The second annual Hands on Art Variety Show on November 18 highlighted many talented Vernonians, including a duo performance by Allie and Dennis Chadek (top left) and Chris and Judy Scheuerman on recorders (left).

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay

A note to M.E.: As far as I know you have never lived in space 4. Change your mailing address. Please.

I hope you all had a satisfying Thanksgiving. I did. Though I left town in a downpour and the road out was hydroplane heaven, travel was steady and safe. Except for the sink hole. The State highway people should build a bridge over it and quit wasting time and money to try and fix it. Someone will bottom out in it in the dark (or daylight) and get hurt.

Here's something for us older folks to consider – you think you look like yourself? Au contraire – folks have told me lately "You look tired, what's wrong with your eyes?" Well, really nothing. Not since I have had surgery and cleaned up the infection I somehow got in one of them. But, I find I've developed my mother's eye bags and lids and my father's jowly chin. So you see it isn't me anymore, it's my family tree I'm wearing now. So, please don't ask, "Are you feeling okay? You look ill." HoHo.

It's time once again for getting set for the Holidays. I believe I've used this before but it's a good repeater.

Holiday Recipe for Happiness – ingredients;

4 cups of Love
3 cups of Forgiveness
2 cups of Loyalty
1 cup of Friendship
5 spoons of Hope
2 spoons of Tenderness
4 quarts of Faith
1 barrel of Laughter

Take Love and Loyalty, mix thoroughly with Faith. Blend with Tenderness, Kindness and Understanding. Sprinkle abundantly with Laughter. Bake it with Sunshine.

Serve daily with Generous Helpings of Love.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

Spelling Bee slated for those 50 and over

Seniors are invited to get ready for another Vernonia Senior Spelling Bee, to be held on Saturday, January 13, 2007, at the Vernonia Senior Center. The time for the event is 1:00 p.m.

There is no entry fee, and the only requirement to register is that contestants must be at least 50 years of age. There will be trophies and prizes, and refreshments will be served.

The format will be 100 written words, in segments of 25, with a short break between each round. The degree of difficulty varies, but all words will be familiar ones, challenging but not too scary! The emphasis is on having a good time with friends.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Center, or your can call 429-9700 to register, or for more information.

So, don't say, "I can't spell" – just come and spend an informal afternoon working your brain – you will surprise yourself at what you remember from school days!

Come in out of the cold, have a cup of coffee, and win a trophy!

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