

Community

Successful debut for local theater group



Holly Hillyer and Laura Brookins were involved in the shifting roles required for the North Street Players production of *A Christmas Carol*.

The North Street Players, a recently formed community theater group, chose an old favorite, *A Christmas Carol*, for their first production and put on a rousing, good opening night, on Sunday, December 14.

Vernonian G. Allen Ray adapted and directed Charles Dickens classic tale of redemption and Christmas spirit. The presentation was a "reader's" rendition with no sets or costumes, only well designed lighting, lines to read and acting. This makes it easier to put on a production, but harder to pull it off.

The Players did an admirable job and 'pulled it off' quite well, even bringing a tear to an eye or two in the audience after Tiny Tim's death in the Christmas Future part of Act IV.

Act I started off with the usual cast jitters – some of the actors' voices quivered just a bit at first, gaining strength as they proceeded. Once they hit their stride, they went on to finish without any noticeable problems or stumbles.

By use of lighting, movement

and acting, the play progressed smoothly to Scrooge's awakening on Christmas morning as a changed man. Robb Wilson, as Scrooge, gave a strong performance, though none of the actors gave less than strong performances. There were too many good lines and moments of acting to mention.

With the play taking place in the center of the Grange hall between facing rows of seats, everyone had a good seat, right in the middle of the action.

The adaptation was imaginative enough to give new life to a well-known tale while maintaining the flavor and power of the original. The two hours

passed quickly and the \$2.00 plus a non-perishable donation to Vernonia Cares bought a lot of entertainment.

The cast of the production included Tammy Argue, Jake Brock, Myles Brock, Ben Brookins, Laura Brookins, Larinda Botchie, Jessica Dahl, Carrick Flynn, Connor Flynn, Lila Harrison, Sally Harrison, Holly Hillyer, Scott Laird, Jacob Rice and Robb Wilson.

The North Street Players are actors of all ages, from grade school through senior citizen, with quite a few teenage players. If you missed this production, look for future efforts by the North Street Players.

Senior News

By Karen Miller



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- 100% I did
- 90% I will
- 80% I can
- 70% I think I can
- 60% I might
- 50% I think I might
- 40% What is it?
- 30% I wish I could
- 20% I don't know how
- 10% I can't
- 0% I won't

As this year ends and a new one begins, we're looking for those who will help us climb the ladder here at your Vernonia Senior Center.

CONGRATULATIONS to our quilt winner whose names were drawn at our Bazaar on Dec. 7: Judy Cameron of St. Helens won the beautiful quilt and Janne Potter of Vernonia won the cozy afghan. Lucky ladies.

Don't forget! 1/2 price sale throughout our thrift store the rest of the year.

Also, join us at the Center for a New Year's Eve gathering from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight on December 31.

For transportation to anywhere in Columbia County, also to Beaverton, Hillsboro and Forest Grove, call Metro West here at the Center. This is public transportation for all. For rates, call the Metro office here at 503-429-4304.

REMEMBER:

- Pastries and bread Wednesday and Saturday a.m.
- Bingo, Mondays at lunch.
- Music with the Golden Oldies on Wednesdays.
- Games on Thursdays.
- Willoughby Hearing every second Friday at 11:00 a.m.
- Sign language class Monday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

If you know of a senior who would like a visit from the Senior Advocate or have any senior needs and concerns, call our office.



Enjoy annual HOA Christmas concert

The annual Vernonia community Christmas Concert will be presented on December 20, at 3:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Christian Church, 410 North Street.

The concert will include performances by three groups – a string ensemble, a choir, and a band. The performers, amateur musicians of all ages, will be directed by professional conductors.

This is a great opportunity to discover, and enjoy, some of the many talents in your community! Sponsored and organized by Vernonia Hands on Art, the concert is free, though donations will be gladly accepted.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

- Senior Advocate... 429-9112
- Senior Center..... 429-3912
- Transportation..... 429-4504

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Service

The community is invited to the First Christian Church for a Christmas Eve service at 5:00 p.m. on December 24, at 410 North Street, Vernonia.

Christmas Mass

St. Mary's Catholic Church invites you to celebrate the Miracle of Christmas with us on December 25 for mass at 10 a.m.



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