

Hands-on-Art seeks talent for variety show

Calling all musicians, singers, solo dancers, comedians, magicians, and others who like to perform! Vernonia Hands-on Art will hold its fourth annual benefit variety show on Friday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. This year's show will be held at the Vernonia Grange,

375 North Street.

If you would like to participate in this year's show, please let us know as soon as possible by email to VernoniaArt@aol.com or by calling Tobie Finzel at 503-705-2173, or Carol Pelster at 503-429-0437.

This year's show proceeds

will benefit the Vernonia Cares holiday food drive, the Vernonia Grange and Hands-on Art. For those who have performed in or attended previous shows, this family-friendly event provides a good time for all. Mark your calendars now to save the date.

October First Friday events scheduled

Mark your calendars for this month's First Friday of Vernonia (the last outdoor event), in conjunction with Vernonia's Salmon Festival. The Outdoor market and Art Show will be held at the Scout Cabin.

Events for the October 3 First Friday include:

- 4:00-6:45 p.m. – Scavenger Hunt. Pick up your playing card, list of participating merchants, and clues at the

First Friday booth. Follow the clues to different merchants around town to get your card stamped. There will be a drawing for prizes donated by the participating merchants.

- 6:00 p.m. Scapegoat Burning. End the Outdoor Market season with a chance to do away with bad energy; burn away your troubles and sorrows and keep warm. Only a buck (which goes to support

Hands-On Art projects for kids and adults).

In conjunction with Salmon Festival on October 4, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Hands-On Art will present the last Floating Gallery Show of the season in Hawkins Park.

For information on participating in First Friday or the Art Show, contact Erika Paleck at 503-429-0898 or epaleck@gmail.com

Repairs to Banks-Vernonia trail set to start

Work to repair last December storm damage to the Banks-Vernonia State Trail will begin this month.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will temporarily close sections of the trail, as needed, beginning with areas where major mudslides and logjams have diverted water flows between the Tophill and Beaver Creek trailheads. Trail users may check the OPRD website at www.oregonstateparks.org (click on Park and campground advi-

sories), or call 1-800-551-6949 for updates on section closures and openings.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will pay for 75 percent of the \$56,024 budgeted for the repairs. OPRD state lottery funding will finance the remaining cost. Alpine Construction of Newberg is the general contractor for the repairs.

Spry/Quaring wed in August



Amy Rose Spry and Andrew "Fro Dog" Quaring were married August 10, 2008 at Horning's Hideout in North Plains.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Linda Spry of Vernonia. She graduated from Vernonia High School in 2001, and from Pacific University in 2008 with a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology.

The groom is the son of Laurie Raanes of Hillsboro. He graduated from Vernonia High School in 1999 and is employed at Applied Plastics in Portland.

The couple has made their home in Hillsboro.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Summer is over and Fall has fallen. We still have sun but it's not

so hot. The breeze has a funny little nip to it if you're not in the sun and all of the green isn't as green as it was a couple of weeks ago. It's now yellow, brown, orange and red with a tinge of black at the edge. The hanging baskets around town are beginning to gasp and droop.

Even the grass is beginning to give the appearance of quaking in the breeze. Do you recall the story of Ant and the Grasshopper? Well, around Vernonia of late if you've noticed, you can't tell one from the other. Everyone is scurrying. Dirt piling up, foundations being dug, houses up in the air, paint going on and in houses,

frame work being added here and there. Trees being trimmed, rain gutters being cleaned out. Even some pot holes being filled. Yardwork even caught up in the rush to get ready for – (who knows what). I notice also, folks are again wearing jackets, our blood must be getting thin again.

I will miss all of the summer fruits and the berry picking (around the lake) but – oh the baked acorn squash, cob corn, the smell of fresh dill in the grocery store. Apple cider (hot and spicy), pumpkin, mince and apple pie. Baked potatoes, chili with fresh onion and cheese, navy beans and corn bread or homemade potato soup (yum). No more grab a cold sandwich with pork and beans or potato salad and chips. Plus ice cold tea, coffee or shake.

Just time to slow down with popcorn, a good book, hot cider or ? and no more reruns on T.V.

Yippy!!!

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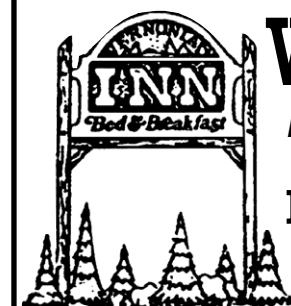
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