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**August 5, 2000**

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2. **Julia Milleson, Hines OR**
3. **Jordan Hart, St. Helens OR**
4. **Shawn Huffer, Winlock WA**
5. **Emily Zahnle-Hostetler, Corvallis OR**

**Pee Wee (8 and under)**

1. **Tatiana Hargreaves, Corvallis OR**
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1. **Alex Hargreaves, Corvallis OR**
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**Junior (13-17)**

1. **Steff Nelson, Pendleton OR**
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3. **Angela Thomas, Salem OR**
4. **Shawn Huffer, Witlock WA**

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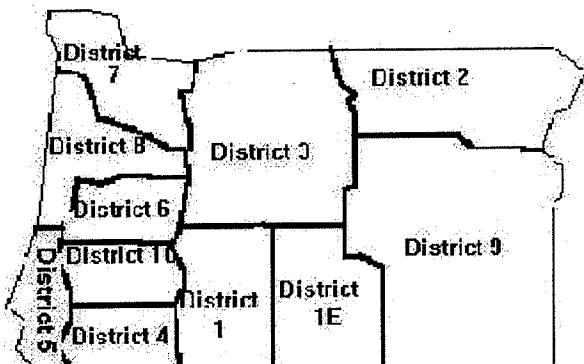
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Hello to all from District 1. It has been a busy summer for our district 1 members. From jams, campouts, the extra functions we've played for. Family vacations and reunions have kept our members traveling. Those who were able to attend the Diamond Lake Campout, even for a short time, enjoyed the music, good food, beautiful scenery, plus seeing friends from near and far.

Our Aug. 13 jam was made more lively as several visitors came to play and sing. Larry and Sharon Gallagher from Myrtle Point, Dale and Lori Hughes of Bakersfield, CA, Jule McDonald and 2 of her neighbors from Chiloquin, OR all joined us. Dale and Jule are Bud Hughes brother and sister. We hope each of you visit us again

and that goes for Vi and Gary Epperly, too. They, also, joined our jam for the day as they quite often do.

Cancelled: September meeting and potluck at Villa West mobile park as it falls on Labor Day Weekend and the majority of our group have other things to do.

Jam: 2nd Sunday, Sep. 10 - 1 4 p.m. at Oregon State University Extension Building in Klamath Falls. Turn East off of Alameda bypass at Eberlain St. on to Vandenberg Rd. Go North up the hill to 1st building on the left. Parking is in front and by lower level meeting room. Please bring finger food.

Nursing Homes: 4th Thursday 1 p.m. Clairmont Nursing Home at east end of Main St. in Klamath Falls. We play 1 hour and then at 2:15 we start playing at the Retirement Home which is 1 block above and back of nursing home. We play another hour - both on the same day.

We have been asked again this year to play for the Cedarville Electric Co-op's annual member's meeting and lunch at the fairgrounds at Cedarville, CA on Sep. 9. We play from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They serve us lunch and pay our district. Hope we have some early risers to drive down for a good turn out of musicians to give them a good show. If anyone from other districts wish to join us, please do so.

Happy Birthdays for Sep. go out to Grace Stork - 6th, Sandy Sandusky - 22nd and Dick Harris - 26th. Wedding anniversary wishes are for Ray and Cherie Lane - 4th and Bud and Frances Hughes - 25th. And on the "not so well" list is Lew Standiford and Etta Fernlund - both had foot surgery. Hope both are feeling fine again by the time you read this.

Hope to see all of you at Thousand Trails or somewhere soon playin' the good old music.

Cherie Lane, District 1 reporter

Some odds and ends from the Editor:

From Carol Larson: Birthday Party for Ruth Montgomery. I know that many of you will be going to the 1000 Trails campout and state meeting, but that is the only available time I have to celebrate my mother's birthday before heading south for the winter. If your plans do not include the campout, I'd love to have you join us.

We are celebrating her special day with a Chili Feed from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Saturday, Sep. 16 at the Veneta

Community Service Building. Bring a salad or dessert and your musical instrument if you play one. No gifts, please. The building is located next to the swimming pool in Veneta, Oregon. Any questions, call Carol Larson, 998-8900.

We might wonder if our work, our donations, our time, etc., are worth the effort but here is part of a letter I re-

ceived the other day from Steff Nelson's mother. Now we know it is worth it. Steff is one our young fiddlers from the Pendleton area that has supported us so well over the years. Steff has been the champion of several divisions and has always been at the top or near the top in every contest.

8/17/00

Dear Friends,

I have just returned from Virginia

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Jams -- Sep. 3 Lake County Fairgrounds October 7th - Memorial Hall - another month gone and so is summer.

August 8th 6 members entertained at the long term care facility. Glad to have Eileen helping out.

Our monthly meeting is held the 2nd Monday of the month. Very poor turn out. What is wrong? We need your support. Please come next month.

Homer and Rosa Lee are still traveling about the country. A campout at Diamond Lake. On the 14th they attended the

80th birthday party for Bob Huffman near Estacada.

At the McLain campout in LaPine several other members of OOTFA attended. All had a good time. What fun and friendship. Homer and Rosa Lee are continuing their travels for the month of August.

August 20th a jam was held at the Silver Lake Fire Hall. All in attendance had a good time. Thanks to all for the help.

Sep. 3 - we will play at the fair grounds from noon to 6 p. m. Always have lots of help from others that Lake County members. Monday, Labor Day, the members will be in a parade.

District 1E took part in the Mosquito Festival in Paisley. Twelve members were in the

parade. All had a good time and the audience was very appreciative.

Sep. 9 District 1E is going to Cedarville to play for the Surprise Valley Electrification Association - before dinner and the annual meeting.

All members please remember the Sep. 11 monthly meeting. We need your input on things. Not much of a meeting if not many are present. It is your organization, also.

Still a busy season for all so must fade out for now. Keep on making music when and where ever you can. It is always enjoyable.

So long for now.

Myrle Shepard,  
 reporter District 1E

## Some odds and ends from the Editor cont.

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where I dropped my daughter off to begin her college career at Mary Baldwin College, a liberal arts college with the only female ROTC program in the nation.

After just two days in the ROTC orientation, Steff was ecstatically happy and looking/feeling better than she has in years--her wilderness experience included white water rafting and caving, but the real benefits are coming from the structure, discipline and integrity of the leadership training and the challenging courses that lie ahead. The campus is beautiful and the management is very impressive--a mother's dream.

My personal feeling is that Steff's involvement with the fiddlers and with music was one of the deciding factors in her being able to attend this college and in their desire to make it affordable to her parents.

That is why I want to offer each of you a personal "thank you" from the bottom of my heart for the years of loving labor and resources you and many others have provided in the form of supporting and encouraging fid-

dling among our young people. My hat is off to each of you. Thank you.

Grace Nelson

Aug. 11 Statesman Journal. I don't think the paper would care if I quoted some this article - Laura Weber of Corvallis and John Carter Cash's paths crossed in the country music business. Laura Weber of Corvallis was just 12 when she started winning championship fiddling contest. . . . She became a student of Joey McKenzie, then the men's old time fiddling champion (in Oregon). This musical gift would take Laura to the glitzy but challenging world of show business. And just last month, the musical path took her to back to Corvallis, where she married John Carter Cash, the son of one of the country music's most well-know stars, Johnny Cash.

When you are reading the history of the OOTFA, you'll notice Laura Weber's name as one of our top fiddlers at our state contest for many years. After high school she went to

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District 3

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District 3 monthly jam will be August 20. The fair board gives us the date when a building becomes available.

District 3 will provide music for members of Cycle of Oregon 2000 at the Inn of the Seventh Mountain September 12.

The first New Members Jam was held and a good time was had by all. These jams will be held each month, the next being Tuesday September 19 between 7 and 9:30 at the Redmond Library.

The next meeting will include discussion of a District campout, be there to add your input.

The latest report on Mike Booher is that he is doing well and the Doctors found NO cancer.

Men who do things that count, never stop to count them.

Lee Hanna, reporter District 3



Some odds and ends from the Editor cont.

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Nashville and has enjoyed playing with several big name groups. She was one of the judges at our state contest this year. At that time she told us that she was marrying Johnny Cash's son so it was interesting to pick the paper up one day and see a long article about Laura and her wedding.

Our first quarterly meeting of 2000 - 2001 will be held at LaPine (1000 Trails) on Saturday, Sep. 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Lenora Waggoner called the other evening and asked, "Lew, would you please put in the Hoedowner a thank you to Fred Young for the good job he did setting up our entertainment each of the five days at the Douglas Co. Fair, the talent show and the old time fiddler's show?" Consider it done.

... and a note from Helen Tracy arrived today. She writes that if you want a name tag for 1000 Trails to please get your order in to her soon so she can get them back to you. If you are late, give her a call and she will bring your name tag to 1000 Trails and

you can pay her "upon delivery." After Burns Helen had some surgery and is doing well now but she would like to thank all of her many friends who were so thoughtful and caring in so many ways. "Their prayers, lovely cards, calls, flowers and delicious food and kindness were much appreciated by both Wayne and me," she writes.

This has been a month of letters and calls. Martha Warwick wants to say, "Having spent the last 7 months recuperating from 2 bouts of pneumonia and 1 surgery that without the support of many friends, I never would have made it. Thanks to everyone."

Martha is special in many ways. This is the 30th year that the campout has been held at her place. Such dedication. She has worked at the Canyonville contest since the first one - over 30 years. She served as emcee, sec./ treasurer, chairmen of state contests and most of all, she was the driving force that gave life and purpose to fiddling across the state and more specifically to her area. For 11 years she was the work horse behind the new Southern Oregon district. Her health is limiting her but when you read this issue of

the Hoedowner, many of us will have again seen her at Canyonville and at the "Warwick Campout." Thanks Martha for all that you have done.

Jerry & Irene say thank you to all who came to help make the Diamond Lake Campout a success. We enjoy every bit of it, music and friendly visits with every one. Hope to see you next year up there in August 2001 The dates are Aug. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, & leave the 6th. Thank you! Jerry & Irene Ruddock

Much of what we do is service to others and to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. Some people give it in time. Some with their special musical talent. Some in money and some in time and money. Here is an example of what I am talking about: Note from Terry Jorgensen, dist 7 treasurer: Lew, Gaylen and Jeanie Morris made two contributions. One is for \$10 for the scholarship fund in memory of Gordon Indegard and the other is \$20 to the Oregon State Fiddle Contest in appreciation of Lew Holt. Please print those two items in the next

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We had a hot August jam (weather and music) in Stewart State Park at Lost Creek Lake, with a short meeting. Visitors included new member Bob Dow, a singer, and Ernie Penry from Klamath Falls, both of whom contributed their music, too. We received letters of appreciation for playing in the Central Point 4th of July Parade, with promises to make our milieu a little better next year. Lake Creek Historical Society gave us special thanks for performing at the Civil War Reenactment at Lake Creek. They were excited about having us there, saying there were no negative comments, and they want us back again next year.

We were saddened by the death of Marian Jorgensen. Our hearts go out to her husband Arnold. They have been active participants at our jams for a

long time. Also, to our dismay, we learned of the death of the brother of Freda Serpa and James Barrett. Our sympathies to you all.

Letha Kopsis remains ill and would appreciate cards. Vic and Neva Flood are recovering, but can still benefit from cards and calls.

The Diamond Lake campout was really fun, even though some of us had to come back early for our monthly jam and meeting. Those attending were Gene and Lola Williams, Paul and Joyce King, Don Lindsey, and Judy and Bruce McGarvey. Our special thanks to Irene and Jerry Ruddock for hosting such a special weekend.

We have been filling many requests to play at various places around the area. Sometimes our musicians are spread a little thin, but like the troopers they are, they come through with flying colors, sometimes even playing two different places in the same day. What a lot of good music we are spreading around! We

played at Historic Hanley Farms, the Hillbilly Jamboree in Prospect, the Craft Fair at Lake Creek, several parks and festivals, and various retirement homes, with many more "gigs" on our schedule for the next couple months.

I stole my quote for this month from the OOTFA History, and I forget who said it, but it's too good to pass up: "Everybody should fiddle a liddle!"

Judy McGarvey,  
 Reporter District 4

(Editors note: Quote from the book: (I attended the Fiddler's Contest in Tillamook in April, 1966. I joined up and have been glad about that ever since. My wish is that Oregon Fiddlers will continue to grow and prosper, as it spreads the Fiddlin' Gospel over the land. I will, to the best of my ability, play accompaniment to any fiddler, any place, any time day or night, if he will ask me to play with him. My motto is: EVERYBODY SHOULD FIDDLE A LIDDLE. Marshall Jackson)

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Our monthly jam for District 5 was held at North Fork Grange in Florence for the month of August. What a great time. We had over 150 people come in and hear out music and boy did they love us. It was a beautiful summer day but everyone who came in continued to stay with us through the whole program.

We had a terrific time with many members from District 5 as well as some from far and yonder.

We wish to give a special thank you to Russ and Kathy White for setting up the Grange for us and the coffee and cold drinks, and thanks for the hospitality the most, with advertising and setting and taking down chairs. Thank you to the North Fork Grange for all your help.

Due to the efforts of all our members, District 5 has had an economic bonanza. Starting three years ago, when Fred

Grove took the helm, revenues have multiplied ten-fold. This past month of July, alone, our income totaled \$643; with several of the engagements being "play for your supper only."

Much of our success is due to the efforts of Charlie & Clirca Miller of Coquille and Russ & Kathy White of Florence. Their ingenuity has increased our attendance at virtually no cost to Dist. 5.

Membership continues to grow, especially the young people.

In the area of "Promote and Perpetuate", Chairman Philip Fry and Allen Todd, Recently spent an afternoon at South West Oregon Comm. College, teaching violinists how to fiddle and learn a tune by the "tunes at two" method. They were assisted by Lisa Osekowski, who had just returned from the Booher Fiddle Camp. These concert violinists couldn't get enough of Allen's old time fiddle style.

The director of the South Coast Music Festival, Nancy Price, and Christian Rosman the College Director of Music invited Philip Fry to give two lectures to the patrons of the

music festival, concerning the construction of the violin.

And that's what Oregon Old Time Fiddlers organization is all about, let's get the younger generations involved too and see how we grow and keep the organization going.

We wish to congratulate all of those with birthdays and anniversaries who are celebrating these events and wish all of you well.

On a sadder note, Al Lewis, long time member of district 5 has passed away.

Jam for September is the 16th at Greenacres Grange, 1-4 p.m. if you are not at Thousand Trails at LaPine.

Happy Fiddlin' - Sally Jordan

**THOUSAND TRAILS RALLY**  
**September 14 - 15 - 16**

*Mark Carmickle wants to remind you that the campout at Thousand Trails is just a couple of weeks away. If you need information, please give Mark a call. If you haven't made your reservation yet, you need to call Mark right away. 541-683-9514.*

*Directions to 1000 Trails. From Bend; Take Hwy 97 about 16 miles south to the Vandevent/Fall River Road exit at milepost #155. Drive west one mile to South Century Drive, turn left and travel one mile to Thousand Trails sign and turn right. From LaPine take Hwy 97 about 12 miles north to the Vandevent/Fall River road and exit at mile post #155 and follow the directions above. Hope to see you*



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The annual jam at the Lane County Fair on August 15 went very well, indeed. There was a standing audience of at least one hundred people all day long. Aside from District Six regulars, we had a visitor from California, whose name escaped us; Buck Milligan lent her his guitar --- he is always the soul of courtesy --- and then had a hard time getting it back, so en-

thusiastic was she ....

Starr McMullen contributed a display of virtuoso fiddling, and eight-year-old Melissa Booth, granddaughter of Ruth and Andy Kennedy, sang. The highlight of the whole thing came the next day, though, when the Register Guard published at very nice color photo of District Six's Earl Knudsen, and, in the background, a number of other familiar faces.

The next event on the District Six calendar is the Springfield Filbert Festival, August 26-27. There will be a District Six float, and two groups will play.

We are pleased to report

that District Six's Ila Mae Carmickle came in first in the senior section at the Willamette Valley Fiddle Festival in Corvallis August 5. District Six Chairman Mark Carmickle came in fifth, allowing the Carmickles to take home forty percent of the senior trophies! Willie Carter was 3rd so District 6 had 60%.

There will be no monthly jam in September.

Joe Moyle,  
 Reporter, District 6

## The Ten Commandments of Jamming

- I. Thou shalt not ever forsake the beat.
- II. Thou shalt arrange thyself in a small circle so that thou mayest hear and see the other musicians. Thou shalt listen with thine ears to the songs and attempt to play in accord with the group; also, open thine eyes betimes to look about thee, lest there be some visual sign someone is endeavoring to send thee. Thou shalt play softly when someone lifteth his voice in song, when playing harmony, and when thou knowest not what thou is doing.
- III. Thou shalt play in tune. Tune thine instrument well, and tune it often with thine electric tuner, lest the sounds emanating from thine instrument be unclean.
- IV. Thou shalt commence and cease playing each tune together as one, so that the noise ye make be a joyful noise, and not a heinous tinkling that goeth in fits and starts, for that is unclean, and is an abomination. Whensoever a musician sticketh forth his foot as though he were afflicted with a cramp in the fatted calf, thou must complete the rest of that verse, and then cease.
- V. Thou shalt stick out thine own foot or else lift up thy voice crying "This is it !", or "Last time !" if thou hast been the one to begin the song, and it has been played sufficient times over. If the one who began a tune endeth it not by one of these signs, then the tune will just go on and on, like the Old

Teastament, until the listeners say, "Hark! It all soundeth the same."

VI. Thou shalt concentrate and thou shalt not confound the music by mixing up the A part and the B part. Most songs, but not all, proceedeth according to the ancient law "AABB". But if thou sinneth in this regard, or make any mistake that is unclean, thou may atone - not by ceasing to play - but by reentering the tune in the proper place and playing on.

VII. Thou shalt be ever mindful of the key the banjo is tuned in, and play many tunes in that key, for the banjo is but a lowly instrument, which must needs be retuned each time there is a key change.

VIII. Thou shalt not speed up or slow down accidentally when playing a tune, for it is an abomination. (see commandment I)

IX. Thou shalt not, by thine own self, commence noodling off on a tune the other musicians know not, unless asked or unless thou art teaching that tune, for it is an abomination, and the other musicians will not hold thee guiltless, and shall take thee off their computer lists, yea, even unto the third and the fourth generation.

X. Thou shalt have fun and play well.

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**CALENDAR EVENTS**

September - King City Community Center on Sunday the 10th. October - Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton, on Saturday the 7th

Our jams start about 11:00. We break for lunch at 12 with a little meeting time thrown in as needed. Then the real jam/SHOW starts at 1:00

Our next scheduled jam will be at King City on September 10th. Seems like a long time since we've had a formal jam, so let's have everyone in attendance and bring a couple extra music lovin' friends along for a lively afternoon of fine entertainment! Its located just off of Pacific Highway. To get to the King City Town Hall from Portland, take Highway 99W (Pacific Highway) exit number 294 from I-5, continue on 99W through Tigard, turn right at the King City Arco traffic light, turn right again at the

first stop sign, the Town Hall will be on your immediate left. From I-5 south, also take the Tigard exit, #294. Remember doors open at 11:00.

And another play date: We are invited to play for the Flock and Fiber Festival again this year. It's at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds, on Saturday, September 23rd from 2-4ish. Susy Spencer will have info. We can stay and eat with their group if we wish. We had a good time last year, but it did cool off late in the day, so bring a jacket! The street address in Canby is 694 NE 4th Ave.

We have again been invited to play at the Oregon Zoo for Senior Safari Day, Tuesday, Sep. 19 from 9:20 -10:00 a.m. (Be ready w/instrument at side stage 15 minutes before performance starts.)

Location of the festivities has changed this year. Entertainment will take place at Tiger Plaza inside the old zoo entrance at Gate E. We are playing for "seniors" so "seniors" are especially invited to play that morning. Call Susy Spencer for more specific information.

On day of event: Unload instruments at curb in front of Gate E and park in the gravel is-

land adjacent to Gate E. After unloading and parking, go to Gate E to check and be directed to Tiger Plaza.

Remember though that we will have numerous opportunities to play for summerevents so call Susy Spencer, Ida Colby or Terry Jorgensen if you want to check on places to play for the rest of summer and into the early fall.

The Mt. Hood Campout was great, as promised! We want to see YOU there next year. Roger Germundson is already planning for that event. As soon as the date is confirmed it will appear here, then you can make plans to attend.

Our Clackamas County Fair entertainers were: Terry Jorgenson, Myrtle and Red Arnold, Jackie and Roger Germundson, Alice and Lew Holt, Donna and Dick Foreman, Frank Williams, Dorothy and Ace Wehus, Loita and Dale Colebank, Linda Marr, Chris Lang, Chet Haven, Chuck Williams, John Waddingham, Russ Phillips, Don Lanz, Gene Stephenson, Bus Boyk, Ed Gilmer, Cactus Finley, Del Anderson, Chuck Gates, visitor Zak Driscoll and other back up folks.

Will wish you the best and hope that Sep. will be another great and happy month for each and everyone.

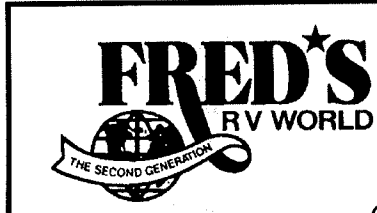
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Four of us, Alan Ede, Roland Apperson, Lew and Alice Holt crammed ourselves into the back of a small pickup truck and played lively tunes for the West Salem Waterfront Parade. We got a trophy for Best Use of the Theme, which was "Music Millennium".

More than a dozen district 8 members played at the historic church in Falls City, with George Taevs, now district 7, honoring us with his bass playing. The Falls City community really appreciates our music. The Dallas paper gave us a nice write up the week before for both Falls City and the Polk County Fair.

The weather was perfect the day we played at the Polk County Fair. Not too hot, not too cold. We were pleased that Aimee Connor from District 3 joined us to play her fiddle. It was good to meet her and her family.

What a wonderful turnout we had at Mt. Angel. This is the third year we've put on an outdoor fiddle concert at the Benedictine Nursing Home. Many from District 7 attended and added much to the program. We were especially pleased to have Homer and Rosa Lee McLain from District 1E with us. Dale Johnson, who lives in Mt. Angel,

was in the audience, but unable to play because of a broken shoulder. Hurry up and get better Dale! A large group of us had dinner at the Mt. Angel Brewery restaurant in town after the concert. By the way, we took in \$250 for playing at the fair and \$300 for Mt. Angel.

Lew and I were watching "Outdoor Idaho" the other night on PBS. One of the stories was on a harmonica contest. We knew our chairman Dale Colebank had attended a contest in Idaho and thought maybe we'd catch a glimpse of him. It was better than that. Dale was interviewed and played a solo. He appeared a couple more times on the show too.

Les Tucker placed 2nd and Lew Holt placed 4th in the senior division of the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest. Good going guys!

Lee Jones and Carol Ann Wheeler put on a good fiddle show at the amateur radio campout near Waldport on 18th. The "hams" really enjoyed their music.

Our September jam will be Sunday September 24th at the McMinnville Senior Center. Doors open at 10 AM for early jamming. Potluck at 11:45 and jam for the public at 1 PM. This is a week later than usual because of the campout and quarterly meeting at Thousand

Trails in LaPine. Here's how to get to the Senior Center. if you are traveling through McMinnville north on the main highway -- after you have gone through the business district and start to go out of town, there will be a McDonald's on the left (north side of the highway), right there you turn right (south) on to McDaniel St. and the Senior Center is a couple of blocks on the left. (east)

After several years of serving as sound man for District 8, Robert Terry wants to pass the job on to someone else. Thanks, Robert and Mary too! Both of you have done so much for our district.

Alice Holt,  
 Reporter, District 8

**Check these web sites in your spare time:**

<http://www.geocities.com/roy12000>

[www.boohermusiccamp.com](http://www.boohermusiccamp.com)

<http://www.pond.net/~lberg/>

<http://www.kauffmanwood.com/gallery/klein/index.htm>

<http://www.HenryStrobel.com>

**Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association:**

<http://www.scvfa.org>

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My how the time flies. Folks seem to be keeping busy this summer. It's been plenty warm. Finally a summer where you don't have to wear a jacket every evening! What a treat.

Congratulations to Julia Milleson. Julia played in the Novice Division at the Willamette Valley Contest last month where she took 2nd place. Julia said she was petrified but made it

through her tunes. Way to go! Here's the schedule for the Harney County Fair.  
Thursday Sept 7 2-4  
Friday Sept 8 6-8  
Saturday Sept 9 6-8

Keep in touch to find out about decorating a float.

Other playing dates in September include Experience Oregon at the Rory and Ryan Inn on September 5, 13, and 25 at 6:30 pm., Ashley Manor at 6:30 on the 11th and 25th, and the Aspens has been changed to September 22 at 7 pm because of a conflict with the fair. Come on out and

share your talents.

Lifetime member Wilma Dunten passed away at the age of 90 last month. The wife of fiddler Turen Dunten, Wilma was active in the beginnings of District 9 throughout much of the 1980's.

October is just around the corner and with October comes the first Sunday jam of the fall. See you there.....October 1 at the Harney County Senior Center, 1 pm potluck and music from 2-4. Come early and help setup if you'd like!

Janet Braymen, Reporter, District 9

**Some odds and ends from the Editor:**

*(Continued from page 4)*


Hoedowner. I sent the money via personal check to Irene to be deposited. Thanks, Terry

I have been handed very generous checks from Clarence Medack, Don Halverson, and a very nice check from a family telling me to just say, "anonymous." Wayne Holmes and Esther Snider recorded an audio tape when they were in Weiser. At Mt. Hood Wayne sold 12 tapes (nice tapes they are, too) for \$120. He donated

the total amount to the state contest. Wayne and Esther have ordered another supply and will be selling them, too, and the money is to go to the state contest. As we sell Wally Bloom tapes, he contributes money to the contest. As we sell the CD of George Taevs, Bob Huffman, Norman Nash and Ella Opdal, they contribute a part of each sale. Fred Hardin just finished his year as our state president. Along with his wife, Charlotte, they chose to contribute all that they did. In so doing, they contributed over \$3000 worth of

phone calls, postage, mileage, etc. This is the exception but is very much appreciated - even as is a \$5.00 or a \$25 contribution. We need to thank Margaret Teague for her donation of \$3.50. She could have bought shoes with the money but chose to donate it instead. (Hey, that's a joke, you should have been at Mt. Hood but we'll explain it if you want.) There will be others in the future. Thanks everybody.  
Lew

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## District 10

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Our Douglas County Fair is history. We had five full days of fiddle playing. I want to take this time to thank our helpers from other districts.

Linda Carver from District 5 played with us steady for five days. On our 1st day we had the pleasure of having Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle and Bob Kaiser from District 6. Our own players took care of it the 2nd and 3rd day.

I had Al Lewis scheduled but as you know, tragedy struck and took Al. He is making fiddle music for St. Peter now. I, also, had Bill and Pat Thompson from Gold Hill Thursday. Friday we had help from Ella Savery district 5. Saturday here came Bill Tennant from District 5 and last but certainly not least was

Loren Osborne and his two little grand daughters, Loren and Jamie. Loren has them little tykes playing the fiddle!! All helpers were certainly appreciated. I was also in charge of the talent show, and have been for years. The sound trailer is my baby now, as was the scheduling of the entire show of the fiddlers.

I've got 2 gigs scheduled for the 19th. They are running over each other. But we better do them now. They won't be here this winter.

By the time you receive the Hoedowner, the Canyonville contest will also be history.

But while you talk about persuasion - during our talent show we had a piano. The worker came to pick it up next a.m. I was there and asked him, "Could we use the piano the remaining 2 days?" He walkie/talkied the official s and they said, "Yes." So we thought everything was "OK." But there was another contest

on the main stage Saturday p.m. We lost the piano. Just inside the main building was an acre of keyboards!! J. & K. Marketing and Keyboards in Eugene, Jim Hallwyler. Well, this man, "loaned" us a brand new keyboard to finish our last 2 hours of playing. You talk about dedication. He even helped us set it up and get it running!! Remember that J. & K Marketing and Keyboards in Eugene.

Birthdays in Sep. Jessie Brown - 11, Clara Eaton - 22, Tracy Smith - 19.

Sep. 8 we will be playing at Winston Melon Festival from 3 to 5 p.m. Sep. 9 our regular meeting, potluck and jam 1 - 4 in Winston Community Building. Come if you like.

Chairman Fred Young,  
 reporting

Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000							
Profit/Loss Summary all accounts							
	Beg. Balance	Income	Expense	Profit	Loss	Ending Bal	CD
State Gen Account	\$8571.56	\$32778.09	\$31468.57	\$1309.52		\$9881.08	\$10000.00
Dist 1-E	\$1252.46	\$821.95	\$1640.46		-\$818.51	\$433.95	
1	\$1680.21	\$2483.97	\$2609.71		-\$125.74	\$1554.47	
3	\$705.34	\$4654.89	\$5155.51		-\$500.62	\$204.72	
4	\$1191.91	\$5159.76	\$4893.03	\$266.73		\$1458.64	
5	\$1523.74	\$1993.50	\$1855.43	\$138.07		\$1661.81	
6	\$1070.21	\$3343.14	\$3546.10		-\$202.96	\$867.25	
7	\$2466.98	\$2920.34	\$2900.85	\$19.49		\$2486.47	
8	\$1504.64	\$1613.58	\$1938.03		-\$324.45	\$1180.19	
9	\$524.45	\$729.84	\$670.11	\$59.73		\$584.18	
10	\$1347.78	\$3746.43	\$2944.57	\$801.86		\$2149.64	
Totals Districts	\$13267.72	\$27467.40	\$28153.80	\$1285.88	-\$1972.28	\$12581.32	
Total/	\$21839.28	\$60245.49	\$59622.37	\$2595.40	-\$1972.28	\$22462.40	\$10000.00
					Profit - all districts/state	\$623.12	

# Calendar

(Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)

## September

2	Community Ctr.	Prospect	4
8	Melon Festival	Winston	10
9	Cedarville Elec Co-op	Cedarville, CA	1
9	Jam Community Bldg	Winston	10
10	Deschutes Cty Fairgrounds	Redmond	3
10	Senior Center	King City	7
14,15,16	Thousand Trails	LaPine/Bend	
		OOTFA	
16	Greenacres Grange	Coos Bay	5
24	Senior Center	McMinnville	8

15 Community Building Woodburn 8

## November

4	Senior Ctr.	Rogue River	4
19	Willamina VFW	Willamina	8

## December

2	Roxy Ann Grange	Medford	4
17	Senior Center	McMinnville	8

## October

1	Willamalane Senior Ctr	Springfield	6
1	Senior Center	Burns	9
7	Senior Ctr.	Rogue River	4
7	Elsie Stuhr Center	Beaverton	7

### Membership for the rest of the year:

Sep. 1	\$5.00
Oct. 1	\$3.75 + \$15 for 2001
Nov. 1	\$2.50 + \$15 for 2001
Dec. 1	\$1.25 + \$15 for 2001



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