



Junior Hoedowner

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This month's Junior Hoedowner will feature some of our "Junior Fiddlers."

Victoria Clute: Hi, my name is Victoria Clute, I am 9 years old. I live in Sublimity with my parents and three little brothers. I knew I wanted to learn to play the violin and thought the fiddling songs were more fun to play. I take lessons from Ginny Hollon; she has been my teacher since I was 6 years old. My first time at an OOTFA event was a couple of years ago at the kids workshop in Rickreall. It was fun to see how many kids play fiddle. That was my first jam too. I played in the kids show at Rickreall this year too. My favorite song is Huckleberry Rag. I also like to read, swim and play basketball.

Joshua Wood: My name is Josh Wood. I turned 13 in September. I live in Turner on a family farm. We raise pigs, sheep, chickens and steers. I started fiddlin' because I liked the sound of it. Before I could play fiddle, I had to go through three years of classical training. Classical violin is too precise for me. After enduring three years of correct posture, I began fiddlin.' I relish fiddlin'! I have been fiddlin three years. My teacher is Ginny Hollon

I have played at farmers markets, OOTFA monthly meetings, Ms. Holland's Fiddles and Frets, and with family and friends. Also, I am learning to play the penny whistle and mandolin. I have a brother who plays the guitar and a sister who plays the piano. My mom plays the acoustic bass guitar and Dad plays the mandolin. I like to fish for bass, panfish and carp. I also like to tie flies. My favorite flies are: Elk Hare Caddis, Witlock's Crawfish, Joshua Craw (my own design) and various bugs. I like to fish ponds, lakes and rivers. Another thing I like to do is trap nutria and other fur bearers and I am

working on studying for my trapper's license.

The District 8 scholarship committee has a suggested list of tunes in common for students so they can jam with other district members. They are: Red Wing G; You Are my Sunshine G; Boil them Cabbage Down A; Cripple Creek A; Angeline the Baker D; Old Joe Clark A; Golden Slippers G; Chinese Breakdown D; Rubber Dolly A; Red River Valley G; Home on the Range G; and Faded Love D.

From the NOTF newsletter Sep. - Oct. 2008:

Youngster Receives Stukenholtz Memorial Award

Kiarra Saito-Beckman, age 9, from Bend, Oregon, received the 2008 Amy Stukenholtz memorial award in June at the NOTFC. In 1993, Amy Jo Stukenholtz, a talented young fiddler, was killed in a tragic car accident. She was 22 years old and a top competitor at the NOTFC. She left behind two daughters; they were only 1 year and 3 years old at the time. In her memory, the family established a memorial scholarship fund in which a \$250 award is given annually to an aspiring female fiddler under the age of 18. The two daughters, Gracie and Lena, presented this award to Kiarra along with their wishes for "many years of fiddling success."

Huckleberry Rag This month's tune is the Huckleberry Rag, which Victoria likes so much.

Huckleberry Rag

The first system of handwritten musical notation for 'Huckleberry Rag' consists of eight staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The music is written in a single melodic line, featuring a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with various rests and phrasing slurs. The notation is clear and legible, showing the initial rhythmic and melodic patterns of the piece.

The second system of handwritten musical notation continues the piece with eight staves. It maintains the same musical style as the first system, with a focus on rhythmic precision and melodic flow. The notation includes various note values, rests, and phrasing slurs, all written in a consistent and professional hand. The system concludes with a final note and a fermata, indicating the end of the piece.