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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Dec. 4, 2009**
Belgrade Festival of Lights, Valley Bank 6:00 PM ("A's")
- ◆ **Dec. 5, 2009**
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Fairgrounds 10:00 AM
- ◆ **Dec. 15, 2009**
Senior Living Center Tour, 5:30 PM
- ◆ **Dec. 16, 2009**
Aspen Pointe, 7:30 PM ("A's")
- ◆ **May 1, 2010**
C.R. Annual Show, Ellen Theater
- ◆ **May 21-22, 2010**
Div. V Convention
Moscow, ID



Veteran's Show a Huge Success

Our second annual "Salute to Veterans" show was a huge success. Over 300 area veterans and families braved the imminent snow storm to come and hear music from the **Chord Rustlers, Bridger Mountain Harmony Sweet Adelines, Belgrade High School Ensemble**, and the delightful **Hawthorne Elementary Children's Choir**. Five service flags were provided by Fuddrucker's Restaurant and delicious, homemade refreshments were sold by the BMH Sweet Adelines.

Congratulations to the Chord Rustlers for taking on the task to "really" learn the songs this year. It makes a big difference in our sound when all the members are singing all the time. Thank you to Dave Schrupp and Wyman Schmidt for emceeding the show and to Sig Dehn and Frank Johnson for the patriotic reading of the "Pledge of Allegiance."

The show was inspiring, flowed well, and was extremely well received by the audience. Positive comments continue to come from those who attended. God Bless America. *DH*



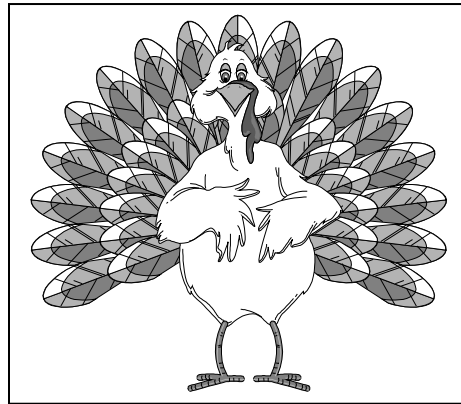
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Belgrade High School Ensemble



President Dave



Happy Thanksgiving

Dewey's Dialogue for the Ageless



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Dwight Adams

A LINGUISTIC GROUCH

I've been reading a book Jerry Mollock lent me called *The Grouchy Grammarian*. The book is about all kinds of offenses against the English language—uses of the apostrophe, goofy tautologies (look it up), misunderstood metaphors, and the list could go on and on. As a long-time teacher of English from junior high through graduate school, I haven't found anything in the book that I haven't encountered on student papers. Mostly, I don't get upset when the speaker or writer doesn't have language as a stock in trade. But sometimes I almost cry when I read something in the local paper—they should know better. Over the years one develops an eye and ear for language and a judgment of quality. The same goes for music. I sang in a quartet with a man who had perfect pitch; I know that, although he was good-humored, he went through misery when the rest of us were off. And there's a grammar (structure) of music just as there is a grammar (structure) of language. The more you hear them and use them, the more you understand their grammar. That's ample reason to read a lot, write a lot, listen a lot, and perform a lot. And please, let's never again say "Where's it AT?" *Dwight Adams*

I loved the headline in the "Chronicle" today, "Astronaut's Baby Born as He Circles the Earth" Think about it! DH

Christmas Chorus Welcomes Singers

Placed in the "Bozeman Daily Chronicle," November 27th: The Chord Rustlers' Barbershop Chorus welcomes singers to join in our **Christmas Chorus**. We will be singing Christmas songs in the barbershop style for area Senior Living Centers on December 15th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM and December 16th from 7:30 to 8:00 PM. Rehearsals are December 1st and December 8th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at Grace Bible Church, 3625 South 19th, Bozeman. The Chord Rustlers chorus is a chapter of the International Barbershop Harmony Society and has been entertaining audiences for over 35 years. We have members from 15 to 90 years of age. Call 582-5194 for more information. *DH*

Invitation from the Mollocks

Annie and Jerry Mollock will have a Christmas sing-along for The Chord Rustlers and their families on Sunday, December 20 at 3:00 pm. They will supply the coffee and cider and invite everyone to bring some Christmas cookies or a dessert to share. If you play an instrument (e.g., banjo, guitar, etc.) please bring it, especially a keyboard.



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Hawthorne Children's Choir



Bridger Mountain Harmony Sweet Adelines

Who is This Chord Rustler?

Periodically, "The Old Chorale" will have an article describing a member's life and experiences. See if you can figure out who it is before the end of the article.

Through perseverance, a positive attitude, and a great sense of humor, this month's barbershopper has withstood profound sorrow and gained enduring success.

Born near Fulda, Minnesota, his Mom was a housewife and his Dad was a farmer, commercial plumber, painter, and an implement and new car dealer. While in high school, he was on the track team, in the band, chorus, and men's glee club. He started as a second tenor (actually, a soprano in the church choir) and, as he said, "I went downhill from there to a baritone." At 13, his first solo was at a sock hop singing "Only You," mimicking *The Platters'* version. After high school, he worked in a service station and tire shop, went to South Dakota State for a year studying mechanical engineering, helped with his Dad's dealership, and then worked on a ranch. During the winter, he moved to Williston, North Dakota, where he drove a gravel truck; by spring he was promoted to foreman. Then, he enlisted in the Army for three years ["If I'd waited until I was drafted, it would only have been 2 years. But, enlistment seemed like a good idea at the time, and since I was 23 and needed to get that behind me, I did it."]. He was in the Combat Engineering and Communications branch at Fort Collins, Colorado and Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He was reassigned to Germany and finally to Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

This barbershopper and a friend sang *Everly Brothers* type music, upon his return to Southern Minnesota. They had written some of their own songs and were to record some of their work with a DJ in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, since the DJ wanted to promote them on his radio program. While waiting for the studio to open, they went into a bar for a "cool one," found the bar empty, brought their guitars in and started singing. The bar began to fill up and they never made it to the studio!

Lyman Janssen and Wendy have been married since 1964. Wendy was visiting the USA, working as a nanny for an MIT professor and they met while Lyman was stationed at Fort Devens. "I was married on July 3rd and planned to celebrate my independence from the English on July 4th, but it never has worked out that way." He worked at Saginaw Steering Gear making ball joints ("not a place for a country boy"), went back to work for his dad on the ranch, which he bought. After farming for 16 years, he sold out and moved to the Bitterroot Valley in Western Montana. He worked for Bitterroot Farm Builders in Stevensville, Montana, managed their new store in Hamilton, and then managed the Petroleum Division for Cenex in Stevensville, Corvallis, and Hamilton. He thought it would be interesting to work at the Post Office and was a clerk in Corvallis, Montana for 12 years. Finally, he retired and moved to Belgrade.

Wendy and Lyman have three children. Their oldest son, Michael, died at 14 in 1982. Paul, 38, lives in Portland, Oregon, is married, has two children, and is a pharmaceutical sales representative. Lyman and Wendy were both 40 when they had "Baby Holly." Holly, 29, lives in Belgrade, is married, has one child, and is a beautician. Lyman has been a barbershopper since 1982 sang lead and is now a baritone. He has been a **Chord Rustler** for 4 years, is a board member, and was a section leader. While in Missoula, he was a section leader and board member for the Missoula Chapter. His quartet, **Four Having Fun**, took first place in Division V Competition in 1990 and first place overall in Division V and VI in 1991. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, travelling, and rebuilding Massey-Ferguson tractors. He has served as President of the North East Irrigators Association, President of the South Shore Sportsman Club, and President of the South Shore Community Club, all in South Dakota. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer at his church. *Jerry Mollock*

Chord Rustlers meet Tuesdays at Grace Bible Church, 3625 South 19th, Bozeman. Rehearsals are from 7:00–9:00 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

Mission Statement — Bozeman Chord Rustlers

“The mission of the Chord Rustlers is to sing *a cappella*, four-part harmony, in the barbershop style, to support vocal music education of youth, and to provide audiences with wholesome entertainment for all occasions by men who enjoy musical and social camaraderie, desiring to share their love of music within the community, and who aspire to grow in musical excellence and preserve the tradition of four-part harmony singing.”



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