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Happy Summer – and Father's Day !

District #1 is hustling behind the scenes to make sure we make your visit in September a good one. Please be watching for an information packet we are getting together and will be mailing out to each district. It will have maps, brochures and information galore in case you haven't been here before.

We certainly had a music-packed month of May, with more events coming fast and furious for June. The Packers Clinic in early May at the Fairgrounds had a great turnout. On Friday evening, we played until the vendors covered their wares and the lights went out. On Saturday, the place was even more jam-packed, and we had a very enthusiastic audience. Don Maddox joined us, as did Alan from Idaho.

It was wonderful to see both Irven and Lu out and about recently. They joined us for both the Jam and Dance session, and the performance at Elmer's. They're both looking good and sounding good.

Our busy June schedule is as follows: The monthly meeting and potluck at Villa West on the 5th from noon to 4pm, the Jam and Dance at Shasta View Community Hall on the 12th from 1pm to 4pm, Chiloquin Community Center on the 19th at 1:30pm (3rd Sunday this month instead of 4th), and Clairmont (lower level) at 1:30pm on the 22nd. We're also performing June 4th for the Master Gardeners at the Fairgrounds at 1pm. And we begin doing the Farmers Market on the 11th, then again on the 25th both from 10am to noon. Also on the 11th, we're playing at a graduation party at 1pm, at Ore-Cal Rock, by Transformer Road and Malin Loop (see John Northcraft for details). The Burns event will be the 16th thru 18th. On the 26th, we are performing at Wilson Hall in Merrill from noon to 4pm for a benefit for Patty Deter.

June Birthday wishes go to: Jean Standiford on the 2nd. And our anniversary spotlight for June shines on Dick and Jo Harris (16th), and Ben and Fran Coker (25th) – congratulations everyone.

Here are some points to ponder - "Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?" and "Why do croutons come in airtight packages? It's just stale bread to begin with!"
Bye for now - from your friendly field reporter for District #1 – Fran Coker

District 1E

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Ordinary people with extraordinary talent-that's who showed up at District 1E's fiddlin' camp out this past weekend, and boy do they know how to cut loose and have fun. In the hat contest, Hal Weiner had a whole chicken on his head; long legs dangling down around Hal's shoulders. Of course he won the Silliest Hat award. Before anyone calls P.E.T.A., it was a felt chicken! Jim Jenks won the Best Hat/Song Fit award with "Over the Waves" and his own original G.I. Navy cap and Best Original Song went to Ellen Jakob with her own composition about a fiddle that was brought back to life by Hollis Reel and . . . the reincarnated fiddle was actually played for the first time by Dennis Jakob in Ellen's performance tune, "The Resurrection of Old Jake."

The draw band show, on Saturday night of the camp out, consisted of bands with names like Easley's Overdues (Linda Easley is a librarian), Four Hits and a Miss, Eileen's Eyesores, and many other creative concoctions. Needless to say a good time was had by all. You know, technically speaking this is a 1E event, but the lion's share of the work is done by Terry and Sharilyn McLain and they outdid themselves this year. Thank you from all of us.

Not much is going on in June for our district. Fridays we still play at the Senior Center from 10:30 a.m. until noon, and the dates for the Nursing Home are June 7 and 21, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. June 11 at 11:00 a.m. we will be performing for the Weed Control Program Meeting at the Fairgrounds. That's about it, as no jam is scheduled in June. Our next business meeting is on June 13 at the Lake County Senior center beginning at 7:00 p.m. Put another candle on the cake for Rosa Lee McLain on the 23rd, and for Shorty Stone on the 25th.

See you all at the High Desert Jamboree. Say, is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?
Eileen McLain, reporter, District 1E

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Howdy to One and All,

Our VFW Show in Redmond May 1st, was a great turnout. 40 members attended and 150 non-members to listen and dance to great music being played. Guest players: Bridger Lanning 8 years old played "OLD JOE CLARK" on his fiddle. He is from Eugene and Great Grandson to June Dodge. Grandson to Dianne Pioch from Prineville. Great Job playing Bridger. Betty Chapman from Christmas Valley came and played her fiddle. She did some yodeling for us.

New Members: Nora Haines, Carolyn Bean (fiddle)

New News: Dale has appointed new member for assignments for 2005/2006:
Publicity: James and Joyce Wallace Activities: Arthur Bigelow. Sound: Chester and Betty Fullerton.

Songs that are being played or sung must be 50 years or older. Come join and play on a wagon for the Crooked River Roundup Parade in Prineville June 25th.
No VFW SHOW July 3rd. No Crooked River Campout July 23rd. No Library Jam in Redmond for June, July and August.

Barbecue Time: Art and Rhea home June 11th. Potluck and jam session starting at 1:00p.m.
Next VFW SHOW is June 5th in Redmond.

Next Campout is June 16-18 in Burns for the High Desert Jamboree
Thanks to District 1E for a great campout and fun time. Our Jack Smith played his guitar and did some yodeling. Dennis Jakab missed some words to a song on stage. It seems he can't sing or play without Ellen Jakab his wife. Great songs from Jack Kerr as well.

District 3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries. May god bless those who have lost love ones and those who are sick. May old time music be in your hearts. Keep on the sunny side of life. Enjoy spring and happy planting flowers and gardens.

Reporter: Rhea Bigelow, District 3

District 4

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The gentle spring breezes and the flowing creek welcomed us to the May jam. With the pleasant smell of home cookin' wafting thru the basement of the Lake Creek Grange, Chairman Lee Ferguson called the District 4 Oregon Old Time Fiddler's meeting to order. She mentioned our upcoming gigs which are listed on the website <http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net/OotfaD4.htm> For even more news and action pictures from District 4, visit the new page at: <http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net/OotfaD4Mtg.htm> . Lee also noted that we are still having trouble getting our gigs listed in the right place in the "Tempo". They keep putting us under "night life" (Which to me means getting a good night's sleep!), instead of under "activities". Lee asked us all to write or call the Mail Tribune to try to get this changed. Maybe if enough of us call, they'll listen. A request was made for pictures to put into an OOTFA District 4 "memory book". Lee reported on the convention and the issues that were discussed. We then had the pleasure of making a very special award. In recognition of her many contributions to District 4, a unanimous vote awarded a scholarship to Judy Lyons to attend the Booher Fiddle Camp in Sisters, OR. Congratulations, Judy!

Visitors included Dorothy Kinkade, Ann Tucker from Medford (friends of Vi Brown who was celebrating her birthday with a cake and candles), Chris and Dolly Dietz from Central Point, and new member Dixie Samples.

On a happy note, Joyce Grissom will return to Fountain Plaza on Monday after a long hospital stay. Welcome home, Joyce! On a much sadder note, Marcia Zellman's mother passed away on May 2nd. We received word that Arnie Jorgensen is now at Medford Rehab, Ethel Holsten is recovering after being in the hospital for a pacemaker and Joan Allgood is home and doing well following knee surgery. We're looking forward to having you all back soon.

June 4 Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass, July 2 Walch Park picnic, Lake Creek, Aug 13 Riverside Park, Grants Pass

Our community service hours for April totaled 108. This represents a lot of faithful members who make the effort to get out and entertain those who are less able to get out and about.

Remember, if you can laugh at yourself, you will never cease to be amused!

District 4 reporter, Judy McGarvey

District 5

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What a grand time the Gallaghers and myself had at Silverlake. "Hats Off" to District 1E for all the effort they put into the campout. To see the photos and the videos click on the OOTFA web site links page and follow the Silverlake Sign.....

It was a pleasure seeing Oren Pruitt and Shorty Dow out playing at the Sixes Grange on April 30th. It also brought smiles to everyone to see Ken Jordan playing at the April fools birthday party in Florence last month. We hope to see more of you guys over the summer.

Please mark your calendars for our play dates this summer. We will be playing at Bullards Beach on June 10th , July 22nd , August 12th and September 9th at 6:00pm.

Plan on coming out to sunny Florence to play at the Historical Museum on June 12th from 1-4pm. There is always great home made pie and ice cream. We also play at 1000 Trails/NACO in Florence on July 2nd at 7:00pm.

District 5 has agreed to be responsible for the Yachats Smelt Fry. We play there on July 9th starting at 11:00am and going to around 3:00pm. Any one is welcome, especially those from District 8 who live on the coast. They will feed us smelt or non-seafood dinners.

Please plan on attending our meeting in Winchester Bay on June 11th at 11:00am. We will be electing officers and discussing plans for our campout in August. We will follow the meeting with a potluck at noon and a jam from 1-4pm.

To find out more about the Winchester Bay campout go to the OOTFA web site, click on links, then click on the Winchester Bay aerial photo.

Happy annual event day to those who are a year older or who celebrate their nuptial bliss!!

Hal Weiner, Reporter District 5

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Our jam at the Lebanon Moose Lodge was a great success with a good turn-out of both musicians and dancers. Thanks so much to the Lodge for providing a fine dinner and a great place to play. We'll be there again on December 4th. Thanks also to the folks who helped me with the sound, especially Judie Eads for taking it back to Eugene. We had another fun time in May playing at the Coburg Grange; thanks to Jim Lockard for setting that up and to the Grange ladies for providing lunch.

The busy summer season starts with the State quarterly meeting in Burns, June 18th. Our next District jam will be Saturday, June 25, at Coburg Grange. A brief District meeting will start at 11 AM, followed by a potluck at noon and jam to follow. In July, the Fiddlers have been invited to participate in the Oakridge Pioneer Days with an open jam at the Greenwaters Park in downtown Oakridge on Sunday, July 10th.; jam will start at 11 AM and continue till 2 or so. This is a paying gig for our District, and thanks to Bob Strelow for setting it up. The following weekend the Fiddlers will be playing at the Coburg Golden Years on Saturday, July 16th. In August we play at the Lane County Fair on Wednesday, August 11th, at 11 AM.

Congratulations to all the fine fiddlers who participated in the State Fiddle Contest. Whether you won a trophy or not, you helped make that event a huge success. Thanks to Starr, Amy, Lew, and all the volunteers! Don't forget the Willamette Valley Contest on August 7th, and the Canyonville Contest, August 27.

Welcome back to Chairman Joe and wife Emily, who survived the curse of the Pharaohs on their cruise up the Nile River!

We were saddened to hear of the loss of Louise Jones, wife of life member Casey Jones. Our sympathies to him and his family.

Happy birthday to: Jack Crockett, 6/3; Bob Strelow, 6/10; and JB Steele, 6/19. Happy anniversary to: Oral and Carolyn Robbins, 6/7/53; and Norma and Floyd Frazier, 6/13/67.

Late note from Mark: I had a brief call from Vivian tonight. (May 17) John Steele is scheduled for bypass surgery tomorrow (Wednesday) at 8 AM at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene. I expect things will go fine, as John is one tough hombre.

Mark Ratzlaff, District 6 Reporter

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A note from Jim Kuether who is recuperating from an accident: "Many heartfelt thanks for the many wonderful cards and prayers on my behalf on the recent mishap of my fingers. God is good and so are all you folks that provide encouragement and good will. Although it's going to take time (lots of it) this will not deter me from making music. Again, many thanks for your concern." Jim Kuether.

Two new members this month: Ronald & Ella Beatty (fiddlers) and Mark & Lisa Heritage whose son Andrew plays fiddle. Welcome!

Uncle Bob Huffman's niece Delette recently retired from the Multnomah County Library. To help celebrate the occasion, two dozen or so musicians just "happened" to show up at her party at the Midland Branch. Delette's response: "Dear Fellow Musicians, Thank you so much for playing your little hearts out at my retirement bash. You were great! The music was great! I was sent off in style! Also, thanks for the beautiful flowers and card. Linda, your presentation was fabulous and I'm happy to join your ranks - being retired and playing music. Now I have to find my accordion. Thanks all! Delette."

Wednesday June 1, from 2:30 to 3:30 the residents of Miramont Point are looking forward to the fiddlers! Miramont Pointe is at 11520 SE Sunnyside Road in Clackamas.

Sunday June 12 our regularly scheduled OOTFA Jam will be at the Estacada Senior Center at 200 SW Clubhouse Drive. We can get in the building about 11 for informal jamming and from 1 - 4 we'll perform for the public. Public Invited.

Wednesday June 29 from 12:45 - 1:45, musicians are needed to play at the Providence Elderplace at 4540 NE Glisan. Parking is on-street .

Friday July 1 We are needed at Pacific Gardens at 14145 SW 105th in Tigard from 3 - 4 p.m. Go out Pacific Highway (99W) to SW McDonald Street. Turn left onto McDonald then turn right onto SW 105th. The driveway into Pacific Gardens parking lot is at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Wednesday July 13 at 3:30 p.m. we are requested to play at the Marquis Wilsonville Assisted Living Facility at 30900 SW Parkway Avenue in Wilsonville.

Take exit 283 off of I-5, get in the middle lane on the off-ramp and turn left onto Wilsonville Road, go under the freeway, past the off ramp, take the first legal right turn onto Parkway. Go by Denny's, and the Best Western; turn left onto the property. Assisted Living is the tall 3-story building in the back.

Sunday July 17 We are needed to play at the Alton Collins Retreat Center at 32867 SW Highway 211 from 5 - 6 p.m. Take Hwy 26 to Sandy, turn right onto 211, go about 4 miles and it's on the right. Or from I-205 take 224 to Eagle Creek, turn left onto 211 and go several miles and it's on the left.

Gail Foster, Reporter

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The OOTFA fiddle contest will be over before this goes to press. There are over 70 contestants already pre-registered, so it will be successful. It takes a lot of work and dedication to put on the contest. Special Thanks to Amy Booher who not only teaches fiddle to 50 students (many of whom enter the contest), but she worked tirelessly to get donations for the contest, and to recruit parent workers. Also a big thanks go to Lew Holt and Starr McMullen who have chaired the contest for many years. OOTFA is considered one of the best contests by numerous judges who can compare it to other contests they have judged.

District 8 fiddlers will have been back at the senior center in McMinnville on the 28th of May for a regular jam. I'm sure it will go well, and the Mac dancers and listeners will be glad to hear the fiddlers again.

Saturday June 4th will be our annual District 8 picnic. It will be at Fred and Charlotte Hardin's home in Dallas. See the May Hoedowner for directions to their place. There's lots of room, so y'all come. Bring your fiddles, food, tableware and plan to enjoy yourself. Hope your Hoedowner came in time to read this!

Several of us will be traveling to Burns and Weiser for the festivities. We don't like the cost of filling the RV with gasoline, but what's money, compared to the fun we have!

Saturday, June 25th we're invited to play at Willamette Mission for a group of bicycle riders. We are tentatively scheduled to play from 11 to 1. Willamette Mission Park is located north of Salem and Keizer, take Exit 263 - the Brooks exit -- go west on Brook Lake Road -- follow the signs to Willamette Mission Park. Marie Bailey and Lew will have specifics for you later. You might want to call either Marie or Lew to verify the time

The weekend of July 9-10 District 8 and friends will play at Silver Creek State Park for Al Faucett Days. This is a fun gig. We can camp up the road from the main park. There will be plenty of time to stroll around and see the spectacular falls, as well as the various displays and crafts.

We hope that district 8 members near by and others, will help District 5 at the smelt fry at Yachats on Saturday, July 9th. This is a fun jam, at the beach, along with eating smelt and pie.

The following weekend, Saturday July 16 we'll be at Pacific City 1000 Trails to play for them in the evening. This is also the day of the Smelt Fry in Yachats, so if that's easier for you, District 5 will be happy to see you there. (So many choices!)

Saturday July 30th is the Steam Up at Brooks, just north of Salem. Fun to see all the antiques tractors, and other machinery.

Thought for the month:

"There is more to life than simply increasing its speed." -- Mahatma Gandhi

Alice Holt, District 8 reporter

District 9

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Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

Due to the resignation of George Sahlberg as chairperson we held a short meeting before the Mother's Day jam at the Senior Center on the 9th. Dorothy Coon agreed to step up to fill the position and Ruel Teague was elected as co-chair. Thanks so much for supporting our district. We were pleased to welcome new members Grover and Pearl Heinz as associate members. Information from the Convention and the Art Lane Memorial Service as well as Jamboree flyers were made available. Upcoming play dates were given to the group. We will be doing the Fly In at the airport on June 4th (come at 6:30 am and eat before playing) and July 16th we'll play for the City of Hines at their park starting at 12:00 to celebrate 75 years of the City incorporation

Dale and Phyllis Lambeth of Bend were recent visitors at Ruels and we got in a little extra playing. Ruel and Margaret, Ann Schlupe and Julia also traveled to Weiser to do a show with the Gem State Fiddlers. It was also Julia's pleasure to play with Amos and Bonnie Fine in Walla Walla while she was visiting in Milton-Freewater and welcoming the birth of her new great granddaughter.

We had our largest crowd for our final show before the summer break, with lots of guests. Stacey Lange of John Day opened the show as she had to leave early to get back to work. Other guest players were Annie Schlupe from Vale, Betty Chapman of Christmas Valley, Tom and Vivian Tucker from Mt. Vernon. Hugh Gallaher of Jerome, Idaho was here and John Borelli came over and joined in with his mandolin. Marianne Andrews did a couple of fiddle tunes between dances.

Ann Schulpe came over a day early and helped entertain for the Ham Radio Group at the Fairgrounds with Ruel, Walt Cooper and Julia playing along with two Hams who joined in with guitars.

Silver Lake will have come and gone when you read this but know we had a ball. This is another fun place to play.

Remember Aspens will be June 10th at 7:00 and Ashley Manor follows on June 20th at 6:30.

Those arriving early for the Jamboree will be playing in the Restaurants around town and at the Casino..... See you all soon -- At the Jamboree in June
Milleson. Reporter Dist. 9 Julia

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Our Monthly Meeting and Jam on Saturday, May 14th, was fun with lots of good music. Thankss to the people that prepared the food for the pot luck. Very Tasty.

Our Program Coordinator, Chuck Hasty, reported that he has lined up several gigs that are coming up this summer. These are mainly Festivals and Fairs. These are located in Riddle, Myrtle Creek, Drain, Roseburg and other places in Douglas County. July is the busiest month with every weekend booked.

The Young Fiddles Sponsorship Program is proceeding nicely. We are meeting once a week with three students at this time. A SPECIAL THANKS to all the people that are spending their time and knowledge with these young people.

We also want to thank the local visitors that came in to enjoy the music. It is always nice to have lots of people around - listening and dancing.

Flo Sangsland, our Secretary, had surjury on both her eyes on the 11th of May. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Also, Marge Hasty, we missed you and hope you will be feeling better soon.

Saturday, June 11th, at the Community Building in Winston will be our next meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon andd Jam starting at 1:00 PM. Hope to see you all there.

Joyce Pickett is going to be the new Reporter beginning in June.

Clare Eaton, District 10 Reporter

From the Prez: As of this writing we are one month past our annual convention and as you know by now we made many changes. All the District Sec/Treasurers and membership chairpersons have been notified of these changes and their effective dates. For the benefit of the members who did not attend the convention and who may not have heard of these changes a list of them will follow at the end of this writing.

And now because the members decided not to return to Thousand Trails this September for our fall meetings, but instead go to Merrill, OR. Earlene and I drove down there to meet with District 1 who will be the Co-host with the state to look over the facilities there and discuss the program that District 1 is putting together for us. We found the buildings to be more than adequate for our needs. There is plenty of good parking available with a few hook-ups, motels near by, also RV parks. District 1 is working hard to make this a success so lets not disappoint them. Remember this is not only the time when we have the State Quarterly meeting but also the second business meeting of the year for which we will need a quorum of 55 members, so please try to be there. The dates are September 14-15-16-17-2005.

Wow, Whoopy, O`Boy can`t wait. A lot of exclamatory words but this event is worth every one of them. All trails lead to Burns, OR. on June 16-17-18-2005. Come join the crowd and take part in the festivities I know you won't be disappointed. Also, you are well on your way to Weiser, Idaho. This is where the National Old Time Fiddle contest takes place the following week. This also, will be our third quarterly board meeting of the year. The meeting only involves the executive board but all members are welcome to sit in. The meeting will be on Saturday, June 18.

So that all our members know, I am announcing now that Myrtle Arnold has asked to be relieved of her duties as State Membership Chairperson. From this time forward Mark Ratzlaff of District 6 will be the new State Membership Chairperson. I'm sure I can speak for all the membership when I say we all owe Myrtle a big thank you for a job well done. We appreciate all your effort over the past several years.

Effective dates for Standing Rules approved April 9, 2005 EFFECTIVE 7-1-2005 After the rent of the hall has been deducted each district shall pay the State Treasurer 20% of all monies taken in by the district. All other expense are paid from the balance. EFFECTIVE 1-1-2006 OR WHEN 2006 DUES ARE PAID WHICHEVER COMES FIRST: Dues will be \$20.00. PRORATE NEW MEMBERS ONLY. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: District chairperson or their representative will be reimbursed at the rate of .25 cents per mile to attend State meetings. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: Mark Ratzlaff of district 6 will be the new State Membership Chairperson. Myrtle Arnold has retired. So if you have any membership related questions contact Mark at: Mark Ratzlaff 25701 Cochran Court Veneta, Or. 97487
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OOTFA, President, Bob Ervin

From the editor: From the editor: By the time this has been printed, the contest will be behind us – history, that is. I'll bet you a penny it will go down as the most successful contests in the history of OOTFA. Much of the success will be attributed to one person and her many helpers of course. For many months this winter and spring Amy Booher has put together a team of workers that can't be surpassed in our fine association. Her drive, her creativity and her willingness to help/lead have more than paid off for the contest. She and her team have collected more than \$5,000 – money that we have never seen before. This money combined with the generous contributions from many of our members and all of the districts have met a financial need that our association needs very badly. Amy and her gang, all members of OOTFA, are truly angels.

Reporters – I need your help in June. Alice and I will be leaving for Burns on June 15 so I will send off the Hoedowner on the 14th. I will need your district news the 13th or not late on the 14th. Please send me your new or old officers for the heading on our district news – the same way they are listed now. Thanks.

My computer was in the shop for two – long, long, weeks. Certainly not the happiest two weeks of my life with the Hoedowner to get out and the contest in the computer which was in Portland. But like the cavalry coming over the hill to save the day, my computer came home in the nick of time.

Recently I burned several DVDs of 1989 video from District 5. It was a great opportunity to sit back and enjoy our friends, many of them gone now but they were right there with us on the screen. I thought back to 1972 when Alice and I attended a "Fiddlers' Jamboree" in North Bend. A few years later I was given my grandfather's 100 year old fiddle. I met John Hoerster at the Cranberry Festival in Bandon in 1976. It was announced that he was a maker of violins. I asked him to restore my grandfather's fiddle. When I went to Rogue River to pick up my fiddle, I met Les McLeod from District 5. About 1979 we again attended a Cranberry Festival District 5 jam. About half way through the fire alarm went off in the hallway. It wailed away for some time so I thought maybe I should use my experience and see if I could help. (Fire alarms go off at schools sometimes, you know.) I left the jam and started down the hall where I met Al Lively. I located an alarm box that had been pulled and with a pencil, I was able to jam it in on top of the switch to turn off the alarm. That began a friendship with Al and with district 5 that last many years and gave Alice and me the opportunity to become a part of the "district 5 family."

The 2005 rosters are available from your district officers or if need me, from me -- \$1.00 locally and \$2.00 from me to pay for the postage.

NEW MEMBERS TO WELCOME

Greg & Becky Sharp, Sisters
Larry & Joyce Roberts, Corvallis
Rod & Sheri Albin, Corvallis
Wayne & Karen Roberts, Corvallis
Dave & Donna Howard, Klamath Falls
Brownie Work, Harbor
Bev Hennessy, Reedsport
Nora Haines, Redmond
Caroly & Don Beehn, Bend
Erika & Patrick Lanning, Eugene

Cliff & Grace Mesick, McMinnville
Derwood & Mildred Davis, Corbett
Grove & Pearl Heinz, Burns

The postal service kind of let many of us down last month. The Hoedowners were mailed on May 2nd but many of us didn't get ours until over a week later. But patience paid off and it finally came.

You might enjoy the Silver Lake Campout pictures that Hal put on our website – check the links.

Daniel Forster in Gaston is now giving fiddle lessons. dforster@gabrielsbanner.com

Eileen Witler reports that she has moved her studio from Tigard to 2421 Donegal Court in West Linn, which is near the 10th Street exit off the I-205 freeway. If you or anyone you know are interested in fiddle lessons, give her a call at 503-701-1578 and get started.

Sheri West -- fiddle and mandolin lessons in Southern Oregon. Fiddleist@aol.com or (541) 665-0673.

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Oregon State Fiddle Contest
May 20, 21, 2005
Chemeketa Community College
Salem, Oregon

Twin Fiddle Division

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| 1. Alex Hargreaves and Tatiana Hargreaves | Corvallis - Corvallis |
| 2. Kit Morton and Taj Morton | Philomath - Philomath |
| 3. Robbie Griswold and Amy Booher | Lyons - Salem |
| 4. Eileen Witler and Jim Toussaint | West Linn - Beaverton |
| 5. Amanda Tullis and Alex Carlson | Pendleton – Ione |
| 6. Greg Baker and Marshall Baker | Portland - Portland |
| 7. Momoko Kimura and Nanao Yamada | Beaverton – Wilsonville |
| 7. Brenda Shelton and Andy Shelton | Corvallis - Corvallis |
| 9. Willie Carter and Jerry Parks | Lebanon Lebanon |
| 10. Kian Dye and Tabitha Gholi | Portland West Linn |
| 10. Les Tucker and Papa Spain | Woodburn - Portland |

Pee Wee Division

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| 1. Kiarra Saito-Beckman | Bend |
| 2. Joseph Haddock | Pilot Rock |

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| 3. | Brierre Marshall | Corvallis |
| 4. | Hannah Sharp | Sisters |
| 5. | Harrison Broadus | Dallas |
| 6. | Lily Townsend | Portland |
| 7. | Bridger Lanning | Eugene |
| 8. | Ava Ludlam | Portland |
| 9. | Jenna Ludlam | Portland |
| 10. | Samantha Manhard | Corvallis |

Junior – Junior Division

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| 1. | Miyo Saito-Beckman | Bend |
| 2. | Tatiana Hargreaves | Corvallis |
| 3. | Amanda Tullis | Pendleton |
| 4. | Kian Dye | Portland |
| 5. | Trevor Whitaker | Independence |
| 6. | Anne Wynn | Corvallis |
| 6. | Taylor Blevins | Salem |
| 8. | Kodria Haddock | Pilot Rock |
| 9. | James Bezuk | Estacada |
| 10. | Hannah Beth Kearney | Silverton |

Junior Division

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| 1. | Eric Jepson | Heppner |
| 2. | Robbie Griswold | Lyons |
| 3. | Alex Carlson | ione |
| 4. | Brian Shaylor | Portland |
| 5. | Marshall Baker | Portland |
| 6. | Taj Morton | Philomath |
| 6. | Kit Morton | Philomath |
| 8. | Jesse Sprague | Portland |
| 8. | Blaise Grant | Pendleton |
| 8. | Madeline Green | Salem |

Young Adult

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| 1. | Daniel Forster | Gaston |
| 2. | Peter Willis | Salem |

Adult Division

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| 1. | Eileen Witle | West Linn |
| 2. | Jeanine Orme | Beaverton |
| 3. | Bob Heinith | Portland |
| 4. | Don Hamlin | Roseburg |
| 5. | Mark Phillips | Didn't show for round two |
| 6. | Pam Darling | Sweet Home |

Senior Division

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| 1. Donna Foreman | Estacada |
| 2. Jim Hockenhull | Sheridan |
| 3. Darlene Bryant | Turner |
| 4. Jerry Parks | Lebanon |
| 5. Carolyn Marstall | LaPine |
| 6. Tony White | Albany |

Senior – Senior Division

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| 1. Papa Spain | Portland |
| 2. Les Tucker | Woodburn |
| 3. Judy McGarvey | Medford |
| 4. Alice Holt | Salem |
| 5. Don Maddox | Ashland |
| 6. Lew Holt | Salem |
| 7. Bernard Charlebois | Springfield |
| 8. Irene Ruddock | Klamath Falls |
| 9. Joe Hamm | Portland |
| 10. Dale Colebank | Woodburn |

Open Division

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| 1. Alex Hargreaves | Corvallis |
| 2. Andy Emert | Portland |
| 3. Dan Emert | Pendleton |
| 4. Mary Julia Wilson | Beaverton |
| 5. Amy Booher | Salem |
| 6. Starr McMullen | Corvallis |
| 7. Willie Carter | Lebanon |