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Greetings From your President

I would like to thank everyone who helped make my year as your president an easy stint. This includes all of the district chairpersons, Sharon Gallagher, Judy McGarvey, Scott Phillips and many of you who are now reading this. I am sure that you will be as helpful to your new president, Jack Kerr.

Since this is my last article as your president, I would like to make a few comments. I have been recently asked what I thought was old time music. I believe that old time music is a style of playing music. Its roots are from the British Isles and Africa and made up the songs that were played at dances and sung at home and around campfires. It was originally only a fiddle and a banjo!

During the 19th and early 20th centuries, other stringed instruments began to be added to the fiddle-banjo duo; these included the guitar, mandolin, and double bass (or washtub bass), which provided chordal and bass line accompaniment (or occasionally melody also). This, along with a dobro, or resonator guitar, is also considered to be 'standard' bluegrass instrumentation, but old-time music tends to focus on sparser instrumentation and arrangements than bluegrass. Such an assemblage, of whatever instrumentation, became known simply as a "string band." Occasionally the cello, piano, hammered dulcimer, Appalachian dulcimer, tenor banjo, tenor guitar, mouth bow, or other instruments have been used, as well as such non-string instruments as the jug, harmonica, Jew's harp, concertina, accordion, washboard, spoons, triangles or bones.

The OOTFA standing rules are vague about these other instruments, but very specific about not allowing electric, drums, woodwind (except harmonica) or brass instruments. Actually piano, accordion, and harmonica are NOT woodwind instruments, but they are wind instruments, so maybe that is why they have been allowed. My feeling is that if someone can play

these instruments appropriately and not so loud as to outplay the fiddlers, then they are welcome. That is not an official OOTFA policy, just the way I feel. We have had folks come with penny whistles, and bohdrans and play Irish music which was just great.

Old Time music does not have to be old. Tunes such as Ashokan Farewell and Lover's Waltz were written recently and have become part of the genre because of the style of playing the music. I believe they now belong in the category of "Old Time" music.

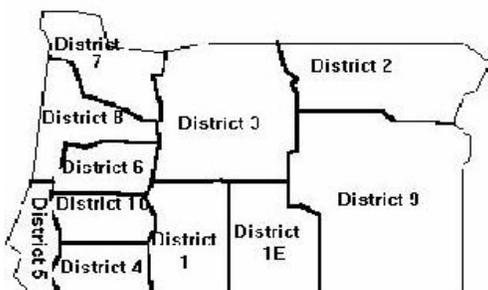
In reality, OOTFA, for the most part, no longer plays much "Old Time" music. Our members have such a diverse musical interest that at any jam we may hear County/ Western, jazz, songs from the Great American Songbook (Hollywood, Broadway and Tin Pan Alley), bluegrass, folk and everything in between. I personally love all of these musical forms, but I would hope that we can move back to some more traditional Old Time music.

Perhaps having some part of each jam or performance dedicated solely to traditional old time music might even bring back some members who have left because we no longer play what they consider to be old time music. In fact, it is very hard to find many OOTFA members that know or can play many of the Appalachian old time tunes and this may be a way to teach more people about this type of musical form. At the same time we need to provide an opportunity for all of our members to play and participate, even if it is "The Key of R" or "Faded Love". Just my opinion.....

The next board meeting will be at 10 a.m. on June 20 in Burns. Hope to see you there.

Keep the music going....

Hal



A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose – To perpetuate and promote Old-time fiddling and Old-time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Old-time Fiddling and Old-time Music. To provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music".

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June

2	Gig	Plum ridge	11-12 p.m.
2	Gig	Cyrstal Terrace	1-2 p.m.

There may be information later about the farmer’s market, which starts in June.

The big event last month was the Silver Lake camp out. There were so many District one members at Silver Lake, that we canceled our regular meeting that weekend. District 1-E did a great job again hosting the camp out there in Silver Lake. The weather didn’t cooperate very much that weekend. I guess some tough folks played outside one day for a while; the Cowboy told me he played there by the fire. We had two circles going for most of four days. Several folks played till late; then I heard that Homer Mead and wife got their teddy bears -- that’s if you stayed up till 3:00 am. Me, I usually gave it up

around 1:30 a.m.; maybe I’ll make it some day.

Each night there was a special thing for us folks to enjoy. One night was the great hat show: you wore a special hat of your own design, and the song you did was about the hat. Another night was the can band: you put your name in a can labeled by instrument you played or for voice; then you were assigned to a band drawn from the cans -- quite possibly folks you hadn’t played with before. That also turned out good and at times very funny. Saturday the ham and potluck dinner was fabulous, I have never seen so much good food, and friends to share it with.

We all were shocked to wake up Sunday morning to about two inches

of snow -- on the day we all had to head home. The Ruddocks left around 7:30 a.m. and the Frys shortly thereafter; they called back to report that the going was bad and advised us to wait until later to try the roads. Our thanks to the trailblazers and their road condition advice. In the meantime we had a gospel hour; by the time we finished, the sun had come out and the snow was fast melting. Long about 1 p.m. we headed home; the slush was bad to the Highway 97 junction, but clear sailing after that. I’m sure all the folks that attended would like to say thank you to District 1-E for the great time.

June Anniversaries: Ben and Fran Coker; Allen and Helen Meyers. Johnny Rodgers, District 1 Reporter

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July

4	Jam and Potluck	Butte Falls Park
August		
1	Jam and Potluck	Riverside Park, Grant’s Pass
September		
5	Jam and Potluck	Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

Rainy springlike weather at Live Oak Grange didn’t stop the music. Not such a large crowd this time, but enthusiastic and appreciative. The last hour was a circle jam down off the stage, with all playing together. We got many positive comments – several saying it was the best part of the day. The dancers still danced around the edges, and many of the audience joined in with foot tapping, singing and clapping. Lots of smiles!

Cathy ran the meeting in Scott’s absence as he was assisting at the Hood River Contest. We have begun our association with Trillium Community Health Plan sponsorship. We have had an amazingly full schedule this month – have had to turn down some requests. It’s been working our core group hard, but what could be more fun than sharing our music

with those who enjoy it?

Mary Armstrong was at the jam recovering well from her hip replacement. Bea Johnson is having foot reconstruction surgery for arthritis, but says she refuses to dance in her boot! Our sincere sympathy goes out to Margaret Walsh in the death of her husband Lloyd. Their lovely park at the historic bridge has hosted numerous OOTFA picnics and jams. A donation to the State Contest has been made in Lloyd’s name.

We had some old members rejoining after a long absence – Edith Roach and Burt Leaver (& Pat and Kristal). Welcome back!

We played at the historic Butte Creek Mill for Eagle Point’s fourth annual Vintage Fair on Mother’s Day weekend. We had a good turnout of musicians, and an enthusiastic crowd, and are already booked

for Mother’s Day weekend next year! We are also getting many requests to play for the next several months. Jacksonville’s sesquicentennial event will find us teaching the Virginia Reel in the ballroom of the U.S. Hotel in downtown Jacksonville. Other performances/venues include the Children’s Festival at Britt Gardens and Saturday at Historic Hanley Farms.

Remember to check the website or call one of the officers for the latest schedule changes, and/or pick up a schedule at the monthly jam,. We can always use more players.

Well, I hope I didn’t forget something important, because my memory’s not as sharp as it used to be – also, my memory’s not as sharp as it used to be. Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

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We had no jam in May so not much to report.

There will be a meeting of our members to elect officers preceding our next jam on June 7th at 11:15 a, m, This is our last chance to do this before the present officers' term expires. No officers no district. Hopefully, you will all be there.

May God bless those who are sick or have lost loved ones.
Happy Birthday/Anniversary to all this month.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 3.

HELP!!!!

Joyce Wallace, District 3 Reporter

Happy Father's Day



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If you couldn't make it this year, here's what happened at the District 1E camp out.

We had such a good time it should've been illegal, immoral or fattening! Of course it WAS one of those, and I'll let you guess which one. Hint: since most of us are over 60, I'd guess you can probably safely eliminate the first 2 choices!

Friday night, the Hat Show lived up to its storied reputation and we had a number of winners-"silliest hat" went to Paula Sanders wearing a bird cage on her head, for an obscure song called "Hurray, Hurray." She was helped off the stage by white coated Dr. Gerry Sanders... The prize for most original went to the duo of Ruth Weyer and Phyllis Coffin for their rendition of "Just Bummin' Around." You never saw cuter bums in your life. Best fit of song-to-hat was won by Ali Swartwood from district 1 with "Fourth of July Waltz" , wearing an Uncle Sam hat with fire crackers festooned over the top. What fun we had watching these. Should've charged admission.

Saturday night, the draw band

contest was an everybody's- a-winner proposition. Band names were pretty creative- like "Rose Amongst the Thorns" consisting of Rosa Lee McLain as the singer with 4 rugged thorns as backup men. Another clever one was "Luse Strings" headed up by Ken Luse from district 6. We sure have an imaginative bunch.

Well, Sunday morning we were all in for a big bad surprise as four inches of WET snow fell overnight, causing some of us to leave a lot earlier than we expected, and some decided to stay on yet another day. The Silver Lake fireman graciously offered the hall to us for another night. But, thankfully the weather cleared and became sunny around 11 o'clock, and everybody got out while the getting was good. Unpredictable is the operative weatherword when making plans to do anything in Lake County!

We had more than 120 people show up for the camp out, and did better monetarily than we ever have before, so I'm assuming that it's on again for next year. Thanks to all the ladies for their excellent help in the kitchen! Fiddlers-start searching now for a hat!

If anybody's interested, our next jam will be June 6 at the Senior Center in Lakeview starting at 4 p.m. If you're in the area, stop by and get more than enough jammin' done before Burns and Weiser. Next business meeting(yawn...) will be held in the same place on June 8 at 7 p.m.

People who are getting a whole year older in June will be: Phyllis Fitzpatrick on the 5th, Rosa Lee McLain on the 23rd, and Shorty Stone on the 29th.

Here's your burning question of the day...

Why do fiddlers leave their instrument cases on the dashboards of their cars?

1. So they can park in "handicapped" parking places.
2. If someone mistakes them for Mafia, they might get some respect.

Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.

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June

20 Monthly jam Winchester Bay 1-4 p.m.
 26 Jam Bullards Park, Bandon 6:30-8 p.m.

July

16 Jam Bullards Park, Bandon 6:30-8 p.m.
 18 Jam NACO, Florence 7-9 p.m.
 21 Jam Sunset Bay Park 6:30-8 p.m.
 24 Jam Bullards Park, Bandon 6:30-8 p.m.

Looks as though you musicians are going to have a busy summer with all the jams and our Winchester Bay camp out plus the regional gatherings. Ruth, our president, reports that she and Pat and Mapril and Grant Combs attended the Silver Lake camp out. There was a large crowd attending and they all had a great time even though it snowed.

Forgot to mention last month Fred Grove's winning of two fiddles in the raffle at the state convention in April. One for each hand, Fred? Says he's already worn out one of them!

We're all so proud of another of

our members, Dan Pullis, who was honored at the Coos County RSVP dinner on May 5 as being the longest serving volunteer in the county. He has been volunteering for over 29 years. Thank you for all your years of service, Dan.

Saw some awesome Cajun style fiddling at the Lakeside Crawdad Festival in May. Kelly Thibodeaux, originally from New Orleans and now with his zydeco band, Etouffee, based in the Eugene area, was the performer. He also played a mean harmonica and sang doing cajun blues and rock. Guaranteed to make your socks fall down!

Don't forget, the theme for the Win-

chester Bay camp out is Ocean and Sea. Make your selections and get them perfected for the big day.

Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other important events in their lives this month.

You need only two tools in life---WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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June

14 Estacada Community Center Estacada

July

1 Lake Oswego Adult Center Lake Oswego
 3 Deerfield Village Assisted Living Milwaukie
 21 Normandy Woods Beaverton
 24 Tanner Springs Assisted Living West Linn
 25 Annual District 7 picnic at Ratigan's Oregon City
 27 Bella Vista Park Gresham

Please welcome our newest members Larry & Jeanette Vogel from Hillsboro when you meet them at one of our upcoming events:

Sunday June 14 we'll have our regular June Jam at the Estacada Community Center at 200 Clubhouse Drive in Estacada. Turn right at the first light in town, then turn right again and drive down left to the Center. Kelly will have hamburgers and goodies for sale for lunch and snacking. We can get in about 11 and start having a real good time.

Wednesday July 1 we're invited to The Lake Oswego Adult Center to play for an early 4th of July party at 11:30. The Center is at 505 SW G Street. They love us there so let's give them another really good show.

Friday July 3 we're invited to play at 2:00 p.m. at Deerfield Village Assisted Living at 5770 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie (507-653-4064). This is a small venue but they just love us here.

Tuesday July 21 at 6:00 p.m. we're hired to play at Normandy Woods at 14825 SW Farmington Road in Beaverton. We've never been here before

so let's give them a really good show! (Carmen Files 503-643-6561 \$75.00)

Friday July 24 at 3:30 they want us to play at Tanner Springs Assisted Living. That's at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. Take I-205 south to Exit 6 - 10th Street. Keep going right at the light and go up S. Salamo Road. After 1.4 miles turn left onto S. Day Road. The first left is Horizon Drive which ends at the place. Drive down to the left and park in the back. Come up the rose-lined walk and in the back door. We perform off to the right in the dining room.

Saturday July 25 MARK THE CALENDAR! We'll have our third annual District 7 PICNIC at Paul and Gayl Ratigan's again out in Oregon City. Bring instruments, some grub and a chair and we'll meet under the big trees in the back yard. The address is 14918 S Glen Oak Road in Oregon City. All members are invited.

Monday July 27 from 6 - 8 p.m. we are needed to play for a neighborhood party at Bella Vista Park 401 NW Bella Vista Drive in Gresham. From Powell, turn north onto Towle Street and at the first stop sign, turn left onto 4th

which goes to the park. It's between Powell and Division.

Saturday August 15 let's celebrate Bob Huffman's 89th Birthday at the Annual Bawb Bash at Andy and Terry Jorgensen's lovely home out of Sandy. Go six miles past the last light in Sandy. The Candy Farm will be on the right, then four tenths of a mile, turn left onto Cherryville. Got one mile and turn left onto Baty Road. Then one mile farther on, turn right into their driveway. The posted address is 50995 SE Baty Road. The party starts at noon, bring a chair and some food to share. Their phone is 668-3917 and the email is at HYPERLINKmailto:jorgensen@gotsky.com jorgensen@gotsky.com.

Wednesday August 19 We get to entertain at the Clackamas County Fair again!! Let's give them a really good show! Probably 2 - 4 just like before. More to come . . .

Jeanine Orme let us know she is teaching several 3-hour basic and intermediate fiddle camps this summer. Activities include learning about basic music theory, harmony, rhythm, improv-

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District 6

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Table with 4 columns: Month, Event, Location, Time. Rows for May, June, and August.

I would like thank Darla Knudsen for doing the reports while I was under the weather. The district is doing well and I have been fortunate to be able to do some playing at the jams at least for a short while.

The jam held in memory of Earl Knudsen at Central Grange was very well attended with many good musicians and lots of good food. The district jam held at the Lebanon Moose lodge was really good as usual, and the dinner they fed us was great.

of chocolate cream pie for desert. The music was real good although it didn't seem to me there were as many there as in December. The Moose tell us they served 112 people, in all.

The district is still putting on some real good shows at various nursing and retirement residence homes. The folks there seem to enjoy them very much.

Ruth Loring, an OOTFA member from the beginning and joint holder, with husband Don of the Bill Yoohey Award,

has passed away. We also lost Bob Hannah last month. Both will be missed.

The next district jam will be at the Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Drive in Eugene. From the south, go north on River Road to Irvington Drive and turn left.

June Birthdays: 6 Lena Stubbs; 10 Bob Strelow; 19 John Steele; 22 Jesse Snyder; 28 Linda Parks; 30 Betty Canning
June Anniversaries: Oral & Carolyn Robbins 6/7/1953; Floyd & Norma Frazier 6/13/1967

Oral Robbins, District 6 Reporter

From the Editor Emeritus:

Alice commented this afternoon that for years it would have been contest time this week end. It is kind of nice to have it as history, now for an easy May. I borrowed a video from Edna Yohey recently that had Bill playing at Weiser years ago.

mountain to climb "someday."

We are all saddened at Ruth Loring's passing earlier in May. She was a great friend and a great back up guitar player. She played the fiddle, too. Ruth was proud that she and Don had attended every OOTFA banquet since the very first one - since 1968 I think it was.

Email has made it possible to share news sometimes within hours after it happened. Those of you who have email get the "OOTFA Updates" when they are sent. Often they deal with the passing of one of our members. And then sometimes

they deal with an event or just plain "good news." If you have an email address and you don't get the "OOTFA Updates," and would like to get them, send me your email address and I'll put you on the list.

I would like to ask a favor of you. If you get a new email address, please let me know so I can add it to the address book. But if you just say, "My new email is ababa@dog.com, I have no idea who you are so please sign your letter with your full name. Do you "dig me?"

On a personal note, this has been an exciting month for me. I will have had 3 book signings in 3 cities. Also, Alice and I will have spent 4 days in Seattle at the Folk Life Festival. And that is just the tip of the iceberg. Thanks gang. Lew

District 7 cont.

(Continued from page 4) sation, rhythmic chords, and an introduc-

tion to various styles of fiddling. The July and August camps will have some similar material but are not the same. Contact Jeanine Orme at 503-626-8527 or HYPERLINK "mailto:jorme@comcast.net"

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Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter



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June
2 Retirement Village Dallas 11a.m.
6 Picnic at Hardin's Dallas 10 a.m. to ?
27 1000 Trails Pacific City
28 Strawberry Social Aurora
July
24 Pacific Shores Agate Beach

Congratulations to Curly and Allison Roberts who celebrated their 50th anniversary in May!

Clarence Medack, a District 8 member, passed away in April. Lew and Alice played at the service. Clarence and Norma, who died in 1999, were generous supporters of the OOTFA contest and other fiddle events.

Playing at the State Fairgrounds for the Ag Fest kept us busy on Saturday and Sunday April 25 and 26. We had 10 to 12 musicians at each of the 4 sessions. On Sunday, Joe Canaday from District 6 joined us. We had an extra guitar, so we put him to work. Thanks Joe, we enjoyed meeting you and having you play with us.

We played for the Dallas Senior Center on May 16th. It was one of those nice spring days, but we had a good crowd of listeners. Twenty one musicians plus back up, played. We welcomed

Darla and Jesse Knudsen, as well as Alan Ede from District 6, and Pat and Chuck Gates from District 7. The Dallas Seniors sold cookies and coffee. Fun all around.

June 2nd, Tuesday we'll play at the Dallas Retirement Village on Ellendale in Dallas. This is their annual outdoor event. And on June 6th, Saturday, Fred and Charlotte Hardin will host the District 8 potluck picnic. Bring food for the potluck, folding chair if you have one and of course your instruments! Visitors welcome. Ya'll come! Don't go downtown Dallas but continue west on Ellendale Ave .7 mile at the light. Turn right onto NW Douglas St., .6 mile, turn right onto NW Reed Ln, .1 mile, turn left onto NW Ashley St. You are there.

Some of us will be driving to Burns for the High Desert Jamboree and Quarterly State Meeting. Then on the Weiser for the National Contest. It's al-

ways fun to get out, hear other fiddlers, maybe learn a new tune.

The last weekend in June will be busy. June 27th, Saturday, we play at 1000 Trails Campground near Pacific City. The next day we play for the Strawberry Social at the historical museum in Aurora.

Tuesday evening, August 4. Dale Emery is sponsoring the fiddlers for a concert at Pioneer Park in Stayton. We'll play from 6 to 7:45 with a short break in the middle. Should be fun!

Bumper Sticker: It takes a village to tune a banjo.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

From Your Editor:

Starr McMullin writes: "We are in the midst of planning for the 12th annual Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest. This year the contest will be held Saturday, August 1 at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis. This is the only regular fiddle contest at a fair in the state and it is a lot of fun. Every year there are people who stop by the contest to listen and become "hooked" on fiddling. It is a great audience and there are lots of regulars who attend the fair on Saturday especially because of the fiddle contest.

The Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest usually attracts people from all of the state's OOFTA districts and is particularly unique in that we have a novice division---for those who have never played in a contest before.

While contestants come from all over the country, last year's Grand Champion was Tatianna Hargreaves --- who also was the Oregon State champion!

We are only able to continue this tradition through the donations from various sources, including the very welcome contributions we have received from OOFTA Districts, OOFTA members, and individuals and businesses over the years.

We really appreciate and need your support this year as tough economic times have made fund raising from businesses particularly tough! Every little bit helps.

If you or your OOFTA District chooses to help support us, please make out your check to "Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest" and send it to me at:

Starr McMullen
866 NE Thousand Oaks Drive
Corvallis, OR 97330

Thank you once again for your support over the years."

Bob Ervin writes: "Hi, the fiddle camp sponsored by the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association is scheduled for August 12 - 15 inclusive at "Thousand Trails," a five star resort area.

If you would enjoy a four day musical vacation in sunny Central Oregon where you can jam till the cows come home and at the same time improve your skills this is for you.

We have excellent instructors lined up. the best part is, the cost is minimal: only \$60.00 per student, just enough to cover our expenses. The deadline for registration is July 15. Don't let this one get by, we will have a grand time. For information call me at 541-447-5451 after 6 PM or email at HYPERLINK "mailto:pbranch@prinetime.net" pbranch@prinetime.net. All ages welcome. "

Joe



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We must have had a hungry crowd for the Mother's Day potluck and jam, as we ran short of main dishes...had plenty of desserts to see us through. The mothers were all given big yellow daisies. Some new faces were Sue Kovar, who has bought a place here and is remodeling part of it into living quarters for herself. Visiting with Sue was her friend, Melissa Schuler of Medford.

Betty Chapman, from Christmas Valley, was here to help entertain with her yodeling. Marianne Andrews quit dancing long enough to play a couple of fiddle tunes. Gordon and Marianne are working out for a climb up Mt. Hood in the near future.

At a recent Friday night jam, we had guests David and Tracy Jones, from California, attending. They have bought a business here and come up on weekends to work it into shape.

Joe Enneberg was in the hospital for about a week, but is home now and hopefully will be back playing music with us soon.

Being short of players, we were unable to play at Freda Tubbs' birthday party, but I had a nice visit with her on the phone. On Saturday, May 9, we played a gig for Ruel's daughter, Paula Otley, who manages the Kings store here. We played about two hours for a steady crowd.

Our Sunday jams are over now until next fall, but we will continue to play at The Aspens and Ashley Manor. The Aspens jam will be on Friday, June 12 at 7 p.m. and Ashley Manor at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 15. June will be a real busy time for us. Besides the Aspens and Ashley Manor gigs, we will be playing at the Lion's Club Fly-in on Saturday, June 6 in the morning; at a fiftieth wedding

anniversary party at the Hines City Park around 11a.m.; and at a birthday party at the senior center later that afternoon. We haven't heard yet about playing for 'Pioneer Day' on the June 13. We'll take a quick gasp of breath and be set for the 'early birds' coming to our Jamboree, June 18-20. Can't wait to see you all!

I want to thank all my 'fiddlin' friends for the cards and prayers at the time of my mom's death. At age 102, it was actually the result of trauma from a fall she received walking in the hall for her daily exercise. Your thoughtfulness at that time meant a great deal to me.

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

Happy Father's Day

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June

13 Potluck and Jam Riverdale Grange 12 p.m.

Not much news this month, one thing it was mothers-day week end, and lots of people had things to do. We did have a lot of good food, thanks to those who brought it, and to those that helped out in the kitchen. We've been playing at the regular nursing homes, and a few gigs.

Chuck Hastey came out of his

surgery just fine, and he's doing great. Margie Hastey has been under the weather lately, and hope she's up and around soon. We miss seeing them up and out and about. Claire Eaton was there, and it was nice seeing her again.

Everyone that had birthdays and anniversaries, hope you all had happy days.

Our next potluck (noon), and jam 1:00, will be June 13th, at the Riversdale Grange on Garden Valley.

Hope to see you all there.

Joyce Pickett District 10 Reporter



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State Calendar

June

18-20 Country Music Jamboree Harney County Fairgrounds,
Burns

22-27 Weiser Contest Weiser, Idaho

July

30 Old Time Fiddle Contest Union County Fairgrounds,
LaGrande

August

1 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Corvallis

6 - 9 Diamond Lake Campout.

12-15 OOTFA Fiddle Camp Thousand Trails

20-22 Winchester Bay campout

September

17-19 Merrill Campout Merrill

New Members to Welcome:

Ron & Frances Finster, Independence

Dawn Fitzgerald, Portland

Norman & Dixie Lee Floyd, Bandon

John & Dianne Rowley, Estacada

Al & Leslie Schaffer, Banks

Keith & Christine Barr, Eugene

Martha Rogers, Sweet Home

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