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Calendar of Events

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

December

5	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1-E
5	Roxianne Grange	Medford	4
6	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
6	Senior Center	Burns	9
6	Winston Comm. Building	Winston	10
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12	Driftwood Hall	North Bend	5
13	Winema Inn	Klamath Falls	1
13	Gresham Senior Center		7
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14	Business Meeting	Indian Village	1-E
19	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1-E
19	Winston Comm. Building	Winston	10
20	Willamina VFW Hall		8

January

2	Rogue River		4
3	Senior Center	Burns	9
3	Winston Comm. Building	Winston	10
9	State Quarterly Meeting	Springfield	6
	Willamalane Sr. Ctr.		
16	Winston Comm. Building	Winston	10
17	Gladstone Senior Center		7

February

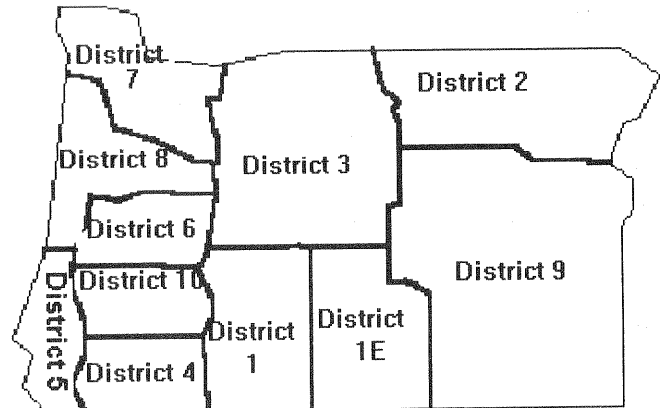
7	Forest Grove Sr Center	7	
7	Senior Center	Burns	9
7	Winston Comm. Building	Winston	10
20	Winston Comm. Building	Winston	10

March

14	Lake Oswego Sr Center	7	
18,19	State Convention	Roseburg	OO
20			TFA

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Roger's Rambles

Last month I said I may be writing this article from Death Valley, but I am still home. We didn't make it this year due to the construction project. Maybe next year.

Vice president Sally Jordan will be reporting in this Hoedowner the details of our Spring "Fiddle Festival" which will be held in Florence at the Elks Lodge there. Sounds exciting, be sure you read about it. She took up the challenge and found us a great deal for our April Jam in Florence.

There has been a start of activity for our state convention which will be held March 18, 19, and 20th. You might want to mark your calendar for this important date. We have some

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A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate and promote Old-time fiddling and Old-time music. To encourage every one, 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

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL FROM DISTRICT 1 Snow has fallen and winter icy weather suddenly arrived. Hopefully winter will fly by as fast as the recent summer did, so it will be warm again.

Some of our members were absent at the November Jam. We hope those who went to Red Bluff, Cal. and on to Death Valley have had a safe and wonderful time. Faye Patterson placed 3rd in the Western Open at Red Bluff. Way to go, Faye! Others were absent because of illness. Get well soon and come celebrate our Christmas Jam. Our visitors in November from District 4 were Gene and Lola Williams. Thanks for coming thru and over snowy roads to join us.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Sarah Furry - 8th and Irene Ruddock - 10th. And Happy Anniversary to Jerry and Irene Ruddock - 18th. Also, thanks to each of you who braved the snowy night to keep playing for the residents of Crystal Terrace Retirement Home. We were served a nice steak dinner as well as earning some extra for the club.

Looking into December -- our next jam will be Dec. 13 at Winema Inn, 1111 Main St. in Klamath Falls. We'll have a traditional Christmas potluck dinner at 12:30 with the district furnishing the turkey. If Irene hasn't notified you as to the extras of filling out our dinner to bring, please call her at 882-5418. No meeting. We'll eat and play music all afternoon.

Nursing homes -- Washburn Way in Klamath Falls - 1st Tuesday of the month from 3 to 4 p.m. Clairmont Nursing Home and Retirement - possible change of date for this month. I will call the regulars or you please call us at 882-1595 to be sure.

Keep fiddlin' and pickin'.
Cherie Lane, reporter District 1

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Greetings folks! By the time this edition hits the streets, Thanksgiving 1998 will be a memory. Just the same, Happy Thanksgiving to all of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers from the District 1E folks. We hope it was a happy time for all of you.

We held our first-of-the-month jam at the Memorial Hall on Nov. 11th and had quite a turn out. Ernie Penry visited us from Klamath Falls. Young Aaron Daniel (8 years old) played his guitar with the group all evening. We hope to see him back up his Mom (Theresa) on her fiddle one of these days.

We are again playing at the nursing home every other Tuesday for one hour. This seems to fall mainly on Homer McLain, Doc Walker, and Clyde Lynch, and it is greatly appreciated by these folks. We've heard they even refuse to go for treatments until after they have listened to the boys play. In October we played for the Tallman Scholarship dinner which raises funds for scholarships for two students a year attending a vocational school. We also played out on the streets of downtown Lakeview for the merchant's Halloween midnight Madness promotion.

Now looking to the future -- be sure to mark your calendars for Dec. 5th when we will have a jam and potluck starting at 6:30 in the Memorial Hall. Then on Dec. 14th we will have a business meeting at 7:00 at Indian Village. On Dec. 19th starting at 6:30 we will have a

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**January 9
State Quarterly
Meeting
Willamalane
Sr Center in
Springfield
Meeting at
10:30,
potluck at
noon and jam
at 1:00.**

District 3

Chairman: Ed Nelson (541) 389-9575
Co-Chair: LeRoy Sims (541) 536-3656
Sec/Treas: Betty Fullerton (541) 382-4583
22460 McArdle Rd Bend, OR 97702

District 3 has every reason to stand tall and be proud of such a successful jam in our new location of 14,000 square feet. It took a lot of dedication and diligence to bring this together. Much appreciation and thanks to Ed Nelson for all his hard work. With our rapid growth and greater enthusiasm for our music, we must all continue to work together in constructive and positive teamwork. People started arriving over an hour early and I asked them if they had a hard time finding us. Their answer was "we just followed the crowd."

Television was there reporting that "there were hundreds of people enjoying the music and dancing and it was a lot of fun. The Spokesman reported front page coverage with photo that "the show attracted several hundred people who listened and danced." George Brumbach graciously accommodated the audience encore requests to hear more of his spectacular guitar playing and exceptional singing as only he can do. Thanks George. We were filled to near capacity. The next size building will be 17,000 square feet and after that comes the Big Arena. Move over Garth Brooks, District 3 is on its way!

We will be returning December 12th to the Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds High Desert Activity Center in Redmond (Airport Way exit) So come on out and enjoy the afternoon with us.

ANNOUNCEMENT: We will be holding our Christmas party at the Brand Dinner House after the Dec. 12th jam. If you are going, you need to call 389-9575 and leave a message on our voice mail of how

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District 4

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Hi friends. Bob and Eloise Reeves! Welcome to District 4 OOTFA! Thank you for the donation of the trailer that we can use in future parades! Also, welcome William and Cathy Green to the fold. They play a mean fiddle and mandolin.

I counted 25 musicians at our Nov. jam and a very happy crowd of dancers and listeners. So let's all remember our December 5 Christmas jam. It will be at Rogue River Sr. Center on Broadway and we will have turkey and ham. Just bring side dishes, i. e., salad, pies, pickles, olives, pies, veggies, pies! Remember to bring your place settings and friends and family.

As 1998 nears to an end, may I thank all those who work so tirelessly. To Freda Serpa, who is helping Ruth Applegate with dues collecting at the door, for our kitchen detail, our sound system guardians and all the silent volunteers, who put out chairs, the care of sign-up board, etc. Thank you again.

Marian Jorgenson is home after 4 days in hospital. Tommy Grissom is now able to drive and play and sing again. Charlie Parren is looking and feeling good, too. Please dear friends let me know if you've been ill. We worry

when we don't see you. Also, I'd like to know if you have special days to celebrate. Lem Guthrie, bless his heart, had another birthday! Keep having birthdays everyone. You live longer that way.

We received a nice "thank you" card from the Applegate Interpretive Center in Sunny Valley for our two days of entertaining on Oct. 17-18.

Peace, Merry Mary Armstrong

P.S. Blessed are the flexible for they shall not get bent out of shape!

**March 18, 19
& 20
State
Convention
at the
Douglas
County
Fairgrounds
in Roseburg.**

**Quarterly
meeting
and state
meetings on
Saturday.**

District 5

Chairman: Fred Grove (541) 267-4467
 Co-Chair: Phil Fry (541) 2004
 Sec/Treas/: Sheila Anderson (541) 269-7250
 Membership 2012 Red Dike Rd
 Coos Bay, OR 97420

1998 is almost gone and District 5 has enjoyed playing at all of our festivals, parks, special events, nursing homes and jams. It has been a very good year here on the south coast for our Fiddlers!

At our November jam our hall was very nicely decorated with autumn leaves, turkeys and a sign that wished everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving." We had a good turn out of musicians, guests and had four or five couples dancing. It was good to see Ruth and Don Loring from District 6. Please come and visit us anytime as you are always welcome. The potluck luncheon was very tasty and the "Jam was Grand" as usual.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Alice and Lew Holt on the loss of her dear mother and to Florence and Fred Grove on the loss of their precious 7 month old great granddaughter. She passed away Oct. 2nd in Colorado with S.I.D.S.

We have been busy playing in nursing and retirement homes. The residents and employees always look forward to our group coming and providing them with not only good music but also our endearing and compassionate attitude towards the residents.

Our Holiday dinner will be December 12 at Driftwood hall from 12 - 1 p.m. the District will furnish ham, turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy. Members whose last names begin from A - M are asked to bring salads and from N - Z bring desserts. Everyone is welcome. A jam will follow so please bring your instruments.

Members reported sick are Lucille Davidson, Abbey Shaffar and Helen Serfass. May

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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
 325 Blackstone St.
 Springfield, OR 97477

I hope everyone is being good, because the old gentleman in the red suit will be coming down your chimney before long. Lots of fun things planned for December. On December 6, we will have our jam at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. I hear Santa will probably be there, as usual. Come for their lunch and the great jam afterwards. Then on December 13 we will be back at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. Just bring finger foods for that day, as we only have the center for the afternoon. On January 9th, a Saturday, we will have our lunch (potluck), the state meeting and jam at the Willamalane Senior Center.

We had a great Thanksgiving potluck dinner and jam at the Thurston Grange on the 14th. Then the next day, Sunday the 15th, we went up to the Elks Lodge in Sweet Home for their good breakfast and our jam all af-

ternoon.

I want especially to thank all those from other districts who come and visit with us and share their music. They are always so welcome.

We are glad to report that Lloyd Shriber is doing fine after a quick trip to the hospital. It was not a heart attack, but he had fluid in his lungs, and his heart rhythm was erratic.

December birthday wishes to: Vera Kinnaman 2, Mark Carmickle 6, Sierra Morasci 9, Brian Pruitt 15, Wayne Tracy 18, Betty Hawkins 19, Lloyd Shriber 23 and Janice Davison

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April 9 - 10
April Fiddle Festival
at the Elks
in Florence.
Fun, fun, fun.

District 7

Chairman: Helen Hakanson (503) 659-7250
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Sec/Treas: Lila Bills (503) 253-8447
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Cornucopia season is in full swing! Anybody play thankful carols? (sure hope so)

Out of district attendees at Beaverton's Elsie Stuhr Center were: Lew and Alice Holt, along with Marie and Bob Bailey from District 8. Our Vancouver friends included Chris and Ethel Schlegel, Chlovena Metzger and Del Anderson and some of our long time and most influential musical friends, Jim and Gladys Braskett! All of our visitors added so much to the texture and fun of the day. Dana Ragsdale, from Vernonia, added the sweet sounds of her hammered dulcimer. Dana joined in the musical fun and became a member all on her first visit. (Welcome!) Michael and Brandon McMahan, two young Vernonia guys, joined in the fun to finish off the afternoon.

...FOR OUR HOLIDAY JAM: December's Jam is at the Gresham Senior Center on Sunday, Dec.13. Turkey, dressing, gravy, and potatoes will be furnished. We're going to try having folks with last initials A-L provide dessert while folks with last names

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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
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Greetings. Membership chairman Donna reports that many members from District 8 have already sent their membership to her. Others of you may pay her directly at one of our jams or mail your check for \$15.00 to her - made out to OOTFA.

I wish I could report on our Thanksgiving meeting, potluck and jam but the news will already have gone in for this month. Just bet there will be some nice things to say next month about it.

Looking to next month, don't forget our Christmas potluck and jam at the Willamina VFW Hall in Willamina. OK, we forgot the directions last month to get to McMinnville but to get to the VFW Hall in Willamina, take Highway 22 from Rickreall towards the coast. Take the Willamina junction and back towards town. Go through Willamina and the VFW Hall will be on the right at the east end of town. Of course if you are coming from Sheridan, it will be on the left at the east end of town. The hall will be open by ten, potluck a little before noon and the jam to follow at 1:00. Meats, potatoes and gravy furnished by the District. A-L bring des-

serts, M-Z bring salads or veggies. This is opposite of the Nov. potluck. (We won't be standing at the door checking what you bring, but it balances out the meal nicely this way.) The kitchen help likes to start our potlucks shortly after 11:30 so they can get everything cleaned up so they can enjoy the jam, too.

We hear that Les and Peggy Tucker are "back in town" and we look forward to them being at our District 8 jams. They have lived in Louisiana for years but have continued their membership in OOTFA. We gain one but we lose another - Lew and Jean Standiford have

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May 14 - 15
State Contest
at the
Chemeketa
Community
College
in Salem.

Way to go!!

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District 9

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 Sec/Treas/: Rose Modey (541) 573-6237
 Membership PO Box 575 Hines, OR 97720

Howdy! Ah the cool crisp days of fall.....or is it winter. Harney County residents have already had the pleasure of shoveling snow, twice. This appears to be a warm up as La Nina is supposed to bring us plenty of white stuff this year. Guess we'll just have to gather around the wood stove and play lots of music!

November's jam turned into a going on a new adventure, moving across the country, wishing you well party for Carl Cross. Carl is moving to New Hampshire. We'll sure miss having him around to tease and sing those wonderful songs. It always amazes me when Carl cuts loose with one of the tunes which shows off his range like "An Irish Lullaby". Good luck to you, Carl.

This last few weeks we've had practice sessions at the homes of Rose Robirts, Rose Modey, Ruel Teague, and Jane Keagle. Thanks to these folks for opening their homes on Friday night for self made living room concerts. The Aspens had visitors from Wales this month who enjoyed some good old time fiddlin" and then shared their singing talent. We've also played at the Old Camp Casino a couple of times. Once just for fun and once for a benefit for a family who'd come across hard times.

December's schedule includes the jam on Sunday, the 6th which will be our holiday dinner. Margaret Teague has agreed to cook the turkey which the district will provide. Bring potluck fixin's to complement the meal. Dinner is at 1 pm. Music and dance follows from 2 - 4 pm. The Aspen's is Friday the 11th at 7 pm. The nursing home is Monday the 14th at 7 pm. See ya' all there. Janet Burgess, Reporter.

District 10

Chairman & Membership: Jo Barnes (541) 459-4522
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 Sutherland, OR 97479
 Co-Chair: Chuck Hasty (541) 673-2067
 Treas: Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501
 Co-Sec: Fred Young & Claire Eaton

A reminder to all you district 10 members. Jo Barnes will be handling District 10 membership. Please see Jo at one of our jams or mail your check for \$15.00 (made out to O.O.T.F. A.) to her and she will see that you receive your 1999 membership cards.

December 6th we will have a jam and dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building.

On December 19th we will have a special Christmas dinner. The turkey and ham will be provided and to balance out the rest of the meal, those whose last names begin with A to M, please bring salad or a relish tray. N through Z please bring a dessert. The Christmas potluck will be at noon. No meeting! We will be at the Community Building in Winston.

It was so nice to have Gene and Geneva at our last jam. Gene has been under the weather and we haven't had the pleasure of their company for a long time. Gene brought his brother Bill and wife, Marta Perry, who were visiting them. And we had other guests who stopped in and shared their talent in music. Delwin and Clara Thomas, Johnny Davis, Nancy Nuget, and Loren Osborne and his friends.

It sounds like Bob and I missed a good jam on the 1st of November. We took our grandson from California to the John Day dam river to do some fishing. No fish this time, it

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**July 15, 16, 17
 Mt. Hood
 Campout
 (that week end,
 anyway, so mark
 you calendar).**

**It's beautiful up
 there.**

District 7 cont.

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starting with M-Z bringing salad & veggies. You are welcome to make a trade with someone from the opposite part of the alphabet if you were planning on bringing something extra special that doesn't fit in the right part of the alphabet deal we are offering as a suggestion. Traditionally we bring our own place settings. If you bring a serving utensil please label it with your name or initials. Gresham Senior Center is located on the corner of Powell Blvd. and Elliott Street. You may be traveling from I-205. If so, take Hwy 26 (Powell Blvd.) to Gresham. Make a left on Elliott St. The Center is on the right at 50 Elliott St.

...AND FOR UPCOMING JAMS: January 17 will find District 7 at the Gladstone Senior Center. February 7th we'll enjoy our afternoon at the Forest Grove Senior Center. March 14 our folks will have a fine time at the Lake Oswego Senior Center. April 11 the Wilsonville Senior Center will extend their greeting and facility for our use. The facilities are normally opened for us by 10:00 or 10:30.

We're thinking turkey, family get togethers, hustle and bustle, sweet memories, gift making and charity/giving. Musicians are tuning up their holiday music so we can help keep a happy steady pace throughout a hectic but joyous time of year. Generosity of time, thoughtfulness, and smiles are the order of the season. Have music in your hearts and joy in sharing of the season! (Whatever your "personal season" may be...)

Pat Gates, District 7 reporter

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many to expect, no later than Sunday, Dec. 6th. You will have a choice of ribs, pot roast, fried chicken or grilled snapper when you order at the restaurant. The cost will be \$11.50 per person, including tip.

John Klingensmith died recently and Ferrill is recovering from bone injuries. They were active in getting Dist. 3 started. Our condolences to Ferrill. Don Hanna has had surgery. We missed Don and his fiddle at our jam. I am glad to report that Peggy Kerr is doing very well. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all November (belated) and December celebrations.

Welcome new members Rod & Donna Pettigrew of Bend, Wiley & Gg Ellis of Bend and Bud & Barbara Corwin of LaPine.

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter

P.S. Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace, love and light to all.

AND TO ALL OF YOU
"A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR"
FROM ALL OF US.



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Christmas Jam and Potluck at Memorial Hall. We hope to see all of you folks at all of these activities.

For our Christmas party we will have a dessert walk and instead of giving gifts, each of us will give a new song. looking forward to this jam! !

For now, stay well and stay warm, folks! !

Roger's Rambles cont.

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district 10 members beginning to organize the events. You'll be reading more about this in the next Hoedowner. Sally is again in charge of the Friday night show. If you want to get involved at the convention, call me, and I will line you up with a project.

Don't forget our next quarterly meeting in Springfield, January 9th. The meeting is at 10:30, not at 11:00 as was written last month.

Merry Christmas to all and God Bless you all.

Roger Germundson, President OOTFA

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taken up residence in Klamath Falls (lucky for District 1). We still hope to see them up this way quite often.

We want to wish all of you the very best Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

District 18 cont.

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was too cold.

At that jam and dance we had an outstanding crowd. Many guests stopped in and shared their talent in music -- Al and Edith Lewis, Dist. 5, Delwin and Clara Thomas, Dist. 5. Jerry and Irene Ruddock from district 1. Dorene Winkelman from District 4. Loren Osborne from District 5. Ed and Billie Doolittle's daughter, Sally Gene from Washington, was there, too. Thanks to you all for coming.

Happy Birthday to Peggy Krohn, Dick Miller, Velma Benefiel, Gayle Curtis, Alta Tackett and Anniversary wishes out to Dennis and Thelma Allen, Tom and Marlene Shepherd, and Tracy and Ellen Smith.

Reporter: Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929

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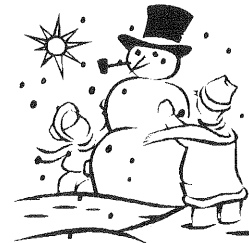
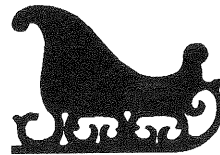
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25. Anniversary congratulations to: Frank and Frieda Chandler 9, and Roy and Margaret Voss 26.

Directions to the Moose Lodge in Lebanon -- go through Lebanon as if you were going to Sweet Home. Out of town a mile or more the Moose Lodge is on the right. There is a good size sign so you really can't miss it. Just keep on going. If you have forgotten how to get to Willamalane in Springfield - From 1-5, take the I-105 connector exit to Springfield (194A if southbound), and get off at the first Springfield exit (City Center), turning right at the light onto Pioneer Parkway. Follow Pioneer Parkway to "C" Street and right to Willamalane Senior Center. Coming in from Eugene on Franklin Blvd -- cross over the bridge into Springfield, turn left on Mill St., take a left on C Street to the Senior Center at 215 W. C St.

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

Thelma sez: Each day, try to make at least one person happy - even if it is only yourself.



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Notes from the editor:

Last month I wrote about our meanderings 10 or 15 years ago. Here's the rest of the story: We drove on to Lakeview and had an equally good time there. Where else could Alice and I have had such a good time. We jammed at Homer's place, we jammed at the fairgrounds and we jammed at the jam on Sunday (still have a tape of it) and we visited the fire hall and police station where Homer worked. Then Monday morning Homer loaded us into his pick up and took us for a little drive. That "little drive" was over 100 miles to the south east, down into Nevada where we saw hot springs coming up out of the ground and the wild burros grazing in the sage brush. The part I remember the most is that on the way back, it was getting closer and closer the time for Homer to be back at work. I remember going "full speed ahead" down this highway which clung to the side of the mountain with the bottom of canyon many hundreds of feet below and Homer telling us about his heart attack several years earlier. Luck was with us (well, maybe Homer's skill). We made it back to town in time and Homer went back to work.

The next day Alice and I drove out to Adel where I went into the store to buy a snack. They could tell I was a "city slicker" -- certainly not from around there. There was a "stranger" in town." Then we drove on to take a peak at the Hart Mountains. We drove on - stopping at a little place on the Nevada/Oregon border where we did some of our Christmas shopping. We bought some beautiful pink wine made from mountain plums which only grow above 8000 feet or something like that. Then on down through the back roads to Redding to the Western Open Contest that week end. Besides the good fiddle music, I enjoyed watching the big salmon spawning in the river which went by the parking lot. After the contest we went out to the coast and home to North Bend. We were gone ten days. What a wonderful time we had -- all because of fiddling and friends.

At president Roger's suggestion, I e-mailed a letter to Vice president, Sally Jordan, to ask her for information about the Fiddle Festival next April in Florence. This is a great opportunity to replace

the April Fiddle Festival held last year in Newport. The fairgrounds at Newport are no longer available. *Here is what Sally writes:*

Yes, I do have information for you regarding the April State Jam. We will be at the Elks Lodge here in Florence. It is a nice big place. We can park RVs -- 35 or 40 spaces anyway. RV spaces will be available and details to follow. The manager is suppose to let me know about the price. It should be minimal though.

The dates are, of course, the 9th and 10th of April -- although members can arrive on Thursday. We won't be able to use the building Thursday evening, but can during the day time. We may be able to find somewhere else to play on Thursday night. There will be dining available at the Elks, too. We are still checking on that so will let you know soon as possible, but looks like we will be well received and they will be glad to have us. There are many RV parks and campgrounds near by too and restaurants. It is a good place for a function. Let's get the word out so members can put the dates of April 9 and 10 on their calendars. Sally Jordan

"Good job, Sally" we look forward to seeing everybody in Florence.

Letter from Alan Ede:

Dear Lew, After spending the summer traveling, we are home and ready to jam again. We camped under the tent all summer. After 2 weeks in Weiser, we took in the Denver Botanical Gardens, Rocky Mtn National Park, the Missouri Botanical Gardens and visited my brother-in-law in NC and my sister-in-law in GA. Then to Maine to my mother-in-law's and Eagle Island in Penobscot Bay to another sister-in-law's. We spent a week in Canada, went across the new bridge to Prince Edward's Island, then back to Maine and then home.

If you have room in the Hoedowner, I would like to list the following items for sale: 1). A TASCAM Porta 07 4-track cassette recorder. You can make your own master tapes on this and cut out studio fees. I did @ \$250. 2). A virtually brand new Takamine Model G330 guitar, with case, capo and tuner @ \$250. 3). A Kentucky Model KM180B mandolin. Glistening Black, soft case. It didn't sell last spring, price reduced to

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OOTFA Members -- We are the fine association that we are today because of traditions established over the years by fiddlers and their families. Many of the fiddlers who established the foundation of our association are gone. Bob Fast recently had his 80th birthday. I want to take this opportunity to give you information that will give you a chance to better know Bob Fast, one of our fine old time fiddlers. I had asked Bob for the following information so I could send it to a fellow I write to in Missouri who had asked me about Bob. I called Bob for permission to share it with you.

Dear Friend,

I was born in Knox Co., Mo. - 10 miles East of LaPlata in 1918. I spent most of my life around Kirksville which is 80 miles North of Columbia, 30 miles South of the Iowa line and 80 miles West of Quincy, Illinois.

My father, Chrisley Fast, was a good old time fiddler. He had me chord on an old tenor banjo, tuned up like a five-string with out the fifth string. I only played 3 changes for each key that the piece was played in. We played for old time country dances in different homes when I was only 8 years old.

I took a few lessons from a college professor but couldn't afford but a few lessons. After that I dropped the fiddle and didn't play it for many years.

My wife, Dulcie, and I came to Portland in 1943 and I worked in the ship yards. In 1945, we moved back to Kirksville and later lived in Quincy, Illinois for 10 years. We found some of Tommy Jackson's fiddle records at a library. I played a lot on my mandolin with the records.

When we moved back to Portland in 1962, we were camping and fishing on the Deschutes River at Maupin. This Saturday night I heard the National Contest at Weiser, Idaho over the radio. After that, I drug out my Father's old Hopf fiddle and started practicing again. The next year we went to Weiser and I thought it was the greatest thing I'd ever seen.

Since then, most of my tunes were learned from records. The tunes that my father played were very old and I've forgotten the names of those tunes. He played most of the old standard hoedowns. I'm still trying to learn new tunes. I've composed a few tunes which I hope some people will enjoy.

As ever, a friend,
Bob Fast

Notes from the editor: cont.

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\$225. 4.). A full sized Gibson Model MB-00 mandolin-banjo, all set up. Resonator type @ \$795. 5). Rhythmline electric Guitar with 2 pickups, soft case @ \$50.

Keep fiddlin' Alan Ede (541) 752-8382 in Corvallis.

While we are in the "selling business" I received a phone call from Jim Summers from Grants Pass with a bass fiddle for sale (not only is he a nice fellow but he is one of the greatest guitar back up and guitar pickers you'll ever hear). Jim wants to sell a fine old bass "around 200 years old," he says. It has a carved top and a carved back - not plywood so really is a nice old instrument. His price is \$2500 for this bass. If you are interested or want more information, please give Jim a call at (541) 474-6953.

We really haven't even twisted any arms yet but already we are receiving donations for the state fiddle contest. Ace's videos have brought in many hundred dollars. There have been other donations of \$200, \$100, \$50, another over \$100 in contest T-shirt sales, proceeds from Wally Blooms audio tape sales and other sales by Helen Tracy. District 7 voted to give \$500 to the contest. Kind of nice, huh!! Any donation towards the contest, no matter the size, is appreciated. The site has been verified. We will again be back at the Chemeketa Community College. Starr is getting the judges and contestants are practicing their tunes already.

Next spring somebody will say to Alice that they aren't getting their Hoedowner. This typically happens every year. After some careful checking, they usually find that they didn't pay their dues after all. Alice's advice is to pay your dues now while you think about it. Last month we listed all the membership chairman and their addresses. Either mail your membership application to your district membership person or pay him or her at one of your jams. Membership addresses are in the headings of your district news.

Lew Holt, Editor

Silent Fiddle's

John Klingensmith

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God bless all of you and touch you with his healing hands.

Happy Birthday to Keith Shaffar Dec. 10, Ray Daniels Dec. 15, and last but not least, Bill Tennant Dec. 23. Anniversary wishes are sent to Jerene and Bob Shaffar Dec. 17 and Clara And Del Thomas Dec. 22.

Have a very "Blessed Christmas" and a prosperous "New Year."

Mary Lou Saylor, reporter District 5

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Betty Hawkins 19
Bill Tennant 23

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Janice Davison 25
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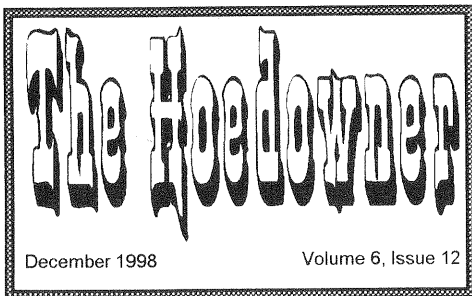
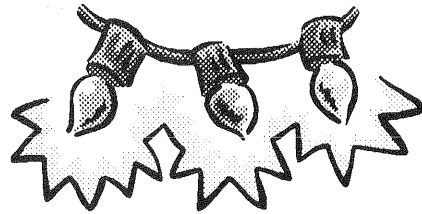
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