

Arts & Entertainment

Valley trio releases 'Just Outside Nashville'

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"It's all about the song."

This is the philosophy of "Wiggle in the Road Records" a new record company created by Illinois Valley's own David MacKechnie and Michael Jarrett; and their friend, Kent Maxson.

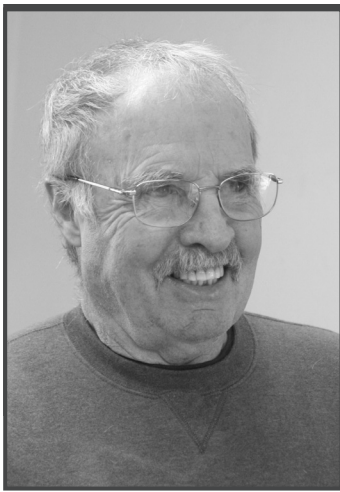
Their group, also known as "Rogue," began when these three well-established song writers decided to combine their talents to attempt a new way at getting their songs out there.

MacKechnie reports that one of the most amazing aspects about "Rogue" and its new CD, "Just Outside Nashville," released Nov. 1, 2007, is it is a whole new technique of marketing for the group.

He states that, "Before, it was all about writing and sending the work to someone else," hoping to find a more mainstream star to use it. Now these three "older men" are getting the music out there themselves.

"Just Outside Nashville" also has another noteworthy aspect to it. In this Country music CD each song has a

story to tell, and a story behind it. "Whittler's Corner," a song about three lovable old whittlers and their views,



Dave MacKechnie

stemmed from Maxson's observation of a group of older men who would discuss the problems of the world over coffee in the large store in which Maxson worked.

Another song on Rogue's new CD is, "I'm Coming Back as a Dog." It's about a working man's view of the world, and came about when MacKechnie and Maxson were sitting, albeit frustrated, looking down at Maxson's dog, *Shelby*. In an instant the

two looked up at one another and said, "I want to be a dog."

Through these and their other "Just Outside Nashville" songs, "Rogue" expertly conveys its artistic range. Using studio musicians, "Rogue" is able to mix a wide variety of Country styles. Amazingly enough, the trio manages to co-write and produce their songs, despite living great distances apart and living completely different lives.

MacKechnie and his wife, Marie, live in a small house in the woods in Cave Junction. He still writes lyrics almost every morning, as he has for the past 50 years, but works during the day repairing and building items.

Through his career, MacKechnie has worked for many artists, including Martina McBride, Kenny Rogers, and John Denver. His lyrics have been a part of three gold records, two platinum records, 10 television shows, and five feature films.

Michael Jarrett, who also lives in Illinois Valley, got into music while living in Texas. Subsequently, he lived

in Los Angeles for 10 years, the Central Coast for another 10, and then retired to where he lives today.

During this time one of the highlights of his life was when two of his songs, "I'll Be Home On Christmas Day," and "I'm Leavin'," were recorded by Elvis Presley.

While Jarrett and MacKechnie have now settled in Southwestern Oregon, Maxson still lives in Texas, with his wife, Rebecca. He works in the audio/music industry.

Although the members of "Rogue" don't get to spend a lot of time together, Maxson and MacKechnie take turns visiting one another at least twice a year to devote their time solely to the task of writing music. The two also make an effort to visit Nashville and record three or four times a year.

More information on the group and its new CD is at wiggleintheroadrecords.com.

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Club & Organization Notes

Illinois Valley Lions Club

Some 35 members gathered Tuesday, Jan. 8 for their first dinner meeting of 2008. "Melt-in-your-mouth" baron of beef by Don Moore highlighted the meal.

Ideas for a Labor Day Festival & Parade theme are sought.

It also was noted that the 2008 Harley Davidson Low Rider raffle motorcycle is displayed at Taylor's Country Store, and that tickets are available there or from club members.

Dinner meetings are held on second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the group's clubhouse at Illinois Valley Airport. For 'cycle tickets or other club information phone Steve Lyons at 287-0290.

Laureate Beta Beta

Laureate Beta Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated Christmas with a dinner at the home of Kathy

McLennan on Dec. 12. All eight members were present, plus guest Jan Gilliam.

Following dinner, Secret Sister gifts were exchanged. This was followed by drawing winners of the raffle to raise money for the chapter's scholarship awards in May for IVHS graduates. The following won:

Kathy McLennan, Seven Feathers, one-night stay and dinner for two; Taylor's Sausage, Carol Combs; Treehouse Florist & Gifts, Carol Leaverton; Shop Smart Food Warehouse \$25 gift, Dorothy Stohlman; Shop Smart \$25 gift, Doug Stohlman; McGrew's two dinners, Kathy Young; Dillon's Nursery, Emily Farrer; Rising Suns, John Patton; and Carlos Restaurant, Ray Buckley.

The chapter appreciates all merchants for their contributions.

The meeting also in-

cluded a report on the chapter's nut sales for its scholarship. Results were good, and some nuts still are available. For information about nuts or joining the club, phone Virginia Gilliam at 592-2293 or Dorothy Stohlman at 592-4893. The chapter meets on the first and third Monday evenings.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 24

* Wrestling vs. Henley

5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

* Girls Basketball at Phoenix,

JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.

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JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

* Wrestling at Cottage Grove,

9 a.m.

* Swimming at Basin Freeze

Inv., Klamath Falls: 10 a.m.

* Girls Basketball vs. Rogue

River, JV: 5:30 p.m.

Varsity: 7 p.m.

* Boys Basketball at Rogue

River, JV: 5:30 p.m.

Varsity: 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

* Girls Basketball vs. Henley,

JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.

* Boys Basketball at Henley,

JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 23
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Friday, January 25
- Sequoia, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Saturday, January 26
- Kids Valentines Crafts, noon, at Heritage Moments
- DJ Jammer Dave 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Sunday, January 27
- Karaoke with Dave 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

I.V. Chamber Dinner-Dance

Saturday, February 9
Junction Inn
Music by 'Jefferson'

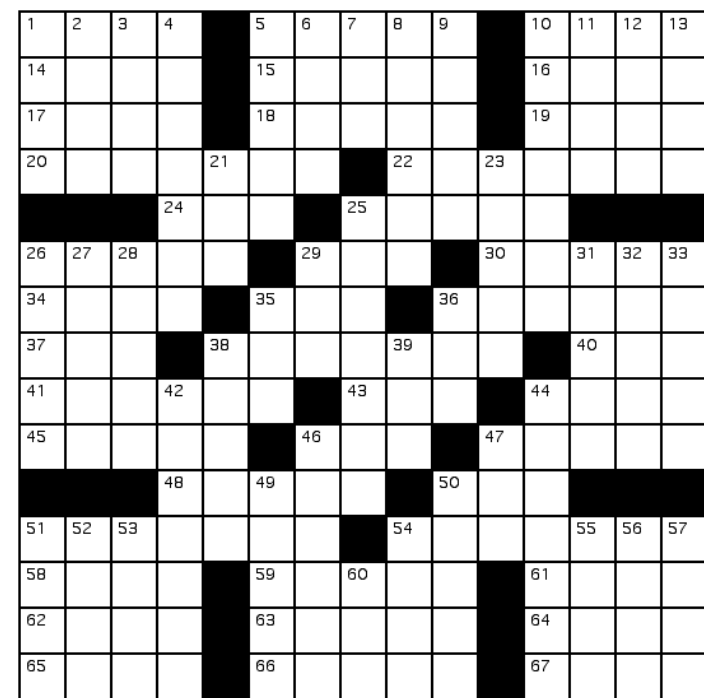
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ACROSS

1 Unsmiling
5 Spring
10 Strike
14 Gambler's destination
15 Last
16 Like some complexions
17 Shakespearean villain
18 Shifted items
19 Split
20 Capital city
22 Conforming to moral standards
24 Scale notes
25 Ruhr Valley city
26 Small shelter
29 Fifties
30 Nod
34 He loves: Lat.
35 Lamb's lament
36 Bean and Welles
37 Jackson and others
38 Terminal
40 Naval transport: abbr.

DOWN

41 Amount produced
43 Spring
44 Sticky stuff
45 Unable to escape
46 11/11 honoree
47 Alarm clock heeder
48 Sieved potatoes
50 Twin, for short
51 Domed structure
54 Bowlers: colloq.
58 ___ surgeon
59 Like school paper
61 Level
62 63,360 inches
63 Amphitheater
64 Late Communist leader
65 Like one who needs no shampoo
66 Sour item
67 Got rid of DOWN

ACROSS

1 Sand
2 Raise
3 "Picnic" playwright
4 Like the night sky
5 Emblems
6 Final word
7 Word with hen or nut
8 Way out
9 Goes on and on
10 Bed parts
11 Opposite of priestly
12 Middle name for a famed inventor
13 Outer covering
21 Color
23 Distinctive shape
25 Went by
26 Explorer John
27 Secret love affair
28 Keep moist for one's glasses
29 Support for one's
31 Somersaults
32 Come after

DOWN

33 Organic compound
35 Nipped
36 ___ pro nobis
38 Go over the books
39 Make a choice
42 Jeopardized
44 23 Down and others
46 Smooth fabric
47 Equip
49 Word with Sea or reef
50 Automobile
51 Dressing table item
52 Solo
53 Coffin cloth
54 14 Across activity
55 Not good
56 Nerve network
57 Winter sight
60 Manned spacecraft

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