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State Calendar

January

6 Quarterly Meeting and Jam Adult Activity Center, Springfield 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

February

3 Fiddle Contest Gaston

April

4-7 State Convention Rickreall

District 1

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November

5 Villa West regular meeting and Jam 12:00 to 4:00 pm.
12 Shasta Community Center 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

You might not know that the deadline for the newsletter for the Hoedowner came right in the middle of the Merrill State Convention. When it was all over we sure had a lot of help getting things put away, and it sure was appreciated. A big thanks goes to Gin and Howard Priddy, Dean Allen and Shanna Burchell, Rhea Bigalow, Sherrie and Ray Lane, Rosa Lee McLain and Garrett [didn't get all of that name]. Also the folks that handled the microphones, like Ruel Teague, Fred Hardin, Roger Germundson, Lew Holt, our very own John Northcraft. I hope I haven't missed any one else; I got most of them in the last issue. A big thanks to all that showed up to make a second state convention in Merrill.

I hope you read my last issue of District 1 (eating in the dark); well, it was my turn this time. It was a warm day, around 78 degrees, and Jim Lancaster and I were at the National Sheep Dog Field Trials near Merrill. We were there early for a gig that evening by the District 1 old time fiddlers. We watched a lady and her dog put about six sheep through several gates and then in to a pen, which they did in record time for the day, so said the fellow with the microphone. Then about sundown we went into this big tent and played music. Along about zero-dark-thirty we got our chance to eat. We were handed a paper plate with meatballs and a very good pineapple sauce, two buns and a pat of butter wrapped in gold tin foil right off the ice. We went outside so as not to interfere with the short meeting of the sheep dog people. Try to imagine this: with a plate in one hand, try to unwrap the pat of cold butter with the

other hand -- a very tricky process. There were no chairs outside the tent and it was very dark, with many tripping hazards from tent stakes and rope. Well, after their meeting we played some more music. Some people began to dance to the tunes. The high point came when John Northcraft decided to call a square dance tune and get these folks to do the promenade -- what a riot. All in all, we had a good time there.

Birthdays for November: Etta Fernland 22nd, Bud Ullman 30th Lisa Pratt, Carol Olesen
November anniversaries: Les & Lois Tucker, and Darleth & Johnny Rodgers

During the month, we lost Mr. Dick Harris to cancer -- one of our best rhythm guitar players. Just a week ago we lost Mr. Bud Maupin from Merrill; he wasn't an OOTFA member but was well known by all the District 1 and District 1E. He rarely missed any of our dance jams. Well, that's about it for this month. We have a pretty quiet month ahead so all we've got to do is get ready for winter. Happy fiddling.

Johnny Rodgers, District 1 Reporter

Time to renew! Get your \$20 renewal to your District membership chair now!

District 1E

Chairman: Bev Perry 541-947-2334
Vice Chairman: Mary Ann McLain 541-947-2448
Secretary Treasurer: Sharilyn McLain 541-947-4623
Reporter: Eileen McLain 541-947-4474

November

4	Monthly Jam	Lake County Senior Center	4-10 p.m.
11	Jam	Fort Rock Grange Hall	5 p.m.
13	Business Meeting	Lake County Senior Center	7 p.m.

The weather's been too nice for too long! I suspect the other shoe is about to drop (with a vengeance, I'm sure). In the meantime, we're busy enjoying Indian summer. Look, ma- no mosquitoes!

We've only one gig next month, in beautiful downtown Fort Rock. It's a fundraiser for the Christmas Valley Library, something we're proud to be involved with every year. This year it's on November 11, and the fiddlers should be there to set up at 5:00 p.m. The dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., and goes on until 8:00 p.m. Despite over indulging at the dinner table, the crowd is always anxious to get out on the dance floor and cut a rug. That sure makes it fun to play for them.

A couple of changes are in store for November. We're moving to the Lake County Senior Center, the first Saturday of every month for our district jams. It's a good move for us, as the last building was extremely drafty. Now we'll be snug as bugs in a rug. Also, the time has changed. Now we'll be there from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. "sharp." Our next business meeting is on November 13, in the above named place at 7 p.m.

We've got some new members to welcome this month. Myra Emmons, our distinguished Lake County head librarian has finally joined us. She's been fiddling with us for some time, and we're glad she took the plunge and joined the ranks. Kirby and Andrea Letham and family have joined up, as well as the Mike and Peggy McFarland family and also Joe and Julie Steinbruck. Our little club is now bursting at the seams. Thank you all and welcome.

Birthday wishes go out to Clyde Lynch on the 19th, and to Faith Kersey on the 20th.

Well, there you have it, short and sweet this month. I've got to go now; a procrastinator's work is never done.

Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter

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District 3

Chairman: Dennis Jakab 541-548-2387

Co-Chair: Jean Hardman 541-317-9566

Sec/Treasurer: Joyce Wallace 541-548-6865

Membership: Earlene Ervin, 6189 N.E. Wainwright Road, Prineville, OR 97754 541-447-5451

November

5 VFW Show Redmond 1-4 p.m.

18 Bigelow's Bend 3 p.m.

December

3 VFW Show Redmond 1-4 p.m.

January

7 VFW Show Redmond 1-4 p.m.

Weather is changing at a fast pace, with autumn here!

Let's give thanks to our family, and our friends.

Our last show was October first, at the VFW in Redmond – with top-tapping, foot-stomping music to dance by. With two different groups on stage, we had a variety of songs to choose from. Thanks to all who performed. Thanks to Mike, to keep it enjoyable. Our next show will be November 5th at the VFW. Come join the fun!

Membership dues must be paid by December first in order to receive your January Hoedowner. Dues are \$20 a year per family living at the same address. Send dues to our membership chairman (Earlene Ervine, 6189 Wainwright Road, Prineville OR 97754). Thank you!

Come one, come all to Bigelow's celebration party/jam session. The Bigelow's are celebrating their 30th anniversary. Date: November 18th; Time: 3 p.m. This is a potluck/finger food party. Address: 122 S.E. Cessna Road, Bend; phone: 312-3017.

Members wishing to have small sessions at their homes should contact our chairman: Dennis Jakab (548-2387), or Bob Ervin (447-5451).

Welcome to our district: Tom and Vivian Tucker. They both play guitar and sing. The Tuckers moved over here from Mount Vernon to be closer to family.

Closing Thoughts: Blend one person with a fiddle, sprinkle with a song. Set your date, and pick a time. Combine with guitars, bass and banjos as backup. Blend all ingredients with care, and the Old Time Fiddlers will be there! Take time out to listen to the music.

Happy birthday and anniversary to all this month! May God bless those who have lost loved ones, or are sick.

Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter.

Time to renew! Get your \$20 renewal to your District membership chair now!

District 4

Chairman: Judy McGarvey 541-779-8145 jmcgarvey97@charter.net
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November

6 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass

December

2 Roxy Ann Grange Medford

January

6 Eagle Point Grange

February

3 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass

Our October jam at Eagle Point was well attended with fine musicians and many dancers. We were happy to see Guy Kinman and Bob Hanson from District 10 who contributed their good music, too. Thanx guys! We continue to do a lot of playing. Some of our fiddlers get stretched a little thin during the day because some have to work (what's that?). The ones that can come make some great music, though. Hopefully, we can keep up our schedule. We have had several on our "sick list" and we were saddened to hear of the death of Hilde Hartinger on October 2. She and her husband Dennis have been faithful dancers for many years. Our sympathies go out to Dennis and the family.

Mona Givens, who played guitar and bass for many years is now in a foster care home following another stroke. Kenan Akers had a heart attack while in Idaho, and is still there following some stent surgery, but doing well, according to Donna Frazier. Joyce Grissom was in the hospital with pneumonia but is out and doing well. Don't forget that at the November jam we need to sign up for our "fixin's" for the ham and turkey dinner for the December jam, our annual Thanksgiving/Christmas celebration.

We welcomed new members Robert and Naomi Bruhns – she plays guitar and sings.

The "5 O'Clock Jammers" fiddle group continues to be alive and well, adding several new folks of varying ages recently. We continue to have lots of fun learning and practicing the old time music.

Judy McGarvey (that's me) just got back from Germany and Ireland. It was exciting playing traditional Irish music with the "natives" in the local pubs.

It's obvious that cooler weather is coming. Summer always seems so short – but many of us did a lot of playing in a lot of other places. Now back home to share what we learned. Hope you all had as much fun as we did!

And to leave you with: What's the difference between a fiddler playing in "D" and a locksmith?
Answer: A locksmith knows how to change keys, and gets paid for it !

Judy McGarvey, acting District 4 Reporter

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District 5

Chairman: Mapril Combs (541) 572-5532

Co-Chair: Oren Pruitt (541) 347-6236

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

Membership: Jolly Hibbits (541) 347-2229

54070 Bear Creek Rd, Bandon, OR 97411

November

18 North Bend Senior Center noon potluck, jam 1-4 p.m.

At our meeting in Bandon on September 23, we had 22 members present. More showed up afterward for our performance. We had 13 musicians who signed up to play. There was a nice family from Idaho with two young boys who have played, but were too shy to borrow instruments and play. The parents danced, it was fun to watch.

We voted to dispense with potlucks except for the Holiday Potluck November 18 this year, and perhaps one for Easter in the spring. There is continued support for meeting in Winchester Bay due to its central location, but we understand they will have a big renovation project, are applying for grants, etc., so we don't have a permanent home base now.

There was discussion about our scholarship fund, state shares of funds, and designated donations. The next jam is at the North Fork Grange, October 21. Everyone will need to read the Hoedowner each month find out where we will having our next jams.

Thanks to everyone who came and played at the North Spit for the BLM. Everyone was very appreciative. Our performance at the Mapleton Grange on October 20, was canceled.

I am sure that we had a great turnout for our jam in Florence at the North Fork Grange. We will report on it next month.

The November 18 Holiday Potluck and Jam will be on November 18 at the North Bend Senior Center, 1470 Airport Lane, North Bend. Potluck at noon, jam 1-4 p.m. Folks with last names A-N please bring a salad and M-Z a dessert. Everyone is invited!!!

Our best get well wishes go out to Kathy Nash who is recovering from heart surgery and Nick Maniscalco who is recovering from heart failure.

Just a reminder that we now have a way to swap our favorite songs. You can upload and download MP3 files, post sheet music and share your photos our web site at: www.ootfa.org. Click on "Hot Off the Press", then follow instructions. Also our discussion board is also open for us.

Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries to our "Novemberites".

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

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District 6

Chairman: Bob Strelow 541-782-4803

Co-chair: Paula Sanders 541-401-4130

Secretary/Treasurer: Bernie Roberts 541-689-5764

Membership: Mark Ratzlaff, 25701 Cochran Ct.

Veneta, OR 97487 541-935-8506

November

18 Thanksgiving Jam Plumber's Hall, Springfield 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

December

3 Christmas Jam Lebanon Moose 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Our jam at the Charity Grange was rather sparsely attended, but those who did show up were treated to a fine lunch and got to do a lot of playing, which is after all what we have jams for. I dare say you won't get fed like that for \$6.00 in any restaurant. All in all, I thought the day went well, even though we didn't have many musicians.

Our jam at the Plumbers Union hall on the 13th was also not very well attended. Conflicts, illness and busy schedules seemed to have taken a toll on our attendance, but again, we got to do a lot of playing.

We have suffered yet another loss with the passing of David Boyd. He wasn't able to be active very much since my advent into District 6, but from what I have been told, he had at one time been a very active member, including state chairman in 1981-82; certainly those who knew him well will miss him.

Lloyd Schriber is back in action after heart surgery in which two valves were replaced with a bull valve and a pig valve. Just before the operation, his surgeon told Lloyd that if anyone asked him what happened, he could truthfully say he was full of bull!

Our Thanksgiving jam will be at the Plumbers Union Hall November 18th. District 6 will provide turkey and ham. Side dishes will be provided by the membership. This is the feast of the year, so ya'll come, including members from other districts.

Birthdays: Marie Roberts, 11/2; Vivian Steele 11/7; Mary Crockett, 11/30. Anniversaries: Cal and Ruth Montgomery, 11/14; Jack and Mary Crockett, 11/24.

I am pleased to report that Darla Knudsen has agreed to be the District 6 reporter, starting with next month's report.

Bob Strelow, acting District 6 Reporter

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District 7

Chairman: Donna Foreman 503-630-3577

Co-Chair: Randy Yearout 971-998-8227

Secretary/Treasurer Lila Bills 503-253-8447

Membership: Myrtle Arnold

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Troutdale, OR 97060

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November

9	Deerfield Village	Milwaukie
12	St. Helens Senior Center	St. Helens
26	Northwestern Music Jamboree	Gresham
29	Gresham Manor	Gresham

December

9	Holiday Dinner, Jam and Visit at North's	Portland
31	Northwestern Music Jamboree	Gresham

February 2007

Harley and Lila Bills want to thank everyone who helped them celebrate their recent 50th anniversary. The party was wonderful, the cards and best wishes were beautiful. Their children and grandchildren had a grand time and the music was great! Thank you everyone.

Thursday, November 9 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. we're invited to play at the Deerfield Village at 5770 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie. This will be the first time we have played at this (smallish) facility, so let's give them a really good show! Her # is: 503-653-4064.

Sunday, November 12 from 11 to 4 p.m. we'll have District 7's regular monthly jam at the St. Helens Senior Center at 375 S. 15th Street in St. Helens. Informal jamming will start about 11:00 with a public performance from 1 – 4 p.m.. Take Highway 30 to St Helens. At the first light in town turn right (you'll see Wal-Mart) onto Gable Road which becomes Old Portland Road. Turn left onto 15th and the Center is on the left side within the block.

Wednesday, November 29 we're invited to play at the Gresham Manor for their birthday celebration from 12 to 1: p.m. The Manor is at 2895 SE Powell Valley Road in Gresham. We'll play on the second floor dining room. They really like us here!

Saturday, December 9 our annual Holiday Dinner, Jam and Visit will be at J.J. North's Grand Buffet from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. The cost of each dinner will be \$10.95 per person PAID AS YOU ENTER THE BUILDING. We get all we can eat and we get to jam in the Banquet Room! All members come!

Saturday February 3, 2007 is the initial scheduling for the Gaston Fiddle Jubilee and Contest, held at the Gaston, Oregon high school. Make a note of it and start practicing.

Gail Foster, Reporter, District 7

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District 8

Chairman: Darlene Bryant 503-362-0172
 Co-Chair: Marie Bailey 503-835-7185
 Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Lang 503-982-6224
 Membership: Jackie Stephenson
 567 Leasure St.
 Woodburn, OR 97071

November

1	Capital Manor	West Salem	
19	Senior Center	McMinnville	1-4 p.m.

December

17	Senior Center	McMinnville	
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Fifteen District 8ers played for Woodburn Senior Estates coffee hour. They enjoyed it, and we did too!

Six of us kept the toes tapping at Neskowin Valley School (NVS). We've been playing there each year for their Harvest Festival. Melissa from NVS tells us we've developed quite a following there.

The Kid's Fiddle Workshop was a huge success. Carol Anne Wheeler did a fantastic job teaching the 22 young people how to listen to their own and others playing. Many thanks to: Todd Whittaker, who headed up the workshop; to Sally Clark for donating the use of the Guthrie Park building; and to members of OOTFA who gave personal donations. Because of you the tuition paid by the families was affordable for all.

There's no doubt that campers love our music. We played at a 1000 Trails campground for folks from all around the U.S. and Canada. Raymond Goeser, one of our young fiddlers, was a big hit. His Dad, Chris, played back up guitar. We were so pleased to have the whole family there with us. We also really appreciated George Taevs and Jeff Heberle from District 7, and Gary Epperly from Dist. 6, for coming to back us up.

The combination District 7 and 8 jam at Manzanita had a full audience of happy listeners; 26 musicians signed up to entertain them. We had spent the two previous days "camped out" at Linda's cabin doing what we do best: fiddling, eating stone soup (and a lot more), and then more fiddling.

Jack Bryant had an angiogram the day after returning from Merrill. The result was, he stayed in the hospital and had triple by-pass surgery two days later. The good news is that he came home in four days, and is recuperating just fine. Can't keep a good man down!

Phil Ringle's wife, Marva, had a stroke. She is doing well; it affected her speech some, but was not disabling.

Lee Jones continues about the same. He would appreciate cards, phone calls or visits. Their address is: 1254 SW Tall Oak Drive, McMinnville, OR 97128, Phone 503-435-1948

On the happy news front: Ray and Marie Cunningham celebrated their 50th anniversary in September. Wally and Betty Case had their 52nd. Congratulations to all!

Sunday, October 22nd we'll be at the McMinnville Senior Center. We'll start at 10:30 with a workshop by Marie Bailey on playing fiddle back up for a vocalist. We'll have a short meeting to plan the Holiday Dinner for November and discuss any other business that's needed. Directions: On the north end of McMinnville on Hwy 99, turn south at McDonalds on to McDaniel St. The senior center is just a couple blocks.

From a calligraphy exhibit:

Words make you think a thought. Music makes you feel a feeling.

A song makes you feel a thought. author unknown

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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District 9

Chairperson: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517

Co-Chair: Ruel Teague 541-573-2868

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

November

10 Aspens

20 Ashley Manor

On Friday Sept. 22nd, Pam and Mark Keller of Burns invited the fiddlers to their home to play with "Zumbido", a trio from Seattle and Bellingham, Washington, who were to conduct workshops and put on a concert. Several of our group were able to take advantage of the workshops.

Sept 30th was the Grant County contest in John Day and Ruel Teague placed third in the senior division and Stacy DeFord came in second in the progressive division. Way to go!

Our chairman George Sahlberg was honored at the Governor's luncheon in Salem on October 6th where he received the Governor's Volunteer Award. What a great honor!

We kicked off our fall and winter season shows at the Senior Center on Sunday, October 8th with about a dozen musicians including Ivan McDaniel (and wife Punk) of John Day, Phil Drain from Salem, and Betty Chapman of Christmas Valley. It's always great to have out-of-town players come help us out.

November 10th will find us at the Aspens and on Monday Nov. 20th we will be at Ashley Manor. These shut-ins really look forward to our music.

Have a great turkey day.

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

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District 10

Chairman: Bob Hanson 541-672-6929

Co-Chair: Don Hamlin 541-673-5689

Secretary: Jo Barnes 541-459-4522

Treasurer: Gynn Deaton 541-839-4501

Membership: Lynn Smith 541-679-9621

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November

Chairman: Bob Hanson District 10 news

541-673-6929

Co-Chair: Don Hamlin

541-673-5689

Secretary: Jo Barnes

541-459-4522

Treasurer: Gynn Deaton

Membership: Lynn Smith

541-679-9621

Our Hootenany in October was a blast! Everyone had a good time. We all dressed like hillbillies, or farmers. Some of our audience guests were judges for the contest. Guy Kinman won the prize for the best dressed man, and Joyce Pickett won first prize for the best dressed woman. Also, four of us gals "sang" "She'll be coming 'round the mountain." Barbara Sullivan, Jean Hanson, Margie Hasty and me, Joyce Pickett.

Thanks to everyone who brought all the good food for the potluck, and helped out.

Lewis Roy is having surgery on his shoulder at the VA Hospital in Klamath Falls this week. We're hoping he has a speedy recovery.

Don Hamlin announced today that he is getting married in a week and a half to a very nice lady named Terri. Congratulations to them both.

We were very pleased to have a group from District 4 come up and play with us. Shirley Stone played her gutbucket, spoons, and washboard; she sounded great. Don Maddox played and sang, Don Johnson brought Harold and Barbara Fisher, and Harold sang. Also, Ed Mori played piano for us. Thank you all for coming.

Our next potluck and jam will be November 11th. Hope to see you all there.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

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From the Prez:

Congratulations go out to Alex Hargreaves; he came in sixth at the Grand National Fiddle Contest. Good Job!!

The next board meeting will be in Springfield on the 6th of January. Hope to see you all there; hopefully we won't have a big snow storm at that time.

The convention is coming up: April 4th for the early birds – 5-7th for the regular starting time. It would be nice for all of you to start making or thinking of nice things to bring for the raffle. Make it something that you would be happy to bring home with you if you were to get it.

If you are asked to play for the Friday night show, please remember you are not playing for judges; you are playing for the audience's enjoyment, so play with feeling and good, foot-stomping rhythm – not like a contest tune.

Jerry and I went to the Blue Mountain Oldtime Fiddle Contest and had an enjoyable time. Thank you, Blue Mountain fiddlers.

Your President, Irene Ruddock

From the Editor Emeritus:

Oregon can be mighty proud of our 14-year-old state champion fiddler. Alex Hargreaves competed recently in the Grand Master fiddle contest in Nashville, Tennessee and placed 6th out of 47. There was only one division so he was competing with many contestants who have been competitors for many years.
<http://www.grandmasterfiddler.com/> And we enjoyed seeing and hearing him on OPB, too.

A bowl of ice cream late in the evening is always a treat but to find an old tape of a jam held in Waldport on March 19, 1967 is like finding a whole truckload of ice cream. I had the good fortune recently of finding such a tape. There was Cliff Buker talking and playing. Cliff was the first editor of the Hoedowner and one of the main forces that got OOTFA going. There was Larry Modrell emceeing -- his unique style. Bill Yohey, Rusty Modrell, Harold Allen and others playing -- all old timers that are gone now but that should not be forgotten.

Just recently, too, I found a complete tape of Bill Yohey and Rusty Modrell being introduced and then playing at the contest in Weiser in 1960. I consider it "priceless." My plans are to share it with you "one of these days."

OOTFA lost one of its great friends and musicians this last month with the passing of Dave Boyd. Dave had just turned 90 the day before he died. (Thanks to you all who sent him birthday cards.) The front of my roster says that he was state president in 1980-81 -- the 2nd year that Alice and I were members. David was an excellent bass and guitar player. Many years ago when I was in charge of the Friday night show at the convention, I invited Dave to play his harmonica. Dave got a tear in his eye and said, "You are the first person that ever asked me to play." He had always been back up. I did not know that asking him to play would mean so much to him. Many of us remember Dave patiently helping his wife, Poco, in her wheel chair. Poco was a talented fiddler. I wish I had a video or tape of her playing. We must not forget the old timers who have contributed so much to our association. And as I was finishing this, I sent out the word that Marie Mickey had died. . . . another one. . . .

Alice and I have had the good fortune to meet and get to know Jim and June Secor who live in a retirement home here in Salem. Jim was our state OOTFA president in 1975 - 77. June is best remembered as a great piano back up player and still is today. Alice and I have played in their retirement home and she backs us up on the piano. They have loaned me some old video tapes to copy for our archives.

Kathy Nash writes -- I feel as if I wrestled a wild animal and lost, but am home and enjoying the loving care of my son and Norman. Also am enjoying the MANY messages of love and expressions of care. Thank you all very much. God bless you all. Kathy Nash in Florence (Open Heart Surgery 10-10-06)

Lew.

From the Editor:

My apologies to the President Irene for an editing garble in last month's Hoedowner: The corrected passage should read: "I would like to say a special THANK YOU to the nine District 1 members and the one out-of-district member that really put in a lot of work to make it a great jamboree and to all the others that helped."

Gynn Deaton writes: FUTURE OF CANYONVILLE CONTEST: I want the Canyonville Contest to continue but as I reported at the OOTFA Quarterly meeting in Merrill, I can no longer be solely responsible. I am not asking that OOTFA be responsible for the contest but rather I'm asking that one or two members of OOTFA take over some of the organization duties and physical work of the contest. I have \$900 cash carry-forward to the 2007 contest. I have enough trophies to recycle for two years. This is what I am willing and able to do: Contact local business sponsors, keep track of monies, order the trophies, and provide all contest forms. I am willing to write the checks for expenses including the cash prizes. In other words, all of the paper work necessary. Is there someone willing to work with me to the extent of securing the Judges and other workers it takes to run a contest? Is there someone who could be here to physically run the contest? I have a problem with my legs and feet that makes it impossible to be on them as much as it takes for a contest. However, I can work at the score computation desk if needed. After 40 years, it would be a shame for the contest which the fiddlers and districts have supported so well over the years, to die. I can be contacted by mail, phone, or e-mail. Gynn O. Deaton, P., O. Box 487, Canyonville, OR 97417. Phone: 541-839-4501. E-mail: gynn@mcsi.net

New Members to Welcome:

Mike & Jo O'Brien, Colton
Patricia Miles, Portland
Marv & Sally Barney, Grants Pass
Philip & Helen Olson, Redmond

Mark Ratzlaff, State Membership Chairman
