

Christmas Madrigal to perform



Madrigal singers

A performance of the Christmas Madrigal will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Junior High gym.

This Christmas will mark the 10th anniversary of the Christmas Madrigal in the Hermiston area. The Christmas Madrigal features a small choral group under the direction of Sharon Jones, performing a variety of Christmas songs from around the world, dating from the 13th century to the present. The setting is that of a 16th-century Elizabethan mansion where guests would often gather around the dining room table

to sing carols of Christmas.

Before coming to Hermiston, Jones had the opportunity of performing Christmas Madrigals in other locals. Because of the Madrigals' quiet, meditative style of presenting Christmas music and its origin, Jones was determined to present it as a gift to the community upon her arrival in Hermiston 10 years ago.

Over the years the number of performers in the Madrigal have ranged between as few as eight to as many as 13. Original members still singing in the group are Ginger Brockman, JoAnn Rincker, Sharon Jones,

Jerry Jones and Doug Flaiz. The newest member is Cheris Jones. She is the daughter of Sharon and Jerry Jones and joined the group last year.

Other performances are Dec. 9 in the Hermiston Seventh-Day Adventist church and Dec. 12 in the College Place Seventh-Day Adventist church. Both performances begin at 7 p.m. and will feature an assortment of favorite songs that the group has performed over the last 10 years. This will be the last opportunity to hear the Madrigal performed in its present format as current plans are to change it after this year.

RHS schedules Christmas program

The Christmas program for Riverside High School students in Boardman will be Monday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The high school concert choir and band along with the jazz choir and band will perform several musical pieces. The band is under the direction of Jill Woodis. Marti Baker, former Heppner High School graduate is the choir director.

There is no charge for the concert.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Chamber met early for its annual goal setting session and as a result combined old and new ideas for a great 1995. You'll be hearing more about the plan later.

Recent mail from British Columbia arrived at the Chamber office requesting two additional Heppner Oregon leprechaun lapel pins. Dorothy Heppner and her husband visited here this summer and she says, "I would like to compliment your city for its hospitality and general public relations; Dick and I enjoyed our stay very much." Incidentally, the lapel pins make a great stocking stuffer and are available for \$5 at the Chamber Office.

Speaking of leprechauns, the St. Pat's Committee is looking for an organization interested in putting on the Sunday lamb barbecue in conjunction with the auction. We have a volunteer to oversee the meat if an energetic group is willing to provide their skills for serving and the remainder of the menu. Please contact the Chamber office if you've got some good cooks ready to earn some dollars for a worthy cause.

Have you nominated a worthy recipient for the annual Town and Country Chamber awards? Applications are available in the Chamber office or call to nominate someone for man, woman, educator or business of the year. Nominations are due by December 15.

Congratulations to Darlene Scroggins. There was a nice write-up about the Penland House in the Eastern Oregon section of Oregon Business Magazine. Positive publicity is great for our community.

Thought for the week: "Television is a device that permits millions of people to listen to the same joke at the same time and yet remain lonesome."

ASC elections rescheduled

This year's election for positions on the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee, which were to be held in December, are being rescheduled to accommodate changes brought on with last month's enactment of the law to reorganize the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

According to John Kilkenny, chairperson of the Morrow County ASC Committee, the change in the election schedule is nationwide and is authorized under regulations issued by USDA. Current members of ASC committees will continue in their posts until the new election held next fall.

The law, which reorganized USDA, created a new agency—the Farm Service Agency, which encompasses all of the

commodity support and basic conservation programs of the former Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), all of the risk management programs of the Federal Crop Insurance Program (FCIC), and the farm lending activities of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA).

Kilkenny said the new committee system, when fully implemented, will exercise increased responsibilities in its enlarged role. "Rescheduling the elections on a nationwide basis avoids confusion, which could occur from hastily drawn rules and regulations," Kilkenny said, "and will create efficiencies by using funds which would have been spent on this year's election process to be used in training committees in performing their added duties."

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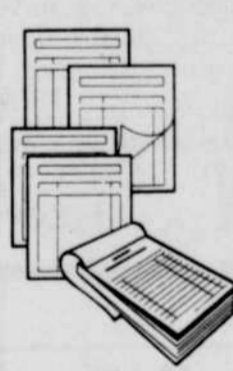
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