough, Vernonia Ridge Riders, Natal Grange, Nehalem Valley Pioneers Association, Melis Ranch and one anonymous donor for your generous cash donations. A huge thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Bronleewe for allowing us to ride in their arena, to Marcie Gwin for loaning her horse "Cisco" and her tack to one of our members, to Cindy Nelson for her sewing abilities, to Gardner Feeds for their donation, to Karl Altenhein for the saddle pad and to Double "D" Old Timer Log Homes for purchasing our team uniforms. Thanks to Staley's Junction and the Vernonia School District office for allowing us to have a car wash, to Travis Graham for designing our team uniform logo, to Brian Landry for his work on our saddle racks and to the Hansens for letting us use their property and their electricity for a fundraiser. Thanks to the community for purchasing items at the Christmas bazaar, for getting their cars and trucks washed and for buying our baked goodies. Thanks to the parents that hauled horses for those members that didn't have transportation and for their support of this program. A special thank you to Wes at U-Haul for his help (late into the night) with our wiring problem the night before we left for State and to Walter "Verne" Ferguson for the gorgeous belt buckles awarded our VHS letter earners. And last, but certainly not least, a heartfelt thank you to my family for giving me the support and understanding on all of those afternoons and weekends that I was not with them, but with the team. If I've forgotten to mention you, I apologize. Please know that we appreciate you.

Our drill team finished seventh at State out of sixteen working four's teams competing. For our first year, the honor of making it to state was a thrill, but to go to state, compete with the best and perform as well as the gals did was a great accomplishment. I look forward to our next season, to be part of such a positive program and to work again with a great group of kids.

Barb Carr, Coach
Vernonia High School
Equestrian Team

Without your help ColCo may disappear

To the Editor:

I was too complacent that ColCo Transportation would be here for my needs when I could no longer drive. I'm not complacent any more!

Notices in my local paper said the Board of County Commissioners was holding public input meetings to explore the need to form a county transportation district. If this question comes to an election, how should I vote and why?

Several of us attended the May 23 meeting for information. The Board of Commissioners told us they were asking the people's opinions as to whether or not there would be a need for a public transportation district to provide basic transportation in the county if ColCo Transportation was no longer able to provide their special services to the county.

I thought the Columbia County Council of Seniors had built and enlarged ColCo transportation services, funded mostly by Federal and State grants, awards and requesting funds from corporations and donations, and they they were well established. Representatives from ColCo gave us the facts that were causing the problem. At this time, when governments are trying to set aside money to pay for the rising fuel and energy costs, ColCo found little money to pay for the rising fuel and energy costs, ColCo found little funding was coming in. Without sudden emergency funding, they can only run buses through June.

Why? For over a year, there has been no writing for grants from State and Federal agencies, no applications for funding from corporations, no requesting of awards. They now have requested emergency funds from the governments of all Columbia County incorporated cities.

They are busy catching up on applications and requests and hoping, but this takes time to be acted upon. This is an emergency with little time left. If ColCo services are reduced, it is likely they could no longer qualify for some grants. We

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FORM LB-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A meeting of the Board of Directors (Governing Body) will be held on June 28th (Date), 2001 at 7 ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m. at 555 E. Bridge St., Vernonia OR (Location). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 as approved by the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection Dist. (Municipal Corporation) Budget Committee.

A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 555 E. Bridge Vernonia Oregon (Street Address) between the hours of 9am and 5pm. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is ☒ consistent; ☐ not consistent with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year. Major changes, if any, and their effect on the budget, are explained below.

County	City	Chairperson of Governing Body	Telephone Number
Columbia	Vernonia	Don Skinner	(503) 429-8401

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

☐ Check this box if your budget only has one fund.	TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Adopted Budget This Year — 2000-2001	Approved Budget Next Year — 2001-2002
Anticipated Requirements	1. Total Personal Services	$ 85,700	$88,200
	2. Total Materials and Supplies	$ 73,500	$75,100
	3. Total Capital Outlay	$ 21,600	$20,800
	4. Total Debt Service	$ 43,250	$41,500
	5. Total Transfers	$ 3,470	-
	6. Total Contingencies	$ 15,000	$14,000
	7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-	-
	8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	$127,470	$131,800
	9. **Total Requirements** — add lines 1 through 8	$369,990	$371,400
Anticipated Resources	10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	$202,670	$213,100
	11. Total Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	$167,320	$158,300
	12. **Total Resources** — add lines 10 and 11	$369,990	$371,400
Estimated Ad Valorem Property Taxes	13. Total Property Taxes Estimated to be Received (line 11)	$167,320	$158,300
	14. Plus: Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received		
	A. Loss Due to Constitutional Limits		
	B. Discounts Allowed, Other Uncollected Amounts		$ 13,807
	15. **Total Tax Levied** — add lines 13 and 14		$172,107
		Rate or Amount	Rate or Amount
Tax Levies By Type	16. Permanent Rate Limit Levy (rate limit $0.9535)	$0.9535	$0.9535
	17. Local Option Taxes		
	18. Levy for Bonded Debt or Obligations	$ 48,533	$ 38,379

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Debt Outstanding		Debt Authorized, Not Incurred	
☐ None	☒ As Summarized Below	☒ None	☐ As Summarized Below

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Long-Term Debt	Estimated Debt Outstanding at the Beginning of the Budget Year	Estimated Debt Authorized, Not Incurred at the Beginning of the Budget Year
	July 1, 2001-2002 Approved Budget Year	July 1, 2001-2002 Approved Budget Year
Bonds	$ 235,000	
Interest Bearing Warrants		
Other		
Total Indebtedness	$ 235,000	

FORM LB-2

FUNDS NOT REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED

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Name of Fund: Building & Equipment Fund	Actual Data Last Year 1999-00	Adopted Budget This Year 2000-01	Approved Budget Next Year 2001-02
1. Total Personal Services	-	-	-
2. Total Materials and Services	$ 1,720	$10,000	$10,000
3. Total Capital Outlay	$11,505	$10,000	$10,000
4. Total Debt Service	-	-	-
5. Total Transfers	-	-	-
6. Total Contingencies	-	-	-
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	$75,178	- -	-
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	$64,264	$63,470	$66,000
9. Total Requirements	$152,667	$83,470	$86,000
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	$ 4,048	$ 12,470	$ 9,000

FORM LB-3

FUNDS REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED

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Name of Fund: General Fund	Actual Data Last Year 1999-00	Adopted Budget This Year 2000-01	Approved Budget Next Year 2001-02
1. Total Personal Services	$ 78,115	$ 85,700	$ 88,200
2. Total Materials and Services	$ 66,256	$ 63,500	$ 65,100
3. Total Capital Outlay	$ 11,186	$ 11,600	$ 10,800
4. Total Debt Service	-	-	-
5. Total Transfers	-	$ 3,470	-
6. Total Contingencies	-	$ 15,000	$ 14,000
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-	-	-
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	$ 86,302	$ 60,000	$ 60,000
9. Total Requirements	$ 241,859	$ 239,270	$ 238,100
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	$ 124,019	$ 116,600	$ 115,100
11. Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	$ 117,840	$ 122,670	$ 123,000
12. Total Resources (add lines 10 and 11)	$ 241,859	$ 239,270	$ 238,100
13. Property Taxes Estimated to be Received (line 11)		$ 122,670	$ 123,000
14. Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received			
A. Loss Due to Constitutional Limit			
B. Discounts, Other Uncollected Amounts			$ 10,728
15. Total Tax Levied (add lines 13 and 14)			$133,728
		Rate or Amount	Rate or Amount
16. Permanent Rate Limit Levy (rate limit $0.9535)	$0.9535	$0.9535	$0.9535
17. Local Option Taxes			
18. Levy for Bonded Debt or Obligations			

Name of Fund: Debt Service	Actual Data Last Year 1999-00	Adopted Budget This Year 2000-01	Approved Budget Next Year 2001-02
1. Total Personal Services	-	-	-
2. Total Materials and Services	-	-	-
3. Total Capital Outlay	-	-	-
4. Total Debt Service	$ 38,853	$ 43,250	$ 41,500
5. Total Transfers	-	-	-
6. Total Contingencies	-	-	-
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-	-	-
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	$15,151	$ 4,000	$ 5,800
9. Total Requirements	$54,004	$ 47,250	$ 47,300
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	$15,769	$ 2,600	$ 12,000
11. Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	$ 38,235	$ 44,650	$ 35,300
12. Total Resources (add lines 10 and 11)	$54,004	$ 47,250	$ 47,300
13. Property Taxes Estimated to be Received (line 11)		$ 44,650	$ 35,300
14. Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received		-	-
A. Loss Due to Constitutional Limit			
B. Discounts, Other Uncollected Amounts		$ 3,883	$ 3,079
15. Total Tax Levied (add lines 13 and 14)		$ 48,533	$ 38,379
		Rate or Amount	Rate or Amount
16. Permanent Rate Limit Levy (rate limit ______)			
17. Local Option Taxes			
18. Levy for Bonded Debt or Obligations		$ 48,533	$ 38,379