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Coming Events

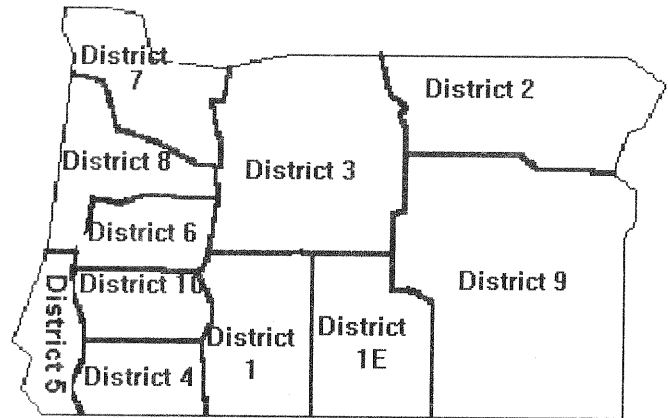
June

1	VFW	Roseburg	10
1	Jam, Community Center	Prospect	4
2	Sr. Ctr. Mtg. P'luck, Jam	McMinnville	8
2	Potluck, Jam, Willamalane	Springfield	6
8	Meeting, Comm. Bldg.	Winston	10
8	Jam, Mtng. P'luck, Civic Ctr	Merrill	1
8	Mtng. P'lck, Jam, Driftw'd Hall	North Bend	5
8	Jam at Park	Lakeview	1E
9	Senior Center, Jam	Bend	3
14	VFW	Roseburg	10
14,15	Old-Time Music Jamboree	Burns	9
16	Senior Center	Sandy	7
22	Timber Valley SkpTr.Prk.	Sutherlin	10
22	Polk Co.F'grnds,	Rickreall	8

July

4-6	Oregon State Bluegrass Fest.	Salem	SBGA
4	Elks 11-5	Florence	5
6	VFW	Roseburg	10
6	Roxie Ann Grange	Medford	4
12	VFW	Roseburg	10
13	Smelt Fry	Yachats	8
13	Mtng. P'lck, Jam, Driftw'd Hall	North Bend	5
13	Senior Center	Waldport	8
19-21	Golden Years	Coburg	6
20	Comm. Bldg. Mtng. Jam	Winston	10
21	Senior Center, Jam	Molalla	7
25-29	Campout	Diamond Lake	1
27	Timber Valley Skp. Tr.Prk.	Sutherlin	10
27-28	Ocean Fest, Grange	Winchester	5
27-28	Steam Days	Brooks	8

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Chad's Chatter

I am writing this prior to the State Contest; therefore, the full scoop of Contest Events will be addressed in the July Hoedowner. This is my last Hoedowner message as your president. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support. I know you will join me in extending that support to your new president, Louie Roy. Each member of this organization has the power to make a positive difference. Please, empower yourselves to do so. Let us never be satisfied and content to accept this organization on a level in which we KNOW should be elevated. May we learn to accept and respect each others religious differences by sending a message of love and equality. And --above all-- This wonderful organization was originally formed with

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A Nonprofit Organization Article II: Purpose - To perpetuate and promote Oldtime fiddling and Oldtime music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Oldtime Fiddling and Oldtime Music. To Provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music.

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District I

Chairman: **Jo Harris** (541) 884-9852
 Co-Chair: **Sandy Sandusky**
 Sec/Treas: **Harold North**

June 8th, Jam, Merrill Civic Center. Doors will open at 12 noon. Business Meeting at 1pm and Jam at 2pm. Potluck.

Hope all you mothers had a good day. Which fell on our jam day. We were down in attendance and musicians. The day was warm and beautiful. Our June jam will be the last until September when we regroup with new officers.

Happy 50 year anniversary to **Dick** and **Jo Harris** They are going to Las Vegas to be with family. We all wish you many more.

Ray and **Cherie Lane** were involved in an accident on May 11th on their way to play at a nursing home. They were not injured, just shaken up, plus a badly damaged van. Glad there were no injuries.

Sad to hear that Lincoln City is no more. that was one of the highlights of the year. All good things seem to end, huh? We will remember the good times.

We will be playing on:

- May 18 from 5:30 - 7:30
Moore Park
- May 19 at 1pm
Moore Park
- June 15 Ethnic Fair
Klamath County Museum
- June 27 5:45pm
Clairmont Conv.
- June 27 7pm
Clairmont House

Anniversary Greetings to: **Sandy** and **June San-**

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District 1E

Chairman: **MaryAnn McLain** (541) 947-2449
 Co-Chair: **Lorena McLain**
 Secretary: **Mary Stone** (541) 947-3825
 Treasurer: **John (Shorty) Stone**

Our May 3rd jam at the Memorial Hall was well attended by all of our musicians. I'm going to apologize to them for not having all the names and playing details down for this report. Our state vice-president and his wife, **Jack** and **Peggy Kerr** were with us and how we enjoyed Jack's wonderful singing. They are truly a charming couple.

We had a May 10 potluck jam with **Homer McLain**, **Linda Miller** [with her vocals] **Eric Leffingwell** playing his fiddle and dulcimer, **Larry McLain**, guitar, **Harvey Rossiter** played her accordion and **Derry Welch** and **Shorty Stone** sang and played. A fun time!

The 17th through the 20th of May, we are playing at the Lake County Fairgrounds for the "Windows of the Past", Oregon and Applegate Trail Celebration.

On May 18th, we'll be at the Children's Fair at Alturas, California.

June 8th, there will be a jam at the park in Lakeview, and if the weather turns nasty, the jam will move to the Memorial Hall.

Our July Campout is being planned possibly for the Goose Lake Park at New Pine Creek, Oregon or at Harvey Rossiter's home there.

On May 18th, **Shorty Stone** will be at the quarterly meeting at Corvallis.

We'd like to congratulate **Homer McLain** for winning first place at the Fiddling Contest in Lincoln City.

We're very proud of him.

Until next time, God Bless. **Mary Stone**

THOUSAND TRAILS RALLY

September 12, 13, 14, 1996

It is time to think about getting your trailer reservations made. the rates are as follows:

24 ft is \$37 per night, 29ft is \$42 per night, 35 ft is \$48 per night. RV Campsites are \$14 per night.

Call Mark Carmickle for reservations. (541) 683-9514. Tent camping is free if you share a space with an RV.

District 3

Chairperson: **Ken Jordan** (541) 389-9746
Co-Chair: **Jack Kerr**
Sec/Treas: **Susan Youngblood**

Well, another month gone, another Lincoln City where we all had a great time, even though we did feel like a bunch of ducks in all that rain. We would like to congratulate the winners from our district. **LeRoy Simms**, 4th; **Beth Youngblood**, 8th; **Sally Jordan**, 16th; **Bern Youngblood**, 25th; and **Ches Fullerton**, 31st. SALUTE!...to all of you... way to go! On behalf of District 3, we would like to acknowledge **Lew Holt** and **Lee Jones** for all their hard work in putting this contest together. It has been a fun contest and a real encouragement to those of us just beginning. Thanks to all of you for your dedication, words of encouragement, the slaps on the back and the well done... We do appreciate all of you and what you do in the organization... Hats Off... Looking forward to Corvallis.

We had a great jam on the 12th, Mother's Day. We had 62 people at the Senior Center and several players... Thanks to all of you for coming out to listen... We appreciate that...

Our next jam will be June 9th at 1:30 - 4:30 at the Bend Senior Center, 5th and Kearney. Please join us.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for June: **Lee Hanna**, 9th; **Betty Fullerton**, 25th. Anniversaries: **Dave** and **Kay Gitcher**, June 22, 1963; **Bob** and **Billie Kitchens**, June 24th. Congrates.

We wish you all well at the upcoming contests, we always pray you are all well and healthy... Keep up the good work... and REMEMBER: TO BE LOVED, BE LOVABLE... AND DON'T FORGET TO SMILE.

Your Reporter, **Sally Jordan** (541) 389-9746

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District 4

Chairman: **Joe Levine** (541) 582-1069
Co-Chair: **Merle Pasley** (541) 582-1924
Sec/Treas: **Ethel Holstin** (541) 479-1621

Hi Dearies!! If you can read this upside-down, then you are in the same boat. Folks, tell me it isn't true when they talk about "no rest for the wicked"!

We attended a wedding near Dallas, Or. Then we decided to go on to Portland to visit my son and his wife. Then on to Seattle and Anacortes to visit dear friends. Soooo, we missed our regular OOTFA jam. I hate missing that, but I heard it was full of good musicians and good friends, also our "snowbirds" are back home safely.

Sammy and **Alice Burton** just had time to grab a bass fiddle and jump into a closet when a tornado ripped through their Arkansas Mobile park!

There was a lot of good folks doing their "thing" for Heritage house, Hill Haven and Three Fountain Nursing homes. **Bud A**, **Nona G**, **Don W**, **Vic F**, **Betty D**, to name a few. **Dave** and **Doreen Winkleman** have gone faithfully to this one nursing home for 17 years! I'm sure there are more of you who do such good works. Please let us hear from you!

Jennifer & Daniel Chase, **Clyde Ellis** and **Warren Whistler** and friends **Tony**, **Carl & Debbie** gave a boost to the cancer marathon at Grants Pass High while many of us attended **Zelma Foote's** memorial. Not surprising was the love and caring of **Zelma's** family. Bless you.

Dates to remember:

June 1st - Jam at Prospect Community Building. June 29th Rooster Crow, 11-1pm Rogue Senior Center July 4th. OOTF at Central Point Park

Thanks to those who donated to OOTF scholarship in **Jack Lester's** memory. We miss that kind man.

Helen Brown fell and hopefully is mending. **Doreen**, Bless you, you're looking good! **Alex Lopez**

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Diamond Lake Campout July 25 - 29th.

Break out the ole RV
and come on out to
Diamond Lake
Campout.

There will be RV
parking as usual at
the 'gravel pit'. If
the weather is cool,
parking will be al-
lowed in the hilltop
ball park area. Come
and enjoy the com-
radeship and the
music of the famous
OOTFA fiddlers!

Call: **Irene & Jerry
Ruddock** for details
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District 5

Chairman: **Claud Whaley** (541) 888-4430
 Co:Chair: **Elnora Jorren** (541) 271-3519
 Sec/Treas: **Marianne Burns** (541) 888-2655

We have a very busy summer coming up and I have included our park schedule, please take note of it.

Bullard Park, Bandon, June 14 Cancelled
 Bullard Park, Bandon, June 29
 Bandon Lighthouse Centennial 3pm.
 Bullard Park, Bandon, July 19
 Amphitheater 7pm
 Tugman Park, Lakeside, July 26
 Gazebo 7pm
 Bullard Park, Bandon, Aug 16
 Amphitheater 7pm
 Sunset Park, Charleston Aug 23,
 Gazebo, 7pm

We enjoyed the visit and jamming of our visitors, **Joyce and Dennis Pickett** and their granddaughter, **Theresa**. Also visiting us were **Lloyd and Esther Shriber** and **Lou and Alice Holt**.

The work on our hall is continuing and should be complete soon. It looks better all the time.

We wish to welcome new members to District 5, **Connie and Charles & Steward Myrick** in Florence. Look forward to meeting you all in person.

We are taking our summer break from the Nursing Home Schedule. We'll return in the fall to entertain them.

God Bless and keep all of you safe and healthy.

Temporary Reporter, Ruth Whaley.

District 6

Chairman: **Ray Mitchell** (541) 342-2816
 Co-Chair: **John Madsen** (541) 747-9977
 Sec/Treas: **Ruth Montgomery**
 Co-Treas: **Mark Ratzlaff**

On Sunday June 2nd we will have a potluck/jam, no meeting, at Willamalane in Springfield. Please bring a main dish, a dessert and your table service. this month Thurston Grange will not be available for jamming on the second Friday, due to a conflict of scheduling.

Board News: **Mark Ratzlaf** reported on Coburg Golden Years, we will have a jamming stage for OOTFA with RV parking for out-of-towners. In addition, we will play on the Main Stage on the 20th. More news later. Those wishing to play on the Main Stage Saturday afternoon, please contact **Joy Halliwell** at 747-9894.

Helen Tracy will continue to work with name tags, but she must step down as our hospitality person. Thank you, Helen, for your work. We are looking for someone to take over this position and help make all newcomers feel welcome by introducing them to others. If you could help even for a little while, please contact **Joy Halliwell**, our new chairman.

Get well wishes to **Frank Overbye** who was in the hospital with a broken hip. Hope your feeling better soon, Frank.

June Birthday Wishes: **Jack Crockett**, 3rd; **Helen Tracy**, 17th; **John Steele**, 19th; **Dale Dickson**, 21st; **Gerald Pruitt**, 25th; **Walt Westberry**, 28th; **Betty Canning**, 30th. Belated birthday wishes to **Doug Orton**, May 20th.

Anniversary Congratulations: **Jim and Carol Lockard**, 1st; **Pem and John Winquist**, 13th; **Phil and Bertha LaCoursiere**, 24th; **Donna and Gary Lake**, 30.

This will be my last newsletter, as **Thelma Shephard** has agreed to take over. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you through this position and thank you for letting me be your reporter for the last two years.

Sincerely,

Your Reporter, Judy Clement (541) 345-0691

Prorated Membership
 For new members only:
 For the month of June the pro-rated amount is \$9 for OOTFA Dues.
 Please refer to the Hoedowner for future pro-rates.

District 7

Chairman: **Joy Smith** (503) 829-5234
Co-Chair: **Dorothy Wehus** (503) 266-4144
Sec/Treas: **Susy Spencer** (503) 524-4563

This is the time for both good news and bad. Our sympathy goes out to **Penny Mead**, whose son passed away this week. Then we were told of the death of **Bunky McFee**, whom we will all miss. We also heard of the death of **Bill Wilson** of Milwaukie. Though he was actually a member of District 8, he often came to our jams. We will miss hearing him do Rubber Dolly and Bully of the Town as only he did it. We will miss him and our sympathy goes out to **Tillie** and her family.

Also, we heard of the illness of **John Waddingham**. Also **Carl Helgeson** has been under the weather. Our prayers for your good health go out to both of you.

We were at the Union Railroad Station for their 100 Anniversary Celebration. There was a good crowd and fun for all even if it did rain. That's just expected there.

The Canby dance jam is still the first Saturday of the month from 5-9 pm. In July it will be on the second Saturday because of a scheduling conflict with the Canby Center.

We welcome some new members to our district. They are as follows: **Dale and Barbara Johnson, Dick and Connie Miller, Dick (Papa) Spain, Jerry (Mud) Mudiea, and Berniece Green.**

Next month is the time we say thank you to all those who were officers this past year and welcome the new ones coming in. Good Luck to everyone.

We were invited to join District 8 today at the State Capitol. There was a good turnout

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District 8

Chairman: **Lew Holt** (503) 391-5377
Co-Chair: **Bob Crump** (503) 472-3443
Sec/Treas: **Faythe Maahs** (503) 472-7032

Thanks to all who attended the Lincoln City Fiddle Festival. It's an OOTFA function, but is in our district, so we counted the Sunday show as our jam. We surely appreciate those of you who could stay for it.

A good crowd attended the Newberg Senior Center spaghetti dinner, where we entertained. Had lots of listeners, some dancers, and we musicians had fun, too.

The Holts and **Lee Jones** played at the Benedictine Care Center in Mt. Angel. The activity director would like a larger group of us to come and play in the evening in August. This would be an outdoor "concert". More details later.

We had a super turnout to play at the capitol in Salem. About 10 fiddlers and 10 backup. Districts 7 and 6 were well represented as well as District 8. Thanks for coming out all of you!

We are all saddened by **Bunky McFee's** death on May 13th. **Travis Leo**, known as Bunky, was one of a kind. His music was unique and special. Watching him play was as much fun as listening to him. He loved to enter fiddle contests; not only our OOTFA contest, but Weiser, and contests in California, Texas and other states. We'll miss him. Our love and support go to Tillie and the children and grandchildren.

Bob Church spent a couple days in the hospital in Lincoln City. He's had numerous tests since coming home and everything is fine. Sure glad to have him back on his feet again.

Sunday, June 2nd, we'll gather at the McMinnville Senior Center for a potluck and jam.

Thank You

We wish to thank our OOTFA friends for all the cards, phone calls and prayers during my recent illness. I am feeling fine and expect to be back pickin' soon.
Sincerely, **Bob and Marie Church**

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District 9

Chairman: **Ruel Teague** (541) 573-2863
 Co-Chair: **Walt Cooper** (541) 573-3417
 Sec/Treas: **Edie Konenig** (541) 493-9564

It's Hoedowner time again, where did the time go? First of all I want to tell you why there wasn't a full column last month. I couldn't go to the convention this year because my wife was told she had cancer and we couldn't afford to go. So not being there, I couldn't report on anything that happened. I do know that we have a new president this year. **Louie Roy** of District 10. We wish him all the good luck and know he will do a great job.

We of District 9 wish **Chad Good Luck** and a great big THANK YOU for what you did for Old-Time-Fiddle music. Sorry to see you go!

Reporter's rambling--How do you say thank you to the many people that have helped keep our type of old-time music alive and growing!! Yes, I said growing!!, and it is by leaps and bounds. The popularity of Old Time Fiddle music just keeps on and on. Wherever we play people want to hear more and more. All of this is possible because of our non-playing members. I know I've said this before, but with out them, we wouldn't be. So I say thank you all for being members of the Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers Association.

Remember our Old-Time Music Jamboree here in Burns (on your way to Weiser) on June 14th and 15th at the fairgrounds. If you don't come, you will have missed a good time.

See you next month.
 Your Reporter
 Carl Cross (541) 573-7821

District 10

Chairman: **Louie Roy** (541) 679-6305
 Co-Chair: **Tom Shepard** (541) 679-5894
 Sec/Treas: **Gynn Deaton** (541) 839-4501
 Co-Sec/Treas: **Jo Barnes** (541) 459-4522

Happy June birthdays to: **Clyde Huffman, Dorothy Wyatt, George Krohn, Bob Hanson, Marie Gates, Melanie Roy, Dennis Allen, Thelma Allen, and Lester Davis.**

Happy June Anniversaries: **Ed and Billie Doolittle, Keith & Marlies Carr, Dennis & Joyce Pickett.**

June playing dates:

1st VFW in Roseburg from 1-4pm

8th Community Building in Winston at 11am.potluck at noon. Jam & dance 1-4.

14th VFW in Roseburg from 7-10pm

22th Timber Valley Skp Trailer park at Sutherlin from 1-4pm.

July playing dates:

6th VFW in Roseburg 1-4pm

12th VFW in Roseburg from 7-10pm.

20th Meeting at Winston Community Building 11am.potluck at 12noon.Jam and dance 1-4pm.

27th Timber Valley Skp Trailer park at Sutherlin from 1-4pm.

At the Meeting on June 8th We will elect a chairman. Lewie is resigning from District 10 Chairman to be the State president of OOTFA.

Jean Hanson,
 Reporter (541) 672-6929

Thank You

Many Thanks to our OOTFA friends who attended our 50th anniversary. Special thanks to those who provided entertainment and many, many thanks for the purse of money. We may not make "Branson" but it will be used for "Weiser" or some musical event. Thanks so much Tom and Myrtle McAdam.

Chad's Chatter cont.

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one true purpose in mind--to promote Old Time Music--as Nike would say--Just do it!!!!

I especially want to Thank my State Executive Committee--Co-Chair: Jack Kerr; Sec/Treasurer-Myrtle Arnold; Editor- Joy Halliwell; Membership Chair: Lew and Alice Holt. You've all done a superb job. Thank you all so very much.

Keep Fiddlin'
Chad

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August

1	Yamhill Co.Fair	McMinnville	8
3	Senior Center	Rogue River	4
10	Mtg.P'lck,Jam,Driftw'd Hall	North Bend	5
11	Polk Co. Fair	Rickreall	8
15-18	Terrusa's Campout	Sandy	7
16-17	Telfax Oldtime Fiddle Contest LaGrande	BMOTFA	
15th-Sep 2	Warwick Campout	Williams	
24th	Old Time Contest	Canyonville	

September

12-14	Thousand Trails Campout	LaPine	OOTFA
14	Mtg.P'lck,Jam,Driftw'd Hall	North Bend	5
19-22	Blue Grass Festival	Myrtle Creek	MCBGF

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usky on June 1st. **Dick** and **Jo Harris** on June 16th.

June Birthdays: **Al Nelson**, 5th; **Ernie Furrey**, 1st; **Jo Harris**, 19th.

If you see a person without a smile, just give him one of yours!

Faye Patterson, Reporter

District 4 cont.

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is still in the nursing home. Miss you Alex. **Betty Deckard**, get rid of the flu bug! A big hug for you, Hazel! **Alice Lopez**, I dub thee P.R. lady of the year. Besides her untiring devotion to her husband, she attend just about every major OOTFA function and she is always recruiting new members!!!

Ethel Holstin, another untiring person, lost her sister, **Helen Huffman**, give her a great big hug, too.

My friends, the mind is like the stomach...it's not how much you put in it, but how much it digests!!!

Late thanks to **Jim S., Dale & Charlie Parren, "Pic" & Frank** for sharing their music Apr 20th at Rogue Retirement.

Adios! Merry Mary Armstrong.

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and we enjoyed the players we so seldom get to hear.

Our jam for June will be at Sandy Sr. Center. The address is 38348 Pioneer Blvd. It is located about a block from the entrance of the one way grid, on the right. Don't forget to bring your favorite food and table service for we always have a potluck before the jam.

Marie Smith will be your new reporter. I wish to thank A. Joy for all the times she's had to try and decipher what I send to her. I can't imagine having her job. We all owe her so much. Now if she will wait to have a nervous breakdown, I'll be happy. Have a fun summer and keep the music

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Old-Time Country Folk Dance

In Co-operation with the
Salem Folklore Community.
Old-Time Country Folk Dance
from 8 - 11pm
at Guthrie Park,
3 miles south of Dallas on Hwy. 223
at the corner of Cooper Hollow Road.

Music by Alan Ede & Friends.
Alan calling.

Admission \$4 adults,
children under 12 free.

FMI 752-8382. Dances are the 2nd Saturday of every month and will run through the summer. May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14.

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Lew will call a meeting to order at 11am to review our summer schedule, potluck at noon and jam at 1pm. The address is 2250 NE McDaniel Lane. Turn south off the highway at the McDonalds. We always have a good audience here and a good turnout of musicians. Come and join us.

Saturday, June 15th, fiddlers will play from 10am to 11:30am for the annual Cancer Fund raiser in McMinnville. It's the Relay for Life at the high school track, 615 East 15th in McMinnville. If you aren't going to Burns and Weiser, come on over and play. **Leonard Maahs** is heading up this show. Call him if you have any questions.

The Llama Show on June 28th has been cancelled. Well, the fiddlers have been cancelled. They wanted Bluegrass music. Guess they thought that's what we played when they asked us. So scratch that one off your calendar.

Your Reporter, Alice Holt

COBURG GOLDEN YEARS July 19-21, 1996

Coburg has again invited OOTFA to play at their Golden Years Festival. I'm excited because they have given us some wonderful things this year. There is free dry RV parking (by reservation) near the "Jam Stage". {Across the street from the Main Stage.} [There will be additional RV parking at other nearby RV parks for a fee.] These have been given to us for the entire weekend. We are playing on "Main Stage" from 12:30 - 5:30. This will be handled a little differently this year. We will have 10 people leading 10 bands. There will be a core group of musicians for each and we will add more musicians for each group as people arrive during the weekend before the Main performance. The Main Stage is a "Fiddle Show" not a jam. We want to do our best to put on a good show.

You are welcome to participate in Coburg Golden Years. Please call AJoy for reservations or for information. (541) 747-9894 evenings or you can leave a message.

These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The price is \$6.50 each, with an extra .50¢ if you want it mailed. Please send a check to Helen Tracy, made out to her.

151 Lindner Lane, Eugene, OR
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WARWICK CAMPOUT

Williams,
Oregon

August 15th -
September 2nd.

Call Martha
Warwick
for details.
(541) 846-6376



Your Name
Here

Canyonville Contest

Yes, it's that time of year again, time to work on the Canyonville Contest. This will be the 30th year of this contest. It will be held on Saturday, August 24th, at the Canyonville School Gymnasium, as usual.

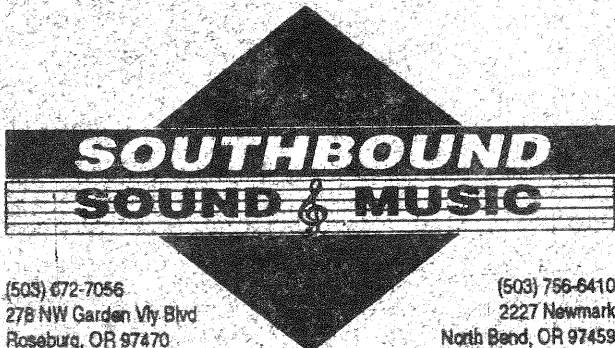
I'm grateful that **Jack Walker** has consented to be our Emcee once again. He always makes it fun, doesn't he? Jim and I enjoyed being part of **Jack and Hazel's** recent 40th wedding anniversary celebration.

Thank you, District #4, for the \$150 contribution to the contest. All contributions are gratefully accepted so that we can continue to offer small cash prizes to the fiddlers and to pay \$50 to each of the judges.

Ah, yes, the Judges. Who will they be? Every year, I literally beg through THE HOEDOWNER for volunteers. This year is no exception. I need three and look forward to receiving notes or phone calls soon so that I can know that this aspect of the contest is settled.

More details of the contest will be in the August Hoedowner. Maybe by then, I can even let you know who the judges will be. Well, I can always dream, can't I? Thank you.

Gynn Deaton
PO Box 487
Canyonville, Oregon 97417
Phone (541) 839-4501



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North Bend, OR 97459

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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR

Well, Merry Mary, you got me this time. I just don't know how to make my computer print paragraphs upside-down. You are the most inventive, creative and humorous reporter I've ever had. Keep up the good work, you just keep us guessin' and grinnin'.

It is good to write to you again. I missed Lincoln City and I missed the Contest. I'm so sorry but you know how it is, there is just so much going on that I must pick and choose. However, I was delighted that my daughter and husband from Denver was able to spend a couple of weeks with us. We went to a Church Homecoming and a family reunion. Just a real busy time. I went to this family reunion for the first time about 15 years ago and my cousins were fiddling. I decided then that if they could do it, then I could. You know, we've all gotten better and really have a good time playing at family reunion over Memorial Day weekend at Hat Rock Park near Hermiston. I'm sure it is like a campout (however I've never been to one, but I plan to go to Chad's campout this summer) where you play late into the night. You know, you get hooked on this stuff.

Well, happy fiddling you all. Have a good time this summer. See some of you at Coburg.

Tillie, hang in there, you know we all love you.

I've been hearing real good things about the OOTFA Contest in Corvallis. There were 700 people in the audience. There will be a full report in July. You will be impressed! I'm sorry that I wasn't there to help out. There is always next year!

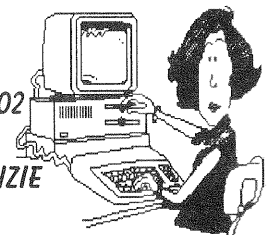
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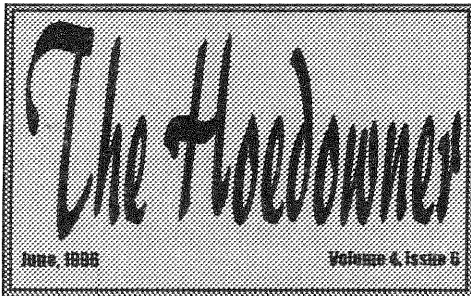
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