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

Jan. 2002

5 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E  
 5 Grange Hall Eagle Point 4  
 6 VFW Hall Redmond 3  
 6 Adult Community Center Gladstone 7  
 6 Senior Center Burns 9  
 12 Willamalane Springfield 6/OOTFA  
 12 Community Center Winston 10  
 13 Senior Center Burns 9  
 19 Senior Center Coos Bay 5  
 20 Community Center Woodburn 8

Feb.

2 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4  
 10 Senior Center Burns 9  
 23 Senior Center Sherwood 7  
 17 Senior Center McMinnville 8

March

2 Community Center Rogue River 4  
 14-15-16 State Convention Roseburg

April

25-26-27 Fiddle Festival Newport 8/OOTFA

May

17-19 State Contest Salem OOTFA

July

18 – 21 Mt. Hood Campout???? 7/OOTFA

Sep.

12-13- and 14 1000 Trails Campout 3/OOTFA

District 1

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Howdie! Hope you have a great Christmas, and enjoy your families. There isn't anything to report from our district this last month, but Fay and I got together and wrote up this dedication for our special friend, as follows:

It is with a heavy heart that I dedicate this months report to a very special fellow, who, with his wonderful wife, Jean, moved to our district a few years ago. Mr. Lew Standiford. I'm sure most every body who ever played with him, or watched and listened to him will have to agree, that he was truly a special person. He had so much talent, and unending willingness to help out our small group here, always ready to share, right up to the end.

He was a wealth of good ol songs, and he brought so much "up beat" life to our music, the words he gave to our music and his yodeling was always a crowd pleaser. He was always one to have a big smile and a hug for you, and there was that unmistakable twinkle in his eyes! Ever present when he was playing and singing. He always had a story of his growing up in the depression, and his family playing music, and singing for their suppers and dances.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Lew and his music, our little group will miss his sparkle, and his lively bow. He was a true showman and a crowd pleaser, and he loved his music. His songs are forever gone from all of us now, his yodeling only in our memories. No one can ever fill his shoes, but if we keep his music

.....But then,.....Maybe, there was an empty chair up there with his name on it, and he'll be right at home with all those great song writers and musicians that's gone on before him, and just maybe, the Good Lord wanted to listen to his wonderful music, and do a bit of toe tappin too! You recon so ?????

Jan. 6, First Sunday jam - meeting and potluck, music afterward. Doors open at 12 noon. Villa West Rec Hall, 2241 Greensprings Dr., Klamath Falls.

Jan. 13, Second Sunday Jam at 3328 Vandenberg Rd. Klamath Falls. Turn East off Alameda Bi-pass onto Eberlein Ave. Take and immediate left turn onto Vandenberg Rd, go North up the hill to first building on the left. Parking is in front, side and lower level parking lots. Ladies, please bring finger foods, also we can always us donations of small articles for our raffle drawings. Thank you.

Nursing homes: 4th Thursday - Clairmont at east end of Main St. K. Falls at 1 PM, then at 2:15 PM we play at Clairmont Retirement Home, one block above and back of the nursing home. We play for one hour at each place on the same day.

If there is any doubt, please don't hesitate to call to verify the times and places where we will be playing. Your Dist. 1 reporter, Sherry O

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#### District 1E

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Another year is almost gone. Not even the first day of winter and Southern Oregon has plenty of snow. It is sometimes hard to get around.

Dec. 1 was the monthly jam. All attending had a good time.

Dec. 8 the group played at the annual Winter Bazaar. Many reported about the good music and where could you be entertained all day.

Dec. 10 was the monthly meeting at the Indian Village. Reminder that dues for 2002 are due.

Dec. 15 was the Christmas party and jam at the home of Terry and Sharilyn McLain. Music and finger foods were enjoyed by all.

Several have been playing on every other Tuesday at the Long Term Care. The patients enjoy and look forward to the music.

Next jam will be Jan. 5, 2002 at the Memorial Hall with the potluck at 6:30 p. m. and music to start at 7:00. Weather permitting – hope to see all of you there in good voice and playing your instruments.

New members are Matt, Rachel Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ortwein, Katie, Amy, Jessie Ortwein. Welcome hope to see you soon.

Here's hoping those that don't feel so good will be better soon. Miss some of the older faces.

Keep playing, singing and enjoying life. Till later or should I say till next year?

By by for now.

Myrle Shepard District 1E Reporter

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#### District 3

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It's that time of the year again to play in the snow and drive carefully on the roads. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We would like to honor a couple of members... Birdie Hanson and Hazel Flock, long time charter members. The Hanson family started district # 3 in 1979.

January 6th is our next Jam at Redmond VFW and there will be a meeting to follow.

There was 65 members with their family and friends that showed for the Christmas Potluck Party, everyone had a great time playing music , dancing and eating a variety of wonderful food.

There will be no more Jams at the Boohers until further notice. No Jam at the Redmond Library on January. 22nd..

Our December show started out with Mashelle Lester singing the Star Bangle Banner. What a beautiful voice that rang out to the crowd.

Welcome Michael Barry from Culver and family, He plays guitar, mandolin and banjo.

New members Daniel and Pam Spencer of Bend -- parents of Gretchen age 14, who plays fiddle, guitar and piano. They also have three sons and another daughter who are musically talented.. Cody Doolan age 14 and Gretchen played Swallow Tail Jig together on stage, had a great applause from the audience.

Leroy and Judy Newport live in Redmond, he plays Banjo, ukulele and guitar. He has three girls who sing and a son who owns Breedlove Guitars.

New members, Rick plays guitar, mandolin and sings, and his wife Chris Gilman live in Redmond, who have two boys and girls.

New member Judy who plays fiddle, mandolin and guitar and husband Al Walter and son are from Redmond.

Sure enjoyed our visitors from District #10 Roseburg Bob, guitar player and Jean Hanson who sings.

Remember dues are payable now before January. Electing officers in Feb. so be thinking about the next officers to be elected.

Ellen Jakab Reporter District #3

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#### District 4

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Jan 5 Eagle Point Grange; Feb 2 Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass; Mar 2 Rogue River Community Center

After a sumptuous feast of turkey, ham, and all the extras, we had a great jam at the Roxy Ann Grange in Medford. And. . . wonder of wonders, it didn't snow this year! Lots of great music, with a lot of dancers and listeners. It was good to see Jerry and Zelda Cook back, contributing their songs and music to the show. The "5 o'clock Jammers" (our beginning "fiddle and others" group) played a great rendition of Ash Grove, with the able assistance of Shanna and Dean, our two hammer dulcimer players from Grants Pass. So much good music -- it was a great start to the Christmas season.

It's been a sad time this past month, losing not only our chairman, Bob Dow, but a great old fiddler, Hjalmer Edwards, and life member Ruth Johnson whose husband, Claire, had been a long time member and fiddler. We also heard that Julia Pantel had serious surgery, and is recovering at Providence Hospital. Mona Givens continues to regain her health following a stroke. Frank Armstrong is doing well following his cataract surgery. Our thoughts and prayers go out to these folks and their friends and families.

A memorial potluck and jam was held in Bob Dow's memory. We know he was there in spirit, but we all missed his smile and the old songs he sang so well. About 180 folks attended to eat, jam, dance, sing, and remember and celebrate his life. It was good to see Norm Fiock and his grandson from Montague, and Jerry and Irene Ruddock from Klamath Falls, who all added their special brand of music.

Now that it's the holiday season, we continue to play at many senior citizens centers, retirement homes, nursing homes, etc. The old music just fits in with the season, and all seem to enjoy it.

As you use all your wonderful Christmas gifts, remember that some may be dangerous if used in the wrong way. Tag on lint pickup roller stated, "Do not use this roller to people's head, it is dangerous that hair could be stuck up to cause unexpected suffering." -- and we don't want any unexpected suffering!

Happy 2002 to you all from District 4 -- and may the new year fill all your expectations.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

Co-Chair: Larry Gallagher 541-572-2742  
Secretary: Clirca Miller 541-396-4302  
Treasurer: Sharon Gallagher 541-572-2742

I hear that the December jam was a good one and was well attended...wish we could have been there as well. There was a short meeting, a good potluck and a great jam.

Thanks to all those who played for Christmas programs and brightened the lives of the Seniors by playing at the nursing homes etc..

The nursing home schedule for January is : January 2nd, Ocean View 1:30-2:30 p.m. & Heritage main lobby from 3-4 p.m. January 9th, Coquille Nutrition Center 10:45-11:25 a.m. & Ocean Crest 1:30-2:30 p.m. January 16th, at Oerding Manor 1-2 p.m. & Myrtle Point care center 2:45- 3:45. January 23rd, Inland Point 11-12 p.m. & Life Care 1:30-2:30 p.m. For Florence area fiddlers, we play at the Senior Nutrition Center January 25th at 11:15-1:00 and Shorewood 3:00-4:00 on the same date. We are also still playing at the High school band room on Friday evenings 6:30-9:45. If you're coming from out of town, call Ken to make sure the school is open.

The next District jam is January 19th, 11:00-4:00 in the Senior Center in Coos Bay. There will again be a short meeting to appoint a nominating committee followed by the potluck and then the jam. Hope to see all of you there.

We hear that both Elwood and Helen Serfass have been under the weather. Any others that are not feeling up to snuff, get well you folks. Also Rose Johnson had a little stroke but says she is doing much better now, as is Walter Beers who was hospitalized for a few days with pneumonia.

Some more new members: Shelby Bart from Coos Bay and Dick & Jane Long from Langlois . Welcome to OOTFA ! We are very happy to have you in our district. Also, Happy Birthday to Oral Robbins December 25th. Oral lives part of the time in Florence and is registered in district 6. We sure have been enjoying his playing and singing when he is down our way.

Birthdays for the month of January are: Phil Fry the 5th, Harold Householder the 7th, Russ Hall & Loren Osborne the 12th, Sally Jordan the 16th, Barbara Pruitt the 20th, Jamie Osborne the 22nd & Elwood Serfass the 28th. Happy Birthday to all of you. Happy Anniversary to Norm & Kathy Nash January 10th, and Bill & Dorothy Tenant the 14th.

All of you who have not yet paid your dues for the year 2002, can send them in to Sharon Gallagher 2030 King Lane, Myrtle Point Or. 97458. If we don't pay our dues each and every year, we get dropped from membership and no longer will receive The Hoedowner.

Thanks, Till next month,  
Kathy Nash, Dist. 5 reporter

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District 6

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The Christmas jam, held December 16 at Crow grange, was a moderate success. Perhaps forty people turned out, but those that did had a good time. Frank Chandler even tried his hand at the octave mandolin, although he says that was the first --- and last --- time. Elsie Bostick showed off her "new" (1918) "The Gibson" mandolin -- and sounded pretty good, too. Special thanks to Crow Grange -- especially Joe Canaday -- for consistently making Crow grange available to the Fiddlers.

The annual Christmas jam, held December 2 at the Moose lodge in Lebanon -- not Sweet Home -- came off pretty well, as well. There was a sizeable turnout, and Mark Carmickle even made what he said was absolutely, positively his last appearance as Santa Claus -- I have a candy cane to prove it!

The next event on the District Six schedule is the quarterly State meeting and jam, which will be held at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield on Saturday, January 12. The meeting will be

Parkway toward downtown, and right again on C Street. Follow C street two blocks to the Senior Center parking lot.

District 6 is downsizing its sound system and has for sale a Peavey 6-channel amp, a Peavey 4-channel amp, and three Polaris main speakers with stands. We will be using it for the last time at the State meeting, so folks can look at it if interested in buying it. See Mark Ratzlaff if interested.

Allison Roberts send thanks to all who helped with gifts for old folks homes. A total of 72 gifts were distributed.

District 6 owns an assortment of fiddling instructional books and tapes. See Mark Ratzlaff if interested in borrowing them

Membership renewals are due for the next year. Send renewal checks (\$15) to Betty Hawkins.

We would like to remind everyone of the Friday night grange jam schedule: first week of the month at Central grange; second at Crow grange; and the last week at Elmira grange. These jams are open to anyone, not just old-time fiddlers, but there seem to be more of us than anyone else!

Birthday greetings to: Joe Moyle, 1/1; Tom McAdam, 1/14; Alan Ede, 1/16; Allison Roberts, 1/19; and Leah Canaday, 1/26.

Nobody got married in January, according to my records. Please let me know if you were, and we will correct the record the next time around, with apologies.  
Joe Moyle, reporter district

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District 7

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January Jam: Sunday, January 6th in the Gladstone Adult Community Center February Jam: Saturday, February 16th, at the Sherwood Senior Center this will be the third SATURDAY of the month, definitely out of the norm, so mark those calendars.

Our January Jam will find us at the Gladstone Senior Center at 1050 Portland Ave. Your directions from 1-205 (exit 9) McLaughlin Blvd. Right on Arlington, left on Portland Ave. The senior center will be on the left side about 5 to 6 blocks up. Hope to have an excellent turnout! You'll again find this event located in the A&E section of the Oregonian. Hope to see all of you there. Inadvertently, last month's issue indicated that there were two dates for January. Well, NOT! It really is January 6, 2002.

Our first-ever jam in the Sherwood Senior Center will be the third Saturday of February, the 16th. It is a very nice spot for us to play and enjoy an new venue. They are excited about our coming and intend to make it a community event. Direction will be in the next newsletter.

Our Holiday Jam and Potluck was a nice day at the Gresham Senior Center. We had a lot of our finest folks out with very bad colds. However, it was good to stay home and get on the mend for the holidays. We have an amazing new mic, so remember to stand way back when approaching the rather futuristic looking thing in the middle of the sound setup! This was its initial performance. Be sure to let Andy know how you hear/feel about our sound system these days. He has worked very hard to make it the best to support the players/singers and for the listeners enjoyment.

Ida Colby has had a bit of surgery and could probably use a little of our entertaining ways, as she so often entertains the likes of us!

Upcoming: Jim Harding called to let us know that there is an Oregon Country Music Jamboree at Pleasant Valley Grange, 17125 SE Foster on the first Saturday of each month, from 7-10 p.m. Call Jim/Dorothy at 503.761.4747 for some electric country. He said they can sure use some fiddlers!

Come January we'll be ready for a bunch more gigs, so if you hear of something or somewhere that needs the music we play feel free to offer an interest and give emails or phone numbers for Helen H., Ida C., Jim T., Pat and Chuck, or Linda E.

In March we are considering making it a Jack Smith Appreciation Day. or some such title to indicate and

Pat Gates, reporter, District 7

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#### District 8

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Sec/Treas/Membership: Chris Lang 503-982-6224

2295 Umpqua Rd., Woodburn, OR 97071

All of us in district 8 wish everyone a Very Happy New Year. Let's make it the best year yet for OOTFA. Did you notice that 2002 is a palindrome? Reads the same frontward and backward.

Several from districts 7 and 8 attended a Volunteer Recognition dinner for the Aurora Colony Museum. We always have a fun time playing for the museum, and they seem to appreciate us.

Dale and Loita Colebank celebrated their 50 anniversary on December 15<sup>th</sup>. They had an all day open house in their cozy home. With lots of fiddlers and other musicians coming and going, the house rang with music all day. It was especially nice to have Gene and Lola Williams from District 4 there. Don and Ruth Loring from District 6 also attended. The best news of all is that Loita is recovering nicely from her heart bypass surgery.

I always think each jam is better than the last. The December jam at McMinnville was no exception. Bob Crump played Roxanna Waltz on his fiddle for us. This was one of his favorite tunes before the stroke. So good to have you back fiddling, Bob! I can hardly wait to hear you play Gold Rush again! We had about 30 signed up musicians, lots of dancers and happy listeners too. The dinner was super. Thanks to all the cooks! Someone mentioned to me that it was so neat the way everyone pitched in and helped setting up and cleaning up afterward. Many hands make light work! Thank you one and all!

Our January Jam will be at the Woodburn Community Center. NO potluck this time. So, BRING A BROWN BAG LUNCH and join us. The date is Sunday, Jan. 20. Open at 10AM, lunch at noon, music from 1 to 4 PM. Directions: COMMUNITY CENTER – WOODBURN The center is at 491 3rd St. It's on the corner of 3rd and Grant. From I-5, take the Woodburn exit, turn right at Settlemeier. Turn left at sign that says City Center (Garfield St.). Turn left on 3rd St. Or, if you're on 99-E, take Young St., following signs that say City Center, to 3rd St. Turn right and go 2 blocks to the center.

February 17 we will be at the Senior Center in McMinnville.

Come on gang, Chris Lang reports that only about half of you have paid your dues for 2002. Get your dues to her as soon as possible.

Alice Holt, reporter, District 8

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#### District 9

Chairman: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517

Co-Chairman: Don Williams 541-573-6198

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

Happy New Year!

Take Note: District 9 monthly jams will now be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month! So, the next jam will be at the Harney County Senior Center in Burns on January 13. Potluck is still at 1 p.m. with the jam from 2 - 4 p.m. Early arrivals may help arrange tables, make coffee and set up the potluck table.

December's holiday feast was scrumptious. Thanks to Freda Tubbs for cooking the turkey and fixin's ably assisted by Midge Brown. And a pat on the back goes to Lowell White for helping to haul all the goodies to the center.

All you snow birds take note.....We've had over a foot of snow on the ground in Burns with just enough rain to settle it down to about 8 inches now. At least the roads have been clearing off nicely if you don't mind waiting a day or two. With bi-weekly snow fall the hardy Harney County fiddlers have been playing up storms.

Speaking of birds, preliminary results of the Christmas Bird count indicate around 6,000 quail were counted in the Burns-Hines area. I wonder if our community will have the most quail in the nation this year?

Thanks to everyone who has opened their home for a practice this month. Please speak up and volunteer to George anytime you are willing to host a practice session.

The Aspens will be the 11th of January at 7 p. m. Ashley Manor is the 21st at 6:30 pm. January 13 Jam Senior

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District 10

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Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541) 863 6864

Greetings from District # 10. We have been very busy getting the Thanksgiving Holiday behind us and getting ready for Christmas and New Years. But by the time you read this, they will be will be history, too. As we leave the year 2001 all in all we have had a very successful and productive year. At our Christmas dinner, December 8, we had around 70 members and their guests. We had plenty of food and a good time was had by all.

We had several guests from District # 5. Shorty & Charlotte Dow, Del & Clara Thomas, Ned & Val Matthews, Johnny Davis & Nancy Nugent and the Chairman of District # 5 Charlie Miller and his wife Clirca. On behalf of District # 10 I want to thank this large group for coming over joining in our jam and enjoying the day with us.

At our District # 10 meeting January 12, 2002 the District will again furnish the meat and other goodies, so please contact Jo Barnes at 459 4522 to find out what dinner supplements she'd like you to bring to balance out the meal.

Dennis Allen spent a few days in the hospital with a couple of blood clots, but with the medical technology we have today the Doctors were able to dissolve them and he is home feeling fine. Marie Gates had the misfortune to contract the Shingles and we offer her our deepest sympathy for this is a very painful infection. I was informed that Percy Langdon had a slight heart attack and he is home and feeling fine.

We are still playing at 4 nursing homes, 2 assisted living homes and the Roseburg Senior Center every month.

Our Birthday and Anniversary list is outdated and is in disarray and we need to create a new one so would all members please contact Jo Barnes by phone 459 4522 or other methods and give her your Birthday and Anniversary dates.

Please remember to pay your 2002 dues and also start thinking who you want for your Chairman for the year 2002. The nominations and election will be held at our regular meeting February 9. I am not eligible to run again and my term of office expires June 30 2002.

Reporter Louie Roy

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SALLY SEZ: Hello from the Central Oregon coast. Once again I cannot get over how fast the time is going by. I know I'm getting old....but...really. My granny use to tell me that...Time really goes fast the older you get. Welp, she was right. What's it gonna be like next year when I'm way old?

My prayer is you had a good Christmas and are ready for the new year. We are looking forward to the meeting January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Willamalane Senior Center. Hopefully the weather will hold up and be nice. Last year there was a great turn out and the weather was foggy and cold, but not bad. I am very much looking forward to seeing you all.

I hope you have been thinking about who you would like to have for your new officers next year. I will be appointing the nominating committee chairperson at this meeting and then we can get on with getting us some new officers.

I really want you to know that being an officer requires some leg work, some phone calls and some organizing, but there are lots of folks who are willing to lend a hand and help out with any questions or requests. Also if you would consider having Lew continue as the editor of the Hoedowner your work is even easier.

Ok, that's all my news (not much) but God Bless you all and look forward to another great year of fiddling with Great People...Sally

p.s. you know what Abe Lincoln said? Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves...sure makes a happy world at any rate...

people in the roster who are LIFE members – but then they might die and we don't know and we continue to carry them in the roster. If you know of names in the roster of deceased people, please Myrtle or me know. Thanks.

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Rose Johnson from Coos Bay wants to send her thanks to all of you who sent her cards, who called her and sent messages by e-mail. It made her hospital stay go a lot easier. And all of us who know Rosy want to extend our best to her – and wish her a speedy recovery.

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Mark Carmickle reserved September 12-13- and 14, 2002 for our campout next year at 1000 Trails. Mark your calendars.

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Back in the middle 80s Alice and I attended a state meeting at Bend. One evening we went to the Kitchen's to jam. I remember that Don Hanna played "Supper Time." I was captured by the tune and I have enjoyed it every since. Tonight when Alice and I watched a video from the Blue Mountain Fiddlers Association - last October in John Day, Don played it as he does so well. Also on the video were Larry and Sharon Gallagher and Gary Epperly It was good to see and hear them all playing and singing.

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Ace has many good videos of Oregon fiddlers. He is offering copies of each one @ \$15 which includes postage. Contact Ace for more information. Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144 Every video that you buy and enjoy, he can send out more to the elementary schools in Oregon.

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You are invited to take a look at the web site for "Swing Time" a group of Oregon Old Time Fiddlers and friends [www.oregonswingtime.com](http://www.oregonswingtime.com) Just recently they came out with their second CD. If you are interested, please contact George Tavevs, Norman Nash, Ella Opdal or me.

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It is so easy to think "I paid my dues" when in reality, you haven't. Please don't put it off. We can't encourage you enough to make out that check to OOTFA and get it to your district chairman. Each year we drop members – which costs for each member and then later after the members don't receive their Hoedowners for a month or so, they pay their dues and then Myrtle has to re-enter the names, notify the publisher, and pay a price to get the name re-instated. Or some members think "Well, I'll just pay my dues at the convention," others think, "Well, I paid mine last year at the contest, so I'll do the same this year." It doesn't work that way, gang, pay them now. Your dues run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

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If you mail your membership renewals to your district chairperson, please include the following information --

Name/spouse name

Mailing Address

Phone number

E-mail address

Children living in the home

. . . . and a check made out to OOTFA for \$15.00.

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Esther Snider and I are still pushing the Tapioca CD and tapes. One third of the profit goes to the American Cancer Society, one third to OOTFA and the other third to pay for the making of the CDs.

Also, I have been selling CDs/tapes made by Howard "Rusty" Marshall, who visited us from Missouri last April, Charlie Gibson's CD, Swing Time's CD and Andy Shelton's CD. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the CDs or tapes. And thanks to all of you who have ordered recently.

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Connell 2nd Annual Open Fiddle and Banjo Contest

March 8th and 9th, 2002

Connell, WA.

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Contact Edna Mae Whitney at (509)234-0480 or [fiddles@bossig.com](mailto:fiddles@bossig.com)

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When we play in the McMinnville area, we always have a group of dancers that turn out. One of the dancers came to me Sunday and in our conversation he asked. "Do you know why we enjoy coming to dance

I received a phone call the other day from a lady at LaGrande. She wanted to ask me some questions about fiddles. She had seen the John Hartford program on PBS "Down From the Mountains" and when she saw him playing his fiddle, she thought that looked fun and that she would like to learn to play. I just bet you that she becomes a fiddler someday. I particularly enjoyed the program because the fiddle that John was playing looked exactly like mine. I had to go look in my case to make sure mine was still there. My fiddle is one that John Settle brought to the Southern Oregon Coast from California about 25 years ago. I used to enjoy listening to John playing it, never imagining that I would own it someday. So it was fun to see one just like it on TV.

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Congratulations to two of our members who recently were published. Marlene Taevs's book is going to the publisher and should be out by June. Dexter McPherson was featured in the Northwest Senior News – telling about his new Western novel that is out. Congratulations to both of them.

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Note from Mark Ratzlaff: Hi Lew! I wondered if you could put a note in your editor's notes section of the next Hoedowner that District 6 is selling its big sound system. We will be using this system at the State meeting in January, so folks can take a look at it if interested in purchasing. Thanks and Happy Holidays! Mark

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Ace Wehus is working on a project to send DVD videos of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers to military units. This is a good way to get our old time music out and to entertain the military personnel.

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We try to be predictable when your Hoedowner arrives each month but this month is a "planned exception." Chances are you received this issue several days "late." This was "on purpose." "Aghast!" you say. Yep, the printer is closed the week between Christmas and New Years so I had to make a decision to get a "skimpy" Hoedowner to you on time – or give the reporters a better opportunity to write your district's news – so, I opted for the late Hoedowner. Which pleased the reporters.

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For Sale: Good Karl Knilling Full Size Student Violin and case. Paid \$1500.00 new. Asking \$750.00 or best offer. Call 503-623-4247 or 503-851-0334. (I have seen this fiddle, it is in excellent condition.)

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A Happy New Year to you all.  
Lew Holt, Editor