

# The Hoedowner

## "Fred Sed"

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every month.

Connie King, District 6, Corvallis, has had some serious health problems this spring. Many of our members will want to send her cards and letters. I know that she will appreciate them. She is at: Heart of The Valley Nursing Home, 2750 NW Harrison Blvd., Corvallis, Oregon 97330-5208. Thanks.

Three days, May 11, 12, and 13, passed us by, all too swiftly, didn't they?! That's the way it is though when we're having fun, seeing old friends, playing music and singing songs. Our Florence Fiddle Festival this year was truly a JOYOUS OCCASION for everyone, but, of course, those same two words could be used to describe any of our special OOTFA activities where our members assemble after traveling many miles and hours just to be with one another and play our music and sing our songs.

It was fun playing in a public school gym Thursday night, and our Friday and Saturday night signup shows were both great also,

and an overflow crowd each night was living proof that our entertainment was parexcellance. Many times it has been said before, that it is our music which binds us all together, and which causes us to want to participate in all OOTFA activities, no matter what sacrifice is necessary to be there, but is that really true??

Think about it a minute! In our travels this past year to all our districts throughout Oregon, it has become increasingly clear to me that one other element binds us together just about as much as our music, and "running nose to nose" with our love for our music is a spirit of "family."

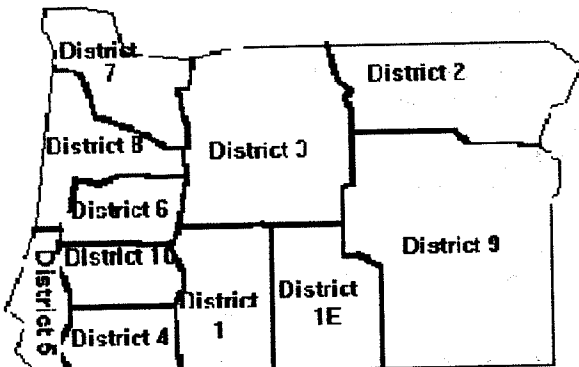
In my August 1999 Newsletter to all district officers statewide, ten aspiring goals were set forth to be reached during my 1999/2000 term as President of OOTFA. Goal number two was stated as follows: "We must promote OOTFA as an organization which stresses "family", thinking that women, children or any other family member, of any age, could safely

attend any of our events and enjoy good clean fun and entertainment. However, "family" really means much more than that. We are just one great big "family", composed of moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents etc., who honor and respect one another as "family" members, as is evidenced by a lot of hugging, back slapping, and smiling when we get together. Shorty Dow summed it up well at a Saturday night program high point when he turned to me and said, "Fred, this is a great musical family we are members of, isn't it? Our musicians are all praiseworthy and getting better, and our crowds are getting bigger!" That was well spoken, Shorty.

All of us take our hats off and exuberantly applaud Ken and Sally Jordan, Kathy Nash and Dan Hasley for putting this Florence Fiddle Spectacular together.

Wow!! What an honor!! Oregon has been chosen to be Host State this year at our National Old Time Fiddlers' Con-

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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

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Hello all – District 1 – Business meeting and potluck, music playing – 1st Sunday afternoon of each month at Villa West Estates Recreation hall, 2241 Greensprings Dr. in Klamath Falls. For the June 4th meeting the park manager has asked us to shorten our music time because other park residents need to use the hall for a graduation party. So this time, we will use the facility from 12:00 to 3:30.

Jam – June 11, 1 – 4 p.m. at Oregon State University Extension Bldg. (lower level) 3328 Vandenberg Rd in Klamath Falls. Bring finger foods, please. Directions to the building are; turn east off Alameda Bi-Pass at Eberlien Ave., take an immediate

left, turn on to Vandenberg Rd go north up the hill to 1st building on left. Parking in front of building and by the meeting room on the lower level where the fiddlers will be.

Nursing Homes – 4th Thursday at 1:00. Clairmont Nursing Home at east end of Main St. in Klamath Falls. Then at 2:15 we play at the Retirement Home which is 1 block above and back of Nursing Home. Play 1 hour at each place on the same day.

Since our May Jam fell on Mother's Day and we were starting in a new location, our visitors were few but the members enjoyed an afternoon of fun and music. Hopefully after 2 months, our advertising on TV, radio, flyers, etc. and word of mouth, will gradually draw more participants and audience.

June "Happy Birthday Wishes" go out Ernie Furry – 1st and Jean Standiford on the 22nd.

Wedding Anniversary con-

gratulations go to Sandy and June Sandusky 1st, Dick and Jo Harris 16th and Gary and Carolyn Rarden 24th.

Some of our members attended the State Contest in Salem, tho none of us were able to go to Florence. Ruddocks are continuing their travels and visiting the east coast. (Hope they are taking lots of pictures to show when they return.)

Guess the next "Biggie" is Burns Country Music Jamboree. Hopefully we'll see you all there. Happy "fiddlin and pickin"

Cherie Lane, District 1 reporter



**Some odds and ends from the Editor:**

**Sally Jordan writes:** I just wanted to thank everyone for coming to Florence for the Fiddle Fest. We had such a great time and we wanted everyone to know we did and hope everyone else did too. I really appreciate all of the help I got from various helpers here in Florence. Kathy and Norman Nash for helping with advertising and hauling equipment and for their support. A BIG thank you to my husband Ken for running interference, doing the Emceeing and keeping me in line...Also thanks to Lloyd and Esther Shriber for their unrelenting services for doing sign ups for us...thanks again...and to all of you for your help and for just going with the flow (especially when we were asked to move around and make adjustments). I really appreciate your wonderful attitude with not

much grumbling....I appreciate that soooo much...Anyway, thanks again, it was fun...Sally

I want to thank all of you who sent me your preregistration material for the contest. It is so much easier to make out your name tag and to get your packet ready here at home than it is in the confusion of the contest. And thanks to all of you who did your job so well at the contest. Most workers came to me before the contest to volunteer to work. Now, I think that is great. Charlotte Hardin took the wrinkled rosettes home from last year to iron so they would look nice for the contestants. Then Loita Colebank called to volunteer so she did the registration with the help of Irene Ruddock. Rich Samsom, Dick Derry, Chuck

and Pat Gates volunteered and were great runners. Shorty and Charlotte Dow volunteered and came up from Bandon. They took care of the parking. There were many who put up and took down chairs but I want to single out Don O'Brien from Oregon City. Don came down early Thursday evening to especially help in the gym. He and I spent most of the evening straightening up the stage area and then Friday morning he was great help running the 200 foot speaker wire to the judge's room. And then late Saturday night he took it down. Thursday night he helped carry in many boxes of contest material. Thanks Homer for your help – Homer McLain and I were the last ones out of the hall late Saturday night –. Yes, I appreciated

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On May 6 our monthly jam and potluck was held at the Memorial Hall. Ruth, Karen, Betty and Bob from Christmas Valley were down. Always glad to see and hear them. Had several other visitors from here in town.

Perry Forga is back fiddling after having shoulder surgery.

Congratulations to Homer McLain for representing our district and for bringing home a nice trophy from the State Contest.

The weather is getting more like summer. Where did the spring go? Who knows? Everyone talks about the weather but no one can do anything about it.

Many are traveling about, to doctors, visit friends and families and to comfort others when a dear friend passed on.

The monthly meeting held May 8 was poorly attended. Some had company and I had a bad headache.

Hope all are better now and can attend our jam on the June 3rd and to the monthly meeting June 12th at the Indian Village.

Can't think of much more and no one told me any news so, keep a smile on your face, a song in your heart and keep on fiddling.

We played and sang at the Long Term Care for the elderly three times this month with five or six in attendance to sing and play.

By By for now. Hope to have more next time.

Myrle Shepard, Reporter,  
 District 1E

### RESULTS OF THE OOTFA FIDDLE CONTEST CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE APRIL 28 29, 2000

#### Open

- |                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Gary Schuh   | Portland |
| 2. Andy Emert   | Portland |
| 3. Jacie Penner | LaGrande |
| 4. Bob Heinith  | Portland |
| 5. Allen Todd   | Langlois |

#### Senior Senior Division

- |                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1. LeRoy Sims    | LaPine      |
| 2. Wayne Holmes  | Portland    |
| 3. Willie Carter | Lebanon     |
| 4. Bus Boyk      | Portland    |
| 5. Buck Milligan | Springfield |

#### Seniors Division

- |                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| 1. Donna Foreman | Estacada |
| 2. Judy McGarvey | Medford  |
| 3. Alice Holt    | Salem    |
| 4. Homer McLain  | Lakeview |
| 5. Dale Colebank | Woodburn |

#### Adult Division

- |                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1. Starr McMullen | Corvallis  |
| 2. Donna Reuter   | Hood River |
| 3. Eileen Witle   | West Linn  |
| 4. Peg Willis     | Pendleton  |

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|---------------|-----------|
| 5. Doug Orton | Corvallis |
|---------------|-----------|

#### Your Adult Division

- |                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Amy Thomas    | Salem       |
| 2. Jeanine Orme  | Beaverton   |
| 3. Erin McMullen | Corvallis   |
| 4. Julie Essex   | Tigard      |
| 5. Kim George    | McMinnville |

#### Junior Division

- |                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| 1. Andy Shelton  | Corvallis |
| 2. Steff Nelson  | Pendleton |
| 3. Ariana Rosen  | Eugene    |
| 4. Amberly Rosen | Eugene    |
| 5. Paul Briskey  | Monmouth  |

#### Junior Junior Division

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|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. Bern Youngblood    | LaGrande |
| 2. Zack Konowalchuk   | Newport  |
| 3. Marshall Baker     | Portland |
| 4. Eric Berg-Johansen | Salem    |
| 5. Robbie Griswold    | Lyons    |

#### Pee Wee Division

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|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Alex Hargraves | Corvallis |
| 2. Stacey Tran    | Beaverton |

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|-----------------|----------|
| 3. Clara Baker  | Portland |
| 4. Alex Carlson | Ione     |
| 5. Eric Jepsen  | Heppner  |

#### Twin Fiddle Division

- |                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1. Amberly Rosen  | Eugene     |
| Ariana Rosen      | Eugene     |
| 2. Starr McMullen | Corvallis  |
| Andrew Emert      | Portland   |
| 3. Jeanine Orme   | Beaverton  |
| Mary Wilson       | Beaverton  |
| 4. Greg Baker     | Portland   |
| Marshall Baker    | Portland   |
| 5. Donna Reuter   | Hood River |
| Eileen Witle      | West Linn  |

#### Accompanist Award

- |                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| 1. Frank Moore  | St. Helens |
| 2. Andy Emert   | Portland   |
| 3. Dennis Allen | Roseburg   |
| 4. Bob Hansen   | Roseburg   |
| 5. Peg Willis   | Pendleton  |

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Our own Leroy Sims has done it again and won a championship in the Senior Senior Division at the State Fiddle Contest. Now a lot of people think that Leroy just woke up one morning and started playing fiddle with no effort. He wishes it had been that easy. After Leroy joined the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers in the 70's, he decided he wanted to play his fiddle like his mentors and the champions before him and that's when his practice time of four hours a day began. He and Shirley still get in some practice time almost daily. Leroy firmly believes learning and practicing the wrist action is one of the most important factors in fiddle playing. We received a lovely note from Wayne Holmes and he said "" I finished 2nd in the Senior Senior Division. Leroy Sims won it and he deserved to. He played SUPERBLY!"" Thanks Wayne! It takes a true champion to recognize another champion. Con-

gratulations to both Leroy, Wayne and all the contestants.

Like Leroy, many of our fiddle players did not start to learn fiddle playing until mid-age and that just proves it's never to late to learn and with practice the possibilities are endless.

Get out the party celebrations and clap your hands as District 3 has their new officers ready to take over on July 1. Hip Hip Hooray!!! Bob Ervin, Chairman; Jon Granby, Co-Chairman; Betty Fullerton, Sec./Treas; Vernie & Phil Olson, Reporters; Earlene Ervin, Advertising. Alternate Reporter, Ilomae Zehner. Welcome and best wishes to all.

We had a good jam and it's always fun to see how much the audience enjoys it. We had some very talented up and coming young fiddle players with us again and what a joy it was to listen and watch Margo and Joseph Caramella and the progress they have made. Glad to have David Higginbotham and his mandolin join us. It was a pleasure to have Julia Milleson, Dist. 9; Don Halverson, Dist. 7; Winston and Lola Grant, Dist. 8

join us. Speaking of our jams, there are still many people who do not realize that the donations taken in does not go to the musicians or other members. The money taken in is what pays for our rent, advertising, supplies, and reimbursement of out of pocket operating expenses. We are still falling way short of meeting these expenses and will again make that information available to everyone at the next jam.

Now we look forward to June 11th. We hope to see you all at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond. Get well wishes to Cliff Harris and George Brumbach who are recuperating from their surgeries.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all June celebrations.

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter,  
District 3

P.S. Those who gossip to you, gossip about you!

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test at Weiser, Id., June 19 through 24, and I can tell you, without the slightest reservation, that though my term as President of OOTFA has been characterized by a series of mountain-top experiences, this Host State honor tops them all. Preparations have already begun, and everything is in high gear to spotlight all Oregon Fiddlers each night from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (timing is critical, allowing 5 minutes to get on stage, 20 minutes to entertain with our music, and 5 minutes to vacate the stage) at opening ceremonies preceding contestant fiddling. Information about being Host State, together with a song list of more than 50 songs from which to

choose each night, was included in our May Hoedowner. Please begin practicing those songs now, so we will be at our best each night when we play. This same information was circulated in my monthly newsletter to all district officers statewide. All our members are encouraged to attend this spectacular event, especially if you have never been there before. We want everyone on stage each night to show people in a national audience how our Oregon fiddlers can perform at a good, old-fashioned jam. Lew Holt will be our leader, and a daily schedule of activities will be posted on a practice room message board adjacent to the auditorium, so check it daily to make sure you don't miss out on anything. Also, Lew will be happy to receive any good jam tune song title or creative, imaginative idea or suggestion you might have to help us put on a great

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Our May jam at Gold Hill included many dancers, and musicians playing their favorites. What an enthusiastic and active group! Our potluck was yummy, and well managed by our capable "kitchen crew". They wish to remind us that sometimes the potluck is a little sparse, so ALL members are asked to bring an item that provides at least 8 servings, giving those at the end of the line an opportunity to eat, too. Next month's jam is at Prospect, then no meeting till August at Stewart State Park, where we will jam, eat, then jam some more.

Vic Flood is having trouble with his hip and leg and is unable to drive; Neva is getting better. Letha Fry is very ill. Martha Warwick is home and recovering. Don Lindsey had cataract surgery -- he planned this now so he would be ready and able to get to Burns and Weiser. Speedy recovery, Don! We wish the best for all of you and want you to know you are missed.

The State Contest in Salem was attended by three of our district, and we brought home three "prizes". Pretty good odds, huh? Pat Manion was 10th, in the senior-senior division, and Judy McGarvey (that would be ME) was 2nd in the senior. (I was so tickled I wanted to take my trophy to bed with me, but Bruce said it had to be on MY side!). Judy also placed 7th, twin-fiddling with Bus Boyk (what fun!). The contest was

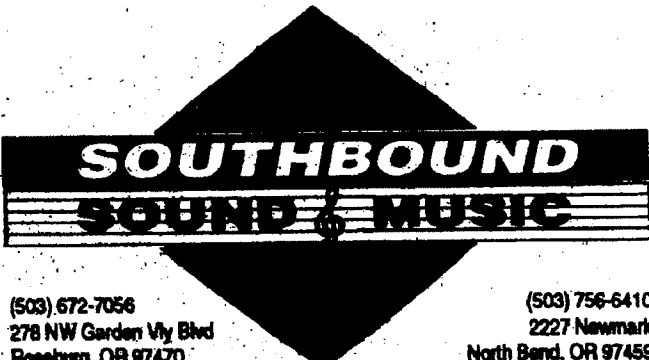
fabulous this year -- kudos to all the dedicated folks who made it happen!!

Gene and Lola Williams, the Calvin Wards, Art and Charlotte Bigelow, and Pat Manion and Joan Allgood made the trip to the Florence Fiddle festival. Weather was great, and they had a wonderful time.

We continue playing at various nursing homes, senior centers, etc. It's wonderful to see the joy on their faces as we play the old music that they remember. For those of you who share your talents so freely, a special thank you from those who can only say it with their eyes and smiles.

Which also confirms: "To love what you do and feel that it matters -- how could anything be more fun?"


Judy McGarvey, reporter District



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Well here it is June already and I hope all of you wonderful mothers had a beautiful Mother's Day. I would like to wish all of you fathers a very "Happy Father's Day", June 18!

A big "District 5 Congratulations" to Allen Todd for bringing home a nice trophy from the state contest. We're proud of you Allen. It was nice that Shorty and Charlotte Dow went up to help out.

Traveling up to Florence to the fiddle festival were Bev and Jim Hill, Charlotte and Shorty Dow, Lucille and Cecil Davidson, Sharon and Larry Gallagher, Clirca and Charlie Miller, Florence and Fred Grove, Clara and Del Thomas, Rose Johnson, Pat Kraemer, Sheila Anderson, Phil Fry, Frankie Williams, Loren and his two cute little granddaughters.

District 5 also had several members present who live in the Florence area. A little bird told me everyone had a great time and the music was Fantastic! I am sorry I missed it, but I was busy making decorations for our church's Mother's Day luncheon and enjoying the luncheon with my daughters on Saturday. As everyone knows you can't be in two places at once! We would like to thank Sally Jordan for all of the hard work she put into this festival to make it such a "BIG SUCCESS!"

Remember we will be playing at the Bullard Beach State Park in Bandon on Friday, June 9 from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. Everyone should try and be there by 6:30 P.M. This will be held in the amphitheater and in case it rains (in Oregon you never know) it will be held in the community center, an extra large Yurt, next to the amphitheater. Everyone is welcome and please remember this has always been one of our big money makers, so bring your fiddles and bows and make with the toe tapping music.

June 17 is the date for our

jam at Greenacres. We will have a short meeting at noon with the jam and dance to follow from 1-4 P.M. Hope to see everyone there! Mark your calendars for our July jam at the North Fork Grange near Florence on the 29th 1-4. And, Bullards June 9, July 7, Aug 11 & Sept 8 from 7-9.

Sickness reported to me is Johnny Davis, who had a very serious back surgery. I understand he is back home to recuperate and we wish him a very speedy recovery.

Birthday wishes are sent to: Shorty Dow and Val Matthews on the 7th, Rick Reaves the 10th, Joan Daniels the 14th and our chairman, Fred Grove on the 25th. Happy Anniversary to Anne and Dan Hasley on Father's Day and Florence and Fred Grove on the 30th.

Reporter-Mary Lou Saylor  
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## District 2

We were very proud of the many fiddlers from our area that entered the contest in Salem. We brought home many trophies, rosettes and memories of a good time. We are especially proud of the many young fiddlers from our area. We heard many nice compliments about them and how much our participation was appreciated.

**Membership for the rest of the year:**

- June 1 \$8.75
- July 1 \$7.50
- Aug. 1 \$6.25
- Sep. 1 \$5.00
- Oct. 1 \$3.75 + \$15 for 2001
- Nov. 1 \$2.50 + \$15 for 2001
- Dec. 1 \$1.25 + \$15 for 2001



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May began with the semi-annual jam at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. About 25 musicians turned and a goodly crowd of listeners. Two prominent visitors were Wally Bloom and Willy Carter, who put in their usual outstanding performances. Connie King, we hear, is seriously afflicted; a card was circulated at the jam which was signed by 40 or 50 people. Our sympathy and best wishes go out to Connie.

In other events, Ed Roberts, the son of District Six Co-

Chair Curly Roberts and Allison Roberts was married in Salem on May 7. A District Six delegation put in an appearance and provided some of the festive music.

Ruth Kennedy, District Six Secretary and Membership Chairman, and Andy Kennedy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 7 at Walterville Grange. Many District Six members contributed music for the celebration. Andy and Ruth want to especially thank everybody who attended and for sharing this special day with them.

The Florence Fiddle Festival, May 12-13, was well attended, and a good time was had by all.

District Sixers figured prominently at May's annual fiddle contest. Starr McMullen took first position in the adult category, while Andy

Shelton led the Junior Division. Amber and Ariana Rosen won in the twin fiddle segment, while Alex Hargraves won the Peewee Division (again). Other District Sixers who competed were Earl Knudsen and Mark Carmickle.

Looking ahead, the next District Meeting and jam will be June 4 at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. There will be a short business meeting at which the arrangements for Coburg Golden Years in July will be discussed.

District Six has also always been well represented at Mary Cole Days in Marcola, the last weekend of July. An open jam to be held at the Marcola firehouse on Saturday, July 29. More details, including directions, will be included in next month's letter.

Joe Moyle, Reporter, District 6

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show each night.

Next on our exciting, busy summer musical agenda is our High Desert Country Music Jamboree at Burns, Oregon June 15-17, but just as sure as we live and breathe, some of our members will show up several days early, and that's just fine. Six good reasons were given in our May Hoedowner for attending this jamboree, so each member is urged to read them again and make plans now to be there. It is also very important to be there, because our OOTFA Quarterly meeting will be conducted on Saturday, June 17 at 1:00 p.m., and we have some vitally important business to consider.

Much more information will be included in our subsequent Hoedowner issues about important upcoming fiddle events many of us will want to attend. Roger Germondson will be heading up a July 20-23 Mt. Hood Campout. Musicians from all over Oregon are discover-

ing what a great and beautiful place this is to have a fiddle campout, and many are planning to be there this year. Don't forget to check our Hoedowner Calendar for specific dates, times, places and events such as August 3-6 Diamond Lake Campout under able direction of Jerry and Irene Ruddock, Corvallis Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest August 5 at Benton County Fairgrounds, under leadership of champion fiddler, Starr McMullen and friends, and Canyonville Fiddle Contest August 26, with Gynn Deaton, veteran leader of many, many years experience heading up the contest, topping off all of these activities with Martha Warwick's Campout, August 26 through Labor Day. And then on September 14 - 16 plan on attending the campout at 1000 Trails near LaPine.

As you know, my term as President of OOTFA ends July 1, 2000, which means my "Fred Sed" Hoedowner piece will appear only one more time. Thank you for reading my Hoedowner piece this month, and that's what "Fred Sed" this day in May 2000.

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**CALENDAR EVENTS:** June 11- Estacada Community Center. We start jamming about 11:00. We break for lunch at 12 with a little meeting time thrown in as needed. Then the real jam/SHOW starts at 1:00.

Our Canby Jam for May was very pleasant. Refreshments were available as a fund raiser for the Canby Senior Center. Nice that we could support each other's groups. Folks had a great time!

District 7's Jim Ramsey passed away early Monday May 14th. He was a long-time member of District 7 and Northwest Jamboree. He played fiddle, guitar, banjo and accordion among other instruments. He enjoyed our pre-jams at least as much as the "show" part of our monthly get togethers. His style was Oregon Old timey with some North Dakota slipped in, along with some original flavor for even more variety.

We're off to Estacada for the June Jam on the 11th. The Estacada Senior Center is at 200 Clubhouse Rd. Coming from 1-205, take 221 to Estacada. Go to stop light and turn right, then turn right at next street. It's on the right side of street. It should be a beautiful drive at this time of year... whether its sunny or not. So join us there of some fine tunes, congeniality, and to meet some new friends.

We have some congratulations to share with you. Donna Foreman of our district came in first in the Senior Division of the State Contest. Wayne Holmes came in second in the Senior Senior Division. In the Open Division Gary Schuh, Andy Emert, and Bob Heinith, all of Portland, came in in the top of their division. Way to go all of you!!!

Hope you're getting geared up for Weiser. District 7 had numerous fine musicians playing in the contest!

Other finalists in the Oregon State Championship Fiddle Contest from our area are... Senior Senior Division: Bus Boyk Portland. Young Adult Division: Jeanine Orme Beaverton and Julie Essex Tigard. Junior Junior Division: Marshall Baker Portland. Pee Wee Division:

Stacey Tran Beaverton. Twin Fiddle Division: Andrew Emert Portland ; Jeanine Orme Beaverton and Mary Wilson Beaverton plus Greg and Marshal Baker Portland, and Eileen Witle West Linn. Accompanist Award: Andy Emert Portland. [The entire places/listing of winners from all areas of the state are available on the internet.]

The National Contest will have Oregon as the host state this year. For those attending- the Oregonians will play on stage each evening to start off the show. Hope many listeners and players from our area will make the trip.

Alan Hudson, spouse of Linda Mar our fine banjo player and classical guitar player, is recuperating from extensive surgery related to diabetes. He needs our supportive thoughts! Their address is in the OOTFA roster.

Our next scheduled jam will be at King City in September. Remember though that we will have numerous opportunities to play for summer events throughout June, July, August, and into mid-September so let's keep in touch!

A few area events over the summer are: July 20 -23 Mt. Hood Campout and August 5- Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Corvallis.

**CANYONVILLE CONTEST:** By now I hope everyone has noted August 24th through the 27th as Pioneer Days in Canyonville with the 34th annual fiddle contest scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 26th.

Jack Walker has been asked to Emcee again. And I'm hoping Rick Dobson will agree to operating the sound system again. Johnny McDonald indicated at the 1999 contest that she would judge this year. Must have two more.

Martha Warwick is planning to be at the scoring table and if Neva Flood is not feeling up to helping, Martha will need an assistant. Any volunteers?

Three generous donations have been received to start the ball rolling: Jasmine Holt, Myrtle Creek - \$100; OOTFA District #4 - \$200; and Bob and LoRay Hannah, Albany - \$150. Also a couple of trophies from the 1999 state contest were sent down by Lew Holt. "Thank you, Thank you, Thank you." If anyone else wishes to make donations, I will be most grateful.

Sign-up for the contest will be held between 9:00 a.m. and noon the day of the contest. Preliminary Contest begins at 12:30. Finals begin at 7:00 p.m.

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Last month I joked that Dennis Brutke had "stolen" Don Simon's tune (Don't Squeeze the Charmin). Don says he gave it to Dennis, as he's not doing much squeezing these days. "Too old to cut the mustard," he says. Ah, come on Don, nobody's too old for that! On the other hand, I wouldn't want Charmin's boyfriend to put out your lights!

The OOTFA fiddle contest brought out lots of players, listeners and workers. Thanks to all of them. Ken Cartwright did a superb job on the sound. He brings in a whole truck load of equipment, sets it all up, makes adjustments for the entertainment groups, AND he and Ginny Hollon sit there through the whole contest to make sure it's all working right. We do appreciate you, Ken and Ginny! Also a special thanks to those who worked at various jobs before and during the contest. Because of you, everything went smoothly. As a note of interest,

the man who collapsed during the Saturday night session is okay. He had a reaction to some medication he was taking. I was impressed with how Terry Jorgensen, Donna Foreman and Loita Colebank all came to his aid. We're lucky to have nurses in our midst.

District 8 members faired well in the competition. In the Jr. Jr Division, Zach Konowalchuk placed 2nd, Erik Bern-Johansen 4th, and Robbie Griswold 5th. Erik and Robbie are new to our district and we hope you two guys will come to our jams!

Les Tucker, Lew Holt, Lee Jones and Dale Johnson entered Sr. Sr. Division. Les was close to the top five with 6th place.

In Senior Division, Alice Holt placed 3rd, and Dale Colebank 5th.

Saving the best for last, Amy Thomas won 1st place in the Young Adult Division and Kim George placed 5th place. Congratulations to all.

The spaghetti dinner at Newberg brought out a good group of players and listeners. We will have had our regular jam at McMinnville by the time this is read. We always have a good turnout there, and lots of dancers.

A good group of District 8ers went to Florence for the Fiddle Fest there. It was a great weekend. Jamming, jamming and more jamming. Yeah! That's what we like! Good job Sally, Ken and all of District 5.


Our next jam is Sunday, June 4 for our District picnic in the park at McMinnville. The park is adjacent to the Senior Center. Here's how to get to the Senior Center. if you are traveling through McMinnville north on the main highway -- after you have gone through the business district and start to go out of town, there will be a McDonald's on the left (north side of the highway), right there you turn right (south) on to McDaniel St. and the Senior Center is a couple of blocks on the left (east).

We picked an early-in-the-month date to avoid conflict with the Country Music Jamboree, District 7 and Weiser. We hope you'll come and join the fun. We suggest that if your last name begins with A-M, bring a picnic main dish and a salad. If your name begins with N-Z, bring a picnic main dish and a dessert. Bring your instruments and your appetite.

Alice Holt, reporter, District 8

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Howdy Where does the time go? It's been a busy month or so it seems. A small turnout was present for the last jam of the spring at the Senior Center and also for the May session at the Aspens. Remember we will continue at the Aspens through the summer on the second Friday of each month. In June it will be the 9th.

Julia Milleson has been burning up the miles. It's difficult to keep track but she's been to the jam at Florence and played up in Irrigon. District 9 was unable to attend the State Contest this year but hope to be back in full force next year.

Welcome to new members Baron, Katie, Carol Ann, and Katherine Tracy of Drewsey. Katie plays fiddle, guitar, and vocals; Baron plays tenor guitar and the young ones are just starting out. Katie is the granddaughter of

Turen Dunten who was one of the mainstays of the old time fiddlers in our early years.

Janet Braymen missed the last jam of the season to attend a hammer dulcimer weekend at Silver Falls State Park. Ed and Marie Nelson (district 3) stopped in to see what all the hammerin' was about. Up to 17 dulcimers hammered away the weekend at workshops and jam sessions. There were even two fiddle players among the bunch. One couple there asked me if I'd ever heard about the fiddle jam at 1000 Trails in LaPine. I assured them it is one of the events to take in.

Plans are being finalized for the Country Music Jamboree sponsored by the High Desert Fiddlers. If you'd like to volunteer your time to help with the jamboree, a number of jobs are available. Contact Janet at 541-573-1323 to offer up your services.

Here's the details about the Country Music Jamboree. It's June 15, 16, and 17 at the Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns, Oregon. Follow the signs or turn south at the 2nd stop light and drive about 1 mile. Plenty of parking is available for RV's at

\$10 for hook-ups or \$7 to dry camp. Arnold's Chuck Wagon will be back to provide food including specialty dinners and breakfast.

Skelton's Music will be set up again this year as they were last year. If you have a special musical need, please give Rod a call at 707-279-4336 and he will do his best to bring it with him. (skeltonmusic@jps.com)

Again we will feature a main stage with open jams. Some workshops are being scheduled and some other activities are in the works. A second stage area is planned for outdoors in the show arena. Just come on over. Lots of music and fun is the name of the game. Oh, and don't forget the quarterly state meeting on Saturday morning 10 am.

Special events this month included playing at the Cafe in Drewsey for a community birthday celebration on May 20. On May 21 folks gathered to wish Faye Leonard a Happy Birthday and played a few tunes at a party in her honor.

Janet Braymen, Reporter,  
District 9

**Check these web sites in your spare time:**

[http://www.geocities.com/roy\\_12000](http://www.geocities.com/roy_12000)

[www.boohermusiccamp.com](http://www.boohermusiccamp.com)  
<http://www.pond.net/~lberg/>

<http://www.cartwrightsmusic.com/>

<http://www.kauffmanwood.com/gallery/klein/index.htm>

<http://www.HenryStrobel.com>

Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association: <http://www.scvfa.org>

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Contest divisions are Pee Wee, Junior-Junior, Junior, Senior, Senior-Senior, Intermediate, and Open. Trophies will be awarded to the top five in all categories and information regarding cash prizes will be forthcoming a future Hoedowner. Fiddlers who are here Friday afternoon are invited to entertain at Forest Glen Retirement Home and on stage at Pioneer Park. (I'll let you know what time when I know for sure.) If you come down Thursday, you'll be in time for the barbecue and opening of the midway booths in the park AND jamming with your fellow fiddlers. Hope to have our usual bunch of OOTFA members who honor us by coming year after year PLUS some of you who have never been to Canyonville. Give us a try! Gynn O. Deaton P. O. Box 487 Canyonville, OR 97417 Phone: 541-839-4501 or e-mail [gynn@mcsi.net](mailto:gynn@mcsi.net)

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Greetings to all Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. Starting June 1st Bob and I will start our journey to North Dakota. We will be gone until some time in July. If you have any questions or news, just call Jo Barnes – 541-459-4522.

We've had reports that the following are or have been on our sick list: Dick Shroll, George Krohn, Thelma Allen, and Dorothy Whaley. We hope that all are well by now.

Happy Birthdays this month to: Rachel Walker, George Krohn, Dorothy Wyatt, Bob Hanson, Marie Gates, Dennis Allen, and Thelma Allen. Oh, no, Bob Hanson is going to be the big 70 – just a kid. Happy birthday Bob.

Happy Anniversaries to: Ed and Billie Doolittle, and Dennis

and Joyce Pickett.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following dates in District 10:

June 10th we'll have a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and jam from 1 to 4. Then on July 8th we have the same schedule. And again on August 12th, we'll have the same schedule. See you when we get back.

Jean Hanson, Reporter, District 10

## Some odds and ends from the Editor:

all of you who helped with the chairs – whether it was one or a hundred. Not to be forgotten, I want to echo the nice words Alice wrote about Ken Cartwright and Ginny Hollon. Roger Germundson had his crew who sold tickets. Great job meeting the public. Helen Tracy had her table set up and was there for hours to sell "everything." Myrtle Arnold wrote many checks in a hurry so they could be presented to the winners. Fred Hardin was our emcee Friday night. Starr had her very special crew in the judge's room. These are people who do a lot of work but get no glory. Our hats off to Charlotte Hardin, Ila Mae Carmickle and Lavina Thayler. I must recognize Erin McMullen who in her youth, literally ran putting up lists, getting food – doing what was needed to be done. Nobody knew it but Howard and Lois Gabel from Lebanon sat in the judge's room during the entire contest timing each contestant. Unsung heroes who silently did their job. I am just as grateful and appreciate all you "you unnamed workers," too.

Reporters – June is a problem month. Alice and leave on Thursday, June 15th for Burns and Weiser – so – I must send off the Hoedowner before I leave. If you have a jam the week end before, please get your news in the mail on Monday and I think we can make a go of it. Sorry for the inconvenience but I don't think the membership wants their Hoedowner a week late.

State treasurer Myrtle Arnold writes -- I can't believe it is May already so Lew if you would put a little reminder in the Hoedowner that our fiscal year is ending June 30 and for the District treasurers have their books ready for audit right after they receive their July bank statement and if they have any problems please call me. Thanks. Myrtle Arnold

Nice things happen very quietly sometimes but should not go unnoticed. Over at Florence Don Halverson walked up and handed me a good size check as a donation to the Old Time

Fiddlers. When we have a "get together," Don is always there. He is one of our most dedicated "listeners" and "followers." Thanks, Don.

Jumping off of a high diving board or walking across a creek on a narrow log can be frightening experiences. Sending the Hoedowner off each month is a scary experience . . . at least on my part. Always "what if?" Last month was one of those. Sally Jordan sent me a detailed letter about the Fiddle Festival in Florence and I had some "tid bits" to send, too. Everything went fine. They were in my master copy but I forgot to copy and paste (computer talk) them into the e-mail I sent to Cheryl. So you didn't get the information. My apologies to Sally and to you for not getting the information in the last Hoedowner. If there was a "nice part," it was Sally for being gracious about the omission. In a bit I will send this one off to be printed and hope that I didn't change a "6" to a "7" or some such thing to cause confusion.

Willamette Valley contest. I want to remind everybody to mark your calendars for the contest in Corvallis on Saturday, August 5th and plan to attend. This is the third year the contest has been held during the Benton County Fair. Contestants come from all over to enter. We hope that you will join us this year. Check for details in the next Hoedowner. Starr McMullen

Edna Carter's phone number is – 520-927-4185. You might want to make note of it.

Lew Holt, Editor

# Calendar

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

## June

3	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
3	Community Ctr.	Prospect	4
4	Willamalane Senior Center	Springfield	6
4	City Park	McMinnville	8
9-10	Wallowa Co. Contest		
10	Winston Community Center	Winston	10
11	O.S.U. Building	K. Falls	1
11	Deschutes Cty Fairgrounds	Redmond	3
11	Community Center	Estacada	7
15-17	High Desert Fiddle Jamboree	Burns	
17	Quarterly meeting - OOTFA	Burns	
17	Greenacres Grange	Coos Bay	5
19 - 24	National Contest	Weiser, Idaho	

## July

1	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
1	Norman Fiock's BBQ	Montigue, CA	
8	Winston Community Center	Winston	10

20-23 Mt. Hood Campout

29	North Fork Grange	Florence	5
29-30	Mary Cole Days	Coburg	6

## August

3-6	Diamond Lake Campout		
5	Picnic Stewart St. Park		4
5	Willamette Vly Fiddle Contest	Corvallis	
12	Willamalane Senior Ctr	Springfield	6
12	Winston Community Ctr	Winston	10
26	Canyonville Contest	Canyonville	
26 through	Labor Day		
	Martha's Campout	Williams	

## September

2	Community Ctr.	Prospect	4
14-16	Thousand Trails OOTFA	LaPine/Bend	

## October

1	Willamalane Senior Center	Springfield	6
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