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COMING EVENTS

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| May 8 | OOTFA State Contest | Bend High School | Bend, Oregon |
| May 15 | District 1 Social | Merrill Rec Hall | Merrill, Oregon |
| May 16 | Jam Session & Potluck | Kinton Grange | Beaverton, Oregon |
| May 16 | Jam & Potluck | Canyonville School | Canyonville, Ore |
| May 22-23 | BiCentennial Celebration | Grants Pass Fairgrounds | Grants Pass, Ore |
| May 22 | Show 2:00 & 7:00 PM | | Mabton, Wa. |
| May 29 | Contest | Saw Dust Theater | Coquille, Oregon |
| May 30 | Jam Session | Fairgrounds Mall | Yreka, Cal. |
| June 8-9-10 | Ubterbatuibak Fiddle Contest | | Bottineau, N.Dak. |
| June 13 | Jam Session | | Reedsport, Oregon |
| June 18-20 | Rogue Community College | Jam Session | Roseburg, Oregon |
| June 22-26 | National Old Time Fiddle Contest | High School | Weiser, Idaho |
| July 3 | Contest | Clatskanie Grade School | Clatskanie, Ore. |
| July 4 | Show | Fairgrounds | Bend, Oregon |
| July 24 | 2 Hour Show | Logging Festival | Estacada, Oregon |
| July 31 | Contest | High School | Drain, Oregon |
| Aug. 28 | Contest | High School Gym | Canyonville, Ore. |
| Aug. 29-Sept 6 | Campout | Warwick Ranch | Williams, Oregon |

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just a reminder to let everyone know about the State Contest at Bend. Be sure and come. We can park at the school through the day and hopefully all night if self-contained.

The Bend Chamber of Commerce has been very cooperative. Everyone in Bend is very receptive. We have been getting a lot of publicity and people are buying tickets already. I know you all will give them a good show. Thank You.

Jim Secor

DISTRICT #1

The month of May was busy for District #1. The Lakeview group played for a benefit for the Retired People of America, April 8th. Our Klamath Falls-Merrill group played for the Oddfellows April 4th, Library Club the 13th and the Ponderosa Nursing Home April 11th.

We had our potluck and get-together and business meeting April 10th. Marie Jameson accepted the position of Emcee and Louise Pollick accepted the position of Kitchen Chairman. These are both fine hard working ladies and we are delighted to have them serve. Their efforts will contribute greatly to our organization.

We also had guests from District 4. Some fine fiddlers and accompanists - we thank them for coming and please come again soon. We enjoyed having them.

We have quite a few places on our agenda for May so it looks like Old Time Fiddling is in demand around here.

Next meeting and potluck May 15th due to the State Contest the 8th. There will be a potluck, ladies bring a cake plus a hot dish or salad. Start eating at 7:00 PM, Merrill Recreation Hall, Merrill, Oregon.

District 1 will also have a get-together at Memorial Hall, Lakeview Court House,

May 28th, Friday evening at 7:00 PM. Let's all attend. We always have a great time at Lakeview and their hospitality is the greatest. See you there.

Lee Eddy, Reporter

DISTRICT #4

Martha called in her report this month as she has been quite busy. It won't be as newsy but at least we heard from her. She said they had a very nice jam at Yreka and that their district had been very busy fiddlin here and there.

We are all very saddened to hear of the passing of Norma Dias on Sunday the 25th of April. It was quite sudden and a terrible shock to us all.

This is all for now. See you at the contest on the 8th of May.

Martha Warwick.

On Saturday, May 29th, Mr. Marvin Wright is holding his second annual jamboree at Wright Way Mobile Homes, 1330 Fairlane Road, Yreka, Calif. He would like for as many fiddlers and accompanists to attend as possible and help entertain. There will be a jam session and in addition a fiddlers contest. First place will receive \$50.00, second place \$25.00 and third place \$10.00. Other festivities will be held also so come early. The contest is planned for 2:00 PM.

As offered before, those with self-contained campers and trailers are welcome at Wright Way Mobile Homes. Plan to attend Marvin's Jamboree on Saturday and the jam and dance at the fairgrounds on Sunday, May 30th.

DISTRICT #5

There is a contest to be held in Coquille at the Saw Dust Theater on May 29th starting at 1:00 PM. There will be an Open and Intermediate divisions with a \$5.00 registration fee. Registration will close at 12:30. There will be cash and trophies for the first 5 places in each division. Same rules as last year. This is being put on by the Gay Nineties. Judges will be: Jim Hoots, Bud Ryan and Fred Virtuo. There is to be a parade Saturday morning starting at 10:00 AM. Mr. McCloud has a flat bed truck for any fiddlers and accompanists that would be interested in playing in the parade.

A number of people said they would be down on Friday night so I have engaged the use of the Jr. Auditorium of the Coquille Comm. Bldg. (Has a piano) for Friday night for a jam session for anyone interested.

If anyone has any questions, contact me.

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Paul Williams is to have a jam session in Reedsport on June 13th. More on this next month.

Geroldine Virtue, Reporter

DISTRICT #7

We will have a jam session at Kinton Grange, May 16th. Doors open 10:00AM. Potluck at noon and program following. Kinton Grange is located on Hwy 210 between Washington Square and Scholls. There will be a short business meeting at 11:00 AM. See you there.

Bob Fast

CANBY GROUP REPORTS:

On April 2nd our small Canby group played for the Loaves and Fishes in the local St. Patrick's Church Hall.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL WINNERS

JUNIOR JRS

1. Randy Sloan
2. Doug Thomas
3. Cathy Calver
4. Jerry Ludiker
5. Jan Hodge

LADIES

- Sheila Wright
- Carrol Wheeler
- Nancy Lehman
- Murial Gabisch
- Olivia Stalter (6 entered)

OPEN

- John Francis
- Loretta Brank
- John Melnichuk
- Sam Sloan
- Don Wiles (6 entered)

GENERAL

1. Connie Bonar
 2. Willard Firtch
 3. Mable Vogt
 4. Harry Johnson
 5. Jim Hord
 6. Marvin Marin
 7. Larry Lowe
 8. Jim Ropp
 9. Claire Lundin
 10. Jeffry Anderson
 11. Don Thomson
 12. Joe LeMaster
 13. Delmar Goude
 14. Tim Thomas
 15. Arvid Lundin
- 32 entered

JUNIORS

- Mark O'Coner
 Donna Johnson
 Jess Cooper
 Dale Lake
 Tony Ludiker
 Brian Goude
 Mike Parson
 Wayne Wagner
- 16 entered

SENIORS

- Steve Crawford
 Wade Garner
 Ray Edwards
 Fred Hildebrandt
 Monte Stephans
 Archie Cleven
 Don Maahs
 Floyd Benton
- 14 entered

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Eileen Morris this past month. Our deepest sympathies to her family.

DISTRICT #8

The Lincoln City Grango Hall was really swinging on Sunday, April 11th, with a capacity crowd...29 Fiddlers and many accompanists. We had several specials that were excellent. Nell Turner - piano, Bill Yohey - banjo, Gus Pearson - mandolin - Carlton Smith - accordion & harmonica, Charlie Francis - mandolin, Joey McKenzie - mandolin and Sam Sheppard - harmonica. Clarence Greenlung sang a solo and Ray Mack played the fiddle and the guitar with his feet. WOW!!! Cliff Buker and Jim Morris played a beautiful request duet. Thanks again to both of you. There were many more who played on the program who we have not listed but many, many thanks to you all.

Bea Smith, Reporter

FIDDLER OF THE MONTH

CHET HAVEN

Chet was born in Gettysburg, Montana in 1915. He has lived in Oregon 36 years. Chet's brother bought a fiddle from Sears Roebuck & Co. while they were back on the farm. He was unable to learn to play it so he gave the fiddle to Chet. A 6th grade teacher showed him how to play "Red Wing" but since there was no one to encourage him or play with him, Chet put the instrument away and never touched it again till 1969. He had attended a contest at Forest Grove that year, and was so inspired he got the old fiddle down and determined to learn to play it.

Chet says he can "knock out" a few tunes on the harmonica and the mandolin, also can chord a little on the guitar, but the diffle is his pride and joy.

Chet joined the Old-Time Fiddlers in 1970 because he fell in love with old time fiddle music and decided to make it a hobby in his declining years. He enjoys his many new friends and greatly enjoys getting together with them to play at senior citizen homes, at music parties and at jam sessions.

Chet says that his musical accomplishments are few and honors none, but he feels that, at his age and being a diesel truck mechanic with his fingers beat up, bursitis in his right shoulder from pulling on 6 ft long wrenches and swinging a heavy sledge hammer he thinks he can't expect too much. They say that you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but Chet has set out to prove that it all depends on the "dog". He says his greatest accomplishment is that his "screeching and scraping" on the fiddle has forced his wife to learn to second on the guitar and now they spend many happy hours in front of the fireplace trying to get "Bill Bailey" to please come home and "Bile" that cabbage down.

Chet has come a long way in the few short years he has been playing fiddle. His success is an inspiration to many of the rest of us. He certainly is to be commended on how very well he plays.

Minnie Bennett, Historian

RESULTS, PENDLETON CONTEST:

1st Open: Loyd Wanzer 1st; Bill Yohey 2nd; John Melnichuk 3rd; John Francis 4th;
Sam Sloan 5th.

2nd Open: Charles Trump 1st; Jack Darland 2nd; Barney Swan 3rd; Kenny Brank 4th.

Intermediate: Linda Chandler 1st; Bob Fast 2nd; Del Anderson 3rd; Bob Hunt 4th;
Marshal Jackson 5th.

Senior: Faye Sneed 1st; Roy Edwards 2nd; Henry Mitchell 3rd; Walt Langlitz 4th;
Leon Stephens 5th.

Junior: Loretta Brank 1st; Jess Cooper 2nd; Brian Goude 3rd; Mike Parsons 4th;
Cynthia Bartlett 5th.

We were sorry to miss the Contest in Pendleton as it sounded like a good Old Fashioned Contest with many good friends being there

Wayne & Ev