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2005

Feb.

5 Open Contest Gaston
5 Jam Grants Pass 4
6 Jam Redmond 3
12 Jam FairgroundsLakeview 1E
12 Jam Winston 10
13 Jam Shasta Grange 1
13 Adult Center Canby 7
13 Jam Burns 9
19 Grange Winchester Bay 5
19 Grange Crow 6
19 Senior Center McMinnville 8

March

5 Jam Rogue River 4
13 Jam Lake Oswego 7
13 Jam Keizer 8

April

2 Grange Medford 4
8-9 State Convention Roseburg OOTFA

May

20 – 21 Contest Salem OOTFA
July 28 – Aug. 1 Diamond Lake Campout
Aug
August 18 - 21 Winchester Bay Campout

District 1

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Happy Valentine's Day Everyone !

Hope you are managing to stick with your New Year's resolutions – aren't they a pain? We make 'em , then we break 'em! As long as the only resolution you made this year was to play more music you should have no trouble keeping it.

Wanted to remind everyone that it is once again time to nominate and elect new officers for our organization. The nominating committee (Phil Fry, Dennis Tucker and Ben Coker) will be announcing their recommendations at our monthly meeting at Villa West on the 6th. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor (general membership). This is your opportunity to make your preference known for the people you feel are best suited to lead our association. Please come to the meeting and vote!

Our first meeting of the year was rather iffeey, based on the Klamath Basin's snowy winter weather, but we had a good turn out anyway with great food and a good music session. The dog sled races in Chemult in mid-January were lots of fun as usual. The roads were fine, which always makes long distance travel a little easier. Didn't realize we were playing the last song until it was too late – maybe we could come up with a “signature song” to end our sessions.

District One sends condolences to the families and friends of fellow fiddlers Art Lane from Hillsboro and Ace Wehus of Canby. We'll miss them both. Please keep Steve Curry in your thoughts. He's barely out of his leg cast when he's now had knee surgery on his other leg. This is slowing him up quite a bit.

Welcome to new members: Lani and Rick Isabel, Lisa Lawson, Pat and Brenda Reed, Jerry and Joyce Roas, and Don and Jo Scroggins. Glad you've joined us, and hope to see you at many more functions.

The February 2005 schedule is fairly simple. Our membership meeting and elections at Villa West on the 6th from noon to 4pm, the Jam and Dance at Shasta View Community Hall on the 13th from 1pm to 4pm. We will be part of the new Winter Wings festival by performing at 11:30am in Hooker Hall at OIT. On Saturday the 26th, we join the Tappin Troupers at the Rehab at 10 am. We will start doing Chiloquin on Sunday, February 27th at 1:30pm.

February Heart-shaped Birthday wishes go to: Vivian Burden (21st) and Ben Coker (27th). And Happy Anniversary to Ray and Illa White on the 15th.

Bye for now – and as they say every four years – “Get out and Vote”
From your friendly field reporter for District #1 – Fran Coker

District 1E
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Hello again, Seems like a year since I wrote last, ha ha. Well, the change of venue for our jams has officially taken place. We're now jamming at the south building of the Lake County Fairgrounds. Although we are used to the routine of the first Saturday of every month for the get-togethers, there are a couple of times in the year that another event is scheduled for the building, so here is the list of dates for the jams. The April 9, and Sept. 10 dates are tentative, so call our chairperson Rosa Lee McLain to verify. Feb.

12, Mar. 5, Apr. 9, May 7, June(no jam), July 2, Aug.6, Sept.10, Oct.1, Nov.5, Dec.10. All are on a Saturday and all begin at 2:30 p.m. You also know that over here in 1E, we play 'til the toothpicks that hold our eyes open crumble and crack. Which reminds me, the dates for our Silver Lake campout are May 12 through the 15th.

We're now playing every week at the nursing home on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30, and at the Lake County Senior Center every Friday morning from 10:30 to noon. The next business meeting is Feb. 14 at the Senior Center, 7 p.m.

District 1E fiddlers are scheduled to play for a church social at the Church of Latter-Day Saints in Lakeview on Feb. 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Birthdays for February are: Bev Perry's on the 1st, Mary Stone's on the 4th and Gloria Meyers' on the 9th. We 'd like to welcome new members Jim and Andrea Harris from Lakeview. Jim is a very talented guitar player who's been jammin' with us for a while now-good to have you and the Mrs. on board! So far this month, nobody is under the weather, so it's all good.

Thought you might like to see the list of the top 5 songs for people over 50
Number one is "Let's get a Physical", Number two...."To All the Girls I've Disappointed Before", Number three...."The Lack o' Motion" Number four.....
A Hard Day's Nap" and Number five..."Hair Potion Number 9".

Eileen McLain, reporter, District 1E

District 3
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Welcome to winter and the snow. Our last VFW show in Redmond was a good turnout. Even with the snow and cold. There was lots of dancing, food, and fun. It seem everyone had a good time.

Things to think about and remember: Send your dues to the district membership treasure to Earlene Erwin. We will be voting on new board members for Co-Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Treasure, and Secretary in March at business meeting.

We will be having a business meeting at the VFW show in February 6th. Silver Lake campout might be the second weekend in May. Crooked River Ranch campout might be in August.

Klamath Falls might be our campout instead of Thousand Trails due to rates per night going up to \$32.00.

New Members: Bill and Pat Haavisto. Bill plays guitar and Harmonica. Pat plays piano.

Dates to Remember: Feb 6th VFW Show Redmond 1-4p.m. Feb 8th Library Jam Redmond 7-9 p.m. March 6th VFW Show Redmond 1-4p.m. March 8th Library Jam Redmond 7-9p.m

May God bless those who lost love ones and those who are sick. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all this month. May you keep Old Time Fiddle Music in your hearts.
Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter

District 4

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The January jam at Bellview Grange in Ashland coincided with the snowiest day of the season. A small but hardy group of musicians played wonderful music, stopping a little early because snow was looming again. Can't let a little snow stop us from playing! We've continued to do a lot of playing in Josephine and Jackson counties, and using our new portable sound systems to good advantage. We used our new "condenser" mike at the jam, and folks said it was great! Stuff still needs a little "tweaking", but little by little we are getting better at using our equipment. Our community service hours for December totaled 143 hours – and the music comes out here!

Joyce Grissom (Tommy Grissom's wife) fell at her residence, landing on her knee, breaking her femur in 5 places. She had surgery, and is now in 3 Fountains rehab for several months. Frank Armstrong had gall bladder surgery with complications and was in the hospital for several days, then to rehab for a while. Margaret Walch fell and hurt her leg a couple months ago. She is at home recovering and healing. Judy Lyons has had recurring medical problems. We miss seeing these folks at our jams. Get well and come back, y'all! Our prayers and good wishes continue to go out to you.

The "5 O'clock" Jammers" weekly fiddle group continues to grow – we've added four more young people from age 8 to teenage. It's so much fun to watch these kids play such great music. Watch out, Mark O'Conner! We adults are getting better, too! You can learn a lot from kids!

Sheri West is available for fiddle lessons now. She can be reached at 664-3880 (different number than last month).

Don't forget our jams – Feb. 5 – Fruitdale Grange – Grants Pass. March 5 we'll be at the Rogue River Community Center in Rogue River and on April 2 – Roxy Ann Grange -- Medford.

Thoughts for the month, day, year, or whatever. . .

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.
Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

District 5

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Co-Chair: Hal Weiner (541) 902-2371

Secretary/Treasurer: Kathy Nash (541) 902-1981

Membership: Karen Weiner (541) 902-2336

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Karen Weiner is now the Membership contact person for the District.

OOPS. In the last Hoedowner the dates for the Winchester Bay campout were incorrect. The real dates are August 18-21.

At our meeting on January 15th we agreed to make the Winchester Bay Grange our base for the year. We will also try to move our jam sessions around the district so that we can provide an opportunity for more people to participate. A nominating committee of Ken Hooten and Norm Nash will present a slate of officers for a vote on May 21st. It was voted that we will donate \$350 for the state contest and \$250 for the Canyonville contest.

We need volunteers to help work at the raffle table and assist in other duties at the convention. If you can help, please let Larry Gallagher know.

We will have a potluck and jam at Winchester Bay on February 19th starting at noon, everyone is invited.

A grand group of fiddlers helped entertain at the Florence Winter Folk Festival on January 22. Thanks to Kathy Greene, Louis Leger, Barbara Richert, Linda Chambers, Tom Ellis, Jim and Jo Hockenhill, Norm Nash, Cindy Forslev, Jim Little and Ron Estep for making the festival a success.

To all of members who are "under the weather" we send our best get-well wishes.

Hal Weiner, Reporter, District 5

District 6

Chairman: Joe Moyle 541-343-5894

Co-chair: Bob Strelow 541-782-4803

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I was unable to attend the State meeting and jam at Springfield in January. Chairman Joe reports: The January 8 jam was well attended despite inclement weather in the passes -- a rough head-count numbered about 80 people. As should happen, volunteer labor made set-up and take-down of tables and chairs relatively painless. Leah Canaday deserves special thanks for organizing the potluck buffet. The jam, which really got swinging after lunch, was still going full blast when three o'clock rolled around, and we received a discreet message from people in the hall that a wedding party wanted to take over the hall at four! We were pleased to see some old friends in attendance, particularly Addie Gonshorowski, Dee Dee Kaiser and Betty Hawkins.

Our next jam at Crow Grange on Saturday Feb. 19th will begin at 11 AM with a business meeting which will include election of the next District board. Mark Carmickle will also inform members of a new venue available in Springfield, and we will decide whether that is a place we would like to schedule some of our future jams. Potluck follows at noon, and jam to follow. We encourage folks to bring more main dishes, as the January potluck was overloaded with desserts (and this is a problem??--just kidding!)

Our March jam is scheduled for March 19th at Crow Grange, although that location might change depending on decisions made at the February meeting. We have no District jam scheduled for April as that is Convention month, and on May 1 we will be at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mark Carmickle who sprained his wrist in January.

Happy birthday to: Maxine Benson, 2/10; and Phyllis Coffin, 2/20. Happy anniversary to John and Jackie Parsons, 2/3.

Mark Ratzlaff, District 6 Reporter

District 7

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Membership: Myrtle Arnold

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District 7 has some great new members: First we have Mark & Barbara Johnson. Son Tanner plays the fiddle, Mandolin, Guitar, Cello & Trumpet. Father "Mark" Plays Guitar, Mandolin & Harmonica. Mother "Barbara" would like to learn also. Second we have Nanao & Chikako Yamada. "Mom" Chikako is an associate. Nanao plays Fiddle.

We have several fun "gigs" coming up in the next few months:

Saturday February 12, 2005 is the celebration of the City of Gresham's 100th Anniversary. We are scheduled to play for one hour 1 - 2 p.m. at the old J C Penney Building at 55 NE Roberts Street in Gresham.

Sunday February 13, 2005 we will have our regular monthly jam session at the Canby Adult Center at 1250 S. Ivy Street in Canby from 10:30 until 4 p.m. Coming from Portland take 99E to Ivy, turn left, it is on the corner of S. Ivy and 13th on the left side of street. Going north on 99E turn right onto Ivy.

Friday February 18 we're needed at Providence Laurelhurst Eldercare facility at 4540 NE Glisan again. They love us there. From 12:45 - 1:45 this time. Even tho' the parking is on-street and chancy, this is really a fun one.

THIS IS THE NEWLY SCHEDULED PERFORMANCE DATE!!!

Tuesday March 1 from 2 - 3 we are needed to play at Laurelhurst House at 15 SE 55th (SW Corner of E Burnside and SE 55th) in Portland. The entrance is on 55th and we can park on the street or in the QFC grocery store parking lot. This is the first time we have been here so let's make it a good one.

Sunday March 13, 2005 will be our regularly scheduled monthly OOTFA jam session at the Lake Oswego Adult Community Center at 505 G Avenue in Lake Oswego. This is the one that Jack Smith started many years ago and is the time to remember him and his music.

Saturday March 19, we are needed to play in the meeting room in The Refectory Restaurant at 1618 NE 122nd Avenue from 1 - 1:45 for the Christian Business and Professional Women's Club

Gail Foster, Reporter District 7

District 8

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Sec/Treas/ Chris Lang 503-982-6224

Membership: Jackie Stephenson

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I'm writing on January 15th, the day we should have been jamming at McMinnville. With the ice and freezing rain, Chairman Marie Bailey, after a few phone calls, decided to cancel the jam. It just wasn't safe to be driving. The Portland news was showing lots of slipping and sliding accidents. I hope everyone got the word of the cancellation. I think most of us had decided to stay home anyway.

Who could have guessed that only a few days later we'd have record breaking springtime temperatures!

The OOTFA quarterly meeting at Springfield was well attended by District 8 members. Overall attendance was a bit down because of weather, but there was a quorum of officers. You can read about the meeting in president Bob's column. We had a great potluck dinner and jam after the meeting. Thanks to District 6 for hosting us.

The Gaston Oldtime Fiddlers Jamboree and contest is ready for its 3rd year. Saturday February 5th is the day. This is an open contest with fiddlers coming from other states as well as Oregon. Come and play, or come and listen. Either way, you'll have a fun day. Gaston is on Hwy 47 about 6 miles south of Forest Grove. The contest starts at 9:30 AM.

Plan to come to McMinnville Senior Center on Saturday, February 19th. Brown bag lunch if you wish. Coffee furnished. IMPORTANT: There will be a meeting to elect next year's offices. Come and vote. And Marie has an interesting agenda of items that need our attention.

Our March jam will be for at the Salem-Keizer Senior Center for their Irish Stew dinner. In April we'll probably be at the Senior Center in Dallas. More on these next month.

Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

Alice Holt District 8 reporter

District 9

Chairperson: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206

Co-Chairman: Lloyd Louie 541-573-7862

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

Two unscheduled jams were held between the holidays. Ruel and Margaret Teague came home for Christmas and Walt Cooper, Janet Brayman and I had the chance to play with him before they scooted back to Quartzsite, Arizona. Janet Brayman also hosted a large jam at her home to fill in the holiday lull.

We were saddened to learn of Art Lane's death. Several years ago he had taught school in the area so had many friends and former students here as well as his music friends. Our prayers are with you Vi.

What a surprise to see John Borelli (crutches and all) at our Jan 7th jam. His motorcycle hit some gravel and ended up on top! Wife Linda drove them in and had a blizzard to return home in as high winds and snow hit during the jam.

Tom and Vivian Tucker from Mt. Vernon (no snow there yet!) were down for our senior center potluck and jam on the 9th, as well as Bill and Betty Chapman from Christmas Valley (Dist.1E). Bettys yodeling is always a crowd pleaser. Beginning guitar players Kim Tyler and Warren Land sat in with us as well.

My thanks to Lloyd Louie for emceeing the show and also a big thank you to the gals who see to the coffee making and the food tables. Our senior center Potluck and jam sessions are held on the second Sunday of each month so mark your calendars for Feb.13, Mar. 13, April 10 and May 8th which will be our last show before summer.

Feb. 11th we play the Aspens at 7:00pm and Ashley Manor at 6:30pm on the 21st of Feb.

Happy Valentines Day to all.

Julia Milleson, District 9, Reporter

District 10

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Co-Chairman / Membership Jo Barnes : (541-459-4522)

255 Raintree Ave. Sutherlin, OR 97479

Treas. Glynn Deaton (541-839-4501)

Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541-863-6109)

With snow arriving the night before, we were pleased with the good turn out for our January Potluck and Jam. Many thanks to all the cooks and helpers. And a BIG thanks to all the guest that joined us in our jam session. Tom O'Neill, Jan Castillo, Judy Joiner and Delmer and Carol Beck all played in our jam. Other guests were Ruby Walker, Louie Pugh, Art and Sue Melker, Sadie Thompson, Dan and MaryAnn Vellear, Scott and Jane McAdoo, Velear and Uve Kummrow. A special thanks for all the locals that showed up.

We wish our best to our members that have been having health problems - Hap and Merna Jones and Tiny Stinett.

Saturday, February the 12th is our next meeting at 11:00 AM. Potluck at noon and a Jam session started at 1:00 PM at the Community Building at Winston. Please come one and all, as February is our month for election of officers. See you then.

Clare Eaton, Reporter District 10

From the Prez: Hi Everybody, Well, our Mid Winter Quarterly meeting at Springfield is now history. A very successful meeting it was. We covered a lot of ground. The board voted on and passed some changes and additions to the [Standing Rules.] They will be presented to the members at our annual meeting in Roseburg for their consider. They are as follows:

Possible Changes or Additions to the Standing Rules:

"Addition to the [Standing Rules]"

State and District officers, because they are expected to attend all State meetings will be reimbursed for mileage at the rate of .25 cents per mile. State to reimburse State Officers, and District to reimburse District Officers.

"Addition to Article IX of [Standing Rules]"

Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. State Convention shall be held annually in either March or April. [In addition, a second business meeting shall be held in either August or September in conjunction with the fall Quarterly Board Meeting on the east side of the mountains]

Dues: Change wording of Article VIII of the "[Standing Rules]" number 3 to read,

All other members shall pay twenty dollars [\$20.00] annual membership dues, payable January 1 of each year. This includes an individual, a couple, or a family if that couple, or family lives at one address.,

[Standing Rule] #1 shall be changed to read:].

After the rent of the hall and any postage or mailing expenses have been deducted each district shall pay to the state treasurer 20% of all monies taken in by the district. All other expenses are paid from the balance.

And now some news about [Thousand Trails]. It is not good news. I received word from them that the rent on the R.V. parking spots will be raised this year to \$32.00 , a raise of \$11.00 per night. We will have to discuss this at the meeting in Roseburg, also. I should tell you that we have another place available for us to go this year, at no cost to us.

If you remember last month I ask if anyone knew why 2005 is an important year for the OOTFA. This year the OOTFA became 40 years old. Yeah, four decades, quite awhile. We will have a little celebration during the banquet.

It seems like this is happening way to often lately. But two of our long time members have passed on, Ace Wehus and Art Lane. They will be missed. We offer our condolences to their families.
OOTFA, President, Bob Ervin

From the editor: I will be working on the roster this next month. If there are errors, somebody died, or other changes, please let me know. If you don't let me know, I'll continue making the same error. My old program to run off the roster hasn't kept up with new computers so I may have to change. In the process, I may be changing the way the roster looks. It will still have the same information but maybe in a straight line across the page.

Dorothy Wehus would like to thank everybody for their nice cards and letters after Ace's death. She appreciated them very much.

At 1000 Trails last Sept. a lady asked me if I could get her one of the little fiddler pins. I recently got two from Helen Tracy, now I can't remember who wanted me to get her a fiddler pin. If she would contact me, I can send her a pin. (I think it was the lady who bought a video tape and maybe a CD.)

Video tapes. Recently I borrowed an excellent 11-year-old video tape from District 4, made a DVD and returned the tape. If any of you have good old video tapes you could loan me or give me for the OOTFA archives, I would appreciate them. Today I was looking at video from Warrick's campout. There were good friends that are gone – Glen Brown, Vi and Charley Jensen, Walt Westbury and more – but they live on the video and will be in our archives for future generations to know.

New Members for February Hoedowner

1. Dale & Rhayanna Bryant---Lakeview
 2. Ed & Madelyn Henderson---Burns
 3. Jim & Andrea Harris---Lakeview
 4. Nanao & Chikako Yamada---Aurora
 5. James & Raquel Green---Salem
 6. Chris & Kelly Manhard---Corvallis
 7. Bill & Pat Haavisto---Redmond
 8. Rhea Gowrley---Eugene
 9. Mark & Barbara Johnson---Portland
- Thank You Myrtle

State Convention Schedule for the Friday Night Invitational Variety Show April 8, 2005
6.00 Pm On stage jamming by all musicians
6.45 PM Stage will be cleared

6.50 Program Chairman Louie Roy will address the audience to let them know what the program is all about

6.55 National Anthem

7.00 PM show will start

Emcees will be Fred Hardin and Ken Jordan

8.30 15 minute intermission

During intermission Lew Holt will have all the excellent fiddlers and other musicians and Vocalist from throughout the state who are not on the program on stage to play 15 minutes for the audience who choose not to leave their seats, this way more musicians are involved and the audience doesn't have to sit there for 15 minutes and twiddle their thumbs.

8.45 2nd half of show will start and will last to about 10.15 PM

10.15 PM grand finale

All musicians and vocalist please remember to have your back-up ready when your scheduled time comes.(BE Prompt) All musicians are allowed 5 minutes so don't waste time telling jokes introducing your back-up, etc. Also please remember that all who take part in this program must be a paid up or life time member of the OOTFA (NO EXCEPTIONS) NO OUT OF STATE PLAYERS THIS IS AN OOTFA PROGRAM

Call for exact prices.

Roseburg – Convention Motel phone # and directions going south off of I-5 Going north reverse directions

Budget 16 take exit 125 turn left onto Garden Valley go about 10 blocks to Stephens Street turn right go about 4 blocks motel is on left PH #1 541 673 5556

Comfort Inn take exit 125 turn left onto Garden Valley to 1st stop light turn left 1 block motel is on right Phone 1 800 228 5150 1541 957 1100 continental Breakfast

Windmill Inn take exit 125 turn left onto Garden Valley to 1st stop light turn left motel is on left Phone 1 800 547 4747 1541 673 0901 Continental Breakfast

Best Western Garden Villa Motel take exit 125 turn right then turn right immediately motel is on right. Phone 1 800 547 3446 1 541 672 1601

Motel 6 take exit 127 turn left go across I-5 turn right motel is on right Phone 1 541 464 8000

Super 8 take exit 127 turn left go across I -5 turn left motel is on left Phone 1 541 672 8880

Sleep Inn take exit 127 turn right go about 5 blocks motel is on left Phone 1 541 464 8338

Louie writes: There are many more good motels on exit 124 turn right and there is the Dunes 1 541 672 6684 -- Holiday Inn Express 1 541 673 7517 -- Travelodge 1 541 672 4836 -- Best Western Douglas Inn 1 541 63 6625. All motels near good food. The OOTFA doesn't advertise or promote any motel this is general info to the members of the OOTFA Louie Roy

The Gaston Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree contest will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2005. Specific information is on the OOTFA website. You are invited to register by email, too, or by phone – name, address, division, email and birth date if Pee Wee or super senior. (For youngest and oldest fiddler)

Thanks to Alice McDowell and Don Maddox for their generous contribution to the contest fund. Every bit helps us put on another successful contest come May 20 and 21. And their contributions help “a whole lot.”

Donna Reuter in Hood River private fiddle lessons -- (541) 386-2633. fiddledr@aol.

I am pleased to announce that Daniel Forrster in Gaston is now giving fiddle lessons. If anybody in the area is interested, please contact him. dforster@gabrielsbanner.com

Hurray to District 5 for their fine donation to the state contest. Every district is invited to make a donation to the contest. Did you know that last year that half of the contestants were under the age of 18. Great things are happening out there in the fiddle world. I invite each district to consider what we are doing for these young people and for the association and make a generous contribution.

Thanks to Hal Weimer for the donation of the five CD set of Bob Wills. It will be raffled off at the state convention with the proceeds going to the state contest.

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

Sheri West is now 'officially' giving private fiddle and mandolin lessons in Southern Oregon. Fiddleist@aol.com or (541) 665-0673.

Lew, Editor