

## Community Theater will hold auditions

Attention all actors, actresses and fans of the theater! Your last chance to appear in a play on the Washington Grade School stage is coming soon.

Vernonia Community Theater (VCT) is pleased to announce that it will be holding auditions for its next play, *Vaudeville's My Home*, on two nights: Tuesday, January 24, and Wednesday, January 25, both at 7 p.m. in the Washington Grade School gym. Adults and youth aged 13 and up are welcome to audition for one of 20 adult and youth parts; there are one to two parts for actors under 13. Callbacks, if needed, will be held at WGS Tuesday, January 31, at 7 p.m. If you'd rather help behind the scenes with directing, stage management, sets, lighting, props, or costumes, please come on the either the 24th or 25th to let us

know about your skills and interest in helping.

The play, written by Ken Bradbury, is a semi-musical comedy set in the 1920s. It starts out with two vaudeville troupers who are fleeing New York following their robbery of a theater box office. They become stranded in a rural village that needs a new school (does this sound familiar?). Broke and hungry, the men devise a plan to swindle the local populace by convincing them they have enough talent to produce their own vaudeville show to raise money for that new school.

Rehearsals will begin the week of February 6, specific nights per week to be determined, from 7 – 9 p.m. Performances are slated for Friday, April 13, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at

Washington Grade School. To help cover expenses of the production, there is a \$20 registration fee for all participants. A limited number of scholarships to cover this fee are available by request at sign-up.

The VCT was established in 2010 by Kinnell Steward and Mark Brown. Its first offering, *Robin Hood*, was a youth production. The second play, *Exposé: Holiday Celebrities Tell All* featured teens and adults. Both were well-received by the many people who attended the performances. VCT operates under the auspices of Vernonia Hands-on Art, a non-profit organization whose mission includes the performing arts. Contact Kinnell Steward at 503-819-0143 or by email at [mtskys@frontier.com](mailto:mtskys@frontier.com) if you have questions.

## An Oops, Santa Forgot Bazaar set

An "OOPS, Santa Forgot Bazaar" will be held Saturday, January 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Vernonia cafeteria building (green building).

This will be a school fund raiser. Tables are available for \$20 per cafeteria table plus 10 percent of sales. Contact Lee Anne Krause at 503-816-9810 to reserve space or make a donation to the school.

## Trailer and equipment stolen at Stub Stewart has been recovered

The construction machinery and trailer stolen at Stub Stewart Park in November has been recovered, thanks to an anonymous tip reported to the Crime Stoppers program.

On December 30, based on the tip received, OSP troopers went to a Forest Grove area property, contacted the owner and received consent to search

the property. The machinery was found in a heavily forested area and the trailer was also located. Northwest Trail Alliance, the owners of the stolen property have been notified.

A suspect has been identified though no arrests have yet occurred.

## Want information on Wash. Co. roads?

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Do you know how to let officials in Washington County know about a road or traffic problem? Here's how:

- Road Problems – If you have concerns about a traffic or school zone signal not functioning correctly, street lighting that is out, traffic signs, speed bumps, or vegetation obstructing a roadway or sidewalk, there are several ways to let the county know about your concern. Request road-related services or report road-related issues to the Washington County Department of Land Use and Transportation: Call 503-846-ROAD (846-7623), email [lutops@co.washington.or.us](mailto:lutops@co.washington.or.us), or submit an online service request at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/Operations/request-service.cfm> (or Google search "washington county request a service").

Provide the location and a brief description of your concern. In the online form, check the type of problem. Please remember to provide your contact information if you want a response. If you aren't sure if it is a county, city or state roadway, don't worry. The county coordinates with other jurisdictions and will sort out which agency has the responsibility to address your concern. If necessary, the county will pass your request along to the appropriate agency.

To report a hazardous road condition outside of normal business hours, call the Washington County 911 non-emergency response number: 503-

629-0111.

- Traffic Concerns – To alert the Washington County Sheriff's Office to potential traffic problems in your neighborhood or a particular location in the county you can contact the Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Team. They respond to complaints such as drivers who repeatedly disobey a stop sign at an intersection, fail to slow down in school zones, or routinely speed at a particular location. To fill out the online Sheriff's Office traffic complaint form go to: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/FightingCrime/Patrols/online-traffic-complaint-form.cfm>. It is helpful if you can provide detailed information about the specific location and the time(s) of day you observe the problem you are concerned about.

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## Senior Center News

As 2012 gets underway, it's time to renew your membership in the Vernonia Senior Center. If you are not currently a member, you're eligible if you have reached the age of 50 and live in the Vernonia area. The annual membership fee is just \$15.00.

The center's board of directors will hold its first meeting of the year on Friday, January 13, at 10 a.m. Officers will be elected, and this meeting will also be a good time to present ideas and suggestions for programs and activities in the new year. Remember, the more active *you* are, the more activity there will be for all senior citizens in the Vernonia area.

**Vernonia Senior Citizens Center:** 446 Bridge Street  
**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Thrift Shop Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Phone:** 503-429-3912



Bridge Street Mini Mart Manager Toni Barton, left, hands a donation check in the amount of \$1,000 to Sandy Welch of Vernonia Cares Food Bank.

## Ambassadors of Gospel set date for next music concert

The Ambassadors of Gospel Music is hosting an All Day Singing with your favorite AGM members on January 21, starting at 1:00 p.m. The singing will be held at Woodland Assembly of God located at 360 Gun Club Road Woodland, Washington.

A number of artists from soloists to groups will be performing a variety of music styles from traditional hymns to southern gospel, country gospel. There is no charge but a

love offering donation will be taken. Concessions will be available for a nominal charge. Please visit the website for directions to the church at [www.ambassadorsogospelmusic.com](http://www.ambassadorsogospelmusic.com) For more information call 360-225-6332 or 360-658-1922. Load up the car and come for a very exciting and enjoyable day of worshipping the Lord through good, old time foot stomping, hand clapping music.



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