

Community



Faith and resurrection are cantata topics

Final practices are underway as the Vernonia Community Choir and supporting actors prepare for their upcoming performance this weekend, March 22, 23 and 24.

The Borrowed Tomb tells the story of Christ's death and resurrection from the perspective of two members of the Sanhedrin, an elect group of Jewish leaders. Nicodemus, played by Allen Vetch, and Joseph of Arimathea, played by Pastor John Cahill, struggle in their faith and belief as they interact with each other, the rest of the members of the Sanhedrin,

Mary Magdalene, played by Kellie Murray, and Jesus, played by Michael Skillin.

The drama is interspersed with music which emphasizes the struggles they, and all the people of that day, were experiencing. How would we feel if Jesus were to come today? Would He be accepted as our Messiah? How can he forgive us? These are some of the questions asked and answered in this forty-five minute presentation.

There will be three performances, including one matinee, at Washington Grade School

Gymnasium. There is no admission charge. A free-will offering will be accepted to help cover production costs. Checks may also be sent to the choir's treasurer, Marcella Seager at 536 First Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064.

Performances are Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 24 at 3:00 p.m.

"Don't forget! This is the weekend before Easter," reminds Director Lynda Cahill. "Come and bring along a friend!" she urged.

Time to hit the dictionary and brush up your spelling

Get out your dictionaries, all you over-50 people...there will be a spelling bee on Saturday, May 18, at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The format will be similar to last year's spelling bee: 100 written words, with several breaks between sets of words. This year, the words will be announced by last year's winner, Noni Andersen. Refresh-

ments will be served and there will be prizes for the winners.

The planners of this year's contest promise a more "user-friendly" list of words. In fact, the chances are very good that you've read, used or seen most of the words at some time during the last year!

Sound enticing? Save the date: Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m. Remember, the one and

only requirement is that you have reached age 50! Watch *the Independent* for more information.

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Senior News

By Jacqueline Ramsay



The otters are back in the lake, waiting for the delivery of their dinner. Jan-ice and I saw the playful fellow March first as we walked our dogs. So, you fishermen had better have tasty bait to get your share of the fish.

By the way, the Mammo-gram van will be in Vernonia on March 26. Ladies, if you haven't had a "mammo" in a year or two, call the clinic and set up a date.

Do you have your Easter Bonnet picked out or made yet? Remember the dinner and fashion show at the center is March 27. Get in and sign up for dinner or for making a pie or to help serve. The Golden Oldies will be there. It hopes to be a fun time.

March is sort of mixed up, yes, we had the wind, but where did all the rains of April come from? The snow? It's just last December. So cold you can't work in the yard because it's covered with ice, snow and mud.

The center has had spurts of business because of the weather, but on our first Saturday open we were well pleased. Remember to pass the word. The thrift area is open 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each

Saturday.

Some changes in the Thrift Store. You'll see a lot of rearranging going on. They are cleaning out again. Winter is going, Spring is coming and with it, all Rack items will be price tagged. Shoes will be tag priced. All "Bag" items will not have a price on them. There are signs on the Racks to help you, the customer, and also "If" you see a sign, please read it. Especially the one that says "No exchanges - all sales final." The folks try to know if an item does or does not work when it is put out, and it is priced accordingly. It will be tagged "It works" if it does. Some folks are handy enough and like to tinker with small appliances, or they just need a piece of it to fix what they have.

Remember the Easter Cantata, by the joint Churches. It is a week before Easter this year. (See adjacent article on this page.)

March 13, 7:30 a.m., just looked out the kitchen window. It's snowing!

I give up! I'm going to walk the dog.

From the Senior Advocate:

Contact Karen if you need a caregiver or other information on any Senior problem you may have. 503-429-9112.

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