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## June

15-17 High Desert Campout; quarterly meeting Burns

## July

10-14 Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Workshop Wallowa  
29-30 Dorena Campout Cottage Grove

## August

3-7 Diamond Lake Fiddler's Jamboree Diamond Lake  
5 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Corvallis  
9-12 OOTFA Fiddle and Guitar camp Thousand Trails  
17-20 Winchester Bay Campout Winchester Bay  
26 Canyonville Fiddle Contest Canyonville

## September

14-16 Jam and quarterly meeting Merrill

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June 3	Saturday Market, 11-12 p.m. Klamath Falls.	Pine between 5th and 6th streets,
June 3	Master Gardeners, 1 p.m.	Fairgrounds, Klamath Falls
June 4	Villa West, meeting and jam, 12-4 p.m.	Klamath Falls
June 10	Farmers Market , 10-12 p.m. usual, Klamath Falls	Main street and ninth, as
June 11	Shasta Community Hall, 12-4 p.m.	Klamath Falls
June 15	Rehab, 10:30 – 3 p.m.	Klamath Falls
June 15	Linkville House, 1-2 p.m.	Klamath Falls
June 15	Main Street Jewelers, 5:30 p.m.	Klamath Falls
June 24	Farmers Market, 10-12 p.m.	Klamath Falls

Well, I was informed that I could be the new newsletter reporter today at our Sunday, Mother's Day jam/dance at the Shasta Grange hall. Fran Coker has been doing the job for the past few years, and doing it well. She had to quit this job due to increase workload from their business.

We would like to thank District 1E for the Silver Lake campout. I am sure that all that came had a good time. The weatherman even came through for us. Clear skies and warm temperatures allowed us to jam inside or out. There were great finger foods and drink available from sunup till 3:00 a.m. Also breakfasts and lunches; the Saturday night feast was outstanding: THANK YOU DISTRICT 1E.

Anniversary congrats to: Fran and Ben Coker, married in June 1988, and to Dick and Jo Harris, who will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 16th.

Irene Ruddock has informed me that Jan Lancaster is in the Bend hospital in critical condition.  
May our prayers be with Jan.

Well, I think that about covers the news from our district until I get better at this new job.

Johnny Rogers, District 1 Reporter

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## District 1E

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June, July: no jams

Next business meeting: June 12

Whew! We had a blast at our Silver Lake camp out. Seems like it just gets better year after year, and this year even the weather co-operated!

The district would like to thank those that stayed after the camp out to help clean up- Larry Gallagher and Art and Rhea Bigelow. More thanks to ALL the ladies from ALL the districts that helped in the kitchen. You sure made it easy for us. Also, to those from our own district who manned the reception table, and made everyone who walked in the door feel welcome- thank you. And I'd be remiss if I didn't especially thank Terry and Sharilyn McLain for their hard work pulling it together for us. We had 127 people sign the guest register and all districts were represented but district 2. We almost doubled the population of Silver Lake for the weekend!

I'm sure everyone is dying to know who won the Hat Contest . The winners were: for best Original song- Doug McLain for using his grandpa's hat, played his grandpa's fiddle and bow, and played the first song that all the McLain boys learned first on the fiddle - Marching Through Georgia. For best Hat/Song it was Dale Colebank, while Linda Easley won the silliest hat prize. Redolent in a flashy blue outfit, and sporting a shock-blue wig and bigger than Tejas blue cowboy hat, Linda matched the song "Am I Blue?" to a T.( Actually, I thought she looked a little like Smurfette.) Dale Colebank did a medley of sheep songs, yes sheep songs, interspersed with the story of the origin of his hat, and ending in a song from a Double Mint gum commercial explaining the double tassels on the hat. Very Clever!

The draw band event gets more fun each year as well. Now most of us know what to expect, and how to get our bands together, and we're learning that it's a ton of fun to be so stressed out ! It sure helps the stress level to know, though that the audience is getting their money's worth....

Birthdays for June are Shorty Stone on the 29th, and Rosa Lee McLain on the 23rd. Speaking of Shorty Stone, I just learned this evening that Shorty is in the hospital again, so we sure wish him well and are praying he'll be out soon and playing the guitar again. Nobody loves to play more than Shorty.

Every Friday, we play at the Senior Center in Lakeview from 10:30 'til noon. Lake District Long Term Care play dates are going to be on June 6, and June 20 from 10:30 'til 11:30 a.m., As you can see, we've no jams scheduled June, or July. Summer is a busy time for all of us, and it's hard to get a decent "band" together with so many gone gallivanting.

Well, I think I've done all the damage I could today. You know I'm involved in a new cause. Here's our slogan-BOYCOTT SHAMPOO- Demand the REAL poo !!

Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter

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### District 3

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June 4th	VFW Show	Redmond	1-4 p.m.	
June 10th	Pineforest Grange	Bend	10-4 p.m.	
June 24 <sup>th</sup>		Bigelow's Barbecue	Bend	12 p.m.
July 2nd	VFW Show	Redmond	1-4 p.m.	
July 8th	Pineforest Grange	Bend	10-4 p.m.	
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	VFW Show	Redmond	1-4 p.m.	
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pineforest Grange	Bend	10-4 p.m.	

Our last show was May 7th with 35 members on stage. There were 65 members watching the show. Great performance from everyone. Dennis and Ellen did a song about a fiddle. The fiddle was named Old Jake. Hollis Real re-built the fiddle for Ellen. Dennis and Ellen presented the song in a frame to Hollis.

We will be trying something new at the next show. There will be two groups each playing for 45 minutes. Each fiddle player will play one song and each vocal player will sing one song in order to keep the time to 45 minutes of playing.

District 3 wants to thank: District 1E for great campout and concert; it was a lot of fun. We sure have a lot of talent in our districts. We had 14 members from our district. Dennis Jakab couldn't remember the words to a song without Ellen. With a pull-out from a hat and put-together bands we had different songs and different people playing together.

Although District 3 will not be playing at the Crooked River Roundup this year, we will be playing at the Fair. Date: Aug 6<sup>th</sup>. Time: 1:00 p.m. Place: Eberhard Family Stage, Redmond Fairgrounds. Come early and be ready to play.

The Pineforest Grange potluck circle jam will be June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Bigelows will be having a barbeque/potluck on June 24th at 12:00 p.m; bring a dish for the potluck. Friends, instruments, and outdoor chairs are welcome. Come join the fun.

Bob Ervin and Thousand Trails are hosting a Fiddle/Guitar camp August 9, 10, 11 and 12. Cost: \$50.00 per student. Camp stay: \$20.00 per night. Get the details from Bob at [pbranch@prinetime.net](mailto:pbranch@prinetime.net).

Closing Thoughts: Friends are like walls of a house. Sometimes they hold you up, sometimes you lean on them. But sometimes it's enough to know they're just standing by. The friendship of people, a musical instrument, and; a song go hand in hand. Just the simple things in life.

May God bless those who lost loved ones and those who are ill; best wishes to all who have anniversaries or birthdays this month.

Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter.

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June 3		Fruitdale Grange	Grants Pass
July 1	Picnic at Walch Park	Lakecreek	
June 3		Fruitdale Grange	Grants Pass
July 1	Picnic at Walch Park	Lakecreek	
Aug 12		Riverside Park	Grants Pass

Spring is really here! The weather was great for our monthly meeting at the Bellview Grange in Ashland. The "finger foods" lunch seemed to work OK, and will be continued thru the summer. We will be having roast pig and turkey at our summer picnic at Walch Park. The pig won't be a skinny one, as we voted to pay for its feed. The western shirt exchange will be held at the next meeting at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass, so bring in those good, used duds!

At the meeting Don Lindsey was presented with a Distinguished Service Award. This is an OOTFA state award, and one truly deserved. Congratulations, Don! Speaking of

members, the new 2006 OOTFA state rosters are available for \$1.00. Please contact Marcia Zellman if you need one.

Hal Weiner has put together a new BETA web site for OOTFA state. Visit [www.ootfa.org](http://www.ootfa.org) to check it out. Hal added a Discussion Board Forum area where we can ask questions, make announcements, do classified ads, and read the Hoedowner for each district. Once at the site, click on the "Hot Off The Press" box, then on the "OOTFA Message Board" link.

Lee Ferguson once again hit a home run by coming up with a great selection of prizes for our meeting drawing. This time it was live plants and related items. Marigolds, Habanero Peppers, Tomatoes, Swiss Chard, Snap Dragons, Tomatillos, Petunias, Rhea Salvia, Impatiens and others all found new homes. Gardening tools included diggers, weeders, aprons, watering pots and a garden bucket lid seat!

This month we tried a new jam format where we play thru the sign-up board a couple of times on stage, then turned off the mikes and played in a circle on the dance floor. We are trying to have at least part of the day's music be a true jam. The audience seemed to like it, and we will try it again at the monthly jams when the audience thins out. To help alleviate some of the ongoing issues at our jams and gigs, a new page has been added to our District 4 web site. Please visit: [www.ootfa4.org](http://www.ootfa4.org) and click on "Etiquette" for details.

The gig at the Eagle Point Butte Creek Mill grand opening on May 13 was a good one! We had 20+ musicians playing on a long covered porch and on the lawn in front, with old-timey tractors lined up on the street and people in vintage costume wandering by. Add a clear blue sky free mini-muffins, donuts and coffee - it was almost heaven!

Several of our members continue to have health problems. Mary and Frank Armstrong, Grumpy and Ruth Kimmel, and Donna Frazier have all recently faced serious situations. Please take a few minutes to let these kind folks know that you care about them. Also, Victor Gardner recently passed away. He was a very skilled fiddle maker, and taught Michael Klien in the art.

For a list of future events visit: [www.ootfa4.org/Ootfa4Cal-Future.htm](http://www.ootfa4.org/Ootfa4Cal-Future.htm).

"Sugar is not so sweet to the palate as sound to the healthy ear."  
(Ralph Waldo Emerson )

Rick Reichert, District 4 Reporter

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District 5

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June 10	Winchester Bay Grange – meeting	11am
June 30	Bullards beach, Bandon	6 – 8pm
July 1	Sunset Beach, Coos Bay	6 – 8pm
July 4	Sterdivant Park Coquille, family picnic	TBD
July 8	Yachats	11am - 3 or 4pm
July 15	Jam	TBD
July 29	Bullards Beach	6 – 8pm
August 12	Bullards Beach	6 – 8pm
August 16-20	WINCHESTER BAY CAMPOUT	
August 26	Sunset Beach	6 – 8pm

A big thanks to everyone from District 1E for a wonderful campout!!

Wow, what a busy summer we have ahead of us! Since the new Hoedowner cut-off time is now too early to be able to report on our monthly jam, that report will be made a month later.

Once again, please plan on attending our meeting at the Winchester Bay Grange on June 10th. Please note this the second Saturday, as third Saturday is the date of the state meeting in Burns. Please attend so we can finalize our plans for our campout. The meeting will be at 11:00am with potluck and jam to follow.

It is NOT too late to make reservations for our campout in August. No reservations are needed for dry camping, but if you want to stay in a hotel or have hook-ups, you had best do it NOW, as these go very quickly. Contact information is at our new website at [www.ootfa.org](http://www.ootfa.org)

Our new beta test web site now has pictures, a bulletin board, a guestbook and the ability to share your music (recordings, sheet music and tabs). Check it out at [www.ootfa.org](http://www.ootfa.org).

There is a surprise birthday party in the works for Fred Grove on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Steve and Mary Goldfadden, 57998 Fairview Road, Coquille. The fun starts at one p.m.—potluck, bring your instruments and tunes. For more info, call Mary at 541.396.7110, and Don't Tell Fred!!

May the June Fire Flies light up your Birthday cakes, and a Joyful Celebration of Marriage Vows to all who “tied the knot” in June.

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

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District 6

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June 10

Jasper Grange Jasper

July 22

Lake Creek Grange Harrisburg

August 16 Lane County Fair

Eugene

I believe summer's finally here, even though we've had several frosty May mornings. But heat or cold, the music continues. Joe Moyle reports that the semi-annual jam at the Lebanon Moose was a success. They had about twenty-five entertainers and many more guests, including people he hadn't seen for a while, such as Willie Carter. The food was good and the dancers plentiful. We'll be there again in December.

The fiddlers had an opportunity a few weeks ago to show their stuff in Sweet Home, thanks to some good work by Paula Sanders. They were invited to play assemblies at a couple of local elementary schools, Hawthorne and Foster. I learned from Paula that at least one of the schools has no regular music program at all, so they were really excited to have a forty-five minute visit from the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. Bob Strelow said they played for about four hundred kids who seemed to love it. He hopes the parents are now being bugged to buy, borrow or rent fiddles, guitars and banjos. Bob also wanted to extend special thanks our friends from Districts 7 & 8 who came down to help out. The group also played the Sweet Home Senior Center that evening. Such outings are sure to be on the agenda again next fall.

Good news and bad. Tootie William's mom is out of re-hab and home again. (More about Mrs. Stratton next month.) On the down side, Ruth Kennedy took a bad fall at home recently, breaking three bones in her leg. She had surgery at Mickenzie/Willamette Hospital and will probably need some long-term rehabilitation after her release. Betty Canning says Ruth is pretty discouraged right now; maybe she'd like to hear from her music friends. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ruth and to Andy, who's also under the weather.

District 6 Fiddlers are enhancing our coffers by playing some paying gigs. Last month a couple of groups played the Cottage Grove Home show for a nice donation and another small group plays local nursing homes for which the district receives a small donation. Hopefully, there'll be other opportunities throughout the summer to make a little music and a little money.



Coming up June tenth is our District 6 monthly jam, at the Jasper Grange. Bob says he'll have a business meeting after lunch -- to talk about what's been happening and maybe come up with some new ideas for the future. No potluck this month. The Grange will be furnishing the lunch for a reasonable fee, or you can pack a lunch.

On Saturday, July 22, the monthly jam will be at the Lake Creek Grange. Directions: From I-5, take the Brownsville exit towards Halsey. In Halsey, turn south at the light, and go 1.7 miles to Lake Creek Road. Follow Lake Creek Road for 4.2 miles to the grange at the junction of Lake Creek and Peoria roads.

Other places to play, sing, dance or just enjoy. The Central Grange, first Friday night and Crow Grange, the second Friday night. Bernie Charlebois is hosting daytime jams (10-4 with a one o'clock potluck) at the Central Grange, second Tuesday, and the Franklin Grange the third Thursday. Wayne Carpenter's Jasper Jam is, as always, the fourth Thursday. You might wanna get out your calendar about now.

Lots of June Birthdays. Jack Crockett celebrates on 6/3, Bob Strelow 6/10 and John Steele 6/19. Rose Barton was born on June 23rd, Judie Eads on June 25th (Yep, that's me ! ) and Betty Canning, who held out until the last day of the month, June 30th.

Wedding anniversaries this month include Carolyn and oral Robbins on June 7 and Floyd and Norma Frazier June 13.

Enjoy the sunshine and keep makin' music!

Judie Eads, District 6 Reporter

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#### District 7

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June 9	Gresham Funeral Chapel – p.m. BBQ	Gresham
June 11	Estacada Community Center	Estacada
June 17	West Linn Tanner Springs Assisted Living	West Linn
August 9	West Linn Rose Linn Care Center	

We have several new members joining us in District 7: Susan & James McMahn, Oregon City; Tim Thornton & Ann Blair, Warrenton; Ray & Della Swayne, Troutdale;

and Roger & Doris Vanvoorhees, Portland. Be sure to greet them warmly when you meet them at our upcoming musical events listed below.

Friday June 9 from 7 – 9 p.m. Acoustic Amour, D7's own Carol Ann Wheeler and Jeff Heberle, will be playing at Crowley's of Cork "smoke free" Café in Hillsboro. Go to their web site for address and directions.

Friday June 9 from 7 – 8 p.m. at the Gresham Funeral Chapel we're hired to play for their annual Appreciation Barbecue from 7 – 8 p.m. It's at 257 SE Roberts in Gresham. If you are on Powell, turn south on Roberts and the parking lot is on the west side of the building.

Sunday June 11 from 11 – 4 p.m. we are scheduled to play at the Estacada Community Center at 200 SW Clubhouse Drive down behind the Boots and Spurs Restaurant off Hwy 224 in Estacada. We can get in the building about 11 for informal jamming and from 1 – 4 we'll perform for the public.

Saturday June 17 we are hired to play from 1 – 2 p.m. at Tanner Springs Assisted Living at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. From I-205 take the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Wednesday August 9 starting at 3:00 p.m. we are hired to play at the Rose Linn Care Center at 2330 Debok Road in West Linn. We'll play from 3 to 3:45 then take the elevator to another floor and play from 3:46 to 4:30. This is for the Center's "Western Days" Celebration so be sure to wear your cowboy hats and be ready with those western tunes. Take the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Exit off I-205 and go north on 10<sup>th</sup> to the "T" and turn left onto Blankenship; then right onto Debok and the Care Center is on the left side.

Saturday August 12 starting at noon with be the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bawb Bash. It is a Happy Birthday Potluck Jam at Andy and Terry Jorgensen's place at 50995 SE Baty Road out of Sandy. Take Hwy 26 east of Sandy Oregon and go six miles past the last stop light. Pass The Candy Farm on the right and get ready to turn left onto Cherryville Lane. Drive one mile and turn left onto SE Baty Road. Drive another mile and turn right at 50995 SE Baty Road into their driveway. Bring food to share, chairs to sit on and the instruments you want to play. Bob will celebrate his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday! Andy and Terry's phone number is 503-668-3917 and their new email is [atjorgensen@netzero.net](mailto:atjorgensen@netzero.net).

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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District 8

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June 3	District 8 picnic	Hardin's in Dallas	
June 18		Strawberry Social	Aurora Museum, Aurora
June 24		Aurora Museum, 2-4 p.m.	Aurora
July 1	Aurora Museum, 2-4 p.m.	Aurora	
July 8-9	Silver Falls State Park	Silverton	

In late April we fiddled in Dallas for the senior center. Only instead of being in the very small center, we were in the Civic Center. Even with a larger room, it was a capacity crowd. The music kept everyone's toes tapping from 1 to 4.

May 6th some of us played at The Sunflower Barn, a sponsor of the OOTFA contest. It was especially nice to have several of our young fiddlers there. Trevor Whittaker, Raymond Goeser and Hannah Kearney all wowed the ever changing audience. Melissa Whittaker would have played except she had her arm in a splint because of a "wrinkle fracture". Get better soon Melissa! Pat and Chuck Gates provided back up, as did Bob Bailey and Todd Whittaker. Other fiddlers were Marie Bailey, Ray Cunningham, Lew and Alice Holt. We were happy to have Truman Price join us too.

The OOTFA contest, a May event, will be over by the time you read this. It's looking good at this point.

Our sincere condolences go to Frank Geelan and his family. Evamae Geelan passed away on Friday May 13th. Several OOTFA members attended the service in McMinnville.

Get well wishes go to: Jackie Stephenson who is scheduled for back surgery in May; and to Mary Terry who broke her leg (but was at Dallas), and Lee Jones who is coping with health problems. Don Simons seems to be doing fine with his new legs. Winston Grant is doing well too; he and Lola were at Silver Lake.

On Saturday, June 3rd, you are all invited to District 8's picnic at Fred and Charlotte Hardin's home in Dallas. Bring food to share. And of course, your instruments!  
DIRECTIONS: Driving into Dallas you'll be on Ellendale Street. Stay on Ellendale through 2 traffic lights and a few more blocks. Turn right on Douglas, drive up hill three long blocks, turn right on Reed Lane, go one block. It's a log house with a red metal roof, on the corner of Ashley and Reed Lane. See you there!

Sunday, June 18th, is the Strawberry Social at the Aurora Museum. This is lots of fun, and the shortcake is outstanding. Call Darlene Bryant if you have questions on this. Music will probably start around noon and go to whenever.

This is the 150th Anniversary of the Aurora Colony and we've been invited to play there on two other weekends. June 24th and July 1st. Both are Saturdays and we'll play from 2-4.

July and August are busy! Here are some dates and places. More info next month. July 1 - Aurora. July 8 - Silver Falls State Park. July 15 - Pacific City. July 22 - Salem Senior Center Picnic. July 29 - Antique Powerland at Brooks AND Garibaldi Days. August 1 - Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest at Corvallis. August 10 - Polk County Fair. August 12 - Aurora City Park.

Some of us will be going to the High Desert Jamboree in Burns, and the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser. Happy travels, everyone!

"The worst thing about history is that, every time it repeats itself . . . the price goes up."  
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Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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#### District 9

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Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

June 3		Lion's Club Fly-in, 6:30 a.m.
June 9	Aspen, 7 p.m.	
June 10		Pioneer Day Dance
June 19	Ashley Manor, 6:30 p.m.	

On April 20th seven local players plus snowbirds Jake and Aline Swartwood performed for 44 very responsive Experience Oregon tourists from the Willamette Valley area. Learning we were part of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers, they wanted to know if we knew Alan Ede!

We also got in an extra jam session while Jake and Ali were here. Clyde Wensenk sat in with us on his guitar and did some singing as well.

A recent production called "Center Stage", a local talent show, included numbers by the Sagerats, Janet Brayman, Joan Suther and a piece by Julia Milleson.

Condolences were sent to life member Rusty Knight on the passing of his wife Joan. A card was also signed for George Sahlberg on his recent hospitalization, but they released him early and he was able to make the Mother's Day show at the senior center. Playing guests for the day were Phil Drain of Salem, Hugh Gallaher of Jerome,

Idaho, and Betty and Bill Chapman of Christmas Valley (Dist.1E). The ladies were presented with orchid or rose corsages for their special day. Margaret Teague and daughter Paula Otley made rose corsages as only a dozen of the of the orchids were available. Thank you, ladies.

Don and Marie O'Brian were here for a Friday night jam.

Ruel Teague and Julia Milleson have played the last two Ashley Manor gigs and only Ruel, Walt Cooper and Julia showed up to play for a large audience at the Aspens. We will continue to play the assisted living centers IF we can enough musicians HINT HINT!! The next Aspen show is at 7 p.m. on Friday June the 9th and Ashley Manor is on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

For those of you who get info on-line early we will be playing the Lions Club Fly-In at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday June 3rd.

On Saturday June 10th we will be playing for the Pioneer Day dance. Our big Jamboree starts the following week so we will be doing lots of playing. Hope to see you all at our Jamboree

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

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June 10 District Potluck, Jam and Meeting, 11-3 p.m.

July 27 Myrtle Creek Festival, 6-7 p.m. Myrtle Creek

Spring has sprung! It was a gorgeous day for a Mother's Day jam. Thanks to everyone for the delicious food we had for the potluck. The music was of course was very good. The bluegrass group joined us, in fact, they are now our new members, Bud and Floey Starr, and Scott and Janet McAdoo. We're very glad to have them, welcome.

Our guests were Ruby Lillard & Nelson Burns and Millie Wilson & Mark Ivan. Glad to have you, come again.

Lyneatte Werlinger has been under the weather lately, we wish her the best and hope she gets well soon, we miss her.

We're glad to see Flo Sangsland back with us again.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all those who have them in June.

We will be playing at the Myrtle Creek Festival July 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm to 7pm. Our next meeting, potluck and jam will be June 10<sup>th</sup>. Meeting at 11am, potluck and noon, and jam at 1pm.

Joyce Pickett: District 10 Reporter

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From the Prez:

Hi, the time has come, the end of my term as your president. It has been a great experience, these past two years. You have all been great to work with. We have made many changes in our organization and we were only able to do this because of the excellent cooperation of all you folks, thank you. It made my job much easier. So it is with regret that I must turn over the reins of leadership to your next president, Mrs. Irene Ruddock, a great lady and a long time member of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. She is a great fiddle player, she held the office of Secretary/Treasurer for many years and has been Vice-President for the past two years, so you see, she is very well qualified to lead us over the next year. I know she will do us a great job. She will have the very capable help of our present Secretary/Treasurer Mrs. Larry Gallagher [Sharon]. I can't say enough about her efficiency. She has all the answers at her finger tips. Also, I would like to congratulate Christine Lang, who is our newly elected Vice President. With her knowledge of the OOTFA and her willingness to participate in its various programs, she will be more than able to fill in for the president should that become necessary. All in all, I think we have a very capable leadership through the next year.

Now I'd like to remind everyone about the OOTFA Fiddle and Guitar Camp at Thousand Trails. I am sure you have heard of this by now. This is something new, and is being sponsored by the state Association to further promote the purpose of the OOTFA: "To promote, perpetuate, and preserve Old Time Fiddling and Old Time music." I am happy to say that interest in the camp is increasing and early registration are starting to come in as we are getting closer to the deadline. The camp is August 9-10-11 & 12; the deadline to register is July 1st. For more information you can call me at 541-447-5451 or e-mail [ptranch@prinetime.net](mailto:ptranch@prinetime.net).

WOW!!! they did it again, District 1E. What an event this is. Every year those folks go all out and have goll- darndist shindig you ever saw. Everybody looks forward to having

a good time there at Silver Lake and they sure were not disappointed this year. If you like good music, good food and excellent people to be around you should attend this get together next year. You won't regret it. Thank you District 1E.

We are also looking forward to the "Country Music Jamboree" in Burns, sponsored by the by the High Desert Fiddlers. We always have a good there time as well. June 15-16-17 2006. Also we have our OOTFA Summer quarterly meeting there Saturday, June 17 at 10 a.m..

The time has come for me to say so long to all of you as next month this page will be written by your new president. So, as Roy Rogers would say, "Happy Trails to you, till we meet again". And keep playing that Old Time Music.

OOFTA  
President  
Bob Ervin

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From the Editor Emeritus:

A couple of sad notes this month. Many years ago when I was president of OOTFA, I put a note in the Hoedowner asking for volunteers to work at the convention in Roseburg. I received a note from Dick Schrol. I didn't know Dick. He lived up near Molalla I believe I was. Dick handled the RV parking for several years. I impressed me that he volunteered. I have known him over the years but recently his wife wrote me a note saying that he had passed away.

George McLain, Homer's brother passed away recently, too. He lived in Olympia, Washington and had been a member of OOTFA over the years. He often came down to Canyonville for the contest and enjoyed jamming with everybody. He and I exchanged CDs and I would send him DVDs. Just a few days before I heard he had died, I ran across a letter from him. I set it aside thinking that I would surprise him with DVDs of the convention. I was too late.

Great things have happened since the last Hoedowner. I want to thank Dorothy Wehus for her generous donation to the contest. Also Larry and Sharon Gallagher, Gynn Deaton, Districts 1E, 4 and 6. Every district donated to the contest. Many individuals have donated. Some donated when they sent in their membership renewals. Others through CD sales. The contest program will list the many businesses that have contributed to this year's contest. As of the 16th, just 3 days before the contest, things are really looking good. Amy, Starr, I and the contestants want to thank you all.

Les Tucker writes:

“Hi Lew,

I am missing one Glasser fiberglass bow. For a grip it has a black rubber pencil grip that is 1 3/4 inches long. It is a dark brown color, the hair is getting a little thin. Not an expensive bow, but it is stiff, and has a nice camber. I'd appreciate getting it back if someone accidentally picked it up someplace.

I have someone else's Glasser bow that was left at Silver Lake May 7. It is a reddish color has a 3/4 inch slip-on grip, and has most of the hair missing. If you are missing this bow, let me know and I'll get it back to you.

Les Tucker PH 503 982-4398  
lespeg@msn.com|”

I still have the Glasser fiberglass bow that was left at the convention. It has a black grip that is 3 inches long.

Lew.

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From the Editor:

The Ninth Annual Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest will be held Saturday, August 5 at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis. For more information, call Starr McMullen at 541.745.5130 or e-mail her at [mcmulles@hotmail.com](mailto:mcmulles@hotmail.com). Starr would also like to thank District 7 for its generous donation to the contest.

The High Desert Jamboree, to be held in Burns at the Harney County Fairgrounds June 15-17 in conjunction with the spring OOTFA quarterly meeting, promises to be quite a wingding. There will be two stages, a jam room, and numerous workshops. RV sites are available for \$15 a day, with dry camping sites going for \$10. If you have group willing to play a thirty minute set on the Sale Stage, call Janet at 541.573.1323 to arrange it – or just turn up, and you will be worked in.

Thelma Drayer and John Clark are staging their annual musical campout at their place at Dorena, the last week-end of July. Come early; stay late. The campout site is about 16 miles east of Cottage Grove on Row River Road (beyond Dorena Lake). Call 514.946.1595 for more info and directions.

The Canyonville Fiddle Contest is set for August 26th. Many thanks to Districts #1, #1E, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8 and #10 for their generous donations. For more info, contact Gynn Deaton at [gynn@mcsi.net](mailto:gynn@mcsi.net).

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New Members to Welcome:

Brian & Marlene Neal, Lowell  
Bonita Brown, Elmira  
Ken & Patti Luse, Eugene  
Ray & Della Swayne, Troutdale  
Paul & Joyce King, Central Point  
Roger & Doris Vanvoorhees, Portland  
Pat & Ruth Weyer, North Bend  
Ron Markee, Springfield

Mark Ratzlaff, State Membership Chairman

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