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Calendar of Events

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

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November

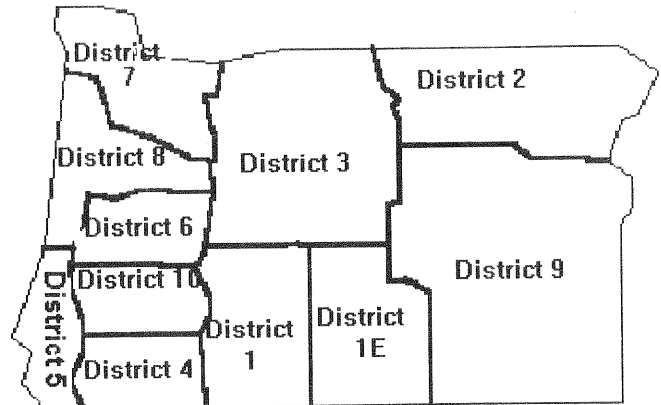
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7	Talent Community Center	Talent	4
7	Elsie Stuhr Center	Beaverton	7
21	Winston Com. Bldg	Winston	10
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December

5	Roxianne Grange	Medford	4
6	Senior Center in Burns	Burns	9
13	Christmas	Gresham	7
20	Willamina VFW Hall	Willamina	8

May

14 - 15, 1999	Oregon State Contest	Salem	
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Roger's Rambles

What a way to end our state jams! The largest crowd we have ever had at LaPine. We had seventy-five musicians sign up for the jams on Friday and Saturday night, and we also set a record for the Gospel show on Saturday afternoon. Many people told me it was one of the best Gospel shows we have ever done.

We had a somewhat uneventful quarterly meeting with almost as many people as attended the annual meeting. It is great that people are interested in their organization so that they want to participate! You know feelings about our organization -- "The best in the west!"

Many thanks to Mark Carmickle for his continuing efforts to organize this event. Mark says he has already booked Trailers and Yurts

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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: Charles Sandusky (541) 884-7802
Sec/Treas: Grace Stork (541) 884-5313

Hello to all our friends from District 1. It certainly was a short summer and now almost time to see Halloween Pumpkins, Witches, etc. Where (?) does the time go?

We held our first jam of the fall on Sept 13th with several visitors joining us. Tex and Minnie Cox came from Shingle Town, CA. Also Merle and Paula Pasley of Rogue River, District 4. We're glad you folks are feeling better to travel again and share your music. From our area Linda Husain came to play her autoharp and sing, also, new visitors were Charles and Pat Charles. He plays guitar. The other new guitar player I neglected to get your name, sorry. Will try to do better next time. Ray and Minda Turner were a joy to see again, too, All of you, please visit us again.

During Sept. our group played for several nursing homes and a reunion of some WWII Army buddies and spouses. It was held at the century old Pitchfork Ranch near Tulelake, CA. What a beautiful home to see. They served all of us an excellent prime rib meal. Also our group played at Diamond Lake Sept 15th and 16th for the touring bicyclists. Then several of our group went from there on to Thousand Trails for the State gathering.

Next jam is Oct. 11 at Winema Inn 111 Main St. Klamath Falls. Meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. with finger food lunch to follow, Jam open to the public at 2:00 p.m.

Nursing homes -- 1st Tuesday - Washburn Way Rehab --Klamath Falls from 3 to 4 p.m.
4th Thursday 5:45 p.m. Clairmont Nursing Home (east end of Main St. In Klamath Falls). Then up to Clairmont Retirement Center at 7:00 p.m. (block above nursing home) . We will play 1 hour at each place.

October -- Happy Birthdays are wished for

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District 1E

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It looks like summer is starting to wind down in the South Central part of the State. The nights are cooling off and the county fairs are all wrapped up for this year.

You know the old saying, "You can't keep a good man down." Well, it certainly fits our beloved Homer McLain. After his unfortunate accident we are sure he would not be playing music for some time. We're happy to report he has never missed a beat. He's been to every function playing away with his usual good humor and great smile!

We played for over five hours at the Lake County Fair. It was a lot cooler this year which made for a pleasant afternoon. We had good help (again) from Isom and Fay Patterson and Bob Hinch. Ernie Penry also came over and helped us out. We really appreciate it! Thanks, folks! We had a float in the Labor Day parade and came away with the Senior Division trophy.

The barbecue and jam at our house was great fun even if it did turn out a little chilly. (We'll do it earlier next year.) We had about 30 people turn out. Good food and good music!

September 5th we jammed at Roger and Karen St. Clair's. Had a fun evening of food and music. Hmmmm. . . . sure seems to be food involved in most of our activities!!

We will probably set up to start playing at the local nursing home in October. We will have a Bean Feed Potluck, Oct. 3rd, at 6:30 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, and our October busi-

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You still have time to go to Myrtle Creek October 2 - 4 for the BLUE-GRASS Festival. Concerts, workshops, great pickin' & grinnin', arts, crafts, food, good security, dogs on leash, good camping, hot showers, bring your own chair, etc. If you need more information, please call Joe Ross at (541) 673-9759.

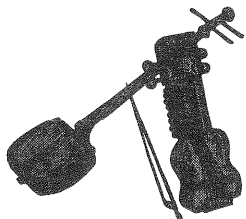
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District 2

Fifty-two competitors from four states participated in the Oregon Trail Days Oldtime Fiddle Contest in August in LaGrande. They ranged from 6 years to 92 with over half of the competitors under twenty years of age. The contest was deemed a big success by organizers.

Oregon winners: Junior-Junior: 1st, Bern Youngblood, LaGrande. Junior: 1st, Emily Fairchild, Enterprise; 3rd, Caleb Samples, Enterprise. Junior Progressive: 2nd, Steff Nelson, Pendleton. Senior: 1st, Willie Carter, Lebanon; Jack Cogburn, La Grande; 3rd, Albert Langlitz, Enterprise; 4th, Bill Noble, Hermiston, Kenneth Brank, Winlock, WA. Intermediate: Denny Langford, Union. Open Division: Margaret Brank, Winlock, WA; Linda Hansen, LaGrande. Open Progressive: 1st, Jaclyn Penner, Pendleton, 3rd, Peg Willis, Pendleton.

The fifth annual contest will be held August 20 & 21, 1999 - so mark your calendars.



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Sec/Treas: Betty Fullerton (541) 382-4583

"Saturday, Oct. 10, 1998" is our next jam in Redmond at the Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds 2 - 4 p.m. We had such a good jam last month with a terrific turnout. We had guests from AZ, ID, and TX. Also, Penny Mead from Portland was with us and played fiddle and bass with such grace and makes it look so easy. She and Barry were able to get in some dancing and we enjoyed that, too. It's always good to have them.

Norma Jean Slay broke her collar bone. She has returned to work with limitations. Lee Hanna (spelled correctly this time) is feeling much better now after her surgery. Ada Harris is having considerable discomfort since her surgery. Vernie Olsen has had surgery and is home recuperating. Send out thoughts and prayers to all. Where in the world are Jack and Peggy Kerr? Sure do miss them and Jack's guitar playing and beautiful singing.

Z21 Television was at our jam and all week they aired parts of the jam. Way to go District 3! Welcome new members Lawrence Papa, Dave Dunning and friend Katy, Eliza and JoAnn Eyart, Andy, Marcia and Robbie Armen, all of Bend and Jim and Creagh Williams and Earl and Barbara Corwin from LaPine. Happy Birthday to each October birthday and Happy Anniversary to each October celebration.

Thousand Trails was great! The gospel show was incredible! I am unable to find enough adjectives and superlatives to describe the wonderful music the entire 3 days and nights. The added bonus was being with friends from other districts and visiting, laughing and having fun. It doesn't get any better than that except to look forward to the next event. Four workshops were offered that were well received and appreciated.

At the quarterly business meeting Lew Holt said the Hoedowner has gotten thicker with

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Need something to do? On October 17 there will be a California Sesquicentennial Historical Event held at Rich Bar, in Trinity County, California. A special invitation is being extended to fiddlers and their friends. For more information, please call (530) 623-6850 or write The Downriver Resource Center P.O. Box 694 Big Bar, CA 96010.

District 4

Chairman: Don Lindsey (541) 779-0793
 Co-chair: Gene Williams (541) 560-3230
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 Mmbrship: Ruth Applegate (541) 582-8032

What did we do before "OOTFA?" I know I was busy, very, very busy! I had five sons. Need I say more? Now, my sons are all grown and are all involved with their own families. Yet, Frank and I are busier than ever!! Figure, ah, but we love it, this sharing music with strangers who quickly become friends! Wunderbar! (I hope it's not true when they say, "No rest for the wicked.") I prefer "the hurrier I go, the behinder I get."

In spite of the heat we had a nice crowd at Gold Hill jam. A small group from Dist. 4 played at Valley of Rogue park for weary Rv'ers. We were upstaged by a small brush fire and a cute little girl who wanted to dance on stage. Some of our other gigs were at the Jackson Fairgrounds on the 20th, on the 21st at Riverside Park where we cheered the "make today count" people picnic. These are friends who have life threatening illnesses.

Our Dist. 4 friends on the sick list are slowly mending and now we have Ethel Holstin to add to the long list. Ethel had neck surgery last week. I think everyone will feel better when the weather cools down.

Letha Kopsas lost her dear husband Ralph, last week of a massive heart attack. Please give Letha a big hug in your prayers. The last time I saw Ralph he gave us a big smile and a wave. So long Ralph. Have a happy happy forever!

Adieu Mes Ami!, Merry, Mary Armstrong



District 5

Chairman: Fred Grove (541) 267-4467
 Co-Chair: Phil Fry (541) 2004
 Sec/Treas/Membership: Sheila Anderson (541) 269-7250

District 5 looks at this past month with mixed emotions. We lost three good people. Fred Virtue passed away Aug. 21st and Vera Virtue just nine days later. We'll miss them! Also, Larry Waycaster died recently. He was a good friend to many of our members.

There is good news however, Marianne Burns, our secretary-treasurer - piano player, is making a nice recovery from a stroke. Not yet a 100% but ready to start playing music again.

Our summer schedule is not completed yet. And already the nursing homes are begging for us to come and entertain daily.

October 3rd we will be at the Senior Center in Reedsport from 4 to 6 p.m. to play for the LST Veterans Sailors. Everyone come help us celebrate this one!

Mary Lou Saylor, our regular Hoedown reporter, just got back from visiting relatives, so we are helping her with this publication. We will be glad when she's back to writing again.

Regrettably Marianne Burns resigned as sec-treas. due to her health problem. We thank Marianne for 3 years of good service to our district.

Sheila Anderson will be stepping in to serve as our new sec-treas. and as the membership chairman for district 5. She was elected in our usual, "I make a motion, the nominations closed" method.

District 5 has surplus PA equipment for sale if anyone is interested. Call Fred Grove (541) 267-4467 or it can be seen at our regular jam at Driftwood Hall every second Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Alice reports that most all district secretaries/ membership chairman have an abundant supply of renewal material and are waiting for your renewals. You are encouraged to pay your renewals directly to your district's membership chairman. Next month's Hoedowner will include specific information and forms. Pay now before the rush!

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District 6

Chairman: Joe Moyle (541) 343-5894
Co-Chair: Betty Hawkins (541) 746-5579
Treas: Ralph Hatleberg(541) 345-1421
Sec/Memb: Ruth Kennedy (541) 746-9966

We had a great turnout at our September 6th jam at Willamalane Senior Center, although it was a bit lighter than usual in performers. One group was playing for us at the Western Exposition in Cottage Grove, and another group was playing for us at the Antique Fair in Co-burg that day. I want to thank those persons, especially, who were so courteous and stayed at the jam until the last performers had their turns. It is always so rewarding to look out there and see those who want to listen to their friends play.

For our early October jam at Willamalane Senior Center on the 4th, please remember we will only have finger foods, then our usual jam. I goofed last month (was in too big a hurry) and said we'd have a potluck, but we can't get into the main hall until 12:30 and I FORGOT.

Then on October 18th we will meet again at the Sweet Home Elk's Lodge. They serve a wonderful all-you-can-eat-breakfast from 8 to 11 for only \$3.00, so come early, have breakfast, then we can start our jam. It's a fun place and "they like us."

We will meet again at the Sweet Home Elks on November 15th, so remember all about the breakfast and that we will not have a lunch.

Watch this space for a special notice about our Thanksgiving Dinner news. We will have it at the Thurston Grange Hall on November 14th. You could come from out of town for the Friday night special jam and dance at the Thurston Grange Hall, spend the night, come to our dinner there the next day, spend the night again, then go on up to the Elks in Sweet home.

I'm sorry I did not list the Sept. Birthdays

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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

Greetings all. Autumn is at our door. The rustle of leaves is near. What is music to your ear?*

Helen Hakanson wishes to thank members of District 7 and visitors who have supported our efforts at the Clackamas County Fair, the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and the Four Square Church Picnic.

District 7 King City, saw 28 musician sign up to play. Among those folks were the Hakanson's grand daughters Ellie age 9 and Amy 5. Rob and his daughters played some fine fiddle tunes for us. Those Hakansons are a bunch of fine musical folks! Lew and Alice Holt from District 8 also joined us. And the big event of the afternoon was the debut of Ernie Lovgren's fiddling career! Thanks to all of you for coming. And speaking of coming to see us enjoy our own music, how about guests from England! Actually those guests are friends of Butchie and Russ Phillips.

Senior Day At The Zoo was Tuesday was Sept. 15th. The weather was beautiful, as usual. The district 7 folks were all seniors in their own

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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

September 5th - a date that some of us will remember for a long time -- the day we went back to Newport to play for CONTACT, a fine charitable organization. The weather was "absolutely perfect" and the traffic was not heavy at all. Some of us came in the night before to camp in the parking lot -- others came Saturday morning. We ate and played from 12:00 until after 3:00. We especially thank those who came from other districts -- Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle from 6, Bob and Betty McKee, Ella Savery, and Sally and Ken Jordan from 5. It was our pleasure to have Miles and Steve Johnson and Barbara Bartholomew there, too. They didn't have to drive 100 miles for a change to play at a District 8 jam. Most often our unsung heroes are the associate member who travel so far to listen to our music and to bolster our cause: Guests: Ernie and Joyce Lovgren - Hillsboro; Robert and Mary Terry - Newberg; Carl & Jean Powers - Tidewater; Stanley and Goldie Brunson - Newberg; Ruth Jones - Sheridan; Marie Church - Keizer; Jackie Stephenson - Woodburn; Violet Kimber - Newberg; Joette Chrissakis - Dallas. OK, thanks to the musicians from District 8: Alice and Lew Holt, Bob Church, Lee Jones, Fred Hardin, John Cochran, Roland Apperson and Gene Stephenson.

Looking into the crystal ball we see Oct. 10th and we are playing at the Elks in Newport for the third year. We are invited to dinner at 6:00. (Let's see if they are ready earlier if we are going to be ready to jam at 6:30.) We can order from the menu or have a nice chicken dinner for \$6.00 or there about. We start jamming on the stage at 6:30 and start the regular jam about 7:00. We will play until we are tired. It is going to be fun. We are invited to play Sunday morning, too, during

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District 9

Chairman: Ruel Teague (541) 573-2868
Co-Chair: Julia Milleson (541) 573-2206
Sec/Treas/Membership: Rose Modey (541) 573-6237

Howdy! It must be getting close to fall. The Harney County Fair is over, school's started and the garden has finally produced a crop. Thanks to all the fiddlers who helped out at the fair. Daily performances kept us all hopping for four days. A terrific job was done by the crew who put together a float for the parade. A second place ribbon was well deserved. Paula Reynold's came up with the idea for the float, Julia Milleson lettered the signs, Margaret Teague and Edie Koenig were artistic directors, Ruel Teague and Don Williams bucked the hay bales, Walt Cooper framed the wagon, Rose Modey provided safety pins, Carl Cross, Tracy Koenig, Janet Burgess, and Gordon Black assisted in assembly. The theme was Old things and Wagon Trains. It sure was good to get together with everyone at the fair. Nice to have Lloyd Louie, Roy Reed and Joan Suther there along with all of the afore mentioned folks. Good job, everyone.

Early in the week Walt's son, Royce and wife Susan were around for a couple of jams. Royce was traveling with a six string banjo which most of the guitar players had fun playing. Royce also left Carl a super-sized bag of cheese curls. There is some significance to this particular gift but you'll have to talk to Carl about it. If you can get him to talk.

A talent show was held at the Fair this year. I'm pleased to announce Rebecca Danner won the youth division. Way to go, Rebecca. Buck Potter clogged down at the Oregon State Fair in Salem. He's off to college at Eastern

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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

October playing dates: on October 4th we will have a jam and dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston community Building. October 17th we will have a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and jam and dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building.

More playing dates: on Nov. 1 we will have a jam and dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building. We'll return again on the 21st for a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and jam and dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building.

Sept. The 6th we had guests: Al and Edith Lewis, Harold Householder and Ella Savery from District 5 who shared their talent in music.

Many small groups of our players are busy with their usual nursing homes and an extra thanks to Lewis Roy and helpers for turning out in the 100 degree weather to play at the Douglas County Fair. And a special thanks to Frances for the all the nice meals. Good Food Thanks.

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so much news, however, he has received many positive calls from people that like it and are encouraging it to continue. The State Fiddle Contest will again be held at Chemeketa Community College in Salem Mary 14 and 15, 1999. Roger Germundson announced that Mt. Hood is on again for next year. Alice Holt said the membership roster will be out next year at the convention. Betty Fullerton is our District 3 membership chairman and our district 3 memberships should be paid directly to Betty.

The 1999 dues can be paid anytime. The Oregon membership currently consists of 921 member families and several have e-mail addresses. If you choose to have a copy of the ones that do have e-mail, you need to make that request to lewholt@aol.com and Alice will get you the information. Also, on the inside back of the membership roster are e-mail addresses.

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter

P.S. Faith in many ways is like a wheelbarrow. You have to put some real push behind it to make it work.



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for next year. Also many thanks to Ed Nelson and the district three group for bringing the sound equipment, setting it up, and making it work. Also, for all the "mike" adjustments.

I don't know if Thousand Trails will see this but we certainly want to thank all of them for their very good organization of this event, including all the good food. If we needed anything, it was there in ten minutes.

Congratulation to Esther and Lloyd Shriber on their 50th wedding anniversary, you couldn't have celebrated with a better bunch. And thanks also for the sign-up work, and being M.C.

Lew Holt is already working on the State contest fund, and reported several donations in that regard. Starr, Lew and I will be working on next year's contest in the coming months. We have a commitment from Chemeketa Community College for the use of their facilities for 1999. So the contest will again be held in Salem. It is a very workable facility and we are fortunate to be able to hold our contest there.

The Newport fairgrounds will not be available for next year so we are looking for a place near the beach for our April State Jam. We need space for 40 to 50 RV's and a building that will hold about 400 people. Call or write me if you know of spot that might work.

We also had some very successful workshops at LaPine. We thank Alice Holt, Lew Holt, Jerry Ruddock and Fred Hardin for their efforts. We had three fiddle classes and one guitar class. We had up to 35 people in each workshop. We will continue the "Tunes at Two." That's all for now. Keep up the music and the playing.

God Bless You All, Roger, President
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9/18-19, 10/16-17, 11/20-21

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ness meeting will be Oct. 12th, 7:00 p.m., Indian Village.

Well, that is all for this time around. Keep tuned!!

Bill & Gloria Myers, Reporters District 1E

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and anniversaries, so here they are (or were): Earl Knudsen 5, Jakeb Pricket 8, Walter Orr 12, Addie Gonshorowski 13, Roy Voss 15, Ruth Montgomery 16, Anna Skaife 16, Al Abramson 17, John Davis 17, Ken Halliwell 18, Gary Lake 24, Walt Benson 26, Arlo Hamilton 28, Darla Miller 30, and Ruth Kennedy 5. Anniversaries were: Lloyd and Esther Shriber 10, Glen and Josephine Wagner 14, Bob and Dee Dee Kaiser 18 and Jim and Theresa Powell 27.

October birthdays will be: Lucille Childers 6, Ila Mae Carmickle 8, John Winquist 9, Casey Jones 10, Louise Jones 11, Freida Chandler 12, Charles Pruitt 12, Judy Clement 17, Roy Fairchild 20, Harv Harvey 20, Paige Kinley 23, Thelma Shephard 23, Ruth Loring 26, Don Loring 30, Josephine Wagner 31. Anniversary greetings to John and Vivian Steele 16th.

We are saddened by the late word that our friend and musician, Calvin Boyles passed away on Tuesday, the 15th. We got the word of his death at LaPine. It was also announced that Dave Boyd went in for surgery. Our best to him and wishes for a speedy recovery.

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

Thelma sez: Ever notice that where ever you go, there you are! Everybody's gotta be somewhere.

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Notes from the editor:

♫ This last month was a sad one. Fred and Vera Virtue both passed away - just 9 days apart. Many old timers across the state and especially those in district 5 are saddened by their deaths.

I want to share part of an article taken from the UMPQUA FREE PRESS, in Myrtle Creek. (Quote) FRED VIRTUE WILL BE MISSED, The fiddling blacksmith by Gynn O. Deaton

This 32nd annual Canyonville Pioneer Days Fiddling Contest won't be the same without our fiddling blacksmith, Fred Virtue. Fred lived near Coquille and passed away on Friday, Aug. 21, of congestive heart failure at the age of 85.

Fred had been in ill health for several years but almost always made it to the Canyonville contest. He missed 1996 but surprised me by showing up in 1997. And, he took a strong second place!

Fred was a retired blacksmith. It always amazed me that those large, work-worn hands could coax such delicate waltzes from his beloved fiddle. He played the banjo, as well.

I have a beautiful clock in the shape of a banjo that Fred made. Every time I look at it, I think of the paradox of the man who made it. Fred could be ornery, stubborn and opinionated. But he was also loyal and caring.

I talked to him two days before he died. He called from his sick bed to apologize for not being able to come to the contest. Can you imagine that? He also told me that, except for a few to go to his children, he was giving me his trophies to recycle for a future Canyonville contest. He was a good friend and will be missed.

..... this 32nd contest is dedicated to the fiddling blacksmith of Coquille, Fred Virtue. He loved the music and did his best to keep it going. We can do no less. (Gynn O. Deaton)

♫ I have read the name "Kenneth Brank" for many years. He is one of two remaining charter members of our association and now lives in Washington. He is a fine "old time fiddler" It was good to meet him and his wife Margaret (another fine fiddler) at Canyonville.

♫ If I had the box of gold stars that I had in my desk at one time, I would give them proudly to the following: Joan Lomax for her fine rendition of

"St. Louis Blues," to Ernie Lovgren at 80 years of age getting up and playing his first tune on stage (very well done), to President Roger for a fine quarterly meeting, to Mark Carmickle for making it possible for so many of us to be at Thousand Trails, to Gynn Deaton for making us all feel so welcome at Canyonville, two gold stars to Helen Hakanson's grand daughters for sharing their fiddle music with us, and on and on. I could almost write a whole Hoedowner of just the many fine things I have seen and heard the last month.

♫ As it is always sad about every passing, it was especially sad when we were told at LaPine that Calvin Boyles had died on Tuesday. Those of us who knew Calvin remember him, each in our own way. Calvin cared enough about our association and contest to donate one of the fine guitars that he had built to the contest committee. It was raffled off at the state convention. His music and his happy smile will be missed at the district 6 jams.

♫ Allison Roberts called to thank Helen Tracy and her crew for selling raffle tickets at 1000 Trails and bringing home 85 "wonderful dollars" for her fund for cards and gifts for people in nursing homes who have no families.

♫ She, also, reports that Dave Boyd came through his surgery just fine.

♫ Roger covered our gathering at Thousand Trails but I would like to add my own personal comment. It is probably the greatest gathering of our clan. Mark reported there were around 55 Rv's, all the trailers and yurts full - as well as many people who came in during the day. He accounted for over 200 OOTFA members. There was something for every one of us - music, walking, scenery, food, visiting, or just relaxing if we wished. A good group came from Washington, from California and the big, big number from Oregon. We can be proud of those who made it possible.

♫ I want to extend a big THANKS to Alice McDowell, Jack Bloom, Ace Wehus, Helen Tracy, Wally Bloom and Norman and May Fiock for their generous donations to the 1999 fiddle contest. Alice, Jack and Norman have given us generous donations over the years. Norman and May live in Northern California. They attend many of our functions and care enough about "fiddling in Oregon" to

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right, and playing for the delight of the same.

IMPORTANT: Upcoming on October 10 from 10 until 3:00 we've be asked to play at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Oregon City (of course!). It is possible to take exit 8, 9 or 10 off of I-205 (exit #10 is a favorite). You can see the 3 giant covered wagons as you approach the area. There will be a covered tent for playing and resting. If the weather is on the inclement side we'll be playing inside in a couple of different spots, similar to last time. We're to dress in a more country/oldtime type attire. No logo or way-out stuff. Our usual crop of old time tunes are requested for the musical repertoire of the day.

...AND FOR UPCOMING JAMS...On Sunday, October 11 we'll find our group at Estacada at the Senior Center. Directions to the Estacada Senior Center (200 Clubhouse Road) are: Coming from I-205, take 224 to Estacada. Go to the stop light and turn right, then be sure to turn right at the next street. The Center is on the right side of Clubhouse Road. It will be the usual jam, potluck, and show. November's jam is on Saturday the 7th at the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton and December 15th will find us in Gresham for our usual holiday get together. The facilities are normally opened for us around 10:00.

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

Pat Gates, District 8 reporter



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Carrie Rarden - 15th and Isom Patterson - 16th.

Our condolences go out to Grace and Louis Stork in the loss of their brother-in-law.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed a happy and safe summer, as we did. Even if we do already wonder "where" it went.

'till next time

Cherie Lane, reporter District 1

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It was a hot day in Canyonville and the boys did well at the contest. Bob Hanson got 1st in accompanists and Dennis Allen was 2nd. In the fiddle contest Dennis Allen was 3rd and Chuck Hasty 5th. And then for the "girls" - our winners were Amanda Kobel - 1st in the Pee Wee Division and 1st for Teresa Plybon in the Junior Division. Congratulations to you all.

Dennis Pickett has been under the weather. We wish you the best Dennis. Also, our thoughts go to Chuck and Margie and family. Their son Ron had surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. Lenora Waggner it was nice to see you at the jam. It's been a long time. We are sorry to hear that Louise Trimble's mother died recently. Our thoughts are with her and her family.

Happy Birthday in October to Opal Rust, Jerry Zumwalt, Carolyn Lee, Dick Shroll, Don Dilberk. Anniversary wishes to George and Peggy Krohn.

Reporter: Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929



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Oregon University now.

Other performances during the month included the Labor Day Weekend Breakfast at Frenchglenn and an hour of entertainment for the Shriner's at their motel during fair weekend. Busy, busy, busy.

Monthly jams at the Senior Center start October 4th. We'll meet the first Sunday of each month thru the spring. A potluck will begin at 1 pm and music and dance is scheduled for 2 -4 pm. The Aspens is set for October 9th and the nursing home is scheduled for October 12.

Janet Burgess, reporter district 9

The Hoedowner

Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association July 1, 1997 – June 30, 1998

	Beginning Bal.	Income	Expense	Profit	Loss	Ending Bal.
General Account	\$21868.07	\$30978.16	\$47736.51	0	\$1758.35	\$5109.72
District 1	\$876.77	\$1721.70	\$1634.95	\$86.75	0	\$963.52
District 1E	\$362.36	\$1754.51	\$1243.29	\$511.22	0	\$873.58
District 3	\$1987.07	\$2890.00	\$3835.00	0	\$945.00	\$1042.07
District 4	\$1184.81	\$3936.15	\$3903.60	\$32.55	0	\$1217.36
District 5	\$661.20	\$2059.20	\$2441.36	0	\$382.12	\$279.04
District 6	\$1732.74	\$3090.20	\$3578.11	0	\$487.91	\$1244.83
District 7	\$2137.66	\$1834.65	\$1884.50	0	\$49.95	\$2087.81
District 8	\$1479.05	\$2243.96	\$2284.71	0	\$40.75	\$1438.30
District 9	\$529.95	\$791.03	\$675.31	\$115.72	0	\$645.67
District 10	\$1397.63	\$4389.15	\$4631.01	0	\$241.86	\$1155.77
General Account	\$21868.07	\$30978.16	\$47736.51	0	\$1758.35	\$5109.72
Districts Totals	\$12349.24	\$24710.55	\$26111.84	\$746.24	\$2147.59	\$10947.95
Total/Both	\$34217.31	\$55688.71	\$73848.35	\$746.24	\$3905.94	\$16057.67

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breakfast - starting about 9:00/9:30. Why don't you come and join us. Coming into town from Corvallis, take a left at the first traffic light and in a block, you are at the Elks. Coming from 101, take the highway to Corvallis and about a half mile out of town at the only light, take a right and you are there. There will be some RV parking so plan on staying the night if you wish. There might be a \$4.00 charge. We'd sure like to have you.

November is Thanksgiving time and we will be having our celebration on the 22nd at the McMinnville Senior Center. We better have a meeting too at 11:00 since we haven't had one for a while. Then for Christmas and December, we'll meet at the 20th at the Willamina VFW Hall. Thanks Joyce Crump and Lee Jones for working out this schedule while the Holts were off camping and having a good time. They were able to avoid conflicts with District 7 jams.

District 8 was well represented at the campout at LaPine and all enjoyed it very much. It just gets "funner and funner".

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

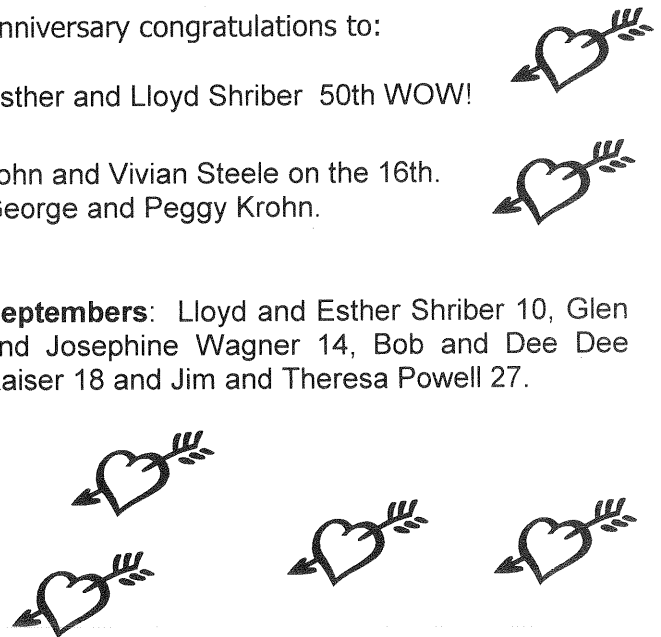


Anniversary congratulations to:

Esther and Lloyd Shriber 50th WOW!

John and Vivian Steele on the 16th.
George and Peggy Krohn.

Septembers: Lloyd and Esther Shriber 10, Glen and Josephine Wagner 14, Bob and Dee Dee Kaiser 18 and Jim and Theresa Powell 27.



Canyonville Contest Results

The Hoedowner

PEE WEE:

- 1st. Amanda Kobel
- 2nd. Travis Warwick

JUNIOR-JUNIOR:

- 1st. Zach Konowalchuk
- 2nd. Jeffery Moenck
- 3rd. Gina Hoppe
- 4th. Jessie Brinkerhoff

JUNIOR:

- 1st. Teresa Plybon

SENIOR:

- 1st. Ila Mae Carmickle
- 2nd. Gene Williams
- 3rd. Willie Carter
- 4th. Alice Holt
- 5th. Alma Reitan
- 6th. Kenny Brank

SENIOR-SENIOR:

- 1st. Lew Standiford
- 2nd. Buck Milligan
- 3rd. Dennis Allen
- 4th. Clyde Ellis
- 5th. Chuck Hasty
- 6th. Pat Manion

INTERMEDIATE:

- 1st. Faye Patterson
- 2nd. Larry Edwards
- 3rd. Joan Lomax
- 4th. Britt Smith
- 5th. Judy McGarvey
- 6th. Eric Werner

OPEN:

- 1st. Donna Rueter
- 2nd. Johnny McDonald
- 3rd. Margaret Brank
- 4th. Eileen Witle
- 5th. Willie Warwick
- 6th. Darren Reitan

ACCOMPANISTS:

- 1st. Bob Hanson
- 2nd. Dennis Allen
- 3rd. Larry Edwards
- 4th. Vic Flood
- 5th. Bob Huffman

CANYONVILLE CONTEST:

Canyonville's 32nd annual fiddle contest was dedicated to the memory of Fred Virtue, of Coquille, who passed away at the age of 85 on August 21st. He was a loyal supporter of the Canyonville Contest.

We had 38 fiddlers this year as compared to 24 in 1997. It definitely felt like the "old days" where we always had from 35 to 40 fiddlers. Thanks for the great turnout.

Had a better audience, too, as reflected in the ticket sales. We came out \$42.00 in the black!

Thanks to all those many people who helped with all aspects of the contest. Your volunteerism is so much appreciated. The key positions were filled as follows:

Emcee:

Jack Walker

Assistant to emcee: Shorty Dow

Assistant Gynn Deaton:

Shorty Dow

Photos: Hazel Walker

Video: Sherry Dobson

Registration: Martha Warwick,

Neva Flood and Julia Milleson

Ticket sales; Jean Hanson, Jean Standiford and Charlotte Dow

Score Tabulation: Martha

Warwick, Neva Flood

Accompanists Judges:

Ethel Holstin, Don Lindsey and Doris Barkley

Sound System: Rick Dobson

Microphone Adjuster: Rick Dobson

Assistants to judges: Lola Williams, Merna Jones, Joan Allgood,

Runner:

Edna Carter

Judges: Lew Holt, Wayne Holmes and Esther Snider

To all those who performed those great specials, to Ila Mae Carmickle and Alice Holt for opening the show with the national anthem and to Guy Kinman for 'HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?', "Thanks" so much. Vic Flood got a group together to go over to Forest Glen Senior Residence and the folks really enjoyed them. Lew Holt organized and emceed the show on the stage at Pioneer Park which the audience seemed to enjoy very much. "Thanks", Vic and Lew. We also appreciated the help of Johnny McDonald, Britt Smith, and Lew and Alice Holt for their help cleaning up the school Sunday morning.

I am very grateful for the donation of door prizes. We had two tapes each from Wally Bloom and Lew Standiford as well as \$2.00 from each of the Bloom and Standiford tapes that were sold as well as other cash donations from various people. I appreciate ALL of you very much.
Gynn Deaton



The Hoedowner

HAPPY Birthday!

Carrie Rarden - 15th	Charles Pruitt 12
Isom Patterson - 16th.	Judy Clement 17
Clara Thomas	Roy Fairchild 20
Chuck Lawson	Harv Harvey 20
Helen, Serfass	Paige Kinley 23
John Noblitt,	Thelma Shephard 23
Ned Matthews	Ruth Loring 26
Mary Lou Saylor	Don Loring 30
Earl Knudsen	Josephine Wagner 31
Lucille Childers 6	Opal Rust
Ila Mae Carmickle 8	Jerry Zumwalt
John Winqvist 9	Carolyn Lee
Casey Jones 10	Dick Shroll
Louise Jones 11	Don Dilberk
Freida Chandler 12	

Silent Fiddle's

Calvin Boyles
Fred Virtue
Vera Virtue
Larry Waycaster



HEALTH CARE

Dennis Pickett
Ethel Holstin

District 5 cont.

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Those celebrating birthdays: Clara Thomas, Chuck Lawson, Helen, Serfass, John Noblitt, Ned Matthews and Mary Lou Saylor! Happy Birthday and many more.

(Thanks Phil and Sheila and everybody-DISTRICT 5 REPORTERS this month.)



**Membership --
new members only.**

Oct. 1 - 3 months @ \$1.25 =
\$3.75 + \$15 for 99

Nov. 1 - 2 months @ \$1.25 =
\$2.50 + \$15 for 99

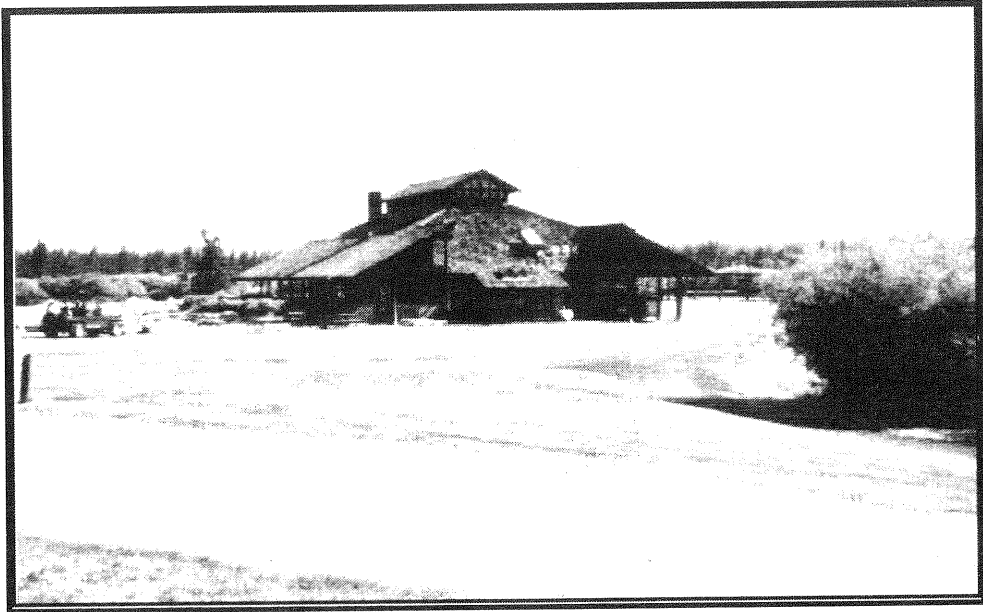
Dec. 1 - 1 months @ \$1.25 =
\$1.25 + \$15 for 99

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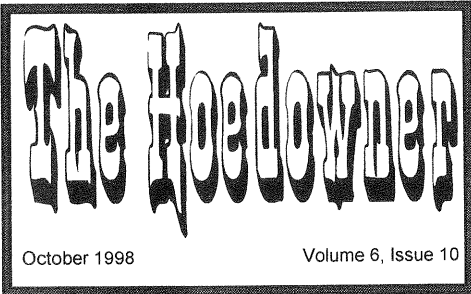
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make a "husky" donation. Ace contributes through his audio and video tapes sales and Wally contributes through our sale of his audio tapes. Helen contributes through the little profit from the sale of name tags. We hit close to the \$1000 mark just this last week end. We are off to a good start.

Lew Holt, Editor



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