

Community

Community choir slates Easter drama



Vernonia Community Choir rehearses "The Choice."

This year's Easter production by the Vernonia Community Choir will not be in the usual cantata format, according to director Lynda Cahill. The presentation, named *The Choice* is more appropriately called a musical drama, she explained, because it features a dramatic cast of 12 characters, telling a story interwoven in prose and lyrics, of a great event in the history of Christianity.

The Choice is a love story in which a Roman Centurion,

played by tenor Matt Dixon, falls in love with a beautiful Jewish maid, Hannah, played by alto Kelly Murray.

Other members of the cast include George Lubbes, Jaqueline Ramsey, Ernie McDonald, Don Logan, Allen Vetch, John Cahill, Allen DeWebber, Luke Everett, Bob Green and Pat Hall.

In addition to Dixon and Murray, soloists include soprano Tammi Smith, bass Don Reynolds and soprano Sandy Welch.

Two performances are scheduled for Easter weekend, in the Vernonia High School gymnasium. On the evening of Good Friday, April 14, there will be a 7:30 p.m. performance; the second will be on Easter morning, April 16, at 11 a.m.

There will be no admission charge for either performance. However, a love-offering will be requested to help cover production costs.

Maude Wells celebrates 90th b'day



Standing (l-r) Margaret Wells, William Wells, Patricia Adsit, Lester Wells and Martha Wells. Seated (l-r) are Oliver Beck, Maude Wells and Ruby Iversen.

Maude Wells of Vernonia celebrated her 90th birthday, March 19, surrounded by family and friends in the social hall of the First Christian Church, where she has been a member for 64 years.

She was born Maude Rhoda Beck, in Holdman, Ore. (Umatilla County) in 1905 and came to Vernonia with her husband Lester Wells, who died in 1958.

Their six children attended school in Vernonia, where Maude taught third, then sixth

grade at Washington Grade School from 1958 until her retirement in 1970.

In addition to her children and other relatives pictured above, two of her sisters, Lenora Shearer and Kathleen Akins, both of Estacada, celebrated with her, as did seven of her 12 grandchildren and two of her 11 great-grandchildren, plus numerous nieces, nephews and members of her church family, according to Maude's daughter Ruby Wells Iversen.

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Senior News

The Vernonia Senior Citizens Board of Directors, at their regular meeting April 9th, approved previously proposed amendments to their by-laws. The revised by-laws will take effect in December of this year.

Major changes in the way the center conducts its business will include expanding the number of directors from seven to nine members. In addition, the executive board will be elected by members present at the annual meeting from a slate of candidates presented by a nominating committee. The elected board will take office January 1 of the new year.

The change will require bonding for those individuals holding any of the treasurer offices, and a quorum of five

directors will be required to conduct business.

A lawyerly indemnification clause, written in such obtuse legalese that most members could not understand it, seems to insure that board members will be protected from liability and/or injury.

Russell Green, West Oregon Director of Member Services, will be guest speaker at the senior center on April 14th, following the noon meal. On the 20th, Jeanne Brandt, OSU Extension Service representative from St. Helens, will present a slide show featuring views from India at 1 p.m.

On the 22nd, Seniors will take Colco to Pittock Mansion and, on the 24th, will host the Columbia County five area seniors at lunch .

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS Bob E. Holbrook, Branch President 1350 E. Knott Street Vernonia, 429-7151 Sacrament Meeting, Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday School & Primary 11:20 a.m. Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women, Sunday 12:10 p.m. ASSEMBLY OF GOD Michael Jackson, Pastor 662 Jefferson Vernonia, 429-6353 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study, 1st & 3rd Mon. 7:00 p.m. Women's Ministry, alt. Wed. 7:00 p.m. ST. AUGUSTINE (CANTERBURY) EPISCOPAL CHURCH The Rev. Robert Grafe, Vicar 700 Adams Ave. Vernonia 429-1860 Sunday Services, 10:00 a.m. FOURSQUARE CHURCH Chris Brush, Pastor 850 Madison Avenue Vernonia, 429-1103 Sunday Services Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Wed., 6:45 p.m.	GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH D.J.Dickey, Pastor Grant & North Streets Vernonia, 429-1919 or 429-8720 Sunday School, All Ages 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH John Cahill, Pastor 952 Washington Avenue Vernonia, 429-1161 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Visitation, Monday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. VERNONIA EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH Grant Williams, Pastor 957 State Avenue Vernonia, 429-6790 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Children's Church w/Nursery Evening Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Nursery Care AWANA, Wed. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Studies, Mon. 7:00 p.m. The Churches of Vernonia Welcome You	FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH Dick Halaas, Pastor 410 North Street Vernonia, 429-6522 Sunday School 9:40 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Children's and Junior Church Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study, Mon. 7:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. Every Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study, 9:15 a.m. Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m. ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Pastoral Administrator Joan Dotter Ass't. Administrator Lani Vandehey 960 Missouri Avenue Vernonia, 429-8841 St. Vincent dePaul Society Irish Bruers, 429-7201 Mass Schedule 2nd & 4th Sundays Word & Communion Services 1st & 3rd Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Holy Day Services 7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance Schedule by Appointment Before or After Mass SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST Roger Kruger, Pastor, 397-6883 2nd Ave. and Nehalem St. Vernonia, 429-1941 Sabbath School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
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