

Church: Carillon will not ring out in the middle of the night

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Mark Green, Stacy's husband, said the success of the fundraising showed the church's and the community's affection for Swart.

"People just got together and made it happen," he said. "Personally, I was skeptical we were going to be able to, but it's a testimony to who Gail was."

Stacy Green agreed. "It's about honoring Gail as a member of the church," she said. "She played piano here most of her life. It's being done in her honor."

The carillon

The carillon has no real bells, Pepers said. He replaced the electronics: the control system and the amplifier, which sends a digitally recorded sound of bells through four large speakers mounted on the church's roof.

"They're actually all digital," Pepers said. "They're not real bells. Even the old system was all digital; they're not real swinging bells. What's up on the tower are four big horns that are in an array facing out. ... It's a complete digital system with recorded bells on it."

As for the times the bells will ring, that will be up to the church leadership.



An array of loudspeakers broadcasts the bell sounds of the carillon recently reinstalled at the Enterprise Community Congregational Church on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022. The system has been out of service for a couple of years.

"We've talked about doing it at noon and at six," Mark Green said.

The church likely will keep it limited to those two times. There have been times in the past when middle-of-the-night bells dis-

turbed church neighbors.

"We already did that and it didn't work out so well," Stacy Green said.

"We had some young families with babies that were awakened," Holt said. "That's why we thought

midnight and 3 a.m." were not suitable.

"That's what got us the most heat was when the programming was dying and it was going off in the middle of the night," Mark Green said.

But that was an anomaly, his wife said.

"We didn't have any trouble that I heard of when it was functioning normally," she said.

Unlike what some people have thought, the caril-

lon isn't played from a keyboard or an organ, Stacy Green said.

Pepers said some models of carillons the company makes can be played by keyboards, but not this one. However, Stacy Green said, the church can alter its sound to coincide with special holidays, such as Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and the Fourth of July.

She said the Enterprise community has missed the carillon since the old system quit working and will be glad to have it working again — properly.

"We've gotten very positive comments from the community," she said. "We did check with the city of Enterprise before getting a new one, and with the neighbors. The only problem we've ever had with the carillon is when our last one got misfired and was going at midnight, 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. That did not make us any friends in the neighborhood."

Many people in the community donated toward the new carillon, many in the memory of someone they cared about and others to honor Swart, Stacy Green said.

"We hope every time people hear the bells, it'll bring joy to the neighborhood," she said.

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father's money to pay for expenses at her home and of withdrawing cash or writing checks on the elder Lathrop's bank account for her own use.

Class C felonies can be

punished with up to five years in prison, Wallowa County District Attorney Rebecca Frolander said in September 2020. However, she said then, defendants rarely get the maximum sentence for a variety of reasons. Christian Stringer, an elder abuse resource prosecutor who assisted as prosecuting attorney, said

Feb. 14 that sentences on felony convictions are subject to the Oregon Sentencing Guideline Grid, which can make them even more complicated.

Kristina Edmunson, of the state Department of Justice, agreed on the use of the grid, saying it's unlikely Lathrop will get the maximum.

It "will likely be a probationary sentence with some local jail time possible," Edmunson said in a Feb. 14 email.

She said the court also may order restitution. Schaeffer said Lathrop may appeal any court-ordered restitution, but that wouldn't be decided until the sentence is

handed down.

"The issue of restitution will likely be a contested issue," he said.

The lead prosecutor was Colin Benson, a senior assistant state attorney general.

Frolander said Sept. 21, 2020, that her office referred the case to Victoria Roe, a senior assistant

attorney general and elder abuse resource prosecutor with the Oregon Department of Justice. Frolander said the referral was because that is often the case in complex legal matters that require extensive investigations that local law enforcement has neither the time or expertise to handle.

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