

New TV Show Films in Portland Local Actor Lands Role in Upcoming Episode

"Remember the fairy tales your parents used to tell you before bedtime? Well, those weren't stories, they were warnings."

That's how NBC's website describes their new television series *Grimm*, which airs on Friday nights at 9:00 PM. The drama series is a mix of fantasy/mystery/crime that has been described as "a cop drama—with a twist... a dark and fantastical project about a world in which characters inspired by Grimms' Fairy Tales exist."

The series takes place in Portland and has been filmed in and around the city. An upcoming episode, entitled *Last Grimm Standing*, was filmed on the outskirts of North Plains and features Vernonian Ron Wright as one of the characters—Clement, a Dark Rider. Wright, who appears in full make-up in the episode, has a prominent role and a few speaking lines and was on set for six days of filming.

Wright grew up in Vernonia, studied acting in New York and has worked off-and-on as an actor and model for over thirty years. He is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and landed this one-episode role this fall with the help of his agent. Wright was also recently seen in a General Electric television commercial.

The *Grimm* episode starring Wright is #12 in the season and has not yet been scheduled to be aired, although Wright expects it to be televised in late December or early January 2012.

Having a television series filmed in Portland has created jobs and work for actors and crew. Locals have been hired to provide costumes, makeup, art, sound, special effects, camera and electrical, visual effects, stunts, casting, construction, transportation and more.

"The impact this has on the local economy is huge," says Wright. "It has put a lot of people to work." Wright says another television show, *Leverage*, starring Timothy Hutton and broadcast on the TNT network is also regularly filming in Portland.

Wright has previously appeared in several television commercials and had small parts in films like



Vernonian Ron Wright will appear in an upcoming episode of *Grimm*.

Gus Van Sant's *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*. He currently lives in Vernonia with his wife Rebecca Jensen Wright and their family—sons Jensen, 5, Xavier, 2 and daughter Zoe four months.

Vernonia Vet Welcomes New Tech—Kimberly Ragsdale



Vernonia Veterinary Clinic is proud to welcome a new member to their staff.

Kimberly Ragsdale, a long time Vernonia resident, has joined Vernonia Vet and will be working as a Room Technician.

"I'm kind of like the nurse in a medical clinic that greets you, takes you back to the exam room, takes your temperature, finds out what's going on and then passes you on to the doctor,"

says Ragsdale as way of explaining her job.

Ragsdale has a long connection to Vernonia. She is married to Kennedy Ragsdale and has two sons Austin and Justin. She moved to Vernonia in 1989 when she was Kimberly Hess. She graduated from Vernonia High School—so did her mother Debbie Hess, and grandmother Dorothy Hass. Her parents Tom and Debbie used to run the Spar Tree Restaurant.

Kim says she has never worked in a veterinary clinic before, but she has two dogs and two cats and used to own a horse. "I've always been around animals," says Ragsdale, "I've just never taken care of them like this before."

Vernonia Vet is located at 700 Weed Avenue. They are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. You can reach them at 503-429-1612.

Mackenzie Carr Wins Miss Rodeo America Title

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the week won a \$750 Scholarship for her Scrap Book.

As Miss Rodeo America, Carr will travel the U.S. as an official spokesperson for the sport of professional rodeo, appearing at approximately 100 rodeo events, as well as schools, civic groups and other special events during the year of her reign.

Carr is a 2008 graduate of Vernonia High School and is the daughter of Barbara and Alan Carr of Vernonia.

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