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The Hoedowner

September 1, 2005

From the Prez: Merrill, Merrill, Merrill all roads lead to Merrill, OR. this month. District 1 has gone all out to insure that we have a great time so let's not disappoint them. There will be lots to eat, lots of jamming and getting together with friends we haven't seen for a while so don't miss this one. I am sure you will regret it if you do. Of course there is always a little business to take care of, but we'll crowd this in somehow. We have two important state meetings to take care of, the Executive Board meeting and the second regular business meeting. This is a meeting that all members can take part in and I hope you will choose to do so. We need 55 members for a quorum to conduct business. We will be voting to include the "Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Hall of Fame" program and the Budget into the By-laws and Standing rules. The Board meeting will be Friday afternoon at 1:30 and the general business meeting will be on Saturday at 10:00 AM.

Now something a little different this month. One of our members thought it would be a good idea to include this in my letter this month and I did too. So here goes.

WHAT`S A JAM?

A jam is any informal gathering of musicians for the enjoyment of playing music together. A jam can be structured many ways, so before you go, make sure you know what is expected. If you happen across one or more, listen awhile to determine if your ability or interest is compatible with the players there. Always ask for permission to join.

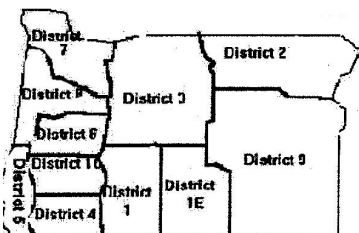
SOME TYPES OF JAMS.

1. OPEN: All instruments and styles of music are welcome.
2. INVITATIONAL: Also called "CLOSED." Only those invited may join in playing.
3. CIRCLE: all players sit in a circle and take turns calling a tune to play.
4. STYLE: Only one style of music is welcome, i.e., bluegrass, country, blues, etc.
5. SIGN UP: Groups of players who work together, or single bands, are given a fixed amount of time to perform. (this is a good type to use for performing for an audience).
6. FREE FOR ALL: Everybody plays together. All lead instruments play melody together and all back up instruments play together. They usually take turns calling the tune to be played. (This is a good jam for learning new tunes.)

There are also many combinations of the above.

WORKSHOPS: This is used to learn new tunes, polish up your skills, learn to work together and practice getting sounds balanced. It also is the place to work on getting the right notes or chords to a tune, and the timing right. This should never be done in the middle of a jam, no matter how much you would like to know how a certain passage was accomplished, or wish to show others how to do it. A workshop is not a jam. (To be continued next month.)

Please mark your calendars for our state convention next April 6 - 7 - 8, 2006 in Rickreall at the Polk Co. Fairgrounds.
Bob Ervin President, OOTFA



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Happy Labor Day and First Day of Fall to everyone!!

Hope everyone has survived the busy summer season. August for District 1 was so busy, I almost couldn't get my laundry done. But now we are into cooler nights, fall sunshine, and a slightly slower schedule. Whew!

Last month we checked out the sound system at the Merrill Community Center, in preparation for the State Jamboree here in mid-September. Sounded great, and we have so many exciting things planned for you all.

Reminders about the State Meeting: September 14, 15, 16 & 17th. Breakfast items will be available each day (starting Thursday), with a prepared breakfast on Friday. Please let us know how many will be attending the Saturday night dinner, catered by Yummy's Cowboy Cuisine \$12.50/person. (Tri-tip, Chicken, green beans, potatoes, mixed salad, rolls, all followed by peach and berry cobbler.) Truly yum-yum! (We've threatened to find out Norm's schedule and follow him around, just to have great food for dinner more often). We will have a potluck Friday evening, open only to OOTFA members and guests (no general public). Snacks will also be available each day. You can also check out the local restaurants, most within easy walking distance of the facility. Performances each evening, and jamming where ever you can find a place. Raffle items are being made, gathered and wrangled for the cause. We are looking forward to your visit, and hope you will make the effort to come down our way.

Several of our members had some serious medical issues recently. John Northcraft had a pacemaker replaced, then experienced some major health

scares following the surgery. Jerry Ruddock had a shoulder operated on, and also experienced complications. And Walter Gilliland has had some medical troubles lately. Please remember these fellows in your thoughts and prayers, as we want them back to good health and playing with us soon.

At our August Jam & Dance, we had guests: Betty Ann Chapman, Don Johnson from Medford, and Harvey Miller from Sprague River. Thank you all for coming and joining us.

Our August Third Thursday was so much fun. The weather was great, the crowds were large and enthusiastic, and we all had a fabulous time. Young fiddler John Howard joined us and played some tunes. I think the music camp has definitely helped his musical progress.

Our September schedule is: 3rd - Cowboy Barbecue, 4pm at Sportsman Park in Keno, 4th -- monthly meeting and potluck, noon at Villa West, 10th - Farmers Market, 10am on 9th Street between Main and Klamath, 11th - Jam and Dance, noon at Shasta View Community Hall, 14th thru 17th - State Meeting and Jamboree, Merrill, 24th - Farmers Market, 10am.

Happy Birthday wishes to all the District 1 September birthday people, and Happy Anniversary congratulations to our September wedding couples. Bye for now and remember - You've got to get up each morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction! From your friendly field reporter for

District #1 - Fran Coker

Now for the schedule for the State Meeting in Sept. Of course the dates are Sept. 15, 16 & 17 at Merrill Civic Center, Merrill Oregon, 20 miles SE of Klamath Falls. There are two Motels, a block away, The Merrill Motel, 541-798-5598 and the Wild Goose Motel, 541-798-5826. An RV park with full hookups, also a block away, 541-798-1654. There are four full Restaurants, four Fast Food places and a supermarket in a 2 block radius,

all the essentials within easy reach. Camping will be on the ball field behind the building, and Merrill has agreed to provide some water and electric hookups, free of charge, we hope to encourage people to, show Merrill our appreciation and, utilize what the town has to offer.

Thursday--Continental Breakfast 8-10 am and Jam all day. Program begins at 6 pm. Friday--Biscuits & Gravy 8-10am. Donations accepted for breakfast. Executive Board Meeting 9:30 am--jamming all day--program starts at 6 pm. Saturday--Continental Breakfast 8-10 am --Meeting at 10 am. 1:30 pm Gospel Show .4 pm Catered Dinner (I can personally vouch that this is the best meal, you will have, you will not go away hungry)..Cost \$12.50--6 pm Program. Cookies, snacks and drinks will be served all day. Fiddle, guitar, banjo, bass, and possibly mandolin workshops will be available--details will be posted, Thursday. if anyone has questions or inquiries call Faye at 541-850-8779, or Sheila Fry at 541-850-9062. We also will be having a raffle to help raise money for scholarships and to help pay for supplies, we already received donations for the raffle, and if you want to bring something, please do so. If there are any major changes to this schedule, they will be posted at the hall.
Thank You Sheila

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I hope everybody is too busy to read the Hoedowner this month, 'cause I forgot about the moved-up deadline and I'm putting this together at the last minute. I think I'm coming down with sometimer's disease.

Well, we played in July at the world famous Paisley Mosquito Festival, and would like to thank Julia Milleson from district 9 and Jack Kerr from District 4 for going

well out of their way (literally and figuratively) to help us out on stage. Great to have you.

Our only gig so far in September is the Lake County Fair and Roundup on Sunday, September 4th. We'll be playing from noon 'til six, so I guess it goes without saying-just show up and you'll be playing until your fingers are sore, guaranteed. I guess there'll be no jam in September. Our jammin' fix should be satisfied by the six hour gig at the fair. The business meeting will go on as planned though on Sept. 12 at 7:30 in the Lake County Senior Center.

Regular play dates for 1E are: every Friday from 10:30 'til noon at the Lake County Senior Center, and Lake District Long Term Care Facility on Sept. 13 and 27 from 10:30 to 11:30.

On September 8th, the twins, Larry and Terry McLain will be a year older. Ditto for Charlie Threet (12th) and Sharielyn McLain (14th). Happy birthdays!

I've been so rushed doing this that I think I should proofread very carefully to see if I any words out.

Talk to you next month

Eileen McLain, reporter,
District 1E

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Howdy from District 3. Summer is almost over and, Autumn is almost here. With cooler days yet to come.

Another VFW SHOW has gone by Aug 8 in Redmond. There were 40 members that attended and 150 nonmembers. Visitors were: Otto & Ladonna Christiansen from District 8 and Anne Schlupe from District 9. Otto played his guitar and Anne played her harmonica.

Next VFW SHOW will be Sept

4th, Labor Day Weekend in Redmond.

District 3 played at the Fair in Redmond on August 6th. It was a good show and was well excepted. Thank you to all who played.

There was a Barbecue at Bob Ervin's son home Aug 27th for the District. Redmond Library Jam session is starting back up monthly. The next one is Sept 13 7-9p.m.

District 3 is having a Jam session monthly at the Pine Forest Grange in Bend. Sept 10th will be the next. The jam will start at 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This will be a potluck lunch.

District 3 membership dues are coming up for due by December. In order for members to receive January Hoedowner.

Our next campout is Sept 14-17 at Merrill. District 1 will host the campout. No campout at Thousand Trails. There will be a board meeting and a business meeting.

Dates to Remember:

Sept 4 VFW SHOW
Redmond 1-4p.m
Sept 10 Pine Forest Grange jam
Bend 10a.m -4p.m
Sept 13 Library Jam
Redmond 7-9p.m
Sept 14-17 Campout District 1
Oct 2 VFW SHOW
Redmond 1-4.m
Oct 8 Pine Forest Grange Jam
Bend 10a.m -4p.m
Oct 11 Library Jam
Redmond 7-9p.m

Closing Thoughts: May god be with those who lost love ones and is sick. Our prayers is with you for a fast recovery. Happy Birthday and Anniversaries to all. May old time music be in your hearts. Keep on the sunny side of life.

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Saturday, August 13, 2005: It was a hot, hot, hot! But the heat didn't stop us from having a good time at Riverside Park in Grants Pass. This beautiful park is a great place for a picnic. Chairman Judy McGarvey held a short business meeting. Judy Lyons informed us that our account balance grew again -- up over \$500 from last month. Many thanks to our volunteer entertainers! District 4 reported a whopping 167 hours of community service in July. The musicians aren't the only ones who do volunteer work. Our sound man Richard Ferguson has worked for months setting up the sound equipment, and has generously donated all of his fee to our scholarship fund. Thank you, Richard.

Please make an extra effort to attend the September business meeting! OOTFA state chairman Bob Ervin will be attending our September 3rd meeting at the Roxy Ann Grange in Medford. This will be a wonderful opportunity for those of you who don't normally attend the state quarterly meetings to hear about OOTFA issues at the state level.

Marcia Zellman discussed a new member flyer now being used by OOTFA State. Many of these were handed out for review. Please give Marcia your comments about modifying the flyer and using it for our district.

Rick Reichert suggested that District 4 should have it's own web site rather than be on his commercial web site. Lee Ferguson told us about an on-line Rogue Valley musician's listing, which we decided to try for a year to see if it led to more gigs in Jackson County.

Judy handed out a calendar of District 4 upcoming gigs for September. (Also available on-

line at
<http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net/>

We again held a meeting raffle this month. This time 10 lucky people went home with a very nice potted plant.

Visitor Jan Dean of Grants Pass visited our meeting & jam this month.

We have two people on the sick list this time. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Ethyl Holstein and Tom Serpa. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to Bert Davis, whose mother recently passed away, and to Joan Algood, whose sister and brother-in-law in New Mexico are VERY ill.

"Music resembles poetry; in each
Are nameless graces which no
methods teach, And which a
master-hand alone can reach."
Alexander Pope (1688-1744)

Rick Reichert, District 4 reporter

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This last month was a busy travel month for some members of the District who participated in the Wallowa Fiddle/Guitar workshops and Diamond Lake campout.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Fiddle on the Beach campout a success. A special thank you to all of our members who worked in the kitchen, sat the registration table, helped set up and take down chairs and generally did all the hard work. Another thanks to Pat Casey for donating those delicious hot dogs and to all of our members we stayed up all night baking cookies, muffins and hot buns!!

We had over 50 musicians and played to standing room only crowds every night. The winners of the "Red song" prizes were Jack Kerr, Grand Prize; Hal Weiner - runner-up (by a nose). Most creative use of the word

"Red" - Jack Crockett and Best Dress - Barbara Allen.

This month we play at Woahink Lake in Florence on September 1st at 3:00pm. We play at Elderberry Nursing home in Florence on the 6th at 1:00pm. We also play at Bullard Beach at 6:00pm on September 9th. Also we will play for the Coos County Stockman's Association during dinner on November 12th at 7:00pm in the Oaks Pavilion at the Coos County Fairgrounds in Myrtle Point.

Since the date for our September 17th meeting is the same as the State meeting in Merrill, we will not have a meeting, but we will have a potluck and jam starting at noon at the North Fork Grange in Florence. We will schedule our next meeting at 11:00am on October 15th at the Winchester Bay Grange. Please come on October 15th as we will be making plans for our holiday party and discussing lifetime membership. We will follow that meeting with a potluck at noon with a jam to follow.

For those of you who have gotten a year younger, please let us know how you did it? For those who are a year older, Happy Birthday! Also warmest anniversaries wishes to those who celebrate their wedding this month.

Hal Weiner, Reporter District 5

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We had a pretty good turnout for Mary Cole Days in Marcola July 30. The Fiddler float in the parade received first prize, and we played at the Firehouse for several hours to a small, if enthusiastic, audience.

By the time you read this, the annual District Six appearance at the Lane County Fair August 17

will be history. A smaller group of Fiddlers also played at the Fair at the Caribbean Breeze Restaurant on August 20 and 21.

When a number of District Sixers played at Helen Tracy's funeral in Eugene July, we did not know that Helen Tracy had remembered District Six in her will to the tune of \$500. We are very grateful to her; as far as we know, a bequest of this sort has never been made to District Six before - - this in addition to the many years of work she put into selling name tags and other items at jams to raise money for both the district and state. Your memory lives on, Helen!

The September monthly jam will be held at Crow Grange, potluck as usual, on Saturday, September 24. There will be a brief business meeting at 11 a.m.

Change of Plan: the October monthly jam will be held at the Lowell grange, not the Coburg grange, on Saturday, October 15. The grange is located at the corner of Moss and 2nd in Lowell.

The Thanksgiving jam will be held at the Plumber's Union Hall in Springfield, on Saturday, November 19.

Earl Knudsen, approaching 94, will be honored at a Birthday Jam on September 10 at Springfield Elks from 3 to 8 p.m., organized by the Willamette Valley Country Music Association.

Health Notes: Thelma Salley is recovering from hand surgery. Addie Gonshorowski is still recuperating at South Hills, and appreciates visitors.

Anniversaries: Lloyd and Ester Shriber, Sept 10.

Birthdays: Ruth Kennedy, Sept. 5; Earl Knudsen, Sept 5; Addie Gonshorowski, Sept 13; David Boyd, Sept 27; Arlo Hamilton, Sept 28; Darla Miller, Sept 30.

By Joe Moyle, sitting in for Judie Eads

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Libby Mendenhall of the Washington County Historical Society sent us a nice thank you for playing at the Draft Horse Day. District 7's Kathryn Allen made her "on stage" debut at Winchester Bay with Rubber Dolly and did a real good job. Donna Foreman received a nice thank you from James Bezu, the Scholarship recipient to Wallow Fiddle Tunes.

We have lots of places to play coming up, so come when you can! . Sunday September 4, we'll start our regular jam season at King City Town Hall at 15245 SW 116th in Portland (or King City out 99W past Tigard). Doors will open for us about 11:00 and we'll jam for the public from 1 to 4. Public invited.

DATE CHANGE Friday
September 9 from 11:30 - 1:30 we're needed at the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center for their BBQ Fundraiser. It's at 5550 SW Hall Blvd in Beaverton.

Saturday September 24 from 11 to noon we'll be at the Philip Foster Farm to help celebrate the Cider Squeeze. They'll pay us with a gallon of cider each! It's at 29912 SE Highway 211, Eagle Creek OR. Head for Estacada and turn left at the Chevron Station onto Hwy 211. The Farm is the first place on the right.

Saturday October 8 we're needed to play at the Oregon City Farmer's Market at the intersection of Beaver Creek and Kane Roads. Particulars to follow.

Saturday October 15 We'll play with District 8 at the public performance in Manzanita in the Pine Grove Community House from 1 - 4 at 225 Laneda Avenue in Manzanita. I'm hosting a LogJam at my house at 146 Merton Lane in Manzanita starting about noon on Thursday the 13th and ending after the Saturday performance. I'll start a "Stone Soup" Thursday morning and we can keep adding to it. Then we can all go to McMinnville on Sunday morning for the District 8

jam. Call Linda at 503-235-1671 for more information.

Wednesday October 19 pencil in the Marquis Wilsonville at 3:30. More information to follow.

Friday November 11 from 1 - 2 p.m. at Tanner Springs Assisted Living at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. From I-205 take the 10th Street Exit (#6?) go up the hill to Day Road, left onto Day Road, the first left is Horizon Drive which ends in their parking lot.

Gail Foster, Reporter

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'Twas a hot afternoon when we played at the Caterpillar Museum at Antique Powerland in Brooks. A couple fans, and ice water kept us going until dinner was served. Salads, burgers and hot-dogs, chocolate brownies and cool drinks energized us to play for another hour. Thanks to Phil Ringle for setting this up. The gig brought \$100 for the district. We were pleased to see Jean and Jim Pearson for the afternoon.

Polk County Fair is always fun. We had a full audience of listeners, and a full stage of musicians! What more could we ask? Many thanks to Starr McMullen for being there. Her music really added to our program. Polk County paid us \$250 for the hour and a half.

Daisy Simons, long time member of District 8, passed away early in August. We all send our love and sympathy to Don and their daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Don and Daisy had shared well over 60 years of marriage.

Fred Hardin is fine after surgery. He thanks everyone who called, sent a card or an e-mail. He says fiddle people are the greatest!

Fred, no more heavy lifting! Okay?

Welcome to our friend Gayle Clarity, who is now living in Woodburn. She has been joining us in the summer months, and is now making her home in District 8.

Many from District 8 attended the campout at Winchester Bay. What a great weekend it was! The weather was perfect, the music was awesome and District 5 treated us all like royalty! Thanks!

On the 23rd many of us will have gathered in Mt. Angel for our annual outdoor concert at The Benedictine nursing home -- and - then out to dinner afterwards.

Our fall and winter schedule is pretty well planned out. Mark your calendars and join us for any or all of the following play dates. Sep. 10th, Saturday, we'll play at the Falls City Methodist Church. We're invited to have a potluck dinner at noon with the church members and friends. Bring a dish to share, and join us. Then we'll play for them starting at 1 PM. They really love us in Falls City! The church is right on the main street through town. You can't miss it.

October 1st, Saturday, Whaler's Rest Campground, south of Newport. We'll play from 7 to 9 PM. There are (last year there was) 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.

Oct. 15, Saturday, we'll play for the public in Manzanita in the Pine Grove Community House from 1 - 4. Nov. 20, Sunday, McMinnville Senior Center. This will probably be our Holiday dinner/potluck. We'll be planning it later.

McMinnville Senior Center on the following dates: Dec. 18, Sunday, Jan. 21, Saturday and February 18, Saturday. In March we'll probably play again for the Salem/Keizer Senior Center Irish Stew Dinner. And in April, we

hope to be in Dallas at the Senior Center.

If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?

Alice Holt, District 8 reporter

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As of press time we still have not received our playing times for the Fair but everyone be called as soon as they become available. The Aspens play date will be rescheduled as we will be decorating our float at 6:30 at Ruel Teague's shop on the 9th. Anyone wishing to play on the float must be at the shop by 8:00 Saturday morning for the line-up and judging.

Summer always brings a raft of welcome guests to our Friday night jams. Helen O' Clair's sister Sharon King is here for the summer from Qatar where she is studying medicine; Don Williams' niece Jody Boyce and her son David Green of Nampa, Idaho; Ruel's sister Deloris Todd and her daughter Trudt Hanson of Missouri; and Sandy English from Chapel Hill North Carolina. Sandy is Rose Robirts daughter and we get to hear some great banjo pickin' when she visits. Joan Suthers folks Dan and Muffy of Redding, California were also her for a short visit.

Ruel Teague played four days at the Grant County Fair in John Day as well as working the Rodeo and Julia managed to get up to play there for a couple of Days. Ruel, Walt Cooper and Julia also provided music for the Ivan and Punk McDaniel's 50th wedding anniversary party in John Day. Also helping with the playing were several Blue Mountain Fiddlers. It was a great party.

The Ashley Manor's September play date will be on the 19th at 6:30pm. Please mark your calendars for this in case I don't get around to reminding you. Thanks! Julia Milleson. Reporter

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We have a few new phone numbers for the officers, with a new membership officer, Flo Sangsland. Our chairperson would like to be contacted at her cell phone number and leave a message.

The Fair is behind us now. We played four days and had a good audience turnout every day. Thanks to everyone who turned out to play in the heat.

Jim Jenks donated a fiddle and music stand for the scholarship fund, which is coming along fine. Thank you Jim. We have a new member, Matthew Chappell. Welcome.

September 9th we play at the Melon Festival in Winston, and the usual nursing homes during the month.

Hope to see you all September 10th for our meeting, potluck and jam. By the way, we're having our 2nd annual "HOOTENANNY" October 8th at our regular jam. Dress in your favorite hillbilly attire and bring your "gut bucket" or wash board, etc. We plan on having a fun time. Maybe this time I'll be able to make it, instead of the hospital.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

From the editor:

THANK YOU each and everyone for coming to the Diamond Lake Fiddle Jamboree and helping make it a great and successful time. I would like to thank all of you who helped with the work end of it also. Jerry and I really enjoyed each and every one of you that were there. Next year 2006 it will be Aug. 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and leave the 7th. Your fiddling Friends Jerry & Irene Ruddock

I have DVDs of the convention -- one DVD for all day Wednesday, one for Thursday, one for Friday, and one for Saturday night. They are \$5.00 each -- one \$7.50 with postage -- two \$12.50 with postage. Three \$12.50 with postage.

State Contest DVDs. I have one DVD for Friday at the contest and one DVD for Saturday at the contest. Same price as above.

Mark writes -- (Lewis and Clark) The Jam did occur, but it was later than expected, because our speakers went way over their time. Those darn historians sure love to talk!!! It ended up being about 10 people from the conference, including myself, Phil & Vivian, some singers, some guitar players and one pennywhistle player. Sorry for any confusion.

Also a big thank you for all the OOTFA members who made it to Blue Lake Park. And more apologies for the lack of organization at Blue Lake - we had a LOT of things going on.

If you check the 2nd page of your roster, you will see that Jim Secore was president of OOTFA in 1975-77. June was and still is, an excellent backup piano player. Alice and I met them a year ago when we played in the retirement home where they live here in Salem. Ninety-one year old Jim and 86 year old June remember their fiddle friends very well. On the 13th Alice and I and Chuck and Pat played for the residents of the home. June was our back up piano player -- just as good and appreciated as she was 30 years ago.

New Members for September Hoedowner:
Virginia Calderon, Central Point
Louie Ray, Vancouver, WA
Rosemary & Theresa Villani, Veneta
Barbara & Richard Allen, Weed, CA
Janet Peterson & Jason Swenberger, McMinnville

We have a guitar stand that someone left at Diamond Lake. If they lost one please contact Irene Ruddock @ 541-882-6418.

A personal note - Alice and I and Chuck and Pat were invited to play at a banquet for the Lewis and Clark conference in Portland. Three hundred and fifty people from all over the U.S. were at the banquet. It was a unique experience. We had an excellent meal of BBQ buffalo ribs, baked salmon, etc. One of those experiences that makes being a fiddler special.

On September 24 the 1st Annual Grant Co. Fiddle Contest will be held in John Day. Over \$2500 in prize money and trophies to 5th place. 5 age divisions, plus 3 added categories. Preliminaries 10 AM Final rounds 7 PM. For more information call 541-575-2574. I just got off the phone with Ivan McDaniel. He extends an invitation to all of you to "come on over."

Daniel Forster in Gaston is now giving fiddle lessons.
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Eileen Witle reports that 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.

Results of the 8th Annual Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest -- August 6, 2005 held at the Benton County Fair, Corvallis, OR

Judges:
Isaac Calendar, Spokane, WA
Aaron Fewkes, Boise, ID
Clara Murphy, Battleground, WA

Novice Division (First contest ever)

1. Melissa Whitaker Independence
2. Chris Manhard Corvallis
3. Paige Sanders Sweet Home
4. Gwendolyn Bogard OR
5. Gustav Baur Portland
6. Gretel Baur Portland

PeeWee (8 and under)

1. Gillian Belgique Portland
2. Wilhelmina Frankzerda Blodgett
3. Briere Marshall Corvallis
4. Bridger Lanning Eugene
5. Samantha Manyard Covallis

Junior-Junior (9-12)

1. Tatiana Hargreaves Corvallis
2. Trevor Whitaker Independence
3. Paige Sanders Sweet Home
4. Melissa Whitaker Independence

Junior (13-17)

1. Nikki Armstrong Boise, ID
2. Kit Morton Philomath
3. Miles Schneider Eugene
4. Taj Morton Philomath

Adult (18-59)

1. Beth Weber Cocolalla, ID
2. Eileen Witle West Linn
3. Bob Heinith Portland

Senior (60+)

1. Les Tucker Woodburn
2. Janice Staver The Dalles
3. Alice Holt Salem
4. Don Maddox Ashland
5. Gayle Clarity Woodburn

Championship (open to anyone)

1. Alex Hargreaves Corvallis
2. Starr McMullen Corvallis
3. Callie Carpenter Chehalis, WA
4. Lexi Garrity
5. Bethany Carpenter Chehalis, WA

Accompanist (# times with a contestant)

1. Frank Moore St. Helens
2. Jeff Lincoln Meridian, ID
3. Jeff Walters West Linn
4. Chuck Gates Tigard
5. Les Tucker Woodburn

CALENDAR

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

Sep.

3	Roxy Anne Grange	Medford	4
4	Lake Co Fair	Lakeview	1E
4	VFW	Redmond	3
4	Town Hall	King City	7
7 - 11	Harney Co. Fair	Burns	9
9	Bullards Beach	Bandon	5
9	Elsie Stuhr	Beaverton	7
10	Methodist Church	Falls City	8
10	Community Building	Winston	10
11	Shasta View Grange Hall	Klamath Falls	1
14-15-16-17	Camp Out	Merrill	OOTFA
17	North Fork Grange	Florence	5
24	Grange Crow		6
24	Fiddle Contest - John Day	BMOTFA	

Oct.

1	Grange	Eagle Point	4
1	Whaler's Rest	Newport	8
8	Hootenanny	Winston	10
15	Grange	Coburg	6
15	Community House	Manzanita	7/8
20-22	Western Open Fiddle Contest	Red Bluff, CA	

Nov.

5	Fruitdale Grange	Grants Pass	4
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