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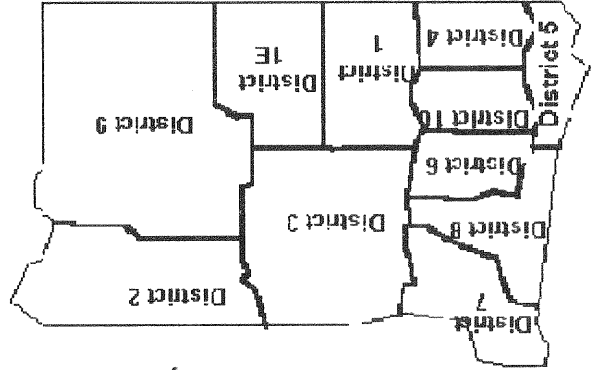
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Greetings to all Oregon Old Time Fiddlers, Setting goals and putting many things in place to reach those goals is a high priority matter during my term as President of OOTFA and needs our full attention. Of the 10 deliberative goals as set forth in the August issue of my monthly newsletter to all District Officers statewide, goal number 8, which says, "We must aggressively seek sponsors who will financially support all OOTFA activities", is probably one of the most important of all 10 goals for numerous reasons, not the least of which is that reaching goals usually requires the need for financial support. There is no doubt about it. Enlisting the help of sponsors is an excellent public relations activity in which we must engage ourselves. A few reasons are: 1. Enlisting financially supporting sponsors is probably one of the best ways

we have to PROMOTE Old Time Fiddling and Old Time Music, which is what we are about. 2. Through financial sponsorship, non-fiddling people, businesses and corporations are given an opportunity to be a part of PROMOTING OLD TIME FIDDLING and Music they otherwise would not have. 3. It gives the general public an opportunity to actively promote, preserve, and perpetuate an art form and appreciation that will help us reach our young people with our music and that needs to become a part of both our private and public education systems. Having sponsors helps us reach that goal. 4. Many potential sponsors would willingly become financially supporting members of OOTFA if they were asked, and if they knew about us. It's up to us to reach out and tell our OOTFA STORY everywhere we go. 5. Being supported by sponsors will enable us to reach all our goals with a greater degree of surety and efficiency than we could without them. On and on a list of good reasons could go for having OOTFA sponsors. As reported at our quarterly meeting at 1000 Trails Campout, we are exceptionally proud to announce this month that U. S. Bank, Safeway Stores, and First American Title Company are our latest and newest sponsors. Being sponsors, their names and logos will be proudly displayed monthly in our Hoedowner for twelve issues, and hopefully next year, they will again be sincerely for becoming a part of OOTFA. Our quarterly meeting at 1000 Trails Campout was indeed a success. All District Chairmen gave glowing reports of musical activities in each of their districts, and exciting plans are being (continued on page 10)

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."

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Happy Halloween (too soon). The warm days lately are so nice that we are counting them as part of the summer that we missed earlier. September was very busy for our musicians. Besides the jam and regular nursing home playing, some of us were able to spend Labor Day Week end at Lakeview, OR. Their potluck and jam on Saturday night plus 6 hrs of playing for the fair on Sunday, all made for a fun, fun time. A couple of our members even found time to watch the rodeo. Then last week end found us at Cedarville, Calif. Playing at their fairgrounds for the Rural Electric Co. annual meeting. Our thanks to Bill, Mary, Shorly and Clyde from 1-E who came and

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helped our group for that 3 hours of playing and with other places they played in September, it counted up to 14 times. October so far, isn't so full and maybe you can all rest up. At Cedarville tho, Irvn Johnson had a mishap, he fell while walking down an embankment and fractured his shoulder. So to Irvn and our other friends who are not feeling their best, we wish each of you healthier and brighter days ahead -- at the moment they are Irvn Johnson, Ray Turner, Virgil Schmoie, Harold and Dorothy North and from Dist. 1-E, Homer McLain. Guests at our September Jam were Lew and Jean Standiford's daughter and son-in-law from San Diego, Ca. And their son and wife of Klamath Falls. Jean and daughter performed a lively dance for us to one tune. Also, Frances Hughes's father joined Bud and Frances along with their son and his family and a lady friend at the jam. Their son added to our music, as he plays guitar. Come again --

please. Oct. playing dates: Washburn Way Rehab in Klamath Falls 1st Tuesday -- playing 3 to 4 p.m. We'll have a jam on Oct. 10 -- Winema Hotel, 1111 Main St. in Klamath Falls -- playing from 1 -- 4 p.m. Clairmont Nursing Home at east end of Maine St. in Klamath Falls. We'll play at 1:00, then we will go one block above to Clairmont Retirement at 2:15 and play another hour -- same day. Thank you ladies for the donations to our monthly raffle. Please continue to bring small articles. October birthday wishes go to Ethel Martin 10th, Carrie Rarden 15th, and Isom Patterson 16th. Didn't we have a good time at 1000 Trails!! Wonderful! Cherie Lane -- Reporter District 1 Also: for sale 1 regular size stand up bass \$1000 OBO. Phone 541-884-4051. Contact Virgil Schmoie 3049 Delaware Ave. Klamath Falls, OR 97603

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Where has the year gone? Some days it was like spring then fall weather. Who knows what tomorrow will bring. Congratulation to our main fiddle man, Homer McLain, who won 1st place in the Senior Division at the Pioneer Days Fiddle Contest at Canyonville. This had been a busy month -- Sat. night Sept. 4 was the potluck and jam at the Memorial Hall. We were honored by the presence of State President, Fred Hardin, and his wife, Charlotte from Dallas. He sang

and played. Also from District 1, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane and Mr. and Mrs. Isom Patterson, Carolyn Jensen, from Bly sang a song after much persuasion. There were 15 musicians and singers entertaining during the evening. We even had a little girl dancing ballet up and down the side of the hall. Mary Stone won the drawing of the evening for dinner at Indian Village. Sep. 1 fiddlers entertained the BLM members at Lakeridge Golf Course for an hour. Golfers that came in said the music was great even out on the greens. Course Sep. 5 was the jam at the fairgrounds. About 25 musicians and singers entertained the people as they passed thru the fairgrounds. Our guest players were the Hardins from Dallas, the Lancasters, the Lanes, the Pattersons, Lloyd Jensen from Bly, Jim Johnston from Christmas Valley, Bob Hinch from

Phoenix and we all had a good time. On Sep. 11 Clyde Lynch, Shorly Stone and Bill Myers helped District 1 entertain the members of the Sunrise Valley Electric Corp. before their annual meeting. Coming event -- 1st Saturday of each month is our potluck and jam at the Memorial Hall. Oct. 9 a jam at the Christmas Valley Community Hall. Noon until 6. Bring finger food and cookies. Mainly, bring yourself and have a good time listening and playing and singing. District 1E won a trophy in the Senior Division in the parade on Labor Day. The guys played while being pulled down the streets of Lakeview. Our sympathy goes out to Donna Lynch on the passing of her mother, Mary Jones who lived in Medford. I've rattled on long enough for this time. Keep pickin' and grinin' also singing. Myrie Shepard, District 1E reporter

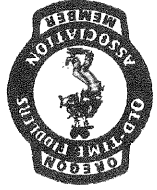
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Today was our jam and there are not enough thank yous in the world to thank everybody who came to see our new location, participate in our jam and help out. It was something, and we enjoyed it tremendously. The jam opened with Alice Holt and Faye Patterson playing twin fiddle The National Anthem. Each district performed as a district and they selected their own MC who introduced their musicians to play. It was wonderful to have such variety and everybody had their turn. Each district has such wonderful talent and when that talent comes together like it did today and at Thousand Trails, it is absolutely awesome. Not only was the music outstanding, but also was being able to see and renew friendships and good times with the people we haven't seen in quite awhile. The only way to top today's jam would be if all of you come back. It was certainly a treat for District 3 to hear the other districts play. We were well entertained. Our own Jack Kerr closed out the jam with "Closer Walk With Thee". WOW. Every note was spirit filled. A perfect ending to a perfect beginning.

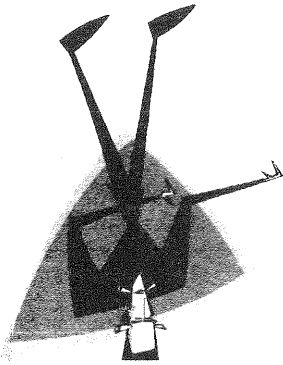
Another treat for us was to have Cliff Harris at our jam. Last year Ed

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and I offered to bring Cliff in a wheelchair. He said "no way, and would not go until he could walk in Dist. 1; Homer & Rosa Lee McLain, Isom Patterson, Ray & Cherie Lane, Thanks to all our guests: Faye & Edna Carter, Earl Knudsen, Joy Cos-tello, Wayne & Helen Tracy, Jack & Hazel Walker, Rick & Sherry Dob-son, Mark & Ila Mae Carmickle, Dave Hulick, Dist 6; Chuck & Pat Gates, Penny Mead, Barry Bloom, Roger & Jackie Germundson, Ernie & Joyce Lovgren, Wayne Holmes, Esther Snider, Dick & Donna Fore-man, Red & Myrtle Arnold, Jim Toussaint, Don Halverson, Dist. 7; Winston & Lola Grant, Dale Cole-bank, Les & Peggy Tucker, Bob & Joyce Crump, Bob & Marie Church, Gene & Jackie Stephenson, Lew & Alice Holt, Bob & Marie Bailey, Dist. 8; Julia Millison, Dist. 9; Dennis & Thelma Allen, Chuck & Margie Hasty, Dick & Leah Shroll, Bob & Jean Hanson, Dist. 10; Edith Nor-berg, Jake & All Swartwood, Clifton & Donna Coulter, OS.

Ten-year-old Delicia San Juan was able to be with us long enough to play a fiddle tune. She loves her fiddle and is suffering from a serious disease (ITP) affecting her platelets requiring numerous blood transfu-sions. Not only are we asking for prayers for Delicia, but Candee Eds-berg (Grandma) is asking if anyone has information on this disease that they contact her at 541-593-4470.

There will be a meeting after the Oct. jam. The next 3 months jam dates are Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, High Desert Activity Center.

Welcome new members  
Vance Bonner, Bend; Randal & Linda Hill, Madras, Ferill Klein-gensmith gave us memorabilia that will be used in the scrapbook Ed is assembling. Thanks Ferill.

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter

P.S. The nice thing about senil-ity is you keep meeting so many new people.

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The summer is over, fall will soon be upon us, and we in District 4 seem to be busier than ever. Our Gold Hill Jam in September had a good crowd with many dancers and listeners attending. The Medford Mail Tribune reporter also came, and wrote a fine article about our organization, featuring a large picture of Gene Williams playing, with Vic Flood in the background. So far no talent scouts, but it was a nice recognition for some of our faithful players. Gene stresses that members

need to be sure to come to the business meetings, as that is where to get information about upcoming places to play. We have been inundated this fall with requests — our fame is spreading!  
Gene and Lol's house rebuilding is now mostly raftered, with roof soon to come. Lots of work still to go, but it's getting there! Got to get in out of those rainy and snowy days that are on their way!  
The McGarveys just returned from a trip back East. We stopped in Burns where Janet Burgess graciously arranged a great barbecue and jam with local folks. We put the moon to bed! Judy also got to jam with a couple "bluegrass" groups in Indiana — one on the prison grounds at Pendleton! (Naw, no convicts, just warden types.) Also got to play with a couple groups at a senior center.  
Music connects us all,

Our October potluck in Rogue River will not have a meeting, but we do have numerous commitments to play that need to be filled, so come and volunteer your wonderful music.  
Thought for today: Souvenirs are perishable; fortunately, memories are not.  
Judy McGarvey,  
reporter for District 4

### Membership for the rest of the year:

Oct. 1 .....\$3.75 + \$15.00  
Nov. 1 .....\$2.50 + \$15.00  
Dec. 1 .....\$1.25 + \$15.00

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Hi, all of you "Happy Fiddlers"! I really don't have much to write about this month except that our district is doing fine and we just keep fiddling around.  
In September we started playing at 8 nursing and retirement homes each month. It keeps us busy and the older people and staff are very happy to have us back entertaining them again.  
After the September issue of the Hoedowner was out, it was decided that we would travel down to Brookings for their Harbor Day's Festival and we had a very appreciative audience. "Hats off" to all of you fine musicians who participated.  
We are not having a meeting and jam this month because when we decided to go back to Greenacres and

the grange did not have any Saturday open in October. But great news — Oct 30 we are having a dance and Halloween Party at Greenacres from 5-9. Dress up and everyone bring a snack, and lots of energy. For more information, please call Fred or Elwood.  
Also our Holiday Dinner is planned for Nov. 6 (The following Sat). Fiddlers are providing turkey and ham the rest is provided by members and friends and families. All friends and families are invited for gooooooood food and even gooder :- ) music. Friends from other districts, this will be a good time to come visit.  
We do not have any anniversaries listed for this month but we wish Happy Birthdays to Dan Hasely on the 3rd, Helen Serrass the 4th, John Noblitt and Ned Matthews the 21st and Mary Lou Saylor our long time member and many times chairman, Al Lively recently fell and broke a hip so we want to send a special "Get Well Soon," and "we're thinking of you, Al and Betty."  
If you know of anyone on the

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(Editor's note. Mary Lou sends an address change — they have lived in the same house for 38 years and have had 4 different addresses!! Her new address is 58746 Garden Valley Rd. Coquille 97423. Maybe this will be the "real one.")

396-3238  
Reporter — Mary Lou Saylor (541)

"sick list" or if I missed your birthday or anniversary, please call and give me the information. I would really appreciate any news you can give me. Thank you very much. Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!

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Coming: Oct. 3rd, Sunday - Jam.

12:30 - 5 P.M. Williamane Senior

Center - Springfield. Oct. 17th,

Sunday - Morning Star Grange -

Millersburg (north of Albany) Open

approx. 10:30 a.m. Potluck/eat

12:30. Jam/Dance. Sound System:

John Madsen.

Future Months: November 13th,

Saturday-Williamane Senior Cen-

ter-Springfield...Already planning for

Thanksgiving feast-Allison Roberts

and DeeDee Kaiser will manage

prep. (Thank you, ladies.) December

5th, Sunday-Moose Lodge-

Lebanon..Wow! Our Christmas

event! Mark all these dates on your

personal calendars, and remember to

invite a guest.

The fiddling performance at the

Lane County Fairgrounds on Senior

Day, Aug. 18 was "to-be-proud-of!"

A fine turn-out of musicians, includ-

ing our friends Dennis & Thelma Al-

len (Dist. 10), President Fred and

his lovely wife, Charlotte and others.

Chairman Mark's organization was

superb! An interesting and success-

ful sign-up routine had announcer

Lloyd Shriber calling performers

from his list, based on talent-type-

inserting alternates amongst vocal-

ists/fiddlers/guitarists.... A favorite

couple, Roy Lewis and Alice McDow-

ell joined the warm, receptive audi-

ence. (So very sorry to report that

Roy has been quite ill. Contact Alice

for details.)

Another member of the fairground

audience was Percy Cowan a fine

94-year-old gentleman who danced

to the tunes and was identified by

Esther Shriber as a co-worker in the

1940's at a creamery in Eugene-just

about the time that she and Loyd be-

came sweethearts. 7-year-old vocal-

ist, Melissa Booth, granddaughter of

Ruth & Andy Kennedy contributed -

vocal & mandolin combination-

great!! Next year's Lane County

Fair plans will follow a meeting

between (a most satisfied) Fair Di-

rector Mike Gleason and Chrm.

Mark.

The Sept. 11-Saturday jam

at Williamane-Springfield was

brightened by the presence of Lyle

Powell, Ruth Loring's brother-

fiddler-guitarist from Idaho. Dist.

6 members were pleased to greet Loren

Osborne (5) and Dale and Lotita Co-

lebank (8). Chrm. Mark would have

been pleased to see a few more

Dist. 6 members show up for the

10:00 a.m. business meeting.

Members should care:

Bank balance = \$1559.00; Dist.

6 members play at approx. 30 nursing

homes each month.

The Sept. 12-Sunday lunch/jam

at Lebanon's American Legion was

great!

Jack and Peggy Kerr,

members from Prineville, were in

town for a family wedding. Dist. 6

jamers and guests had the pleas-

ure of seeing them and hearing

Jack's great singing voice and gui-

tar back-up. Eisie Bostick was ac-

companied by friend Dexter

McPherson, vocalist and guitar

player of Vancouver, WA. These

dancing partners made fine use of

the dance floor. Chuck Williams

brought fiddle tunes all the way

from Vancouver, WA. While folks

ate lunch, Alan Ede provided tunes

for 30 minutes. Willie Carter was

with us. He and Edna do get

around to fiddle: (including) Clark

County Fair, Puyallup, WA Fair,

Spokane Fair.

Other Dist 6 news: AWARDS

were presented to past board mem-

bers...for service(s) rendered over-

tello, Thelma (Shephard) Drayer....

Having served as Sound System

provider for 6 years (and continuing

same), appreciation and acknow-

ledgement go to John Madsen.

Remember: add your word of

thanks to these folks By the way:

Thelma (Shephard) Drayer and hus-

band Ray purchased a home in

Dorena, with ample space for jam-

ming, with appropriate name:

"Melody Meadows." Her new ad-

dress is P.O. Box 83 Dorena, Or

97434

Dist. 6ers at Canyonville

Contest: Senior/Senior Div.: 5th

Place-Earl Knudson-Dexter. Inter-

mediate Div.: 1st Place-Willie Carter,

Lebanon

Our members give in so many

ways!! Allison Roberts and Wanda

Davis have created a wreath to do-

rate at Convention 2000 (Roseburg).

Picture this: a 10-inch music-box fid-

dle set upon a floral wreath. Watch

for it--suppose it might or should end

up on the head table?

The fiddling McMullen (Starr,

etc.) family: Fiddle Champ daughter,

Erin married on Sept. 5th. Son (and

occasional fiddler), Sean will be pre-

sented his Eagle Scout Award on

Sept. 27th!!! Achievement!!! total

congratulations to all!!!

The usual, great pleasure-

OOTFA's Thousand Trails Campout.

Wagon master Carmackie and Ila

Mae along with Dist. 3 folks gave all

of us a grand time--music, with su-

perb workshops, companionship and

all necessary conveniences in a

beautiful site, and with lots of new

and old friends.

However: a most saddening clos-

ing...Bill Fenton (7) passed away on

Thursday, Sept. 16. We learned of

this happening toward the end of Sat-

urday eve's Thousand Trails pro-

gram. He most absolutely would

have come to TT had it been possi-

ble. This friend, formally of Dist. 7,

was a close, dear companion in Dist.

6. It was not mentioned often, but

his physical suffering was known to

many of us. What will be remem-

bered of him will be his love of music

and generous participation in so

many of our activities. He will be ter-

ribly missed.

Connie King,

reporter District 6



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Folks, here you have it...our upcoming jams: Sunday, Oct. 17 Molalla Senior Center, doors open at 11:00. The Molalla Senior Center is located at 305 Kennel Av. Coming south on I-205 take Exit 10, Hwy 213 south to Molalla. Coming in on Molalla Ave. Make a right turn on Heintz and left on Kennel. If you are coming in on Hwy. 211 make a left on Kennel. The Center sits behind the City Park off Molalla Ave. Nov. 6 is a

SATURDAY JAM at the Elsie Stuhler Center! (Please take note this is our Saturday event!) We'll begin at 11:00 for some jamm'ing, followed by the potluck at 12:00 and the show at 1:00. Gresham Jam Sunday, Dec 5th. This will be our holiday jam, so reserve that day on your holiday calendar. More on that later.  
Those of us who attend the 1000 Trails Campout at LaPine each year pine for it for 360-odd days, between visits. Well, once again it was great. The weather was perfect. More than twenty of District 7's folks joined the happy band of music merry-makers there. Watch for the date next year so you can be sure to put the event on your playing calendar. Quite a few of us moved on from a super time at

1000 Trails on to Redmond to have another afternoon filled with sun and fun. The Deschutes County Fair has totally updated building and grounds. They are beautiful. That actually says it all!  
Word has just been received that Bill Fenton passed away on September 16th. He'd been a playing member of District 7 for the last several years. He video-taped many of our jams and played with ever-increasing skill. "Honey," Deep Elm Blues, Mississippi Waltz and East Tennessee Blues" were his signature tunes.  
Pat Gates, Reporter District 7

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is going to a good cause.

Helen Tracy gave away a free name tag for her 999th order to Scott Phillips from Jacksonville. She had announced sometime back that the 999th name tag (for 9-9-99) would win a free one. A year ago at Thousand Trails she sold her 900th name tag. Lee Jones purchased name tag number 1000. No wonder we see so many, and thank goodness for name tags. They help disguise those "senior moments."

Wasn't it nice to see Norman and Mae Flock at the 1000 Trails campout! They come up from Montague, Calif. every year for our contest and for the campout - as well as many jams in districts 1

"along the line." You might let Alice and me know if you have a problem but "best of all," let your postmaster know. A funny moment, though. One member did not get her Hoedowner last month much to her displeasure - ex-friends of OOTFA who have contributed at this time are: Jerry and Irene Ruddock, Jack and Peggy Bloom, Norman and Mae Flock, Howard and Pauline Allen and Norma Medack. Our "hats are So guess it isn't always the post-man. (I told her I would write about it!)

Please let us know if you have a change of address. We get me. Thanks gang.

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Several District 8 folks went to Canyonville for the contest August 28th. Some brought home trophies too! Complete contest results are listed in this issue. Canyonville is a fun contest, a little more "laid back" than some. In spite of hot, hot weather, we all survived. The Holts and Edna Yohey went on to Martha Warwick's campout at Williams. This was the 29th year Martha has held the campout.

We had a good turnout, 16 musicians I believe, at our fourth annual evening playing at Capital Manor in West Salem. Some of our newer players performed. Some have been members for quite awhile, but not playing in public very often. We're proud of you: Kim George, Darwin Wattles, Dick Dery, Jerry Janszen and Gene Stephenson. The audience is always apprecia-

live there. Lew especially enjoys seeing one of the residents, Anton Postl, who was one of his professors at WOSU (then OCE), back in 1947. Dr. Postl and Lew are both still holding up well!

A whole bunch of folks from District 8 attended the campout at 1000 Trails. Mark does a great job!! He puts in many hours to make it enjoyable for us. Thanks, Mark! Most of us went on to Redmond on Sunday. Our segment of the show was about 30 minutes. Thanks to all the district 3 people for making us feel so welcome at the fairgrounds.

Lew and I spent a few days at Martha's camp out after the Canyonville Contest. The fellowship, the fire, the deer, the music, the combine to make for a wonderful time. Thanks Martha and Red and District 8 has had some sadness this past month. Bob and Marie Church's son Roger died of complications of leukemia. We also lost two long time members. Martha Birkholz of McMinnville passed away. She was a life member and fiddle player. Several of the Mac area fiddlers played at her funeral service. Then we got word that

charter member, Vi Modrell, wife of the late Rusty Modrell, died quietly at her home on Sept 12. At her request there was no service. We learned of Bill Fenton's death when we were at Thousand Trails. We'll miss him at our jams. We extend our sympathy to all their families.

October 2nd is an important date for Polk County. The new historical museum located at the fairground in Rickreall, is having its Grand Opening that day. Mark Hatfield will be the keynote speaker. Hatfield, as you all know, is a former governor of Oregon as well as a former senator. But did you know, he grew up in Polk County? Yep, in Dallas to be specific. We'll be fiddling at about 3 PM after the opening ceremony. We are invited to be there earlier to see the new museum and to listen to the formal program at 2:00.

Looking ahead our holiday pot-lucks will be as follows Sunday Nov. 21 at the Senior Center in McMinnville and Sunday Dec. 19 at the VFW Hall in Williamina. More information next month, but for now, mark your calendars and plan to join in the fun.

Alice Holt, reporter District 8



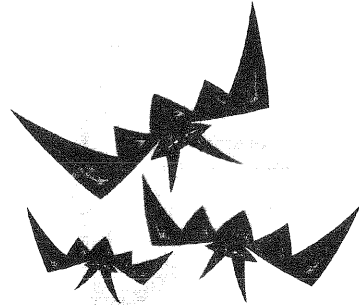
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**SURPRISE!** It's been the theme for September in District 9 with Surprise birthday parties for Rose Ruel and Don Williams. So again we'll wish them both Happy Birthday along with Margaret Teague who also celebrated a landmark year. It was so pleasant to get together with family and friends for a bit of music and



District 9 played 3 sets at the Harney County Fair for a total of 5 hours of playing. Thanks to all the musicians who helped put on a wonderful show. The float we put together at the last minute received a second place ribbon in the parade. Just think if we planned ahead a bit what we could do. Of course quick and simple has a lot going for it too. It was good to have Tracy Koenig out and about by fair time as she had been under the weather just as the school year started. On the calendar for October is the first jam of the fall on Sunday the 3rd. We'll potluck at 1 P.M. and play music from 2 - 4 just like

always. Come on down and join the fun. A few folks to get there around noon would be greatly appreciated to arrange tables, make coffee and help set up the sound system. Also mark October 8 on the calendar to play at the Aspens, 7 P.M. Folks making the trip 1000 Trails at LaPine for the campout included Julia Millieson, Ruel and Margaret Teague and Janet Burgess who says 'better late than not at all'. What a fun event. Thanks to Mark Car-mickle for pulling it all together and to all the other folks who help make it happen. 'Til' next time, Janet Burgess, Reporter District 9

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Greetings everybody from District 10. It has been decided not to hold our regular first Sunday of the month jam as we have done. None are scheduled at this time. If you have any questions, please call our chairman, Jo Barnes at 541-459-4522. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following:  
 On October 16 we'll have a meeting

at 11:00, a potluck at noon and a jam from 1 to 4. We'll be at the Winston Community Building and we would like to see you there. Looking in to the future, mark your calendars for: Nov. 20 -- meeting at 11:00, a potluck at noon and a jam from 1 to 4. Then on Dec. 18 -- meeting at 11:00, a potluck at noon and a jam from 1 to 4. We are very pleased to have guests at our recent jam--Wayne and Helen Tracy and Alice McDowell. We welcome our new members -- Bud and Floy Star. Esther Snider literally gave Bob Hansen the "shirt off her back" at Bend. Did you see the fancy western shirt that Esther won? She was nice and gave it to Bob . . . and

would you believe, he is so proud of it that he hasn't had it off since. We had a great time at 1000 Trails. It was great to see all those from District 10 who were there. We wish that more of you could have made it. The weather was perfect, the food was excellent and the fellowship and music were the best. Start thinking about our membership for 2000. Jo Barnes is ready to take your membership in District 10. Why Bob and I are leaving the area for a while -- so we'll see all of you when we get back. Jean Hanson, District 10 reporter 672-6929



## Notes from the Editor

Some odds and ends from the Editor: Jim Hall a long time member of OOTFA who lived in California died May 28 at the age of 78. He and his twin brother, Jesse, were fixtures at jam sessions for many years. Both played fiddle and Jim also played the guitar. "And both could whistle the old tunes as good as they could fiddle them," recalled Hattie Hall, Jim's wife of 56 years. The brothers came west from Missouri when they were 16 years old. In recent years, Jim and Hattie lived in Oregon and are members of OOTFA. (Alice and I saw Hattie at Martha's campout again this year.)

It is not too early to start paying your dues for the year 2000. Each district membership person was given a good supply of membership cards and membership applications. It is preferred that you pay your district membership person.

A note from Mark: The Thousand Trails Campout for 1999 was a great success. Many thanks to all who came. We had lots of fine music and fellowship. Everyone seemed to be happy. I really appreciate the cooperation of the musicians in getting the show done in a respectable time. I want to thank all those who helped with tables and chairs, the MCs, the runners and those who played the National Anthem. And a special thanks goes to Peggy Boone, Bobbie Spier and all those other wonderful people at Thousand Trails. So why not mark your calendars for September.

ber 14, 15, 16, 2000. Mark E. Carmickle

I had a nice note from Dorothy Booher - I think you will enjoy this. "We don't get around much anymore" but we are enjoying our Hoedowner more than ever! Wanted to share with all of you a very special day we enjoyed at "Virtue's Rendezvous." Arriving way back in the hills near Coquille in the early morning, we found Abbie doing her famous hot cakes on the grill. (recipes from the Web, no less), Phil Fry at the grill (appropriately) frying eggs and all that good stuff. Ate at a table in the sunshine and then, Music!

We danced to "Coquette," listened to Scandinavian classics on an accordion, songs just like our daughter Melody and Stan Gonshorowski used to play, saw a bass on wheels, (great ideal) and a simply beautiful fiddle, hand-made by Bob Shaffar under the tutelage of Phillip Fry (300 hours). Now Bob is teaching Phil the tunes he learned from other fiddlers just as our grandchildren learned them from Paul Lakey and others.

We drove away, reluctantly, to the strains of "Country Waltz" and thinking how happy Fred Virtue and his wife would have been to know "old time fiddlin' is alive and well" at "Virtue's Rendezvous." Dorothy and Chuck Booher

Grandma Dorothy also sent along a nice article from the Bend Bulletin about the Booher Family and their music and their lives. It's not a couple of lines but rather, a long, interesting story and pictures about the family.

Must make a Grandpa and Grandpa mighty proud.

There are so many times and places to have a good time. The contest at Canyonville is no exception. We all send our appreciation to Gynn and Jim for their dedication.

I was especially saddened to hear of the death of Bill Fenton. He came to almost every jam in District 8 as he did most other jams he could get to. He would often take the "scenic route." He was a quiet, little man who really loved fiddle music. He would set up his video camera in the corner and video the jam. He must have had quite a collection. Just recently he shared with me the new bass on wheels, (great ideal) and a simply beautiful fiddle, hand-made by Bob Shaffar under the tutelage of Phillip Fry (300 hours).

History project - it's coming along quite well. I want to especially thank Homer McLain for his long letters which will add much to the history of OOTFA. But I sure would like yours, too.

Isn't it a nice thing that Allison Roberts does for the people in nursing homes who do not have a family to bring them Christmas gifts! Allison has an on going project of collecting gifts which she gives at Christmas time. To help finance the project, she often has drawings for an interesting variety of items. Many of us "took our chances" and bought tickets for her items. We all would like to have won but we know the money

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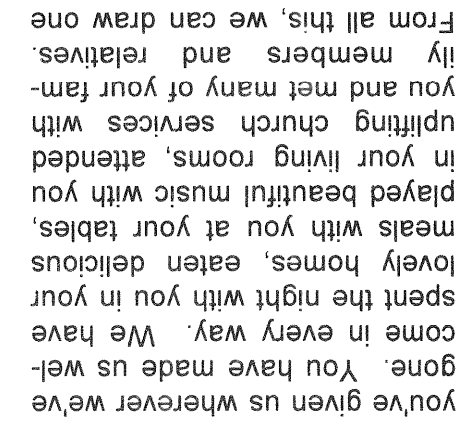
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put in place in all districts to reach our 10 goals. With a new camera, two new VCR's, a new monitor, and more than two-hundred blank video tapes, Ace Wehus, our OOTFA cameraman, is ready to begin production on a most ambitious project. He has invested much in new quality state-of-the-art equipment which will enable him to produce and distribute quality video tapes. Between now and next July 1st, the end of my term as President, it is our goal to put one of our Old Time Fiddler video tapes, showing all facets of Old Time Fiddling and Music, including contest fiddling emphasizing especially our young people, in every public school library and every public city library in the State of Oregon. Statewide, we have approximately 1,200 public school libraries and 205 public and branch libraries. Needless to say, to do this is going to require a lot of time, effort, work, sponsor support, and help on the part of many people.

Much of the cost of this project can be self supporting through the sale of video tapes. For a \$15 donation, Ace will give you a video tape of any event you choose. It would be good for all our members to have a collection of all Old Time Fiddlers' video tapes. Proceeds are used to pay expenses first, and the remainder goes to OOTFA. My position is that we cannot WAIT and HOPE our young people will take an interest in Old Time Fiddling and Music. We must effectively take our music to them. Distributing our video tapes in public and school libraries to be checked out and viewed in homes and classrooms throughout the state is

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indeed an effective way to promote our music and encourage our young people to develop an interest in Old Time Fiddling. It can be done, and we will do it. In all our travels to many districts throughout the state, Char-lotte and I have met many wonderful people, and we want to express our appreciation to each of you for the reception you've given us wherever we've come in every way. We have spent the night with you in your lovely homes, eaten delicious meals with you at your tables, played beautiful music with you in your living rooms, attended uplifting church services with you and met many of your family members and relatives. From all this, we can draw one



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# Canyonville Contest Results August 28, 1999

## PEE WEE DIVISION:

- 1st. Daniel Steward, Redding, CA
- 2nd. Travis Warwick, Williams, OR

## JUNIOR/JUNIOR DIVISION:

- 1st. Zach Konowalchuk, Newport, OR
- 2nd. Darrin Hasley, Florence, OR
- 3rd. Amanda Kobel, Winston, OR
- 4th. Alex Gardner, Washington

## JUNIOR DIVISION:

- 1st. Jeff Moenck, Oregon City, OR
- 2nd. Teresa Plybon, Winston, OR

## SENIOR DIVISION:

- 1st. Homer McLain, Lakeview, OR
- 2nd. Papa Spain, Portland, OR
- 3rd. Lew Standiford, Klamath Falls,

## OR

- 4th. Les Tucker, McMinnville, OR
- 5th. Alice Holt, Salem, OR

## SENIOR/SENIOR DIVISION:

- 1st. Faye Patterson, Merrill, OR
- 2nd. Dennis Allen, Roseburg, OR
- 3rd. Chuck Hasty, Roseburg, OR
- 4th. Pat Manion, Medford, OR
- 5th. Earl Knudson, Dexter, OR

## INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:

- 1st. Willie Carter, Lebanon, OR

## ACCOMPANISTS:

- 1st. Dennis Allen, Roseburg, OR
- 2nd. Dick Todd (Address Unknown)
- 3rd. Britt Smith, Quincy, CA
- 4th. Vic Flood, Medford, OR
- 5th. Louie Roy, Roseburg, OR

## OPEN DIVISION:

- 1st. Johnny McDonald, Quincy, CA
- 2nd. Margaret Brank, Winlock, WA
- 2nd. Darren Reitan, Redding, CA
- 4th. Eileen Witter, West Linn, OR
- 5th. Willie Warwick, Williams, OR

work on Sunday morning was cut to when invited were eventually coaxed from Gynn Deaton) Canyonville's 33rd annual Pioneer Days Oldtime Fiddle Contest was a hot one! HOT as in weather and HOT as in fiddlers. We had a great competition with 36 fiddlers in 7 categories as compared to 38 in 1998, 24 in 1997, 21 in 1996, and 20 back in 1995. We would have had 37 because Van Southwood (one of our oldest OOTFA members) signed up but apparently began to feel ill and went home before his division started. We missed Van as he still pictures in the album she makes Teresa Plybon and Amanda Kobel for up each year are priceless. Such a nice history of the contest. What a debt we all owe her. Ace Wehus also made a program video as well as one from the Jam onstage at Pioneer Park Friday night.

Martha Warwick and Neva Flood did their usual fine job at the tabulation desk. Kathy Nash, Joan Allgood, and Irene Ruddle were Judges' Helpers with Edna Carter as Runner. Jean Standiford and Charlotte Dow sold tickets. Accompanists Judge Ethel Holstin. Vic Flood took a presence of mind to get people to fold up their chairs and very quickly they are all put away in the closet. Then, there are the tables to move back to the other building, the floor to be swept, debris to pick up, and with Lew and his "volunteers", everything was done in short order so that our ones who at first would say "No" Gynn Deaton

it is impossible to thank everyone who had a part in making this contest successful. You guys and gals know who you are. I do want to thank Hazel's daughter, Sherry Dobson, made a video of the entire program. Hazel Walker and up for the Specials and helping Jack excellent job in getting people signed up for the Specials and helping Jack As always, Jack Walker did a great job emceeding and Shorty Dow did an positive. Our fine musicians put on a good show.

I appreciate each and every one of you who participate by playing or listening, and/or helping both financially and physically. I'm sorry it can't be a free OOTFA event but it does take money to come up with the normal prizes and take care of the normal contest expenses. Many comments are that Canyonville is a "fun" contest. Let's keep it that way and have another fun time in the year 2000.

I want to especially thank Lew Holt. He is always the one with the presence of mind to get people to fold up their chairs and very quickly they are all put away in the closet. group to the Forest Glen Senior Residence Friday evening and those people loved the performance. Jack Walker had a whole lot to do with it with his wheelchair dancing. The

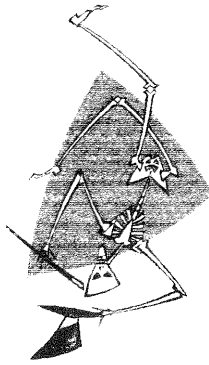
# Calendar

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

20 Winston Community Building.....10  
 21 Senior Center.....McMinnville .....8

## December

5 Moose Lodge .....Lebanon .....6  
 18 Roxy Ann Grange ..Medford .....4  
 19 VFW Hall .....Williamina .....8



## October

2 Memorial Hall.....Lakeview.....1-E

2 Community Ctr. .... Rogue River.....4

2 Polk Co. Museum .. Rickreall.....8

3 Williamalane Sr Ctr Springfield.....6

3 Senior Center..... Burns .....9

1-E Christmas Valley Community Hall.....9

10 Klamath Falls .....1

10 Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds .....3

16 Winston Community Building.....10

17 Morning Star Grange.....Millersburg 6

17 Senior Center .... Molalla .....7

30 Greenacres ..... Coos Bay.....5

## November

6 Community Center, Rogue River.....4

7 Burns Senior Center .....9

13 Williamalane Sen. Ctr. ....Springfield 6



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