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

Dec

1 VFW Redmond 3
 1 Moose Lodge Lebanon 6
 6 J. J. North's Portland 7
 7 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 7 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 8 Jam Klamath Falls 1
 8 Senior Center Burns 9
 14 Community Building Winston 10
 15 Villa West Trailer park Klamath Falls 1
 21 Bay Area Senior Center Coos Bay 5
 21 Grange McMinnville 8

Jan.

4 Eagle Point Grange Eagle Point 4
 5 Senior Center Gladstone 7
 11 State Quarterly Meeting Springfield
 12 Senior Center Burns 9
 18 Community Building Winston 10
 19 Community Building Woodburn 8

Feb.

1 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
 8 Fiddle Contest Gaston
 9 Senior Center Burns 9
 16 Guthrie Park Dallas 8

Mar.

8 Senior Center Keizer 8
 13,14,15 State Convention

April

24, 25, 26 Newport State/8

May

16, 17 State Contest Salem

June

12,13, 14 High Desert Jamboree Burns

16-21 National Contest Weiser

July

3,4,5 Campout 1

17, 18, 19 Mt. Hood Campout State/7

Aug.

23 Contest Canyonville

District 1

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HOHOHOHO!!! Happy December, and a most joyous Christmas to everyone and their families reading this news. If you didn't already know this, when us reporters send off the next months news, it's only 1/2 way thru the previous month, so sometimes we have to peer into our magic crystal balls to try to figger out what you're doing when you read this, and hopefully you have had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner recently and are still wallering around with a full belly! Now, comes the dreaded X-mas shopping, card-mailing, present wrapping, cookie-baking, decorating, and the wonderful feeling of giving and sharing happiness for the holiday season to follow. (Even the "bah-humbug" crowd has to enjoy some of this)

Right now in mid- Nov. our weather is beautiful, warm and sunny, nights are nice and coldish, we're still waiting for some good rainfall, and a good snow pack to follow.

Our holiday supper will be on Dec. 15th, at the meeting place at the Greensprings trailer park. And we all must thank our Don Fitzgerald again for a beautiful banner, and more wonderful photos, the great bass backup, and more great smiles!!!

We have a couple injured folks this month, The kitchen boss has an injured foot, won't exactly tell us how it really happened, but she's hobbling around pretty good, and even has come up with a new name for her hubby that I won't let out!! Poor Jo Harris, what a trouper she is to still stick with it and provide us excellent help with all our food and refreshments! One of our singers, Guy Hittson had a very bad accident, but lucky for him, his angel was on his shoulder, and he won't be trying to dodge any more trains in the future, we hope to see him back real soon, and hope he is having a speedy recovery.

Pat Bernstein came to our last meeting, they're leaving for St. Louis and won't be back till spring.

We had another great jam, and were joined by the McGarveys from Dist. 4, it's always great to see them and hear Judy play some wonderful music for us. Thanx you guys. We were also joined by Judy Baldwin, who honored us with her singing, and a great rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.

Our usual meeting the first Sunday of Dec has been moved to the 15th to accommodate our holiday dinner, but we'll be having the jam as usual on the 2nd Sun, which will be 12/8.

Hope everyone has a great Christmas season, and will share the joys with loved ones and less fortunate folks also.

And remember; the happiest of folks don't always have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything that comes their way! Have a great Christmas, Dist. 1 Sherry O

District 1E

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Up coming events for December.

Dec. 7 – Jam and potluck at 6:30 in the Memorial Hall in Lakeview. Dec. 9 Monthly meeting at Indian Village at 7 p.m. Dec. 10 and 24 play at Long Term Care Facility.

Dec. 14 Memorial Hall play at Winter Bazaar 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Come play, sing dance or just enjoy the day or a few moments. Dec. 21 will be the winter blowout or jam at Homer McLain home. Come to the meeting to find out more information about the party.

Oct. 9th Homer and Rosa Lee McLain attended and played at a 50 year wedding party for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gallagher in Coquille. Oct. 10th the McLains played at the home of Keith and Abbie Shaffar and Bob and Jerene Shaffar in North Coquille. All had a good time.

Sympathy wishes go to Sharilyn McLain on the passing of her mother, Marilyn Rhoades in Alturas.

Oct. 26 Homer and Rosa Lee, Terry and Sharilyn McLain attended the Western Open Fiddle Contest in Red Bluff, CA. Homer placed 3rd in the Senior Division and Terry played in the adult division. Stated stiff competition but lot of fun and good music and fellowship. The group also played in the Juke Box competition. Lot of fun there with Homer in his big ten gallon hat and Texas insignia on it. We all laughed when being told about the fun they had.

Those playing at the Lakeview Long Term Care on Nov. 12 were Mary Stone, Clyde Lynch, Ilene McLain, Terry McLain and Homer McLain. It was reported several of the residents sang along and all enjoyed the music. Thanks to the group for playing and singing.

Remember to be thinking of new officers for the February meeting. Need new chairman and co-chairman.

Weather has changed so be careful when out and about. Hope to see your smiling faces at all the events and keep playing, singing and enjoying your music when and where ever you can. See you later.

Myrle Shepard, District 1E reporter

District 2 news – Kind of – a letter from Peg Willis:

In 1903 there was a tragic flood in Heppner. Killed almost a fourth of their population. The worst flood ever in the US for percentage of lives lost. My kids are doing a concert in Feb. to commemorate the flood. I've got them busy doing research and finding grave markers for me to photograph. There will be pictures (PowerPoint), narrative, journal/newspaper readings, and background music. Mulligan Stew (my medium advanced kids) will open the show, then Shenanigans will take over with various community members doing the readings. At the end of the flood part of the show there will be an intermission, and after that, we'll kick loose and have a good rousing fiddle show (just so we don't send everyone away crying!). We're trying to raise \$ for our projected trip to a fiddling school in Ireland next summer.

Peg Willis

(Keep up the good work, Peg. We are proud of what you do with and for kids. LH)

District 3

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Well it's that time of the year Old Santa soon will be slipping down the chimney.:-) I'm sure the snow will be flying very soon but that doesn't stop us from playing music.

The November show was a great turnout!! The Kalebaugh and Smith family girls and boys played beautifully on stage. :-) There were lots of positive comments about having these wonderful young people playing music on the stage. They are a great addition to the OOTFA District #3. YEAH!!!

Mark your calendars and don't forget our next Redmond VFW show is December 1st and there will be a meeting to follow. We hope to see you there!!

Redmond Library Jam in November was a better turn out and we hope to see a few new faces on the December 10th. We encourage all musicians and members to come. We will see you there!!!!

December 7th is our Christmas Potluck Party at Pine Forest Grange Hall on Boyd acres Rd. in Bend. It will start at noon and end at midnight!!! All members and their families are encourage to attend and just have fun. Bring your tableware and instruments and play some music for the holidays. District #3 is furnishing a big "FAT" Turkey!! YUM !YUM !

Let's keep the Christmas spirit alive this year with some OLD TIME MUSIC. :0)

Keep Jack and Peggy Kerr in your prayers. Peggy's cancer has returned and she will need a lot of support and love from her friends. May God Bless her and we all hope she will recover soon. WE ALL LOVE YOU PEGGY!!!

We would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of love and Old Time Music.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2003.** (:^).

Ellen Jakab Reporter District #3

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We had a wonderful early Thanksgiving Feast at Rogue River Senior Center. It was the last of the warm fall weather, and a good crowd came to eat and eat . . .and eat! Yum! Oh yeah, there was playing and dancing, too! We appreciate Judy Lyons and Joan Allgood for cooking the turkey and ham and coordinating all the food and serving, with able helpers Dorothy Rogge and Pauline McGowan. Our new sound equipment was set up, giving us good, clear, sound, with good monitors -- thanks to George Dow and Dwight Davis.. Thanks to you all. George, Dwight, and Pat will do an inventory of our old sound equipment, saving a back up system, then we will sell the rest that isn't being used. There are already folks interested in buying it, so hopefully it will be sold this month. Our old trailer (that we used to use to haul equipment) is no longer usable, so it, too, will be sold. Interested? We can make you a good deal!

Our monthly jam schedule/location for the next year is confirmed, and copies will be distributed next month. All sites are handicap accessible, with a rotation between Jackson and Josephine counties. Marie Mickey says membership fees are due NOW, and she's ready to sign you up again or for the first time. She reminded us that Life members are those who are at least 70 years young with 5 years consecutive membership. If you qualify, sign up with Marie so your name will appear in the roster. However, if you want the Hoedowner, you must pay the yearly dues.

Visitors this month included Austin Jackson, 10 years old, interested in playing the fiddle, Cathy Frutchey, a beginning fiddler and now new member, and old-time master fiddler Bud Chancellor, who regaled us with some great old tunes! Welcome all!

Our playing schedule continues quite busy, and our musicians are creating smiles and foot-tapping wherever they go. We had 116 community service hours this month. Between Medford, Grants Pass, Rogue River, Eagle Point, Jacksonville, Phoenix and Talent, quite a few miles are racked up by our enthusiastic players. Many thanks for all your hard work! (What most folks don't know, though, is that if they knew how much fun I'm having, they probably wouldn't let me play!)

Judy McGarvey, accompanied by her trusty fan club (that's Bruce) enjoyed joining the Klamath Falls folks for their monthly jam. Those folks sure put out a lot of good music, and make folks feel very welcomed.

Dec 7 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford. Jan 4

Eagle Point Grange, Eagle Point. Feb 1 Fruitdale

Grange, Grants Pass.

The welcome rain has returned. It was so dry around here that the trees were bribing the dogs! Our best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday season!
Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

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It's so good to be back home again. I had a lovely trip to Missouri and a wonderful visit with my daughter and her family. I had so many things to see and do back there and although it was my 4th. trip to Branson, I always enjoy it.

I wish to thank Kathy Nash for her expertise in writing such a great article for our Nov. issue. I really appreciated it, Kathy. It's wonderful to know I can count on you.

We had a wonderful turn-out for our holiday dinner and jam. (Approx. 60 people). Lots of delicious food, great visitation and great, foot-stomping music provided by our fine musicians. We wish to thank all the helping hands who helped make it a very successful day and a special thank you to Charlie Miller for the beautiful invocation he gave preceding the dinner. Door prizes were won by Jess Dyer, Ken Hooton, and Karen Weiner.

We are pleased to have several new members and we would like to give a "HEARTY WELCOME" to Ed & Darlyn Foerster, Jolly Hibbits & John Bealey, Jerry & Susan Barrows, Jess Dyer & Alex Sylvester. Jerry plays the banjo & Alex plays the fiddle.

Sharon asked me to remind everyone to please send in their membership dues before Dec. 15th. so they will not miss out on the Jan. issue of the Hoedowner.

Our playing dates for this month are as follows: Dec. 4th.-Ocean View--1:30 -2:30--Heritage Place-3-4:00. Dec.11th. -Ocean Crest- 1:30--2:30. Dec. 13th.--St. Catherine's--1:30--3:00 Dec.--18th.--Oerding's--1-2:00. M.P.Care Cen.--2:45-3:45.

I think it would be nice to get into the holiday spirit & play a few Christmas songs such as Winter Wonderland, Silver Bells, White Christmas and etc. for the Senior Citizens.

Dec. 21st. we will meet at the Coos Bay Senior Center at 11:30 for a pot-luck with a jam to follow from 1 to 4 P.M. Every one is welcome.

Belated Birthday Wishes for Nov. go to Jim Hill whose birthday was Nov. 4th. and Jolly Hibbits who celebrated hers on Nov. 19th. We are sorry to have overlooked these birthdays last month but hope you will have many more.

Dec. Birthdays wishes go to :Keith Shaffar on Dec. 10th., Mary Dobyons-on Dec. 19th. Lisa Osekowsky on Dec. 26th. Happy Birthday, one and all!

Anniversary Wishes go to: Bob and Jerene Shaffar on Dec. 17th. Charlie and Clirca Miller on Dec. 20th. Clara and Del Thomas on Dec. 22nd. Bill and Marge Wilkinson on Dec. 29th. Congratulations to all of you.

In my Birthday and Anniversary Book I have a lot of empty dates. I will have my book on the " Registration Table" for everyone to sign who hasn't already signed it. Or you can give me a call at [541] 396-3238 with this information. If I am not at home ,I have a answering machine, so please leave a message. If I don't have the information I cannot send you greetings in the Hoedowner on your special day! Thank you very much for your co-operation.

May all of you have A Very Blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Please drive safely during this holiday season.

Mary Lou Saylor Reporter District 5

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The Thanksgiving potluck and jam at Crow grange November 17 was well attended; the jam was especially pleasant, although there was a shortage of dancers. The business meeting was brief, as advertised.

The District Six Hult luncheon program gig November 7 was well received by an audience of perhaps 400 people, including many small children from EWEB. Representing District Six were Curly Roberts, Frank Chandler, Vivian Steele, Harry Gates, Mark Ratzlaff, Ruth Montgomery, Carol Larson and Joe Moyle.

The annual Lebanon Moose Christmas jam will be Sunday, December 1, starting at about 10 a.m. The Moose, as usual, will feed us, and Santa, it is rumored, will find time to drop in from the North Pole.

The annual state quarterly meeting in Eugene will be on Saturday, January 11 at the Willamalane Senior Center. The State quarterly meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m., followed by a potluck and jam. We need a volunteer to coordinate the kitchen for this one jam. From 1-5, take the I-105 connector exit to Springfield (194A if southbound), and get off at the first Springfield exit (City Center), turning right at the light onto Pioneer Parkway. Follow Pioneer Parkway to "C" Street and right to Willamalane Senior Center.

Francis and Cecelia Garceau of Jefferson have organized a jam on Wednesday nights at the Morning Star Grange in Albany. They write: "We are at the Morning Star Grange on Wednesday evening, anytime between 6:00-10:00 P.M. \$1.00 per person, this is open to singers, players and audience."

The Elmira grange dance on the last Friday of each month has been canceled permanently.

District Six elections are coming up in February. We need candidates for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer. Talk to Mark Ratzlaff if interested. The new term of office commences in July.

Mildred Nielson passed away in September, we regret to report (belatedly). Condolences to her husband, Paul.

District Six used to have a turkey roaster. Does anyone know where it is? Although it is too late to use it for this year's Thanksgiving jam, it would be nice if it were available next year.

Don't forget to pay your dues for next year. See Helen Tracy. Welcome to new member Larry Matson, who plays the guitar and, it is rumored, sings.

Thanks to: Alison and Curly Roberts for roasting the turkeys for the Thanksgiving jam, to Mark Ratzlaff for preparing the ham, to all who helped out in the kitchen, and to all who provided those excellent potluck dishes!

Happy birthday to: Thelma Salley 12/1 ; Mark Carmickle 12/6; Wayne Tracy 12/8; Rick Dobson 12/10; Betty Hawkins 12/19; Lloyd Shriber 12/23; Ellen Strelow 12/27.

Happy anniversary to: Frank and Frieda Chandler 12/9/60; Bob and Ellen Strelow 12/17. Joe Moyle, District 6 reporter

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Our Molalla jam was almost entirely of musicians! So the "audience" was made up of musicians. We were a fun crowd to play to, very generous, encouraging and helpful.

The Swingtime group of Le Roy Newport, Ella Opdal, Bob Smesrud, Denise Smesrud and George Taevs wanted to express their appreciation to member Norm Nash for all the hundreds of miles he has driven and his faithful attendance at rehearsals and performances. To do that they organized a surprise party in Norm's honor. About seventy musicians, friends and family showed up at the appointed place and time and yelled SURPRISE! when Norm came in. He wants to: "let everyone who came to the surprise party for me know how much I appreciate them. What a surprise!!" It was a wonderful musical afternoon.

The fiddlers got a real nice thank you card from Janis Rehmke of the West Gresham Grade School. "Thank you so much for playing at our Carnival. The music added greatly to our event and we had tons of comments of how great it was to have you there."

District 7 has some new members to welcome: Katie and Harry Dozier from Portland. Katie is an Associate and Harry plays the harmonica. Let's welcome them to our midst.

There was a lovely memorial service for our good friend and fiddling mentor Bob Fast, who died October 19 after a lengthy illness. He was 83. A small group of fiddlers played favorite tunes of the family before and during the service. The timeless music sure helps to ease the pain of the loss and lift the spirit.

Russ Phillips conducted an informal beginner's workshop on Hokum Bowing before he and Butchie went south. He showed us some alternate bow strokes for "Boil the Cabbage". Three videographers captured it on tape: Ron Burton, Lew Holt and Jim Kuether, so we have it for posterity. Although not acceptable in a contest environment, hokum bowing sure gives these fiddle tunes a boost!

The Christmas Potluck has changed this year. District 7 has voted to have a lunch buffet at J.J. North's Grand Buffet at 10520 NE Halsey in Portland, the afternoon of Friday - that's FRIDAY - December 6. We have reserved the Banquet Room there from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The no-host all-you-can-eat buffet lunch is \$7.55 per person - paid at the door as you go in. This will be for musicians and appreciators - no public. We can have a jam after lunch and enjoy making some music together or just enjoy visiting. Please RSVP to me before the end of November so I can let the restaurant know how many folks will be there. That's to me - Linda Easley - at 503-235-1671 or LEasley406@aol.com. This potluck is not limited to District 7. All of our musical friends are invited to join us. Just please let me know. NE Halsey Street is one-way going east, North's is on the south side of the street, there is lots of parking on both sides of the building. Take the Glisan exit, turn right, go to 102nd, turn left, go to Halsey, turn right.

The local civic Boosters of the town of Gaston, in Washington County - TEAM GASTON - are sponsoring an Open Fiddle Contest on Saturday, February 8, 2003 at the local high school. It will be a one-day contest, like the ones at Canyonville or Willamette Valley. There will be big cash prizes and trophies for each division - Pee Wee, Jr-Jr, Junior, Adult and Senior. It is an Open contest so contestants can be from anywhere. Since Gaston is in District 7, we need to really get in and support this as jammers and contestants. District 7 is also the home of some of the best contest fiddlers in the state and we all need to support and encourage them as well. Gaston is between Forest Grove and McMinnville on highway 47.

There will be very good community and school involvement -- ticket sales contests, raffles, spaghetti feed and more. Please mark your calendars and plan on taking part in it. This is a great way to get started in contests. Let's show TEAM-Gaston that the fiddlers care about and appreciate their efforts.

Tuesday, December 10, The Resurrection Lutheran Church at 1700 NE 132nd in Portland (north of Halsey) wants musicians to play from 12:45 for about an hour. If we come by noon, they

will provide lunch. We'll play in the Fellowship Hall for the Prime Timers. There is lots of parking around the church, we enter through the double doors on the south side of the building. They will provide a sound system and pass the hat for us. This is a Northwestern Music Jamboree contact.

Friday, December 13, the Providence Laurelhurst Elderplace at 4540 NE Glisan in Portland wants us back again from 12:30 - 1:30. They provide daycare for the frail elderly. The place is next to Starbucks on the south side of Glisan. Parking is difficult and we enter from the south side.

Monday, December 16, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church at 9800 SE 92nd Avenue (at Otty Road) from 12:00 to 12:45. We'll play during lunch for the Senior Group Meeting.

Sunday, January 5, (the FIRST Sunday of the new year!), we'll start the new year off at the Gladstone Senior Center at 1050 Portland Avenue in Gladstone.

Everyone please remember to pay their OOTFA membership dues for 2003 before the end of the year 2002. Send your \$15.00 to Myrtle Arnold at 4508 NE Ainsworth, Portland, OR 97218. It's the best \$15.00 investment in fun that you will ever make!

December 6 Holiday Buffet, J.J. North's Portland. 10th Resurrection Lutheran Church Portland. 13th Providence Laurelhurst Eldercare Portland. 16th Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Portland. January 2003 – 5th Gladstone Senior Center in Gladstone.

Fiddling is one of many dialects in the language of music. Keep talking!

Linda Easley

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District 8 wishes all of you a Happy Holiday Season and a great New Year. Where did this year go anyway?

Our Holiday Potluck dinner at Willamina was a rip-roaring success. We had many out of district members come and share their music, food and good company. Thanks for coming everyone! We were pleased to have Carol Ann Wheeler with us. Carol Ann is a former Oregon Champion and has won, as well as judged, at Weiser. She hasn't been with us for some time. Hope you'll come often!

Thanks to all the great cooks who prepared the dinner and to all who helped with the clean up. Jim Hascall washed down tables, Mary and Robert Terry cleaned the restrooms and emptied garbage, Lee Jones swept the floor. I know others helped too. Thank you all!

Not only was the food great, so was the music! What a lot of talented folks we have in OOTFA. But the most important thing is the friendship and the fun we have playing music together. Good to have Don Simons with us, too, although he chose not to play. We had over 20 people from other districts attend. Thanks to you all for coming to join us for the afternoon.

Francis Boaz was looking great for a guy who had heart surgery recently. Jim Hockenull had some surgery the day after the dinner. His biggest concern was that he couldn't eat after midnight and the surgery wasn't scheduled until late morning. We thought we could hear your stomach growling, Jim. Hope you're feeling fine now.

Our December jam will be SATURDAY, December 21st at the McMinnville Grange. There will be a regular potluck. Bring a favorite dish, your table service and come join us. Directions to the Grange: At the traffic light on the south end of McMinnville – coming from the north, turn right on to the Old Sheridan Road. The grange is located at 1721 S.W. Old Sheridan Rd. You can't miss it. Coming from the south on 99W – at the stop light at the intersection of 99W and the

highway from the coast, go through the light onto Old Sheridan Rd. Or from Sheridan turn left at the first light on the south end of town.

A reminder that we will be holding our election of officer at our January meeting in Woodburn. Marie Bailey is the nominating committee chairperson. Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 16, 2003. The Holts are inviting you all to a district 8 jam and to our 50th wedding anniversary celebration at the Guthrie Park hall.

We have had our schedule changed the last two months because of conflicts with other groups. We appreciate your patience.

OOTFA dues are due NOW! If you haven't already renewed, please send your check for \$15 (for a household) to Jackie Stephenson. Her address is at the beginning of this report.

Alice Holt Reporter district 8

District 9

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Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

Happy Holidays! The December 8 Jam at the Harney County Senior Center in Burns will be the fiddlers holiday potluck. Turkey, stuffing and gravy will be provided by District 9. Potluck dishes should round out the meal. Please take note: The potluck will begin at NOON. Jamming will follow from 1 -3 p.m. The Chamber Music Society is holding a Christmas Concert at 3 p.m on the same day and moving up the time of our jam will allow those involved in both events to participate a bit easier.

The November Jam had a great turnout of musicians and audience. Visitors were Hugh Galliher and Carol Hamiton of Jerome, ID and Bill and Betty Chapman of Christmas Valley. It was wonderful to have everyone there to share the great food, music and conversation.

Those with health concerns include George Sahlberg, Edie Koenig, Virginia Coble and Sylvia Saum. We hope diagnosis are sure, treatments are successful and all are on the mend quickly.

Life member Irene Gardner passed away last month. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Congratulations to Gordon and Traci Black on their marriage this summer. They honeymooned in St. Louis while Gordon attended the International Pedal Steel Convention. The band Gordon has been playing with, Tetherow Crossing, has decided to drop the bar scene and concentrate on Gospel music. Best of luck to them as they change directions.

Stacey (Reynolds) Lange was in town this month visiting from Missouri. It was great to see Stacey and hear some mighty fine fiddling.

Julia Milleson and Rose and Wayne Johnson are back from their fall travels. Rose and Wayne were up to Minnesota to visit family. Julia was all over including stopping in for the festivities in Winfield, Kansas. Apparently there are hoards of flat pickers at Winfield but fiddlers are scarce. Ruel and Margaret Teague are beginning to talk about rambling south for the winter.

Remember regular scheduled playing dates at the Aspens at 7 p.m. December 13 and Ashley Manor at 6:30 p.m. on December 16.

Janet Braymen, Reporter

District 10

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Greeting from District 10. On November 9, a very wet and stormy day, we had our Thanksgiving dinner. We had a large turnout and an excellent dinner that was well prepared and put on by the hard working ladies in this District. On behalf of all the members I want to thank you. We had a good turnout of musicians, vocalist and dancers and a good time was had by all. Dennis Pickett has been teaching Fiddle, Guitar and Mandolin lessons to a large group of youngster and some adults. He brought his group and they entertained us with several numbers. Thanks Dennis --you have done an excellent service for the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers.

We are still playing at Nursing Homes, Senior Centers and Retirement Homes. Birthdays for the month of December are Velma Benefield, Mary Ann Travers, Peggy Krohn and Herb Stephen. Anniversaries for December are Dennis and Thelma Allen and Tracy and Ellen Smith.

Ed Doolittle is still on the sick list and there could be others but I haven't been notified if there are.

Our jam in December will be December 14 and the doors will be open at 12 PM with jamming and dancing from 1 to 4 PM. There will be no potluck. We will have only coffee and finger food during the afternoon. Due to the State Quarterly Meeting in Springfield January 11, 2003 our January meeting will be on January 18, doors will open at 10 AM meeting at 11 AM Potluck at 12 PM and jamming and dancing from 1 to 4 PM. Due to the fact that we are having only 4 meeting a year this is a very important meeting. We will have nominations and elections for the offices of Chairman, Co Chairman and Treasurer. Also at this meeting we will be making plans and appointing committees for the State Convention to be held at the Fairgrounds in March so please plan on attending and casting your vote for the candidate of your choice

Reporter Louie Roy 541 679 6305

ED SED: May each of you have a joyous Christmas and a wonderful New Year. It's hard to believe that we are already near the end of 2002. Let's all look forward to a great 2003.

The contest review committee has been established. The first meeting was held in Bend with all committee members present. The next committee meeting will be held in January at Springfield. Committee members are Irene Ruddock, Dist. 1; Don Hanna, Dist. 3; Judy McGarvey, Dist. 4; Lew Holt, Dist. 8; Fred Hardin, Dist. 8 & Ed Nelson. Fred Hardin was appointed committee chairman.

Please mark your calendars with the following new date changes for the convention in Roseburg.

*March 12 (Wed. in the floral bldg.), 13, 14, 15, 2003.

*March 31 (Wed. in the floral bldg.), April 1,2,3, 2004.

*April 9 (Wed. in the floral bldg.) 10, 11, 12, 2005.

*April 8 (Wed. in the floral bldg.) 9, 10, 11, 2006.

The fairgrounds will be holding the 2nd week in April for us as long as we want for the state convention. Thanks to Louie Roy for his help and follow up with the fairgrounds.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Willamalane Senior Center on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003 at 10 a.m. There will be a potluck at noon with a jam to follow. (See the District 6 news for the directions.)

Until next time, Ed

Some odds and ends from the editor: Can you help? Louie Roy writes: Lew can you put in a little article. I'm looking for the song by Ferlin Husky, "Freckles and Pollywogs." Louie Roy. email roy1wanweb.net Thanks.

Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144. Drop him a note or give him a call if you are interested in any of his fine videos. He not only has videos but has branched out into DVDs and CDs of many of our performances.

Many thanks to Clarence Medack from Mt. Angel for his nice contribution to the contest in memory of his wife, Norma, – who always enjoyed our music. She was a willing worker and would always invite us to play in Mt. Angel.

Gaston contest – I want to encourage you to read about the contest in the District 7 news. Linda has done an excellent job of telling about it.

Bernie Payne has a Bob Crump, five string fiddle, that she is offering for sale for a friend of hers. Honey colored and in excellent condition. If you are interested or have questions, please call Bernie at 503-524-5437 (Beaverton)

MEMBERSHIP: Myrtle Arnold is taking membership renewals for next year. Why don't you pay your dues "RIGHT NOW." The December 1 issue will be your last issue unless you are paid by December 15th or earlier. Either send a check to Myrtle for \$15 or better yet give/or mail your district membership chairperson your \$15. How about it everybody!! Please pay your dues as early as possible.

Last May a great old time fiddler, Howard Marshal, came out from Missouri to be one the judges at our contest. On his way home he went to Seattle to make a CD with Vivian Williams and others of Lewis and Clark tunes. I asked him to send me 10 of his CDs to sell in Oregon. I have sold one – nine more to go and I can get more. I have enjoyed listening to it. I'll have it with me at jams.

Recently I sent Howard the story of Bob Fast from the "History of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association" book. Howard is a keeper of records and wants stories of Missouri fiddlers. He writes to ask if we have any other fiddlers in Oregon whose roots are from Missouri? Are there any of you out there from Missouri? Please let me know if you are.

Dulcie Fast would like to thank all of you for your cards, calls and hugs after the death of Bob. You mean a lot to her and she appreciates all that so many of you did for her.

I want to thank Gayl Ratigan for her memorial contribution to the State Fiddle contest in memory of Bob Fast, Bob Crump and John Waddingham. Thanks to Ernie and Joyce Lovgren for their memorial contribution, also, to the state contest in memory of Bob Fast, Bob Crump, Joy Costello and John Waddingham

I have kept records of the contestants at the state fiddle contest starting back in 1986. I have the contestants' names, the tunes they played and their back up. I have a few years missing which I might be able to get from audio tapes (someday). I either have a tape or video or CD of all the contests since 1986. I am missing 89, 90, 91, 97, 98, 99 so maybe I can get them from the tapes someday.

I have all the state champions from 1961 and the results as they were listed in back issues of the Hoedowner. I have the judges back to 1991 – missing 1992, 93, 94 and one judge for 1997. For 1986 I have Tim Hodgson and Wes Nivens. Maybe John Melnichuk. Can you fill me in on the others? If anybody has the names of judges of the years I am missing, I sure would like to get them. I will be able to get some of the earlier judges from old Hoedowners but not all of them. I already have all the Oregon contest information in a document from back issues of the Hoedowner through 2000. Why? That is what Alice asks, too. But someday when we are all

gone, somebody might enjoy reading and hearing who we were and what we did back in the "olden days."

Sometimes I mention an old timer that you might not know about. Many of the old timers were prominent fiddlers in their day but because they have been quiet for a few years, they may be strangers to you. I like to get their names in the Hoedowner – in front of you so you will know who some of them were. Looking back at old rosters, it is easy to see a natural evolution of membership. Someday members will look back to 2002 and say, "I don't remember that name." They could be talking about you or me.

An example would be: Alice, Lee Jones, Harv Harvey and I played at Walt Westberry's funeral in Sweet Home -- after the Hoedowner went out last month. Walt was in a nursing home and hadn't been to jams for quite a few years. Years ago we all knew who Walt was. He was at the campouts at Vernonia, at Martha's campouts, went to jams and entered the contests. We all remember his little dog that would follow him up on the stage, sit quietly while he played and then follow him off. Let's not forget the old timers.

Bill and Lois Heard are in an assisted living center in Portland. We remember Bill as one of our fiddlers in the earlier years. We don't want to forget him either. I bet he would appreciate a card from you. 10801 NE Weidler Portland, OR 97220.

Linda wrote about Bob Fast's funeral. If you look back in your History of the OOTFA Association book, you'll find Bob's and Dulcie's names listed many times. I was very impressed by the music before the service and during – Lyle Powell, Russ Phillips, Susy Anderson, Connie Bonar, Penny Mead, Bus Boyk, Don Loring and Ruth Loring. They represent some of the finest musicians we have had in OOTFA. Oh, you don't recognize some of the names. That is because they go back many years. Then as I read in the district 4 news "Bud Chancellor." Another old timer.

Membership reminder: This will be your last membership reminder. Please take it to heart and pay your dues "right now." Either pay your membership chairperson at your December jam or if you don't attend, send a check for \$15.00 made out to OOTFA. Please supply the following information:

, Dist 1

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Children living at home _____

Now that didn't hurt, did it? REALLY, REALLY, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST HOEDWOENER IF YOU DON'T RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2003.

Late Hoedowner for Dec. 1 and Jan. 1, 2003. Because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the Hoedowner for these two months will be printed late. By the time it is addressed, sorted and mailed, it will be maybe 5 days late getting to you in December and January. Be sure to note your district's jams that come early.

Hohner Harmonica (Post 1915, post 1921) for sale. In original box, two sided, C & G, Made in Germany. The box says, "Very Best Tremolo Concert Harp, No. 48 1/2 Finest hammered Reeds". There are also two small informational stickers on the back of the box and a price tag which may have come from a garage sale. This instrument was my father's and he gave it to my oldest son who passed away in 1973. It has been sitting in a drawer since then. I would rather it go to someone in the Oregon Old Time Fiddler's group. Email Meg MacBean at alphameg@juno.com

Thanks, Meg MacBean 503-232-8644 (Meg prepared our Stone Soup at Linda's "Log jam.")

Lew Holt, Editor