

# THE OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS HOEDOWNER

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## From Your President

Wow, summer is almost over. By the time you read this, the Winchester Bay Campout, OOTFA Fiddle Camp, Bob Huffman's 90th Birthday Bash, and many county fair gigs will be over.

Our semi-annual meeting will be in Merrill, Oregon on September 18, 2010 at 10:00am. The Board's decision to find alternate printers and distribution means for the Hoedowner will be discussed. Members can continue to receive the Hoedowner via mail, but those who have computer access are encouraged to opt-in for the electronic copy to be e-mailed to you. Just let Mark Ratzlaff know.

For the benefit of our new members, I thought it might be appropriate to re-visit the topic of jam and performance etiquette. Here is a basic set of guidelines for playing at jams, for both the novice, and the experienced player to consider. These are not rules, but common courtesies. I will try to post a few of these each month.

1. Make sure you are in tune. If you don't have a tuner borrow one.
2. Listen and watch the other players. The key to making good music at a jam is to listen to the song being played by all the others instead of listening to your own playing. Keeping eye contact with the other players lets you know where the song is going, if it's time for a lead break, or time to end the song. Look up once in a while!!
3. Keep the beat. Timing is everything.
4. Know when not to play. Back off when the singer is singing, or when someone is taking a lead break. It's OK to completely stop playing and just listen during a song, especially in a large jam. Do not play lead when a singer is singing. That's why you are called back-up!!
5. Have fun!

It has been suggested that I keep my remarks short, so we don't run out of space in the Hoedowner. So that's all for now. More to come next month.

~Hal Weiner

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## From the Editor Emeritus

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I want to take this opportunity to share two letters with you that tell how much two people appreciate our association and our members and what our association and members have done for young musicians. They cared enough to write the following letters.

~Lew Holt

*Hello Lew, (7-16-10)*

*Just wanted to say a personal thanks for OOTA's (districts) sponsorship of the Willamette Valley Fiddle Competition at this year's Benton County Fair! This is such a fun event and Thomas really enjoys it. This year he was fortunate enough to play at the National Old Time Competition in Weiser as well. It is organizations such as ours that help these newbies on their way.*

*Katherine Osten Harris (member)  
(Mom of Thomas 5th place in the Pee Wee division last year's WVFC) (And 2nd place this year! Aug. 7))*

Dear OOTFA, (8-11-10)

*I would like to say a special thank you to all the men and women who play back up at the fiddle contests and shows.*

*Just recently my boys, Ben and Joe (ages 15 and 13), were asked to play back up for a young fiddle friend. Two thoughts came to mind. The first was, "What an honor!" The second thought was a very deep appreciation for all of those that backed my kids up at fiddle contests and shows throughout the years. They were always patient and encouraging. They gave the kids the positive experience while performing that laid the foundation for a wonderful musical experience.*

*So, to Frank Moore, Peg and Peter Willis, Dan and Andy Emert, Les Tucker, and all the others that have been back ups and examples to my kids, I say thank you! And a very special thank you to Rod Anderson, who told Ben when he was 8, "You've got a good guitar arm!" That one sentence of encouragement was worth more than he will ever know!*

*Very Sincerely,  
Janet Haddock  
Pilot Rock, OR*

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*unless something else is going on that day.*

### September

5	Meeting, potluck, jam	Shasta Community Center	12 to 4 p.m.
7	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
7	Gig	Crystal Terrace	12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
10	Gig	Tulelake Fair	6 to 7 p.m.
11	Gig	Tulelake Fair	4 to 5; 7 to 8 p.m.
12	Dance, finger food	Shasta Senior Center	12 to 4 p.m.
13	Work crew's starts on the Merrill convention		10 a.m. till whenever
16-18	OOTFA Convention	Walt Wilson Hall, Merrill	
	RV Parking is free; bring electrical cords and a "y" for water hose connection.		
18	Pack up and clean up, convention sites		
	(Shasta View and Farmer's Market gigs cancelled on the the 16th and 18th.)		

The senior dance on the Sunday, August 8, was great music and was enjoyed by all four dancers. Guess everyone was out fishing, camping or traveling. We have a new member, by the name of Garry Hammock, who plays guitar --- welcome to District One.

Got a story for you. It seems that a couple of city fellers thought they would try deer hunting. It was the first time for both of them. The first day they became lost in the woods, along about noon they became very worried about ever getting home before dark, if at all. Lew said to Fred: I remember reading that if you shoot three times in the air that was an international distress signal. That would surely bring help, so after two more hours none

showed up. They were getting very stressed out by this time and it was beginning to get dark. So Lew told Fred to shoot 3 more times, and Fred replied I can't Lew I only have two arrows left.

**Birthdays for this month:** Patti Northcraft and Mike Foster.  
**September anniversaries:** Pete and Carrol Brown

Didn't get a schedule from Irene for this month; guess she is busy at fiddle camp.

That is about it for District One.

~Johnny Rodgers, District 1 Reporter

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**September**  
5 Gig

Lake County Round up

12-6 p. m.

Howdy, folks

Hope you're all enjoying the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" It's been unusually hot this year in Lakeview, but that's OK. We've all got a built-in conversation starter!

First off, I'd like to thank those who came and played for Mary Stones funeral: Phil and Sheila Fry, Jerry and Irene Ruddock. I'm sure Mary would've really appreciated that. She sure loved the music.

We'll have no monthly jam in September as we are playing at the Lake County Fair and Roundup, Sunday the 5th, in a marathon 6 hour gig. Starting at noon, we'll play non-stop until 6:00. Of course, it goes without saying that our compadres from District 1 are invited to come "spell" us, as well as any other OOTFA members who happen to be in the area. The more, the merrier.

We've risen up the ladder this month by playing for the Lakeview Wine Tasting and Music Festival on the streets of beautiful downtown Lakeview. It's in the afternoon of Aug. 21, so if you get Hoedowner online, you'll get this in time to wander on over. I wonder if we'll have to keep our pinkies extended while we hold the bows?

Birthdays this month are: Ron Kersey- 7th; Larry and Terry McLain- 8th; and Sharilyn McLain- 14th.

You know, if all the cars on earth were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day weekend. And speaking of Monday, one seventh of your life is spent on Monday. However, the only person to get his work done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe.

See you all at Merrill !

~Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.

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<b>August</b>		
7	Jam and meeting	Pine Forest Grange
<b>September</b>		
5	Jam and meeting	Pine Forest Grange
11	Jam and potluck	Pine Forest Grange

We had a very good Jam on August first at the Pine Forest Grange and a good turnout. Several of us will be playing music at the Ochoco Village on Thursday August 26th. The people there seem to really enjoy the entertainment.

Our next jam will be at the Pine Forest Grange on September fifth. There will be a meeting after the jam. At the last meeting we did not have enough attendees to vote on the issues. It is very important for all members at the Jam to stay for a short meeting.

Roland White will be starting up the Fiddle Lessons in October. Parents and students will be notified. Have a happy and safe Labor Day Holliday.

~ Ron Odegard, District 3 Reporter



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The monthly jam at Fruitdale turned out a lot of good music and fun. The weather, of course, was hot. We had a special guest fiddler, Ray Tischer, the first chair violist of the Britt Orchestra. He wowed the audience with his great fiddling. Check out his website.

Our two appearances at the Jackson County Fair were some of the highlights of our summer. Lenny Ferrara did a great job of organizing the musicians and the tunes – many said it was our best program ever, thanks to our enthusiastic musicians, support staff, and appreciative audience.

Cathy Frutche, Everett Costa, Miriam McReynolds, Aylee Tucker, Breffni Whelan, Margaret Keene, Barb and Dave Basden, and Judy M (me) attended the fiddle camp at Thousand Trails. What a lot of fun, and we all learned a lot! The campers and the audience loved doing the Virginia Reel – so many smiles! They had so much fun we had to repeat it the next night!

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### September

1 Gig  
1 Gig  
8 Gig  
8 Gig  
11 Gig  
15 Gig  
18 Monthly Jam  
22 Gig  
22 Gig  
25 Gig

### September

4 Jam Roxy Ann Grange

### October

2 Jam Eagle Point Grange

### November

6 Jam Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass

While I was at fiddle camp I got a voicemail, and when I had a chance to listen, it was "Faded Love" played by the 5 O'clock Jammers group – endlessly! I had to listen to it all to see if there was a message, but there wasn't. The next day the sender got an official sounding message from "Joe Legal with the DA's office in Deschutes County" about telephone harassment playing a copyrighted "Faded Love" over the telephone. After a double take or two, we all had a good laugh! I tell them I don't get mad, I just get even!

Coming up in September is our bi-annual meeting and jam at Merrill. Always a lot of fun with good folks, good food, and really good music! Looking forward to seeing folks there. And in closing -- My life has a superb cast, but I can't figure out the plot.

Keep fiddling around!

~Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

Here we are back to the regular schedule and, as usual, it will be a busy one. Since there are five Wednesdays this month, there may be an added activity on the last Wednesday.

Hope that you have all had a pleasant and enjoyable summer. For all who attended the Winchester Bay jamboree and camp out, hope you had fun and got cooled down with our ocean breezes here on the coast. We appreciate our natural air conditioning while the rest of you are sweltering in the hot weather. More about the jamboree next month as it won't take place until the last of this week.

The featured musician for September is John Temples from Florence. He grew up listening to old-time bluegrass and gospel music and while attending college in Georgia and Tennessee became interested in some of the greats of that era. He was attracted to the banjo and is a self-taught player, who, at 19, drove his room-mates crazy practicing. The first group he played with was composed of some doctors and medical people who worked in the anesthesiology department at Emory University and called themselves "The Gas Passers". Later he left the medical field and became a pastor for the Church of Christ, a position he has held for 42 years. He was also a country music DJ and met and interviewed many renowned country performers

including Eddy Arnold, Skeeter Davis and George Hamilton IV. He won the honor of being named Utah state banjo champion. He and his wife moved to Florence five years ago and met Hal Weiner and Ron Estep which led to the formation of the "New Folksters", an outstanding local music group. He also joined the Old Time Fiddlers at the same time. He's never had a lesson but he is a really hot banjo player!

Our youngest member, 11-year old Shannon Stein, was excited by her first paid gig recently when she was asked to entertain the crowd with her fiddle at the Council for the Blind's picnic. She played for an hour with no back up and did a wonderful job; she was given a very generous donation for her efforts. She has also been tutoring a child who goes to her school who is legally blind. We're so proud of you, Shannon.

We have recently lost three of our members and really miss them. The death of Lew Hodges, from Florence, occurred in July; memorial services were held there on the 22nd. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Colleen, and their family. Charles Russell, guitar player and singer and merchant seaman, moved back to Texas where he grew up and still has family. Bob Sackville-West, the man with the great name, has moved to the Spokane area where he grew up and where his wife has accepted

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## Marley DeBrite Talks About Weiser

Marley DeBrite, of Corvallis, is our featured young fiddler this month. His mother writes:

“Our trip to Weiser was an adventure! We drove I-84 through the Columbia Gorge and for the first time saw the turbine driven windmills generating power. We stayed overnight in Pendleton since we got a late start, and the next morning we headed to Lake Wallowa to camp for a few nights. When we arrived in Weiser we were happy to see so many familiar faces from OOTFA - and we met up with friends Kathy, Thomas and Samantha Harris. The contest was soon under way and Marley was grateful Jeff Walter was there to back him up; he'd played with Jeff before and in the buzz of the national contest a little familiarity was nice.

“Marley decided to play the set he played at the state contest and he played well. His personal goal was to be called back for round two, which he didn't achieve. He was disappointed and felt defeated; he also took the opportunity to mature through trial. Marley received a lot of feedback about timing, rhythm and "Texas Style identity" - all essential for improving next year. We spent a lot of time listening to contestants! We were simply "blown away" by some amazing playing! Following the contest Marley had a lesson with Tashina Clarridge who taught him Goodnight Waltz and shared stories about her many many years of contesting at Weiser. At the hotel we enjoyed meeting other families and listening about their lives with the fiddle. I think if we attend next year we'll camp at the school. The boys were tired by the end of the long days and it'd be convenient to tuck them in and then still be on site so I could wander out to "Stickerville" and listen to late night fiddling. We didn't plan to stay the entire week due to time constraints. After the few days in Weiser the reality of what we were missing later in the week was evident. Our trip home was spectacular. We stopped at Sheep Rock, Thomas Condon Paleontology Center and the Painted Hills. We hiked the Blue Basin at John Day Fossil Beds where we found ourselves saying "wow" a lot.

“A few weeks after Weiser we traveled to my home state, Vermont, to visit family and to attend our second year at Grey Fox Bluegrass festival in New York. It's a favorite for Marley - the GF Bluegrass Kids Academy is about as much fun as any kid could stand and the performance on the final day is a favorite for many festival attendees - really, it is! This year the staff was especially generous and enrolled Nikolai (5 years old) - he surprised us all by sticking it out with the big kids every day, all day. Following that there was a week long String Orchestra Camp in Corvallis - a highlight for Marley and a lot of the kids at camp entailed learning a Scottish Fiddle tune. At the end of August Marley will have a change to learn even more Scottish Fiddling at Valley of the Moon Fiddle Camp in Boulder, California. Marley is dabbling in different styles of music and has started to play other string instruments around the house. This year I saw a change

in Marley and how he relates to music - I'm confident he will always feel at home with music in his life. That's been my hope and I think everyone who has encouraged him - we're grateful for all of you."

**Tune of the Month** This month's tune is "Crooked Stovepipe," a Canadian reel which appeared in this space a couple of months ago, but didn't print well, so one more time ... As with most tunes many variations are possible. Try starting the "b" part on the "g" note of the "d" string. This particular version, from the Pairie Mountain Fiddlers (Calgary) website, is described there as a "work in progress," meaning it may be played differently next week.

The musical score for "Crooked Stovepipe" is presented in four staves. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 120 (midi: 60). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 2/4. The score includes the following elements:

- Staff 1:** Measures 1-4. Chords: G, G, G, D7. Measure 1 starts with a first-fingering (1) on the G note.
- Staff 2:** Measures 5-8. Chords: D7, D7, D7, G, G. Measure 5 starts with a first-fingering (1) on the G note. Measure 8 has a second-fingering (2) on the G note.
- Staff 3:** Measures 9-12. Chords: G, G, C, A7. Measure 9 starts with a first-fingering (1) on the G note.
- Staff 4:** Measures 13-16. Chords: D7, D7, D7, G, G. Measure 13 starts with a first-fingering (1) on the G note. Measure 16 has a second-fingering (2) on the G note.

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### September

11 Jam, Potluck Santa Clara Grange 10:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

### October

9 Jam. Potluck Central Grange 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

### November

13 Thanksgiving Jam & Potluck Santa Clara Grange 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Ken Luse reports that the Thousand Trails Fiddle Camp was a big success. There were about 50 participants including instructors and back-up musicians. Several District 6 members attended and enjoyed learning new tunes and jamming with other members from around the state. Irene Ruddick taught the beginners and Gayle Clarity took on some of the advanced students. The primary rhythm back-up for the week was provided by Jerry Ruddick, Dick Foreman, Anne Carter, and Ken Luse.

The State Membership meeting and gathering in Merrill is coming up Sept. 16,17,18,and 19. The meeting itself is on Saturday.

The Spencer Creek barn dances are back by popular demand starting Oct. 16 at 7 pm. Alan Ede will again lead the dances. The dances will be on the third Saturday of the month for six months through March. Live music will be provided by the musicians in Ila Mae's intermediate fiddle class. Questions? Call Spencer Creek Grange's Genie Harden at 541 341-1709.

Ruth Montgomery went to the hospital with a heart issue. The doctors are adjusting her meds and she should be home soon. Ellen Strelow has also been in the hospital and is due to return home soon. Our thoughts are with you both.

September Birthdays: Cathie Robbins 9/3, Ruth Kennedy 9/5, Addie Gonshorowski 9/13, Dorothy Sather 9/14, Ruth Montgomery 9/16, Arlo Hamilton 9/28, Darla Miller 9/30.

September Anniversaries: Kent and Cathie Robbins 9/2, Lloyd and Esther Shriber 9/10.

**August Birthdays:** Louise Hamilton 8/8, Joe Canaday 8/11, and Bernie Roberts 8/31.

**August Anniversaries:** Ken and Della White 8/4, John and Lucille Childers 8/27 and happy 20th to Rick and Sherry Dobson 8/26.

Happy Fiddling,  
~Lynne Baran, District 6 Reporter

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### September

12 Windfield Village Wilsonville

19 King City Senior Center King City

21 Oregon Zoo Portland

24 Tanner Adult Center West Linn

25 Phillip Foster Farms Eagle Creek

### October

7-9 Log Jam Manzanita

17 Harding Grange Estacada

A very warm and friendly crowd gathered together at Jorgensen's farm to honor Bob Huff's 90th birthday party at the Annual Bob Bash on the 14th of August. Forty-five or more attendees potlucked and jammed under the trees and made beautiful music together. Congratulations Bob on achieving your new nonogeneranian status!

Sunday, Sept 12th we are playing in Wilsonville from 12 to 1 pm at Windfield Village, 8170 SW Vlahos Dr. They enjoyed our jam from last May.

Sunday, Sept 19th we are jamming at King City Senior Center in King City, west of Tigard on Pacific Hwy. Turn right at the Arco station and look to the right for the flag pole at the Community Center. This is the first of our monthly jams. The building opens at 11 am with sign-up playing from 1 to 4.

Tuesday, Sept 21st lets go to the Oregon Zoo on Senior Day, our annual event at the zoo in Washington Park, Portland. We are scheduled to play from 1 to 2 pm.

Friday, Sept 24th we are scheduled from 3:30 to 4:30 at the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn.

Saturday, Sept 25 we are playing at Phillip Foster Farms, Hwy 224 and Hwy 211 in Eagle Creek. Time for playing has not been determined.

Thursday thru Saturday, July 7-9 The Log Jam in Manzanita. The jam will start at noon on Thursday October 7 at 146 Merton. This is Linda Easley's big log house. We will play music and everyone adds food to share for the "Stone Soup." Friday we play and eat. With good weather we'll play on the new back porch. Friday night we can play at a local assisted living facility. On Saturday the 9th, we'll play at the Pine Grove Community House on Laneda Street from 1 to 3, for the community. Everyone is invited to join in all or part of the fun at the Log Jam!!!

Sunday, Oct 17 the Harding Grange in Estacada has invited us to play for our monthly jam. The Grange is located out Springwater Road at 21552 South Fischers Mill Road. Doors open at 11 am with sign-up playing from 1 - 4 pm.

~ Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

## District 5, Continued...

a new job as archeologist for the Colville Indian tribe. Mapril and Grant Combs hosted a going-away party for him at their home in Dora in early August. We all enjoyed the food and afternoon of good music.

New members recently joining the District Five group include Katrina Ronk and family from North Bend, Theo Heintz and Sequoia Ford from North Bend, Brownie Work from Brookings, John Bozzo from Coos Bay, Jim Adamck from Powers, Pat Fraser from Bandon, who rejoined, and Norm Floyd from Reedsport who also rejoined. Welcome to all of you and we hope to see you at the jams and other activities.

Don't forget the state meeting at Merrill September 16--18.

Opportunity may knock once but temptation bangs on the front door forever.

~Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter



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We had some significant birthdays in August. Harriet Modrell turned 95. Dale Emery celebrated his 94th. Edna Yohey had her 90th. Some District 8 members attended the Bawb Bash for Bob Huffman's 90th birthday, as well.

On a pleasant Friday evening, July 23rd, sixteen District 8 members played in the park in Aumsville. The city provided free hot dogs. A crowd of about 100 gathered on the grass to listen. We received a generous donation. Thanks, Jim Wallace, for organizing this!

The next evening we played for the annual Caterpillar tractor gathering at the Steam Up in Brooks. The temperature was 98 degrees but with a fan to cool us (a little), we played for an hour before a tasty dinner, then played for a short time after dinner and official Caterpillar business. Beside giving us dinner, they presented us with a nice \$100 bill for the district!

Willamette Valley Fiddler Contest held at the Benton County Fair, was well attended. Several District 8 members played and placed. Trevor and Mellissa Whitaker placed 1st and 3rd in the Junior Division. Bryce Hanson was 6th in Junior-Junior. Gayle Clarity won 1st place in Senior, and Alice and Lew Holt were 4th and 5th in Senior Division. Peter Willis place 4th in number of times backing up. Congratulations to all. And many thanks to Starr McMullen and her crew who organize the contest!

### October

9 Gig Pine Grove Community Building Manzanita 1 p.m.

Luck was with us on the weather for the Polk County Fair. It was warm, but the following few days were HOT. We had 26 people counting the back up musicians. Guest of the day was Joe Hamm from Portland. As usual, we had a very good crowd of listeners. We've heard a few people say they come to the fair mainly to hear us play! We appreciate the compliments.

Late August play dates have included the annual outdoor concert in Mount Angel, playing for Saturday Market in Salem for the second time this summer, and playing at the Oregon State Fair.

The main fiddling event for September is the campout, jam, bi-annual meeting in Merrill. District 1 folks are wonderful hosts. You'll have a great time. If you're looking for a jam closer to home, check the District 7 news. I'm sure they'd welcome you at their jam at King City on Sunday, September 19th.

On Saturday, October 9, we'll have a joint District 7 and 8 jam in Manzanita on the coast. The location is the Pine Grove Community House, on the main street through town. The address is 223 Laneda Avenue. We'll start playing about 1 PM.

We expect to be back on our winter schedule at the McMinnville Senior Center on the 3rd Saturday November through March.

Enjoy these late summer days!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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### September

9 Gig

12 Gig

Harney County Fair

Harney County Fair

On Thursday evening, July 29, "Experience Oregon" brought a tour group to Burns and our Fiddler's group played for them at Rory and Ryan's Best Western Motel. They were a great audience and seemed to appreciate our music. Several of them were very interested in Janet Braymen's hammered dulcimer.

Other than that, we continue our Friday night jams at member's homes. We played our usual second Friday of the month gig at the Aspen's Nursing Home on Friday the 13th. We had a couple new people join us. One was a little girl and a student of Ruel Teague, Shiana who played "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" on the fiddle. Another was Willa Jenson who was born and raised in Burns and has just recently moved back here. She also plays the fiddle.

Thirteen-year old Maria Thompson also attended our Friday night gig. She just recently returned from a week long fiddle camp on the coast. Our Fiddler's Group gave Maria a one hundred dollar scholarship to help her attend. Maria is very excited about playing the fiddle and has demonstrated remarkable improvement since attending camp. Her mom, Ramonda, says, "All Maria wants to do now is play the fiddle all day long since returning from camp." Way to go, Maria.

We have received a letter from Julia Milleson. She has had her surgery in Portland and is on the mend. She says she gets her Fiddler's news via the Hoedowner and that Lew Holt has been keeping her up with the activities in the state. She hopes to be back home in Burns in a couple months. We are so happy to hear that because we have missed Julia. She is a vital part of our group. Hurry back, Julia.

On September 9th and 12th, we will be performing at the Harney County Fair. We are looking forward to the fair. It is loads of fun. We plan to have our usual float in the parade on Saturday morning and will be decorating it on Friday evening, September 10th, at Ruel Teague's dealership in town. The theme for this year's fair is, "Homegrown, Handmade & Ranch Fresh." Everyone in District 9 needs to start thinking about how to decorate this year's float. Also everyone in state is invited to come and join us for a good time.

~ Dona Townsend, Acting District 9 Reporter

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### September

11 Potluck & jam VFW Hall, Roseburg 12 - 4 p.m.

We had a pretty good turn-out for the potluck, we had lots of good food, and some left over. We had just enough players, and sang happy birthday to Guy Kinman, who will turn "93" next week.

He didn't have to play the fiddle by himself today, as Lois Eagleton is doing very well on the fiddle, I'm proud of her. She's been coming up with some new songs.

Besides Guy, happy birthday to everyone else that had them this month.

And, happy anniversaries.

Chuck and Margie haven't been in good health; we wish them the best. Carlene Witcher had to leave early today, as she lost her sister and was expecting company.--Bruce Werlinger's health has deteriorated; our prayers are with him and his family.

Our next potluck and jam will be September 11th, from 12 to 4 p.m., at the VFW hall, 1127 NE Walnut St, Roseburg.

Hope to see all you players, dancers and listeners in Sept.

Catcha' later.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

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## From the Editor

It's summer in Eugene and hot as Hades. But the music goes on. We here in District Six are looking forward to our annual appearance at the Lane County Fair, and to the annual jam at Winchester Bay, put on by District Five.

Fiddles contests come and go, too. The Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest results are printed below. Thanks to Starr McMullen for her hard work in organizing this annual event.

I don't know if it's the same where you are, but many traditional OOTFA tunes are being played less and less (Faded Love, to use the

tune mentioned by Judy McGarvey) and other tunes are entering the frequently played repertoire, such as "Crooked Stovepipe" this month's Tune of the Month, or Lake Charles Waltz, a zydeco tune now being heard locally, anyway.

One reason for this may be that many of the "old" OOTFA members are fading away, and a new generation of musicians is appearing on the scene, naturally with different musical interests.

~ Joe



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## State Calendar

September 16-18

State Meeting

Merrill

## 2010 Willamette Valley Contest Fiddle Results

### NOVICE Division (First contest ever!)

1. Dirt Merchant, Corvallis Oregon
2. Joe Marcotte, Philomath Oregon
3. Donna Wynn, Salinas California
4. Mason Emert, Pendleton Oregon
5. Michaela Corbitt, Corvallis Oregon
6. Brian Sorrells, Eugene Oregon
7. Sierra Johnson, Blodgett Oregon
8. Soumya Tadepalli, Corvallis Oregon

### PEEWEE (8 years and under)

1. Kelsey Smith, Portland Oregon
2. Thomas Harris, Corvallis Oregon
3. Sierra Johnson, Blodgett Oregon
4. Gabrielle Loop, Portland Oregon
5. Neve Harrison, Portland Oregon

### JUNIOR-JUNIOR (8-12 years old)

1. Isaiah Baltzell, Portland Oregon
2. Wilhelmina Frankzerda, Blodgett Oregon
3. Natalie Smith, Portland Oregon
4. Serita Sulzman, Corvallis Oregon
5. Andrew Kobilan, Washougal, Washington
6. Bryce Hanson, Salem Oregon
7. Maya Greydanus, Corvallis Oregon
8. Chris McElwee, Parkdale Oregon

### JUNIOR (13-17 years old)

1. Trevor Whitaker, Independence Oregon
2. Heather Kobilan, Washougal Washington
3. Melissa Whitaker, Independence Oregon
4. Grace Kobilan, Washougal Washington
5. Sravya Tadepalli, Corvallis Oregon
6. Nolan Stroup, Lebanon Oregon
7. Jessica Kobilan, Washougal Washington

### ADULT (18-59 years old)

1. Jeanine Orme, Beaverton Oregon
2. Christy Tanner, Lebanon Oregon
3. Marisa Kobilan, Washougal Washington
4. Hajime Hagashima, Portland Oregon
5. Julie Smith, Portland Oregon

### SENIOR (60+)

1. Gayle Clarity, Woodburn Oregon
2. Wille Carter, Lebanon Oregon
3. Susy Spencer, Beaverton, Oregon
4. Alice Holt, Salem, Oregon
5. Lew Holt, Salem, Oregon

### CHAMPIONSHIP (Open to anyone)

1. Andy Emert, Portland Oregon
2. Dan Emert, Pendleton Oregon
3. Scott Esty, Woodburn Oregon
4. Gabriel Baltzell, Portland Oregon
5. Eileen Walter, Portland Oregon
6. Christine Smith, Whitmore California

### ACCOMPANIST

1. Jeff Walter, Portland Oregon
2. Rod Anderson, Spokane, Washington
3. Frank Moore, Yuma Arizona
4. Peter Willis, Salem Oregon
5. Andy Emert, Portland Oregon

### JUDGES

Gary Schuh, Troutdale Oregon  
Regina Perata, Portland Oregon  
Donna Reuter, Hood River Oregon

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