

Hands-on Art Variety show a success

The fourth annual Hands-on Art variety show provided a highly enjoyable evening that showcased local talent. This year's show began with a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" performed by four budding thespians, Hailey Jole, Maria Pelster, Caleb Hardy, and Abraham Hardy;

Sierra Jole provided the narration. Petra Johnson and Maggie Hatt performed Highland and Irish dances, and Grace Semerjian presented Flamenco and Gypsy dances with great style. The Scott Family entertained with tin whistle and guitar. The Vernonia Community Orchestra, Strings on Fire, led

by Caleb Hardy, and the Hands-on Art Recorder players, led by Rachel Hardy, provided a delightful range of musical styles. Jake Brock, Kim Scott, Danyell Freeman, and Tom Hardy sang solos, and the Vernonia Community Singers closed the show with three lively numbers. Vernonia Mayor Sally Harrison was again the Mistress of Ceremonies.

At the suggestion of one of the performers, this year the audience members were given ballots and asked to vote for their favorite act. The "People's Choice Award for 2008" goes to ten year-old Grace Semerjian for her engaging Gypsy dance.

This year's show raised cash and canned goods for the Vernonia Cares Holiday Food Drive and the Vernonia Grange.

By Jacqueline Ramsay



CDs, DVDs, and/or dig out your rain gear, for humans and pets. It's time to brave the "out of doors." It was fun to trudge in wind and leaves but now you must be able to muster control of umbrella, dog lead and still miss all the puddles without looking like you wished you were somewhere else. Since Shadow does not like the bathtub I figured she'd not be long walking in the downpour we were caught in - Wrong. She

Ahhh... the rains a r e c o m e . Time to stock up on m u n c h i e s , b o o k s ,

ran ahead, through the bush and the roadblock puddles for half an hour. Me, I had an umbrella but was soaked to the knees. The sun returned and we have much to be thankful for.

But - on page 14 of the November 6 issue of this paper was struck, aghast, at the picture and article. If the people in 1926 were sharp enough to build a raised-board sidewalk along a given stretch of ground where was the brain power in 1952 when folks filled in the duck pond to build the "High" School??? And now you cry - what can we do? I'm sorry, I've no more to say, except - you all have known this was coming years ago, not just back in 1996 or 2007. Talk of something making a person sick of heart. This Takes the Cake.

Church group will collect food

The Vernonia Christian Church home group will be going door to door, in December and January, collecting non-perishable food, paper products and dog and cat food for Vernonia Cares. Their focus will be

to call on homes that were not flooded last December.

If you would like to be sure they come to your home, call Marcia at 503-324-6753 or Sue at 503-429-4901.

Holiday Parade route has changed

The route for Vernonia's December 6 Lighted Holiday Parade has been changed to better accommodate log trucks and other long vehicles.

The parade will form on Washington Ave. facing Bridge

Street, via State Ave. to C Street, to Washington. When the parade starts, at 6:00 p.m., the vehicles will turn onto Bridge Street toward downtown.

Author to sign books on Nov. 22

There will be a book-signing and talk by Don Alanen, author of *The Logger's Encyclopedia*, at the Vernonia Library on Saturday, November 22, at 2:00 p.m.

The book focuses on terminology and stories of logging in

Oregon and Washington. Auto-graphed copies of the book will be available for \$24.95.

This event is presented by the Vernonia Pioneer Museum Association and the Friends of the Library.



Columbia County Emergency Management, Columbia 9-1-1, National Weather Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers presented a free Winter Weather Preparedness Workshop in Vernonia on Tuesday, November 18, at the Scout Cabin.

50 Years Ago This Month

The November 6, 1958, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news stories on the front page:

The city of Vernonia has been given 66 company-owned houses by the Long-Bell Division of International Paper company.

In addition to the homes, Vernonia was given a building lot in

the city's business district, a parcel of 7-1/2 acres outside the city limits (which may be used for a park), and the 37 acres on which the 66 homes are located.

The deed to the houses and other property was presented to Mayor Charley Hickman by C. L. Anderson, general manager of the company's operation at Vernonia.

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