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

Jan.

4 Eagle Point Grange Eagle Point 4
 5 VFW Redmond 3
 5 Senior Center Gladstone 7
 11 State Quarterly Meeting Springfield
 12 Jam Klamath Falls 1
 12 Senior Center Burns 9
 18 Bay Area Senior Center Coos Bay 5
 18 Community Building Winston 10
 19 Community Building Woodburn 8

Feb.

1 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
 2 VFW Redmond 3
 8 Fiddle Contest Gaston
 9 Adult Center Canby 7
 9 Senior Center Burns 9
 16 Guthrie Park Dallas 8

Mar.

1 Rogue River Community Ctr. Rogue River 4
 2 VFW Redmond 3
 8 Senior Center Keizer 8
 9 Adult Center Lake Oswego 7
 9 Senior Center Burns 9
 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.

2 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis
 23 Pioneer Days Contest Canyonville

Sep.

11-13 Thousand Trails LaPine 3/state

District 1

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GREETINGS ***2003*** Well, I recon we have gobble gobble gobbled and hohoho'ed ourselves right into a New Year!! At the time of this writing, it looks like we just might have a white Christmas here in the Basin, and hopefully we'll get enough snow we won't have any more water issues this coming irrigation season.

Our last jam of 12/8 went well, lots of dancers and musicians. And, if anyone out there wants to learn to dance, be at our next Jam, on 1/12 about 12:30, bring your 2 left feet and be ready to have lots of fun, we have a top-notch instructor coming with some good dance music for us.

Don't forget the state meeting in Springfield 1/11

Ray Lane is under the weather, we all hope he gets up and going soon, we miss him.

Our holiday dinner was really great, lots of hands went into the preparation of the wonderful food, our Jo Harris really did a great job of setting everything up, and getting us all lined out with the food, and cracked the whip on us to get is all done up just right! We all had a good time visiting and playing music together, and were thankful for all that were present, and missed the folks who couldn't make it. But that punch sure seemed to pack a punch, wonder who spiked it???

We'll have our meeting at the trailer park 1/5, our jam will be 1/12, nursing homes as usual.

We're embarking on a new year, one filled with wonders and possibly wars, lets all try to take the time to share the warmth in our hearts, and pass on our songs and music to someone young, get them interested in our music before we all pass on and take it with us, to never be heard again, and never get any feet to tapping and hands to clapping, smiles on faces and songs in hearts. Have a great new year, Sherry O, Dist. 1

District 1E

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Myrle Shepard, District 1E reporter

District 3

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Too much wind and not enough snow!! We need that beautiful white stuff! We hope everybody enjoyed District #3 Christmas Potluck Party on December 7th at the Pine Forest Grange Hall. There was lots of food, music and dancing.:0)

On December, District #3 VFW Show was a great turnout. In January the Holidays will be over and we should have a larger crowd. YEAH!

On February 2nd be thinking of who to elect for our next District #3 Chairman, Vice Chairman and Sec./Treasurer.

Please mark these dates on your calendars;
Redmond VFW show is January 5th and there will be a meeting to follow. Hope to see you all there! :-) No Library Jams until further notice.

Don't forget the State Quarterly meeting in Springfield January 11th.
Election of Officers at the Roseburg State Convention is March 12,13,14,15. Really encourage everyone to be there. How time moves quickly!!!!

We would like to welcome our new members that joined in December: Barbara Higgins from Prineville who plays violin. Janet and Rick Ziegler, he plays mandolin.

Betty Fullerton had surgery recently and doing well. Wish you fast recovery:)
Heard through the grapevine that Peggy Kerr is holding her own and doing well. To those people we keep in our prayers to heal their bodies. District #3 would like to thank Jack and Peggy Kerr for donating two microphone stands . THANK YOU!

I would like to thank Ron Misner who found my lost fiddle and returned it to me. Thank you so much!:)

That reminds me someone had lost a Ruby diamond ring at the December VFW show . Please call the VFW to identify you ring. I know how it feels to lose something special!!.

We encourage all members to send in your \$15.00 yearly dues in by January. Bring it to the next VFW Show January 5th or send the payment to Betty Fullerton address.: 22460 McArdle Rd., Bend, OR 97702. (541) 382-4583.
We would like to celebrate all Birthdays and Anniversaries with lots of Love and Old Time Music.
HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2003. :0) XO

Ellen Jakab Reporter District #3

(Editor: District 3 has their jam the first Sunday of every month and they don't always get their Hoedowner in time before the jam so if you would make a special note for the first Sunday for District 3, they would appreciate it. Lew)

District 4

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Our Christmas feast jam was a foggy day with a very good turnout. Wow, the dancing! Enthusiastic and energetic, working off that feast! We had 86 folks for the turkey/ham and fixin's dinner, and lots of musicians jamming with 150 plus in the audience. Little Mary English and teenager Lindsey Gasak are always crowd pleasers with their upbeat fiddle tunes! Visitors included Norm Fiock from Montague, Ted Hunt from District 8, Ross Butler, a new member moving here from Wilsonville, and new members Charles and Sarah Smoker, children Jessica, Anthony, Samantha, and Wesley. New members Marion and Irene Imri, were attending for the first time.

The jam schedule is set for next year, thanks to Pat and his efforts. We had 94 Community Service hours this month. Mary Armstrong asked for a special recognition and vote of confidence for those volunteers who work in the kitchen and the applause was deafening! A nominating committee for next year's officers was appointed: Ruth and Grumpy Kimmel, and Bob and Marcia Zellman. We always appreciate new blood instead of "We've always done it that way!" We want what's best for the organization, so help us out, ya hear? We need total membership support --

even though there are always lots of volunteers at meetings and jams to get the work done; then the musicians can play and everyone can listen!

A suggestion was made to combine the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. That will be decided next year. We had a moment of silence for December 7, with silent prayers for the end of war.

The schedule for December gigs was available. It was sure a busy holiday season, and fun, with many scheduled events in Grants Pass and Medford. It was another foggy and cold day when we played at the Grower's Market Craft Fair. The old Emporium store was full of crafters booths, and was very well attended. Judy's beginner fiddle group played for the Gasak's church and outside in the downtown Park where they were featured live on Channel 12's weather report!

Christmas has passed, but wishes for peace and harmony will continue as we enter the new year. I think the reindeer ate my wild oats, so I'll have to spend some time in the recliner with my feet up (but a fiddle close at hand!).

Ten two-letter words to remember: If it is to be, it is up to me.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

District 5

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Here it is the year 2003 already and I am sitting here wondering where the time has gone! Well, anyway we hope Santa was good to all of you and that you had a wonderful Christmas.

In December our group in Coos County played at the retirement and nursing homes in our area. The fiddlers in the Florence - Mapleton area played at the retirement and senior center in Florence. A little bird told me that both groups played some good toe - tapping music and some beautiful Christmas songs. The residence and seniors enjoyed the music immensely. GREAT JOB FIDDLERS!!!!

January looks like kind of a slow month for our fiddlers, so maybe we can all rest up after the holidays. SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!!!

OUR PLAYING DATES FOR THIS MONTH ARE AS FOLLOWS: January 8 - Inland Point 11 to 12 and Ocean Crest 1:30 to 2:30. January 15 - Oerding Manor 1 to 2 and Myrtle Point Care Center 2:45 to 3:45. January 22 - Life Care Center 1:30 to 2:30. January 24 - Baycrest Village (formally St. Catherine's) 1:30 to 3:00. January 24 - Florence and Mapleton fiddlers will play at the Senior Center at Florence (You can contact Kathy Nash for playing times.)

On January 18th we will have a meeting at the Bay Area Senior Center at 11 a.m., potluck at noon with jam to follow from 1 to 4. They would like everyone to be there because Charlie has selected the nominating committee consisting of Kathy Nash, Fred Grove and Elwood Serfass. At this meeting officers will be elected for the coming year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Phil Fry January 5th, Gayle Wright 6th, Harold Householder and Julie Longnecker the 7th, Russ Hall and Loren Osborne the 12th, Sally Jordan the 16th, Barbara Pruitt the 20th, Jamie Osborn the 22nd, Charles Booher the 27th and last but not least Elwood Serfass on the 28th.

Best wishes to Kathy and Norm Nash who celebrate their anniversary on January the 10th. CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS!!

Among our sick is Norm Nash whom Kathy said is feeling much better. We just received word that Helen Serfass is also under the weather. We are keeping you both in our prayers and wishing you both many better days ahead.

From District 5 to all of our Districts a very HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Mary Lou Sayler Reporter District 5

District 6

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The Christmas jam at the Lebanon Moose went well, as usual, -- Santa made his annual appearance, though a bit differently proportioned than in years past. About 150 people attended, making this a better-than-usual jam.

The annual state quarterly meeting in Springfield will be on Saturday, January 11 at the Willamalane Senior Center. The State meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m., with potluck at noon and jam to follow. We still need a volunteer to coordinate the kitchen.

Directions: From I-5, take I-105 towards Springfield; (194A if southbound), exit on Pioneer Parkway, turn right, go down the alphabet to "C" Street; turn right, drive straight into the Senior Center parking lot after one block. Coming in from Eugene on Franklin Blvd -- cross over the bridge into Springfield, turn left on Mill St., take a left on C Street to Senior Center.

Red Herndon will hold another of his famous open jams at the Jasper Grange, on Sunday, January 19, starting at 10:30 a.m. or so. Refreshments will be provided by the Grange ladies. Come one, come all. Directions: From I-5, take Route 58 through Pleasant Hill. Turn left at the flashing light toward Jasper, and right at the tee after the bridge. The grange is on the left after about a block.

There will be another of the Sweet Home Elks breakfast-and-jam jams on Sunday, February 2. Breakfast costs \$3.00 and is served until 11:00 a.m. Come early and jam late.

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

We are still looking for a volunteer(s) to make a center piece for the State Convention banquet.

Health Notes: Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Norm Oleman, who is under the weather but, we hear, recovering rapidly and is out and about already. Best wishes also go out to Ruth Kennedy, who has been hospitalized of late, but is now home and on the road to recovery. I just heard that Tom McAdam is home from the hospital, recuperating from open heart surgery and would be happy to hear from friends. We wish you well, Tom. We want to see you out there on the dance floor again.

Don't forget to pay your dues for the coming year. See Betty Hawkins.

Happy birthday to: Joe Moyle, 1/1 ; Martha Greene 1/14; Tom McAdam 1/14; Alan Ede 1/16; Zane Coffin 1/18; Allison Roberts, 1/19; and Leah Canday, 1/26.

Happy anniversary to: Nobody got married in January!

Joe Moyle, District 6 reporter

District 7

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In December musicians played for senior groups at the Resurrection Lutheran Church and the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, and Providence Laurelhurst Eldercare. We also did holiday tunes at Courtyard Meadows Retirement Home. People certainly do enjoy this music!

District 7 has some new and returning members to welcome in the new year: Howard Olson sings and plays guitar. He lives in Portland. Bob and Polly Robertson of Portland have joined. Bob plays the fiddle and guitar, Polly sings. Jonathan Summers has returned to our membership. He is a fiddler and lives in Clackamas. Carol Ann Wheeler has rejoined the Association after being away for awhile. She plays the fiddle and lives in Sherwood.

The Holiday Buffet was at J.J. North's Grand Buffet in Portland on Friday December 6. About fifty people came, more musicians than audience. First we had our all-you-can eat lunch, then there was the circle jam. We had our sign-up jam, with twenty-three players signed up. There were several new members there, making their debut at the microphone. Our good videographer, Ace Wehus, got all the proceedings on tape for us. We can recapture the memories on videotape or DVD from him.

There will be a business meeting of District 7 members at the Gladstone Senior Center on Sunday January 5, 2003 at twelve noon. We need to make some decisions about how to use the money donated in memory of Bob Fast. There needs to be further discussion about using the money donated in memory of Cactus Finley. We also need to discuss the upcoming March elections. Come by noon and be a part of the decision-making process.

The holidays are over and the New Year begins. Now is the time to practice our music and get out and play for others to make some smiles where there were none. And we can get ready for the new TEAM-Gaston Fiddle Contest. On Saturday February 8 at the Gaston High School, the one-day contest will offer big cash prizes and trophies for each division. Since Gaston is in District 7, we all need to really get in and support this as jammers and contestants. District 7 is the home of some of the best contest fiddlers in the state and we all need to support and encourage them as well. The judges will be Margaret Brank, John Melnichuk, and Carol Ann Wheeler.

The entire community will be involved in this fund-raiser, complete with a roast beef dinner, raffles, souvenirs, as well as all the fiddling. RV parking is available near the school grounds. Gaston is between Forest Grove and McMinnville on Highway 47. 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.

Myrtle Arnold reports that 90% of District 7 has renewed their membership. If someone complains about not getting a Hoedowner, remind them about the need to renew their membership in order to get it.

Our first regular Jam of 2003 will be at the Gladstone Senior Center on Sunday January 5 (the FIRST Sunday). The Center is at 1050 Portland Avenue in Gladstone. From McLoughlin Blvd (99E) turn east on Arlington Street, then left on Portland Avenue. The center is on the left side five or six blocks up. On Sunday February 9 we'll be at the Canby Senior Center at 1250 South Ivy Street in Canby. From Portland take 99E to Canby, turn left at the light on Ivy Street. The center is at 13th and Ivy on the left side of the street.

Mark your calendars for: February 9 Canby Senior Center. March 9 Lake Oswego Adult Center.

Let's see everyone there!

Linda A. Easley, District 7 reporter

District 8

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Sec/Treas/ Chris Lang 503-982-6224

Membership: Jackie Stephenson

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Time flies so quickly these days. It seems only a short while back that we were all waiting for the year 2000. Now here we are in 2003! May this new year bring us happiness and peacefulness in our own lives, inspite of the fact that the world often seems to be in turmoil.

Fiddling has slowed a bit for us as a district, but many are playing at various places. Lew and I are proud of our Thursday night fiddlers, who are learning new tunes and honing their skills on old tunes. And they are a fun bunch of folks too! Wish we had room for more. I know many of you are playing at nursing homes, senior meal sites and other places. It is especially gratifying to watch the elders clap and sing along with our music.

Peggy Tucker was involved in a serious accident while visiting family in the south. She wasn't badly injured, but her sister suffered serious injuries. Hope all is better now, and Peggy and Les are able to continue their travels.

Saturday December 21, at McMinnville Grange, the shortest day of the year. Fiddlers and dancers turned out and we had a great time. A tasty potluck meal was followed by the jam with 32 signed up. We heard Christmas songs as well as our usual tunes. It's so nice to have some of our newer members taking their turn at the microphone.

The quarterly OOTFA state meeting is in Springfield is January 11th. Hope to see some district 8 people there. If you've never attended a state jam, this is a good chance to do so.

District 8 January Jam will be at the Woodburn Community Center on Sunday, January 19th. Directions: 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.

We will have a business meeting at 11 AM. We will be electing officers for the coming year, so be sure to come and vote. We'll have early jamming and set up, then a BROWN BAG LUNCH, and then the stage show jam from 1 to 4 PM. The district will provide coffee, but bring your own brown bag, lunch box, basket or whatever, for lunch.

Plan to attend, (and enter!), the Gaston Old Time Fiddlers Jubilee Contest in Gaston, Oregon on February 8th. The Gaston Community is working hard on this and it promises to be a fun time.

Sunday, February 16th, Lew and Alice invite you all to help celebrate our 50th anniversary at a fiddle jam at Guthrie Park Hall four miles south of Dallas on the King's Valley Highway. More next month.

Isn't it amazing that if you hang something in your closet for awhile, it shrinks two sizes!
Alice Holt Reporter district 8

District 9

Chairman: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517

Co-Chairman: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

February 9 Senior Center Burns District 9

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a hoe, hoe, hoedown Christmas. The Holiday jam in December was well attended with lots of musicians and a good size audience. Thanks to everyone for getting around an hour early. Visiting musicians included Jim Thomason and Phil Drain down from Grant County and Brenda and Lisa Otley in from Diamond. Helen O'Clair brought handouts and led a sing-a-long of Christmas songs while Edie Koenig dusted off "Two-step 'Round the Christmas

Tree". Thanks to George and Hilda Sahlberg for cooking the turkey and to all the other fine cooks who contributed to the meal.

Jams at The Aspens and Ashley Manor were enjoyed by the residents and including a few holiday tunes to celebrate the season.

It's time to start thinking about election of officers as term limits kick into place. If you are interested in serving in an office, please let your availability be known.

Ruel and Margaret Teague have migrated south for the winter. Janet Braymen will be working in Portland for several months beginning mid January and is looking forward to jams in Districts 7 & 8.

January's jam is on the 12th at the Senior Center. The Aspens will be on the 10th at 7 p.m. and Ashley Manor will be on the 20th at 6:30 p.m. And as always nearly every Friday night is a practice somewhere in the Burns- Hines area.

Mark your calendar for: March 9 Senior Center Burns District 9
Janet Braymen, Reporter

District 10

Chairman: Jo Barnes 541 459 4522

Co Chairman: Louie Roy 541 679 6305

Treasurer: Gynn Deaton 541 839 4501

Secretary: Flo Sangsland 541 874 3195

Membership: Jo Barnes 541 459 4522

Greetings from district 10. The much needed rain finally arrived here in the Umpqua Valley and snow in the Cascade Range and hopefully it will continue long enough to drop enough rain in the valley and snow in the mountains to ward off another drought next summer.

We had our jam on December 14 and a large crowd attended and a good time was had by all. Dennis Pickett again brought his students and they entertained us with some very fine Piano and Fiddle music. Dennis, "one question, have you been working these students over time?" It was amazing to see how much they had improved in 30 days. I knew you taught Fiddle, Guitar, Mandolin, Harmonica and Banjo but when did you start teaching Piano? That youngster who played the Piano solo did an excellent job.

I am happy to report that Dennis Allen is on a speedy recovery from his recent illness and he wants to thank all the members for their cards, concern, prayers and their support through his ordeal and he said he doesn't want to go through it again. Ed Doolittle is still on the sick list. Jim Weaver spent a few days in the hospital with a stomach problem and I understand he is feeling better now. Birthdays for the month of January are as follows. Joyce Pickett, Merna Jones, Teresa Plybon, Martha Rogers and Louie Roy. I don't have any anniversaries listed in my files for the month of January, but if there are some and you let me know I will list them next month. (This is very important due to the fact we have only 4 meetings a year, it will be necessary to nominate and elect our officers at our January 18 meeting.) (Also, please remember to be able to nominate or vote at the meeting January 18 your 2003 dues will have to be paid before the elections starts and Jo will be glad to take your dues.) Exception if you are a life member you are entitled to nominate and vote.

To all the members throughout the state District 10 wishes that all of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Reporter Louie Roy 541 679 6305

ED SED: Happy "2003" New Year! By the time this month's Hoedowner arrives for your reading, old Father Time will have cycled out and the new year's baby will be taking over. The winter solstice will also be past tense along with the shortest day of the year, which means

the days are now getting longer and as soon as the snow clears out, we'll be jamming outside again.

When I read some of Lew Holt's memories, it reminds me of my early years. I was brought up on country western music as that was the only radio station we could get. I was a Fire Crew Supervisor with the Calif. Div. of Forestry and had a crew of 16-18 inmates from San Quentin Prison. When we were not out fighting forest fires in various parts of the country, we were clearing and maintaining fire breaks. Sometimes the days off were few and far between and when they did occur, I would go to different fiddle events. At one of those times in the 1950's, I went to a state fiddle contest in Oroville, Calif., and there I met Anne Huber, who gave me an application for the Calif. Old Time Fiddlers Assn. I often wonder what kind of fiddler I would have been if I had followed through and started playing fiddle at that time. I still have that original application somewhere in my belongings. It's true that it is never too late to start.

Keep in mind that it is getting close to the time of thinking about the election of officers, both state and the districts. I shall appoint a chairperson for the nominating committee at the January quarterly meeting in Springfield. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Until next time,

Ed

Notes from the Editor: 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 Darlene Bryant for her contribution to the contest fund. Alice McDowell thanks to you, too. Sorry I missed you at Lebanon. Bert Diamond, thanks to you for your contribution. The list keeps getting longer and longer. Vivian Williams is one of the Northwest's finest fiddlers. She and her husband, Phil, have the Voyage Recording studio in Seattle. Vivian recently sent me 60 audio cassette tapes. They are excellent fiddle tapes. I will use them as I did last year when we raffle off several fiddles and hopefully other instruments. If you buy ten tickets for the raffle, you will get your choice of the \$10 tapes. Vivian donated these tapes. Swing Time has donated 10 of their CDs to use for the raffle. Mr. Robert McGinnis donated a Stainer fiddle which will be raffled off. I have a nice little 1/10 size fiddle that I will donate for the raffle. Do you have a guitar or mandolin or that you might donate for the raffle? Please contact me if you do.

Gaston Old Time Fiddlers' Jubilee Contest information. The community of Gaston is excited and willing to support a contest – beyond belief. The whole community will be involved. (High school classes, band, boy scouts, churches, lodges, business community, etc.) There will be a food stand during the day and there will be a roast beef dinner before the contest starts in the evening. There will be raffles, competition for selling most tickets, and \$100 for the contestant who comes the farthest for the contest. And more. They are challenging us to get out the contestants so they can establish a contest in Gaston that will compliment our state contest, the Willamette Valley Contest and the Canyonville Contest. Let's not let them down.

Years ago Hattie and Jim Hall were members of the OOTFA. They moved to California but we would see them at Martha's campout for many years. Jim died several years ago and Hattie died just recently. Some of you will remember them. Nice friends.

Here is a note from LeRoy Sims that I am happy to share with you. Would like to say Shirley and I miss the folks in the OOTFA. Were happy that we moved to Chino Valley because of the weather, but we do miss playing music with the folks in Oregon. We finally got our CD done that we had planed to do for some years.

If anyone is interested in the new CD, the price is \$15 plus \$2 shipping. Our Address is LeRoy & Shirley Sims, 831 Village Circle, Chino Valley, AZ. 86323

LeRoy is shipping 15 CDs to me. I will have them at the state quarterly meeting and most every other place where I will be going this spring and summer – so you can get them from LeRoy or from me. Lew

From the state contest chair: Are up practicing your tunes for the state fiddle contest on May 16th and 17th? We want to see you there. In the mean time, I want to encourage you to participate in the contest in Gaston. It will be a good time to try out your tunes and to show your support for their contest. Lew tells me that donations are coming in for our state contest. Vivian Williams from Washington state donated \$600 worth of cassette tapes to use in the raffle. Norm Fiock gave a nice donation last fall. He lives in California so we have support from all over. Thanks to all of you in our state and out of state for your support.
Starr McMullen Chair - OOTFA Contest

"Bass Fiddle (3/4) size, partially completed. H.S. Wake Plans, "How to make a Double Bass". Includes enlarged plans, drawings and instructions, spruce top (uncarved), mahogany sides, back and neck, cocobolo fingerboard (uncarved), maple bridge, completed body mold and carved corner and end blocks, spool clamps for top and bottom, bending tube and 14 tooth Lancelot cutting wheel. Pictures available. \$450.00. Dale E. Anderson, 20476 Steamboat Ct., Bend, OR 97702. (541) 382-9094. dearea@bendcable.com"

I have a special shirt hanging in my closet that I often wear. It was given to me by Frankie after Paul Williams died. Paul is an old timer that we remember as "Sooie." When a tune was finished, he would snap a string on his bass and yell "sooie" startling strangers. A great old guy from Reedsport. And then there was John Settle from Port Orford. I have two of his fiddles. Every time I play Rubber Dolly, I think of the times at the Greenacres Grange when he would play Rubber Dolly on his fiddle and I would be his straight man. Many years later I play it on the same fiddle.

It is interesting to know where some of our former state champion fiddlers are. I received an email from Hollis Taylor recently: I am in Sydney, Australia continuing my work on all things violin, which at this point includes string quartet compositions and arrangements, teaching, performing (including with bass and cello bows on fences--see my website or my partner's: www.jonroseweb.com for more information on Great Fences of Australia). I still write my regular column for Fiddler Magazine and occasional pieces for Strings as well. I have two book/CD sets due for release this November: Bus Boyk, Cowboy Fiddler (transcriptions of Bus' great solos and vocal backup on swing and cowboy tunes with Bus playing on CD) and Hoedowns: Twisted and Trad, with me on fiddle and Jon Rose on fence.

I thought maybe you might enjoy knowing what Hollis is doing. Her web site is: www.hollistaylor.com

Virgil and Jackie in Klamath Falls write: As you Probably know by now Jackie and I bought our first house, We would like to publicly thank the members of district one for their support and advice, especially Dick and Jo Harris and Faye and Isom Patterson,

Happy New Year Lew Holt, Editor

(From Helen Hakanson and Linda Easley)

In January of 1803, President Thomas Jefferson began the process which would bring explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to the mouth of Columbia River in 1805. During the journey, a French-Canadian fiddler, Pierre Cruzatte, entertained the members of this Corps of Discovery. Here are some of the tunes that folks enjoyed at that time:

A la claire fontaine
Amazing Grace
Anacreontic Song (Star Spangled Banner tune)
Au Chant d'alouette
Auld Lang Syne
Black-eyed Susie
Boil the Cabbage
Chester
Chevaliers de la table ronde
College [Sailor's] Hornpipe
Cripple Creek
Cuckoo's Nest
Durang's Hornpipe
Evaline
Fisher's Hornpipe
Flowers of Edinburgh
For He's a Jolly Good Fellow
Gilderoy
Girl I left Behind Me
Grey Eagle Hornpipe
Haste to the Wedding
Irish Washerwoman
Jefferson & Liberty
Le Grande Gigue Simple/Red River Jig
Leather Breeches
Miller's Reel
Miss McCloud's Reel
Mississippi Sawyer/Downfall of Paris
Moniemusk
Old Joe Clark
Over the River to Charlie
Paddy on the Turnpike
Polly Wolly Doodle
Pop Goes the Weasel
President's March
Rakes of Mallow
Red-Haired Boy
Rickett's Hornpipe
Rose Tree
Rosin the Beau
Sally Goodin
Scotch Laddie/ Garryowen
Soldier's Joy
St. Anne's Reel
Top of Cork Road
Weevily Wheat

Whiskey Before Breakfast
White Cockade
Within a Mile of Edinburgh Town
Yankee Doodle/Lexington March

Cheryl, See what you can do with this, please.

GASTON OLD TIME FIDDLERS JUBILEE
Gaston High School
Gaston, Oregon
February 8, 2003

Divisions

Pee Wee (8 and under)
Jr. - Jr. (9 thru 12)
Junior (13 thru 17)
Adult (18 thru 59)
Senior (60 and older)
Open (No age limit)
Accompanist (No age limit)

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 A.M.

PEE WEE DIVISION (8 years and younger)

1st place \$50.00 + trophy
2nd place 30.00 + trophy
3rd place 20.00 + trophy
4th place 10.00 + trophy
5th place 5.00 + trophy

6th -10th place Rosettes

JR.- JR. DIVISION (9 thru 12)

1st place \$ 100.00 + trophy
2nd place 75.00 + trophy
3rd place 50.00 + trophy
4th place 24.00 + trophy
5th place 10.00 + trophy

6th - 10th place Rosettes

JUNIOR DIVISION (13 thru 17)

1st place \$100.00 + trophy
2nd place 80.00 + trophy
3rd place 60.00 + trophy
4th place 50.00 + trophy
5th place 40.00 + trophy
6th - 10th places Rosettes

ADULT DIVISION (18 thru 59)

1st place \$150.00 + trophy
2nd place 100.00 + trophy
3rd place 75.00 + trophy
4th place 50.00 + trophy
5th place 25.00 + trophy
6th - 10th places Rosettes

SENIOR DIVISION (60 and older)

(All same as ADULT DIVISION)

OPEN DIVISION (Champion)

1st place \$300.00 + trophy
2nd place 200.00 + trophy
3rd place 100.00 + trophy

4th place	75.00 + trophy
5th place	50.00 + trophy
6th - 10th places	Rosettes
<u>ACCOMPANISTS DIVISION</u>	
1st place	\$50.00 + trophy
2nd place	30.00 + trophy
3rd place	20.00 + trophy

Please note that the information is tentative and is subject to change. Linda has written some of the specifics in the District 7 news. Many of you know the judges and know how capable they are – some of the best fiddlers in the North West – or should I write, “the west.” They are former state champions and Weiser champions. Invitations are being sent out several hundred potential contestants. If you did not receive an invitation early in January, please feel free to contact:

Theo Ward	Theo Ward	
503-985-7035	P. O. Box 396	Team Gaston Fiddle Contest
Fax 503-985-7777	Gaston, OR 97119	or TWard96007@aol.com

If you have room Cheryl

Membership reminder: Send a check for \$15.00 made out to OOTFA to your district membership chair or to Myrtle Arnold. Please supply the following information:

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