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

2004

Oct.

2	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
2	Fruitdale Grange	Grants Pass	4
2	Elsie Stuhr Adult Center	Beaverton	7
2	1000 Trails	Newport	8
3	FWW	Redmond	3
9	"Hoot-n-nanny"	Winston	10
10	Shasta View Hall	Klamath Falls	1
10	Senior Center	Burns	9
11	Community Building	Winston	10
16	Senior Center	Coos Bay	5
16	Grange	Crow	6
17	FWW Hall	Willamina	8

Nov.

6	Grange	Eagle Point	4
14	Adult Center	Molalla	7
20	Senior Center	McMinnville	8
20	Grange	Crow	6

Dec.

4	Roxy Ann Grange	Medford	4
5	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
5	J.J. North's	Portland	7
18	Senior Center	McMinnville	8

Feb.

5	Contest	Gaston
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May

20 – 21	Contest	Salem OOTFA
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District 1

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Happy Halloween to all! Fall in the Basin came with the flip of the weather switch this year. One week it was sunny and warm, the next, we're all bundled up in our winter gear. Brrr!

District One sends condolences to each of the various districts that have had members pass away recently. Seems to be happening with unfortunate frequency lately.

Boy-oh-boy! We certainly had a full schedule in September. The Barbecue at the Sportsman's Park was lots of fun. The attendees were all in period dress, had a good time dancing to many of our tunes, and they were very attentive and appreciative of our playing. The food was yummy too.

The wedding reception at Gerber Ranch was special also. They created a stage for us with hay bales on a flat bed trailer, located in a wonderful old barn. One could still see the hand hewn marks on the beam timbers. The biggest applause we received was when we finally stopped playing. HmMMMM!?!

Having two major play dates on the same day made for some interesting logistics, but we survived. Several of us went directly to the Tulalake Fair, while the others played at the monthly Jam & Dance, then came down later. Evelyn Horner (fiddle) of Weed, CA and her friends Diana (fiddle) & Bill (guitar) joined us at the fair. We also had Rosalee, Larry & Eileen McLain from Lakeview as part of our group. Thank you all for coming to help us out. We were told that the weather the day before had been very hot, but we performed that Sunday outdoors battling the cold, high winds of fall. Thank goodness for hot coffee and cocoa!

The fourth and final Third Thursday art event for this year was fun (as usual) even though it got dark and colder earlier. A very pierced and tattooed young man in a studded black leather jacket told Ben (our banjo player) that we were "the best thing happening on Main Street"! It was also fun to see a high-stepping George Fernland in the picture on the front page of Friday's paper.

Due to 1000 Trails being the same weekend as the Habitat for Humanity Basin Bike and Build, we didn't have too many people. We did have a cozy time, snuggled around the warmth of the hot coals in the barbecue pit that Ben started for us. Even the riders came over to warm their hands. Too bad we forgot the marshmallows! Oh yeah, and I promise not to lock my keys in the car again before I get the instruments out. Oops!

Our schedule for October is finally back to "normal" – not quite so exciting, but a chance to catch our breath from having to be in several places at once. Here it is: Farmers Market at 10 am on the 2nd, Monthly Meeting at Villa West on the 3rd, Jam & Dance on the 10th at Shasta View Hall at 1 pm (please bring finger foods). Back to the Farmer's Market at 10 am on the 16th, then off to the Chiloquin Community Center at 1:30 pm on the 24th.

October Birthday Sprinkles go to: Ethel Martin and Isom Patterson. Our October Anniversary celebration awards go to: John and Darleth Rodgers, plus Les and Lois Tucker. Hurray and Best Wishes to everyone.

"How many spooks does it take to put in a light bulb? Don't know – when it's dark ya can't see 'em, and when the light's on, they're gone!" Boo!

From your friendly District #1 field reporter – Fran Coker.

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District 1E

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Hi everyone, Boy, the frost is on the pumpkin over on this side of the hill! I heard it was a rather chilly Thousand Trails meeting too-- the weather, that is, not the "atmosphere".

I'd like to start out by thanking those who came to Lakeview over the Labor Day weekend to help us put on our 6 hour long show at the Fair. Bob and Ruth Hinch from District 4 made it over, as well as Jim and Jan Lancaster, Lou Wells and Irven Johnson- all from District 1. We appreciate you taking the time to help us out. I think we may have run out of songs if you hadn't come! We had a chance to return the favor when Larry, Rosa Lee and Eileen McLain traveled to Tulelake , CA to play at the fair along with fiddlers from District 1. We had a great time despite the cold, windy weather. Sunny California, huh?

Sept. 17th found us playing old cowboy tunes for a group of Lake County pioneers at the dedication of the Historic Village in the Lake County Fairgrounds.

The United Fund gig was on Sept. 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The theme for the evening was a country hoedown, so the fiddlers fit right in with the program. :)

Here's the list of our regular play dates. Next jam is at the Memorial Hall in Lakeview, Sat. October 2 from 7 p.m. til the cows come home... Remember we've discontinued the potluck for now.

Lake County Senior Center dates are Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, from 10:30 a.m. 'til noon. Lake District Long Term Care Facility dates are Oct. 5 and 19 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

These two have yet another opportunity to fib about their age-Clyde Lynch on Oct. 19th and Mary Cathcart on the 25th.

By the way, What happens when you play a country music song backwards? Your wife returns to you, your dog comes back to life and your momma gets out of prison.

Eileen McLain, District 1E reporter

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Hope everyone has had a great summer so far this year. Our last VFW show was on Sept 5th. We had a great turn out of 250 people and members that attended with lots of dancers out on the floor. District 3 played Sept 11th at the Prineville chili cook off.

District 3 gave out three Fiddle Camp Scholarships to these dedicated children: Kari Simpson, Garrett Simpson and Kristi Simpson. We would like to congratulate them. We can see the improvement already. :o) Yeah!

Our next VFW show will be October 3rd and we hope to see all members and musicians there.

District 3 would like to thank the Bigelows for the Barbecue at their house. It was a great turn out. Yeah!

Come and play with us at the Redmond library jam at 7 pm to 9 pm. Learn to play your fiddle and play and learn new songs with the group of District 3 members. We'll be at there on November 14th, as usual.

Thousand Trail Campout September 16,17,& 18th went great! Over 200 people each night turned out for the show with good music to listen and dance to. Many thanks to the following who help to make it happen. Thanks to Thousand Trails for the good food and having us there. Bob and Earlene Ervin for the State Host and the hard work. Joe and Carolyn Marstall for the sound system. Thanks to the emcees, too. And to all who brought their instruments for the good music.

Remember..... dues are coming due by 2005. District 3 has now 82 paid members. New Member : Glen Moulton who lives in Bend and plays the guitar.

District 3 prays for a fast recovery to all who are sick and has had surgery. We would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with best wishes and happy Old Time Fiddling Music in your hearts.

May God Bless All.

Watch out for the tricks and treaters. :o)

District 3 Reporters : Ellen Jakab and Rhea Bigelow

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District 4

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Our September jam at Lake Creek Grange showcased a beautiful day with a tinge of fall, but warming before the day was over. A small group went out after the jam to play for the Latgawa church family camp, farther out the same road - an enthusiastic group danced and sang along with us. We played for the Craft Fair at Jacksonville - lots of people going by, some stopping, and some inquiries about membership. We're now getting back to our regular schedule after taking a vacation from our routine play dates in August. Even so, we had 135 community service hours in August! New members this month include Larry and Janet Kintzle (fiddle), White City, and Charlie and Ethel West, Grants Pass. Welcome folks! Marcia Zellman is our new membership chairman. We still need a kitchen person for the potlucks. If interested please contact our chairman Lee Ferguson.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Merle Pasley, a long time fiddler from District 4. He always played the most wonderful old songs with a style that was hard to duplicate. Our sympathies go to his wife Paula and the family. Marv McNutt has the cast off his arm, but still isn't back to playing the guitar yet.

District 4 was well represented at the Canyonville Contest, with awards going for Junior-junior to Travis Warwick 1st, Keith Campbell 2nd; Junior division Lindsay Gasik 4th (our scholarship recipient for Booher camp); Intermediate Heidi Chavez 2nd, and Senior-senior Judy McGarvey 2nd, Don Maddox 3rd, and Lee Cushman 4th. Also Judy McGarvey received the Homer McLain award.

A sound committee was appointed to inventory the sound system and recommend purchases needed. A new smaller portable sound system was purchased for our indoor play dates. We tried it out in Grants Pass to overwhelming praise. Easy to carry, and excellent sound quality. A real improvement! The membership voted to officially give our "parade trailer" to Bob Reeves who has been storing it for the last few years. We can still contact him if we have a need to use it.

Rick Reichert has our current District 4 "gig" schedule on his website: <http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net/> It's a good website, check it out! If you have additions or corrections, please feel free to contact him so he can keep it accurate and up-to-date.

Quite a few of our District 4 members went to Thousand Trails, braving the frosty mornings, but having a wonderful time making music and seeing friends from around the state. Our thanks to District 3 for such a great weekend!

Having passed one of life's milestones recently (notice I now play in the "Super-senior division") I'm learning maybe more than I really wanted to know. My wild oats have turned to bran flakes, I know that if God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees, and especially I have learned that it is easier to get older than it is to get wiser!

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

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Membership: Sally Jordan (541) 902-9240

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Can you believe it? Fall is upon us and its almost time to start thinking about planning for the holidays already. In fact, we will be discussing our holiday party plans at our next meeting at 11:00 am on October 16th at the Senior Center in Coos Bay. It will be followed by a potluck and jam. Please plan to attend.

The Weiner's, Gallaghers' and Nash's made the trip to 1000 Trails. Thanks to Bob Ervin and district 3 for putting on another fine campout.

We will be restarting our nursing home dates. Our play dates will be: 1st Wed. Coquille, Oerding Manor 1:20-2:20; Myrtle Point Care Center 2:45-3:45; 2nd Wed. North Bend, Inland Point 11:00-12:00 (lunch); Ocean Crest 1:30-2:30; 2nd Fri. North Bend, Bay Crest Village 2:00-3:00 3rd Wed. Bandon, Heritage Place 1:30-2:30; Harmony Estates 3:00-4:00; 4th Wed. Coos Bay, Nancy Devereux Center 1:00-2:00; Life Care 2:30-3:30.

Happy Birthday to Dan Hasley on October 3rd, Helen Serfass 4th, Byron Marks 8th, Andy Hoefler 9th, Karen Weiner and Ned Matthews 14th, Dan Pullis and Bill Wilkinson 23rd, and Mary Lou Saylor 25th. We hope you all have many more!

Best Wishes and Happy Anniversary to Hal & Karen Weiner on October 1st, Oren & Barbara Pruitt 23rd, and Shorty and Charlotte Dow 31st.

All of us send our thoughts and best get well wishes to Sid Earls who is recovering from a major stroke.

Hal Weiner, District 5 reporter

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District 6

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It's feeling like Autumn out there: the leaves are turning, the furnace is turning on, the kids are back in school, Monday Night Football is back, the frantic canning is over--all good reasons to settle in for the evening with a few friends and play some music! Hope your long evenings are warm and musical.

Our pre-1000 Trails jam in Oakridge was a success! Joe reports: Although District 6 turn-out was light (Ruth and Cal Montgomery, John Parsons, Judie Eads, Joe Moyle, Bob and Ellen Strelow, and Gary and Viola Epperly), enough people showed up from out of district to make the jam pleasant. Joining in from out of district were Bob Huffman (7), Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eich (4), and Lawrence and Sharon Gallegher (5). Because of the small turnout, the District 6 business meeting was postponed until October.

Sherry Dobson is throwing a birthday bash for her dad Jack Walker on October 3rd at Crow Grange. The party/jam starts at noon with a potluck at 1:00, and all Fiddlers are invited to help Jack celebrate big # 70 with music and dancing. No gifts please, but tasteless cards are encouraged.

Our next official jam also occurs at Crow Grange on October 16th, with a brief business meeting at 11:00 AM, potluck at noon, and jam to follow. The Thanksgiving jam will take place on November 20th at Crow Grange, and in December we will be hosted by the Lebanon Moose Lodge on the 5th of December. Is there a Santa volunteer for the Moose jam?

A big "thanks!" to Oral Robbins for handling the sound at the August jam. And special thanks to Alice McDowell who is the official card-sender for our District, a function she has been fulfilling for several years now. Thanks, Alice! And a belated thanks to the Fiddlers who played at the Gleaner's (Food Share) picnic in Corvallis August 15. Present were Alan Ede, Andrea Wykoff, Joan Long, Harv and Linda Harvey, Margery Bush, Don and Ruth Loring, Ruth Montgomery, Joe Moyle, John Grammer, and Norm Oleman.

A group of District Sixers played at the Tangent Harvest Festival September 11. The musical chores were divided with District 8. Present were Oral Robbins, Larry Matson, Judy Eads, Joe Moyle and Dick Jones, while District 8 contributed Dale and Loita Colebank and Darlene and Jack Bryant. We also note with appreciation that the Jim Dandys, headed by Oral Robbins, have donated \$50 to District Six.

Bernie Charlebois was kind enough to provide me with a recording of the late

Brian Dunaway playing his fiddle, recorded in 2002. If you would like a CD copy of this, let me know and I'll see that you receive one. It is a nice momento of one of the great fiddlers of our district.

It is not too early to start thinking about renewing your membership for next year--avoid the rush! Send \$15 made to OOTFA to me at the address above.

Happy October Birthday to: Louise Childers, 10/3; Ila Mae Carmickle, 10/6; Jack Walker, 10/9; Frieda Chandler, 10/12; Don Loring, 10/26; and Ruth Loring, 10/30. Happy Anniversary to John and Vivian Steele, 10/16/48.

Mark Ratzlaff, Reporter, District 6

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District 7 has two new members: Mark & Phyllis Petteys from Forest Grove who have a son, Guthrie, age 13, and Ed & Sarah Ackerman from Hillsboro. Their granddaughter, Felicia Bailey, plays fiddle. Let's give all them a hearty welcome!

Our good friend and gentle soul, Ernie Lovgren, died of a heart attack recently. Ernie and Joyce have been long time members and supporters of OOTFA and the Northwest Music Jamboree. He made a beautiful fiddle and learned to play several tunes on it. The memorial service for Ernie was held September 11. Carol Ann Wheeler and Jeff Heberle did a few tunes at his service. Carol Ann played the fiddle Ernie made. Also, the Gates and the Holts played three of Ernie's favorite tunes. The condolences of the membership also go to Carol Ann Wheeler on the death of her father after a lengthy illness.

With the start of school it's time to start FIDDLE LESSONS once again! Donna Reuter is currently taking reservations for private fiddle lessons at this time so if you or someone you know is interested in taking lessons then please have them give her a call at (541) 386-2633.

Fun events coming up this fall: Saturday October 2 from 12 noon to 4:30 we'll have our monthly jam at the Elsie Stuhr Adult Center 5550 S.W. Hall Blvd. In Beaverton. Coming from the north take Hwy 26 west from Portland to 217, south to Allen, turn right onto Allen Blvd. Then again a right on to Hall to 12th St. The Center is on the right. From the south take I-5 to 217 north to Allen, then a left on Allen, to Hall. Turn right at 12th. The Center will still be on the right. It's a lovely brick building in a somewhat park looking setting.

Tuesday October 5 from 1:30 - 2:30 the Creekside Retirement Village at 5450 SW Erickson Avenue in Beaverton needs our music. Take 217 South off Highway 26 and turn right onto Allen Boulevard,

then go through three lights and turn right onto SW Erickson. It's on the right with a huge big tree and a cedar fence.

Saturday October 23 a group of us are invited to play at a private party – a Pumpkin Carving Party - in the afternoon in NE Portland. Please co-ordinate with Linda Easley 503-235-1671 if you are interested. Time and place TBA.

Friday October 29, The Marquis Wilsonville Assisted Living facility at 30900 SW Parkway Avenue Building B in Wilsonville needs players from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday November 3, from 12:30 - 1:30 we're needed at the Providence Laurelhurst Eldercare Facility at 4540 NE Glisan. Even tho' the parking is on street and chancy, this is really a fun one and they love us here.

Sunday November 14 from 11:30 to 4:00 we'll have our regular monthly jam at the Molalla Adult Center, 305 Kennel Av. Coming south on I-205 take Exit 10, Hwy 213 south to Molalla. Coming in on Molalla Ave. Make a right turn on Heintz and left on Kennel. If you are coming in on Hwy. 211 make a left on Kennel. We can't get into the building until after church services break up at 11:30.

Sunday December 5 between 2 and 5 p.m. we'll have our Holiday Buffet at J.J. North's Grand Buffet at 10520 NE Halsey from 2 - 5 p.m. The cost will be \$9.95 per person paid at the door. You must specify that you are with the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers when you pay at the door so we can keep a count of the members. We can set up our sound system and jam until 5 o'clock.

Friday December 10, The Highlands in Tigard needs musicians to entertain. The address is 16248 SW 130th Terrace #24 - the Clubhouse.

Saturday February 5, 2005 is the Gaston Fiddle Contest and Jubilee at the High School in Gaston, Oregon. All day and into the evening. Start practicing now!

Gayle Foster, reporter, District 7

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District 8

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Our play date in Mt. Angel didn't get rained out --- it got rained in. Instead of playing outside on the lawn at Providence Benedictine Care Facility, we played inside in the dining room. Whoever heard of so much rain in August? Had a good turnout of musicians. It's always great to have Anne Huber join us. She and Henry live in Redding, CA., and travel up our way now and then. Also much appreciated were Pat and Chuck Gates. The residents and guests enjoyed the program. They sang along on many tunes. After playing, 22 of us gathered at The Angel's Table restaurant for no host dinner. Loita

Colebank recommended it, and it was a great choice. Great German style food. Attractively presented, and very tasty! Fast service too. We played a few tunes for the restaurant staff.

On September 11th, Baileys, Connors and Hockenulls played for a 100th birthday celebration for a Dallas lady. The same day Colebanks and Bryants played at a festival in Tangent. District 6 had invited our district to take half the playing time.

The campout at Thousand Trails was another great musical experience. It's so nice to meet with our friends and play music together. As I watched the show one evening, I noticed that on stage, playing as a group, were musicians from several different districts, as well as California. District 8 was well represented.

We played for the Newport Elks at the end of September. We know it will be a good show, as usual.

Saturday night, October 2nd we'll play at Thousand Trails campground in Newport from 7 to 9 PM. There are (free, I am told) camping spots for those with RVs. Whalers Rest, Location: South Beach area, five miles S. of Newport. Traveling south on 101 from Newport, about 5 mi. watch for State Wayside sign. Turn left on 123rd St. Whalers Rest is on the right, at 50 S.E. 123rd.

The following Saturday, October 9th we're invited to play at the Neskowin Valley School Festival north of Lincoln City. We had a great time there last year. We can park RVs at the school this time. We don't have the exact time, yet, but you are invited to give Lew or Marie a call for the time. If you are coming from the south on Hwy 101, turn onto Slab Creek Road at the sign that points to the school and the George Vogal Group campground.

Our regular monthly jam will be Sunday October 17th at the VFW Hall in Willamina. It's on the main street at the east end of town. No potluck, so bring your brown bag lunch. We will have a short meeting at 11:00 to plan next month's Holiday Dinner. Visitors are always welcome at our jams! We hope to see many of you there.

Alice Holt, reporter, district 8

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District 9

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Co-Chairman: Lloyd Louie 541-573-7862

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

We had a good number of players turn out to play at the Harney County Fair even though two of our performances were cancelled due to the length of the Talent Show. Ruel Teague and Walt Cooper were two of the five judges for the show. the theme of this year's fair and parade was "County Pride –County Wide." So we added pride in the country Music and were rewarded with a first place ribbon, a reserve champion ribbon and a silver tray as sweepstakes prize. A big thanks to Marie Macomber who was in charge of the decorating committee again this years. We were also pleased to have Jim Toussaint riding on our float again this year.

Ivan and Punk McDaniel, Ruel and Margaret Teague and Julia Milleson attended the Canyonville contest. Margaret and punk worked at the registration table hours on end. Ruel contested and got a fifth place trophy as well as an accompanist trophy. I was thrilled when I received the fifth place accompanist trophy – and yes, I called Frank Moore and thanked him for not being there this year!!

Our first Senior Center potluck and jam of the season will be October 10th. We will be having a short business meeting at 12:30 before the potluck. Please come and get us off to a good start for the season.

The Aspen play date will be back on schedule on October 8th at 7:00 with Ashley Manor the third Monday of each month starting October 18th at 6:30. Thanks to all those who play these functions when we are off doing contests or other fairs.

Julia Milleson, Reporter, District 9

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Greetings from District 10. At our September 13 jam, we welcomed new members Chuck and Genevieve Hanson. Our thanks to Bill and Pat Thompson from District 4 for their participation in our jam, We always welcome visitors. Every one enjoyed the many finger foods.

Carolyn Lee, Donald Dilbeck, Genevieve Hansen, Jim Smith , Dick Shroll, and Opal Rust celebrate birthdays in October.

Our members who are under the weather are: Ed Doolittle, at Rosehaven Nursing Home and Lanora Waggoner is still at home.

We would like to offer our sympathy to Bob and Jean Hanson on the loss of Bob' s brother.

At our October 11th meeting there will be a business meeting at 11 am and potluck at 12 noon followed by a jam 1 pm to 4 pm. It will be held at Winston Community Center, Winston.

Bob and Jean Hanson represented our district at Thousand Trails this year.

Reporter: Doris Dilbeck 541-672-6266 (doris042049@msn.com)

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From the Prez: Wow!! Once again we did it. The festivities at Thousand Trails could not have been better. Thanks to all the expert musicians that came from all over the state and even from California and Washington. I had a gentleman call me from Igo, Calif. who had heard of Thousand Trails and wanted to know if he could come, and what he would have to do. I told him how to become a member and he gladly joined. He said, he had heard the Old Time Fiddlers in Calif. play but what he heard in Oregon was cut above what he heard in Calif. Our players can be proud of that.

I want to thank everyone who pitched in and helped move all the tables in and out of the lodge and set up the chairs and other work that was necessary. You really made my job a lot easier. Thanks to the people who volunteer to M. C. the afternoon and evening shows. They did a superb job, and the women that were at the information table. Thanks to everyone, Thousand Trails could not happen without your support.

How about that District 5 bunch, they really know how to throw a party don't they? On the 12th through the 15th of August they had a campout that won't soon be forgotten. We hope this will become an annual affair. I highly recommend this campout to anyone who likes good music, good comradeship and just an all around good time. Thanks District 5.

Now, I want to say I appreciate your support of a second business meeting each year. I first presented this idea to the board to be, at the High Desert Jamboree in Burns in June to see how they felt about it. After some lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of it they overwhelmingly approved it and recommended that we present it to the members for their approval. So I told them I would call a special meeting for Thousand Trails to get this done, and now you know the REST of the story. Thank you all for the confidence you have shown in the judgement and ability of the board and myself in bringing this to you. I know you won't regret having this second meeting.

This is a part of my report that I don't like, but I feel it is necessary to let our members know that some of our friends are no longer with us. In just a little over 2 1/2 months we have lost 3 of our long time members. And now comes word that another has passed on. Ernie Lovgren, a fine old gentleman and a long time member passed away on September 6, of a heart attack. Services were held Saturday Sept. 11 in the Sholls Community Church. I enjoyed visiting with Ernie and will miss not seeing him at our fiddlers functions. Also, I should mention that on August 15th Shirley and Owen Ratiff's oldest daughter, Debbie Elaine Whitmire lost her life in a motorcycle accident near Woodland, Washington. Debbie was 42. Owen and Shirley have joined the Blue Mountain Fiddlers and the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers on numerous occasions through the years. We were very sorry to hear this and our sympathy is extended to her family.

Bob Ervin, President OOTFA

From the editor: Judy McGarvey writes: It was such an honor to be awarded the Homer McLain Trophy at Canyonville. I was proud and humbled to be selected as someone who "personifies Homer's love of music, his sense of humor, and courtesy to others". Homer was known and loved by so many of us, and will never be forgotten. His wonderful, constant smile, his beautiful songs (left-handed, to boot!), and his friendship are legendary. There are so many good memories! To carry on his legacy is a daunting task, but with the help of many others, we will keep his spirit alive!

Every year at Thousand Trails I look across the hall and see Jack Bloom smiling. I walk up to him, we shake hands and he slips me a check for a very generous donation for the contest. We have carried out this little ritual for many years – one of our great, silent supporters. CD and other donations at TT: Willie Carter, Jim Toussaint, Sheri West, Les Tucker, Loita Colebank, Andy Shelton, Swing Time, Howard Marshall, Don Maddox, Rudi Booher, Wally Bloom and Jerry Van Foeken. Thanks to you all.

A long list of contributions in memory of Ernie Lovgren is growing – Ronald Iwasaki, Mary Jane Seiffet, Patricia Marvel, Bud Olson, Shirley Snyder, Florence Abshear, Harley & Lila Bills, Elmer Lillegard, Betty Slute, and Randolph Kaitstein. Again “thanks.”

Donna Reuter in Hood River writes: I am currently taking reservations for private fiddle lessons at this time so if you or someone you know is interested in taking lessons then please have them give me a call at (541) 386-2633. Forever fiddling, Donna Reuter

P.S. - I also have a wide assortment of the fiddle books written by JayDean Ludiker on hand and available "for sale" so please contact me if you need any fiddle books. They are \$25 each and have both the written musical notation as well as the fiddle tabulature along with a CD....three different ways to learn. I have the "Blue" book for beginning, the "Red" Book for intermediate and the new "Twin" book for duets. You can save the postage by buying these books locally from me rather than ordering them.

Yes, I am guilty. I wrote the last paragraph at the end of each district's news about renewing your membership. You “may not have time” to take a minute to pay your dues, you think. Let me tell you a little secret. You won't get any sympathy from Myrtle Arnold or me. Each one of the 850 or so renewals has to be recorded in Myrtle' records and the Hoedowner publisher notified. Myrtle, also, notifies me and I note each of your renewals in the computer – it takes more than a “couple of minutes.” Help us out by paying your dues early. Thanks everybody.

It has been suggested that if wish to receive your Hoedowner “on line” rather than by mail, saving OOTFA many dollars a year, please notify Myrtle or me. A long list of people at TT signed up to cancel receiving their Hoedowner, rather reading it on line.

Unknown “want to be” member. A lady paid for her dues at Winchester Bay, walked away and we have no idea who she was. If this “rings a bell” with anybody, please contact Myrtle Arnold or Sharon Gallagher or Lew Holt.

LeRoy Sims -- new CD, the price is \$15 plus \$2 shipping. LeRoy & Shirley Sims, 831 Village Circle, Chino Valley, AZ. 86323. Or contact Lew -- that's me.

Eileen Witler, long-time OOTFA member is now teaching fiddle at her studio at 11825 SW Greenburg Road #2A in Tigard. Please call Eileen at 503-701-1578 or email her at ewit@juno.com for further information.

New members for October
WELCOME & THANK YOU.

1. Mickey & Jeanette Arnold---lgo, Calif

2. Travis & Heidi Kalebaugh---Terrebonne
3. Beverly Pelton---Ashland
4. Buster & Shirley Smith--- Vancouver, Wa.
5. Jeff & Marla Travsky--Coos Bay
6. Joe & Janet Trozelle---Cottage Grove
7. George & Kitty Rose---Florence
8. Pat & Brenda Reed---Klamath Falls
9. Glen Moulton---Terrebonne
10. Ray & Barbara Graves---Redding, Calif.
11. Bob Hoehne---Dillard
12. David Smith---Idleld Park
13. Joe Ross---Roseburg
14. Mark & Phyllis Petteys---Forrest Grove
15. Dale & Vern Smith---Monmouth
16. Janet & Larry Kintzle---White City
17. Charley & Ethel West---Grants Pass
18. David Mason---Lakeview
19. Patricia & Oliver Keenins---Tigard

Merle Pasley, a friend that many of us "old timers" remember. Alice and I bought a motor home from him. It dawned on me that I do not have either a recording of his fiddling or a video. I am asking if any you might have video of Merle playing or a tape of him playing? I sure would like to get some of his music for our archives.

Earlier this summer Ellie Hakanson won the fiddling contest in the adult division at the Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival in Stevenson, Wash. Another one of our young people doing very well.

Lew, Editor

38th ANNUAL CANYONVILLE PIONEER DAYS CONTEST: Cooler weather for the contest was nice. 43 fiddlers with 16 being under the age of 18 was a wonderful turnout. Thanks to those who made the contest happen: For cash donations: Districts 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 10, Bob & LoRay Hannah, Jasmine Holt, Rosa Lee McLain, Johny McDonald, Seven Feathers Casino, and Canyonville Merchants. For recyclable trophies: Lew & Alice Holt, LeRoy Sims, Andy Emert, Carol Ann Wheeler. (Note: Carol Ann donated over 100 trophies) The Judges: Jerry Ruddock, Nicki Carlisle, and Sheri West. Emcees: Lew Holt & Christine Deaton Morgan

Workers: Shorty & Charlotte Dow, Rick & Sherry Dobson, Ethel Holstin, Jean Hanson, Betty Crosby, Irene Ruddock, Sheila Fry, Edna Carter, Margaret Teague, Sherry McDaniel, Lola Williams, Shanna Burchell , & Joe Marstall. If I missed anyone, please know that your help was very much appreciated. And a special "Thanks" to those guys and gals, led by Darren Reitan, who moved the tables back across the breezeway and to everyone who folded the chairs and put them away. Thanks to Faye and Isom Patterson and Lew Holt who were seen picking up stray bits of paper around the school on Sunday morning.

Now for the results of the contest:

PEE WEE:

1. Mahallee Gaumer Red Bluff, CA,
2. Abigail Copenhagen Yuba City, CA,
3. Alisha Copenhagen Yuba City, CA

JR/JR:

1. Travis Warwick Williams, OR—
2. Keith Campbell Williams, OR
3. James Bezuhk Rhododendron, OR—
4. Paige Pierce Red Bluff, CA--5. Courtney Blust Sisters, OR.

SENIOR:

1. Alma Reitan Anderson, CA-
2. Alice Holt Salem, OR—
3. Carol Marstall LaPine, OR—
4. Bernard Charlebois Springfield, OR--5. Philip Fry Keno, OR

JUNIOR:

1. Zev Hauser Redding, CA—
2. Robbie Griswold Lyons, OR--
3. Margaret Glaspy Red Bluff, CA—
4. Lindsay Gasik Central Point, OR—
5. Miles Schneider Eugene, OR

SENIOR/SENIOR:

1. Willie Carter Lebanon, OR—
2. Judy McGarvey Medford, OR—
3. Don Maddox Ashland, OR—
4. Lee Cushman Trail, OR—
5. Ruel Teague Burns, OR—
6. Anne Huber Redding, CA

INTERMEDIATE:

1. Pat Scott Red Bluff, CA –
2. Heidi Chevez Medford, OR—
3. Elizabeth Johnson Redding, CA—
4. Randy Warner Carson City NV—
5. Martha Boyle Cottonwood, CA,

OPEN:1.

- Malissa Copenhagen Yuba City, CA—
2. Johnny McDonald Quincy, CA—
3. Margaret Brank Winlock, WA—
4. Garrett Openshaw Redding, CA.

The Homer McLain award went to Judy McGarvey of Medford. Included in the criteria for winning this award was the fiddler having the most fun, providing encouragement to others and being courteous to others. Lots of fiddlers were runners-up for this award!