

Months of work are required before Easter cantata performance



Director Lynda Cahill, right, worked with a small group during rehearsals last week. Rehearsals started during the first week of January and have been held in the Vernonia First Baptist Church. They will move rehearsals to the Washington Grade School gym next week.



Taking a break for a picture, the people in this photo are only part of the cast needed for the 2002 Easter Cantata.

Car wash will help recover costs

The Vernonia Community Choir will hold a car wash on March 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Vernonia School District 47J parking lot. Donations will help defray the costs of the annual Easter Cantata, which will be held this year on March 22, 23 and 24.

The Easter Cantata to be performed this year by the Vernonia Community Choir is *The Borrowed Tomb*, co-written by Steve Moore and David T. Clydesdale.

Actors for this year's performance include Allen Vetch, John Cahill, Kellie Murray, Annie Dixon, Mike Skillen, Eric Peterson and Marion Johnston.

Featured vocalists will be Sandy Welch, Julie Coontz, Phyllis Thornburg, Marcella Seager, Lana Vetch, Susie Armstrong and Kellie Murray.

This annual Easter musical of faith and belief is directed by Lynda Cahill, who, like all members of the Vernonia Community Choir, is a volunteer.

There will be three perform-

ances - March 22, 23 and 24 - a week before Easter, in the Washington Grade School gym. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 22-23; with a matinee performance March 24 at 3:00 p.m. There is no admission charge, however, free-will offerings will be accepted.



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VHS Drama Club will perform *The Zoo Story*, by Albee, and Anton Checkov's *The Marriage Proposal*

Two one-act plays, *The Zoo Story*, by Edward Albee, and *The Marriage Proposal*, by Anton Chekhov, will be presented by the Vernonia High School Drama Club, March 7, 8 and 9.

The Zoo Story opens in New York's Central Park with Peter,

played by Shawn Hillyer, a middle-aged and well-dressed man, peacefully reading on a park bench. Jerry, an unkempt young vagrant, played by Jake Brock, enters his world and what follows is a conversation between two characters who

represent themselves not only as individuals, but as opposing aspects of society. With a savage sense of humor and his iron will, Jerry forces Peter to come to grips with his own rationalizations and hypocrisies.

In *The Marriage Proposal*, a nervous young farmer comes to propose to his neighbor's daughter. Instead of making the proposal, the two young people get involved in many comic arguments. Carrick Flynn stars as Stepan Stepanovitch Tchubukov, Rachael Bentsen plays Natalya Stepanovna. The role of Ivan Vassilyevitch Lomov is played by Casey Waltz.

Both plays are directed by instructor George Ray.

The March 7 and 8 performances will be at 7:00 p.m.; March 9 at 8:00 p.m., in the Vernonia High School gym. There is no charge for admission but seating is limited.

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