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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Our State Convention was a great success. I would like to say THANK YOU to all who helped and a very special THANKS to Lew Holt and Fred Hardin for all the work they put in getting it together. The variety show was very good. We had over 600 guests attending. Everyone pitched in and helped move chairs, tables and anything else that needed to be done. That is what makes and will keep an organization going.

I have had several people asked how you determine whether a song is a hoedown or not, so what is a hoedown? A hoedown is a tune that you can square dance to, with a special rhythm. One that you can call this too "Ala-mand-left-to-the-old-left-hand--Here-we-go-with-a-right-and-left-grand". Try that when you are playing your hoe-down and see if you can get that rhythm. It is a fun rhythm to play when you get it going right. For speed try to find some place that square dances and try dancing; it may help if you are playing too fast or slow. All our music is supposed to be danceable. Neither playing to slow or too fast is good.

It was voted to not change the quorum number, each district will have to work at getting more and keeping their members interested enough to keep coming.

We had our election of officers for 2007-2008 and all of the officers will remain in office. Thank you for your confidence.

The next thing on our agenda is the State Contest the 18th & 19th of May.

The next board meeting is in Burns the 16th of June.

Your President, Irene Ruddock

From the Editor Emeritus:

Alice and I left the Polk Country Fairgrounds late Saturday night glad to be members of OOTFA. What a compliment it was to see that huge crowd of approximately 650 people Friday night. They were excited and pleased to see and hear the kids and then the show that followed. As I walked about during the show I felt like a proud parent with a lump in my throat. I was proud. From a letter: "This is the second year we have come to Rickreall, and we truly enjoy the music and the family atmosphere. Thank you!"

Thirty-five kids and their parents were there on Saturday for the three workshops. It was heartwarming to see the families enjoying the afternoon and sitting together eating. It was a very positive afternoon for "kids and fiddling." One mother wrote to me, "Everything went great, the workshop was very fun, my daughters first jam! Thank you."

Thanks to Dorothy Wehus for her generous contest donation in memory of Ace Wehus. And thanks to District 6 for their generous donation to the contest. Thanks to Shorty Dow, John Shaffer and Calr Rovainen for their donations of instruments and cases . . . thanks to the others.

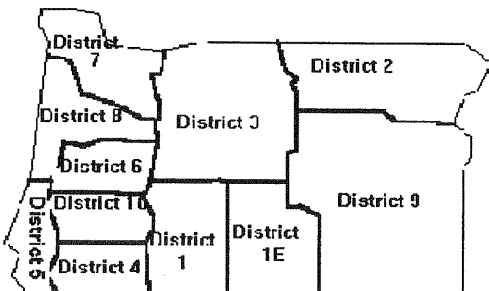
You will find an insert in this month's Hoedowner, "Junior Hoedowner." Its purpose is to reach out to kids. They can take the insert to their rooms or put it in their fiddle cases as "their very own Hoedowner, just for them." It will allow many of our members to read about kids and their activities. We all will enjoy the sheet music.

Many of you will remember LeRoy and Shirley Sims when they were active here in Oregon. LeRoy has been a state champ and past president of OOTFA. He writes: "Dear Lew, . . . We are Shirley and LeRoy Sims and we live in Vilcambamba, Ecuador. We do have a P.O. Box

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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



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May

5 Packer's Clinic Fairgrounds Event Center 5-6 p.m.
6 Packer's Clinic Fairgrounds Small Arena 5-6 p.m.
6 Monthly Meeting Villa West 12-4 p.m.
12 Green Soul Fest OIT 1-2 p.m.
13 Dance and Jam Shasta Community Hall 12-4 p.m.

I'M BACK. First thing I want to thank Bud Ullman for standing in for me, and doing the newsletter for district 1 {THANK YOU, BUD} It was very nice of you to volunteer your services with your busy schedule.

We were spending a little over two months down south, enjoying the warm weather. We joined a few other Oregon old time fiddlers down around Quartsite Arizona. Looking forward to doing it again next year.

This past weekend April 4th

thru 7th was the state convention for the Oregon old time fiddlers, at the town of Rickreall. We had two of the nicest days yet this year. Was almost hot, several folks sat under the awning of their RV and jammed all afternoon. The programs were great, and I was amazed at the talent the younger folks had. The banquet meal was outstanding and I'm sure all enjoyed it. I want to congratulate Larry Mclain. He won, and earned, the Bill Yohey trophy for outstanding backup player.

We hope you all have a

happy birthday this merry month of May: Lois Tucker, Lu Wells, Steve Currie, Cherie Lane, Darleth Rodgers, Shelia Fry, and George Fernland.

Anniversaries will be celebrated by: Al and Thelma Nelson, John and Patti Northcraft and Fay and Isom Patterson.

Thought for the day, Sometimes you get heard most when you talk less.

Johnny Rogers, District 1 Reporter

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May

3-6 Silver Lake Campout Silver Lake Fire Station
6 VFW Show Redmond 1-4 p.m.

June

3 VFW Show Redmond 1-4 p.m.

District 3's last VFW Show was April 1st. Great music, lots of dancing and; smiles. Betty Chapman joined up on stage. Our next show will be May 6th, at the VFW in Redmond. Come join the fun. Denis Jakab had a student learning the fiddle after the show: Cheyenne Doescher: age 6 years; her brother Austin Doescher is learning too.

District 3 will be having a members meeting on May 6th and June 3rd, after the VFW Show. Please attend.

District 3 wants to thank State and District 8. Thanks for a great convention and campout. District 3 donated flowers for the banquet. It seems everyone had fun!

As a reporter I get to report on news in our district. I also get to know members, as well. I am starting a spot light article on members. Jack Kerr is the first of many to come each month. Jack Kerr has

become the singing masked cowboy! It seems Jack has a little kid in him. Jack put a napkin on his face and his cowboy hat on. This was at the Convention Banquet dinner. Jack has been a backup guitar player for many members in our district. Jack always has a smile on his face when playing on stage. Thanks; for always being there, Jack Kerr.

Bob Ervin gave me some news on the fiddle workshop/campout. All arrangements have been made and are ready. The Second Annual OOTFA Fiddle Camp and Workshops will be held August 8th, 9th, 10th, & 11th. We have a few people signed up already. So don't be bashful -- come join the crowd. Just e-mail or call Bob; he will be happy to mail you a registration form, and other information as well. Deadline: July 1st. There are RV spots available with water and electricity. Camping: \$20.00 per night; dry camping available at no

cost. Tuition: \$50.00 per person. Phone: Bob Ervin 541-447-5451 or E-mail: ptranch@prinetime.net

Closing Thoughts: I'm not old, just mature. Today at the drug store, the clerk was a gent. From my purchase, this chap took off ten percent. I asked for the cause of the lesser amount. And he answered, because of the Senior Discount. I went to McDonald's for a burger and fries. Once again, got quite a surprise. The clerk poured some coffee, which he handed to me. He said, "For you Seniors" the coffee is free! Understand: I'm not old-I'm merely mature. My instrument and song isn't old, either: it's just mature.

May God be with those who have lost loved ones. Our prayers go out to you. Happy Birthday/ Anniversaries to all this month.

Rhea Bigelow (Halfpint), District 3 Reporter

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May
3-6 Silver Lake Campout Silver Lake Firehall
14 Business Meeting Lake County Senior Center
June
2 Monthly Jam Lake County Senior Center

By the time most of you get this news, it will be obsolete, but for those who read the news, online.....Dust off your bonnet, fedora, cap or beanie-we're gearing up for the hat contest Friday at the famous (infamous?) district 1E Silver Lake campout May 3,4,5, and 6. The fire hall won't open until Thursday, so you early birds will be left to your own devices if you get there a little early. The draw band is up and running again this year on Saturday, too, and the teddy bear club will be in full force each day. For those of you who've no idea what I'm talking about, just ask anyone who's been

there and you'll hear that it's the most fun camp out of all.

The Silver Lake Cafe now closes at three in the afternoon, so this year we'll be doing pot luck Thursday and Friday, as well as the "official" potluck on Saturday (District 1E will supply roast ham on Saturday).

Our next regular jam will be Saturday afternoon June 2, at the Lake County Senior Center. The next business meeting is May 14, same place, at 7 p.m.

Birthdays happening in May are Mary Ann McLain and Rhayanna Bryant on the fifth, and Bernice

Forga on the 19th. Birthdays are a wonderful thing: the more you have, the longer you live.

It recently occurred to me that we have quite a few new members for whom I have no birth date record so if you'd like yours (or your children's) in the Hoedowner, call me, write me, email me-whatever, and I'll be sure to get them in for you.

As most of you know, Rosa Lee McLain has been having "ticker" problems of late, but she's on the rebound now, and appreciates everyone's prayers and best wishes. Thank you for the card you all signed at Rickreall.

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May
5 Bellville Grange Ashland
June
2 Fruitdale Grange Grant's Pass
July
7 Walch Park Lake Creek

Even though our monthly jam conflicted with the State Convention, a goodly number of players, singers and dancers converged at Roxy Ann Grange in Medford. The weather was lovely spring weather, and the music played on! Those of us who went to the convention had a great time, too. Always fun to see and play with folks from other places.

We are saddened by the death of Jim Barrett, a long time member. He was always ready and willing to set up chairs, sweep the floors, or help wherever needed. He will be missed by us all. Our sympathy goes out to his sister Freda Serpa and the family. A donation and certificate will be made in his name to the local scholarship fund.

A very hardy (and cold) crew played

on the wagon with the Belles and Beaus in the Pear Blossom Parade. With beautiful spring days before and after, "the day" was COLD, windy, rainy - and did I mention cold? It's hard to play with numb fingers, but the happy reaction of the soggy crowd made it all worthwhile! That same evening the same crew (more or less) played for the Applegate Neighborhood Network (ANN) square dance (with a live caller) in a working barn with cement floor, and COLD. Fun, but we pooled extra clothing to survive! The hot chili and cornbread was a welcome treat. A hot bath following is a lot like life - the longer you stay, the more wrinkled you get!

We have several gigs for end of school programs at several local grade schools. Oregon Trail songs and the Virginia Reel have been usual requests. We love the kids!

Our usual nursing home and retirement home gigs continue, with our faithful players and singers.

If you want to go to the state fiddle camp, or another fiddle camp, scholarships for all ages and abilities are available for all or part of the cost. You must apply to the board (at a meeting is a good time).

Remember: If you can't be a good example, you'll just have to be a horrible warning.

Judy McGarvey, acting District 4 Reporter

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May
5 Wine Tasting Tour Myrtle Point

19 Jam
Old Schoolhouse, Winchester Bay 1-4 p.m.

June
23 LaVerne Park, Fairview Community picnic
Fairview 1-3 p.m.

30 White Cedar Days Powers

District 5 has been busy all during April. Several of us made it to the convention, a long trip for some of us, especially from Brookings! Our own Sharon Gallagher was re-elected as state secretary, a big thank you and best wishes from all of us on continuing with that complicated office. Plans are in full swing for the Winchester Bay Campout, which will be in August. During April, "the nursing home group" played at six nursing homes in North Bend, Coos Bay, Coquille, Myrtle Point and Bandon; the North Bend Senior Center; a

90th birthday party in Coquille; and at the Coos County Homemakers luncheon in Coos Bay. We're happy to be back in the old Grange hall in Winchester Bay, south of Reedsport, as we've not had a permanent home these past several months while the building had some remodeling. We no longer have to chop wood to feed wood heating stoves!

Play dates:

May 5, Wine Tasting Tour, Davenport Building, fairgrounds, Myrtle Point, time TBA
May 19, jam from 1-4:00 p.m. at the Old Schoolhouse (former Grange)

Winchester Bay, no potluck
June 23, jam from 1-3:00 p.m. at LaVerne Park at Fairview, out of Coquille. We've been asked to play for the Fairview Community Picnic, bring a potluck dish and join in!
June 30, White Cedar Days in Powers, if enough players can make it

Mapril Combs, for Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

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

June
9 Jam and Potluck Plumber's Union Hall, Springfield 11a.m. - 4 p.m.

We would like to extend Congratulations and a special Thank You to District 8 for a job well done in hosting the OOFTA State Convention in Rickreall. It was GREAT. Everyone had a wonderful time. Aren't those kids fantastic!!

We had a good jam at Jasper Grange on April 14th. We had 26 people sign up to play and lots of dancers. There were several new faces; we hope to see them come back.

Our next jam will be May 6th at the Lebanon Moose Lodge. Directions were in the last Hoedowner. The Moose will be serving dinner again and it will be good as usual. The hours are 11a.m.-4p.m.

Our June jam and potluck will be June 9th from 11a.m.-4 p.m. at the Plumber's Hall. It is UA Local 290 Union Hall, 2861 Pierce Parkway, Springfield, OR 97477. Directions;

take Hwy 126 to Springfield, exit at Mohawk Blvd., go north over 126 and take Marcola Road to the right after you cross 126. Stay on Marcola road until you turn left onto 28th Street. As 28th turns to the right there is a driveway called Pierce Parkway and the Union Hall is right there. A map is also in the Eugene-Springfield phone book. The quarterly business meeting will be held during this event, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Announcements:

1. There will be a "Relay for Life" benefit for the American Cancer Society May 12th at the Jasper Grange. It will be from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dinner tickets will be sold for \$6.00 and the dinner will be served at your convenience from 12 noon-3 p.m. Please join us.

2. Marcella Lenninger is celebrating her 80th birthday with a jam

and potluck on May 20th at Central Grange from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Everyone is invited. NO GIFTS PLEASE; just come and have fun.

Birthdays: Jackie Parsons 5/19, Don Snyder 5/23 and Marcella Lenninger 5/23.

Anniversaries: Buck and Susie Milligan 5/3, Andy and Ruth Kennedy 5/6, Norm and Irene Oleman 5/16, Zane and Phyllis Coffin 5/18 and Don and Ruth Loring 5/31. Congratulations to all.

Darla Knudsen, District 6 Reporter

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May

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13
25

June

10

July

21

Marquis Care Center Wilsonville
West Hills Rehabilitation Portland
Corbett Grange Corbett
Midland Library Portland

Estacada Senior Center Estacada

Potluck and Picnic Ratigan's,

Condolences go out to Bus Boyk on the recent death of his wife Juanita.

At the Convention in Rickreall, Chuck and Pat Gates were honored with the Homer McLean Award for service to the organization.

District 7 thanks Bea Johnson of District 4 for all her help with the raffle tables at the Convention.

District 7's own Kathryn Allen was the "official" videographer for the Convention in Rickreall. Thank you, Kathryn, for all those hours you spent filming us.

There's lots of opportunities to play coming up!

Tuesday May 1, 2007 we 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. We're in building A - the one-story close to the parking lot.

Thursday May 10 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Our good friend Becky Torland is in the West Hills Rehabilitation Center at 5701 SW

Multnomah Boulevard. Let's play for her and her friends and the staff!

Sunday May 13, 2007 will be our regularly scheduled monthly jam at the Corbett Grange at 37393 Corbett Grange Hall Road in Corbett, Oregon. Take I-84 east from Portland to the Corbett Exit - Exit 22, go all the way up the hill to the Scenic Highway and turn left. Go less than a mile just past the Fire House on the right. The highway curves right then left again. At the left curve, go straight ahead onto Grange Hall Road and go up the road. The Grange is the only building on this road. Informal jamming will start about 11, with a formal sign-up jam from 1 - 4.

FROM THE OREGONIAN 3-11-07: CORBETT HILL ROAD CLOSES FOR WORK Corbett Hill Road, which connects Corbett to Interstate 84 in the Columbia River Gorge, will be shut for at least three months starting Monday (3-12-07) so contractors can replace a viaduct with a retaining wall. Access to Corbett from I-84 will be via the Historic Columbia River Highway from Jordan Road (Exit 18), Bridal Veil (Exit

28) or Ainsworth State Park (Exit 35).

Friday May 25 from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. let's play at Carolyn Schell's Retirement Party at the Midland Branch Library 805 SE 122nd Avenue in Portland. These retirement parties are so much fun to play at. Come help Carolyn start her new life!

Sunday June 10 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 for informal jamming and from 1 - 4 we'll perform for the public.

Mark your calendar! Saturday July 21, District 7's Potluck Picnic in Paul and Gayl Ratigan's backyard in Oregon City.

Mark your calendar! Saturday August 11 will be the annual Bawb Bash at Andy and Terry Jorgensen's place east of Sandy.

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

From the Editor Emeritus: cont.

but we don't use it because it belongs to another party. Mail is hard to get to where we live. We have to take the bus 27 miles to get mail. So we don't go very often. LeRoy Sims"

Crystal Moeller who lives in Hebo, Oregon writes: "I would like a teacher recommendation for our 10-year-old son. He is VERY interested and driven to learn. We live on the coast, about 1-1 1/2 hours from Salem. Can you recommend any fiddle teachers? (I am turning to you -- can you offer her any suggestions? Her email address is: cmoeller@oregoncoast.com)

At the convention I set out a stack of brochures about the "2nd Annual OOTFA Fiddle

Camp." The camp will be held Aug. 8 - 11 at Thousand Trails near LaPine, Dry camping is free. Water and electric -- \$20.00 a night. Fiddle instructors - Donna Foreman, Judy McGarvey and Irene Ruddock. Guitar - Jack Kerr and Larry Gallagher. Mandolin classes will be offered, too. Please contact Bob Ervin 6189 NE Wainwright Rd Prineville, OR 97754 541-447-5451 ptranch@prinetimetime.net. He would love to hear from you.

I received a call April 16 that Charlie Trump from Wallowa had died that morning. Charlie was a good old time fiddler - very active in the Blue Mt. F.A. I was fortunate a year ago to get some good video of him playing. He would have been 90 on his next birthday.

Lew.

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June

3 District 8 Picnic Hardin Residence, Dallas
22 Pacific Shores Agate Beach
23 1000 Trails Pacific City

July

7-8 Jam Silver Falls

May

18-19 OOTFA Fiddle Contest Chemeteka Community Col-

Great! Fantastic! Outstanding! There aren't enough superlatives in the dictionary to describe the OOTFA Convention. From Wednesday to late Saturday night the buildings rang with music, and the sounds of happy people.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the convention successful! Thanks to: Peggy Tucker, for coordinating the finger food on Wednesday and to everyone who brought food; Lew Holt, for planning the show Friday night; Fred Hardin, for taking orders for the banquet dinner; Les Tucker and Jack Bryant for operating the sound system; Fred Hardin and Kathy Nash, for emceeing; Loita Colebank, for flowers for table decoration; Les Tucker, for getting chairs set up where we needed them; Jerry Sanders, for always being there when things needed to be done; and Katherine Allen, for videoing the shows.

Thank you Amy Booher, Eileen Walter and Andy Shelton for teaching the kid's fiddle workshop groups. Thanks to ticket sellers, raffle organizers, CD sellers, and on and on. And finally, many thanks to everyone who pitched in to move chairs and tables, decorate and help in so many ways. It's true that

many hands make light work! Mike, the grounds manager, said we are the best group he's ever worked with. So, Way to go OOTFA! If I didn't name you, or your job, and you attended the convention, please know that we appreciate you. THANK EVERYONE for a wonderful event!

With nearly 40 young people attending the workshop on Saturday afternoon, it was a huge success. They divided into beginning, intermediate and advanced groups for instruction, and had chili, hot dogs and cookies later. The OOTFA board voted to include a Junior Fiddler's page in the Hoedowner each month. We think everyone will enjoy reading what our young fiddlers are doing.!

The Friday night show, featuring young fiddlers as well as oldsters, was once again a grand success with a sold out audience. At least 650 people attended.

While at the convention, Wally Case, our treasurer and membership chair, started a raffle to benefit our scholarship program. He has donated a new fiddle that he built for the project; when sales of tickets

reach \$1,000, the name of the lucky winner will be drawn.

Saturday, April 28th, District 8 and friends will have played in Dallas at the Senior Center. They always seem to enjoy our jam there.

Friday and Saturday, May 18th and 19th the OOTFA Fiddle Contest will take place in Salem. The location is Chemeketa Community College, Building 50. It's just off Lancaster Drive on Winema Place.

Saturday, June 2nd, we'll gather at Fred and Charlotte Hardin's home for our summer picnic. Bring a potluck dish to share and, of course, your instruments! All are welcome.

If you plan to come to Pacific Shores at Agate Beach on June 22nd, please call Marie Bailey at 503-835-7185. She only has a few camping sites left; we must have reservations.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

From the Editor:

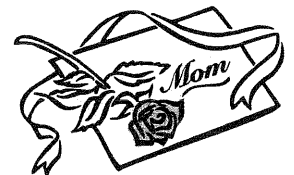
I received a nice card from Ruth Jones, regarding condolences received after the death of her husband, Lee: "I would like to thank all the people who signed cards that were sent. Lee liked the OOTFA. Worked for it a lot years ago. ... Best Wishes, Ruth Jones."

The following came in the other day from District 9's Janet Brayman: "The

High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree is June 14, 15, and 16, 2007 in Burns, Oregon. RV parking will be available at the Harney County Fairgrounds for \$15 with hookup and \$10 to dry camp. It is ok to arrive early. The big red building we usually hold the main stage in is being remodeled and it is likely to not be available for the jamboree. We are currently working on alternate plans which we will proceed with if necessary. Rest assured the Jamboree will go on and we encourage everyone to come on

over to Harney County for some mighty fine pickin' and grinnin' Questions: Call Janet 541-573-1323." The High Desert Jamboree is also, of course, the State quarterly meeting.

Joe



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May
13 Jam and potluck Senior Center
21 Ashley Manor
6:30 p.m.

As I sit here typing my report the rain is coming down. We nearly always have rain for the weekend of the John Scharff Waterfowl Festival.....In fact Walt Cooper aptly named it the "foul water" festival! Joan Suther missed some playing as she helps conduct the bird tours.

night. The McDaniels were down from John Day to visit our Easter potluck and jam at the Senior Center. Ivan played "Granny's Waltz," another tune he has written. Since it was also Janet Brayman's birthday we serenaded her and got to enjoy her beautiful flower bouquet.

ers Day May 13th. We will be playing at Ashley Manor on Monday May 21st at 6:30 pm.

Plans are underway for the upcoming jamboree. Watch for special news from Janet Brayman.

Happy Mothers Day

Julia Milleson,
District 9 Reporter

It is nice to have the Teagues back from Arizona; Ruel had his great granddaughter Cheyenne Lange with him at the Aspens last

Our last potluck and jam at the Senior Center will fall on Moth-

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May
12 Potluck and Jam
June
9 Potluck and Jam

Well, another convention is behind us. The Friday night show was very good, dedicated to the young people, and the young people we did have. They were excellent, from 4yrs to 16yrs (or in that area). Everyone jammed here and there, and most of the time it was nice outside to jam. The Saturday night dance went great too.

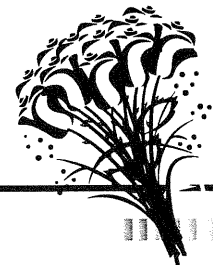
We had a nice district meeting, potluck and jam, with lots of visitors and dancers. Thanks to everyone that brought all the good food.

Hope to see you all there. Everyone is welcome.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all that had them this month.

Our next potluck and jam will be May 12th, and June 9th.



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Shorty Stone was hospitalized recently for a recurring problem, but is also on the mend again. Shorty's getting quite good on his dobro with all the down time he's been having. :) Lifetime member Clyde Lynch will be out of the nursing home this Sunday the 21st, and we'll have a special impromptu jam for him at Rosa Lee's at 1:30 p.m.

When I woke up this morning, my husband asked me "Did you sleep good?" I told him, "No, I made a few

mistakes" Adios, see you in Silver Lake.

Eileen McLain, Reporter, District 1E





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State Calendar

May

- 3-5 Silver Lake Campout
Silver Lake Fire Hall
- 18-19 State Fiddle Contest *June - Sat.*
- 16-17 Chemeteka Community College, Salem

June

- 14-17 Quarterly Meeting and High Desert Campout
Burns Fairground

July

- 9-13 Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Workshop
Wallowa

August

- 4 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Benton
County Fairgrounds, Corvallis
- 8-11 OOTFA Fiddle Camp Thousand Trails

New Members to Welcome

- Lois-Elaine Rencehausen, Coos Bay
 - Marilyn Faville, Keizer
 - Rosadele & WF Dickman, McMinnville
 - Dennis White, Klamath Falls
 - Deborah Taggart, Powell Butte
 - Dennis Struth, Keizer
 - Jerry & Dixie Gleaves, Salem
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 - Jeanetta & Adam Nash, Florence
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