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Local singing loggers release long-awaited CD

Mapleton logging music favorites Craig and Terry have released a long-awaited set of CDs, the duo’s first three albums recorded between 1988-1992 and digitally remastered.

Craig Jenkins and Terry McKinnis, a.k.a. Craig and Terry, have been entertaining family, friends and audiences from the Oregon coast range to the Rockies, and as far north as Alaska for nearly 40 years.

With cassette copies of Craig and Terry’s albums long worn out, and after countless requests for CDs of their music, fans will be excited to hear just how fresh these digitally remastered versions sound.

Craig and Terry’s music put them at the forefront as trailblazers for songs about the logging industry, of old and new.

As logging experienced big

changes in the 80s and 90s, the pair’s roles as musicians and storytellers cemented their place in history. Their first recording, “The Snag Faller’s Ball,” is a collection of songs about logging in Oregon and Alaska, and was originally released in 1988.

Craig and Terry returned to the studio with “Endangered Species,” which was released less than one year later in 1989.

After many requests for an album of gospel music, they recorded “You Hold Me Still” in 1992.

The recordings were digitally remastered at Don Ross Productions in Eugene.

The three CDs are designed as a set but will be sold individually. They can be purchased by calling 541-268-6910 or emailing ctmusiccoregon@gmail.com.

Unemployment tax rates to decrease in 2016

Unemployment tax rates for most Oregon employers will decline Jan. 1, 2016.

Employers that pay into the system will move from Schedule 5 to Schedule 4, saving the average Oregon employer about \$69 per employee annually.

Tax Schedule 4 includes an average rate of 2.26 percent for the first \$36,900 paid to each employee.

The specific rate each employer will pay under the new schedule depends on how much they have used the unemployment insurance system.

The Oregon Employment Department is mailing notifications to businesses regarding their individual tax rates.

The tax structure for Oregon’s unemployment trust fund consists of eight sched-

ules. Movement between the schedules of tax rates is one of the self-balancing aspects of Oregon’s unemployment insurance trust fund law.

Each schedule has a range of tax rates based on an employer’s previous unemployment insurance experience.

Employers with more unemployment insurance claims have a higher tax rate than those with fewer claims.

Oregon law requires the Employment Department to use a statutory formula to determine employer payroll tax rates for the upcoming year.

These taxes go into the unemployment insurance trust fund used to pay unemployment benefits. At its lowest point in 2010, the trust fund had a balance of just under \$700 million, but as of Oct. 31, 2015, the balance stood at more than \$2.7 billion.

Oregon’s self-balancing approach results in the state having one of the strongest trust funds in the nation. The trust fund provides an important support for temporarily unemployed workers, their families and communities while minimizing the impact on employers.

Join Friends of the Library by end of year

Become a new member of Friends of the Library (FOL) now through December and you will have a one-in-25 chance to win a prize.

Each new member’s registration form will be saved in a “hat” from which 25 will be drawn at the end of the year.

Each person drawn will be awarded a free movie pass to City Lights Cinemas in Florence.

The Friends strive to enhance the standard of excellence of these libraries by funding programs and services beyond what is allocated in their operating budget.

Annual membership dues help the FOL to financially support the Florence and Mapleton libraries.

Membership applications can be found at the library front desk or on the Friends’ Book Sale shelf to the left of the library entrance door.

The Friends Board of Directors will meet Thursday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m., in the Bromley Room in the library.

Refreshments will be served.

This is another opportunity for interested parties to attend and learn more about the Friends.

More information about library projects supported by FOL can be found at www.siuslawlibrary.org.

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