

# THE HOEDOWNER

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## COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 1979

## DISTRICT

Aug. 3 & 4	Contest & Dance	Extension Bldg.	Baker, Oregon	BMOTFA
4	JACKSON COUNTY FAIR	Expo Bldg.	Central Point	4
5	Jam, Picnic	Sheridan Park	Sheridan, Ore	8
5	Applegate Trail & Jack	Pot Fiddle Contest	Veneta	
10 & 11	BENTON COUNTY FAIR	Fairgrounds	Corvallis	
12	Jam Session	Sr. Citizen Center	Oregon City	7
18	POLK COUNTY FAIR	Fairgrounds	Rickreall	
18 & 19	Camp Out on the Coast		Bandon	5
25	CONTEST	Jr. Hi Gym	Canyonville	4
26-9/3	Camp-Out	Warwick Ranch	Williams	4
Sept 6	Jam Session	Elks Lodge	Sweet Home	6
8 & 9	D. C. Folklife Fest.	Umpqua Park	Roseburg	4
16	Jam Session <i>here</i>	Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls	1
23	Jam Session	Rogue Community College	Grants Pass	4

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Note: Playing times for the Fairs: BENTON COUNTY 3 to 5 P.M. both days.  
CLACKAMAS COUNTY 2 P.M. and 7 P.M.  
POLK COUNTY 7 P.M.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We had a great Jam at Myrtle Creek. Thanks to our host families Glenn & Jessie Brown and Ralph and Dorthy Houston. Dorthy did a great job of emceeing the show. Also, a big thanks to Clair Johnson, Chairman of District #4 for getting the Jackson County Fair! Lets all turn out at the FAIRS and give them our best shot. If you have any questions you may contact our Fair Director, Jim Secor.

God Bless and Great Fiddling.  
Les

## CAPSUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AT MYRTLE CREEK July 15th.

1. The Board is recommending that boundries between District #4 and District #5 be changed, so that Douglas County will be in District #5 in place of District #4. This action was initiated by the people of District #4 and agreeable to District #5, mostly because of geographic and distance. This will be grought on the floor and voted on at the annual meeting.

- 2. Publishing an open letter with valid comments. See letter in this HOEDOWNER.
- 3. Oregon Junior Junior Champion will be certified at Weiser as all other states. (Thanks to the research of Carol Ann Wheeler.)
- 4. Next quarterly Executive Board meeting and State Jam is in Springfield in October.

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6-6-79 To the Editor:

After having attending several of the fiddle contest over the last few years, and most recently the State contest, I have noticed a very aggravating and uncalled for problem at these contests.

The problem is talking. This talking is not from the paying audience but from the fiddlers and Association members themselves. If there is an outside door to the gym, auditorium or wherever the contest is being preformed the fiddlers gather and chat. If the ticket booth or refreshment stand is in the same room the people running these talk. I realize sometime there is a need to talk but they don't even try to keep their voices down. If the fiddlers must talk I feel they could go outside away from the door.

I know these are the fiddler's contest and without them there wouldn't be a show but also without a paying public to pick up part of the tab your Association may be a little strapped for funds.

I don't mind paying the admission prices at all but I would like to be able to enjoy what I paid for.

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The above letter is published with the approval of the Executive Board as they feel it points out some valid points we need to be made aware of.

Editor

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DISTRICT #1

Great session in Lakeview, once we got in. Seems the key got lost for awhile, but we made up for it with one of the shortest meetings in a long time.

Want to be in a parade? Chiloquin on August 4th, Jefferson Days in Klamath Falls August 18th, September Labor Day at Lakeview. Also, there is playing for the Senior Citizens at Klamath Falls, and Alturas on August 5th. Take your choice. Also, on August 26th playing for Elks picnic in Klamath Falls.

Believe the high point of Lakeview session would have to be the turn out of people from Bend Area. They certainly have some good talent to build to. I believe they are going to have one great District of Old Time Fiddlers if they can get organized.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for September 16th at the Fairgrounds in Klamath Falls,

Your reporter, Bob Coleman

DISTRICT #4

There will be no Jam Session in August. We will be playing at the Jackson County Fair at Central Point in the Exposition Building. Don't forget the Camp-Out August 26 thru September 3rd. Also playing at Rogue Community College in Grants Pass September 23rd.

We would like to thank Dorthy Huston who did a nice job as emcee at the State Jam. Ray Krogstad has had eye surgere and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Martha Warwick

Old Time Fiddlers from Douglas County only are being asked to play at the Douglas County Folklife Festival, Saturday and Sunday afternoon September 8th & 9th at the park in Roseburg. The district will receive a small amount of money for the performances and the exact time will be published in the September HOEDOWNER. We will simply put on a standard sort of jam session show.

The Douglas County Folklife Festival will gather old-time craftsmen from all over the county, as they demonstrate their crafts for Festival visitors outdoors at the park. There will be quilters, soap makers, Scandinavian cooks, campfire cooks, gun smiths, mule packers, spinners and weavers, rug makers, square dancers, a German band and, of course, us-the fiddlers, and many more.

I have contacted all the Douglas County OOTFA people I could think or find at home. If i've missed you, you're still very much invited. And yes, we need accompanists. If you'd be interested in playing and want to know more, call Dorothy Houston, 673-6952. Or as soon as we publish the performance times in September, you'll know when to show up at Umpqua Park and please do so. Thanks,

Linda Danielson

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#### DISTRICT #5

District 5 Camp Out on the coast August 18th & 19th. Plenty of room for everyone. Camp ground will be open Friday the 17th for early arrivals. Fresh water and flush toilets available, no electricity except for lights and sound equipment.

Directions to camp ground, turn east on Sixes River Road from Hwy 101 just north of Port Orford, travel up Sixes River Road about six miles until you cross Edison Creek, then take the first driveway on your right, follow the driveway and keep to the right to camp ground area. Signs will be posted. Our host is Rice Wilson. And I would ask everyone to help keep the area clean in appreciation for this fine camp ground. See you all there-----

Mary Lowe

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#### DISTRICT #6

Jam session at Elks Lodge, September 9th. Doors will open at 10:30 A.M. Potluck at 12:00 and be sure to bring own table service and 1 to 4 P.M. Jam and Show. Camping facilities available for Saturday evening jam at Sunnyside Park not far from town. Contact Slim Schults two weeks ahead for reserving a spot.

Slim Schults

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#### DISTRICT #7

A review of our annual picnic seems to focus on the weather. It was cold and rainy thus confining the activities to the beer tent. Otherwise it sounded like great fun and one advantage of such an outing becomes apparent - NO one is anxious to leave sheltered surroundings, so we enjoyed a packed house (tent) all afternoon. I hear that the tent came close to collapsing at one time, nearly drowning Carol Ann's "Hot Canary". Maybe someone should have a tune called "Cold Duck" for such occasions. Meanwhile, your reporter was basking in 103° temperature in Albuquerque, making numerous trips to the refrigerator and vainly trying to coax more cool from The Auto Air Conditioner before the return trip to Portland.

Our next Jam Session will be August 12th at the Oregon City Senior Citizen Center located at 615 5th Street in Oregon City. We will get started at 10:00 AM break for potluck lunch at 12:00 with the public invited at 1:00.

Bob Strelow

DISTRICT #8

Everyone enjoyed the Smelt Fry and had a good time. The next Jam Session will be at Sheridan Park. Picnic and watermelon feed.

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George Jenkerson wanted to thank everyone for their cards, letters, calls and thoughtfulness. He is home now.

It was good to see June Secor walking around good with her crutches, Keep it up June!

How about Delores Lakey playing and singing! Isn't it great!

Ray Krogstad has had eye surgery. Our wishes for a speedy recovery Ray!

We understand that Gary Bakel has had the Chicken Pox. Hope you are over them now Gary.

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EDITORS THOT

A quote from Abraham Lincoln; "When I do good, I feel good. When I don't do good, I don't feel good".

HAVE A HAPPY DAY!!!!!!

DISTRICT #8 (Received just before taking to printers)

Next Jam Session will be at Sheridan Park August 5th. Pot luck picnic at 12:00 noon. Fiddlers will furnish watermelon and canteloupe. Bring own service. There will be a short business meeting at 11:00 o'clock. September 16th there will be a Jam Session at McMinnville Grange Hall.

Jeanette Robinson

Here it is, time for the Canyonville Contest again. I can't believe a year can whiz by so fast...As usual, I need volunteers to sell tickets, watch the doors, help the judges, etc. Les Tucker is the M.C. this year and Judges will be Penny Mead, Wayne Holmes, and Don Loring. Walt Westberry is the Alternate in case one of these can not make it. Below are the contest details:

Contest Site: Canyonville Junior High Gym  
 Registration: 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon  
 Preliminaries: 1:30 P.M.  
 Finals: 7:00 P.M.

JUNIOR-JUNIOR:

Entry Fee: \$1.00  
 12 years and younger

1st prize - \$10.00  
 2nd prize - 5.00  
 3rd prize - 5.00  
 4th prize - 5.00  
 5th prize - 5.00  
\$30.00

Note for Intermediate Contest:

Any fiddler who has not placed in the top twenty at Welser and who has not placed in the top five of any State or Regional contest may enter the Intermediate Contest.

JUNIOR:

Entry Fee: \$2.00  
 13 to 18 years of age

1st prize - \$15.00  
 2nd prize - 10.00  
 3rd prize - 10.00  
 4th prize - 5.00  
 5th prize - 5.00  
\$45.00

INTERMEDIATE:

Entry Fee \$4.00  
 No age restriction

1st prize - \$40.00  
 2nd prize - 30.00  
 3rd prize - 25.00  
 4th prize - 20.00  
 5th prize - 15.00  
130.00

SENIOR:

Entry Fee: \$3.00  
 60 years and older

1st prize - \$35.00  
 2nd prize - 30.00  
 3rd prize - 25.00  
 4th prize - 20.00  
 5th prize - 15.00  
\$125.00

OPEN:

Entry Fee \$5.00  
 No age restriction

1st prize - \$50.00  
 2nd prize - 45.00  
 3rd prize - 40.00  
 4th prize - 35.00  
 5th prize - 30.00  
\$200.00

Trophies will be awarded for each place in addition to the prize money. A total of \$530.00 in prize money is offered this year. Only one division may be entered.

Overnight camping is available at the school. Come Friday night and have lots of time to jam. See you then.

Jim and Gynn Deaton