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Calendar of Events

(Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)

August

31-Aug. 2	Silver Lake Campout		1-E
1	Mid-Willamette Valley Contest	Corvallis	
1	Mary Cole Days	Marcola	6
1	Picnic	Prospect Park	4
1	Wilsonville Memorial Park		7
2	McLaughlin House		7
2	Winston Community Building		
7	Bullards Beach St. Park		5
10	Business Meeting Indian Village		1-E
13	Polk Co. Fair Rickreall		8
14,15	Oregon Trail Days Contest	LaGrande	
15	Keizer Senior Center	Keizer	8
15	Valley Falls Grange		1-E
15-16	Charleston Sea Food Days		5
15 - Labor Day	Martha Warwick's Campout		
16	Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds	Redmond	3
18	Hart Mtn		1-E
19	Lane Co. Fair	Eugene	6
19	Clackamas County Fair	Canby	7
19	Mt. Angel Outdoor Concert		8
21	Bullards Beach St. Park		5
21	Interpretive Center	Oregon City	7
28	Sunset Bay St. Park		5
29	Canyonville Contest		

September

5	Gold Hill I.O.O.F. Hall	Gold Hill	4
5	National Guard Armory	Newport	8
13	King City		7
15	The Zoo	Portland	7
17,18,19	LaPine Campout		

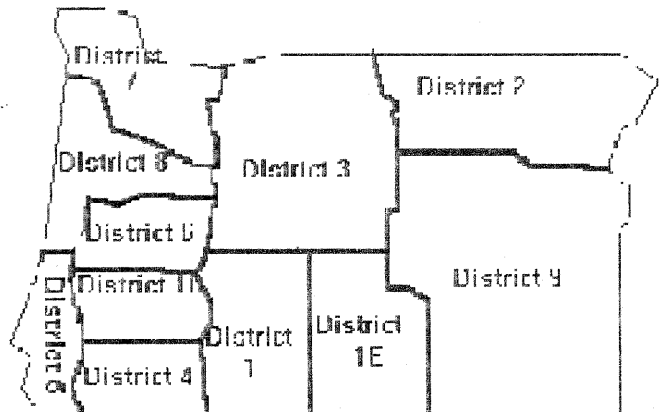
October

3	Rogue River Sr Center	Rogue River	4
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November

7	Talent Community Center	Talent	4
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Roger's Rambles

Well we had one bang up time at the Mt. Hood State Jam. Nearly three days of jamming almost day and night. Sorry some of you couldn't make it. The weather was absolutely perfect. We all parked together and were just a short walk to the auditorium. Each day we had an all you can eat breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, and one night we had all you can eat taco with salad, fresh fruit and the like. In between there was the cafe that served food all day so we didn't have to leave the premises to eat and didn't have to cook unless we wanted to.

Ila Mae Carmickle and Irene Ruddock each did a workshop with a tune, and Myrtle Arnold and Helen Hakanson each taught a "tune at two." Friday and Saturday afternoon we invited some of the top contest winners to come and play. Starr McMullen, Papa Spain, Jeanine Orme, Wayne Holmes, Faye

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

District 1

Chairman: Ray Lane (541)882-1595
Co-Chair: Sandy Sandusky (541) 884-7802
Sec/Treas: Grace Stork (541) 884-5313

Hi everyone, we hope all of you are enjoying the summer - yes, it finally has arrived in District 1, too.

With no regular jams until 2nd Sunday of Sept. for us, the musicians are keeping busy at all the campouts, nursing homes, etc. Two of our couples were able to attend the Mt. Hood campout - some of us got up early July 5th and drove to Yreka, Cal, then rode the "Blue Goose" train to Montague, then spent the rest of the day at Norm and Mae Fiock's anniversary celebration day and good music and food. "Thanks you Mr. and Mrs. Fiock for inviting us to share the time with you and your family. It was good to see Thelma and Al Nelson out that day, too. Hope you continue to feel better Al - also, get well wishes go to Ray Turner.

Happy Birthday wishes for Virgil Schmoe Aug. 15th, Harold North 26th and Jerry Ruddock the 30th.

We will be going to Washburn Way Nursing Home, Klamath Falls on the 1st Tuesday at 3 p.m. This seemed to work out better as more residents were awake to listen, so we will continue that day and time and will play one hour. On the 4th Thursday we will be at Clairmont nursing home at 5:45 p.m. - then on up to Clairmont Retirement Home at 7 p.m. We'll play for an hour - this is the same evening.

Thank you to each who will have come to help play for Migrant Head Start July 16th evening and for helping play for the Jones's 50th anniversary in Klamath Falls August 1st in the afternoon.

'Til next time - stay well, enjoy the summer and keep the music coming.
Cherie Lane, reporter District 1

The Hoedowners

District 1E

Chairman: Larry McLain (541) 947-2448
Co-Chair: Bill Myers (541) 947-5442
Sec.: Beverly Perry (541) 947-2334
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Summer is rolling right along now that it finally arrived!! We had our changing-of-the-guard dinner and business meeting July 13th and the new officers took their positions. Last year's officers are this year's except for treasurer. Shorty Stone has taken over the duties from Donna Lynch. A heartfelt thank you and a JOB WELL DONE to Donna and welcome aboard to Shorty. The reporters (Bill and Gloria) could not make it but heard the District 1E Fiddlers provided music for a great family reunion for some folks in Lakeview. It was a fun session that paid off a debt to member, Roger St. Claire. He had purchased two hours of fiddler's time at a benefit auction a couple years ago. Tough way to pay off a debt, huh??

Some exciting sessions coming up include playing for The Order of the Antelope at Hart Mtn National Wildlife Refuge, a dance and midnight dinner for the Valley Falls Grange, performing at the Mosquito Festival in Paisley, and the Silver Lake campout.

Dates and times for all of these are:

Order of the Antelope-Hart Mtn July 18th
12:00 to 4:00 PM

Silver Lake Campout - Silver Lake, Or July 31,
Aug. 1 and 2

Valley Falls Grange Aug. 15th 9:00 to ???

August Business Meeting - on the 10th at 7:00
PM Indian Village

Regarding the Silver Lake Campout, there are two campgrounds and one small mo-

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Just a little reminder from Myrtle Arnold, Treasurer OOTFA, that your district books are due for audit by July 30th, 1998. Our fiscal year ends June 30, 1998. There you have it district treasurers.

Please get your books in order and get them to Myrtle as soon as you can after June 30th. Thanks.

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District 3

Chairman: Ed Nelson (541) 389-9575
 Co-Chair: LeRoy Sims (541) 536-3656
 Sec/Treas: Betty Fullerton (541) 382-4583

Hip-hip-hooray and congratulations to our own Leroy Sims placing 10th in the National Oldtime Fiddlers Contest in the Sr. Sr. Division at Weiser, Idaho. It was an honor to be there and hear him compete.

Ken and Sally are moved and like their new digs and life style real well. Sally decided to retire and is busier than ever. They send their love and said to tell everyone "hi." They will be at Thousand Trails, Sept. 17, 18 and 19 at Sun River and are looking forward to seeing everybody again. Don't forget your name tag and/or your current membership card for getting thru the gate. Our District is hosting Thousand Trails and anticipate a terrific turn-out. It is always a lot of fun and in such a beautiful setting.

An estimated 300 people came again to our jam. As hot as it was, there were people dancing lively almost non-stop the entire jam. We were all enjoying ourselves and having a good time, thanks to our musicians. Hats off and applause to each and everyone of our gifted and multi-talented musicians who bring us so much enjoyment. Our District is rapidly growing and just getting better and better. LeRoy said it best

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District 4

Chairman: Don Lindsey (541) 779-0793
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 Mmbrship: Ruth Applegate (541) 582-8032

Hi! A man put a huge stray pig in his car and began looking for the oinker's owner. He was stopped and told by a cop, "Take that pig to the zoo!" Next day, the same cop saw the same man with the same pig. "I told you to take that pig to the zoo!" The man replied, "I did, we had such a good time, I'm taking him to Disneyland!"

Well, we didn't go to Disney Land but we had a busy, good time in June and July! Because many from our district went to Burns and Weiser to enjoy the jams there, we were a little short handed. But what we lacked in members we made up with enthusiasm! Local nursing and retirement homes and Senior Centers, as always, enjoyed our faithful groups. Here at Grants Pass June 12: "Council for the Blind," Riverside Park; June 20: Oaklane Retirement BBQ; June 21: Highland House "Dessert Party;" June 27: Rooster Crow and Valley of Rogue RV Park, July 4: Central Point parade and festivities at park bandstand. Then July 5, the Flock's opened their home for an annual BBQ treat at their ranch in Montique, CA. At some of these gigs we had a guest or two to fill the gap when we were short handed. Those places where we entertained were grateful we

didn't let them down! Thanks you my friends for being there when needed.

Riding the float at Central Point parade were - Judy McGarvey, Gene Williams, Lee Cushman, Jim Winslow, Clyde Pugh and ??.

Remember now - our August picnic and jam at Prospect Park and especially please remember all of our friends who are nursing aches and pains and various ailments, some serious. Bud Applegate, Jerry and Zeldo Cook, Tommy Grissom, Vic Flood, Charley Parren, Merle

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Please mark your calendars for the LaPine Campout September 17, 18 and 19th. Check with Mark Carmickle if you have questions. Check Sept. 1 Hoedowner for map.

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District 5

District 6

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Sec/Memb: Ruth Kennedy (541) 746-9966

Well the 4th of July has passed and I hope everyone had a nice holiday! I can't believe August is here already and I just hope it brings us warmer weather.

Recently we had guests from California who joined us at Sunset Park. They were visiting Clara and Del Thompson. Our guests were Ruby Cabral from Watsonville and her sister and husband, Delores and Rusty Williams from Victorville.

We had a good turn out at the Winchester Bay Salmon Feed and our guests included Cliff Larson, Dennis and Joyce Pickett from District 10 and Jake Swartwood from District 2.

We are sorry to report that while playing at Bullards park on July 3rd our sec/treas. Marianne Burns became ill. Elwood and Helen Serfass left the show early and took her to the Coos Bay Hospital where it was determined she had a stroke.

I just received word that Elnora Jorren

I wish to thank all of the many, many friends and fellow musicians for the lovely cards and letters, the phone calls and the hospital visits. It will be a while before I am able to play Guitar again but I am up and walking around! Long time fiddling friend, Ruth Loring.

Here is, August already! Birthday wishes go out to : Howard Gabel 1, Joy Halliwell 1, Frank Chandler 1, Julie Abramson 4, Jim Lockard 7, Helene Madsen 7, Marge Sykes 7, Louise Hamilton 8, Rosalie Russell 11, Ellamae Lennox 12, Helen Tracy 17, Phil LaCoursiere 19, Carol Lockard 21, George Anderson 21, Jerry Dupuy 25, Juanita Patterson 31, and Lois Gabel and Bernie Roberts 31.

Looking back to last month -- congratulations to Ila Mae Carmickle for winning 5th place in the Senior Division at Weiser. She made all three rounds. To be in the top five is a real compliment. She also won a trophy in the certified division for her entertaining act - helped out by Cal Montgomery, Margaret Teague, and her husband, Mark.

July was a very busy month, with the great potluck and jam at the Morningstar Grange, as usual, and all our playing at the Coburg Days. members got up several little bands and played for hours for the Sunday festivities there, and jammed the night before at the Oddfellows Hall in Coburg.

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District 7

Chairman: Helen Hakanson (503) 659-7250
Co-Chair: Tom Widman (503) 968-6462
Sec/Treas: Lila Bills (503) 253-8447
Mship: Jackie Germundson (503) 663-6851

Summer is definitely in full bloom, and we're currently the lucky ones on the big picture of the U.S. map!

Players and listeners had a great weekend at Mt Hood Village where district

7 hosted a new state-wide jam on July 9-12. The setting was wonderful. Be sure to plan on attending next year! (It's like another "LaPine" event!!) The grounds, jam room and eating facilities were all exceptional! There is an indoor pool, workout room and weight room on site. Everything was very clean and the employees appeared happy to have us filling the place with sweet tunes. Roger Germundson worked extremely hard to put together a great weekend. Each afternoon we had entertainment with some of our finest contest fiddlers/musicians. Each evening we had jams and then sign-up programs filled with fun. Mr. and Mrs. Morse provided their sound equipment for the event. We are grateful to both of them for their help in making the weekend flow so well. For your information Mt. Hood Vil-

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District 8

Chairman: Lew Holt (503) 391-5377
Co-Chair: Fred Hardin (503) 623 - 5812
Sec/Treas: Donna Janszen (503) 585-3033

Greetings from District 8, We need to look back to June and mention the jam on the 21st at McMinnville. (Some of us were leaving Burns for Weiser that day.) We had a good turn out. Wayne Holmes, Esther Snider, Bob Strelow, Chuck and Anne Williams came down from District 7 to help out. Thanks to all of you who came out that afternoon to support us.

We had a chance to play at the Marion County Fair and add a bit to our treasurer on the 10th of July. It didn't get in the Hoedowner last month but we did call around and get most of the "near by" people. Then that evening some of us headed for Yachats for the Smelt Fry the next morning. The Saturday jam had all the charm and pleasure that anyone could wish for. Thanks to everybody who helped make it a success. We were glad we were there but we would have enjoyed being with president Roger and the gang up near Mt. Hood, too. We hear many great things about the Mt. Hood campout.

We talked to Don Simons the other day. He spent several days in the Salem Hospital having surgery on his neck. He isn't chasing cars just yet but he is up and about and feeling better. Don sincerely wants to extend thanks and appreciation for all your phone calls, cards and wishes for a speedy recovery.

We saw Mr. Finney Harty at Morningstar and were saddened to hear that his wife, Phyllis, had past away a month ago. Our deepest sympathy to you. Please join us anytime you can.

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to all of you in-
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to the districts
for contributing
to Gene and
Lola Williams
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erous bunch of
people!!

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9/18-19, 10/16-17, 11/20-21

District 9

Chairman: Ruel Teague (541) 573-2868
Co-Chair: Julia Milleson
Sec/Treas: Rose Modey

Howdy, Whew, it is hot. And so have been the jam sessions. We've had some dandy jams in the last month. Several folks camped in Burns on their way home from Weiser and filled the air with beautiful music once again. Rose Roberts hosted a couple of mid-week jams while her daughter, Sandy and son, Dwayne were in town. We all enjoy jamming with them every year or three when they visit. And of course there are the regular Friday night practice sessions. Folks are busy with summer travels so every jam has a different flavor.

Thanks to those who have been turning out for the Aspens and the nursing home. August dates are the 10th for the nursing home and the 14th for the Aspens. We will also play for a group of bicyclists at the fairgrounds on August 8th. Stay tuned for the time. Also put the Harney County Fair, September 10-13, on your calendar. Details haven't been announced yet but I understand they would like us to play.

July found the fiddlers playing much of the afternoon of the 4th for a community potluck and later in the month for an open house at the new health offices at the Paiute Reservation. Chris O'Clair was in town for a couple of weeks and joined in the fracas while he could. We do love to have visitors!

Several folks traveled to the state jam in Welches including Julia Milleson, Ruel and Margaret Teague and Janet Burgess. What a nice place to gather and play music. It was very enjoyable. Thanks to Roger and the folks who helped organize. Some of this bunch were able to stop in and join District 3's jam on Sunday as well.

Gordon Black recently returned from Common Ground on the Hill, a week long

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District 10

Chairman: Jo Barnes (541) 459-4522
Co-Chair: Chuck Hasty (541) 673-2067
Sec/Treas: Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501
Co-Sec: Fred Young and Claire Eaton

August playing dates for District 10:
Aug. 2nd we will have a jam and dance from 1

to 4 in the Winston Community Building. Take note, please - no meeting on August 15. This is a busy time during "fair time." September playing dates: Sept. 6th we will have a jam and dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building. And then on the 19th we will have a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and jam and dance to follow from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building.

We are always pleased to have company. We were glad to have Harold Householder and Ella Savery from District 5 join us on the 18th. We would like to see many of you next time. Come on "over" or "down" or "up."

We hope by this time that Gayle Curtis is up and about after having surgery on her foot.

Birthday wishes for August to Harold Roger, Paul Lakey, Hap Jones, Betty Zumwalt, Margie Hasty, Leah Shroll, John Zumwalt, Guy Kinman, Dorothy Whaley. Anniversary wishes to Harold and Martha Rogers and Lewis and Frances Roy.

Reporter: Jean Hanson and Fred Young



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lost her brother the latter part of June in New Mexico. We wish to extend to her our deepest sympathy.

We will be playing at Bullards Park Aug. 7 and 21 and at Sunset St. Park on Aug. 28. We start playing at these parks at 7 p.m. On August 15 and 16 we will be playing at the Charleston Sea Food Days from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We hope to have a good turn out. Everyone is invited.

Last month I had to get my report in early and consequently I could not find my birthday and anniversary book. Having torn my house a part looking for it, I decided I would not be able to list them in my article. Well praise the Lord, as he has answered my many prayers! My book has been found. Anyway, I wish to apologize to Tessa Kilfoy who had her birthday on July 16th and to Bob Shaffar on the 22nd. Also to Lucile and Cecil Davidson who had an anniversary on July 8th. I pray their special days were very happy and may they all celebrate many more.

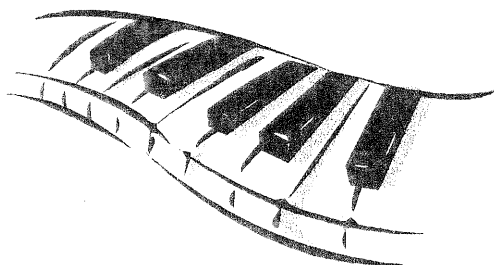
We wish a very Happy Anniversary to Val and Ned Matthews on Aug. 18th and Bob and Betty McKee on Aug. 29th.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Shorty and Charlotte Dow for selling so many cards with all the proceeds going to the District 5 treasurer.

We hear the campground at Weiser was a good place to sell them. Thanks again Shorty.

District 5 will not have a meeting or jam this month.

Mary Lou Saylor -District 5 Reporter



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when he told the crowd "you folks are sure music lovers." the crowd nearly brought the roof down in appreciation of all the wonderful music. It was a pleasant surprise to have Julie Milleson from District 9 come and play her guitar with our group.

Our next jam is August 16 at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Howard Mayfield Bldg., Redmond, Oregon

Welcome new members Gary and Viola Epperly of Bend. Congratulations to newlyweds Dave and Carol Fullerton on their July 5th wedding. Anniversary celebrations are: Don and Bernice Hanks 24th, LeRoy and Shirley Sims 27th, Ed and Vi Perret 3rd. Happy Birthday to Liz Anderson 1st, Bob Brown 10th, Jack Kerr 21st.

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter

P.S. Prayer for today: I want to thank you Lord for being close to me so far this day. With your help I haven't been grumpy, judgmental or envious of anyone. But I will be getting out of bed in a minute and I think I will really need your help then. Amen.

**"There is so much Devil in the best of us
And so much Angel in the worst of us
That it doesn't become any of us
To say much about the rest of us!"**

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Roger's Rambles cont.

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Patterson and Jack Smith played on Friday afternoon. Saturday we had Ruel Teague, Irene Rud-dock, Donna Rueter, and Eileen Wiltier. For backup we had Cactus Finley, Bob Huffman, Bob Hanson, and on Saturday Frank Moore. These folks put on a great show.

We had a variety of people from district seven that came for a day or two. Mt. Hood Village is a wonderful place to jam. They had free coffee and ice water for us each day and whatever we needed, they supplied. They want us back next year, and we have agreed to their request. But we will set the date a week later, July 15-17. We had a good crowd for the gospel show and that ended our weekend of fun.

Now we are not to forget the Mid Willamette Contest at Benton County Fair on August 1st. and the Canyonville Contest the 29th. Mark Carmickle said he is booking reservations for La Pine September 17th, 18th, 19th. Hope to see you somewhere soon. God Bless you all. Roger

"A smile is a curve that sets everything straight." (Phyllis Diller)

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for a good time playing.

Our August jam will be held at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon on August 30th. Remember they furnish our lunch. Get there by 11:00, jam a little, have lunch and an afternoon of playing, dancing and listening. Come one, come all to the Lane County Fair on the 19th. We are always glad to see as many as we can.

We are saddened at the loss of one of our former members, "Tiny" Allen, this summer. She was an avid supporter and her husband, Jack, played his guitar with us. Also, Curly's mother passed away June 25th. Our condolences to you Curly and your family from your district 6 family.

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

Thelma sez: I've come to the conclusion that if you exercise all the time, the only thing that will happen is that you will die healthier !!

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District 1E cont.

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tel in that area. Double K Campground (541) 576-2258, Silver Lake Trailer park (541) 576-2201, and Silver Lake Motel (541) 576-2131. The playing area has some dry camp areas around it but no electricity or water hookups are available. It is the Silver Lake Fire Hall and Park area. It should be fun and we hope to see lots of you!! We will have a pot luck Saturday night if you want to participate.

Don't forget gang that we will not be having a jam on 1st Sat. in September as usual because we will be at the fair on Sep. 6th. We will play from 12:00 to 6:00.

Bill and Gloria Myers, Reporters

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Pasley, Doreen Winkleman, associate members (you count too, you know) Marion and Arnie Jorgenson, Val and Alvy Shoemaker, Harold Jones, Leta Frye, Jim Summers, Annie Wagner. I know that's a lot of names and there are probably more that I don't know of but I want you to know we care!

Love to all, Merry, Mary Armstrong

District 9 cont.

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workshop and festival in Maryland. Gordon says the experience was incredible and he learned a lot about playing the dobro. We expect grand things from you now, Gordon.

Stay cool.

Janet Burgess, Reporter

district 9

"Love is a gift
from heart to heart."

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Notes from the editor:

Summer brings a whirl wind of activities. Many people, RVs, dogs and loads of musical instruments converged on Burns the middle of June. There was never a moment to be bored. If nothing else, you could fight off the mosquitoes. I didn't think too much about them until I saw a man chasing one with a 2X4. All the good people in the Burns area are to be thanked and congratulated for the wonderful time. It is kind of like a family reunion.

And then on to Weiser for many of us. If my information is correct, there were 48 contestants from Oregon and who knows how many from Oregon attended. There were Oregonians "all over the place." The contestants from Oregon were: Carla Arnold, Greg Baker, Marshall Baker, Luke Barreto, Holly Boyer, Ila Mae Carmickle, Willie Carter, Lee Cushman, Andrew Emert, Bob Heinith, Alice Holt, Dee Johnson, Ivy Kerns, Zach Konowalchuk, Donald Lindsey, Joe McCullough, Sean McEnany, Starr McMullen, Erin McMullen, Logan Merriam, Caitlin Mezger-Sier, Steff Nelson, Willard Noble, Jeanine Orme, Jacky Penner, Donna Reuter, Amberly Rosen, Ariana Rosen, Irene Ruddock, Caleb Samples, Leroy Sims, Donna Smith, Anna Snook, Papa Spain, Martin Spriggle, Lew Standiford, Aaron Standley, Ruel Teague, Amy Thomas, Elizabeth Wehland, Roland White, Gene Williams, Peg Willis, Mary Julie Wilson, Lacey Wilson, Eileen Witter, Beth Youngblood, and Bern Youngblood. At least these people registered anyway.

Our hats off to them. Ila Mae who brought home a check and a fifth place trophy. Actually two trophies. She was a winner in the Certified Division, too. LeRoy Sims took 10th place. We were proud of them all. We saw other long time ago OOTFA members - John Melnichuk and his family and Lyle Powell, Ruth Loring's brother in Weiser, too.

And do you remember Elyse Benson? Some of you do because she is the lady that made the neat belt buckles of the fiddlers maybe ten years ago. I saw her at Weiser and would you believe, she still has 30 of the belt buckles. They are very nice and show the "old time fiddler." They are still \$20. If you are interested in a belt buckle or need information, please give Elyse Benson a call

at (w) (509) 745-8362 or (h) (509) 745-8577. Or you can write her at P.O. Box 51 Waterville, WA 98858. She extends her good wishes to all of her old friends in Oregon. (Or I might have my buckle on and I would be glad to show it to you.)

It is time to mark your calendar for Martha Warwick's campout. It is the last two weeks in August - through Labor Day. Martha wants to invite you for all of it or for any part of it. There is nothing like sitting by the campfire in front of the stage listening to the evening show. And better yet, the ladies will serve apple cobbler in a few minutes. Yum, yum. Martha's place is easy to find - you just have to know where you are going. Take the I-5 exit into Grants Pass, through town and head for Williams, turn left in Williams and go a couple of miles to the "fiddler sign" and turn down the lane. Shortly you will hear music. You have arrived. Well, maybe it isn't quite that simple. You just might want to give Martha a call for specific directions. (541) 846-3676

Greg Baker recently authored a new series of books The Fiddling Series and Guitar Flatpick America and is offering a series of weekend old time music workshops on the North Oregon Coast in the Nehalem Bay/ Manzanita area. The workshops are open to all acoustic old time instrumentalists and vocalists. The workshops are held on Saturday and Sunday. Greg writes that the dates are; Sep. 26/26, Oct. 24/25, Nov. 21/22, 1998, and Mar. 20/21, Apr. 17/18, May 15/16, Sep. 18/19, and Nov. 20/21, 1999. Lodging can be arranged or there is RV camp sites near by. For more information, contact Greg Baker (503) 281-1450 or write Greg at PO Box 12230, Portland, OR 97212.

Joe Ross, one of our members, writes to remind us all about OREGON'S BIGGEST BLUEGRASS BASH SET IN MYRTLE CREEK, OCT. 2-4. The festival is held in Myrtle Creek's Millsite Park (Interstate 5, Exit 108). Camping is available on site. If you enjoy bluegrass, this is the place to be. Many bluegrass bands will be performing. There will be workshops and games and a playground are available for kids. For you Civil War buffs, there will be a group of soldiers camped there with music, costumes and perhaps a battle. There will be many bluegrass activities all week end as well as 30 arts, craft, and food booths will be open throughout the weekend. For more information, please call or write: (541) 673-9759 -- PO

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Box 5094, Roseburg, OR 97470. Or you can reach Joe by e-mail at 1ross@or.blm.gov

FIDDLE CONTESTS August 1st - the first Mid-Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest in Corvallis. We wish all the people who worked so hard to make it a success, the best. It is short notice for this Hoedowner but check last month's for the details. Sure would like to see a "whole bunch" of you there. And then at the end of the month, many of us will be in Canyonville for the contest. Check this Hoedowner for details.

Yachats Smelt Fry and follow up: For those of you not familiar with smelt, they are a little silvery fish about six inches long that come to the beach (and up the rivers) to spawn. It has been a tradition in this little coastal village to have a smelt fry each year. And it has been a tradition that there be fiddle music at the smelt fry. We get a lot of strange requests to play (weddings, funerals, anniversary parties, trail rides, nursing homes, granges, churches, etc.) but the "smelt fry" is probably the most unique. Most of us slip away from the fiddling for a few minutes and end up with a big plate of smelt for lunch.

On the way home Alice and I stopped by the "old home place" where my family moved to in 1940. My brother still lives there. When we approached the front porch we saw two women visiting with my brother. He introduced them as "neighbor girls" we knew 55 years ago. Naturally we remembered "back to those days" and reminisced of days gone by. Their father had been an "old time fiddler" and had played for dances just across the river so Alice and I were invited to "play a few tunes." We played a couple of tunes that their father might have played way back then. My brother asked for Missouri Waltz which was the favorite of our mother and father and we ended with Amazing Grace. (The ladies were in the community for their brother's funeral.) There wasn't a dry eye in that little group sitting on the porch. It only serves to remind me that you don't have to play in Carnegie Hall or in Nashville to bring pleasure to people. I just imagine as the ladies return to California and Montana the following week that this story will be told again and again "about the fiddle music they heard just like Dad and Howard use to play." Sometimes just playing our fiddles on a warm afternoon on the front porch for three people brings back many memories and adds to the joy of the moment.

Welcome to Marie Nelson who is the new

reporter for District 3. Marie, you are joining a very elite group of people who do a fine job serving our association.

Looks like that just about takes care of this Hoedowner. If you enjoy getting out and about, there are a lot of activities during August and September. So bring your fiddle, or if you don't play, a folding chair and join in with the many activities.

Lew Holt, Editor



Anniversary congratulations to:

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| | Harold and Martha Rogers |
| | Lewis and Frances Roy |
| 3 | Ed and Vi Perret |
| 3 | Oscar and Betty Halverson |
| 16 | Bud and Evelyn Turner |
| 17 | Louis and Elaine Costa |
| 18 | Val and Ned Matthews |
| 23 | Marge and Jay Sykes |
| 24 | Casey and Louise Jones |
| 24 | Carley and Marjorie Sanford |
| 24 | Don and Bernice Hanks |
| 27 | LeRoy and Shirley Sims |
| 28 | John and Lucille Childers |
| 29 | Bob and Betty McKee |

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lage is about a mile prior to the light at the intersection close to where Welshes appears to begin. It is found on the right-hand side of the highway as you go up to the mountain for Portland. We have several more opportunities to play and listen together during the summer months:

1) Wilsonville Memorial Park on Sat. Aug. 1st at 2:00-3:00 p.m. Open to all who'd care to play. Should be a fun time celebrating the lifestyles of our past. You'll turn right at the library and proceed to Memorial Park. (It is also close to City Hall)

2) We'll play at the Clackamas County Fair on Wednesday, August, 19th. The time is 11:00-1:00. That is Senior Day, and we're on the Main Stage. There will probably be a shuttle from the Senior Center. If you are parking on site please use the entertainers' parking lot.

3) We're at the Dr. John McLaughlin House on Aug. 2nd from 2:00-3:00 p.m. The address is 713 Center Street, in Oregon City, of course. This is celebrating the period in our history shortly prior to our statehood.

4) The End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be a great spot to grab a piece of our past through music and period ambiance on August 21 (a Friday)! The playing will begin at 9:00 and last until 2:00. Secure Horizon is sponsoring the days events with buses coming in with visitors all day. Its possible to take exit 8, 9 or 10 off of I-205(exit#10 is Helen Hakanson's favorite and she's from that area). You can see the 3 giant covered wagons as you approach the area. There will be a covered tent for playing and resting. **EVE-RYONE IS WELCOME TO PLAY!** [There is a snack bar on site and numerous restaurants within a reasonable distance.] The center is located on



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Washington St at 1726. The phone number is 657-9336.

5) District 7's first formal jam of the fall will be on Sunday September 13th at King City. To get to the King City Town Hall from Portland, take Highway 99W (Pacific Highway) exit number 294 from I-5. Continue on 99W through Tigard, turn right at the King City ARCO traffic light, turn right again at the first stop sign. The Town Hall will be on your immediate left. From I-5 south, also take the Tigard exit, #294.

6) Senior Day At The Zoo is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Senior type folks will play from 9:00-9:30 at the entrance, and from 9:30-10 on a covered stage. You could need #30 sunscreen or an overcoat and umbrella so come dressed for the occasion and live it up! The MAX Line should be up and running by that time. Rumor has it that there will be a parking fee. So car pooling might be another way to go if you aren't quite ready to try the exciting new transportation possibility offered by our public transportation system. Or on the other hand, it would be a great chance to give it a try! Whichever way, we look forward to seeing you there.

So mark those calendars and come out swinging...and swaying to the music of life!

Pat Gates, Reporter for District 7



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Membership --
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Aug. 1-5 months @ \$1.25 = \$6.25
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+ \$15 for 99
Nov. 1-2 months @ \$1.25 = \$2.50
+ \$15 for 99
Dec. 1-1 months @ \$1.25 = \$1.25
+ \$15 for 99

CANYONVILLE CONTEST Saturday, August 29th

Canyonville Pioneer Days officially begins with a Barbecue on Thursday evening, August 27th from 5:30 to 7:30. On Friday, the 28th, the fiddlers are scheduled to entertain at Forest Glen Senior Residence from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. and then on stage at Pioneer Park from 7:00 to 8:00. Hope we have lots of people here early enough to help with these shows.

Saturday, the 29th, is Contest Day. Registration from 8:00 to 12:00 noon. Contestants will meet with the Judges, on stage, at noon and the Preliminary Contest to begin at 12:30 p.m. the Finals will begin at 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Location of the contest is at the Canyonville Junior High Gymnasium behind the school on Main Street. Easy to find. RV camping will be allowed on the lower grounds next to the gym and possibly on the hilltop grounds, as usual. The school has been so cooperative for so many years, I know we all appreciate it. Donations are being accepted to defray the costs of a sound system recently installed at the school. Anyone wishing to donate to this worthy cause can send to their donation to me and I will see that the school gets it. Thank you.

Contest prizes: Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 contestants in each category and cash prizes as follows:

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
PeeWee	\$20	\$10	\$10
Jr.Jr.	30	20	10
Junior	50	40	30
Senior	60	50	40
Sr.Sr.	80	50	40
Interm.	70	60	50
Open	100	80	60

The top 5 accompanists will also receive trophies. No entry fees will be charged.

Jack Walker has agreed to emcee again. Judges will be Wayne Holmes, Lew Holt, and a third one is STILL NEEDED. Thanks, Wayne and Lew, for volunteering early in the game. Thanks, also, to the following for their generous donations to the contest: Bob and LoRay Hannah, Lew and Alice Holt, Doris Barkley, and OOTFA District #4. Your help is what keeps the contest going. See you soon.

Gynn O. Deaton, P.O. Box 487, Canyonville, OR 97417 (541) 839-4501

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If you didn't have a good time at the Mt. Angel Lutheran picnic on the 18th, that means you were not there. The weather was perfect - much cooler than the 94 degrees the day before. We were fed chili dogs, ice-cream and lemonade. The breeze and shade were a delight. And then to top it all off after we finished, Mary Terry and others brought out two cakes and we sat in the shade and enjoyed them. Thanks ladies. We were very pleased to have Linda Mar from District 7 join us with her banjo. Hurry back Linda. We can't say too many good things about our sound man, Robert Terry. He is so faithful and patient and is always there setting up the sound for us. We are all glad that you are in district 8.

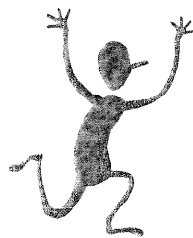
Now we look forward to August when we will have several jams. The first one will be at the Polk County Fair in Rickreall on the afternoon of the 13th. (around 2:00) The next jam will be on Saturday the 15th at the Senior Center in Keizer. The seniors are having a pie social and would like to have some fiddle music. We are invited to play from 2:00 to 5:00. If you are going down Broadway from Salem, it turns into River Road. Take at right on to Plymouth - just before Izzy's. (If you get to Ei-Mart you have gone too far, take a right to Cherry and come back on Cherry to the center.) Anyway - turn east on to Plymouth at Izzy's and go to Cherry to the Senior Center. And then on the 19th we go back to Mt. Angel for our annual outdoor concert at the St. Benedictine Nursing Home. It will begin at 6:00. If you are coming in from Woodburn into Mt. Angel, turn right on Main St. and a "little ways down the street" the St. Benedictine Nursing Home will be on your left. We sure hope you will help us out that evening. After we play at St. Benedictine's for an hour or maybe we can sneak in an extra 30 minutes and make it an hour and a half, we have a favorite restaurant that many of us like to go to down town. Come and spend the evening and have a good time with us.

The fiddlers were so well received in Newport in April that we have been asked back to play on Saturday, September 5th. It will basically be a regular jam - except it will be in the Armory. We will play from 1:00 to 4:00. The Armory is on Main Street/Hwy 101. Go through Newport and the Armory will be on your left - a couple of blocks past the last light - 3 or 4 blocks before the bridge. And then if you are coming from the south, cross over the bridge to the north and in 3 or 4 blocks the Armory is on your right. It is well marked and when we checked it out on the way home from Yachats, there were military trucks parked round behind. You can't miss it. We are told there will be plenty of RV parking for all. So come on over and help us in District 8 have a good time at the coast. This is a benefit for CONTACT which is an organization that helps people in need. Certainly a worth cause. They also were in charge of our cafeteria at the April Fiddle Festival.

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

HAPPY Birthday!

- 1 Howard Gabel
- 1 Joy Halliwell
- 1 Frank Chandler
- 4 Julie Abramson
- 7 Jim Lockard
- 7 Helene Madsen
- 7 Marge Sykes
- Louise Hamilton 81st
- Liz Anderson
- 10th Bob Brown
- 11 Rosalie Russell
- 12 Ellamae Lenox
- 15th Virgil Schmoe
- 17 Helen Tracy
- 19 Phil LaCoursiere
- 21 Carol Lockard
- 21 George Anderson
- 21st. Jack Kerr
- 25 Jerry Dupuy
- 26th Harold North
- 30th. Jerry Ruddock
- 31 Juanita Patterson
- 31 Lois Gabel
- 31 Bernie Roberts
- Harold Roger
- Paul Lakey
- Hap Jones,
- Betty Zumwalt
- Margie Hasty
- Leah Shroll
- John Zumwalt
- Guy Kinman
- Dorothy Whaley



Joy Halliwell writes: Just want to send "Greetings" from Emmett, Idaho. We've been here for a couple of months visiting our daughter and granddaughter. I have been playing with the OTFA here. Have made some good friends. Ken has had some surgery on his right knee, a bone was growing over half of his knee cap. As soon as he is able to travel, we'll head up to Canada; Ponoka, Alta and Winnipeg, Manitoba. We have sons in those cities. Then on to Colorado to visit a daughter and back to Yuma in October (the Lord willing). I enjoyed visiting with my friends during the Burns Jamboree. Will see some of you in the Spring, unless you find your way to Yuma first.

We are in Friendly Acres RV Park at
2779 West 8th St. Space 71.



HEALTH CARE

- Marianne Burns had a stroke.
- Bud Applegate
- Jerry and Zeldo Cook
- Tommy Grissom
- Vic Flood
- Charley Parren
- Merle Pasley
- Doreen Winkleman
- Marion and Arnie Jorgenson
- Val and Alvy Shoemaker
- Harold Jones
- Leta Frye
- Jim Summers
- Annie Wagner
- Don Simons, surgery on his neck.

Oregon Trail Days Fiddle Contest 1998 August 14-15, 1998

Friday, 7:00 p.m.: Sr Div pre-lim & Finals
Sat., 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Small Fry, Jr-Jr, Junior, Jr Progressive, Intermediate, Open, Open Progressive, and Championship Div. preliminaries.

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.: all Division Finals (except Sr)

The judges this year are: Mabel Vogt, Dan Emert, Charlie Trump and alternate, Leonard Samples. \$2500 in cash prizes will be offered to the lucky winners with \$500 as top prize in the Championship Division (9 divisions in all). This is the 4th year of this fine contest. If you have questions, please call Janet at 1-800-848-9969.

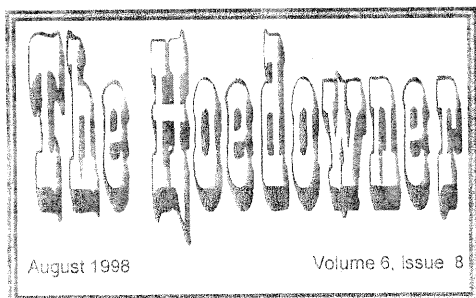
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Please mark the
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- Aug. 1 Willamette Valley Fiddle
 Contest in Corvallis
- Aug. 29 Pioneer Days Fiddle Contest
 in Canyonville
- Sep. 17-19 LaPine Campout/quarterly
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