

THE HOEDOWNER

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These are the things that happened in June and those that are about to happen in July
By Charles Johnson, Editor Pro Tem 7

June 6-7 ** Contest at Canyon City, Oregon

Winners in the Open: Loyd Wanzer, Rusty Modrell, Pete Haines, Edna Jenkins and Bill Yohey
Seniors: Charles Johnson, Cliff Buker, Bob Hawes

Jun 15: A potluck dinner and jamboree was held at Buell Grange. Fiddlers present were: Shorty Allen, Andy Milliken, Tony Descombez, Archie Boveen, Gordon Gilbert, Don Simons, Al Williams and Charles Johnson. Accompanists: Lewis Casey and Wes Brunson, guitars, Ed Turner, Accordion and Ed Gorham and Cliff Reynolds, Bass. About 100 spectators attended

June 18-21 at Weiser, Idaho

Winners of the Open: Herman Johnson, Shawnee Oklahoma; Harold Allen, Valley Falls, Kansas; Dwayne Youngblood, Payette, Idaho; Virg Evans, Saratoga, Calif. And Pete McMahon, Harrisburg, Miss.

The Seniors: Alvin Sanderson, Seattle, Wash.; Van Cunningham, Bodfish, Calif.; Lue Berline, Caldwell, Kansas; Charles Johnson, Portland, Oregon, and Frank Knight, Paradise, Calif.

The Ladies: Virginia Manes, Ida.; Vivian Skeins, Ida.; Lillian Young, Montana.

The Juniors: Sammy Bush, Bowling Green, Ky; John Francis, Spokane, Wash.; Rick Youngblood, Payette, Ida.; Doug Jenkins, Nampa, Ida.; Marilyn Cunningham, Glendora, Calif.; Scott Ward and Garry Krogstad.

Bill Yohey and Rusty Modrell were appointed by the National Convention on a five man National Judges Committee for 1969 and 1970 to study and recommend changes in the judging system for the all around betterment of fiddlers contests.

June 30: Keizer, Oregon is having a Fun Festival starting June 28th through July 5th. On June 30th a bunch of the fiddlers will go down there and entertain in Albertson's Store parking lot from 7:30 to 8:00pm.

For July: We have heard nothing from Condon, Oregon. They usually have a contest on the 4th, but no word so far.

July 12th, The Dalles: Contest at the Armory on West 6th at 6pm. Entrée fees: \$5.00 per contestant.

Prize money:	1 st Place: \$100.00	4 th Place - \$40.00
	2 nd Place - \$60.00	5 th Place - \$20.00
	3 rd Place - \$50.00	Plus Trophies

From there on through the 20th will follow many attractions including street dancing, Carnival (all week), wrestling matches, Kiwanis Barbecue, arrival of the U.S.S. Summitt County and a three-day rodeo and sky divers

Fiddlers contest sponsored by KACI Radio and Fort Dalles Rodeo Association

Sunday, July 13th: Pot luck dinner and jamboree at the American Legion Hall at 3rd and Oak Street in Silverton. All rules the same as before. Bring your own table service and of course plenty of food. Coffee free.

August 2nd – Hood River County Fair. Fiddling contest at Wyeast School, one o'clock. Open Contest. Prize money: \$75.00 – 60.00 – 40.00 – 30.00 – and 20.00. Bill Yohey

August 10th - Banks, Oregon fiddle contest. Money and rules same as last year. I will announce it at The Dalles and also Cottage Grove. It's not a big contest. Just something to go along with their barbecue Jim (Millar)

The contest at Cottage Grove was well attended and hard fought. I know because I was one of the judges and when you get a gang of fiddlers like the ones mentioned below and a few others were right behind them, you really have a headache trying to decide who is best. I didn't see the final score, but I know it must have been very close.

An unfortunate thing happened. A new contestant, Russell E. Baxter, from Klamath Falls, being unfamiliar with our rules, made the mistake of using Pizzacato (string picking) in his hoedown. There was quite a little argument about what to do about it until Mr. Baxter voluntarily withdrew from the contest, thereby showing the finest kind of sportsmanship. He turned out to be an extra fine fiddler and if it hadn't been for this little mistake, might certainly have been close to, if not at the top of the list. We hope he is not discouraged and will come again.

The winners in this order:

Open: Doug Atwell, Rusty Modrell, Jimmy Miller, Bill Yohey, and Kenny Brank.
Seniors: Cliff Buker, Guy Spurlock, Clarence Greenland.

The Contest at Hood River

Saturday, August 2nd, 1969, in the Y east school near the fairgrounds NW of Hood River City near Odell. Starts at 1pm. The judges are: McDaniels, Clay Cloughton, and Cliff Buker. This is also a first, so let's all turn out to give Hood River a good boost, so maybe they will make this an annual event. For further information, contact Mr. Frank Herman, Rt. 1, Box 1180A Hood River.

At Banks, Oregon, August 10th

A barbecue dinner free to the fiddlers and wives if they get there before 3pm. Contest to start at 7pm. Prizes are Open: \$40.00, \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00. Seniors \$10 first. We always have fun at Banks, so let's go. Contact Jim Miller at 1755 NW 272nd Ave Hillsboro.

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August 16th Polk County Fairgrounds – Fiddlers contest, 7pm. Please be there by 6:30pm to register. Prize money as follows: 1st - \$25.00, 2nd - \$20.00, 3rd - \$10.00, 4th \$5.00. For information contact Ray Clever, Dallas

Salem Oregon State Fair

August 26th. Registration will start at 11am. Contest at 1pm. Details haven't been quite worked out yet, but they will be about the same as last year, minus the rain, we hope. They tell me that the stage and shelter have been rebuilt, so at least the fiddlers will have some projection.

September

Bill Yohey and others are setting up a contest for seniors only sometime in September. They intend to get Sanderson and some of the other top notchers to come and will have more details for us in the September Hoedowner.

The only thing that I have for sure now is the Yakima County Fair at Yakima, September 25, 26 and 27. This is always a good show, so let's all go and meet our Washington neighbors.

Cottage Grove, July 18th. Annual Bohemia Mining Days Celebration. One of the major events of the Annual Bohemia Mining Days Celebration, the Old Time Fiddlers Contest. Presents the best in old-time fiddling. It appeals to young and old alike. This is an event all fiddlers will want to enter.

Where and When: Competition will begin at 7pm at the Cottage Grove High School Auditorium, 1000 Taylor Avenue, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Who Participates: The contest is open to all old-time fiddlers. Ladies are welcome. A Junior Division is being added for the first time this year.

Registration: takes place at the Cottage Grove High School Auditorium starting at 4pm Friday, July 18th. Advance registration is encouraged and a reduction in the entry fee is offered for early registration. (See entry blank)

PRIZES AND AWARDS

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Trophy</u>
Open Division	1 st	\$100.00	Larry Stratton Traveling Trophy
	2 nd	\$60.00	Unique Design FARWEST Trophy
	3 rd	\$40.00	“ “ “ “
	4 th	----	“ “ “ “
	5 th	----	“ “ “ “
Senior Division	1 st	\$25.00	Unique Design FARWEST Trophy
	2 nd	\$10.00	“ “ “ “
	3 rd	-----	“ “ “ “
Junior Division	1 st	\$25.00	Special Trophy
	2 nd	\$10.00	none

Note: All trophies except the Junior Division trophy are being specially created for the FARWEST competition, are rich in their painstaking design, and are not duplicated anywhere. Winners may very well have a collector's item.

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

To: FARWEST OLD-TIME FIDDLERS' CONTEST DATE: _____
Mrs. Louise Sahin
1000 Taylor Avenue
Cottage Grove, OR 97424

I wish to be a contestant in the FARWEST OLD-TIME FIDDLERS' CONTEST as indicated by a check mark below

Old-time OPEN Fiddlers' Contest	Entry fee: \$5.00 ()
Old-time SENIOR Fiddlers' Contest	Entry Fee: \$3.00 ()
Old-time JUNIOR Fiddlers' Contest	Entry Fee: \$2.00 ()

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Signed _____

Address: _____

You may deduct 50 cents from your entry fee if you mail your entry in advance. Entry fee will be refunded if you are not able to participate.

Please complete and return this entry blank, with entry fee, as soon as possible. This will enable your committee to better publicize the contest.

Entry Deadline: 7pm July 18, at Cottage Grove High School Auditorium

I just got word that our old friend and fiddler Stan Edwards of McMinnville fell and broke his hip. He is now at Oakland Glen Convalescent Care, Inc. 421 South Evean in McMinnville. I am sure Stan would appreciate a letter, or better yet a visit from his many friends

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As a grand finale all fiddlers and accompanists came back and played a few numbers. Then the floor was cleared and those who wished to do so danced until it was time to go home.

Special numbers were given by Ron Gimm who sang and accompanied himself on the guitar and Bill Yohey who played on the mandolin. During the dancing I believe Clarence Greenland also sang a few numbers, as well as Ron.

Another newcomer was Mr. Harvey Schuebel, who played the drums. Mr. Schuebel is from Salem.

--- Mrs. Don Hawes ---

Results of the Molalla State champion fiddling contest held May 3rd, 1969 (hi school gym) Preliminaries at 1:30pm, finals 7pm. Total of 16 entries. Senior division: 1st Cliff Buker, \$50.00 and trophy; 2nd: Chas. Johnson, \$35.00 and trophy; 3rd Bill Webber, \$20.00 and trophy.

Open division: 1st: Bill Yohey, \$100.00 and trophy; 2nd Rusty Modrell, \$75.00 and trophy, 3rd, Jimmy Miller \$50.00 and trophy; 4th George Jenkerson, trophy and merchandise; 5th Cliff Buker, trophy and merchandise.

Junior division: Kathy Werner, trophy and radio (only entry). Out of State judges were Ken Brank, Winlock, Wash.; Don Gish, Yakima, Wash.; Loyd Wanzer, Caldwell, Idaho.

We had a hall rented with cooking facilities and made an attempt to feed all the contestants between contests, liquid refreshments, too. Also had some sort of merchandise prize for everyone who entered. Hope to have a go at it again next year.

---- Jake Haynes ----

Fiddle Contest Chairman
Molalla Buckaroo Assn.

No autobiographies sent in this month, so guess this is about all for this month, except for announcing the whereabouts of our next jam session. My wife and I went over to see the Grange Hall at Buell, as Charlie Johnson had asked me if I knew of any hall we might be able to get for June 15th. For those of you who do not know where Buell is, it's about 20 miles west of Salem on Hiway 22. No stairs to climb. Everyone bring plenty of food, your own table service and we hope to see you all there.

Donald Leith