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effort in promoting the purposes
of the OOTFA.

From the Prez: My fellow
members,

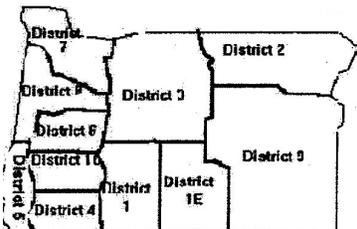
We are now well into the new
year and I expect some of you
made some New Years
resolutions which have by now
been cast aside. They are so
easy to make, but so hard to
keep. However, there is one
resolution I hope we all
made, and will keep, that is to
rededicate ourselves to the
purposes of the OOTFA, to do
our best to promote and preserve
the long standing art of fiddling
and the Old -Time songs of
yesteryear.

We are now into February and
springtime can not be far off. This
long-awaited change of seasons
signals a host of activities that will
shape the leadership and
programs for the coming year in
our district and state activities.
The lineup consists of election of
officers, our State Convention on
April 6-7-8, our Oregon State Old
Time Fiddlers contest in Salem on
May 19-20. As a member in good
standing you have the chance to
participate in all of these
activities. There are positions in
the district and state levels that
need members to step up to the
challenges. One of the most
important opportunities you have
is to exercise your membership
right to vote. When election time
comes around, you have an input
as to who will serve in positions of
responsibility, leadership, and
management. Your vote is
important. At the state board
meeting in Springfield January 7,
the selection committee
completed the process of
selecting the names that will go
on the Distinguished Service
Award plaque. These will be
announced at the convention in
April. Also, the people selected
for this honor will receive a
certificate of appreciation for their

At long last we finally have the
budget completed for the fiscal
year 2006-2007. This took a great
deal of effort and thought by all
involved, especially your
secretary/treasurer. She went
back and assembled the
expenses and income over the
last three years. Then she took an
average of those amounts to
decide each line item for the
2006-2007 budget. At the
January board meeting your Vice
President, Irene Ruddock and
myself, along with your
Secretary/Treasurer Sharon
Gallagher, reviewed all of this and
the job was finally completed.
This is something I think we
should have done long ago; I
hope it will allow us to keep better
track of our income and
expenses and let our members be
better informed as to the business
of the organization. There will be
copies of the budget available at
the convention for those who
would like one.

The date for treasurers to turn in
their end of the year books should
be changed from July 15 to
August 1. In addition. ARTICLE
X, Section 1 should be
changed to read that these BY-
LAWS may be amended by two-
thirds [2/3] majority vote of the
members at any one of the two
regular state meetings or any
special meeting called for that
purpose. We will vote on these
proposed by-law changes at the
convention. I was asked if an out
of state member could vote. No,
they may not. Check under
Eligibility to vote. Section 5.
Looking forward to seeing all of
you at the convention.

OOTFA President,
Bob Ervin



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Happy Valentine's Day
Everyone!!

As I write this, it is snowing! By the time you read this, some of you may already be enjoying spring flowers. Ain't nature amazing?

Not a whole lot going on in our district right now. During January, we only had our standard "gigs" and the Dog Sled Races in Chemult on the 21st, which I'll have to report on next month. In December, a select group played a special engagement for Jeld-Wen, which brought \$400 into our coffers! Other than that, it's pretty quiet on the music schedule.

For February, we only have the following events scheduled: 5th - monthly meeting noon at Villa West Mobile Estates, 12th - Jam and Dance, noon at Shasta View Community Hall, and 16th - Klamath Rehab at 10:30am. Also a reminder about the Gaston Contest in Gaston on Feb 4th.

At our January Jam and Dance session, we had a guitar playing guest who became a member before she left - Welcome to Lisa Pratt (for you sharp readers, this is a different lady than the one I reported last month!). We also had another guest, Jack "The Fiddler" from Montana. We also got to see Virgil and Jackie Schmoie along with their 8-month granddaughter Emily. She is going to be a great musician - she acts bored when it's quiet, but really gets bouncing and clapping when the music fires up!

Over the holidays, we lost a couple of our members. Walter Gilliland, our cowboy poet, died on Christmas Day. And for any of you who might remember him, Claude "Speedy" Gabbard, a fiddler who played with us years ago, passed away December 16th. Apparently he bought his first fiddle at age seven with

money from seeds his sisters sold!

Please remember Dick Harris, one of our guitar pickers. He has a serious bleeding ulcer, and has not been able to get out and join us much lately. (Get Well Soon Dick - your backlog of hugs is going to make our spouses jealous!)

At our monthly meeting, we approved donating \$200 to the State Contest, and \$200 to the Canyonville Contest. Faye Patterson and Dennis Tucker are working on our district's nomination for the Distinguished Service Award.

Happy Red and White Birthday wishes to our District 1 February birthday people: Vivian Burden 21st and Ben Coker 27th. No Valentine couples for February.

Bye for now and in honor of President's Day - "It's wonderful what we can do if we're always doing." by George Washington. From your friendly field reporter for District #1 - Fran Coker

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Happy Valentine's Day fiddlers; our next business meeting is on Feb. 13. We'll be voting for new officers, so please plan on attending, as we often don't have enough members show up to make a quorum. Maybe we'll have FREE BEER. (No, but I got your attention didn't I?) Same time and place-the Senior Center in Lakeview at 7:00 p.m.

On February 11, we'll travel to the Fort Rock Grange again to play for a dance after the church supper from 7:00 'til 9:00 p.m. and possibly later. On March 4, we will have a jam at the community center in Paisley, in an effort to make it easier for the North Lake members to get to a jam. This one will be from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m (wow) and we're going to "brown bag" it-keep it simple. I do believe we'll bring

the coffee pot, though. The regular jam for February will be Feb. 15 at the Lake County Fairgrounds from 2:30 p.m. until the last dog dies. (You can bet it'll be one of the twins). We're still playing every Friday at the Lake County Senior Center from 10:30 a.m. 'til noon, and the dates for the Nursing Home are the 7 and the 21 from 10:30 a.m. 'til 11:30.

Happy Birthday to Bev Perry (Feb 1) and Mary Stone (Feb. 4).

We've tentatively scheduled our District 1E camp-out in Silver Lake for the first weekend in May. I'll let you know for sure next month, but right now it's looking like May 4,5,6, and 7. Hopefully, moving the weekend away from Mother's Day will make it easier on everybody, and there'll also be no conflicts with those getting ready for the fiddle contest.

You know I've just figured out how easy it is to be wise.....Just think of something stupid to say and then don't say it!

Eileen McLain, District 1E
Reporter

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Our VFW SHOW January 1st was a big success. Including musicians, 170 attended. Group playing on stage is doing great! Lots of dancing, and good music. Two visiting guest musicians: Jack Crowley from Montana and Katherine Allen from District # 7. Thanks for coming, we welcome guest from other districts. Our next VFW SHOWS are: February 5th, March 5th and April 2nd. Come join us.

On March 5th we will vote for: Chairman, Co-Chairman, Treasurer / Secretary. Nominating Committee: Ed Nelson, Mike Hyman, and Ted Schoenborn.

Our Circle Jam sessions are at Pine Forest Grange. Dates: Feb 11th, March 11th, and April 22nd. We start jamming at 11:00 until 12:00. Potluck lunch at 12:00 - 1:00. Then, jam from 1:00 - 3:00 and clean up to be out by 4:00.

Dates to Remember:

Feb 5th VFW SHOW
Redmond 1:00 - 4:00
Feb 11th Circle Jam
Pine Forest Grange Bend 10:00 - 4:00
Mar 5th VFW SHOW
Redmond 1:00 - 4:00
Mar 11th Circle Jam Pine Forest Grange Bend 10:00 - 4:00
April 2nd VFW SHOW
Redmond 1:00 - 4:00
April 22nd Circle Jam Pine Forest Grange Bend 10:00 - 4:00

Closing Thoughts: Brighten up someone's day by remembering. The simple things in life come Free! With Spring coming just around the corner. May god bless those who have lost loved ones or are sick. Happy anniversaries to all.

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Happy New Year!

Lots of "Oregon Sunshine" best describes the day at the Eagle Point Grange. But no one noticed, as we were all too busy playing the music we love!

At our meeting we again had our "trade or donate" western shirt exchange. We'll do it again in February, so please bring your good used western shirt to the Grants Pass jam next month.

Also next month we will be having the nomination of new officers.

We selected several people as possible candidates to represent District 4 at the Friday night performance at the upcoming state convention at the Polk County fairgrounds in Rickreall, April 6, 7 & 8. They include (in alphabetical order) Mary English, Lindsay Gasik, Don Maddox, Pat Manion, Judy McGarvey and Gene Williams. We held a paper vote, and will announce the winners next month.

In the spirit of New Year's resolution season, the prizes for our meeting drawing were "self-improvement" oriented. These included a first aid book, a crossword puzzle book, "Uncle Sams Diet" book, a cloth tape measure (to measure that shrinking waistline), an organizer/purse with notepad & pens, a 13-pocket coupon holder, a daily inspiration book, a beaded jump-rope, and 2, 3, and 5-pound dumb bells! (Lee Ferguson is VERY creative!)

If you haven't already done it, PLEASE RENEW YOUR OOTFA MEMBERSHIP! It's only \$20 a year per family! New District 4 members also receive two name badges per family.

December was another busy performance month! In addition to our regular play dates, we provided entertainment at the Gussied Up western wear store in Jacksonville, at the Royale Gardens staff Christmas party, at the St. Vincent DePaul staff Christmas dinner, and at the Jacksonville Historical Society New Year's Eve event. In all, we gave over 114 hours of community service time in December. The 2006 schedule and January calendar are available on the District 4 website: www.ootfa4.org. Click on "Calendar".

Our ever-friendly greeter and magician Jerry Van Foeken has been in and out of the hospital lately. Get well soon, Jerry! Our thoughts and prayers go to the family of Julia Cullen, who recently passed away. She was a friend of Arnie Jorgensen, and

was a strong supporter of the old-time fiddlers at Royal Oaks.

There are many wonderful old-time tunes to choose from. Please consider spending a few minutes playing this month's "Old-Time Tune of the Month": Chinese Breakdown. This is a fast-paced rouser, played in the key of D. For other great old-time tunes, please visit the Tunelist on the District 4 website.

"I don't know anything about music. In my line you don't have to." (Elvis Presley)

Rick Reichert, District 4 reporter

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Happy Valentines Day to All!!

Braving the rain, the wind and the flooded roads our District 5 members had a receptive audience for our jam at the Far West Hall in Bandon on January 14th. Thanks to Jolly Hibbits for arranging for this great facility.

The State Convention in Rickreall was discussed. We will be in charge of banquet table set-up. Please plan to help out. Also if you want to save \$1 on the banquet, please remember to mail a check for \$10.95 each to Lew Holt or Fred Hardin (specify chicken or beef).

At our meeting we discussed the situation at the Winchester Bay Grange. The campout will be held on August 17-20, 2006 at the Grange Hall in Winchester Bay!!

It was decided to donate \$500 to the state contest and \$250 to Canyonville. We also decided to appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of putting on workshops in our District.

Bill Travelstead, from Coos Bay generously donated a new raffle

drawing barrel to the District. He also donated a fiddle to be raffled off with the proviso that we sell at least 40 tickets for \$5 each before we complete the raffle.

Congratulations to two OOTFA members who were winners in the Song of the Year Contest. Glenna O'Neil of Horseshoe Bend, AR and our own Oren Pruet of District 5, submitted their song "Come Down to Wake Up the World", in the international Song of the Year Contest. They placed second in the competition in lyrics, amongst entries from all over the world!!

Our next jam will be back at the Winchester Bay Grange on February 18th. We will have a potluck at noon and have a jam session to follow at 1:00pm. Please plan to attend, as we will be having elections.

Best birthday and anniversary Wishes to those Februaries!!

Hal Weiner, Reporter District 5

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Happy February Fiddlers ! If you've had enough dark and gloomy evenings, take heart. We're on the downhill side, gaining a couple more minutes of day light every day. And isn't that a good way to start the month?

Last month was the OOTFA quarterly meeting held here in District 6 in Springfield. We had a nice turnout, good food and lots of music. I think I counted well over thirty performers on the sign up sheet. Speaking of that meeting, District 6 Chairman Bob Strelow asked me to forward a message to you. I quote " I want to personally thank all those who helped set up and take down tables, chairs, sound system etc. at the state quarterly meeting. A special thanks also to those who

worked in the kitchen. Those are all big and vital jobs, and helped make the meeting a success. Thanks so very much." As I read Bob's note I realized how often most of us take for granted the efforts others put into our Fiddlers events. So I'd like to add my thanks to Bob's. Thanks to all who provided the muscle for our January meeting.

Some important things are happening this month too. In case you've forgotten, February 18th is election day. That's happening at the Plumber's Hall in Springfield where we had our Thanksgiving jam. All offices are held for one year and the chairmanship is limited by the constitution to two consecutive terms. Elections take place each February for a term which begins the following July. Write down the date and exercise your right to vote. BTW, if you need directions, email Joe Moyle. My directions last time were so bad, I barely found the Plumber's Hall myself and I'd been there before !

Does February 14th ring a bell? Or maybe a Heart? Although it isn't an official District 6 event, our good friends at the Central Grange are having a party and you're all invited. It's a Valentine's Party, potluck and jam, beginning about ten a.m.. If you need directions, check with Jeanne Hartman (935-2235).

Speaking of jams. I understand attendance is picking up at the monthly Friday night sessions at Central (first Fri.) and Crow, the second Friday of each month. So for playing, singing, dancing or just tapping your feet, keep these jams in mind.

Peggy Stratton, longtime OOTFA member and mother of Tudi Williams had a bad fall, and is in the Marquis Nursing Home, 133 North 1st Street, Springfield.

February birthdays include Maxine Benson 2/10 and Gary Epperly 2/16. Also Phyllis Coffin 2/20 and Arnold Canning on February 23rd.

We're also acknowledging a couple of anniversaries this month. Arnold and Betty Canning

were married on February 3rd, as were John and Jackie Parsons.

Congratulations and happy special days to all. By the way, if you're not sure we have you on our birthday and anniversary list, I'd like to hear from you. You can email me at fnllyjud@efn.org and I'll update my list.

Guess that's it for this month. Do a good one !

Judie Eads, District six Reporter

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Our friend Howard Olson died on January 8 and several members were able to play at his service.

Saturday February 11 from 9 to 3:30 District 7 will sponsor a workshop conducted by Carol Ann Wheeler, District 7's own National Fiddle Champion, on Fiddle Technique and other topics of interest. Participants must be able to lead Faded Love in D, Liberty in D and Westphalia Waltz in G. For more information and to sign up call 503-235-1671.

SHAMELESS PLUG FOR SOME OF OUR OWN!!!

Saturday February 11, from 8 - 10 p.m. our own fiddle friend Jim Toussaint will be playing with the River City Ramblers in concert at the Old Liberty Theater at 115 North Main Street in Ridgefield, Washington (1-360-887-7260). Acoustic Amore (Carol Ann Wheeler and Jeff Heberle) will have a 20-minute cameo during the program. Advance tickets are \$10.00 each and highly recommended. Reserve your seats by mailing your check to Dwaine Bowden 2213 SE 174th Place, Vancouver WA 98683 or by calling Dwaine at 1-360-256-1955. Directions: I-205 and I-5 north; Exit 14, West to Ridgefield, right onto Main Street, it's the first building on the left.

Sunday February 12 will be our OOTFA Jam at the Canby Adult Center 1250 S. Ivy Street in Canby. We'll be able to get in the building about 11 for informal jamming, then our sign-up jam will start about 1 and we'll finish about 3:45. I always go south from Portland on 99E and turn left at Ivy Street. The Adult Center is on the left just next after the Aquatic Center.

Sunday March 12 will be our OOTFA Jam at the Lake Oswego Adult Center 11 - 4 p.m. at 505 G Street in Lake Oswego. We can get in the building at 11 for informal jamming then the sign-up jam will start at 1 and we'll finish at 3:45.

Friday March 17th is St. Patrick's Day! At 12:45 we'll play for an hour at Providence Laurelhurst Eldercare facility at 4540 NE Glisan. They love us there. From 12:45 - 1:45. Even tho' the parking is on-street and chancy, this is really a fun one.

Pencil in Friday evening June 9 from 7 - 8 p.m. to play in the sanctuary at the Gresham Funeral Chapel at 257 SE Roberts in Gresham. It's for their annual appreciation barbeque for the community.

We would like you all to welcome new members to District 7. They hail from Hillsboro to Hood River: Denise and Mike McCravey join us from Hood River. Their son Matthew is a fiddler. Jim and Patti Foglio come from Milwaukie, and Red and Evelyn Gieszler live in Hillsboro. We welcome back to Tammy & Kevin Snelling. They were members a couple years ago and are back with us again. Be sure to give them a hardy hello when you cross musical paths.

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The days are getting a little longer, so it's easier to get out and play music. Hope to see many of you at our jams.

January 21 McMinnville. This is written before the jam. Several of our players will be out of town. The rest of us will have a good time playing.

Fiddler Mary Schatan from our district passed away recently. She had been a member for several years, and enjoyed learning fiddle tunes. Mary was a talented musician and artist. Her talents and life were cut short by diabetes. We extend our sympathy to her husband Bob.

Les and Peg Tucker went to San Diego for Les's sister's funeral. We send our condolences.

Jim and Jean Pierson are in Yuma. Fred and Charlotte Hardin spent a couple weeks down south too, but are home now.

Lew Holt and Lee Jones visited with Don Simons. Don has been fitted for two new legs and is learning to walk with them. Way to go Don!

Saturday February 18th, will be our jam at McMinnville Senior Center. At 11 AM Jim Hockenhill will teach a workshop on Cajun fiddling. The building is open at 10:30. Another group is using the building until then. Come early to be ready for the workshop. Everyone welcome! Brown bag lunch at noon. Sign up jam from 1 to 4.

March 12th, Sunday, we'll be playing for the Irish Stew Dinner at the Keizer/Salem Senior Center. The address is 930 Plymouth Drive. It's at the intersection of Plymouth and Cherry. More specific directions next month. This is lots of fun. The stew is tasty. We can wear green and play our Irish tunes. Begorra, it'll be a rousing good jam!

Our district is excited about hosting the OOTFA convention this year. You'll be reading more about it in the next couple of Hoedowners. Plans are in progress for the shows, the meals the workshops, and all the others

things that must happen for a successful convention. District 8 members, we need all the help we can get. We'll be calling on you.

Keep playing that good old time music!

Alice Holt, District 8 reporter

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Chairman George Sahlberg attended the quarterly meeting in Springfield and held a short business meeting on his return Jan 8th prior to our potluck and jam. He brought the group up to date on the new convention site and our duties during the convention.

Guests for the afternoon show were Betty and Bill Chapman, Christmas Valley (Dist.1E) and Bailay Johnston and her teacher Marianne Andrews played and sang several tunes. Warren Land was also there with his guitar. In the crowd were the card players and new members Walter and Ruth Paul.

A card was signed for Dorothy Coon who recently broke her wrist in a fall and also a card was signed for Rose Robirts. We will also be missing the playing and singing of Joan Suther who will be working in Washington D.C. for six weeks.

Our next Aspen play date will be Friday Feb. 10th at 7:pm and Ashley Manor will be Monday, Feb.20th at 6:30 pm

Julia Milleson, Reporter District 9

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We had lots of people at our January Pot luck and Jam with several people dancing to the music. It was a great day with lots of good food and music. We had a meeting following the pot luck. Many thanks to all the members and visitors that joined us. Jim and Charlotte Weaver joined us with both singing and guitar playing. We were all glad to see them back.

Several Blue Grass members joined us with their instruments and singing. It is always fun to have them. On Friday night at the convention on April 7th, we have been asked to send young fiddlers. Amanda Kobel and Shannon Werlinger, our two teenagers, will represent District 10. Guy Kinman was nominated to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. He has been a very dedicated member for many, many years as well as an excellent fiddler and guitar player. And Guy can also sing. GOOD LUCK TO GUY.

We have some new members this month. Joe and Mary Jones from Idaho are now members. Joe plays the guitar and sings. Also David and Shawnie LeBleu are new members. David plays the violin. We are always happy to have new members join the OOTFA. Our member Lyn Smith is our new membership person. And Chuck Hasty is still our Program Director.

Saturday, February 11th will be the next time we gather for our meeting, pot luck and jam. We have changed our program. At 10:00 AM, we start off with a practice - learning session so anyone wanting help or extra practice time. We welcome any and all that would like to come. At 11:00 AM we will have our meeting; please come. At 12:00, we will have our pot luck followed by the regular jam started at 1:00 PM. We hope you all will come out and join us.

Happy Birthday Wishes to all the February Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Clare Eaton, Reporter District 10

Notes from the Editor-Emeritus
OOTFA Annual Convention. This year our convention will be at the Polk County Fairgrounds at Rickreall on Hwy 99 north of Corvallis and west of Salem. On Wednesday, April 5th, we'll jam and visit in a side hall and have a sign up jam that evening. We'll be in the main hall on Thursday with a "sign up jam" that evening.

Friday night we'll have our show for the paying public. Participation in this show is by invitation. Each district chairman will furnish names of those who will participate from each district and I will create a show around these names. This year the theme is "You don't have to be old to be an old time fiddler." We will be featuring many of our young fiddlers. The 6:30 on stage jam will be just the young people.

Saturday will be meetings and the banquet. After the banquet we'll have our dance as we have done over the years. President Bob has the exact schedule for the convention.

Workshops will be announced later. There is a motel in Monmouth - four miles down 99W and two in Dallas about the same distance.

RV parking is \$10 which includes electric hook up. We need 50 RVs parked so we can get the fairgrounds at a low rate. Please, please bring your RV even if you only live a few miles away -- we need them to meet our quota.

Cynthian Catering in Dallas will cater our banquet. We have a nice menu of roast beef or chicken -- with garlic mashed potatoes, dessert. We MUST turn in a count a week or so early so the cater can order the beef and the chicken. So "dear people" this year we want you to order your banquet tickets in March. Specific instructions will be in the March 1 Hoedowner. They will be something like this -- mail a check for \$10.95 for each adult banquet ticket. Children 5 to 10 are half price. Children under 5 are free.

Also note whether you want roast beef or chicken. You'll probably be mailing your checks to Fred Hardin at Box 1 in Dallas 97338. But wait until the March 1 Hoedowner comes out.

OK, if you didn't send your check in and if there is still room for more, your ticket will cost \$11.95 at the convention. We are hoping for the largest banquet attendance we have ever had. We want to extend a special invitation to those who have never attended a state convention to be sure to attend the convention, the banquet on Saturday and stay for the dance afterwards. You'll be glad that you did.

New Members to Welcome:

Roy & Phayon Butler, Quartzsite
Wallace & Betty Case, Aurora
Mike & Denise McCravey, Hood River
Kevin & Tamera Snelling, Beaverton
Joseph & Joan Alff, Portland
Billie & Bob Weidenhaft, Springfield

Mark Ratzlaff, State Membership Chairman

OOTFA Contest. We want to thank District seven for their generous donation to the contest and their contribution from the Jack Smith Memorial Fund. Other districts report that they will be sending contributions, too. A big thanks to Alice McDowell for her generous contribution. We anticipate another big contest this year. The judges are Dick and Lisa Barrett from Montana - very talented fiddlers and teachers with a long list of championships. Justin Booher, WA 2005 National Young Adult Champion. Isaac Calendar, Mt and ID, a talented young fiddler. And Tashina Clarridge, CA 2005 National Grand Champion. They represent a lot of fiddling talent.

By the time you read this, the Gaston Contest will be over. The results will be on our website as soon as possible.

Lew

CALENDAR

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

February

4	Fruitdale Grange	Grants Pass	4
4	Contest	Gaston	
5	Villa West Mobile Estate		1
11	Pine Forest Grange	Bend	3
11	Fort Rock Grange	1E	
12	Adult Center	Canby	7
12	Shasta View Community Hall		1
13	Senior Center	Lakeville	1E
15	Lake County Fairgrounds	1E	
16	Klamath Rehab		1
18	Winchester Bay Grange	Winchester Bay	5
18	Senior Center	McMinnville	8
18	Plumber's Hall	Springfield	6

March

4	Bellview Grange	Ashland	4
4	Community Center	Paisley	1E
11	Pine Forest Grange	Bend	3
12	Keizer/Salem Senior Center	Keizer	8
12	Lake Oswego Adult Center	Lake Oswego	7
17	Providence Lauralhurst Eldercare	Portland	7
18	Winchester Bay Grange	Winchester Bay	5

April

1	Roxy Ann Grange	Medford	4
6, 7, 8	State Convention	Rickreall	
22	Pine Forest Grange	Bend	3

May

7	Lebanon Moose	Lebanon	6
19, 20	State Contest – Chemeketa	Salem	

Mar.

4	Bellview Grange	Ashland	4
11	Pine Forest Grange	Bend	3
12	Senior Center	Lake Oswego	7
12	Senior Center	Keizer	8

April

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May

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