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## Ed Sed

It was good to hear all the reports of a good turn out for the Gaston Fiddle Contest. Congratulations to all the contestants and to your backup.

Just a friendly reminder that our election of officers will be held at the April Convention, along with a vote for the proposed changes to the Standing Rules, Bylaws and State Fiddle Contest. Copies of these proposed changes are available from your District Chairperson and they will also be available at the front desk for your convenience at the convention. All of the state offices are open for nominations to everyone. Please give this your consideration and throw your name in the hat. Let's make this a fun & exciting nominations. The more nominees, the merrier. Nominations from the floor will be gladly welcomed. Ken Jordan, our nominating chairman will be happy to take your name if you would like to let him know ahead of time.

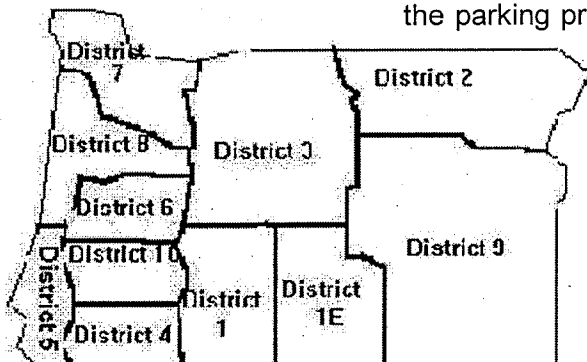
Due to conflicting information given to some of our members from the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg regarding parking at the convention, I have spoken to Bonnie Watts regarding this discrepancy and the parking prices will remain the same

price that was previously quoted in the last Hoedowner. Camping in the RV Park will be \$15.00 per night for the OOTFA members. Be sure that when you arrive and get your registration and pay envelope that you write on it you are a member of the OOTFA or you will be charged the full \$20.20 per night. Dry camping on the blacktop will be \$10.00 and also available will be electricity for an additional \$5.00 per night. Parking on the black top and in the RV Park is on a first come, first serve basis only. There are no reservations. Thanks again to Louie Roy for his help.

Workshops scheduled for Friday are: Vance Bonner Fiddle Harmonizing Dale Colebank Guitar Alice Holt Fiddle Tunes LeRoy Newport Five String Banjo Times will be posted at the convention. The Chairpersons meeting will be Friday at 3 P.M. with the Nominating Committee immediately to follow. The Saturday Annual meeting is at 10 A.M. I am looking forward to a good turn out at the convention, especially since it is a month later this year, the building is over twice the size larger and we will have daylight saving. Hopefully the weather will also be in our favor this year. Remember the Banquet price is \$8.00 per person. Come join us for a fun filled evening.

**"A REMINDER TO ALL CHAIRPERSONS:"** Please remember to get your member names & dinner of

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

**District 1**

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Happy St. Patrick's Day Everyone ! The year sure is zooming along isn't it! The days are already longer, the spring rains and wind have arrived, and soon the flowers will be blooming. Mother Nature just keeps the season changes rolling along.

At our February meeting, the membership elected Virgil Schmoe as our upcoming District Chair, Faye Patterson as Co-chair, and Grace Stork will remain as our Secretary/Treasurer. Thank you all, we appreciate your service to the organization. The meeting itself was a surprise with the large turnout. Don Fitzgerald read the Thank You letter from the Food Bank for our Christmas donation of \$150 which added 2500 pounds of needed food.

Speaking of Don, he and wife Barbara are leaving for Elko, Nevada. Sorry to see them go, but finding employment is also important.

Mark your calendars: the annual State Convention is coming. It will be the second weekend in April at the Roseburg Fairgrounds. Virgil Schmoe and Jerry Ruddick agreed to perform on Friday night. Special note: for that weekend only, we will NOT be having our second Sunday Jam & Dance on April 11th (which is Easter). Instead, it will be on Saturday, April 17th, but still at

Shasta Grange. Our March schedule is as follows: Villa West Mobile Estates on the 7th, Shasta Grange on the 14th, and Pelican Pointe at 12:30 p.m. on the 12th. We play at Clairmont Retirement (upper level) at 1 p.m. on the 24th. Irene Ruddock is taking orders for the newly published OOTFA Cookbook. The cost is \$5.25, but will not be available until the convention. Be sure to get at least one for your collection, as profits go to the state fiddlers fund. Remember, the recipes are from OOTFA members around the state, so you know there are many yummy ones in there.

Faye Patterson is taking orders for the 2004 membership roster. Cost is \$1, and will also be available at the state convention.

Our February Jam & Dance was full of surprises. For a long time we had no bass, but this time there were three. Jon Blasius brought his most recently completed fiddle. Wow! It has carved rope edges, horse shaped "f" holes, cowboy scene on the back with a carved moon overhead. It sounds great too. It was pictured in a recent article about Jon in the local newspaper, but looks much better in person.

For Valentine's Day, we honored Jean and Robert Malcomb as the longest married couple (Oct. 18, 1943). Don and Josephine Scoggin (Lew Staniford's sister) took home several honors: Most recently married award (July 13, 2003), First time in attendance, and

New members (Dec. 2003). Congratulations. Other guests included Dennis Tucker on guitar and bass, Don Scoggin on banjo, and Jack & Joy Landers.

Prayers and thoughts go out to Louis Stork for his injuries in a fall, and to Al Nelson, for the tumble he took arriving at the last Jam & Dance. Hope you are both feeling better soon.

Some of you may remember Ray Green who attended periodically, and also former member Dale Meints. Word had reached us that both men have passed away.

Official new members for February include: Bill & Ann Bonser, James & Jerry Hughes, Jerry & Joyce Ross, and Dennis Tucker. Thank you all for joining. Hope to see you around at many of our functions.

Our March birthday shamrocks go to: Jon Blasius and Dennis Tucker (the big 50 this year). Apparently Cupid was so pooped from Valentine's Day he couldn't convince anyone to get married in March, so no anniversaries this month.

Remember: "When you look like your passport photo, it's time to go home" (Erma Bombeck).

Keep those fiddlin' fingers limbered up and ready to play and hopefully we'll see you sometime this month.

From your friendly  
 District #1 field reporter –  
 Fran Coker.

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

Vivian and Phil Williams from Washington state again donated a box of excellent cassette tapes to use for our fiddle contest raffle. As we did last year, they will be given

out on a first come, first served bases. The purchase of 6 chances at \$5.00 will also get you a free cassette. So far we have a fiddle donated. We are looking

for other instrument donations to go along with the fiddle. Maybe you have a fiddle or a guitar or a mandolin or . . . that you would like to do-

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## District 1E

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Hello fiddlers, I hope the weather where you are is better than the weather here. We've had rain and snow punctuated by snow and rain mixed!

Not much to report this month- except of course for the "election of officers" results. Rosa Lee McLain is our new chair-woman and Larry McLain will ably help out as co-chair. Sharilyn McLain is again our very efficient secretary-treasurer and Bev Perry our membership officer. Mary Cathcart will again be the historian for the group and yours truly will report the news.

Mark your calendars folks, for the District 1E Campout (dedicated to the memory of Homer McLain) at the fire hall in Silver Lake, OR. May 6th through the 9th we'll jam up a storm, visit and eat like there's no tomorrow! We have such a great time, ask anyone who's been- it's just very laid-back. No worries, mate. Most of us dry camp around the fire hall but it's just a stone's throw from the fire hall there are 2 full hook-up trailer parks.

Saturday night is a spaghetti feed put on by the Lioness club and we fiddlers bring pot luck. Donations are collected from the community and we've always helped them raise quite a bit of money-in return we get to use the facility for 3 days. the other nights we just potluck or do our own

thing. No birthdays to report for March :(

Senior center play dates are March 5, 12, 19, and 26, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Lake District Long Term Care play dates are March 2, 16 and 30 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

You know there's always been a lot of discussion about the difference between a violin and a fiddle.

Q:What's the difference between a fiddle and a violin?

A: Nobody cares if you spill beer on a fiddle!!

for District 1E,  
 Eileen McLain

## Some odds and ends from the Editor cont.

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nate to go with the other fiddle. Jim Hascall from District 8 has donated the fiddle and nice tuner. They are well worth a cassette tape and 6 chances for \$5.00.



Fred Hardin writes - "Lew, I would appreciate it if you would include this paragraph in the next Hoedowner."

Gaston, Oregon is a small community, population approximately 550, tucked off in rolling foothills of Western Willamette Valley near Forest Grove. " Team

Gaston ", a group of community spirited volunteers and sponsors just completed their second annual Old Time Fiddlers' Contest, and what a contest it was.

Seventy-two contestants entered from Pee Wee thru Open Divisions - ranging from 4 years old to 87 years old, making it comparable to the number of contestants entering at our annual State Old Time Fiddlers' Contest. An excellent fiddle contest can be characterized by many things: Contestants are all skilled, talented fiddle players as well as crowd pleasers; A good crowd of enthusiastic observers and listeners comes early and stays until the end of the contest; A

well-organized contest results in a smooth flow of contestants and back-up players moving across stage; Everyone knows what to do and when to do it; Excellent judges, etc., etc., etc. Gaston's excellent fiddle contest this year receives high marks in all those categories. A quote from their program under SPECIAL THANKS pretty well sums it up: "Team Gaston acknowledges that without the assistance of Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association, and especially with the help of Lew Holt, we would never have been able to put this shindig together at all." To "Team Gaston" I heartily say, "Ditto to that and kudos

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### District 3

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Hope everyone had a great Valentines Day! :o).

Let it rain, sleet and snow we need the water for our gardens this year and it looks like we are going to get it until spring.

We are so glad to see new musicians and visitors at each District # 3 VFW Show. Our February 4th VFW Show was a great turnout with lots of wonderful dancers. We thank everyone who supports us every month. Our next VFW Show will be March 7th. Hope to see all members there 1:30pm to 4:00pm. We will have Redmond Library Jams 7:00pm to 9:00pm on March 9th and April 13th.

There will be a meeting to follow the March 7th VFW Show

for election of officers. Be thinking of who you would like to see get elected for our officers. We encourage all members to be at the meeting. At our last meeting Betty Fullerton was given a plaque for being Secretary of Treasure for District # 3 for 5 1/2 to 6 years. YEAH!!! We Thank you and Love you Betty Fullerton for all the hard work you have done for District # 3. :o)

Reminder don't forget we have the State Convention at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg on April 8th, 9th and 10th. Hope to see you all there to elect our new officers.

We welcome our new members who joined in February; Jay who plays guitar and wife Neva Powell from Crooked River Ranch. Robert who plays guitar and wife Shirley Scriber from Terrebbonne.

Would like to mention that District # 3 sent a Get Well card to

Charlie Bigelow who had surgery on February 10th at Shriners Hospital in Portland. We will keep you in our prayers for fast recovery Charlie. District # 3 will keep all who are sick in our prayers and wish fast recovery and May God Bless you.

District # 3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of love and Old Time Music. Music is for the heart and soul. Keep playing music.:o) District # 3 Reporter Ellen Jakob



### Some odds and ends from the Editor cont.

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**to you for your next fiddle contest coming up in 2005."**  
**Fred Hardin**



The dates of the Diamond Lake Campout or High Mtn. Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree are July 29, 30, and 1st and 2nd of Aug. We leave Monday. The last two years people have wanted us to play on Sunday. evening. too. There are motels also right where we play. They are a

little spendy, \$80.00 per night and \$90.00 per night for Studio house keeping rooms. Cabins run from \$155.00 —\$185.00 depending on which cabin. They sleep 6 so if anyone wanted to share the expense it wouldn't be bad, if there are any available. Irene Ruddock



Starr McMullen writes that the Willamette Valley contest will be held August 7th at the

Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis. We are all invited.

Others enjoy it, too, the Lovgrens come down from Hillsboro for the contest and the fair – mark your calendars. We'll see you there.



Andy Shelton wrote on his tune sheet at Gaston – If you'd like to take me home with you, but don't want to feed me, check out my CD in

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**District 4**

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 Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

Election time has come and passed, Chairman: Lee Ferguson, Co Chairman: Scott Phillip Sec./Treas: Judy Lyon

There was a large crowd for Valentine pot luck which took all of the tables and chairs. We overflowed with members and guests. Which was great, but also ran out of food. For the Jam we had 4 new members sign up. Didn't get all the guests name but Jerry and Irene Ruddick, and Ernie Penry from K.F. Dist. 1 were there. The Goldman

family was new to us, the father a young man played backup guitar for his children, boy 9 (fiddle), boy 8 (mandolin) and girl 7(recorder) They all played and sang 3 songs as a group. There were four more younger children who probably will be future OOTFers. There was a set of twin girls included in this family of 9. They were exceptionally good and the applause brought the house down.

We are fortunate to have Ralph Seiger back. He is an old time member of OOTF who happens to be a professional sound tech. He furnishes his own professional equipment and has done this previously for several years for Dist. 4 We have the finest quality sound that can be had. You can hear the announcers, singers and musicians

with clarity in all the halls where we play. Ralph is reliable, punctual and congenial.

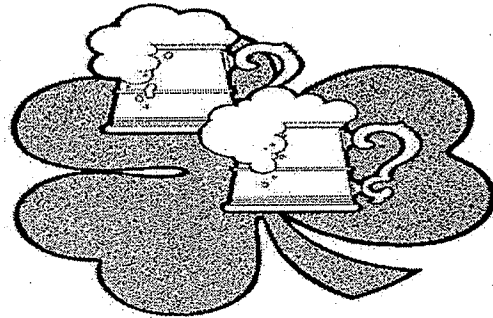
Frank Armstrong had surgery but was able to attend the meeting and jam. Joyce Grissom was unable to attend the meeting but was good to see her on TV in a commercial for medical supplies.

Our jam this time at Roxy Ann Grange, a large hall, had such a large turn out that we ran out of room and seating. Isn't it wonderful, so many folks enjoy old time music.

Next meeting, potluck and jam is March 6th at 11 am. Rogue River Senior Center.

Reporter  
 Gene Williams  
 District 4

- NEW MEMBERS FOR MARCH HOEDOWNER**
1. Viva Cornett---Dayton
  2. Richard Westersund----Roseburg
  3. Jesse Knudsen---Junction City
  4. Robert & Sherry Scribner----Terrebonne
  5. Jay & Neva Powell----Crooked River Ranch
  6. Bill & Ann Bonser---Klamath Falls
  7. James & Jerry Hughes---Klamath Falls
  8. Jerry & Joyce Ross----Macdual, Calif.
  9. Dennis Turner---Klamath Falls
  10. Tom & Jeanie Stover---Albany
  11. Pat & Bill Nutt---Quartzsite Az.
  12. Todd & Janet Whitaker---Independence
  13. Marvin & Marlyn McNutt---Grants Pass
  14. Ken Oman---Medford
  15. Tracy & David Poris---Medford
  16. Chanel Reid---Medford
  17. Oceanah D'Amore---Talent
  18. Frances Tucker---Medford
  19. Genevieve Kerr---Medford
  20. Matthew Hanks---Lakeview
  21. Clidean & Dennis Sheridan---Lakeview
  22. Sam Makinson---Cottage Grove
- Just a reminder \*\*\*Pro-rate dues April 1st.  
 Thanks Myrtle



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each choice to Jo Barnes by March 31,2004. The dinner choices were in the Feb. Hoedowner. Louie Roy wrote me this note: I went to the Fairgrounds this morning and checked out the P.A. System that we will use and I feel it will be superior to what we had in the past. Please put in the Hoedowner in your News Letter that I will be in charge of the P.A system in the Douglas Hall April 8-9 and 10th and I will also be the go between for the Fiddlers and the Fair Grounds. Thanks. Louie Roy

Until next time, keep fiddlin', Ed

**District 5**

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Please remember that we will have a short meeting at the Coos Bay Senior Center on March 20th to discuss schedules for the upcoming convention in Roseburg. The meeting will start at 11:00 am and will followed by a potluck and jam session.

Our play dates for March are: 3/2 - Ocean View and Heritage, 3/9- Inland Point & Ocean Crest, 3/11 - Bay Crest Village, 3/16- Oerding Manor. & Myrtle Point Care

Center and 3/23 -Life Care.

Also mark your calendars for March 21th, as we have been invited to play for the St. Patrick's day celebration in Scottsburg from 4-6 p.m.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Ella Savery on March 6th, Wally Holden 10th, Diane Cassel 15th, Abbie Shaffar 28th and Lucille Davidson 30th.

Happy Anniversary to Lloyd & Jean Dunn 11th, and Andy & Sandy Hoefler 21st.

One last call for those who wish to make dry camping reservations for our Winchester Bay campout (August 12-15) . Contact Sharon Gallagher with their reservations and plan to send a check

for the camping fee (\$8 per night) to Sharon as soon as possible. We must give up our reservation block on March 15th, so we strongly encourage any one who would like to come to the campout to make their reservations now.

Our thoughts and good wishes go out to all of you who have been ill or had surgeries and are on the mend.

Hal Weiner  
 Reporter, District 5



**Gaston Old Time Fiddlers Jubilee 2004**

**Name Pee Wee Division**

- Tatiana Hargreaves
- Tucker Voetberg
- Samuel Payne
- Trevor Whitaker
- Kiarra Saito-Beckman

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|-------|------------------------|---|
| Place | <b>Senior Division</b> |   |
| 1     | Carol Ann Ledbetter    | 1 |
| 2     | Jim Hockenhill         | 2 |
| 3     | Donna Foreman          | 3 |
| 4     | Alice Holt 776         | 4 |
| 5     | Chlovena Metzger       | 5 |

**Junior-Junior Division**

- Alex Hargreaves
- Brian Shaylor
- Annie Voetberg
- Lilja Voetberg
- Miya Saito-Beckman

**Super Senior Division**

- |   |               |   |
|---|---------------|---|
| 1 | Les Tucker    | 1 |
| 2 | Dale Colebank | 2 |
| 3 | Papa Spain    | 3 |
| 4 | Lew Holt      | 4 |
| 5 | Don Maddox    | 5 |

**Junior Division**

- Zach Konowalchuk
- Liddy Voetberg
- Elisha Peter Voetberg
- Robbie Griswold
- Kari Anderson

**OPEN Division**

- |   |                |   |
|---|----------------|---|
| 1 | Rudi Booher    | 1 |
| 2 | Andy Shelton   | 2 |
| 3 | Amy Booher     | 3 |
| 4 | Starr McMullen | 4 |
| 5 | Donna Reuter   | 5 |

**Adult Division**

- Daniel Forster
- Margret Brank
- Kate Wuennecke
- Angela Thomas
- Kathy Apgar

**Judges** Eileen Witle West Linn, Oregon Clara Murphy Battle Ground, Washington Jeanine Orme Beaverton, Oregon

Winston Grant Oldest fiddler 87  
 Deter Voetberg Youngest Boy 3/17 1998  
 Kiarra Saito-Beckman Youngest girl 2/9/99

## District 6

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The February jam at Crow Grange began with a business meeting for the election of officers for the next year (whose names I will list next month.) We are very grateful to folks who are willing to serve on the District board; these are the people working behind the scenes to make things happen so the rest of us can show up at the jams and just have fun.

Thanks also to the Crow Grange for its hospitality and to the ladies who run the kitchen for our potluck.

And welcome back to Chairman Joe who recently returned from a cruise to South America!

Our next jam will be Saturday March 20th at Crow Grange with the usual potluck at noon and jam to follow.

April sees the occurrence of the State Convention. Oral Robbins and Mark Ratzlaff will represent the District at the Friday night show, and Phyllis Coffin will be providing the decorations for the banquet. We always need donations of items for the door prizes and raffles at the Convention.

There is also a jam tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 17th at Crow Grange, but that might change so check April's report for the final word. On Sunday, May 2nd we will be at the Lebanon Moose Lodge for the popular twice-yearly jam there.

In health notes, Linda Harvey suffered a heart attack in mid-February and as of this writing was in serious condition in the Corvallis hospital. Gary Lake is finishing up another course of chemotherapy and is feeling energetic enough to

do a little jamming and work in his shop a bit; he hopes to see folks at the Convention. Betty Hawkins is recovering from a mild stroke in late

January. Mark Carmickle is getting around pretty well after his hip-replacement surgery.

March birthdays: Wayne Carpenter, 3/1; Andy Kennedy, 3/13; Buck Milligan, 3/13; and Susie Milligan, 3/20. Happy anniversary to Alan and Carol Ede, 3/17.

For those of you in the Eugene/Springfield area, don't forget the monthly jams starting at 7 PM at Central Grange on the first Friday of every month, and at Crow Grange the second Friday of every month. While not OOTFA jams, the musicians all seem to be OOTFA members. Call me for directions.

Mark Ratzlaff,  
 District 6 Reporter

PS: Linda Harvey is doing much better. We wish her well.

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the back called "Fiddle Tracks." See Andy or see me at the convention - I will have some of his CDs.



Virgil Schmoie from District one writes: Was sitting here reading the history of OOTFA and came across a part about a mimeograph. Had not thought about one of those in YEARS. I know I am only 40 and been with the fiddlers since 79 (my parents got me interested, up to then I was listening to Creedence Clearwater Revival (still do on occasion). But to think OOTFA has gone from mimeograph to email.

My Parents used to have a mimeograph and the mess, ooh the people that did that for nothing, and no profit, dedication there the organization has progressed as well.

Anyway I wanted to thank the people that helped make it so. They just put their trust in me as chairman of Dist 1 and though I don't take office right away, I would like to thank and recognize the first chairman of Dist 1, and by that I mean the very 1st chairman of Dist 1, Irvin Johnson. Irvin not only supported and encouraged me but sold me an extremely fine fiddle at

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I, also, have CDs of LeRoy Sims, Rudi Booher, Gayle Clarity, Howard Marshall - Old Time Fiddling and Lewis and Clark, Don Maddox and others.. I'll have them at the convention. Don Maddox this month made a nice contribution to the contest fund - thank you very much Don.

## District 7

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Our last jam was at the Canby Senior Center and it came hard on the heels of the Gaston Fiddle Contest that ended after ten o'clock the night before. It was difficult for some of us to get to Canby in a timely fashion and a lot of us were yawning, but we had a good time. Twenty-seven players signed up and entertained an enthusiastic crowd. The Gaston Contest was a success again this year, with the whole town turning out to support it and make it happen.

Yours truly did a radio interview with member Don McLaren at KBOO the morning of the contest and many folks mentioned hearing it. There was a nice article in the Oregonian the following Monday also.

One of our scheduled judges was unable to come because of a family emergency, so District 7's own Jeanine Orme was able to come to our rescue and join the other two judges, Eileen Witler of District 7 and Clara Murphy from across the river in District 10 of Washington Old Time Fiddlers. We sure appreciate all the judges' hard work to make the contest a success. Thank you Jeanine, Eileen and Clara! That is such a difficult job!

Some of our members are under the weather and need your support, prayers and encouragement. Our videographer and musical friend Ace Wehus has recently been at the Veterans Hospital in Portland with serious complications. They know him as Ainsworth - not Ace - We-

hus. Our fiddle friend, Bus Boyk, has had a setback with pain in his arms and hands that make it real difficult for him to play. They're doing a lot of tests to find out the cause of the problem. Let's remember these friends as we can.

The OOTFA Annual Convention at Roseburg is coming up soon. District 7 members who are there will have some responsibilities. Everyone remember to bring your raffle and door prize contributions. We will be represented at the Friday night show by members Jim Toussaint and Carol Ann Wheeler. On Saturday, we will work with D1, D1E, and 8 to set up tables with tablecloths, floral arrangements, place cards on the head table and any other extras necessary for the Saturday Night banquet. Our required floral arrangements are all taken care of - done by an enterprising member. Our time to provide music for the dance that night is from 9:42 to 9:57. I need to notify Jo Barnes of who is going to eat what at the Saturday Night Banquet. The cost is \$8.00 per person and the choices are 1) Spaghetti with meat sauce, 2) Spaghetti with meatless sauce or 3) Italian chicken dinners. The deadline for this is March 31st. Please let me know what your choice is as soon as possible. Contact me at 503-235-1671 or [LEasley406@aol.com](mailto:LEasley406@aol.com). Thanks.

Our next regularly sched-

uled jam will be Sunday, March 14, at the Lake Oswego Adult Center at 505 G Street in Lake Oswego. This is the jam that Jack Smith organized a number of years ago. While Jack is not longer with us, we carry on there in his memory. This jam is one of the best. We will take a few minutes during the proceedings to decide who will be the new officers for the district. Please be there to take part. The public is invited. From 1-205 (exit 8) take Hwy 43, Pacific Hwy, to Lake Oswego, State St. turn left on "A" St. Right on 7th to the end, then left on "G" Street. The L.O. Center is on the right side at the end of the street.

Wednesday March 17, players are needed at the Lake Oswego Adult Center again, to play a festive hour of Irish-type and fiddle tunes from 11 to 12 noon. They are at 505 G Street in Lake Oswego. On Sunday, April 18th we'll have our regular jam at the Oregon City Pioneer Community Center at 615 5th Street in Oregon City. I always have to look this one up on the map to get there. I will be more specific next month. On Sunday May 16 our OOTFA jam will be at the Corbett Grange in Corbett. The membership there is working real hard to complete the handicapped ramp for us. Directions to follow. Everyone stay on the Music Road.

Linda, Reporter --  
 District 7

# Cartwright's

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District 8 was well represented at the Gaston Fiddle Jubilee on February 7th. Zach Konowalchuk, Newport, was 1st place in Junior Division, and Robbie Griswold, Aumsville placed 4th. Winners in Super Senior Division were: Les Tucker, Woodburn, 1st; Dale Colebank, Woodburn, 2nd; Lew Holt, Salem, 4th; and Winston Grant, Eddyville, 6th. Winston also received the "oldest fiddler" trophy. In the Senior Division, Jim Hocken-hull, Sheridan, placed 2nd, and Alice Holt, Salem, 4th. In Adult Division Angela Thomas, Salem, was 4th. Amy Booher, Salem placed 3rd in Open Division.

Many of Amy's fiddle students also competed. For most, it was their first contest. It was great to have so many young fiddlers. Fiddling is alive and well in the Pacific Northwest.

Many District 8 folks were there to cheer the contestants on with lots of encouragement.

The regular District 8 jam is scheduled for February 21st, which is after the Hoedowner deadline. It promises to be another good day of sharing music and friendship. We will elect officers for the coming year, so will let you know in the news next month. We will also discuss our duties at the upcoming OOTFA convention.

We will need to bring center pieces for the banquet tables and door prizes for the drawings. If you have something especially nice to donate as a raffle prize, that is very much appreciated.

March 13th The place is the Keizer-Salem Area Senior Center, 930 Plymouth. There are always lots of dancers. We can come early, 10 AM or so for early jamming. We are scheduled to eat at noon and to play from 1 to 4 but I just imagine that we'll be playing a lot more than that. No rent to pay, we can pass the hat, and there will be some free food for the musicians. Can't beat that. Specific directions: If you are going down Broadway from City Center of Salem, it turns into River Road. Take a right on to Plymouth - just before Izzy's. If you get to Bi-Mart, you have gone too far, so take a right to Cherry and come

back on Cherry to the senior center. Or if you are coming off of I-5 on the Parkway, or from Salem on the Parkway, turn north off the Parkway on to Cherry and a few blocks to the center.

I hope many of you will be attending the OOTFA annual convention in Roseburg April 8 - 10.

And also mark May 21 and 22 on your calendars. This is the OOTFA Contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Watch your Hoedowner for more details.

Here's a thought by an unknown author. I found it on the internet: Most of us miss out on life's big prizes. The Pulitzer. The Nobel. Oscars. Tonys. Emmys. But we're all eligible for life's small pleasures. A pat on the back. A kiss behind the ear. A four-pound bass. A full moon. An empty parking space. A crackling fire. A great meal. A glorious sunset. Hot soup. Cold drink. Don't fret about copping life's grand awards. Enjoy its tiny delights.

Keep playing that good old time music,  
Alice Holt,  
reporter District 8

### Roseburg -- Convention

Motel phone # and directions going south off of I-5 Going north reverse directions

**Budget 16** take exit 125 turn left onto Garden Valley go about 10 blocks to Stephens Street turn right go about 4 blocks motel is on left PH #1 541 673 5556 Rates Single \$ 34:56 Double \$ 41:04

**Comfort Inn** take exit 125 turn left onto Garden Valley to 1st stop light turn left 1 block motel is on right Phone 1 800 228 5150 1541 957 1100 Rates \$ 55:00 continental Breakfast

**Windmill Inn** take exit 125 turn left onto Garden Valley to 1st stop light turn left motel is on left Phone 1 800 547 4747 1541 673 0901 Rates \$ 55:00 Continental Breakfast

**Best Western Garden Villa Motel** take exit 125 turn right then turn right immediately motel is on right. Phone 1 800 547 3446 1 541 672 1601 Rates Single \$ 55:00 Double \$ 65:00 Free Hot Breakfast

**Motel 6** take exit 127 turn left go across I-5 turn right motel is on right Phone 1 541 464 8000 Rates Single \$ 37;99 Double \$ 43:99

**Super 8** take exit 127 turn left go across I -5 turn left motel is on left Phone 1 541 672 8880 Rates single \$ 39:88 Double \$ 44:88 Continental Breakfast

**Sleep Inn** take exit 127 turn right go about 5 blocks motel is on left Phone 1 541 464 8338 Rates single Queen Single \$ 49:99 Double King \$ 54:99 continental

**Louie writes:** There are many more good motels on exit 124 turn right and there is the **Dunes** 1 541 672 6684 -- **Holiday Inn Express** 1 541 673 7517 -- **Travelodge** 1 541 672 4836 -- **Best Western Douglas Inn** 1 541 63 6625. All motels near good food. The OOTFA doesn't advertise or promote any motel this is general info to the members of the OOTFA Louie Roy

### District 9

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I for one am hoping the March Leprechauns have better weather in store for us this month.

Lee Tiller, harmonica player, invited the fiddlers to his cousin Ron Tiller's home to play for a party with three celebrants. Those who braved the snowy roads had an enjoyable evening.

Phil Drain of Salem was in town on business and joined us for a Friday night jam. Many

thanks to those who open their homes for the Friday night players.

What a surprise to have John Borelli, mandolin player from Van, bring his neighbor William Hurt to hear us play.

We've had several people on the "sick list". George Sahlberg is recovering from double heart valve replacement and Lowell White has been undergoing radiation treatments in Bend. We wish them a speedy recovery

Our February senior center potluck and jam brought visitors Betty and Bill Chapman of

Christmas Valley Dist. 1E and Don and Lee Hanna of Powell Butte Dist. 3. Everyone enjoys Betty's yodeling and Don played several great hoedowns. We always appreciate visitors and hope you'll come back soon.

Members were reminded of the March 14th business meeting and election of officers. The meeting will be at 12:30 before the potluck so please be on time to cast your vote.

Those having donations for the convention raffles and door prizes were reminded to get them to Julia by late March as convention is April 8,9 &10th.

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a discount price. As a young person (no money-no job-no-brains) thought it was a bit much (Gotten wiser since then) and now that I am getting older and some bit of gray in the hair, it makes me appreciate the ones that work to make it so.

Never realized I had met and played with the original members and founders of OOTFA and Dist 1. So in summary - THANK YOU EVERY ONE. Each and every one of you that I have met has had an influence in my style (fiddling and life) and all for the better and thank you district 1 for putting up with me (you know who you are too) Good health and good music Virgil

Linda Easley in the District 7 news pretty much summarizes the Gaston Contest. It was a great experience in a great community. Their positive attitude and spirit can serve as a model for all of us.



State fiddle contest information on our web site.



LeRoy Sims - new CD, the price is \$15 plus \$2 shipping. LeRoy & Shirley Sims, 831 Village Circle, Chino Valley, AZ. 86323. Or contact Lew - that's me.



There will be and added program this year at the Friday Night Invitational Variety Show. During intermission many of the audience never leave their seat and sit there with nothing to do, so this year I contacted Lew Holt and he agreed to do this for me. He will contact some of the Fiddlers who are not on the show and they will entertain for 15 minutes with excellent fiddle music for this group of people. This will also let many more excellent musician participate in this program. Louie Roy



### District 10

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District 10 is looking forward to greeting the OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, April 7,8,9, and 10th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Our meeting February 14 was canceled due to a conflict. Our March 13th meeting will be at the

Winston Senior Center, Winston, Oregon. We will have a business meeting at 11AM, Potluck at noon and Jam at 1-4PM.

In our meeting we will be making plans to greet arriving members for Wednesday April 7th activities in the Floral Building. There will be a sign up Jam in the evening.

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Jean Hanson, Jo Barnes, Carlene Witcher, Dan Vallier and Tiny Stinett.

Happy Anniversary to Norman and Goldie Colton and Vernon and Carlene Witcher.

We have lost another long time member of our District 10, Flora Bell [Billie] Doolittle passed away February 16. Our condolences go out to her family.

We hope to see you in April.

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LeRoy Sims has donated four video tapes for our archives so future generations can see who fiddlers were and what they were playing "way back when." I hope to get them on DVDs one of these days so you will have an opportunity to enjoy them, too.



Jim Hockenhull writes on his tune sheet: Music is like food: Fresh is better than canned and homemade is the best. (Makes sense, doesn't it!)

It's at their little old Fire Hall not to big, but not too small. Those that have been there know we don't have too much fun all we do is sit around and play music how much fun could that really be. Dry camping in the parking lot and road side. There are two RV parks one on each end of town, both are about 1/4 mile from the fire hall either one of them is good. For more information contact me at [ternsher@gooselake.com](mailto:ternsher@gooselake.com) or phone 541-947-4623. Would like to see all that can make it . District 1-E Campout Terry McLain

like to participate, it's not too soon to get your glitzy purple and red outrageous costumes together and plan on joining us for a lot of fun and laughs. Bob Irvin will be our announcer and Judy Newport will give her rendition of the poem. Marie Nelson

Lew, Editor



District 1-E Campout in Silver Lake, Oregon is still on for May 6 - 9th 2004.



Calling all Scarlet Ladies. We will be performing at the convention Friday night show. Anyone who would





# The Hoedowner

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## Calendar

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

### 2004 March

6 Community Center	Rogue River	4
7 VFW	Redmond	3
13 Senior Center	Keizer	8
14 Adult Center	Lake Oswego	7
14 Senior Center	Burns	9
20 Senior Center	Coos Bay	5
20 Grange	Crow	6

### April

3 Fruitdale Grange	Grants Pass	4
4 VFW	Redmond	3
17 Jam Shasta Grange		1
18 Pioneer Community	Oregon City	7
8, 9 & 10 State Convention	Roseburg	

### May

2 VFW	Redmond	3
6-9 Silver Lake Campout		1E
16 Corbett Grange	Corbett	7
21 - 22 State Contest	Chemeketa Salem	

### June

17 - 19 High Desert Jamboree	Burns	
21 - 26 Contest Weiser,	Idaho	

### July


29, 30, --1, 2 of Aug Diamond Lake Campout

### August

7 Willamette Valley Contest	Corvallis	
12-14 Campout	Winchester Bay	5
28 Canyonville Contest	Canyonville	

### September

The dates for Thousand Trails are  
September 16, 17 & 18 this year.



Your Name  
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These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The name tags with pins are \$7.00 and those with a magnetic back are \$8.00 mailed. Please send a check to Helen Tracy, made out to her.

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