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CALENDAR (Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)
 2004

Aug.

1 VFW Redmond 3
 7 Jam Lakeview 1E
 7 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis
 8 Shasta Grange Klamath Falls 1
 12 Polk Co. Fair Rickreall 8
 12-14 Campout Winchester Bay 5
 14 Community Building Winston 9
 18 Clackamas Co Fair Canby 7
 21 Grange Crow 6
 28 Canyonville Contest Canyonville

Sep.

4 Lake Creek Grange 4
 5 Senior Center King City 7
 12 Shasta Grange Klamath Falls 1
 15 Community Center Oakridge 6
 16,17 & 18 Campout 1000 T LaPine State/3

Oct.

2 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
 10 Shasta Grange Klamath Falls 1
 16 Grange Crow 6

Nov.

20 Grange Crow 6

Dec.

5 Moose Lodge Lebanon 6

District 1

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Happy Summer August Days to all!

We had something of a mix-up between what I thought was scheduled for July 4th and what we actually did. Thanks everyone for knowing that even a perfectionist can get it way wrong sometimes! We had a good turnout and lots of fun at the Park in Chiloquin despite the mix up. Have also been

having a good turnout for the Farmers Market. Had a great time, fabulous weather and lots of enthusiastic fans at the Third Thursday event on July 15th in downtown Klamath Falls.

Missed seeing our new President Virgil at his first official monthly meeting. Hopefully his work schedule will allow him to join us on a regular basis as we miss his great fiddling skills.

Lots going on for August, so they certainly aren't the "Lazy Days of Summer" as everyone calls them. Here goes: Aug. 1st monthly meeting at Villa West at noon; 7th and 14th Farmers Market (on 9th Street between Main and Klamath Avenue); 8th Jam & Dance 1 pm at Shasta Grange. Jo requests that you please bring only easy to eat and serve finger foods, not potluck type items. Third Thursday event Aug 19th at 6 pm in front of Main Street Jewelers. On Aug. 21st starting at noon, John and Patti Northcraft in Malin are holding their 6th annual get-together. They suggest that you bring a lawn chair, your own shade and a salad or desert. Their address is 2129 Railroad Ave. Directions: Highway 50 into Malin, take first right at 2nd Street. Go to end of street, turn left. Theirs is the red house. John promises there will be signs also. The Canyonville Contest is set for Aug. 26, 27 and 28th. Hope some of you can make it.

At our July Jam and Dance, Faye and Fred announced that the Grange building is in desperate need of repairs. If the repairs are not done soon, we may not be able to continue to hold our Jam & Dance sessions there. We are accepting donations of money, materials and time. Hope you can help in some way. Contact Isom Patterson 541-798-5973 and let him know how you can help.

Welcome to new members Walt Gilliland (guitar and vocals) and Lani and Rick Isabell of Dairy, Oregon. Glad you're now part of our association.

August Birthday Cake and Candles to: Ray White, Virgil Schmoe and Jerry Ruddock. Belated birthday greetings to Walt Gilliland for his birthday on July 9th. Our August Anniversary celebrations are for George and Etta Fernland, and Virgil and Jackie Schmoe. Congratulations everyone.

"How many Banjo players does it take to change a light bulb? More than there are because all they want to do is keep on pickin' and grinnin'!"

From your friendly District 1 field reporter – Fran Coker.

District 1E

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July 18 District 1E played a 'gig' at the New Pine Creek Fireman's Barbecue. We always have a good time there, but this year's barbecue the firemen dedicated to Homer McLain, and a few of his old friends got up on stage with us and sang some gospel songs in his memory, so it was special to all of us.

Last month, Irene and Jerry Ruddock from District 1 played with us at our wedding performance for Rhayanna McLain. They stopped by on their way home from Weiser and we were tickled to have the help. Thanks, guys.

Our next play date will be at the aptly named "Mosquito Festival" in Paisley on July 24. We'll play from noon to 4:00 p.m. It's not too early to be thinking about the Lake County Fair performance on Sunday, September 5th from noon to six in the small stage on the lawn.

Our next jam is Aug. 7. Potluck is at 6:30 p.m. and music begins around 7:00 p.m. Be there or be square!! The next business meeting is on Aug. 9. at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake County Senior Center.

Only one birthday this month-Norma Gumser will be a year older on the 29th.

Nobody's in the hospital this time around, so we're batting a thousand this month!.....

OK, Lake District Long Term Care Facility play dates for August are Aug 3, 17 and 31. We're there from 9:30 a.m. til 10:30 a.m. Lake County Senior Center play dates are Aug 6,13,20, and 27th. We play from 10:30 til noon.

So..... two women are walking through the woods and happen upon a frog in the middle of the path. The frog says to the women "I was once a great fiddler, but a witch put a spell on me and turned me into a frog. If you kiss me I will return to my former self!" One of the women snatched up the frog and put it in her pocket. The other woman asked her "aren't you gonna kiss it?" She responded "No way! He's worth far more as a talking frog!" Hmmm.....

Via Con Dios,
Eileen McLain, District 1E reporter

District 3

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Hope everyone had a great July the 4th, (Independence Day).
Our last VFW show on July 4th was a great turn out. Lots of dancers waltzing across the floor with smiles on their faces.:o)

Dates to remember: District 3 will be playing July 31st 1 pm to 2 pm at the Deschutes Fair Grounds. The Motor Coach Association is on August 19th at the a Deschutes fair grounds. Our next VFW show is August 1st 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. We encourage all members to be present following the August meeting. No Redmond Library jam until further notice.

District 3 would like to welcome all new visitors and new members at the July VFW show.

District 3 sends their deepest sympathy to Jack Kerr who lost his wife recently. Peggy Kerr was a high spirited, loving and giving person. We will miss her very much.

May God Bless and be with the ones who have lost a loved one and all who are sick and has had surgery.

District 3 prays for a fast recovery to all. We would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of love and Old Time Music.
Hope everyone is enjoying this hot summer.:o)

District 3 Reporter Ellen Jakab

District 4

Chairman: Lee Ferguson 541-772-6462
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Aug: no meeting or jam, Sept 4: Lake Creek Grange, Oct 2: Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass
Summer is definitely in full swing, and we are playing in many outside venues, as well as our usual indoor places. Our community service hours for June totaled 98 in Grants Pass plus 65 in Medford, for a total of 163. Now that's a lot of playing!

A goodly crew played at Hanley Farms for the Historical Society's annual meeting. We played in the shade under the beautiful trees, and had a great barbecue as well. What could be better?

The Burns Jamboree was well attended by District 4, including Lola and Gene Williams, Don Maddox and Shirley Stone, Al De Weese, Linda Chambers., Kathy and William Green, Lee, Richard

and Dylan Ferguson, Louie Leger and Barbara, Art and Charlotte Bigelow, and Bruce and Judy McGarvey. Good weather, lots and lots of music, and what a good time we had. What a beautiful duet by Gene Williams and Loita Colebank. Lee Ferguson and Judy M sure had fun playing a rousing program with the "banjo band"! What is this about the "Ladies Tea" (Kathy G., Barbara, and Linda C) who were coming from a fiddle camp in Montana and somehow made a wrong turn, ending up at the "Welcome to Canada" sign? They made it to Burns, a day late, a little tired, and welcomed by a lot of razzing!

Some of us went on to Weiser--Don Maddox and Shirley, the Gasik family (for a day), the Bigelows, and the McGarveys. Judy McGarvey got a trophy for best costume (a Possum on a Gum Stump), and was asked to judge in the certified contest the next night. Again lots and lots of music 24/7, meeting old friends and new, as well as just having a good time. The weather this year was HOT, but little wind and no rain. Judy M had a chance to jam with the "Sage Rats" (Janet Brayman and Joan Suther) in Burns on their return from Denver in July.

The July jam and picnic at Walsh Park had a good turnout with folks eating and playing a lot, and great weather to boot. What a beautiful site for a jam!

We had a good group playing for the Children's Festival at Britt. Lots of kids, parents, and others. The little kids are just fascinated by the live music, and so are their parents! Several youngsters expressed an interest in playing the fiddle and were encouraged to join our group. We recruit wherever. . . By now we have also played at the Jackson County Fair, and have a number of requests to play at picnics, barbecues, etc. Ain't it great!

Tommy Grissom was in hospital for several days, but is back home again. Marv McNutt broke his upper arm in two places and was in the VA hospital in Portland. These guitar players just must be overworked!

The informal "5 O'clock Jammers" group has been meeting Wednesday nites at "Porky's Pride" in Medford for the summer. A good chance to jam and learn, and sometimes even have an audience. After Labor Day we meet at the church again. Players of all ages and abilities who want to get together to learn and play the "old-time" music are welcomed. Contact Lee Ferguson or Judy McGarvey for more info.

Enjoy your summer! And I wonder --Why is it called tourist season when you can't shoot at them?

District 4 Reporter, Judy McGarvey

District 5

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We had standing room only at NACO on July 3rd and collected over \$350. Thanks to all the musicians who participated. Also, thanks to the intrepid few who ventured down to Brookings on July 4th. The audience was very enthusiastic and appreciative. Those who stayed around saw a fine fireworks display as well.

Kudos to all the musicians from both District 8 and District 5 who turned out for the Smelt Fry in Yachats. I trust that everyone got their fill of the little greasy finned creatures. The Siuslaw News (the local paper in Florence and Yachats) said

"Entertainment was by the magnificent Old-time Fiddlers" May be the first time any of us have been called "magnificent"!!

We would like to welcome our new members. Shirley Hyall who plays fiddle and is from Brookings. Jim & Jan Kuhl from Florence have also joined. Jim is learning to play guitar and Jan is learning mandolin. Alta Clark has joined as an associate from Coquille. We would also like to welcome back to OOTFA, Tom Cropper, a mandolin player from Waldport who said the last time he was a member, Bill Yohey was involved!

At our meeting on July 17th in Coos Bay it was decided that we will provide soup, sandwiches and dessert to everyone attending our campout on Thursday evening, August 12th. We will also provide muffins, coffee and juice in the mornings. The district approved a budget of \$500 for the campout, including rental of the Grange Hall. We hope we will collect enough donations to cover the cost. Help is needed in the kitchen throughout the day. District members please contact Sharon Gallagher to sign up to help out.

We have been requested to play at the anniversary of the Umpqua Lighthouse at 11:00 am on August 14th. There will be a shuttle bus for musicians who want to play. We will not be having potlucks, as there are many restaurants in walking distance and attendees may want to take advantage of the fresh seafood available.

It was decided to purchase a small amp for use in nursing homes. Thanks to Ken Jordan for providing an amp at a reasonable price.

At the jam following our meeting we welcomed guests Bernie Charlebois, Marlene Lenninger, Martha Greene and Don Peeler from District 6 as well as Ernie Penry from District 1. We hope you all come back again.

We will be playing at the Pony Mall in Coos Bay on July 24th for the Chili Cook-off from 2:00-4:30. We will use this opportunity to determine if we want to consider changing the venue for some of our monthly jams to the Pony Mall. We will discuss this at our next meeting which will be held in the afternoon of September 11th at the Faber Farms Cranberry Scoop in Bandon. We be playing there from 1-3 pm and will have a short meeting after playing. Directions will be in the next Hoedowner.

We will also be playing at the Pioneer Days in Gold Beach on August 22 from 1 to 5 pm. A BBQ dinner will be provided. Please dress in "pioneer" style clothing. We will ride from the parking area in either a van or a hay wagon.

We have been requested to add the Harmony Estates nursing home in Bandon to our play list. Larry Gallagher will contact those who play at nursing homes to confirm times and place.

We would like to thank Bill Travtsled from Coos Bay for making the delightful wooden raffle ticket turner for our drawings.

There will not be a regular third Saturday jam session at the Senior Center since we are having the campout. By the time you read this Hoedowner, we should be ready to "Fiddle on the Beach". Please join us from August 12-15th at the Winchester Bay Grange Hall.

Please mark your calendars for Bullards Beach on August 27th. We also hope to see a few of our fiddlers at the Canyonville contest on August 28-29th. We play again at NACO on September 4th at 7:00 pm.

Help blow the candles out for Lloyd Dunn on August 18th and Ann Hasley - 30th. Happy Anniversary to Ned & Val Matthews - 18th and Jolly Hibbits & John Bealey - 24th.

Hal Weiner, District 5 reporter

District 6

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My sister-in-law never misses a chance to get in a dig at me, and recently gave me a card which had a picture of an old fiddler standing next to a covered wagon. The caption read: "Life was hard for the pioneers, but every now and again someone would get out the fiddle and make it worse." She was just teasing, but as our activities last month proved, people do love good old-time fiddling. In early July a group of us entertained an enthusiastic crowd of listeners (and a few dancers) at the Eugene Public Library as part of its First Friday series. Thanks so much to Scott Herron for giving us this opportunity, and to all the musicians who helped out.

On the 4th another group of players primarily from the north end of the district played at the Weyerhaeuser Fourth of July celebration in Lebanon, producing good music and some revenue for the District coffers. Players included Norm Oleman, Gary Epperly, Joan Long, Harv Harvey, Don and Ruth Loring, Dick Jones and Joe Moyle. Then on the 11th Bob Strelow organized a group to play for an hour and a half at the Pioneer Days in Oakridge. Many thanks to Ruth and Andy Kennedy, Betty Canning, Bob Strelow, Wayne Carpenter, Harv Harvey, Dick Jones, and Joe Moyle for helping out. Finally, the District put in a well-received appearance at the Mary Cole Days with a 3-hour jam at the fire station in Marcola. Thanks to Don Peeler for organizing the float and to Bernie and Marie Roberts for heading up the jam.

We lost several long-time members last month with the passing of Brian Dunaway and LoRay Hannah. Our sympathy goes out to the families of each, and we hope they know how much these people meant to our District.

Our next jam will be at Crow Grange on Saturday, August 21, with a potluck at noon and jam to follow. In September we will be trying something a bit different to offer something extra to folks traveling to 1000 Trails. On Wednesday, September 15th, we will hold a jam at the Community Center in Oakridge. The jam will start at about 11:00 a.m., with a brief business meeting. No potluck, as the kitchen will not be available, but feel free to bring brown bag lunches. The jam will end about 3 PM so that participants will have plenty of time to drive on to La Pine and Thousand Trails the same day. This is an experiment, which if successful will be repeated annually.

Do you like fiddle contests? Then you will love August! On August 7th the Willamette Valley contest occurs at the Benton Co. Fairgrounds in Corvallis, organized by our own Starr McMullen. And the Canyonville contest happens on Saturday, August 28th. See elsewhere in this month's Hoedowner for all the details. Also, don't forget District 5's campout at Winchester Bay, August 12-15.

Looking ahead, jams at the Crow Grange will occur on October 16th and November 20th, and the Lebanon Moose Lodge has invited us to play there on December 5th.

Best wishes to Frank Chandler who is undergoing chemotherapy and showing some improvement.

August birthdays: Frank Chandler 8/1; Howard Gabel 8/1; Louise Hamilton 8/8; Norma Frazier 8/9; Joe Canaday 8/11; Helen Tracy 8/17; Paul Nielson 8/18; Margaret Vass 8/18; Louise Gabel 8/31; Bernie Roberts 8/31. Happy anniversary to: Ken and Della White, 8/4; Rick and Sherry Dobson, 8/26/90; and John and Lucille Childers, 8/27/38.

Mark Ratzlaff, District 6 Reporter

District 7

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We have three new members in District 7: Anna Soucie & Destry Frey live in Portland. Anna plays guitar and sings; Austin & Earlene Fields live in Molalla and LouAnne McKinney hail from Cornelius. Be sure to give them a warm welcome as our musical paths cross.

Linda Easley wants to thank everyone for their encouragement and concern during her recent new medical "bump in the road". The flowers and cards are lovely and thoughtful.

There are lots of opportunities to play for folks coming up as the summer progresses. Friday August 6 starting at 7 p.m. Fiddlers are needed to play at the Cornelius Nut and Berry Festival at Harlemen Park in Cornelius. We'll start to play at 7:00 p.m. and play til 8:30 or 9:00. Going west on Tualatin Valley Highway (Oregon 8), turn left onto 10th Avenue. The park is eight or ten blocks south on the right. The NE corner of the park is at the intersection of S. 10th Avenue and S. Heather Streets. The playground of Echo Shaw School is on the south side. They will provide the sound system.

Saturday August 14, between 12 - 1 p.m. The Sunnyside Foursquare Church at 13231 SE Sunnyside Road needs fiddlers to entertain at their Church Picnic. They will feed us lunch. Then, after playing at the church, Andy and Terry Jorgensen are hosting their fifth annual Bawb Bash at their home at 35795 SE Snuffin Road in Estacada. This will be a celebration of Bob Huffman's 84th birthday. The directions to the Bash: Go out Highway 224 toward Estacada, Turn left onto SE Folsom and go to the stop sign, Cross SE Eagle Creek Road onto SE Currin and go 3 miles up the road. Turn left onto SE Snuffin Road and the third driveway on the left is theirs. The gate will be open. Plan for an evening potluck.

Wednesday August 18 from 2 - 4 p.m. The Clackamas County Fair wants Old Time Fiddlers to entertain for Senior Day. From Portland go south on 99E and you'll see the big sign to the Fairgrounds on the right just as you come into town. Sometimes the powers that be make you drive around to get in but just go with the flow. We'll have five parking passes for the entertainer's lot again this year. Contact Linda Easley early if you need one (LEasley406@aol.com or 503-235-1671).

Friday August 20 from 7:30 - 8:30 the residents of Terwilliger Plaza are looking forward to the fiddlers' entertainment. The Plaza is at 2545 SW Terwilliger. The building sits above the streets at the south end of SW 6th avenue where you start up the hill to OHSU. Follow the yellow curb up the driveway, which runs along the front of the building. Parking in the guest parking lot. Margie Burdick is the contact at 503-299-4913

Friday August 27 beginning at 4:00 p.m. fiddlers are needed to play and eat at the Estacada Community Picnic held at the Eagle Creek Foursquare Church at 31121 SE Eagle Cliff Lane. From Portland take I-205 South to Exit 12-A head out Highway 224 toward Estacada. At the Chevron station at Highway 211 turn left and go a short ways to Eagle Creek Road and turn right. Drive a ways, over the creek and up the hill. On the left side you'll see a sign for the Eagle Creek Foursquare Church. Turn in and follow the gravel road. Someone will help us park.

Thursday September 2 from 2 -3 we'll play at Miramonte Pointe, Hattie Kielhorn's new place, which is at 11520 SE Sunnyside Road in Clackamas. We'll be in the Main Room by the piano. The phone number of the residence is 503-698-1600. Going east on Sunnyside Road from I-205, the building is "down right" off the road and it comes up fast. Turn in front of their big sign. When you leave the parking lot, there is only a right turn but two blocks later, there is a place to do a legal U-turn to go back where you came from if necessary.

Sunday September 5 begins our monthly jam schedule at the King City Town Hall at 15245 SW 116th in Portland (or King City out 99W past Tigard). Doors will open for us about 11:00. There

will be a District 7 quarterly meeting at noon before the public arrives. We'll jam for the public from 1 to 4. Public invited.

Tuesday September 7 Fiddlers are invited to play at the Portland Air Base at 6801 NE Cornfoot Drive from 1 - 3 p.m. for the Military Officers Association of America. In order to meet requirements for security clearance at the Air Base, I need to have a list of participants by August 17th. Let Linda Easley know soon by email (LEasley406@aol.com or phone 503-235-1671) if you can come. We'll need to bring our sound systems.

Tuesday September 28 from 1:30 -2:30 we are invited to play at the Creekside Retirement Village in Beaverton. The address is 5450 SW Erickson Avenue in Beaverton. Go west on Highway 26 and turn south onto 217. Turn right onto Allen and continue past three lights. Turn right onto SW Erickson and the place is on the right side with a huge tree and a cedar fence.

Gail Foster, reporter, District 7

District 8

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Silver Falls State Park in the foothills of the Cascades offers beautiful scenery at any time. But during the Al Fausset Days celebration there's even more to see and do. District 8 fiddlers entertained for 3 separate one hour sessions on both Saturday and Sunday. Between playing times, we walked to the falls, watched the pioneer crafts demonstrations, and had tasty lunches provided by the Friends of Silver Falls. Bob Huffman and Jeff Heberle came and joined us on Sunday. And of course we jammed in the evenings at our campsite!

Several from District 8 played at Yachats for the Smelt Fry, the same weekend as Silver Falls. It turned out to be a joint effort with fiddlers from Districts 5, 6 and 8. Bob and Marie Bailey, Christine Lang and Barbara Bartholomew represented District 8.

Don Simons (our most senior fiddler at age 90) fell and broke his leg recently. After a hospital stay, he's in the nursing home section of the facility where he and Daisy live. We visited him one afternoon, and he was glad to have company. He's having therapy, and getting along fine. Keep on getting better Don!

Two of our play dates are late in July, so I'll report on them next month. They are Garibaldi Days on July 24 and the Antique Caterpillar Show on July 31.

Don't forget the Polk County Fair at Rickreall on Thursday, August 12. We play from 1:00 PM to 1:45 this year. It's not very long, but it pays well! There will be 25 passes at the gate for musicians. Please show your nametag (or your 2004 membership card) at the gate. Admission for Senior Citizens that day is only \$3.00. Some of us will be playing at the fair, then heading to Winchester Bay for the District 5 campout. (Lew adds - Having lived on the coast for 41 years, might I suggest that you bring a jacket?)

Mark September 25th and come to Newport to play at the Elks Lodge. Barbara has the scoop below.

Something to ponder: What's another word for synonym?

Alice Holt, reporter, District 8

Hi there Fiddlers,

I want to ask all fiddlers who are available on Saturday September 25 to come to the Newport Elks #2105 to the Hunters Ball. I have asked District 8 to be our music for this event and would love to have a wonderful event for both parties.

District 8 will be paid for this event. As Lew stated we are thin but so are the Newport Elks. I don't know how many will be able to dance but everyone loves to hear our type of music. Music will probably start about 7ish in the evening and go to about 11ish, with the times subject to revision, depending on happenings on both sides and how long the crowd remains. We have a wonderful array of talent amongst our midst and I would love to have that talent represented at our function. We will be having a dinner and any fiddlers who wish to come early and partake of our meal are welcome. The menu and the price of the meal will be posted at the Elks. Any fiddlers who are under 21 are welcome but they must stay in the dancing or dining areas.

Respectfully yours, Barbara L. Bartholomew, Dist 8 member
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District 9

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Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

As we head into August we will be gearing up for the first of two county fairs. On August 12-13-14 we have been asked to play the Grant County Fair in John Day. Anyone wishing to come play with us will be very welcome.

Looking forward to September we will be doing a play night for Experience Oregon on Tuesday 7th at 7:15 in Rory and Ryan meeting room. These tour groups always have a great time and really enjoy listening to our type of music.

Since the Aspens date is on the same Friday as we construct our fair float the date will be changed. Julia will let everyone know of the time change.

We want to welcome the Borelli family to the state organization. John has been playing with the High Desert Fiddlers for some time and we really enjoy mandolin music. Also a belated welcome to Lloyd Louie who was elected to the co-chair position replacing Walt Cooper who has plenty to do as he is our sound man and e-mailer.

We continue to play the assisted living centers. In August the Aspens will be Friday the 13th at 7:00 and Ashley Manor will be the following Monday the 16th at 6:30. Stay cool.

Julia Milleson, Reporter, District 9

District 10

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We all wish you a great summer. There is always many activities at this time of year.

Lyneatte Werlinger has been in the hospital with pneumonia. She is now home. Get well soon Lyneatte.

Dennis and Thelma Allen would appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this time while Dennis is struggling with his health. Hope to see you both back soon and healthy, ours prayers are with you both.

I'm sorry I missed the birthdays in July, they were Ellen Smith, Amanda Kobel and Louis Pugh, belated Happy Birthday. August birthdays are Flo Sangsland, Rusty Lillard, Marge Hasty, Shannon Werlinger, Guy Kinman and Hap Jones, Happy Birthday.

Our guest this month was Lillie Cervent, from Garden City, Idaho. Welcome!!

August 10th –13th, our musicians will be playing at the Douglas County Fair. We will be playing twice a day. Chuck Hasty is in charge of the line up for playing. Louie Roy arranged our playing contract with the Douglas County Fair Board. Thanks Louie.

The Canyonville Contest will be August 28 and 29. Glynn Deaton is looking for help. If you are able to assist, please contact her. Let's have a great turnout.

Our next meeting is at the Winston Community Center, August 14th. The meeting is at 11, potluck at noon and jam from 1 to 4 pm.

Reporter: Doris Dilbeck 541-672-6266 (doris042049@msn.com)

From the Prez: FLASH !!!!! IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be a SPECIAL MEETING of members of the OOTFA at Thousand Trails this September Saturday 18th. at 10:30 A. M. The purpose of this meeting will be for the members to vote on the Subject of a second General Membership Business Meeting each year. At present we only have one meeting of this type, every 12 months, at the Convention in Roseburg. The other meetings that we have are Executive Board Meetings only. I think we need more input from the members and this would allow that to happen.

And now it grieves me deeply to have to report to you this bit of news. On June 27th, Mrs. Peggy Kerr passed away. Memorial services were held on July 10th. at the Prineville Funeral Home in Prineville. She is survived by her husband Jack, two sons, and one sister. Peggy was a member of the Prineville Christian Church and a staunch member of Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. Jack and Peggy worked hard for the OOTFA for many, many years. Jack is a passed Vice President from 1995-1997. Peggy will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. Our condolences to Jack and family.

How about those High Desert fiddlers and District 9, they really know how to throw a party don't they? It seems that the High Desert Fiddle Jamboree gets better every year. We really look forward to that. I want to thank them once again for letting us have our quarterly meeting there. Thank you again from all our members for the fun filled week-end that we had,

Our next get together will be at Thousand Trails on September 16, 17, 18. Hope to see you there. We always have a grand time at Thousand Trails. Our quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, Sep. 18th.

Bob Ervin Pres. OOTFA

From the editor: Recently Kian Dye's father, Kevin, stopped by the house. We had another very pleasant visit. Another family that is giving their "young fiddle player" 100% support. Kian is our Pee Wee champ. Kevin tells me that Kian has recently played to entertain adults. Along the same line, Trevor played this summer for the senior center in Dallas after they heard him play at our district 8 jam earlier.

At the time I am writing this, Peg Willis is in Ireland with a group of her fiddle students. Many of them entered our contest this year and now the students are both demonstrating their skills and increasing their skills in Ireland. They worked for several years to make enough money for the trip. Our mailman was impressed with their playing at the contest and several days later he handed me a \$20.00 bill to give to Peg to help pay for their trip. The mailman was a total stranger who had attended our contest at my invitation but he wanted to show his support and appreciation for the kids.

"Many thanks to all who called, sent cards and e-mails with well wishes after my recent total ankle replacement surgery. I appreciate each of you and your thoughtfulness." Marie Nelson

Attention active and potential Scarlet Ladies!

We will be convening at the OTF campout at Thousand Trails in September! Don't forget to pack your finery! If you have program thoughts please let Shanna Burchell know. A post card can be sent to 1800 Hamilton Lane, Grants Pass, Or. 97527 or you can use e-mail a skittlery@terragon.com . Let's wow 'em again!

A Ditty By Sunny

Ode to Jamboree

Sitting here in the shade and enjoying the breeze
Waiting for this evening, not to worry, no freeze.
End of the Fiddlers Burns Jamboree
My sure has been great music, whoopee!
People from many places in Oregon & other states, I am told
No need to worry about age 'cause lots of us are old.
At least that's what they say but not too bold
Because it's not really true, it's mostly how you feel.
In the mind & heart & that's a good deal
Hope to go to another meeting like this
Believe you me, this in country music bliss.
So many people putting this on
Then devoting time & effort in playing their song.
Lots are involved for music they play
Thank, "Goodness," for there love since it ends to today.
Sunny Page

Hugs. Years ago I emceed a contest. A young contestant made an error playing one of her tunes. When she left the stage, she sat down in the first row of the bleachers beside her mother. The mother turned away from the child to show her disapproval for the error. It hurt badly to see this, tempting me to leave the stage to say something but "the show must go on." (They weren't from Oregon.) In contrast at Weiser this year, and I don't think the father will mind me telling this story, Trevor Whitaker came off the stage after competing (no mistakes) and was greeted by his father in the warm up room with a big hug of approval. I smiled. Knowing the father, he would have given the same hug if Trevor had made a mistake.

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, August 7 at the Benton County Fair in Corvallis

I would like to encourage everyone to come to the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest on Saturday, August 7th at the Benton County Fair in Corvallis, OR. Judges will be Jeanine Orme, Bob Heinith, and Joe Sites (current National Adult Fiddle Champion).

We hope to have a record number of participants this year and encourage anyone who has been thinking about playing in a contest someday to try it this year. There is a special Novice Division for people who have never played in a contest before. It is always fun and very low key! Other Divisions are Pee Wee, Junior-Junior, Junior, Adult (18-59), Senior (60+). and Championship. Prize money to 5 places (including accompanist). For more information contact Starr McMullen at mcmulles@hotmail.com or call 541-745-5130.

Contestants should arrive by 9 am to register and should enter the fairgrounds by the south entrance. Fair entry is free with your fiddle or guitar case although parking costs \$2. Directions: I-5 to exit 228 to Corvallis. Go about ten miles to Corvallis and turn left and take the "bypass" that is highway 34 and goes towards ocean beaches. This turns into Highway 34/20 and proceed only about a mile to 53rd street. Turn right at the light onto 53rd street and proceed about 3/4 mile to the fairground on the left. Turn into the first (south fairground parking lot) and enter by

that gate. There should be plenty of close parking at 9 am. No on-site camping, but there is a KOA campground on highway 34 between I-5 and Corvallis.

Starr McMullen

1000 Trails. President Bob wants to remind those of you who plan on going to Thousand Trails between Bend and LaPine this September that it's not too early to get your reservations to him for camping spots. Camping is \$21 per night. Make checks out to Thousand Trails and send them to Bob. Those of you who have been there before know what a good time we have. And those who have never been there, are missing a good time. Call Bob or email him if you have any questions. His phone number and address are on the front page of the Hoedowner. Thanks gang.

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.

Eileen Witley, long-time OOTFA member is now teaching fiddle at her studio at 11825 SW Greenburg Road #2A in Tigard. Morning, afternoon, and evening appointments are available. Children and adults of all skill levels are welcome. Please call Eileen at 503-701-1578 or email her at ewit@juno.com for further information.

New Members for July

1. Howard & Cherie Davol---Ashland
2. Harry Detwiler---Ashland
3. Austin & Earlene Fields---Molalla
4. Clarence Janzen---Independence
5. Frank Dummer---Dayton
6. Wilma Claro---McCloud , Ca.
7. Lou Anne McKinney---Cornelius
8. Teresa & Bill Williams---Sublimity
9. Norene Lee---Nehalem
10. Tom & Sally Blust---Sisters
11. Anna Soucie & Destry Frey---Portland
12. Tom Cropper---Walport

Convention videos. If you are interested in videos of the convention, check with me. I should be able to help you out. (Lew)

Hi Lew, We are members of District 4. Lindsay, my daughter, borrowed a cassette tape of Rudy Booher's National Fiddle Championship from 1991 from her instructor and, unfortunately, we lost the tape. We have written to the Booher's and they do not have a copy. Would it be possible to run an ad in the Hoedowner asking if anyone has a copy for sale? They could email us at this address:

Hollydog@connpoint.net

Thanks, Jon Gasik Central Point, Oregon

Lew, Editor

CANYONVILLE CONTEST: Saturday, August 28th is the date. (See last month's Hoedowner for details such as contest times, entry fees, and cash prizes.) Also, in last month's Hoedowner, it was mentioned that the church across from the school might be the contest site this year. In checking it out further, I found that the stairs are just too many and there is only a handrail part of the way down the steps to the courtyard. Just too unsafe for us. So...it will be the school again..and maybe it's for the best because we are all familiar with it. Camping in your RV's allowed at the school (both above

and below) as usual. And Stanton Park just north of the city limits has both tent and full service RV spots. See below for motel numbers:

Valley View 1-800-566-2298

Leisure Inn 1-541-839-4278

Riverside Lodge 1-541-839-4557

Best Western 1-541-839-4200

Seven Feathers 1-888-677-7771

Sheri West is now living in Medford and has confirmed that she will be a judge along with Jerry Ruddock and Nicki Carlisle. Emcees will be Lew Holt for the Preliminary and Christine Morgan for the Finals. Chris is my daughter who was the main cook for the convention banquets for so many years. I'm hoping she is as good an emcee as she is a cook. I know she will give it her best shot so please give her your support.

Rosa Lee called me recently and offered a donation for a special prize to be given at the Canyonville Contest in honor of Homer McLain. I'm sure the person who receives this award will be especially proud to be chosen. And, No, I am not going to tell you what the criteria is for being selected for this award. You'll find out at the contest (at the time the award is presented)..

There is a change in the Friday evening schedule. We will play at the Forest Glen Senior Residence from 4:00 to 4:45 and onstage at Pioneer Park from 5:30 to 6:30. Then, Willie Carter will lead a small group to play for the introduction of the Pioneer Queen and her Court at 6:30. As mentioned before, our new park stage will be ready for Pioneer Days. Also, you might want to browse the booth area this year as it will be much much different. Everything offered for sale is handmade. No commercial products at all Of course there will be several food booths.

So, come on down. The midway will be open Thursday evening after the BBQ and pie auction. Call me at 541-839-4501 or e-mail gynn@mcsi.net if you have any questions.

Gynn Deaton