

Vernonia Christian Church is bringing Blackwood Legacy here

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inducted into both the Gospel Music and Grammy Hall of Fame.

As the original Blackwood Brothers retired, various singers, including Rick Price, took their places. With the death of Cecil Blackwood the original group was formally dissolved. After hundreds of requests for the music of the original Black-

wood Brothers Quartet, Price created the Blackwood Legacy.

Price has gathered some of the most talented gospel singers on the scene today to create a unique concert that blends old favorites with newer Southern Gospel favorites and original hits. Other performers include Don E. Thomas, formerly of the popular Florida Boys Quartet, and Luke Yates,

a contemporary worship musician and vocalist. The group maintains the Blackwood Brothers style, performing favorites such as "How Great Thou Art" and "Beulah Land," while incorporating a contemporary sound that reaches all ages. Over the past nine years they have been performing more than 240 dates per year throughout the United States.

The Vernonia Christian Church is located at 410 North Street in Vernonia. For more in-

formation call 866-855-1036 or visit the group's website at www.blackwoodlegacy.com.

Parks next meeting date changed

The next Vernonia Parks Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on November 21, but has been changed due to Thanksgiving.

The meeting has been rescheduled to November 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Vernonia City Hall.

Here are tips on how to have safe trick-or-treating on Halloween

If trick-or-treating is on your family's agenda this Halloween, be sure to plan ahead to ensure a safe and fun adventure. Your child's anticipation and excitement may cause him to forget to be careful. Parents can help prevent injuries by following these safety tips.

Buy or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists. For greater visibility, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks also should be a light col-

or or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle and sporting goods stores.

When buying costumes, masks, beards and wigs, look for the label "flame resistant." Although this does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does indicate the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source. To minimize the risk of contact with candles or other sources of ignition, avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and

outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts. Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling. Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes.

Apply a mask using cosmetics rather than have a child wear a mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision. If a mask is used, however, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision. Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material.

Children and their escorts should carry flashlights with fresh batteries. A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on

their rounds. If older children are going with friends, plan and review a route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time for their return home. Remind them to stay in a group. If at all possible, they should carry a mobile phone for quick communication.

All children should *walk*, not run, from house to house and should use the sidewalk, if available, rather than walk in the street. If no sidewalk is available, walk in the street facing traffic and at the far edge of the roadway. Caution children against running out from between parked cars or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present danger.

Children should go only to homes of people you know and that have outside lights on as a sign of welcome. Make sure that children understand they should never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat. Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped, or suspicious items.

Don't be tricked into allowing accidents or injuries to spoil the fun. Plan ahead to avoid safety traps and make Halloween a treat!

Source: Denise Rennekamp, Extension associate, Oregon State University.

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gymnasium. The Fall Festival is the only fund raising event the historical Mist-Birkenfeld Helping Circle sponsors. The pro-

ceeds will be used in the community to provide an annual scholarship, provide supplies to the Mist School, pay for safety related street lights, cosponsor the "Share the Spirit" Christmas project and other community needs.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. hot dogs with all the trimmings, homemade pies, coffee and punch will be sold. There will be a silent auction and an oral auction. Drawings will be held for many door prizes as well as the special raffle drawing for this year's beautiful queen size quilt. Tickets for the drawing will be sold at the door.

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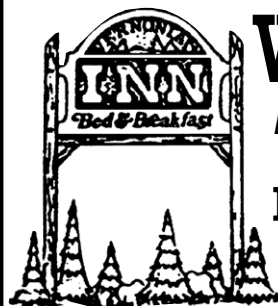
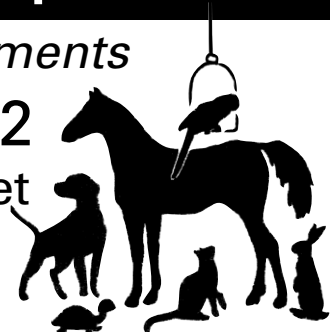
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