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Nov.

6 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E  
 6 Grange Eagle Point 4  
 7 Villa West Klamath Falls 1  
 7 VFW Redmond 3  
 13 Community Building Winston 10  
 14 Adult Center Molalla 7  
 20 Grange Hall Winchester Bay 5  
 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  
 12 Senior Center Burns 9  
 18 Senior Center McMinnville 8

Jan.

8 Willamalane Senior Center Springfield 7/OOTFA  
 9 Senior Center Gladstone 7

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5 Open Contest Gaston  
 13 Adult Center Canby 7

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13 Adult Center Lake Oswego 7

April

8-9 State Convention OOTFA

May

20 – 21 Contest Salem OOTFA

Aug

August 18 - 21 for next years Winchester Bay Campout.

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District 1

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Happy Thanksgiving Everyone ! Seems like we just were enjoying warm sunny days one day, and having snow the next. That's how Fall weather is here in the Basin. We had our first official snowfall Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Brrrrrrrr.

At our Jam & Dance we welcomed several visitors: Bill and Pat Thompson from Medford on harmonica and vocals; Bud Ullman on banjo; and John Tilley on guitar all the way from Wenatchee, WA. He explained he's from the eastside group, down this way visiting family in Roseburg.

It was nice to have our very own Irv Johnson named as Grand Marshal for this year's 64<sup>th</sup> annual Merrill Potato Festival in mid-October. Congratulations Irv!

The November schedule is fairly simple. Our membership meeting at Villa West on the 7<sup>th</sup>, the Jam and Dance at Shasta View Community Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup>. There will not be any gatherings in Chiloquin for November or December due to the holidays.

Walter Gilliland has invited us to come to Dorris, CA on December 15<sup>th</sup>, with more details to follow.

We are checking out various microphone systems to hopefully improve our performances in public. Perhaps we can come up with some that won't screech when we get near them!

Our prayers and well wishes go out to Kathryn, whose Mom died earlier last month. She needed a minor escape, so came to the Jam and Dance for a short while. We also send out "Careful Driving" thoughts as various members travel the roads during these upcoming wintery months to visit family and friends.

November Birthday wishes go to: Carol Olsen 11/5, Jan Lancaster 11/20, and Etta Fernlund 11/22. And Happy Anniversary to John and Darleth Rogers 11/23 plus Les and Lois Tucker 11/23. Oh yeah – and Happy Boo-lated Birthday to Ann Bonser 10/31. (Sorry I missed you last newsletter)

Bye for now – and don't overstuff yourself (too much) on Turkey Day! Gobble, Gobble! From your friendly field reporter for District 1 – Fran Coker

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#### District 1E

Chairman: Rosa Lee McLain 541-947-2903

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Well folks the trees are turning, the rain's pelting and the wind's a-howlin'. Must be fall in Lakeview, OR. On the "nice" days though it surely is a pretty time of year. It's sad though, like we're just waiting for the first snowfall.

One old guy, asked to describe the weather in Lake County said "It's about nine months of winter followed by three months of bad weather." Well, we'll just stay inside and fiddle then.

Coming up Nov. 13 is the Christmas Valley Library fund raiser. We'll play from 6:00 until they kick us out. We always have a good turnout for this, and get a lot of help from neighboring districts because it's such a good time. Y'all come.

Strange, but nobody has a birthday in November( at least not in District 1E fiddlers!)

Beverly Perry has been in and out of the hospital for the last month, we all wish her a speedy recovery.

Our November jam will be on the 6th. \*\* NEW TIME\*\* We will be starting the jam at one o'clock in the afternoon, this way we figure more folks can get out to the jam without having to worry about driving in the dark, and this may encourage some of the folks in Klamath Falls to come over and still get back before nightfall. (The winter driving is bad enough.) No potluck, but we'll have coffee, tea, etc. and those that feel so inclined can bring some snacks. We're still at the Memorial Hall (courthouse basement) in Lakeview.

We'll play at the Lake District Long Term Care facility on the 9th and the 23rd from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Lake County Senior Center dates are Nov. 5,12,19 and 26 from 10:30 a. m. to noon. Our next business meeting is on Nov. 8 at the Lake County Senior Center, 7 p.m.

We garnered a new member last month, Dave Mason. We're all looking forward to meeting him at one of our functions.

Q: What do you get when you drop a piano down a mine shaft?

A: A Flat Minor

Eileen McLain, District 1E reporter

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#### District 3

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Welcome to Autumn, hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. Our last VFW Show was on Oct 3rd. We had a good turnout with lots of dancing and music. Austin Doescher played on stage for the first time playing his Guitar. He sang two songs: She's coming around the mountain and Old McDonald had a farm. He is seven years old and is the Grandson of Art and Rhea Bigelow.

Jack Smith played in Washington and Idaho last month for the Paulouse Country Cowboy Poetry & Song Fest.

District 3 New Members: Stacy Lane: Plays and Teaches Fiddle, Charlie and Glenda Collins

District 3 Reminders: Dues must be renewed by December 15th

District 3 Dates to Remember: 7th Nov VFW Show Redmond 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

9th Nov Library Bend 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Stacy Lane is teaching Fiddle from 7-8

11th Dec Pine Forest Grange 12:00 p.m. - continue with eating at 1:00 p.m. Potluck with Turkey and Ham provided by the District. 14th Dec Library Bend 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

15th Dec Dues is due for renewal for membership.

God Bless to all who are sick or have had surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Good wishes for Birthdays and Anniversaries. Happy Old Time Fiddle Music in your heart.

Reporter: Rhea Bigelow, District 3

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#### District 4

Chairman: Lee Ferguson 541-772-6462

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It was another glorious day for our October jam at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass! We are so blessed! We tried out our new sound system in the larger hall, and the comments were quite positive from musicians and audience.

We had the usual meeting and jam. It was voted to keep money for scholarships specified for that purpose instead of mixed in with our other income as it has been. Next month will be our Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and ham, and members filling in the "trimmin's". We welcomed our new kitchen person Monica Matthews, and we initiated her right away. A donation to the Rogue River Community Center was made in honor of Merle Pasley, at his family's request, and a certificate was presented.

Pat Manion is recovering from foot surgery - starting to get around on crutches. We've missed him! Freda Serpa's son Mike, from Tacoma, died after being in a coma following a stroke. Our sympathy goes out to the family. A former member Maggie James (one of our young fiddlers) was in a motorcycle crash where two others were killed. She was hit, but not hurt. Cecil James, one of our dancers, is recovering from surgery. Glen Williams, another former member who played guitar with us for many years, is in Hearthstone rehab following a pelvic fracture. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all these folks and their families.

Special thanx to our special workers - "it takes a village" to keep District 4 alive and kicking (or whatever we do). Especially mentioned were Grumpy and Ruth Kimmel, Jerry VanFoeken, Don Lindsey, and Judy Lyons for their "above and beyond" help.

Guests included Joyce Geiser, GP, guest of Freida Kilgore; Leila Tarter, guest of Artie Hammonds; and new member Don Johnson, guitar, brother of Joyce Grissom.

On Oct. 10 we played for "Art along the Rogue" in Grants Pass. A whole block was vacated for chalk/pastel pictures on the pavement. Wonderful art work! There was a good turnout of musicians, and an enthusiastic crowd. We have been playing a lot of other places, too, mostly on a monthly basis. We had 153 community service hours in September. Rick Reichert's website with our schedule has really helped to keep us informed about where and when. It's <http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net> . He also has some great links to other music sites. Thanks, Rick!

It seems we are rapidly approaching the holiday season, and our music is a wonderful adjunct to the celebrating. What fun it is! An 87 year old lady commented, "Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance".

Wishing you all the best, and remember - Joys shared are doubled, and sorrows shared are halved.

District 4 reporter, Judy McGarvey

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District 5  
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At our meeting on October 16th we discussed a problem with renting the Senior Center for our meetings. Larry Gallagher will contact the Coos Bay Senior center to see if he can obtain an acceptable rental agreement for our meeting space, as we would like to have the ability to move our jams around the district through the year. We will explore the cost and availability of venues throughout the district as well as the cost of a new trailer.

It was decided that District 5 will host another campout in Winchester Bay next year. Tentative dates are August 18-21, 2005.

We were pleased to have Bob and Earlene Ervin attend our meeting. Bob described his proposal for multiple meetings and the financial issues that the state is encountering.

Our next meeting will on November 20th at the Winchester Bay Grange. This will be our annual Holiday party, so those whose last names are from A-M please bring salads and from N-Z bring desserts. The district will provide turkey, ham all the fixings. The meeting will start at 11:00 am followed by the party and a jam session.

Thanks to Jolly Hibbits' publicity campaign, we had a great turn-out for our jam session. We were pleased to have Jim & Jeanette Jenks and their daughter from District 10 join us, as well as Ann Hasley's sister Ruth Janet from Virginia.

We have added a new nursing home to our schedule. Elderberry Square in Florence will be on the 1st Tuesday of the month. There also seems to be a problem with scheduling of nursing homes in the southern portion of the District. We will post an updated schedule next month.

Happy Birthday to Dorothy Tennant and Jim Hill on November 4th, Jolly Hibbits 19th, Cliff Larson 25th, Cecil Davidson 29th, and Larry Gallagher 30th. We hope you have many more!!! There are no November anniversaries.

In order to conserve space for the Hoedowner, from the next issue on we will no longer list birthdays and anniversaries.

Hal Weiner, Reporter District 5

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District 6  
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It was nice to see so many of you at the October meeting and jam, hosted by the ever-hospitable Crow Grange. Thanks to Bob Strelow for running the meeting (as Joe was basking in the sun on the deck of his cruise ship) and to Bernie Roberts for hauling the sound system. During the meeting Mark Carmickle reported on the fiscal issues facing the State, which will probably result in an increase in the yearly dues (which have stayed the same for 15 years). For the sake of our own

District coffers it was suggested that members dig a little deeper when the hat gets passed, and alert the Board of possible paying gigs for the District. Despite financial concerns, we had a great time playing music together--which is what this organization is all about!

The Thanksgiving potluck and jam will be held at Crow Grange on Saturday, November 20th. Our potluck will start at noon, and several members have volunteered to bake turkeys for that dinner, so we hope there will be plenty for everyone--even those at the end of the line! We need to increase community awareness of what we do at these jams (and how much fun we have), so the suggestion was made that our members should try to bring friends to the Thanksgiving jam--and other jams as well.

In December the Lebanon Moose Lodge has invited us to enjoy its hospitality on Sunday, December 5th. The music starts around 10:30 AM, and the Lodge always serves a fine lunch free to the Fiddlers. Santa often makes his first appearance of the holiday season; anyone interested in donning the Santa suit should contact Joe Moyle.

Our District will again host the State Quarterly meeting on Saturday, January 8th, at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. If you have never been to a State meeting you should put this date on your calendar, as members from all over the state converge and some great music gets played.

February is just around the corner, and that means election time for our District board. Joe will be finishing his second term as Chair, and so his position will be open. If you are interested in becoming intimately involved in affecting the direction and operation of our District, please let Joe know of your desire to be nominated for a District board position.

We are glad to report that Frank Chandler is out of the hospital and doing much better.

Happy November birthday to: Marie Roberts, 11/2; Vivian Steele, 11/7; and Mary Crockett, 11/30. Happy anniversary to: Ruth and Cal Montgomery, 11/14; Harv and Linda Harvey, 11/15; Jack and Mary Crockett, 11/24; and Howard and Lois Gabel, 11/27.

Remember to send a check made to OOTFA for \$15 to your membership chair. Many thanks to all of you who have renewed early!

Mark Ratzlaff, District 6 Reporter

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#### District 7

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Carole Ann (Wheeler) Ledbetter is still making news. She was featured in a half-page article of the Oregonian's Washington County Weekly published on October 7. Her trio, the Buckshot Mountain, is performing in and around the Beaverton area. She recently won the Senior American Idol contest at the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton. Congratulations, Carol Ann!

Wednesday November 3 we're needed to play for the Providence Laurelhurst Eldercare from 12:30 - 1:30. The facility is 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 we'll have our monthly jam at the Molalla Adult Center. It's at 305 Kennel Avenue in Molalla. Going south on I-205 from Portland take Exit 10, Hwy 213 south to Molalla. Come in on Molalla Ave and make a right turn on Heintz and a left onto Kennel. If you are coming in on Hwy. 211 make a left on Kennel. The Center sits behind the City Park off Molalla Avenue. Church services will break up a little after 11:30 and we can start going in then.

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 in Portland. 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 we are booked to play at The Highlands in Tigard. They want us to play about 45 minutes starting between 7:30 and 7:45. We'll play in the Clubhouse which is at 12930 SW Peachvale Street in Tigard.

Sunday January 9, 2005 we will start the New Year with our monthly jam at the Gladstone Senior Center at 1050 Portland Avenue in Gladstone from 10:30 to 4. Portland Avenue parallels McLaughlin Blvd. east of it.

Saturday February 5, 2005 is the Gaston Fiddle Contest and Jubilee at the High School in Gaston, Oregon. Competitions go all day and into the evening. It is a day of magnificent music. Start practicing now.

Saturday February 12, 2005 is the celebration of the City of Gresham's 100th Anniversary. We will be scheduled to play for two hours but we don't know where or what time yet. Put this date on your calendar for fun and frolic in Gresham.

Sunday February 13, 2005 we will have our regular monthly jam session at the Canby Adult Center. Directions later.

Sunday March 13, 2005 will be our regularly scheduled monthly jam session at the Lake Oswego Adult Community. Directions later.

Reporter: Gail Foster

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Sometimes we seem to neglect the coastal part of our district. But in late September and early October, we made up for it!

As I predicted last month, our gig at the Newport Elks Lodge was a success. The lodge put on a Hunter's Ball for its members. District 8 was invited to provide music. An even dozen musicians did just that. We didn't let a little thing like having no sound system keep us from putting on a good program. We sat in a semicircle so we could all see each other and played our 2 hours as requested.

The following weekend we played at the Whaler's Rest Campground 5 miles south of Newport. We were treated to a free spaghetti dinner before playing. With our own sound system this time, we played in the recreation room that was packed with campers. One man told me afterward it was the best fiddle music he'd heard anywhere. Now, maybe he hasn't heard all that much fiddling, but we choose to believe him! With 14 musicians we presented a wide variety of music styles: old time, swing, guitar picking and vocals. Much appreciated for their presence were: Joan and Ed Long from Alsea, Sharon and Larry Gallagher from Myrtle Point, and Gary and Vi Epperly from Lebanon.

And then the NEXT weekend we played near Neskowin. Neskowin Valley School is a thriving private school in a small valley near the coast. The main building in an attractively remodeled barn. Our first hour of playing was from the balcony overlooking the cafe area on the main floor. After an hour break, we played again on the stage in the covered play shed. Many crafts were on display and for sale. A choice of interesting food too, including apple cider pressed on the spot. Pat and Chuck Gates joined us. We appreciate their talents as well as their good company. What a wonderful surprise to have Les and Peggy Tucker back from their travels. Les's fiddle and back up add greatly to our programs. Zack and David Konowalchuk joined us for a few numbers before doing their own program. Oh, by the way, they are sending us a check.

October 17th we had a meeting and jam at the VFW Hall in Willamina. OOTFA State president Bob Ervin and Earlene attended. Bob gave a brief account of the state's finances, and announced that a committee is looking into ways to save money. We reviewed our schedule for the coming months. Welcome back, Fred and Charlotte Hardin! They've been to several midwest states. And, it was so good to have Harriet Modrell and her daughter, Joy, there!

November 20th, a Saturday, we'll meet at the Senior Center in McMinnville for our Holiday potluck dinner. This will be a POTLUCK with the District providing the Turkey and Ham. If you haven't already signed up to bring something, here's what we suggest. If you last name begins with A-M, bring salad or a vegetable. N-Z, bring a dessert. See you there!

Alice Holt, reporter, district 8

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District 9

Chairperson: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206

Co-Chairman: Lloyd Louie 541-573-7862

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

A short business meeting was held before the October potluck and jam to inform the members of the agenda discussed at Thousand Trails. It was also reported that Rose Robirts is recovering nicely from her triple by-pass surgery. Julia said she had had a phone visit with Wilma Marler a district 9 member in Ontario. It was decided our holiday dinner will be held Dec. 12th prior to the senior center show. Food arrangements to be made later.

Guests for our show were Hugh Gallaher and Carole Hamilton from Jerome, Idaho, Ivan Mc Daniel from John Day and Ann Schulpe and Shammy Johnson from Vale. Hugh, Ivan and Annie all did performances at the show. Madelyn and Edwin Henderson, newcomers to Burns, were first time

guests. We hope to see you all back. Andrew Dunderdale taped the show and we anxious to see how that turns out.

Freda Tubbs will be moving to John Day so Walt Cooper did her favorite tune "Truck Drivin Man". Good luck in your new home.

On Oct 3rd Edie Koenig hosted a barbecue at her place near Harney with Conrad Coon doing the honors as chef. Great food! A small crowd due to hunting season but we got in lots of playing and eating.

The Aspens has hired a new activity Director so we need to have another good turnout next month Nov. 12 at 7:00 PM. Ashley Manor will follow on Monday, Nov. 15th at 6:30 PM.

Everyone have a great turkey bird day!  
Julia Milleson, Reporter

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District 10  
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Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541-863-6109)

Our Hootenanny meeting was a big success. Several dressed in Hill Billy costume and some even played or sang the old Hill Billy songs.

A contest of the best dressed Hill Billy found Jean Hanson in 3rd place, Marge and Chuck Hasty 2nd, and Barbara Sullivan 1st place. Thanks to all that participated. It made a really fun day.

Guests were Earlene and Bob Ervin, our State President, Don Maddox and Shirley Stone from Ashland, Lloyd and Jeanette Arnold from Igo, Calif. Linda McCarn who recently moved here and her visiting sister from Michigan, Carolyn Egelski. The sisters both played auto-harps and did a great job of singing. Guests of Chuck and Genevieve Hanson were Shirley Fletcher and Owen Holt. Owen is moving here from Calif. He really enjoyed the music so I'm sure we will see him back at our jams.

Tiny Stinett's friends from Garden Valley Retirement Center came out by bus to enjoy the afternoon of music. They had decorated sticks that they kept time to the music. Some even danced.

Joyce Pickett was in the hospital for the week with intestinal problems. She is now home and doing much better. Lyneatte Werlinger and family were in Idaho taking care of some business. Our prayers go out to both the families.

During our meeting we decided to have the Thanksgiving dinner on our Nov. 13th date. Turkey and ham will be provided. If you plan to attend please call Jo Barnes at 459-4522 to see what you can bring. Guests are welcome so bring a friend. We'd love to have you there for dinner at noon and music starting at one.

Jeanette Jenks has taken over the hospitality position from Marge Hasty. Marge sent out cards to our ailing members over several years. We appreciate her good works.

The job of reporter still needs to be filled. I am just filling in for this month. Doris Dilbeck was doing this job and has now moved to Roseburg and she and Don have their hands full getting settled. Thanks Doris for a job well done.

Congratulations to all that have birthdays or anniversaries for this month. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!  
Reporting, Jo Barnes, District 10

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From the Prez: Hi Folks: At the High Desert Jamboree at Burns in June during our quarterly board meeting the financial report for the preceding quarter was read. This was very disturbing to me and I think many others, as it showed that we had to use part of our \$10,000 C.D. to pay our bills that were due. After some discussion with our then Sec/Treas. Irene Ruddock, I decided when I become President I would appoint a finance committee to see what could be done. This I did. On this committee are: Hal Weiner ,chairman, Roger Germundson, Fred Hardin, and Ruel Teague. All business persons whom I felt were qualified to tackle this. Thank you gentlemen for accepting this very important job. This committee along with the three State Officers had their first meeting at Thousand Trails, they came up with some very good ideas, I would say it was a very successful first meeting and a good start. The committee will meet twice more before the Convention. At this time they should have some suggestions to present to the membership. There will be changes, which I hope over time will greatly improve our financial situation.

As we all should know by now the Hoedowner is our largest single expense, so we felt this would be a good place to start. Depending on the number of members it costs approximately \$15,000 to \$18,000 per year or around \$1300.00 per month. This is quite a large sum. There are ways to cut these costs if we are willing to make some changes. The membership dues are suppose to finance the Hoedowner. However at this time that is not happening and hasn't for quite a long time. The Finance Committee suggested raising our dues from \$15.00 to \$20.00 to cover this cost. Also, we are asking our district reporters, also the President and the Editor to keep their reports to 500 words or less to save on pages in the Hoedowner. They also suggested that we reduce the font which would also save space on each page. Another suggestion was for people who receive the Hoedowner on the Internet to volunteer not to receive it be mail. {strictly Voluntary} This would save a bundle. Another thought was to switch from 1st class mailing to bulk. It costs 35.5 cents for 1st class and only .17 cents for bulk. This would save over half on the mailing cost. Also, there are ways to save on the Contest and the Convention. These we are considering. None of us like to do these things but if we are to stop the downward slide of our bank balance and eventually replace the \$5000.00 we used from our C. D. we must make some hard choices now.

The January Quarterly Board meeting will 10:30 A. M. Saturday January 8, 2005 at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield Ore. Doors open at 9:00 A.M. Pot luck at noon. Jamming all day  
Bob Ervin, President OOTFA

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From the editor: Our state treasurer, Sharon Gallagher reports as of Sep., 30 income \$3,280; expense \$1,691; balance \$11,097. Jim Jinks deserves a big thank you. He raised \$1,250 with the raffle of his mandolin. This has been placed in the scholarship fund to be used to help young people with lessons or to purchase beginner instruments or to other wise support our youth.

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Donna Reuter in Hood River -- private fiddle lessons -- (541) 386-2633. Or fiddledr@aol.com for more information.

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New Members for November Hoedowner

1. Mark & Phyllis Petteys---Forrest Grove
2. Felipe Salazar---Wood Village
3. Karen Ellis ---Gold Hill
4. Felicia Bailey---Hillsboro
5. Leigh Ann & Larry Webb---McMinnville
6. Don Johnson---Medford
7. Charles & Glenda Collins---Newport

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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.

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Here's information on an upcoming fiddle workshop in Portland: This Portland Community College workshop is designed for violinists/fiddlers who would like to add a few Texas Style Oldtime Tunes to their repertoire: Saturday, Nov. 6, 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m.: PCC Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49th Avenue, Room 123 in the Health Technology Building, near parking lot #12 Instructor: Eileen Witler Cost: \$25.00 Course Number: 46283

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Contest donations this month -- Bryant, Jack & Darlene, Colebank, Dale & Loita, Geelan, Frank & Evamae

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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 you know who this might be, please contact Myrtle Arnold or Sharon Gallagher or Lew Holt.

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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.

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Eileen Witler--Teaching fiddle at her studio at 11825 SW Greenburg Road #2A in Tigard. 503-701-1578 or email her at ewit@juno.com for further information.

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Merle Pasley, -- I am looking for video of Merle and cassette recordings.

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Have you ever dived from a high diving board – maybe 15 feet up? The first time is the hardest – I've been there. I and others are jumping off that high diving board – saving money – and hope that we hit the water safely. To save several hundred dollars, we decided to mail this Hoedowner "bulk rate." It will/may arrive several day later than usual. Habits are hard to break – you are used to receiving your Hoedowner on the 1st or 2nd of each month. Now it depends on the postal people. We are, also, taking liberties with the make up of the Hoedowner to cut costs. Bare with us, please.

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Lew, Editor