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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Irene Ruddock and Chris Lang for their service over the past two years.

Their stewardship of the organization has been superb.

The High Desert Jamboree was a great success thanks to all of the hard work of District 9. Everyone who came enjoyed the camaraderie, the weather and the music.

At our special meeting in Burns, Judy McGarvey was elected as Vice-President. Congratulations Judy!

Our next general meeting will be in Merrill in September. At our board meeting it was decided that the board will recommend a change in the gas reimbursement to reflect the changing cost of attending meetings. This will require a vote from the membership at the next meeting. With the high cost of gas, we may want to re-consider how we conduct some of our board meetings. It may be feasible to have one or more board

meetings via teleconference and then report to the general members the results of the board meeting. This would eliminate

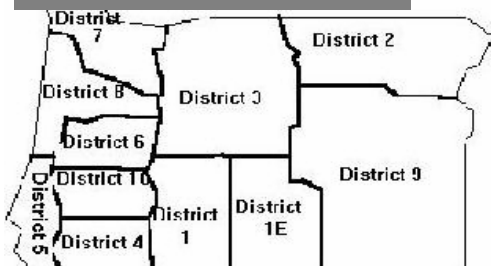
the need for board members who to have to drive to a meeting and then turn around and go back home, especially in the deep snows of winter and would only affect members of the board. We would still continue have the quarterly jam sessions and semi-annual general meetings. Let me know your thoughts on this.

I am looking forward to next week in Weiser, where Oregon is the host state. Mark your calendars for the next two campouts – Diamond Lake in July 31-August 2 and Winchester Bay – August 14-17.

A reminder that the OOTFA fiddle camp will be held at Thousand Trails on Aug 6-9. This is a great opportunity to learn some new songs and new techniques for fiddle, guitar and/or mandolin. All levels are welcome. Please contact Bob Ervin for more information. There are scholarships available at both the state and at in some districts. Please contact your district chairperson for more information.

Thank you for your support.

Hal Weiner



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

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July

4 Malin Parade Line up for those on float 10:00; Parade starts at 11

- 4 Malin Park Car Show Malin 1 p.m.
- 5 Farmers Market. 9th and Main 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 5 Macken Family Reunion State Line Rd. near Malin 1 p.m.
- 6 Meeting, Potluck and Jam Shasta Community Hall 12 -4 p.m.
- 12 Farmers Market Klamath Falls 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 13 Shasta Community Hall Senior Dance, Finger Food 12 - 4 .
- 17 Shasta View Care Center 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- 17 Linkville House 3 - 4 p.m.
- 17 Main St. Jeweler's 6 p.m.
- 19 Farmers Market 10-12 p.m.
- 26 Farmers Market 10:00 to 12:00

The schedules are getting larger again like last year. We were real busy last summer; I remember that. So please come and help us show your support for the club and old time fiddle music.

There were four of us that went over to Lakeview to help with the senior potluck and get together. We had a great time, thanks for the good time, District 1-E. It is always fun to play with other clubs and learn their songs. Learning all those cords and where they go in a tune is a little harder. I recall Larry's comment: Sorry we didn't have any banana cream pie to fight over, Oh well

next time I will bring one piece, hee hee.

The birthday list got overlooked last time, so I will combine them. Happy birthday to Kathy Schmoe for the month of May; no birthdays are listed for June. July birthdays are: John Northcraft, Fran Coker, { cowboy} Jim Lancaster. Our Les Tucker, June Sandusky, Ali Shortwood oops Swartwood.

Anniversary's for June that got missed: Ben and Fran Coker, and Allen & Helen Meyers. Mike and Lynn Foster will celebrate theirs for July

We would like to thank our past officers for the work they put

in to keep the wheels turning. I know the chairman and co-chairman have taken a lot of flack, and not complained. I'm sure there were a lot of unpleasant duties that occur from time to time also. To take on this responsibility is a big load on top of your daily routine. This includes you, too, Irene. Another thankless job is the kitchen detail that Patti Northcraft has so generously taken upon herself to keep us snack browsers happy. One time I volunteered to wash up the silverware and found my fingers were so soft I couldn't play guitar. So thanks again.

Johnny Rodgers, District 1

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July

- 1 Nursing home gig 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- 5 Jam Senior Center 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- 14 Meeting Senior Center 7 p.m.
- 15 Nursing home gig 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- 29 Nursing home gig 10:30-11:30 a.m.

It's good and hot here in Lakeview. Paisley BBQ they will not have this year. They will have the horse roping.

New Pine Creek Fire Man BBQ is a go. Goose Lake Park July 20th, 11:00 a/m. It will be hot, hot, hot.. bring a chair if you can; if not, there might be some.

Play nursing home ever other Tuesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., and the Senior Center every Friday 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Thursday, August 7th at 7 p.m. we will play at Juniper Re-

servior RV Resort. Be playing for 20 or 40 R.V. enthusiastic people for about one hour or so.

Play at Rosa Lee McLain's home every Thursday starting at 6 p.m.

J a m :
 July 5th 4 p.m.-10 p.m., Senior Center

Meeting: July 14th - 7 p.m., Senior Center

Bev Perry, Reporter, District 1E

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July
6 VFW Show Redmond 1-4 p.m.

We had a fun time at our June jam. Lots of dancers on the floor. Our visitors were Betty and Bill Chapman from District 1-E, and Peggy Hudson from District 4. As people were leaving we overheard several of them say, "The music was really great today."

Our next jam is July 6 at the VFW in Redmond.

Our officers for next fiscal year will remain the same except for Secretary/Treasurer: Joyce Wallace will take over on July 1. Thanks Bob and Jack for

continuing to fill the chairman and vice chair positions again this coming year! Also thanks to Barbara Dulley for all your work this past year.

We have been asked to play at the Deschutes County Fair on Sunday August 3. It will be the same time as our jam at the VFW. Some players will perform at the fair and others will play at the VFW. We did this last year and it worked out quite well.

July is an important month for the "Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association." It is that time when

the leadership changes sometimes for the better, sometimes not so good. Be that as it may, they were elected by the majority of our members and we do appreciate their willingness to accept the great responsibility. It is the duty of the rest of us to give them all the help and support we can. Also, it is the beginning of our fiscal year, when all our financial records start anew and past records are stored away for future reference. All State and District

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July
4 Butte Falls
12 Bluegrass Festival Prospect 12 - 12:45 p.m.
August
9 Riverside Park Grants Pass
September
6 Roxy Ann Grange Medford

Our June Jam was at Fruitdale Grange in Grants pass.

Don held a short business meeting. Passed out June / July schedules. He took time to point out the places we are going to play and the times to be there. Lee Ferguson passed out the Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report. Everyone really appreciates getting them to scan . Lee's reports were approved.

Anyone in District 4 planning to play on stage July 12 please let Don know by phone or e-mail so he can arrange for you to

get into the Bluegrass Festival.

A young man saw our sign by the road and came in and asked if he could play with the group. He was told he could. He will play guitar at Butte Falls.

On July 4th at Butte Falls, Don Maddox has volunteered his truck to be used in the parade .We will put our banners on the sides and The Old Time Fiddlers will play in the parade. Thank you Don for donating your truck.

Don welcomed the new members: the family of Robert & Julie Short, with children Lindsey &

Zachery. Lindsey plays fiddle and guitar and Zachery plays piano.

Playing for the square dancers and kids at Eagle Rock School in Eagle Point was a blast .The kids as well as the square dancers had fun. Lots of giggles and laughter. From old and young alike. A good time was had by all.

Even with so many going to Burns for the state meeting and Weiser for the contest we are still busy; we have ten places to play this month. .
Bea Johnson, District 4 Reporter

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Table with 3 columns: Date, Location, Time. Includes entries for July (Bullards Park, Sunset Bay, Jam, NACO, Coos County Fair) and August (NACO).

Our month started off with the sad, sudden death of our Scottish fiddler, David Fraser. David was one of our featured fiddlers at the state convention in April. His wife, Pat, was learning mandolin and had agreed to be our new reporter, replacing Hal Weiner. However, Pat has gone back to California. Several from our district

went to Burns and Weiser, more on that next month. Pat Casey, one of our do-bro players, had cancer surgery the first week of June.

Re the Coos County Fair gig, on July 22, this is opening day at the fair; there is no admission charge for seniors. Re the NACO gig on August 9, these folks always give a nice donation;

let's have a good turnout for them. Happy birthdays and anniversaries to all those having them. Remember to fly your flag on the 4th of July! Mapril Combs, Acting District 5 Reporter

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Table with 3 columns: Date, Location, Time. Includes entries for July (Scholls Community Church, Deerfield Assisted Living) and August (D7's Annual Picnic, Bob Huffman's Birthday, Clackamas County Fair, Courtyard Village Western Days).

At our June meeting at the Estacada Jam, District 7 voted on a new roster of officers. Randy Yearout will be our new Chairman, Donna Foreman will be our new Co-Chairman, Ron Zabudsky will be our new Secretary/Treasurer, Myrtle Arnold will continue with the district membership, Linda Easley will continue with the scheduling and Gail Foster will continue as the Newsletter Editor.

Let's say hello our two new members: John and Cheryl Ferguson from Tualatin and their children Lindsey and Megan, and Maureen Gruchalla and Gene Cowan from Salem. Introduce yourselves and give them a warm welcome.

Jeanine Orme is teaching several three-day mini-fiddle camps in July and August at her Beaverton music studio. Basic and intermediate levels open to all ages. Contact Jeanine at jorme@comcast.net or call her at (503) 626-8527 for more information.

Saturday July 12 we're hired to play at The Scholls Jam Festival starting about 4:15 - ish at

Joyce Lovgren's church - The Scholls Community Church is at 24050 SW Scholls Ferry Road out in Washington County. The church will pay us very well to help them with their benefit for Medical Teams International and sale of home-made jams. So let's all turn out to help.

Friday July 25th from 2:00 p.m. we get to play for the folks at Deerfield Assisted Living at 5770 SE Kelly Creek Drive in Milwaukie. They love us here.

Saturday, July 26th District 8 has invited us to join them at the Steam-Up at the Caterpillar Museum at Brooks, OR, about ten miles north of Salem. They'll feed us and we'll start to play at 5 p.m. After 4:00 p.m. you can get in the gate for free with a name-tag on or an instrument. NOT BEFORE!!! Brooks is about 10 miles north of Salem just west of I-5. There are signs. When you turn into the Steam-Up grounds you go straight back to the museum which is on the right. Park amongst the cats!

Sunday August 3, We'll have District 7's annual picnic at Paul and Gayl Ratigan's place in Oregon City

starting at 12 noon. The address is 14918 S Glen Oak Road in Oregon City. The phone number is 656-5927. Bring some food to share, a chair to sit on, your instruments and all the music in your heart.

Saturday August 9 let's celebrate Bob Huffman's 88th Birthday at the Annual Bawb Bash at Andy and Terry Jorgensen's lovely home east of Sandy. More info to come.

Wednesday August 13 is Senior Day at the CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR in Canby! We get to play from 2 - 4 on the stage under the trees. So let's spiff ourselves up and put on a terrific program for the fair and our friends out there. Everybody get a new hat while you're there.

Thursday August 21 Let's help Courtyard Village celebrate Western Days. They are at 4875 SW 78th in Portland. We'll play from 12:30 - 1:30. Let's play western tunes and dress like we've all got new cowboy hats and have some fun! Michelle's cell is 503-307-1300 if you get lost.

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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July
19 Meeting, Jam and Potluck Charity Grange 10:30 - 4:00 p.m.
26 Mary Cole Days Marcola
August
13 Lane County Fair Eugene 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
23 Jam and Potluck Morningstar Grange 10:30 a.m. - 4:00

We just came back from the State Quarterly meeting and the High Desert Fiddlers jam in Burns. They put on a terrific jam. The people were very welcoming and they cook great meals. I plan on attending again.

Our next gathering will be a meeting, potluck and jam at Charity Grange on July 19 from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The address is 33275 Bond Butte Drive, Harrisburg, OR 97446, for those of you who use Mapquest. The easiest way to get there is to take I-5 freeway to exit #209 (Harrisburg) and go west toward Harrisburg to Rowland Road. It is the first main road to the left. Turn left (north) and follow the Bond Butte Quarry signs. Turn right (west) on Bond Butte Drive; the grange is on the North side of the road just across from the quarry. You will go on the overpass over the freeway on Bond Butte Road.

Fred and Frieda Chandler are no longer driving from Albany, but

would love to see their friends between the hours of 1 - 4 p.m.. Those are the free times at the Mennonite Village. Their address is 2525 47th Ave. SE, apt#272, Albany, OR 97322; tel. 541-917-1247.

Vi Epperly had a knee replacement on May 22 and is doing fine.

Mark Carmickle had a stroke on May 19th, but is recovering nicely. He is playing his guitar and singing and is looking forward to resuming all of his regular activities.

Willie Carter had a car accident on June 4th and is recovering at home. He had some facial injuries and hurt his right arm, but is doing much better. His right wrist is quite sore but improving.

The beginning fiddle classes are going great. There have been between ten to twelve students at the classes. For more information, call Ila Mae Carmickle, at 541-683-9514,

or Darla Knudsen, at 541-998-2064.

Other jams: Wayne Carpenter hosts jams at Jasper Grange on the first Saturday of the month and the fourth Thursday of the month from 11:00-4:00 p.m.; BOTH will be potlucks. Bernie Charlebois hosts a jam and potluck on the second Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.. The Friday night jams are the first Friday at Central Grange and the second Friday at Crow Grange. They are from 7:30-10:30 p.m. and are finger-food potlucks.

Birthdays: Floyd Frazier 7/3, Emily Moyle 7/11, Sal Fiducia 7/26, Esther Shriber 7/28 and Jerry Parks 7/31.

Anniversaries: Bernie and Marie Roberts 7/18 and Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle 7/31.

Darla Knudsen, District 6 Reporter

From the Editor

Burns I just returned from the quarterly jam at Burns, my first time ever. I was really impressed by the warm welcome extended by the High Desert Fiddlers, and by the Harney County Fair facilities where the jam was held.

A warm welcome, too, to Judy McGarvey, the new vice-president.

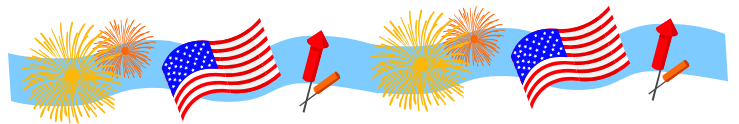
People who didn't stick around for the very end of the Thursday night program missed a real treat. After the list officially ended at Nr. 50, Alice Holt, there was a surprise addition -- Jim Toussaint and Andi Skelton, playing a rousing two-part Romanian gypsy melody. All I can say is, Wow!

Janet Brayman, Burns Jamboree Chair, writes: "The High Desert Fiddlers would like to thank all the OOTFA members who traveled to Burns for the Country Music Jamboree. We hope you had a great time and will come back again. Thanks for your patience with the early start date and for cooperating with the terms to accommodate the Scottish gathering. Next year should be back on track

with the dates of June 18, 19, and 20, 2009. Special thanks to Lew Holt, Larry Gallagher, Alice Holt, and Leroy Newport for the workshops they gave. A tip of the hat to Art and Rhea Bigelow, Art and Charlotte Bigelow, Bea Johnson, Ali Swartwood, Jean Hanson, and those I'll think of tomorrow who lent a hand to ease the workload at the Jamboree. All of you are much loved and appreciated. Without all the musicians and clappers, this event would be impossible to pull off. Thanks."

Mini-Fiddle Camps Jeanine Orme is teaching several three day mini-fiddle camps this summer at her Beaverton music studio. These are open to all ages. Please contact Jeanine at jirorme@comcast.net or 503-626-8527 for complete information.

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July
12 & 13 Al Fawcett Days Silver Creek Falls
19 Saturday Market Salem
25 River Road Assisted Living Keizer
26 Caterpillar Museum Brooks
August
7 Polk County Fair Rickreall

July begins a new fiddle year with new officers. See the heading. Many thanks to Darlene who served as chairman, to Marie Bailey who was our co-chair, and Christine Lange who served as secretary. You all made our district run smoothly. I know everyone will support our new officers.

We played at the Dallas retirement center the end of May. We were treated to hot dogs with all the trimmings and root beer floats. The audience enjoyed the music as they ate their food.

The Hardins hosted the District 8 potluck picnic at their new home. Good food, good friends and good fiddle music. Who could ask for more? Many thanks to Fred and Charlotte, who weren't even completely moved in. The house is beautiful with ample room for the crowd. We had guests from Districts 6 and 7 as well as some of the Guthrie Park crowd.

Our condolences to Betty and Wally Case on the death of Betty's sister. Betty traveled to Minnesota for the funeral.

Last fall we played for Washington Mutual Bank. Jeanine M. Marshall of WaMu, helped us apply for matching funds through the WaMu parent company. We received a check for \$200 which will go to our scholarship program.

Once again we'll play at Silver Creek State Park for Al Fawcett Days on July 12 and 13. Camping is free in area A of the upper campground. This is the same as last year. We're asked to play from 12 - 1 and 2 - 3 each day. We may possibly do a gospel jam on Sunday from 10 - 11. The park furnishes lunch for us, or you may buy food in the lodge. There are lots of displays, trails, and of course the falls. It's a beautiful place!

Saturday, July 19 we'll play at Saturday Market in Salem. It's in a parking lot at the corner of Summer and Center Streets, just one block in front of the Capitol building. The time is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome. We can rotate playing if we have lots of musicians.

Friday July 25 we're invited to play

from 11a.m. - 1 p.m. at River Road Assisted Living in Keizer. The address is 592 Bever Dr, Keizer 503-463-4060

Saturday, July 26th we'll be playing at the Caterpillar Museum at Brooks. Phil Ringle says the musicians will eat dinner first and then play for the others. Your instrument will get you in free after 4 p.m. If you go earlier you will need to pay at the gate. Brooks is about ten miles north of Salem, just west of I-5. There are signs. When you turn into the Antique Powerland grounds, go straight back to the museum which is on the right. Park amongst the cats!

Have a musical summer!

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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July
12 Meeting, Potluck and Jam 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Not much news this month; I've been at the VA Hospital in Portland the last few weeks with Whitey. He's doing fine now, just trying to get his strength back.

From some reports I got, they signed up two new members, Ron and

Jane Ellis. Welcome!! Glad to have you. Also they had a guest fiddler, but I don't know the name.

Hope anyone under the weather gets better soon, and happy birthday and happy anniversary to all that had them.

July 12th will be our meeting (11:am) potluck (noon) and jam at 1p.m. Hope to see you all there.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

District 3 cont.

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books must be closed as of June 30th and turned over to an independent auditor by August 15th. Also, the State Association does require an inventory of all the district equipment. This has been completed and sent to the State Sec/Treas.

Other news of interest to

District 3 members is that at the June meeting the members voted that August 3rd would be our last time to play at the VFW in Redmond. Keep watching the Hoedowner for more information on this move.

Also, there was a mistake in the State calendar in the June Hoedowner. It said, "September 11-13 State Quarterly Meeting and Jam at Merrill." It should have read "State

Quarterly Meeting and Regular Business Meeting and Jam at Merrill". Just thought it should be corrected

May God bless those who are sick or have lost loved ones.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to all this month.

Joyce Wallace, District 3 Reporter

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Wow- what a super Jamboree again this year. The early arrivals once again entertained in the local restaurants: Glory Days Pizza, Apple Peddler, Elkhorn, the Meat Hook and Ye Olde Castle. A small group played on the local radio station KZZR and the downtown merchants headed by Jan Oswald- working with Dennis Townsend planned a special sidewalk event on Thursday evening with several musicians participating.

We had a raft of newcomers at our Jamboree this year and we hope they will all come back next year. The sound man Red McWilliams was a newcomer as well. He was here to do the Scots Highland festival and it worked out great to have him do our sound too. He did an excellent job and even did some jamming and performed in a couple of shows as well. Several people arriving early for the Highland Festival enjoyed our shows and the jamming and I talked to one couple driving through town and saw our signs and stayed for the music shows!

It was great to have the new kitchen and have Pat and Stacy and their helpers back to feed us. Delicious food cooked to order.

Beside the Jamboree, we have been very busy. A group played for the

airports Fly-In and the Lions Club breakfast, then Ruel Teague and Julia Milleson scurried up to John Day for the contest and rode on the '62 Days float which took second place. Stacy DeFord (Ruel's granddaughter) played fiddle with backup provided by Ron Hunt of Sumpster, Ruel and Julia. Cheyenne (Stacy's daughter) was our "waver" on the front of the float. Stacy placed first in her division at the contest and Ruel got second place in the seniors. I was delighted to see so many friends I hadn't seen in a long while and also had a nice visit with Freda Tubbs who was a member before moving to a care facility in John Day.

Janet Brayman, Jim Toussaint, Walt Cooper and Julia played a short program for the Pioneer Day crowd. Queen Mother this year was Virginia Coble a former member of District 9 and the Pioneer president "Pete" Williams is a brother-in-law of Florence Krueger who is a present member. It was a real treat to have JimToussaint play fiddle with us. Thank you Jim.

Joan Suther and Janet Brayman performed "Iowa Waltz" and "Shady Grove" for the Center Stage Production. Julia Milleson and her violin teacher played "Concerto #2, 3rd move-

ment " by F.Seitz. What a fun piece.

Ellis Thompson, the new activity director for the Aspens Assisted living Center, set up a taco feed and talent show to benefit the Aspens. It was held at the Elks Club and was well attended. Ron Jahns, Walt Cooper, Vern Brown, Ruel Teague and Julia Milleson played music during the dinner hour. Ron Jahns also gave a recitation "Buying a Bra" for the talent show and took first place. He got a nice trophy and donated his winning back to the Aspens.

Since we were busy with the Jamboree during our regular Aspens playing night, Ellis brought a group of residents to our shows two days. Our next show at the Aspens is Friday July 11th at 7:00 and Ashley Manor will be Monday July 21st at 6:30.

We will be doing another birthday party on July 12th. Jackie will call us with more details.

Jim Rhodes from Ketchikan, Alaska is here for three months working for the Forest Service; Janet Brayman loaned him a guitar he can join us in our jams. He even helped out at the fly-in. Once again a big thank you to all who came to support our Jamboree and even lend a helping hand setting up and working the registration desk

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

From the Editor Emeritus:

Starting when I was HD editor long ago, members notified me when a member died. I would then notify the OOTFA members who have email. I, also, now with the "OOTFA update" share such timely information with email members. If you don't receive the updates and have an email address, notify me if you want to receive them. Recently I sent out an OOTFA Update saying that Harold Rogers had died. He was 101 years old, didn't fiddle, but was a very loyal follower for many years. I spoke of "a letter edged in black" that is/was used to notify people when someone died. It was interesting to receive several letters from others telling about "letters edged in black" that they have experienced.

Please notify me if you change your email address. If I receive a couple of notifications that an address is no longer in service, I drop it from my address book.

I invite you to be sure to read the Jr. HD. this month. It features 13-year-old Tatiana Hargreaves, our champion fiddler in Oregon. She is a remarkable young fiddler.

When you read this Alice and I will have been at Burns and then on to Weiser. We will have left Weiser early to meet fiddle obligations in our district that were booked before we knew that Oregon would be the host state this year. We participated two previous times when Oregon was host and have many good memories.

How about a "pat on the back" for our out-going president, Irene Ruddock!! She will have served as president of OOTFA for two years. Her time, energy and leadership are all appreciated. She will turn the gavel over to Hal Weiner from Florence. We wish him well as he begins his first year as OOTFA president.

One of my favorite drives is from Salem to Estacada when we go

to a District 7 jam. No freeways, very little traffic and this time of the year the hills and fields are green - at their best. Today (6-8) we went to Estacada. We stopped in Molalla to visit with Mrs. Frank Williams. She called the other day to offer me several videos, CDs and cassettes. . Frank was a very active old time fiddler for years. We had a nice visit.

Molalla - 1939 - my brother drove his three brothers in a '28 Oakland from where we lived in Colton to a theater in Molalla to see "The Wizard of Oz" for the first time. What a thrill it was. Who would have imagined when we first moved to Colton in 1938 that 70 years later I would be driving through town on my way to a fiddle jam. There has been a lot of water under the bridge since then.

Thanks for riding along with me this month.

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State Calendar

July/August

- July 31 LeGrande Fiddle Contest
Union County Fairgrounds
- July 31, August 1-3 Diamond Lake Campout
Diamond Lake
- August 2 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
Benton County Fairgrounds
- August 6-9 OOTFA Fiddle Camp
Thousand Trails
- August 14-17 Winchester Bay Campout
Winchester Bay

September

- 11-13 State Quarterly Meeting and Jam
Merrill

New Members to Welcome:

- Joe Fischer, Eugene
- Jeff, Tamra & Ellie Bake, Beaverton
- Rick, Heidi & Abigail Bruno, Aloha
- John & Cheryl Ferguson, Tualatin
- Maureen Gruchalla & Gene Cowan, Salem
- Donald & Geveva Hamlin, Scio
- Tim, Nancy & Sydney Hart, Warren
- Ryan Garrity, Eugene
- Linda & Jesse Rabjohn, Ashland
- Damon & Heather Clute, Sublimity

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