

The Trail Band performance set for Longview's Columbia Theatre

The Trail Band will bring the emotions and history of the Oregon Trail to life during an old fashioned Christmas matinee performance at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1 in the Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts, Longview.

Performing in 19th century military-style band uniforms, the band's concerts bring home the emotions and history of the Oregon Trail through grass instrumentals, fiddle tunes, diary readings, and powerful a capella vocal per-

formances. The band performs songs ranging from marches and hymns to hoe-downs and Native American melodies.

The Trail Band is a rare collection of the Northwest's most popular vocalists and instrumentalists. Native Oregonians Marv and Rindy Ross recruited the nine band members, from the cast of their original musical celebrating the 150th anniversary of The Oregon Trail. The Rosses are best known in the Northwest

as members of the rock group Quarterflash and its hit single, Harden My Heart.

Since its formation in 1992, The Trail Band has released two successful albums that provided the soundtrack for KPTV's televised specials on The Oregon Trail. The band performs for thousands each year in concerts throughout

Andrico (banjo, mandolin, guitar) and Skip Parente (violin).

Part of the Theatre's Roadshow Series, the Band's special holiday performance is made possible with corporate support from Columbia Ford.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$20. For further information, telephone 360-423-1011.

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In addition to Marv and Rindy Ross, band members include Phil (tuba, recorder) and Gayle (tenor horn, violin, vocals) Neumann, Mick Doherty (hammer dulcimer), Cal Scott (band leader, cornet, guitar), Lex Browning (vocals, fiddle, guitar), Dan Stueber (drums, bones, spoons), Ron

Local arts society, Flood Support Project join forces

A weekly "Paint Together" is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, December 4, under the joint sponsorship of the Vernonia Society of Arts and Crafts and Oregon Flood Support (OFS). The activity will be held in the Vernonia Grange Hall, the corner of Washington Avenue and North Street, on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All interested local citizens may participate without cost. Participants may bring whatever project they wish to work on, along with their own materials, or use the materials and water-based paints provided by OFS.

At 3:00 p.m., those who wish to, may stay and paint longer or join in classes presented by OFS volunteer instructors. Materials will be provided for the art or craft project of the day.

Oregon Flood Support is currently upgrading the Grange Hall and making it available for art and craft

classes for local students and adults from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Materials are provided and there are no charges.

The Society of Arts and Crafts will hold its monthly business meeting at the Grange Hall at 2:00 p.m., December 12. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Community Relief Center closes

After operating since the February flood, the Vernonia Community Relief Center and the Building Materials Warehouse closed today, Nov 20th.

The Vernonia Unmet Needs Committee and staff feel that the needs created by the floods of 1996 have essentially been met. Additionally, the end of the funds, ma-

terials and donated labor has been reached.

With the awareness that presently unknown needs may exist, the committee is asking that written explanations of any unmet needs of

flood victims be sent to them in care of Vernonia City Hall, 919 Bridge Street, Vernonia, 97064. Along with the expla-

nation, include a phone number or some other form of contact, in case more information is needed.

The committee and staff have expressed heartfelt thanks to all who helped in the recovery effort, with a special thank-you to Mike Pihl and staff, who provided office space and put up with all the noise and confusion!



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