



Sanders County Life

Accounted For: Fun and four-part harmony

by Sandra Gubel

Local musical group Accounted For will perform two concerts in the area soon. The sweet-sounding quartet has offered concerts in many places, singing "a fun loving mixture of hymns, old-time convention harmonies, a few toe-tappers, and songs that we pray will call you to service."

The first performance will be Saturday, Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. at Gospel Mountain Assembly of God in Thompson Falls. A second concert is set for Sunday, Sept. 7, also at 6 p.m., at Plains Assembly of God. Admission to both events is free.

Accounted For includes the husband and wife team of Glenda and Peter Milne of Whitepine, their son "PT" Pete Milne, and Dana Burns. PT and Burns live in Kalispell.

The group, "legally organized" in 2006, has been dish up songs in concert near and far, ever since.

"We have sung to groups from 15 people, up to about 700," described Peter Milne, of their audiences. Singing lead, Milne's "day job" is as a property manager and Internet security consultant.

we have sung in Idaho, Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, New York and Massachusetts... so far," he explained. "We've had some very interesting locations and buildings--gymnasiums, high school classrooms, coffee houses, restaurants. Recently we were in an acoustical "hall" in the shape of a hexagon, with a disco ball in the middle!!"

Milne explains that people should check out that picture online, where Burns, the baritone of the group, is in a "Travolta" stance (www.accountedfor.net). Burns' "day job" is as a construction estimator.

"We will soon be scheduled to sing in a prison," Milne also said. "And who can leave out our own local Chicken Jamboree on the back of a flatbed? We love it!"

"So far nearly every place we've sung has asked to have us back... praise the Lord it is not of our own power and ability folks seem to like us," said Milne. "We feel like we not only love the Lord, each other, and the listeners, but we just have a blast. Cutting up, picking on each other and just plain spontaneous humor has worked

well for us; if true believers cannot have fun, who can? Church leaders, music ministers and our peers have said they can tell we mean what we sing and sing what we mean."

Burns is engaged to Anna Cleghorn, who is a missionary and teacher of churches all over the world, Milne noted. She is sent through Youth With A Mission, and through her contacts, Accounted For may have the opportunity to sing in Scotland and England.

When asked to describe their "style," and what singer or group they might sound like, some of the group's "cutting up" is evident. "Should we say that you sound a little bit like so and so, with a little bit of someone else in there?" a reporter asked.

"A lot of someone else thrown in there," smiled Milne. "It is Southern Gospel. The most notable groups to sing this style of music would be The Cathedrals, The Kingsmen and Gold City. Those groups have been around long enough to make the style of Southern Gospel Music set in stone. We could not really say which group we might sound like. We enjoy doing songs they all have recorded. Lord willing, we will start getting more into our own arrangements and sound."

The group has also recently released their first CD, called "This Ole House," made public in March. Songs on the CD will surely be remembered by many folks over 40, noted Milne. *Noah Found Grace In The Eyes of The Lord* should be known, as well as "Who Can Do Anything." This song is the first that Accounted For plans to release to radio.

"There are far too many great songs from the past for us to go with all new ones," notes Milne, of the CD's songs, all traditional favorites. "Most people have not heard the excellent old ones in a while, or have not ever heard them.



LOCAL GOSPEL MUSIC group "Accounted For" includes, front, Glenda Milne, back, from left, "PT" Milne, Dana Burns and Peter Milne. The group will perform in concert in Thompson Falls and Plains.

"We have our own instrumentation on all the songs on the CD. We've made a few small changes here and there. A few of these gospel songs are popular and we wanted to pay honor to the great arrangements which have preceded us," he explained. "One song is particularly special because our own Thompson Falls musicians Donna Curry and Raymond Evans arranged the accompaniment. They are special to us. We feel like they are with us at every concert."

The group's CD is available for purchase at all of their concerts, as well as on their website.

Singing together produces a harmony that connects the four different voices, which include Glenda Milne's alto and "PT's" baritone. It is an experience for the members, as well as the listeners.

"I've never been a soloist. I am learning!" said Glenda, whose day job is 24/7 as a homemaker. "I would back up with harmony (and feed) these guys till the cows come home, or my Lord calls me home. I love singing and traveling with my family."

"Aside from our main purpose, to me nothing beats four-part harmony and great blending!" said Milne. "Sure

it is fun when you have a solo line in a song, but it then is complimented by the four parts."

"My favorite part is the worship of God through song," said Burns. "It is such a privilege to sing praises to our Lord and encourage others while doing it."

"My favorite (of music) is straight four-part harmony," adds PT, who sings bass and is a construction laborer by day. "What's even more fun is while we're singing four parts together, some, or each of us, might have a quick little word or two in the middle of the verse which finally makes our distinct parts known. If you are really good at blending, people might not even know what part you sing until you make it known. It just might leave them guessing."

Many people contributed to the CD, Milne notes. They include Gary Baldwin, Anna Cleghorn, Donna Curry,

Raymond Evans, Mary Graham and Norm Myers. "Nat Burgess and his Studio Up Whitepine Creek was a miracle with quite a wonderful ending--the best of all being a new great friend. We love Nat and (his wife) Jackie!" Milne said.

Milne went on to conclude the group's message, both in concert and on CD. "It is our prayer that through our ministry lost souls may be won and those hurting be encouraged," he said. "We care about each and every listener. Please be lead to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through our songs and testimony. We are hoping to bring something fresh to a public that seems to be saturated with 'Church' music of all shapes and colors. It does seem that a large part of gospel music now is trying to get real 'fancy.' We want to take a simple straight shot at it."

Cows and credit cards

The pros and cons of financing with credit cards was the thoughtful speech topic of Cody Lee at the Aug. 14 meeting of Thompson Falls Toastmasters.

Lori Kaharl delivered a humorous talk on her honeymoon trip to Wisconsin, and how cows have since figured into her life.

Chosen as "Best Table

Topics" responder was Billie Schmalz, who was asked the controversial question of whether oil exploration should take place within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Speech evaluator Sandra Gubel received "best evaluator" for comments on Kaharl's "udderly wonderful" speech.

Appointed to board of alternative programs

by Sandra Gubel

TROUT CREEK--Penny James, owner of Explorations in Trout Creek, an alternative adolescent residential program, has been appointed by Gov. Brian Schweitzer to the Montana Board of Private Alternative Adolescent Residential or Outdoor Programs (PAARP).

James will serve as a board member representing small size programs. Her term began Aug. 6, and continues through April 19, 2011.

"I'm really excited about it," said James of the appointment, to which she is very well-qualified to sit upon.

James has served for eight years on the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP), during which time she's served as a member of the public policy committee. She's also on the public relations committee. Since joining the board in summer of 1999 she's been on the ethics committee. She's currently chairing the conference committee.

Joining her on the board are John Santa of Kalispell, representing large programs; Mary Alexine of Eureka (medium-size programs); Darcie Kelly of Helena (member of the public); and Tim Callahan

of Great Falls (member of the public).

All have the same terms of appointment. Callahan, however, cannot take his place until Jan. 6, 2009. Carol Brooker of Plains has agreed to remain on the board until that time.

While James, Santa, Kelly and Callahan are new members, Alexine is being re-seated for a second term representing medium size programs.

Stepping down as board members are Paul Clark of Trout Creek, Mickey Manning of Thompson Falls, Daniel Bidegaray of Bozeman, and Brooker.

The PAARP board was initiated in 2005, working with the assistance of the Health Care Licensing Bureau, to establish a foundation for licensure of programs in Montana.

James is familiar with the "wealth of information" that other board members bring to the group. She noted that Santa, representing Montana Academy at Marion, has been involved with NATSAP and with developing legislation at the state and federal level.

She also has great respect for Mary Alexine, who brings with her an excellent field of background.

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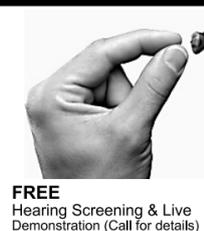
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