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

District

June

1	Eagle Point Grange	Eagle Point	4
1	District Picnic	Woodburn	8
2	VFW	Prineville	3
2	Willamette Activity Center	Oakridge	6
7 – 8	Wallowa County Contest	Enterprise	Blue Mtn
8	Community Building	Winston	10
9	Adult Center	Canby	7
13-15	High Desert Fiddlers	Burns	
15	State quarterly meeting	Burns	
16	State meeting	Burns	
17-22	Fiddle Contest	Weiser	
18	Oregon host night	Weiser	
22	Bay Area Senior Center	Coos Bay	5

July

6	Community Center	Rogue River	4
13	Community Building	Winston	10
18 – 21	Mt. Hood Campout	7/OOTFA	

Aug.

1-5	Diamond Lake Campout		
3 (Sat.)	Willamette Valley Contest	Corvallis	
16-17	Contest	LaGrande	Blue Mtn
15-16-17	Campout	No. Calif.	1
20	Benedictine Nursing Home	Mt. Angel	8
24	Contest	Canyonville	
25-31	Warwick Campout	Williams	

Sep.

7	Lake Creek Grange	Lake Creek	4
12-13- and 14	1000 Trails Campout		3/OOTFA

District 1

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Spring has really sprung this time here in the Basin, the weather is changing daily, but just as beautiful as can be, calves and foals are bouncing in the green pastures, and the flowers are popping their colorful heads everywhere! Makes a person feel great to be alive!

We had a good turnout 5/3 at the Packing Clinic, played lots of great music, and we were blessed with some help from Jon Blassius, many thanx to him. We finally have a great repairman here for our instruments, thanx again Jon!

5/5 meeting, we discussed the 5/16 BBQ for the rodeo, and 8/24 to play for an hour in Hildebrand. We were very happy to be joined by our newlyweds, Virgil and Jackie, as he is such a talented fiddler, and adds so much to our group, we sure miss them and hope they'll keep us in mind as they tour the country sides in their beautiful truck. We also had Terry & Sherylin McLain join us, we're always so glad to have any of the McLain Clan join us with their great music, hugs, and happy smiles! Thanx!

Bye, bye, for now.
Myrle Shepard, District 1E reporter

Wow! We are still overwhelmed with the turn out at Silver Lake. It was absolutely incredible. There was a little over one hundred in attendance with at least one representative from every district in the state. Despite the snow on Friday and a temperature of 14 degrees on Saturday morning, everyone had a great time. We would like to present honorary survival badges to the brave members who survived their stay at the Silver Lake Hilton. We are thankful you have a sense of humor. We want to thank each and everyone who attended for making it such a tremendous success. We apologize for the 1E news not making it to press last month with necessary details, hopefully the situation has been corrected. Thank you Lew, for looking out, for us. Also, thanks to District 3 for their support and getting the word out. We will be having a campout again next year the second weekend in May.

Thank you,
Terry and Sharilyn McLain and District 1E

The District 2 area can be very proud of its participation in the state fiddle contest. Many young people came all the way from the NE part of our state to participate. And the rest of us wish to thank them for their commitment to the contest.

District 3
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District #3 would like to thank District #1E for all their hard work kindness and love they shared with us at their Silver Lake Jam May 10th, 11th, 12th. We all had lots of fun with the McLain CLAN! Never a dull moment!. :)

At District #3 Jam we welcome new members: 1) Marvel Ulam from Redmond joined last month and we apologize for not mentioning her in the Hoedowner. We really appreciate her support and membership. Thank you so much Marvel! 2) James and Joyce Wallace from Redmond 3) Bear Montrezza from Redmond plays harmonica 4) Dewayne and Thelma Booze with their three children from Madras

District #3 would like to thank Daniel Spencer (a member) who made a large contribution to our fiddle scholarship.

Reminder to the members of district #3 on June 29th at 63214 Pine Forrest Grange Hall no 636 , Boyd Acres Rd. We are having our potluck, don't forget to bring your utensils and It starts at 12:30 and last all day. We encourage everyone to come and play music.

No Jam at the Redmond Library in June.

District #3 next VFW Jam is on June 2nd in Redmond. In Prineville June 1st, there will be a First Saturday Fourth Street Jam 4:00 to 10:00 pm. All Musicians are welcome to come and play. Bring a chair. If you have any questions call 541-447-6304.

Remember Fathers Day is coming up soon so gals get the fishing rods ready and make sure you pack a fiddle too. :)

District #3 is sorry to hear Betty Decker from District #4 passed away. She will be missed. Lets not forget our American soldiers who defend our country.

Keep in mind that The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers purpose is to preserve and promote the special art form or style of old time fiddling AND old time music. We need to encourage younger people to learn and appreciate this special type of music that not many people know how to play.

We at District #3 celebrate your birthdays and anniversaries, etc, with lots of Old Time Music.:)
Ellen Jakab
Reporter District #3

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Wow, what a great day for our jam at Lake Creek. The weather was perfect, the music fantastic, and the people smiling and happy. It really was "for the birds" with a couple swallows who clapped their wings (well, sorta) inside the hall during the whole jam! Our new sign looks great sitting outside our site. Thanks again Bud! Guests included Jerry and Irene Ruddock, Al Nelson, and Ernie Penry from Klamath Falls.

Pat had a list of May "gigs" posted on board at the meeting. Lots of play dates, and a full calendar, so we need lots of musicians. We will be playing at the Medford Downtown Grower's Market for 5 times, including their grand opening and final, and they featured us in the paper.

When you receive money from play dates, please mail to Lola or save postage and take to Pat (did we hear he has a new motor home, hmm?). We've been having to turn down requests, as we are doubling up on times requested, and we only have so many musicians (who have been pulling yeoman duty!) Many thanx to the musicians who have been representing us at our many play dates!

We got nice thanks from parade officials of the Pear Blossom Parade. It was recorded and televised -- tapes are available for \$10 (check with Gene). Also nice thanx from Lew and Canyonville officials for our contest contributions. Our community service hours this month totaled 140!! You go, guys and girls!

What sad news to learn of the death of Betty Deckard. She has been a member of District 4 since it started, and has been a faithful performer at many nursing homes and senior centers. Not only did we enjoy her great harmonica playing (usually in G!), but she played good guitar, and was re-learning the fiddle. The fiddle group learned some great oldies from her, and I'm sure she's listening, with her ubiquitous smile, as we struggle through them without her. She was a special friend to us all. Lew Holt said it well, "She had a sparkle and a charm all her own -- she will be missed."

Our hearts go out to Mary Armstrong in the sudden loss of her son from a heart attack. He left a wife and 4 children. Almost 50, he played guitar at church. Mary's church paid for plane fare to fly the family down to CA.

Laura McFall has had heart problems, and is waiting to see if she needs surgery. Mildred Kelsey is recovering from a broken ankle and is now in Spring Village in Grants Pass. She enjoyed cards and "paper plate card" from the meeting. Our wishes for good health go out to all of you who are unwell.

It was noted that our sound equipment is in sorry shape. The old system is SO HEAVY! Next month we'll have a report on what we need to update our system, and for a backup system. The picnic at Stewart Park, noted last month, is cancelled due to date conflicts. Lola has rosters, bumper stickers, history books, and big decals to purchase.

Mark your calendar -- June 1 Eagle Point Grange, Eagle Point; July 6 Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River; July 6 Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River; note -- Aug No meeting or jam and Sep 7 Lake Creek Grange, Lake Creek.

Note for today: The secret of happiness is to make others believe they are the cause of it.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

District 5

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Treasurer: Sharon Gallagher 541-572-2742

We weren't able to go to the State contest this year, sure hope there were some there from our district. It was reported that we had a good turn-out for the May jam. We had a short meeting at which it was decided to donate \$100 to the Canyonville contest. It was also decided that for the Summer months, we discontinue the potlucks and instead just have finger food (ie) chips, cookies veggies etc. Visiting us were Elmer and Joanne Seutter from dist.4. Thanks for coming !

A big thank you to Cecil Davidson. Fred Grove. Charlie Miller. Ken and Sally Jordan. Bill Wilkinson and

We were asked to play for the Gay Ninties celebration on June 1st at the Community Center in Coquille from 12:00-3:00 pm. Our next jam will be June 22nd from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at the Bay Area Senior Center. There will be finger food and visiting from 12-1 followed by the jam.

On June 28th, we are asked to play for a birthday party at St. Catherine's Evergreen Ct. Then on the 29th we will play our first gig of the Summer at Bullards Beach State Park from 6:30-8:30. We will play at Bullards again on the 26th of July and again Aug 3rd and the last time on September 7th.

Our July jam will be the 27th at the Bay Area Senior Center from 1:00-4:00 pm. This again, is the 4th instead of the 3rd Saturday

We have been asked again to play at NACO. That will be on July 20th at 6:30pm. and again in August on the 17th.

The nursing home schedule for June is : June 7th at St. Catherine's from 1:30-3:00 pm. June. 26th, Coquille Nutrition center from 10:30-11:45.

We are happy to welcome new members: Ivan & Tracy Hultin from Bandon.

Happy Birthday to: Jarret Wright, June 3rd, Pat Kramer June 4th, Val Matthews, 7th, Shorty Dow, 7th, Jean Holden, 9th, Chrislee McCoy, 9th, Rick Reaves, 10th, Johnny Davis, 11th, Norm Nash, 13th, Joan Daniels, 14th, Neta Zwicker, 16th and Fred Grove the 25th.

Anniversary congratulations to : Ken & Carol Hoston, June 8th, Anne & Dan Hasley June 18th and Fred & Florence Grove, the 30th.

Sure hope to see a lot of you in Burns June 13-15 and don't forget the State meeting is the 15th in Burns.

Kathy Nash , Dist. 5 reporter-----

District 6

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The April jam and meeting was well attended, with perhaps fifty people showing up. Regrettably, the number of people who appeared for the business meeting was small, with more people appearing for the potluck, and still more for the jam. At the business meeting motions were approved to donate \$200 for the state fiddle contest and \$100 for the Canyonville contest. Chairman Mark also announced that most of the old sound system had been sold, and that there was about \$1800 in the District Six treasury. He thanked Joy Costello for her many years of organizing kitchen service at district jams, and observed that, in the apparent absence of volunteers to take over her duties, District Six kitchen supplies would be disposed of. He noted once again the failure of anyone to volunteer to store and transport the much reduced sound system, and indicated a growing reluctance to serve both as the district chair and the sound person. He also said that some thought was being given to picnic jam this summer. Does any member have a large and shady yard which could be used for such a picnic? If you are that person, contact any board member.

Comment: While everyone likes to jam and socialize, the district cannot function if people do not volunteer. Expecting a very few people to do all the work ultimately means that no one will be willing to volunteer, causing the collapse of the district or its merger with another district.

The May 5 Lebanon Moose jam and feed was, as usual, well attended, with a good time had by all.

Our Oakridge representative, Bob Strelow, has organized a jam and potluck in Oakridge for Sunday, June 2 at the Willamette Activity Center. The jam will run from 1 - 4 p.m. Past Oakridge jams have been well attended and fun. Directions: the Center is located on School Street - one block south of Highway 58. Turn right at intersection just past Les Schwab and then left on School.

Looking ahead, we have a jam scheduled for Saturday, July 13 at the Farmer's Market in Cottage Grove from noon to 1:30 p.m. The event will be run as an open jam --- sign-up list, first come-first served, and one or two tunes depending on the length of the list. This is the first time we have done this event, but, if successful, it could become annual, so let's have a good turn-out! Directions will be included in the July issue.

Don't forget the Lane County Fair, coming up in August, exact dates to be announced. We hope for a repeat of the very successful jam we had last year.

Happy birthday to: Bob Strelow, 6/10; John Steele, 6/19.
Happy anniversary : Norma and Floyd Frazier, 6/13/67; Clarence and Lorraine Larson, 6/30/50.

Joe Moyle, reporter district six

District 7

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June 9th at the Canby Adult Center, 1250 S. Ivy, again on the second Sunday of the month and the final jam of the season and the last for Chuck and Pat Gates as co-Chairs and the one just before Linda Easley and the other new officers take their place ;-). Direction info at the end of this article.

July Mt. Hood 18-21 Nothing currently planned for after that date.

In retrospect: Multnomah Grange (formerly known as Orient Grange): 30639 SE Bluff Road, east of Gresham. Go one-quarter mile east of the Gresham Fred Meyer on Burnside Road, turn left onto Orient Drive (OR, if you miss that left turn, turn left onto Palmquist then right onto Orient Drive) Continue east on Orient Drive about four miles to the little community of Orient. There is one traffic light about a mile before you get there. From the little community, continue straight ahead on SE Bluff Road about a quarter mile. The Grange Hall, a big gray building will be on the left side of the road with parking on the east side.

Keep these directions! We plan on heading back there next year. We had a great time with some of the best acoustics anywhere. Actually, the stage is also used for a production company, with the traditional three-sided unit which catches the sounds and sends it out toward the audience as well as to all the players. We all played on the stage the entire time with the leader on the mike and everyone playing well with the help of the sound man (Andy J.) and the acoustics. Granted we had about 20 musicians and 35 in the audience, no potluck or coffee (intentionally), and 83° outside, otherwise everything was perfect! If you weren't there hope Mother's Day was good for you and yours. If you were there you probably had a fine time like the rest of us!

The BIG and IMPORTANT ITEM FOR JULY still IS: July 18 - 21 Mt. Hood Campout 7/OOTFA sponsored event at a lovely site where everyone is together and we are treated royally in a lovely setting! PLEASE PUT THIS EVENT ON YOUR CALENDAR... AND BE THERE! Roger and Jackie Germundson have the scoop (Q&As!). If you haven't made it there yet you owe it to your fun-loving self to attend one, two, or all three days. Sunday a.m. there is a nice gospel show to close the event. You can call the office there anytime soon to make your reservations. Be sure to let them know at the beginning of your call that you want to be with the fiddlers (OOFTA).

Cohleen Finley appreciated the Oregon Old Time Fiddle folks who came to share "Cactus" memories. There were slides and sheet music that were important part of his musical life. Friends and family were there to share his love of life, warmth, and memorable moments. Norm Kielhorn found a wonderful recent picture of Cactus to pass on to Cohleen.

Art and Vi Lane are grateful for your cards, calls and words of support. Art is looking forward to arranging his treatments in order to get to Burns in June. That will be special if its possible to arrange!

Join us June 9th at the Canby Adult Center 1250 S. Ivy St. We'll have one last pot luck for the year, at noon and probably have cinnamon rolls, or pie or some other yummy things to purchase through the center. This will be Ernie and Joyce Lovgren's last time putting together the pot luck and coffee, tea, etc. Directions: Coming from Portland take 99E to Ivy, turn left, it is on the corner of Ivy and 13Th.

Saturday June 22, Molalla, the gazebo in Clark Park from 4:30 to 7:00 at a recognition picnic (Habitat for Humanity). They will feed us. For more information, please contact Linda Easley.

Congratulations and thanks to all of the many from District 7 who entered the state contest in Salem. District 7 brought home three first place trophies – Papa Spain – Sr. Sr. Division, Jeanine Orme – Adult Division, Mary Julia Wilson – Junior Division.

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Fiddlers, back up players and others came in large numbers to the Newport weekend. We were treated royally, with RV parking conveniently close to the building. The food service provided by a group of local 4 H club members was great. Thanks to Lew for making all the arrangements, and to Dale for bringing the sound system and setting it up. There was no "curfew" time to be out of the building, so you know the jamming went late. We got to sing Happy Birthday to both Jo Hockenhull and Joetta Chrissakis. Even a few showers didn't dampen our spirits. Let's do it again next year.

The OOTFA contest in Salem, also brought folks from far and near. District 8'ers who entered were: Pee Wees: Samuel Sparkowich, Jacob Sparkowich, and Seth Miller. Junior: Zach Konowalchuk, Young adults: Kim George and Charmin Wainscott, Adult: Kevin Kiker, Doug Bingham, Seniors: Christine Lang and Alice Holt, Senior-Seniors: Charlie Gibson, Dale Colebank and Lew Holt, Open/Champion: Amy Thomas. Congratulations to all!

We appreciate Amy Thomas bringing so many of her fiddle students to enter the contest. Also Peg Willis from Pendleton brings many of her students to enter. It's fun to watch and hear the little gals and guys play. Fiddling is alive and well in Oregon.

Don't forget the District 8 picnic at Colebanks home on SATURDAY JUNE 1st. (I put this in last month, in case you don't get your June issue before the first of the month).

Colebank's place: I-5 to Woodburn exit -- east toward Molalla -- cross hwy 99 -- 2 1/2 miles to yellow blinker -- turn right on Meridian road past Elliott Prairie church & school -- slow down for a sharp corner & turn right on to Elliott Prairie road. Then watch for a white water tank mailbox -4785 -- & log house

Bring food for potluck, your own table service, folding chair if you have one. Remember, Loita says, Bring lots of food, come early and we'll eat all day. And of course, your fiddles, guitars, banjos etc.

It's good to have Les and Peg Tucker back with us for the summer.

Later in June some of us are going to the High Desert Jamboree in Burns and to Weiser. The busy summer season is upon us, with lots of fiddling activities. Busy, but so much fun!

Mark your calendars for August 20th. That's the evening we play for the outdoor show at the Providence Benedictine Nursing Home. Join us afterward for a no host dinner at the Mt. Angel Brewery restaurant.

Alice Holt, district 8 reporter

District 9

Chairman: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517
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Secretary/treasurer/membership:
Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

Howdy! The May Mother's Day Jam was terrific with a good bunch of musicians and the largest crowd of the year. Thanks to Edie Koenig for the fine job of advertising the jams. Several folks were down from John Day. It's always good to see the Grant County gang.

Stan Phillips of John Day passed away in May. Stan played bass with the Blue Mountain Fiddlers and occasionally stopped in to jam in Burns.

Congratulations to Faye Leonard for being named Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year. Wilma Marler of Ontario received a plaque for all her work with in the Malheur District for the Blue Mountain fiddlers. Good job, Wilma!

Upcoming play dates include the Pioneer Day Dance on June 8 and I suspect the Lion's Club Fly-in June 1 (stay tuned for particulars). And of course the High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree June 13, 14, & 15. As usual early arrivals will be playing around town in the restaurants in the evenings. The Aspen's will be changed this month as the usual date falls during the Jamboree. The calling committee of Julia will let musicians know the particulars. We play for Ashley Manor June 17 at 6:30.

Sunday jams are on hold until fall but Friday night practices will continue as well as other play dates.

High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree June 13, 14, & 15 at the Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns (early arrivals welcome).

We'll be jamming, playing, jamming, dancing, jamming, eating, jamming, visiting, jamming!
Lots of RV parking available at \$10 per night dry camp, \$12 per night water or electricity.

Two stages this year. One stage is a sign up jam, draw a number and play a tune. One stage will feature 30 minute sets. Sign up your group and entertain. The Band Scramble will be back by popular demand on Thursday afternoon. (It will be judged and the judges may be bribed.) Friday night the Sale Barn Stage will feature a youth jam. Workshops will be offered for fiddle, guitar, hammer dulcimer, bass, and whatever else we can get together. Come on over and have a great time at the Country Music Jamboree!

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District 10

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Greeting from District # 10. It has finally started to warm up here in Roseburg and I guess summer is just around the corner. We will be very busy this summer playing for all the gigs that are already lined up plus the nursing and senior centers. June 1 we will be playing at Riddle for the grand opening of the True Value Hardware Store for 3 hours, July 4 for the Riddle Sawdust Jamboree, Drain Fair, Myrtle Creek Festival, 5 days at the Douglas County Fair and the Melon Festival in Winston in September plus some other places that are not confirmed at this time.

LAST MONTH IN THE HOEDOWNER I MADE A BOO BOO AND AT THIS TIME I WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO Fred LeBlue and Marjorie LeBlue. When I listed our new members I listed them as man and wife when they are actually brother and sister. Fred and Marjorie I am truly sorry this error occurred.

The Head Start School in Dixonville contacted me and wanted the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers to play for an hour for their four classes. A group of us went up and played for an hour and was well accepted and received a warm welcome.

The following members are home, but are still very much on the sick list. Paul Lakey, Kater Gates and Ed Doolittle. Dennis Allen is not feeling to chipper and spent a couple of days in the hospital.

Tom Shepherd has moved to Cody Wyoming and he will be missed by all his friends. Tom was always ready to help on the spur of the moment at any of our playing events when we were short handed and Tom we will miss you and we will welcome you back anytime things don't work out for you there for you with all the Cowboys.

Birthdays for the month of June are Dorothy Wyatt, Bob Hanson, Marie Gates, Dennis Allen, Thelma Allen, Goldie Colton and Darleen Smith. Anniversaries for June are Ed and Billie Doolittle and Dennis and Joyce Pickett.

Guests at our May 11 Meeting and Jam were Del and Clara Thomas, Ned and Val Matthews, Johnny Davis, Jolly Hibbits and Alex Sylvester all from district 5. Alex is just getting started on the fiddle, but he is doing an excellent job on several tunes, keep up the good work Alex and come back and see us again.

Our next regular meeting and jam will be on June 8 at the Winston Community Building. And then on July 13 our meeting and jam will at the Winston Community Building. We hope you will join us.

Reporter Louie Roy 541-679-6305

SALLY SEZ: THE LAST SALLY SEZ

Yep, it is hard to believe but here it is, my last article to the Hoedowner. I sure do hope I wasn't too boring to you all these last 2, yes count them 2 years. I know that I will miss doing this and I am sure Lew will miss reminding me in the wee hours of the 18th to get my report done. Without him, I am sure I would have missed several issues, because as you all know, time flies when you are having a good time. This month just wouldn't be the same without me saying that...about the time flying by. so had to do that just one more time.

have had a few “hair raising experiences” but not enough to lose it, the main thing is to just remain calm, don’t panic and above all else don’t bail out.

My goal, as most of you probably already know, was to keep the spirit of the Fiddlers going and do what is good for the whole of the group, and I hope I was able to meet that goal. We have to continue to remember what our reason for being in this organization is, besides playing music and having fun amongst ourselves. We must continue to perpetuate and promote and I ask you all to do that by encouraging others and teaching just one person something that you know.

I would also like to encourage everyone to record all the songs that they know on a cassette tape. One sure way of losing our music by not preserving it so others can hear it and learn the tunes. As most of our music is “learned” from each other, it does help to be able to hear the tune to learn it. I know I don’t want the music to get “lost” after I am gone. So please record your tunes, even if you don’t want to share them now, maybe years from now someone will hear it and say, “hey that is a good old time fiddle tune, think I’ll learn it”. That is where I am now, I want to learn some good old “old time fiddle tunes”. Anybody know any? Wanna share?

I also want to encourage everyone to keep up the good work, especially at convention. Speaking of convention I failed to mention District 3 and their dedication to the parking lot and sitting at the table at the door constantly for those to pay for their camping. To Earlene and Bob Ervin, Lee Hanna, and Margaret Teague SALUTE...sorry I missed mentioning you after convention in the Hoedowner. You all do a terrific job and I knew I would miss somebody. YOU ARE ALL APPRECIATED. EVERY MEMBER. THANK YOU for being such a great bunch of people to work with, play music with and love.

A very special thank you to Lew Holt for being my Vice-President for the past two years. I have been especially honored to share the stage with him and he deserves much recognition in all that he does for the Fiddlers. God bless you Lew, thanks for your GREAT EFFORT. And a special thank you to Irene Ruddock too. You’ve also done a terrific job Irene and I really appreciate all your work too.

But before I close, I want to congratulate the new officers: Ed Nelson, Bob Irvin and returning Irene Ruddock and wish them well. Please give them the support that you have given me.

Ok, I guess that does it for me.. Thanks for letting me be your leader and I will see you in the “fiddle circles” to come. Take care of yourselves, until next time, Happy Trails and God Bless you all.

P.S. To love is to receive a glimpse of Heaven. Just look at your grandchild’s face. Sally

From the editor: I personally want to thank all of you who attended the Fiddle Festival at Newport the last week end in April. Your cooperation was appreciated. I enjoyed it very much and felt that those who attended did too. The cooperation from the manager of the fair board was very, very good. At the last minute the 4H club girls came in and fed us well. The pieces of the gig saw puzzle all came together. Thanks to all the emcees, the parking collectors, those who signed up the people for the shows – everybody. I enjoy especially becoming better acquainted with Bob Irvin, our new VP for next year. He was a tremendous help.

I tried to keep a record of everybody who attended the April Fiddle Festival at the fairgrounds in Newport. Hopefully I saw everybody. These are the figures I came up with for those who were there.

District	Participation
1	2
1E	2
3	8
4	5
5	17
6	22
7	21
8	39
9	4
10	0
OS	3
Total	123

Acc has many good videos of Oregon fiddlers. He is offering copies of each one @ \$15 which includes

Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144 Every video that you buy makes it possible for him to send out more to the elementary schools in Oregon. Your purchase of one video will send out videos to two schools.

Ace has written to tell me how many videos he has sold of the contest. Contact him if you are interested. He is making a Wally Bloom video that should be very popular with those who know and appreciate Wally's playing over the years.

Those of you with a computer might enjoy David Langsather's new web site about his violins.

<http://www.strad1714.com/>

Membership prorated for new members: OOTFA (renewals are \$15.00.)

June 1	\$8.75
July 1	\$7.50
Aug. 1	\$6.25
Sep. 1	\$5.00
Oct. 1	\$3.75 plus \$15.00 for 2003
Nov. 1	\$2.50 plus \$15.00 for 2003
Dec. 1	\$1.25 plus \$15.00 for 2003

Warning: The July 1st Hoedowner will probably be arriving at your place several days into July. Those play dates for the first week end and probably the 4th of July may have already happened when you receive you Hoedowner. Getting it out conflicts with Alice and me going to Burns and Weiser – so I have opted for July 1 issue to be late so we can all get our news in and make it a good issue. I'll finish it up after we get back from Weiser.

The state contest is now history. Starr and I want to thank the contestants for their attendance. Thirty seven of the 67 contestants were 17 years old or younger. In other words, over half of the contestants. We in Oregon can be proud of this. Our thanks go out to their fiddle teachers and others who have helped make this possible.

It is always a gamble to mention names but I want to try thank everybody who contributed so much. Don O'Brien and Bob Irvin who ran the cable to the judges' room. Scott Phillips and Dick Dery - runners. Charlotte Hardin and Joan Algood – ticket sales. Marie Nelson – membership. Earlene Irvin and Jean Hanson – registration. Erin McMullen, her brother, Mrs. Penner, John from Missouri and others who worked in the judges' room. Dale Colebank for judges' room sound. Ken Cartwright - sound. Ace Wehus – video. Bob Ervin – parking. Dorry for the program you were given. Our state treasurer, Irene Ruddock, wrote many a check and kept the books. Jim Wallace who came Friday morning to help Ken unload the sound and back Saturday night to help load. There were all of those who jumped in Friday morning to set up the chairs and tables. OK, next month I'll list those I missed.

Thanks to district 7 for funding the Sr. Sr. trophies. They were inscribed "Sr. Sr. Jack Smith Memorial." They served as a great tribute to Jack Smith who although he was not a winner but he did take home his share of "oldest fiddler" trophies.

We will always be grateful for the cooperation with Chemeketa Community College – security people, fire department for allowing us to park on their lot. Cynthia Hale – event coordinator. And to the "king of the mountain," Brian from the Blue Moon who saw that we didn't go thirsty or hungry. To KCNX, Kim, who gave us so many plugs. To the Statesman Journal and the Senior News.

We left the hall late Saturday night. It was as clean as it was Thursday night when we first went in. This was possible with the help of many who stayed to put a way chairs, sweep floors, carry sound equipment, carry boxes to my RV. The O'Brien family especially gets a pat on the back – Don's "kids" sure did their share – actually more than their share – as did others of you.

The program had a long list of contributors to our contest. Again I want to thank all of you who so generously gave to support the contest. When I got home Sunday there was a nice contribution from Don Lindsey in memory of Betty Deckard. Thank you Don.

This is the 50th year of the National Contest in Weiser and a different state is doing the opening

Dear Fiddler Friends, We want to thank you for all the lovely cards and expressions of sympathy for the loss of our beloved husband, father and grandfather. We appreciate your helping us celebrate his life. He would have enjoyed it so much. The fiddlers were so important to him. The family of Cactus Finley

Anyone interested in coming to the District.1 campout should make their reservations for the hook-up sites soon, there are 32 of them at \$13 per night, 8 sm. on-site trailers at \$17 per night, and loads of tent spots for \$6 a night. We will have a BBQ/potluck on Sat. eve. and Mr. Norm Fiock has graciously agreed to donate the meat and do the Bar-B-Qing for us. It's a beautiful setting, the Klamath River runs thru the back of the property, with a great bridge across, there's bathroom/shower facilities at each end of the place, lots of shade trees and grass, swimming pool, fishing (with a CA. license), a huge rec room, horse shoe pits, volley ball, and we can play all night if we have a mind too! For any more info call Fay Patterson, Joe Harris, or me, Sherry O. The phone number to call for RSVP: Laurie, (530) 475-3555. To get there from hwy 5, take the Hornbrook exit, (about 10 miles S. of CA border) head east on Copco Rd. aprox 3 1/2 mi. to bridge, turn right and follow signs for about a couple miles. From Montegue, travel North about 14 miles to bridge. Hope to see everyone there, it'll sure be lots of FUN!!!

The 33rd annual Wallowa County Old Time Fiddlers Contest will be held at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise, OR, June 7 and 8. Contestants must register by 7:00 PM on Friday, and 1:00 PM on Saturday for each day's events. Plenty of parking for self-contained RV's. More information is available on the web site at www.fiddlerscontest.org, or you can Email: cntrump@uwtc.net.
Nancy Trump, Contest Coordinator

Thousand trails campout
September 12-13-14

Rental trailer deadlines:

Reserve by June 15th -- Pay by August 15th

(Unrented trailers released back to TT)

Rates: 24ft \$35, 29ft \$40

Sunday-Thurs.

Friday and Sat. \$40 and \$45

2 day minimum on weekends

RV sites:

\$19 (same as 2001)

Reserve and pay RV site by Sept. 1st

Since 1000 trails extended their peak season

To 9/30, you must have a reservation to be sure of an RV site.

All fees must be collected by Wagon Master. You cannot pay at the Gate. Please send check to Mark by Sept. 1st. Make check payable To Thousand Trails.

Phone mark @ 541-683-9514 or

E-mail at ilamark2@earthlink.net

I'll end up this month with a little chit chat. Alice and I took our motor home to the Chemeketa C.C. on Thursday and were joined by others who had come in to spend the night at the contest. And then a very busy two days. Sunday morning we drove the 2.5 miles home. We checked the mail, petted the cat, packed a suit case and drove almost 150 miles to Astoria and checked into a motel. I had taken my laptop computer to work on the Hoedowner and the contest results but my eyes wouldn't cooperate. Monday a group of us played literally for 4 hours at the Wells Fargo bank in Astoria. Then out for a leisurely late lunch. We headed for home about 5:00 – stopped at "Camp 18" to look at the old logging equipment and arrived home about 8:30. Our daughter insisted we go to her place for dessert. I later excused myself to get back to get the Hoedowner out. In a few minutes it will be 12:30 a.m., the Hoedowner will be sent – probably with a few errors. I am sorry I can not get the website updated. Oh, yes, Thursday we head for Seattle for the Folk Life Festival and home Tuesday.

Open Division (5 contestants)

1. Andy Shelton Corvallis
2. Dan Emert Pendleton
3. Gary Schuh Portland
4. Amy Thomas Salem
5. Donna Reuter Hood River

Senior Senior Division (11 contestants)

1. Papa Spain Portland
2. Wayne Holmes Portland
3. Charlie Gibson Canby
4. Lew Holt Salem
5. Dale Colebank Woodburn

Senior Division (3 contestants)

1. Judy McGarvey Medford
2. Alice Holt Salem
3. Christine Lang Woodburn

Adult Division (9 contestants)

1. Jeanine Orme Beaverton
2. Starr McMullen Corvallis
3. Eileen Witle West Linn
4. Greg Baker Portland
5. Bob Heineth Portland

Young Adult Division (4 contestants)

1. Ariana Rosen Eugene
2. Daniel Forester Gaston
3. Charmin Wainscott Hubbard
4. Kim George McMinnville

Junior Division (7 contestants)

1. Mary Julia Wilson Beaverton
2. Amberly Rosen Eugene
3. Zach Konowalchuk Newport
4. Marshall Baker Portland
5. Amanda Schaefer Canyon City

Junior - Junior Division (20)

1. Alex Hargreaves Corvallis
2. Brian Shaylor Portland
3. Alex Carlson Ione
4. Seth Morgan Heppner
5. Eric Jepson Heppner

Pee Wee Division (8 contestants)

1. Tatiana Hargreaves Corvallis
2. Miya Saito-Beckamn Bend
3. Emily Compagna Corvallis youngest girl
4. Seth Miller Keizer
5. Joseph Haddock Pilot Rock youngest boy

Twin Fiddle Division (No age limit) (22 contestants)

1. Andy Shelton - Corvallis and Amy Thomas - Salem
2. Marshall Baker - Greg Baker - Portland
3. Tatiana Hargreaves - Alex Hargreaves - Corvallis
4. Amanda Schaefer - Ben Schaefer - Canyon City
5. Donna Foreman - Estacada - Judy McGarvey - Medford

Oldest fiddler – 95 year old Will Noble - Hermiston
