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**Greetings From your President**

Where does the time go? I'll swear that I just finished writing an article for the Hoedowner when Mr. Moyle is rattling my cage for another and telling me that I am late! You know what? He's right and I'm sorry, well kind of sorry, but I was off gallivanting around with a bunch of our fiddle type folks at Diamond Lake and Thousand Trails.

Once again Jerry and Irene Ruddock and crew sponsored and hosted a fantastic camp out at Diamond lake. It was well attended and it was nice to be with all of our special friends and away from triple digit temperatures. That experience was followed by four busy days at Thousand Trails where Bob Ervin and his staff of instructors produced a very successful fiddle, guitar and mandolin school. It was a bit rough for some of the campers to break ice from their morning wash water.

I'll be home just long enough to restock the food in the travel trailer, get my laundry done and head out for Winchester Bay for what will surely be a blast . That crew over at District 5 sure knows how to produce a happy get together, too!

Well, the sun is coming up and I just glanced at the outdoor thermometer, 36 degrees F. NICE!!

See you at Winchester Bay.  
Jack

**From Your Editor:**

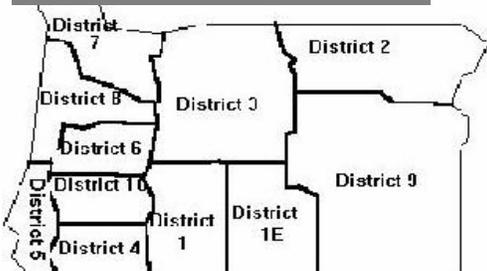
We are pleased to report that our own Tatian Hargreaves took first place in the fiddle contest at the 20th Appalachian String Band Music Festival at Camp Washington-Carver in Clifftop, Fayette County, West Virginia, which was held from July 29-August 2.

I am looking forward to Winchester Bay, where I will meet old friend (and banjo player) Carl Rovainen, out of Brookings, for a little joint music. We will then migrate down to Fortuna, California, to play at the Humboldt County Fair -- it's going to be a busy week!

We have been getting quite a few requests to discontinue delivery of the paper Hoedowner in favor of reading -- or downloading -- from the internet web site. This will help us significantly cut Hoedowner publication costs. Lew Holt puts out an email message to all with internet addresses each month announcing that the Hoedowner is available online. Send me an email message if you want to utilize this service.

You've heard about the broken-hearted agricultural implement salesman? He had just received a John Deere letter.

Joe



# LABOR DAY

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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### September

1 Gig Plum Ridge 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
1 Gig Crystal Terrace 1 to 2 p.m.

Note: The Shasta View care center, Linkville House, and Main St. Jewelers gigs have been cancelled.

Well, the annual OOTFA state quarterly meeting at Merrill is rolling around again. We in District 1 will do our best to make it as good or better than last year. We would like to have each district bring a flower arrangement for the banquet tables. If, anyone would like to bring something for the raffle table, it sure would be appreciated. We will be having breakfasts Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Lunches will be hot dogs Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Potluck on Thursday and Friday evenings.

The banquet dinner on Saturday late afternoon will be put on by the same folks as last year. Tickets for the Saturday banquet dinner will be \$12.50, the same as last year. We would like a head count as soon as possible. You can call or write Patti Northcraft 541-723-5421 or write PO box 186, Malin, Oregon 97632.

John Northcraft says we will begin work at Merrill Monday the 14th at 12 p.m.; anyone who would like come and help would be more than welcome.

We have a new member signed up this month by the name of Don Reese. He plays the banjo; he has joined us at a couple of events

already. I would like to welcome you to District 1, Don; we hope you will enjoy your membership. Feel free to call on any of us listed at the top for information or events or jams dates and times.

Birthdays for this month: Patti Northcraft and Mike Foster. If I missed anyone's birthday or anniversaries on any month please let me know. Will get my records updated upon your call, thanks.

Johnny Rodgers, District 1 Reporter

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Special thanks go out this month to fiddle friends who helped out our district at the Firemen's BBQ in New Pine Creek. Fred Young and Carol Lakin from District 10, Mike "Fingers" Foster, Ali and Jake Swartwood and Johnny Rodgers from District 1. We couldn't have done it without you. Well, we could have, but it wouldn't have been nearly as much fun! Your help is very much appreciated.

For those of you who get the Hoedowner online (almost everybody?) and would like to help with this one...coming up is our six hour music extravaganza from noon until 6 p.m. Sunday September 6 at the Lake County Fair and Round-up. We don't know yet which stage we'll be occupying, so call us first @ 541-947-2903 (Rosa Lee McLain) or

Larry McLain @ 541-947-2448 and we'll let you know where.( I almost wrote, "we'll tell you where to go" har de har) Although, really- if we're not at one stage, we'll be at the other. All OOTFA musicians are welcome to come help out and get some stage time. We'd love to see you.

Our next business meeting is Sept. 14 at the Lake County Senior Center at 7 p.m. There's no monthly jam this month-we figure we'll get enough playing with our six-hour stint at the Fair.

This month Ron Kersey's birthday in on the 7th. On the 8th, the twins, Larry and Terry McLain combined will equal 100 years old!! Charlie Threet will feel a year older on the 12th, and Sharilyn McLain will gain another year on the 14th.

Well, that's all for this month,

folks. Hope it's nice where you are. It's been chilly here for the last week. Even down into the high 30's. I sure hope the leaves hurry up and turn brown to match my lawn!

Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.



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**September**  
*No monthly jam*

**October**  
*4 Monthly jam*

Our group played at the Deschutes County Fair on July 31. The temperature was extremely hot, but we survived. They were very pleased and indicated that we would be asked again next year.

Our normal jam was on August 2 at Pine Forest Grange. We

had a decent turnout despite the hot weather. Betty Chapman from District 1E was a guest player.

We have cancelled the September jam due to the Labor Day holiday. Our next scheduled jam will be on October 4.

Ron Odegard, for Joyce Wallace,  
District 3 Reporter

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**September**  
*5 Jam and Potluck Roxy Ann Grange, Medford*

**October**  
*3 Jam and Potluck Eagle Point Grange*

**November**  
*7 Jam and Potluck Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass*

The monthly jam at Riverside Park in Grants Pass was a picnic/potluck. It was a treat to have Guy Kinman, Bob Hanson, and Hal Thompson from Roseburg helping out with the music!

The weather was hot, but the park is shady along the beautiful Rogue River, so all survived.

The Jackson County Fair lived up to its reputation of being in the hottest days of the summer. The thermometer hovered up to 108, and it was a challenge to keep cool enough to breathe, let alone play! We managed, though, and put on a good show for enthusiastic audiences. Visiting president Jack Kerr helped out on Sunday – really appreciated that! Delsa Corder played both sessions with a broken foot – what a trouper!

A small group played for the Belles and Beaux Cowboy Barbecue in Williams. It was just too hot to dance, but all the folks in their elegant olde tyme clothes seemed to enjoy the tunes.

A birthday party for an 80-year old resident of a residential care facility created a lot of smiles.

Folks were brought in from the other five residences of the Living Opportunities program, so there was a houseful of audience. The “birthday boy” cheered and sang from his wheelchair – he was so happy! It’s such a joy to be able to bring cheerful music to folks who usually don’t have the opportunity to get out and hear it. It’s one of the unadvertised benefits of being a member of our fine organization that encourages this.

As this goes to press, we are getting ready to leave for Thousand Trails Fiddle Camp.

Scholarships have made it possible for several from our district to go. At least three are beginners who haven’t done anything like this before. Always a new adventure!

Those of us who went to the Diamond Lake campout had a great time, even though the weather was different. But then, we get some kind of weather every day, don’t we. It was

great to see old friends, learn new tunes and renew the old ones, and eat all that great food and homemade ice cream. Thanks Irene and Jerry for another great campout!

It brings to mind the “joy of hugging” – because I’ve noticed that anytime you give a hug, you are getting one in return! It’s true I’m getting older, but there are still many good hugs left in me. How about you?

Hoping to see many of you at Merrill – coming up quickly!



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**September**

*2 Gig Oerdings, Coquille 1:20 p.m.*

Summer was yesterday and today here we are, back to the regular schedule. Hope you all had a pleasant and enjoyable summer and judging by the September schedule, looks as though it's going to be a busy fall. One more big summer event for district 5 is coming up, the Winchester Bay jamboree and campout, which will be history by the time you are reading this. Am sure it will be as enjoyable as last year's event about which I heard many nice comments from those attending. The hot weather forecast for the inland areas should bring more musicians to enjoy our cool ocean breezes and the good company.

There will be a meeting, at 11:00, before the October 17th jam in

Winchester Bay, to discuss plans for the annual holiday dinner and other business. Bring your lunch.

We will again be going to Brookings for a jam on October 30, the fifth Saturday. Make plans to go, everyone! They are a very enthusiastic and appreciative bunch down there. Know you will have a fun time and we all enjoy our beautiful and scenic South Coast.

Several of you have attended some of the various campouts, meetings, contests and jamborees around the state during the summer and report that they have been entertaining, educational and fun. Those from District 5 attending the latest one, at Diamond Lake, were Ruth and Pat Weyer, Karen and Hal Weiner and Sandy and Pat Casey.

- 2 Gig Myrtle Point Care Center 3 p.m.*
- 8 Gig Bullards Park, Bandon 6:30-8 p.m.*
- 9 Gig Baycrest Memory Care, Coos Bay 1:30 p.m.*
- 9 Gig Ocean Crest, Coos Bay 3 p.m.*
- 12 Gig Dora Corn Feed tba*
- 16 Gig Heritage Place, Bandon 1 p.m.*
- 19 Monthly Jam Winchester Bay 1:00-4:00 p.m.*
- 23 Gig Life Care Center, Coos Bay 1:30 p.m.*
- 23 Gig Hearthside, Coos Bay 3 p.m.*
- 26 Harvest Festival Myrtle Point 1:30- 3 p.m.*

Politicians are like diapers. They should be changed often and for the same reason

Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter



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Hi all, I'm back again. Due to health issues, Oral Robbins has resigned as District 6 Reporter. I told him I would cover for him until we could find another reporter. If any one is interested, please contact me.

Boy, did we have a good jam at Long Tom last month. We had 17 fiddle players there. Ila Mae's classes have really built up the number of fiddlers in the district. It was nice to have Hal and Sharon Thompson join us from District 10.

Our next jam will be September 12 at Central Grange, 87200 Central Road, Eugene, OR 97403. It will be a meeting as well as a potluck and jam. The OOTFA State meeting will be the following weekend in Merrill. If

anyone has anything they want brought up at the state meeting, let us know at the Central Grange meeting.

We will have our October jam at Spencer Creek Grange on Oct. 17. More Information will follow in next month's Hoedowner.

Ila Mae and Mark Carmickle have started hosting an acoustic jam at the Noti Church on the first Sunday of the month from 12:30-3:00. For more information, call Ila Mae, 541-683-9514.

Birthdays; Ruth Kennedy 9/5, Addie Gonshorowski 9/13, Dorothy Sather 9/14, Ruth Montgomery 9/16, Arlo Hamilton 9/28 and Darla Miller 9/30.

**September**

*12 Meeting, Jam, Potluck Central Grange 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

**October**

*17 Monthly Jam, Potluck Spencer Creek Grange 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

**November**

*14 Thanksgiving Jam, Potluck Plumber's Union Hall 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

Anniversaries; Lloyd and Esther Shriber 9/10.

If we haven't mentioned your birthday or anniversary, it's because we don't have it on the list. Let us know if we missed you.

Our thoughts are with all who are ill or hurting.

Take Care and hope to see you soon,

Darla Knudsen,  
Acting District 6 Reporter

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Sunday, September 13 we'll start our monthly jams at King City Town Hall at 15245 SW 116th in Portland (or King City out 99W past Tigard). Doors will open for us about 11 a.m. and we'll jam for the public from 1 to 4 p.m., as we do every September.

Tuesday, September 15 we'll be participating in the zoo's annual Senior Safari. Performance area will be in front of the front entrance plaza. Performance time is 1 p.m.. A piano, music stand and a PA system will be provided. On the day of the event, please follow these guidelines: 1) Please unload any equipment at the bus unloading area located in front of the TRIMET/MAX station 2) Check in at the table located at the Front Entrance.

Zoo guides will greet you and give further directions about your performance. 3) Please report to the stage at 12:45 p.m. Take Hwy 26 and follow the signs to the zoo and the parking lot. Y'all come, this is a lot of fun!

Friday September 18 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 September 26 from

**September**

*13 Monthly Jam King City 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
15 Senior Safari Portland Zoo 12:45 p.m.  
18 Tanner Springs Assisted Living West Linn 3:30 p.m.  
26 Philip Foster Farm Estacada 1 - 2 p.m.*

1 to 2 we play at the Philip Foster Farm Cider Squeeze. The Farm is at 29912 SE Highway 211, Eagle Creek, OR.

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter



**From the Editor Emeritus:**

Editor Emeritus  
September 1, 2009

It is always interesting to look back to the beginning of our association -- to better know where we came from, some of our old traditions and some of the old timers who made us what we are today.

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This will be known as the first volume of the Hoedowner, Published by the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association and arranged by the Officers of the Association.

Since our last get-together last September things have been quite slack in the fiddling business, altho we had a wonderful time at the Dorena Grange Hall on January 22nd. I think that was about the best party we have ever had. Our potluck dinner was great

and our many friends that joined us at lunch was a great pickup for the fiddlers and when we started the show and saw the crowd of spectators that came out to enjoy the day with us, we really felt glad to be entertainers even if we did have to play an old fiddle. We want to say thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hite, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hoyer. The Allens, Hites and Hoyers all live in the Cottage Grove area. We also want to thank Peggy Stratton and all the girls who helped in the kitchen or program and all of the people who came out to make the day so complete.

I had a letter from our secretary, Bill Yohey, a short time ago and he had just returned from Lewiston, Idaho where he and Rusty Modrell had attended the Idaho Fiddler's meeting. Bill reports they had a wonderful time and may go back again sometime. He also reports that he signed up several new members in the Oregon Old Time

Fiddlers Association and this includes all of the officers of the Idaho Fiddlers Association so I guess I will have to join the Idaho Fiddlers to get even.

Some time ago I asked the fiddlers to write me about their fiddling activities so I could include it in the Hoedowner and so far the only response has been from Bill Yohey and Charley Johnson of Portland and I want to say that Charley has been a busy boy. He is connected with several different groups of musicians and plays all types of music -- in theaters, rest homes and some dances.

I have been busy part of the time lately. My wife and I have played a few dances at Silverton and we also have entertained the old people at the rest home for some time in the past. I have been for some time connected with a group call the Merrymakers. They are at Lincoln City and every second Sunday of the month they go

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**September**  
*1 Gig Oregon State Fair, Senior Day 10 - 4*  
*12 Gig Salem Saturday Market 10 - 2*  
*26 Gig Falls City United Methodist Church*

District 8 fiddlers have had many opportunities to play this summer. And it's not over yet!

Our own Gayle Clarity and Les Tucker were judges at the contest in LaGrande. Gayle also judged at Weiser this year.

August 1st some District 8 members entered the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest in Corvallis. Quite a few were "in-the-money." Congratulations all who entered. Starr McMullin, chairperson of the contest, expressed her thanks to District 8 for our financial support. Another contributor is Nancy Rohn who donates a fiddle to be raffled with proceeds going to the contest.

This year's winner was Lisa Kearny of Silverton. Lisa said she put daughter Hannah and husband Dave's names on several ticket, but only put her own name on one -- that was the lucky ticket! Hannah is now playing the fiddle, and likes it very much.

August 4, 16 of us gathered for an outdoor concert in beautiful Pioneer Park in Stayton. We were especially

pleased to have ten year old Victoria Clute of Sublimity join us. She is one of our scholarship students taking lessons from Ginny Hollon. She did a great job playing Soldier's Joy, Turkey in the Straw, Pig Angle Rag, and Old Joe Clark. Hannah Kearny and her dad, Dave, also joined us. Hannah was playing the new fiddle from the raffle at Corvallis. Thank you Ken Cartwright and Dale Emery for sponsoring this gig.

We played for two hours at the Polk County Fair, and had a very appreciative audience. August 8 we played at Salem Saturday Market from 10 - 2. We took a short break, but kept the music going most of the four hours. My apologies for posting the play time lasting until 4 p.m.

August 18 we will have played at the Benedictine Nursing Center in Mt. Angel. We've had an outdoor concert there for several years. We'll be eating at the Bavarian Haus afterward.

Curly Roberts had by-pass sur-

gery on August 17th. We wish him a speedy recovery. Cards to his home address, 3427 Lake Vanessa Circle NW, Salem OR 97304, would be appreciated.

Lyle Powell passed away in Idaho. He was a long time member of OOTFA, brother of Ruth Loring. fiddler and one of the best backup guitar players. He backed up many fiddlers at contests.

September 1st, we're invited to play at the Oregon State Fair. Should be fun. We're working on scheduling for McMinnville probably starting in October.

Happy 93rd Birthday to Dale Emery! He's like the Ever Ready Bunny, never seems to run down!

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

**2009 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Winners**

The contest was held on Saturday, August 1, 2009 at the Benton County Fair.

**Judges** were Eileen Walter, Andy Emert, and Megan Frazier Lepschat  
**Winners** were:

**Novice Division** (first contest ever)  
 Serita Sulzman, Philomath Oregon  
 Heather Kopbilan, Washougal, Wa  
 Maya Gredanus, Corvallis, Oregon  
 Gabriel Gonzales, Corvallis, Oregon  
 Sravya Tadepalli, Corvallis, Oregon  
**PeeWee** (8 and under)  
 Isaiah Baltzell, Portland, Oregon  
 Natalie Smith, Portland, Oregon  
 Maya Gredanus, Corvallis, Oregon  
 Markey De Brito, Corvallis, Oregon  
 Thomas Harris, Corvallis, Oregon

**Junior-Junior** (9-12)  
 Gabriel Baltzell, Portland, Oregon  
 Wilhelmina Franzerda, Summit, Or  
 Sawyer Olsen, Kodiak, Alaska  
 Summer Hanson, Colton, Oregon  
 Jilliam Strom, Red Bluff, California  
**Junior** (13-17)  
 Lindsey Ferguson, Tualatin, Oregon  
 Katherine Messer, Scottsdale, Arizona  
 Melissa Whitaker, Independence, Or  
 Grace Kobilan, Washougal, Wa  
 Nolan Stroup, Lebanon, Oregon  
**Adult** (18-59)  
 Jason Fewkes, Boise, Idaho  
 Christie Tanner, Lebanon, Oregon  
 Marisa Kobilan, Washougal, Wa  
 Julie Smith, Portland, Oregon  
 Randy Warner, Reno Nevada  
**Senior** (60+)  
 Gayle Clarity, Woodburn, Oregon  
 Les Tucker, Woodburn, Oregon  
 Judy McGarvey, Medford, Oregon  
 Willie Carter, Lebanon, Oregon

Alice Holt, Salem, Oregon  
**Championship** (Any age)  
 Caid Jones, Eagle, Idaho  
 Gary Schuh, Gresham, Oregon  
 Aaron Fewkes, Kuna, Idaho  
 Trevor Whitaker, Independence, Or  
 Hajime Nagashima, Portland, Oregon  
**Accompanist** (# times on stage)  
 Jeff Walter, Portland, Or (47 times)  
 Peter Willis, Salem Oregon (35 times)  
 and 4 . Martin Fewkes, Meridian, Idaho (tie)  
 Jason Fewkes , Boise, Idaho (tie) 7 times  
 5.(three way tie):  
 Chuck Gates  
 Pat Gates  
 Les Tucker (6 times)

**District 9**

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**September**  
*9-13 Harney County Fair  
21 Gig Ashley Manor 6:30 p.m.*

Our District was saddened by the death of Anne Schlupe on July 17. Ruel Teague, Walt Cooper and Julia Milleson were asked to play at her service in Vale and we were joined by Bob Hanson of Roseburg, Vince Bingham of Adrian and Hollis Real of Redmond. Hollis placed a harmonica on her casket as part of the service. We will all miss her humor and her harmonica playing.

Center Stage had another production this year and some of our group participated: Janet Braymen and Joan Suther played, and Billie Lanier was accompanied by Gordon Black and Dorman Miller and Julia Milleson who did Bach on the viola and played "Vocalise" by Rachmaninoff in a quartet!

Grant County tried out a bluegrass festival in Mt. Veron set up by "Hop" McLeod and "Boots" Gibson. Ruel Teague and Julia Milleson put in a appearance. Ruel got in some backup guitar practice with Clay Johnson for the La Grande fiddle contest, where he competed the following week, bringing home a second place behind Kent Craig of Weiser, Idaho.

Janet Braymen has been playing each Saturday at the Farmers Market in Hines City Park (with Dennis Townsend and Julia Milleson at times) and was advertising the

"Chapmans" bluegrass band. The Chapmans had heard of us at Jamboree time through our website and inquired about locations to play as they were headed for Seattle on a tour of the Western U.S. Janet got the Chamber Music Society for a sponsor and did all the preparatory work in getting it organized.

Billie Lanier, Joan Suther, Andy Dunderdale, Julia Milleson and a couple of others helped out on the night of the show - which was - in a word - WOW!

The Chapman family: father Bill on banjo, son John on guitar and vocals, son Jerry on mandolin and son "Griz" on bass with an added fiddler, Tyler Beckett, from Canada. They brought the house down! It was their first trip to Oregon and we're all hoping for a return trip. If you are near Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO, in October, check it out as they will be featured there.

The "Geriatric Swing Band" had been scheduled to play a benefit at the Aspens Assisted Living Center and withdrew so Joan Suther and Janet Braymen stepped in to provide the music.

Visitors at some recent jams have been Jessie Hopper, who is working in the area this summer, also Ramonda Thompson and daughter Maria from Crane stopped

by, they had also attended the Booher Fiddle Camp. Their neighbor, Bryanna, played guitar, and Chris, who sang and played guitar. She hinted at some very interesting experiences in South America with her missionary work.

Ruel Teague, Walt Cooper and Julia Milleson played for a wedding of Damion Hill and his new bride, Lacey, who are fairly new to our community.

A group of us will be playing for a Library benefit on Thursday, August 13th. Grant County Fair will be Aug. 20-23 and we hope to get in a day there as well. Dona Townsend will be getting us lined up for the Harney County Fair, which is Sept. 9-13.

The kids are back to school, the fairs are about over and we will be starting our fall schedule of Senior Center jams in October. Where has the summer gone? We're not sure about the Aspens' schedule as it's during the Fair, but we may not be scheduled to play that night. Ashley Manor will be on Monday, Sept. 21st at 6:30.

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

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**September**  
*12 Jam and Potluck Riversdale Grange 12 p.m.*

We didn't have many players or audience this month. I guess too much going on; the fair, and people on vacation. Great weather for it though. But, the ones that were there played great, and we even had some dancers.

Thanks to the ones that brought the food for the potluck. Every-

thing was very good, and thanks to the cleaner-upper's.

I'm sure there were some birthday's and anniversary's out there, congratulations to you all.

I hope to see all of you that's under the weather, back with us soon. Our next potluck (noon) and

jam (1pm) will be held at the Riversdale Grange on Garden Valley Blvd. September 12th. Hope to see some new faces, and all of the regular's.

See ya,  
Joyce Pickett District 10 Reporter



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### New Members to Welcome:

Priscilla Dean, ..... Medford  
Dee Barnett, ..... Warren  
Mira Cross, ..... Lyons

Mark Ratzlaff, OOTFA State Membership

### State Calendar

**September**  
17-19 Merrill Campout Merrill



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around and entertain at rest homes in North Lincoln County and I try to go as often as I can. There is something about playing at rest homes that is different from playing almost anywhere else. First, you know, they are mostly people who are confined to the place for the rest of their lives, and don't have much pleasure and nothing to look forward to, and then when you get ready to leave and they tell how much they enjoyed your music, I often wonder if they are the only ones that enjoy it or if you didn't enjoy it a little bit too.

I am going to name a group of members who I want to head a committee in your area and get all the help you can and get together now and then for a little jam session, then write to me about the activities in your area. The men I have chosen are Jim Allen, Pete Haynes, Rusty Modrell, Harold Allen, Dave Hite, George Jenkerson, Bill Yohey, Jimmie Miller and Larry Modrell.

I want you each to write to me to be sure you understand what this is all about and if you want a list of members in your area, just write to me and I will send it to you. Signed Cliff Buker

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