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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I appreciated all the comments from some of you who read the last Hoedowner. We have people out there who love the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association and are committed to supporting every aspect of it. That is great to hear.

We want old and young, especially the young, to have that commitment to keep our Organization growing. The way we can do that is to support districts, jams that other districts put on, contest, conventions, as well as playing gigs, even camp-outs, as they are for the benefit the fiddlers. I would encourage all the fiddler members young and old to be involved in every aspect of fiddling. This is where you'll find the joy of playing, listening, learning "new" old songs, teaching old songs you know and supporting others as they play. LETS KEEP GROWING !!!!

Another thing to do, to encourage others and help ourselves, is for the fiddlers to play with as many different back-up players as they can. There may come a time when we'll need another back-up and we will want them to know our tunes. Back-up and fiddlers, be courteous to the lead player. Don't take the lead from them and if they are having trouble keeping a tune going, help them, but don't overpower them.

Mark Carmickle is not able to continue as Parliamentarian at this time. I have appointed Roger Germundson to take his place, and he has accepted the position. Thank you Mark for you past services.

Our convention is coming up, April 5th, 6th & 7th; I have sent out to each

district chairman the list of things that will be going on and what each district's responsibilities are. Please let your members know and help others when ever possible. "Many Hands Make Light Work."

Get you reservations in early for the banquet: \$11.95 per plate. Send the money to: Fred Hardin P. O. Box 1 Dallas OR. 97338.

Attention: all kids from any district: Amy Booher, a good instructor, has volunteered to put on an "all kids workshop" Saturday, April 7th in the Crafts Building. in Rickreall at our convention. It will be free to all kids. The instructors will volunteer their time and again we would be involving kids and their parents. The rent for the hall will come from the State Scholarship fund. The time will be announced at the convention.

Your President, Irene Ruddock

From the Editor Emeritus:

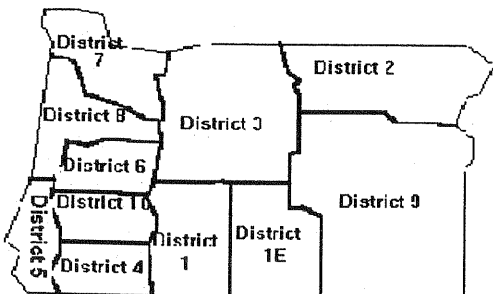
Some convention chatter: How do I get to Rickreall and the fairgrounds? First don't hesitate to study a map. If you are driving up I-5 from the South, you can take the exit to Corvallis and go north on 99W 20 miles to Rickreall. The Polk County Fairgrounds are on the right just before you get to Rickreall. Or take one of the several exits from I-5 (Exit 253 or Exit 256) into Salem, working your way across town to Hwy 22 crossing the bridge over the Willamette River and then continuing on to the junction of Hwy 22 and Hwy 99 north of Rickreall. Exit right, go under the overpass, turn right at the stop sign, go through town and the fairgrounds are just across the bridge. The overpass at the junction of Hwys 22 and 99W is completed -- so it will be different from last year.

We can't stress enough the importance of your bringing your RV to the convention. RV parking is only \$10 which includes electric hook ups. We need 50 RVs parked so we can get the fairgrounds at a lower rate. Please, please bring your RV even if you only live a few miles away -- we need them to meet our quota.

There will be a cafeteria open starting Thursday noon. It is just off the main hall. It will open during the convention.

Please, please, buy your banquet tickets in March. Don't wait until the convention because we

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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

District 1

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Johnny Rodgers, newsletter, 541-591-2004

February saw the kickoff of our music workshops with music on Friday and Saturday the 23rd and 24th. In March there will be two workshops, again Fridays and Saturdays the 9th and 10th and again on the 23rd and 24th. Note that the venue has changed from our earlier announcement and is now the Suburban Heights Baptist Church at 3052 Homedale Road in Klamath Falls.

Workshops are FREE and run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch is served to all participants.

For more information and specifics please call Irene Ruddock at 541-882-6418. Instruction and jamming is available on most any Old Time string instrument. We hope to see you there!

At our March meeting on the 4th we will have election of officers for the new term. All District 1 members are encouraged to attend to vote and show their support for the folks who keep things rolling in the District. The current nominees are Ann Bonser to serve as Chair and John Northcraft to move from Chair to Vice-Chair. Bud

Ullman will continue as Secretary-Treasurer-Membership Dude.

Several people have asked how our current Chair John Northcraft is doing with his recovery from the broken pelvis he got for Christmas. We are glad to report he was last seen on his own two legs, without cane or walker, able to stroke the bass and hit the low notes on Green, Green Grass of Home.

Bud Ullman, acting District 1 Reporter

March

4 Election Meeting

District 3

Chairman: Dennis Jakab 541-548-2387

Co-Chair: Jean Hardman 541-317-9566

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March

4 VFW Show Redmond 1-4 p.m.

Our next VFW OOTFA shows are always the first Sunday of the month so place these dates on your calendar, they will be:

March 4th 1-4pm

April 1st 1-4pm

May 6th 1-4pm

June 3rd 1-4pm

Well, I'm back temporary to do the reporting for District #3. Rhea is taking a break for a few months from reporting. But, I'd like to say she has done a great job and I do hope she will return soon.

All members make sure you come to the April meeting to nominate and elect officers. So before April meeting be thinking about who you want to elect as Chairman, (Dennis cannot be Chairman next year, he will not have the time).

Chairman, Co-chairman, Secretary/Treasurer are the only three positions that need to be voted on.

If you want to run again or If there are any volunteers that are interested please contact the Chairman Dennis Jakab @ 584-2387 before the April meeting. There will be a few other things that need to be discussed at the meeting so all members please come.

I think we all would like to thank Dennis Jakab chairman, Jean Hardman, co-chairman, sec./treasurer Joyce Wallace and membership: Earlene Ervin, in office for all their hard

work and efforts this year. Also including Mike Hyman, VFW musicians director, Bob Ervin as activity director and all of you who are on any boards. Hope I didn't forget anyone. :o)

Please remember to pay your \$20.00 dues if you haven't already. We want to continue to send all musicians and members a Hoedowner and see you at the OOTFA shows. :o) Please send membership fee to Earlene Ervin or they will expect payment at the show or meeting. If you are a member and didn't receive your Hoedowner please contact Earlene ASAP.

District #3 workshops are still going on after the VFW show in Redmond. The April meeting will have to continue the next month if we do not finish any business by 4:30 pm because that is the time we will start the fiddle workshops.

These free fiddle workshops will last thru June then be determined by the new officers if they want to continue them.

We are having some great response, Any age can come to this to help those who are interested in promoting OOTFA and learning Old time fiddle music. Please show up and learn the old time

music. It's open to the public and it's only once a month. We have beginners and intermediate workshops. Workshop runs about one hour long.

Start packing those RV's for the State convention coming up April 4th thru 7th. Stay packed because the Silver Lake campout is May 3-6th and the State fiddle contest at Chemekata College on May 19th. Looks like we all are going to be very busy.. :o)

Please use your roster to keep in contact with other members. If you don't have one you can purchase it through Earlene Ervin or pick one up at the State Convention.

We had no new members last month. Laree has taken on the advertising for the District 3 show. Thank you Laree. :of)

Keep in your prayers for those who are sick and have lost a loved one. District #3 wishes all happy birthday/ anniversaries this month.

Ellen Jakab, District #3 temporary Reporter

District 1E

Chairman: Bev Perry 541-947-2334
Vice Chairman: Mary Ann McLain 541-947-2448
Secretary Treasurer: Sharilyn McLain 541-947-4623
Reporter: Eileen McLain 541-947-4474

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. We are lacking a sufficient snow pack and moisture in general, however, these warmer days are enjoyable.

It has been pretty quiet on the music front. We had a small, but nice gathering at our last jam.

We will not have a jam in March. Instead, we will be playing at a fundraiser for the Burris family. The Burris family was involved in a tragic car accident on December 26, 2006 near Paisley. Gretchen Burris was killed in the accident and Joel and little Sam are still recovering. The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is being hosted by the Lake-

view Pack 13 Cub Scouts and the Lakeview Elks. It will be held on March 3, 2007 from 4-8 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. Dinners are \$5 per person and raffle tickets will be available for many items donated by the community. We will begin playing at 4 p.m. and plan to be there for the entirety.

I would like to encourage all District 1E members to attend the business meeting to be held March 12, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center. We will be electing officers and it is important to have as many members as possible attend, so that a quorum can be established. We were a few members

short last meeting and had to postpone the elections until March.

I would like to extend Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary greetings to those members who have had them in January or February. I know that Mary Stone has recently had a birthday and Dale Bryant will be celebrating his on March 6th.

Reminder: Silver Lake Camp-out May 3-6

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Sharilyn McLain,
 acting District 1E Reporter

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March
 3 Belleville Grange Ashland
April
 7 Roxy Ann Grange
May
 5 Belleville Grange Ashland

Wow, what a crowd of members, players, and/or dancers at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass! I'm sure the publicity in the paper this month and the month before didn't hurt, and we had a good turnout, an enthusiastic bunch, and a great hall. Lots of good music, with new folks joining in as well.

The meeting was very well attended, and new officers for next year were voted in: Don Johnson, Chairman, "Grumpy" Kimmel, vice-Chairman, and Lee Ferguson, Secy/Treas. All are ready and willing to start in July – good job, folks! We were again reminded to please bring our own table service for the monthly potlucks. Such good food – bring a big plate!

Judy gave a report from the Springfield meeting, and convention

duties were discussed, with volunteers selected to do them. Don Maddox and Judy McGarvey were voted to be the fiddlers for the Friday night Convention program. We're looking forward to seeing you all at the convention!

We have been asked by the Southern Oregon Historical Society to play for the Heritage Fair in Jacksonville, where for 3 weeks all the county 4th graders come through to learn some first-hand history. We would be playing a Virginia Reel for each ½ hour group of up to 70 kids. After some discussion, we agreed to commit to 2 days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) for 2 hours each, a total of 6 times. They have been generous with their donations in the past, as we are all interested in keeping young people involved (and we do it with our music).

As usual, Lee Ferguson came

up with wonderful prizes (mostly chocolate) for our Valentine drawing. We should have our sweet tooth (or teeth) satisfied!

Our District 4 scholarship fund continues to grow as donations are given to honor deceased members. We plan to provide funds for the state fiddle camp again this summer. Those who are interested need to let us know.

Hope you all enjoy the great spring weather – go fly a kite! (That's what they always tell me!). Keep playing that great music!

Thought for the day: Therapy is expensive, popping bubble wrap is cheap! You choose.

Judy McGarvey,
 acting District 4 Reporter

The Hoedowner District 5

Chairman: Mapril Combs (541) 572-5532
Co-Chair: Oren Pruitt (541) 347-6236
Secretary/Treasurer: Kathy Nash (541) 902-1981
Membership: Jolly Hibbits (541) 347-2229
 54070 Bear Creek Rd, Bandon, OR 97411

March

3 Hauser Fire Dept spaghetti feed, they'll feed us either before or after we play, 3:30-4:30pm
 16 St. Patrick's Dance, Heritage Place, Bandon, 6:30-8:30

At our meeting on January 27, we voted to donate \$500 to the State Contest. Although we had a small turnout for our jam we all had fun playing. We were pleased to welcome guests Fred Young and Carroll Lakin, Louie Roy, Joe Jones, and Guy Kinman from District 10.

The Deveroux Center closed so that is one place the Nursing Home Bunch won't be playing!

We play at the St. Patrick's Day dance at Heritage Place in Bandon on March 16 .Please check with Mapril for final times. It is currently scheduled for 6:30-8:00 p.m., but may change to the afternoon.

Our jam at the North Bend Community Center on February 17th was a great success. We had over

40 people in attendance and a circle jam with over 20 musicians followed by a performance jam. We were pleased to welcome guests Fred Young and Carol Lakin from District 10, Bob & Ellen Strelow from District 6 and Tom Cropper from District 8.

Our next meeting will be at the North Bend Senior Center on March 17. The center is located at 1470 Airport Lane. We will have a meeting and election of officers at 11:30, followed by a potluck. The jam will go from 1:00-4:00pm.

Although the Hoedowner calendar only shows three months in advance, Mapril already has a busy calendar scheduled for the summer. These include Bullards Park, Yachats and others. Please let Mapril know if there are

p.m. but MAY be changed to afternoon
 17 North Bend Senior Center, meeting and elections at 11:30, potluck at noon, jam 1-4:00 p.m.

April

20 Gloria Dei Church, Coos Bay, Home Extension Conference, 11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m., free meal
 21 JAM Winchester Bay, Old Schoolhouse (former Grange) 1:00-4:00 p.m.

May

19 JAM TBA, give Mapril some ideas on this and for summer jams

other places you'd like to play.

It is NOT too early to get your reservations in for Winchester Bay. Many of the sites with hook-ups are already booked. You can also start thinking about a "Bird" song, as that will be our theme thisyear. For more information visit our web site at www.winfinity.com/~weiners/jamboree

Happy Birthday and Anniversaries to those March-a-roonies!!

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

District 6

Chairman: Bob Strelow 541-782-4803
Co-chair: Paula Sanders 541-401-4130
Secretary/Treasurer: Bernie Roberts 541-689-5764
Membership: Mark Ratzlaff, 25701 Cochran Ct. Veneta, OR 97487 541-935-8506

We had a great jam, meeting and potluck on February 3. Guests joined us from District 3, Fred and Barbara Dulley, from Prineville, and Don and Lee Hanna, from Powell Butte. Good musicians and real nice people. We hope they join us again.

Bob Strelow announced at the meeting that District 6 was responsible for two flower arrangements at the State Convention. Darlene Fiducia volunteered to handle that. We were also reminded to bring items to donate for the raffle at the State meeting in April. District 6 will be responsible for the music from 8:51 - 9:06 p.m. at Saturday night dance on April 7th at Rick-reall. Those who wish to play at the dance will have a practice session at

3:00 p.m. on that Saturday. Districts 3, 6 and 9 will be helping set up the tables for the banquet, which is held before the dance Saturday, April 7th.

New officers were elected to take office on July 1st. Our new District Chairman is Bernie Charlebois. The new Vice-Chair is Thelma Drayer; Bernie Roberts will remain as Secretary/Treasurer. CONGRATULATIONS to all.

Our next potluck and jam will be March 10th from 11 - 4:00 p.m. at the Crow Grange. Go out Hwy 126 to Veneta and turn left (south) onto Territorial Road and go about five miles. The grange is on the right just after you enter Crow, next to the school. The Mapquest address is

85994 Territorial Road, Veneta 97487

Announcements:

1. The "Road Kill Jammers" (Oral Robbins's group) will be doing a benefit jam for the Myrtle Creek/Riddle Lions Club Seniors' Program on April 21st 2007 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. This will be an open jam with amplified instruments allowed. Anyone wanting only acoustic backup for their turn will be accommodated and the amps will be turned off. Oral will be conducting the jam and supplying the sound system, so bring your instruments and enjoy the fun. The Lions Club will have food and beverages for a nominal fee. Last year this benefit raised \$800 that was used to outfit a van with a chair lift for senior

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March

10 Jam and Potluck Crow Grange 11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

April

14 Jam and Potluck Jasper Grange 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

May

6 Jam Lebanon Moose 11:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

District 7

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Secretary/Treasurer Lila Bills 503-253-8447
Membership: Myrtle Arnold
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 Troutdale, OR 97060 666-3529

Sunday March 11, 2007 will be our regularly scheduled monthly OOTFA jam session at the Lake Oswego Adult Community Center at 505 G Avenue in Lake Oswego from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. In lieu of a Teach-a-Tune prior to the Jam there will be a MEETING of the OOTFA membership. Topics of discussion/decision will be the amount of money District 7 will contribute toward the State Contest and nominations for new officers. Everyone please attend so the meeting and decisions are legal. Brown bag your lunch.

April 4 - 7 OOTFA State Convention at Polk County Fair

Grounds in Rickreall

HEADS UP! On Saturday April 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. District 7 will sponsor a workshop conducted by Carol Ann Wheeler, Oregon State and National Fiddle Champion, on Fiddle Technique and other topics of interest. For more information call 503-235-1671 after March 1.

Sunday April 15 OOTFA we'll have our monthly Jam at the Estacada Community Center at 200 SW Clubhouse Drive in Estacada, down behind the Boots and Spurs Restaurant off 224. We can get into the building about 10:30 a.m. for informal jamming and from 1 - 4

March

11 Lake Oswego Adult Community Center
 Lake Oswego

April

15 Estacada Community Center Estacada
 17-19 LogJam at Linda's Manzanita

May

1 Marquis Wilsonville Wilsonville

p.m. we'll perform for the public. Bring all your friends and neighbors. This is a fun one! Public invited. Kelly is going to fix hamburgers like before.

April 17, 18, 19, etc. Log-Jam at Linda's in Manzanita.

Tuesday May 1, 2007 we are needed to play at Marquis Wilsonville at 3:30 p.m. The address is 30900 SW Parkway in Wilsonville. Going south on I-5 take Exit 283, go left under the freeway, take the first right onto Parkway and go past the Best Western. Turn left into the parking lot.

Gail Foster, Reporter, District 7

From the Editor Emeritus: cont.

have to turn in a count by March 30 so the caterer can order the meat. Specify your choice of prime rib beef or stuffed chicken breasts. Your tickets will be held for you at the convention where you can pick them up.

Friday night we'll have our show for the paying public. Participation in this show is by invitation only. District chairmen will furnish the names of two fiddlers from their districts and Fred and Lew will create a show around these names (filling in with specials). The theme this year is again "You don't have to be old to be an old time fiddler." We will be featuring many of our young fiddlers. The 6:30 on stage jam Friday night will be just the young people.

We'll have sign up jams Wednesday and Thursday nights. They will be open for all of us. Of course the district dance bands Saturday night after the banquet. Your district chairman has the schedule. Although the convention doesn't officially start until Thursday, the crafts building will be open Wednesday morning for us "early birds." District 8 will have snacks and coffee all-day and there will be jamming all day.

Workshops will be posted on the website when they are all established.

Amy Booher's important announcement: Saturday, April 7, will kick off with free fiddle workshops starting at 1:00 PM for young fiddlers. I am shooting for three one-hour sessions (different levels) The sessions will go at the same time (3 different instructors: Myself, Eileen Walter, and (?)) We'll wrap up classes around 2pm, and start jamming. Snacks will be served while the jam's going on, and after ... until we're done and the last people are gone.... I hope to be all wrapped up by 4:30 PM, so folks from out of town can get home at a decent time. I would like to invite any and all fiddle teachers in the area to participate, and bring their students. It will be a great place to network and build future fiddling relationships. At the gathering, I'd also like to have a quick brainstorming session on starting a monthly kid's fiddle jam, possibly in the Corvallis area and/or Salem. The whole day, including workshops, will be FREE of charge! Amy Booher

Amy will have young fiddlers on stage from 6:30 to 7:00 on Friday night. It was one of the most popular features of our show last year.

OOTFA History Book Two will be available at the state convention. There are 378 pages of newspaper articles and photos. You are encouraged to buy a copy.

Banquet tickets again: Tickets for 11 and older are \$11.95. Tickets for 5 through 10 are \$6.00. Children 5 and under are free. Specify how many tickets and whether each ticket is for beef or chicken. Make checks to OOTFA and mail them so they arrive before March 30. Mail your requests and checks to Fred Hardin, P.O. Box 1, Dallas, OR 97338

The most frequently asked question is "How about motels?" There are none in Rickreall but there are three close by -- close being 3 or 4 miles. Courtesy Inn 270 N. Pacific Ave. (Hwy 99) Monmouth, OR 97361 Ph: (503)838-4438 or FAX: (503)838-3761. Be sure to mention that you are with the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association.

Dallas - Riverside Inn & Suites 517 Main St. Dallas, OR 97338 Ph: (503) 623-8163. Say you are from OOTFA

Best Western - Dallas Inn & Suites 250 Orchard Dr. Dallas, OR 97338 Ph 503-623-6000, Fax #: 503-623-6326 For reservations call 1-800-528-1234 www.bestwestern.com/dallasinnandsuites Say you are from OOTFA

Directions: From Salem to Dallas, take Hwy 22 West. After crossing under the Hwy 99W overpass, turn left at the sign for Dallas. Go approximately 5 miles. Best Western - turn right at the intersection of Ellendale Road and Hwy 223 - at the traffic light.

The Riverside Inn - in Dallas are the same except at the light at the top of the hill in Dallas, turn left or south onto Main St. or towards "down town Dallas" for approximately half mile to the bottom of the hill.

The motel in Monmouth is 4 miles south of the fairgrounds on Hwy 99.

RV parking. This year there will be signs for RV parking which will direct us away from the front parking. It is good business to save that parking for our "paying customers."

We think we have every thing covered, so we look forward to seeing you April 5 - 7 or on Wednesday the 4th if you come early.

Lew.

The Hoedowner

District 8

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Co-Chair: Marie Bailey 503-835-7185

Secretary: Christine Lang 503-982-6224

Treasurer: Wally Case 503-678-5548

Membership: Wally Case, 12222 Fry Road NE, Aurora, OR 97002

March

Meeting and Jam McMinnville Senior Center

April

28 District Jam Dallas Senior Center

It's almost spring! The longer daylight hours are enjoyable. It seems like more hours in the day, even if it is the same old 24!

Wally Case has agreed to be membership chairman for District 8 in addition to his duties as treasurer. Thanks, Wally. And thank you Jackie Stephenson for doing membership for many years.

A big hand of applause for a couple of our young people. In a recent edition of the Salem Statesman Journal, Raymond Goeser was featured in an article about his swim team. Robbie Griswold from Stayton, has been named an Academic All Star. With a 4.0 GPA, he ranks first out of 197 to graduate from Stayton High School this spring. Way to go guys!

More good news about kids: District 8 members competing at in the fiddle contest at Gaston on Feb. 3 were

PeeWees: Harrison Broadhus, Hannah Siepman, Jacob Nelsen. Jr Jrs: Hannah Kearney, Trevor Whittaker, Melissa Whittaker.

Others from District 8 who entered: Adult: Amy Booher. Seniors: Jim Hockenull, Darlene Bryant. Super Seniors: Les Tucker Alice Holt, Lew Holt, Dale Colebank. Congratulations to all who supported the contest by entering, and by coming to listen and clap for the fiddlers! We always enjoy seeing our friends from WA at the Gaston Contest.

This news must go in before our February meeting. We'll be electing next year's offices. Read about that next month.

March 17th, Saturday, we'll gather once again in McMinnville at the Senior Center. If you haven't been there before, the center is on McDaniel St. near the McDonalds. It's St. Pat-

rick's Day, so you might want to wear some green. Ya'll come! We always have a good time.

Our District is hosting the OOTFA convention April 5-7. Let's all make our guests welcome. We'll be discussing finger food and other duties at our meetings before the convention. Lots more news about convention elsewhere in this issue.

Then April 28th, Saturday, we'll jam at the Senior Center in Dallas. It's fun to play at a new venue. Well, maybe not new, but one we don't go to often. And we always have a good crowd there!

Keep fiddlin'

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

Notes from the Editor:

Ed and Kerri Miller, up in WA state, write: "Welcome to the Northwest Regional Fiddle Contest, at www.nwregionals.com. We are a contest located in Spokane Valley, Washington. This year's contest will be April 14 and 15.

Our contest represents 8 states and 3 provinces. We would like to extend an invitation to fiddlers in your area to come represent your state or province at our contest. (Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Alaska, Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia)."

Here are the results of the Gaston Fiddle Contest, held February 3 in Gaston, and sponsored by the Knights of Pythias:

Open Division

(6 contestants)

1. Bobbi Fultz
2. Eric Jepson

Rochester, Wa
Hermiston, OR

3. Elisha Peter Voetberg Chehalis, Wa
4. Liddy Grace Voetberg Chehalis, WA
5. Eileen Walter Portland, OR

Super Srs (70 and older) (7 contestants)

1. Donna Foreman Estacada, OR
2. Les Tucker Woodburn, OR
3. Alice Holt Salem, OR
4. Lew Holt Salem, OR
5. Dale Colebank Woodburn, OR

Seniors (60-69) (4 contestants)

1. Jim Hockenull Sheridan, OR
2. Robert E. Allen Tumwater, Wa
3. Darlene Bryant - Turner, OR
4. Richard Vanderhorst Lynden, Wa

Adults (18 - 59) (11 contestants)

1. Margret Brank Winlock, WA
2. Amy Booher Salem, OR
3. Callie Carpenter Chehalis, Wa
4. Bob Heinith Portland, OR
5. Susan Sinclair Cook, WA

Juniors (13 - 17) (14 contestants)

1. Kit Morton Philomath, OR

2. Christy Tanner Lebanon, OR
3. Ann Wynn Corvallis, OR
4. Kodra Haddock Pilot Rock, OR
5. Bethany Carpenter Chehalis, WA

Junior - Juniors (9 - 12) (17 contestants)

1. Lilja Voetberg Chehalis, WA
2. Emily Campagna Hermiston, OR
3. Kian Dye Portland, OR
4. Trevor Whitaker Independence, OR
5. Tucker Voetberg Chehalis, WA

Pee Wee (8 and younger) (11 contestants)

1. Wilhelmina Frankzerda Blodgett, OR
2. Vance Voetberg Chehalis, WA
3. Matthew McGravey Hood River, OR
4. Deter Voetberg Chehalis, WA
5. Harrison Broadus Dallas, OR

Judges: Peg Willis, Pendleton. Cheryl Hall, Yakima, WA. Daniel Forster, Gaston

District 9

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So far we have been having spring-like weather with only a few rain showers now and then. Maby we'll miss most of winter. Our jams have had a minimum of players but we keep on plugging away. Joe Enneberg celebrated a birthday in January and at the Senior Center jam in February sang "happy birthday" to Wayne Johnson who was turning 85 that week....and still gets in a good share of dancing. We did have several dancers enjoy the program that day. Betty Chapman and husband

Bill of Christmas Valley District 3 were once again in attendance. We always get requests for Betty to yodel since she does such a great job.

We signed a card for Madelyn Henderson since we were told she had shingles but luckily it turned out to be a bad case of hives caused by an allergy to rockfish.

We only had four members to play at Aspens last month but we had a very appreciative audience. Our next Aspen gig will be March 9th at 7:00 p.m. and Ashley Manor

will be March 19th at 6:30 p.m. Thankfully Janet Brayman and Joan Suther have managed to keep this going. Billie Lanier has returned from a long trip to Texas and will soon be pleasing our shut-ins with her great playing. The next Senior Center gig will be March 11th .

May you all find a lucky four leaf clover this March.

Julia Milleson,
District 9 Reporter

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March

10

Potluck and Jam

12:00 p.m.

April

14

Potluck and Jam

12:00 p.m.

Even though it was rainy out, we had a great day. There was lots of food at the potluck, thanks to everyone who brought their special dishes. There were many players, dancers, guests and visitors. Thank you all for coming. We had a full house and a great time.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all those who have them in March.

George Krohn passed away recently. We all enjoyed having him play his up-right base in back of us, and whistling in the background. He'll be missed. Condolences to his family.

The next potluck and jam will be held March 10th, noon and 1:00 p.m. The next one will be April 14th, meeting at 11:00 a.m., potluck at noon, and jam at 1:00 p.m. We enjoy you all, so come and join us.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

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transportation. If you have questions call Oral Robbins 541-343-4005.

2. There will be a "Relay for Life" benefit at the Jasper Grange on May 12. Put it on your calendar ; I will have more information in the next newsletter.

Don't forget other opportunities to jam: There is a new jam now. Wayne Carpenter will be hosting a jam on the first Saturday of the month, beginning on March 3rd at the Jasper

Grange from 11 -4:00 p.m. The Grange ladies will serve t lunch for a nominal fee. This will be a benefit for the grange. Wayne will continue to have the fourth Thursday jam and potluck at Jasper Grange from 11- 4:00 p.m. Bernie Charlebois hosts the second Tuesday on the month potluck and jam at Central Grange from 10 - 4:00p.m. We still have our Friday jams: the first Friday is at Central Grange from 7 p.m. -10:30 p.m., and the second Friday at Crow Grange from 7 p.m. -10:30 p.m. Join us.

Marlene Chatoin wishes to thank everyone for the cards and con-

dolences received in connection with the death of her brother, and John and Lucille Childers' son, Harry, in December.

Birthdays this month: Wayne Carpenter 3/1, Ed Sather 3/4, Curly Roberts 3/11, Andy Kennedy 3/13, Buck Milligan 3/13, Bernie Charlebois 3/18, Susie Milligan 3/20 and John Parsons 3/21.

Anniversaries: Ed and Dorothy Sather 3/14 and Alan and Carol Ede 3/17.

Darla Knudsen, District 6 Reporter



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4-7 State Convention Rickreall

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3-6 Silver Lake Campout Silver Lake Fire-hall

18-19 State Fiddle Contest Salem

August

2-5 Diamond Lake Campout Diamond Lake

16-19 Winchester Campout Winchester

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