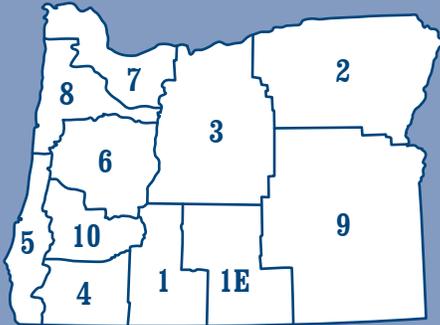


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From Your President

Spring must be here. I went to Silver Lake and it did NOT snow on us!

Thanks to District 1E for another great campout (even if I did not win the hat contest)! And congratulations to all of the Columbia Gorge Contest winners.

This month is the Country Music Jamboree in Burns – June 16-18. District 9 are great hosts for this event. We will have our quarterly board meeting on June 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Jamboree.

I encourage all of you to become involved in your district's activities, Whether it be helping out in the kitchen, cleaning dishes, setting up chairs, running the sound system, handing out flyers, being an officer – all of these activities together make our organization. If you are a musician, please take time out of your playing to pitch in and help out with some of the chores that always need to be done. And thank you to all of the people who never get any recognition for doing these "thankless" tasks.

It is amazing to me how many old time fiddlers there are in the NW. I am planning on attending the NW Folklife Festival in Seattle over Memorial Day weekend. I counted over 300 different fiddlers who will be performing for dances, workshops and concerts (and I'm sure I missed a few). This even includes a High School Fiddle Orchestra! It seems like old time music is alive and well.

I have gotten many comments about my previous suggestion about trying to attract more fiddlers to our organization. Some of you feel that if we set up separate jam sessions, on separate days, that those sessions will split off and make their own organization. But that is exactly what has already happened. So why not figure out a way to welcome back folks who want to only play fiddle tunes? Maybe an hour before or after the main jam session, have a fiddle tunes only jam? I welcome your comments and suggestions.

See you all in Burns. And remember you can always use a banjo as a trampoline for your trained fleas!

~Hal Weiner

From the Editor

Regarding the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, Starr McMullen writes: "...This will be the 14th Annual contest and we greatly appreciate the support from the various OOFTA districts in putting on this contest. The 2011 WVFC Grand Champion was Andy Emert--who just won the Oregon State Grand Championship in Salem. This is a really fun contest held outdoors at the Benton County Fair. It is a great showplace for oldtime fiddling and every year new people "happen by" the contest and then come back as regulars the next year. It is a great opportunity to promote and display oldtime fiddling in Oregon and I urge everyone to come this year! "Starr would like to specifically thank districts 4, 6, 7 and 8 for their help in supporting the contest.

Here in District 6, sign-ups for the West Cascades Fiddle Camp, July 25-30 at Westfir, are coming along nicely. Registrations are needed for the contest fiddling, beginning fiddle and standard bass classes; the registration deadline for all classes is June 30. ~Joe

From the Editor Emeritus

I'll start off with a little plug for the "1966-2011 DVD" that contains all our Hoedowners over the years. I ran off a stack recently on DVDs -- too big for a CD. The Hoedowners are in PDF so everybody/anybody with a computer should be able to open them. I burned a stack of them before the convention. If you should want a DVD of the Hoedowners, send me \$3.00 to cover my cost and postage and I'll mail one to you. I hope to have them on line someday but I lack the knowledge to put them on line.

I put the old Hoedowners to good use recently. On Dina's website (http://home.comcast.net/~dina.shaylor/lew_chronicle/index.html) I couldn't give her the complete information some time back about the 2004 contest. The other day it dawned on me so I went to the 2004 Hoedowners on the DVD, clicked on June and there was a list of the contestants. Another person I talked to was going to check the old Hoedowners on the DVD to see when she was chairperson of her district many years.

Ken Cartwright has been one of our good supporters over the years. I had this web called to my attention recently. See it at www.CanyonVideos.com under the "Music and More" section.

I think you will enjoy it as I am enjoying a video while I am typing this.

I have DVDs of the state convention - Wednesday night, Thursday night, Friday night and Saturday night. If you should want a set, contact me for information. At the convention Bob Strelow from Oakridge donated a fiddle to be used as appropriate. It is on my workbench to be restored. Thanks Bob.

Every once in a while I get an email asking for information. People Google "fiddlers" and find our web site. Requests like -- need fiddlers for July 4, need a fiddlers in Jacksonville, need fiddlers in Philomath, need a fiddlers in Pendleton, and more. I direct them to the someone who can help. I want to encourage you to check our web site at Oregonoldtimefiddling.org. Go to Hal's PDF section for a very good "look alike" the real Hoedowner. I often add new things to the menu. If you have time, I would like to encourage you to check them out. Some are large and take a while to download.

~Lew Holt

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June

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| 2 | Gig | Plum Ridge | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. |
| 2 | Gig | Crystal Terrace | 12:30 - 1:30 a.m. |
| 4 | Master Gardner's | Klamath County Fair Grounds | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
| 5 | Meeting/Pot Luck & Jam | | 12 - 4 p.m.. |
| 12 | Senior Dance, Music, & Finger Food | | 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. |
| 15 | Gig | Shasta View Care Center | 1 - 2 p.m. |
| 1 | Gig | Linkville House | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. |

Practice every Saturday 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Luther Square unless something else is going on. Call Irene Ruddock for any questions regarding schedule.

We voted to loan two fiddles to Klamath Arts Council/Art Advocates. Children will use them for the music program at the school they attend.

Some information regarding Merrill: no changes & no charge for parking. Donations would be greatly appreciated. The monies collected Friday night will be given to the Merrill Park Board for use of the facilities. All other donations will go to District 1 to help with expenses.

All those attending Silver Lake Campout had a great time. Several of us were unable to make it. Sorry we all wish we could have been there.

Virgil Schmoe has a broken foot. We are sorry Virgil; hope you will be back walking soon. Fred Stiverson had his knee surgery, and is doing well. Won't be long before he will be up & dancing.

Josephine Harris passed away April 22nd in Salem. Jo was 88 years old and lived with her son & family. Jo was the District 1 kitchen manager for many years. Her husband, Dick, who preceded her in death, was a District 1 guitar player.

We have one birthday for the month of June: Marie Kliewer.
June Anniversaries: Ben & Fran Coker, Allen & Helen Meyers.

I need your help updating our birthday and anniversary list, contact Patti or me; we don't want to miss anyone.

Music therapy is "Oh, so good"

~Aline Swartwood, District 1 Reporter

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The 1E report has been deferred as reporter Eileen McClain is under the weather. We wish you a speedy return to health, Eileen!

~Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.

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| June | | | |
| 5 | Meeting, Election, Jam | Pine Forest Grange | 1 - 3 p.m. |

The May 1st District 3 Jam was held at the Pine Forest Grange. Beautiful weather drew out a good crowd; a stageful of musicians were in attendance including Junior Fiddlers Sarah and Emily Leavitt and Hanna and Lauren Allison to provide music.

From Chairman Bob Ervin:
"Members are asked to attend the meeting at the June 5th Jam to elect a Secretary Treasurer and any other remaining offices. The present officer's terms will expire the last day of June. Ron Odegard and Jack Kerr have been elected Chairman and Vice Chairman for the 2011-2012 upcoming term. If you would like to nominate someone or run for an office let Jack Kerr know at: 541-233-3493, or e-mail him at: kerrjack@bendbroadband.com. Also nominations can be taken from the floor. "

There are two OOTFA sponsored fiddle camps this summer, one hosted by our District 3. Camp Director Bob Ervin reports that a web site has been created for the 1000 Trails Fiddle Camp at: <http://www.lapinefiddlecamp.org/> with all the information about the Fiddle Camp including Staff, Location, Directions, Registration and Facilities. You can also e-mail him for questions at: pbranch@crestviewcable.com

The second OOTFA fiddle camp is sponsored by District 6, the West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops in Westfir. Check out their web site at: <http://www.fiddlecamp.org/> for all the pertinent and registration information. Scholarship funds are available for OOTFA fiddle camps to junior fiddlers, Call Jack Kerr or Bob Ervin for application details.

District 3 members Hanna and Lauren Allison and Roland White participated in the 42nd Annual NW Regional Fiddle Contest in Spokane WA with fiddlers from nine states and Canada competing. The same members competed in the Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest with Lauren Allison placing second in the Small Fry Division and Roland White placing second in the Seniors Division.

There are no jams scheduled for the third Saturday at Bend's community center until further notice.

Roland White announces that there will be three Junior Fiddlers Summer Jams. The first is tentatively scheduled for June 11 at the Allison residence from 1 to 3 p.m. Please RSVP your attendance to Roland (541-647-4789) and he will send out a final notice to the junior fiddlers' families. We need some guitar players to practice & support these young upcoming junior fiddlers. Contact Roland for further details. 541-647-4789 roland@fiddlplay.com

Members please send any District 3 newsworthy details to Roland White to him by the 10th of each month to meet the Hoedowner news deadline. Reporter: Roland White 541-647-4789 • roland@fiddlplay.com

~Roland White, District 3 Reporter

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| June | | | |
| 4 | Jam | Fruitdale Grange | Grants Pass |
| July | | | |
| 4 | 4th of July Picnic | Butte Falls Park | Butte Falls |
| August | | | |
| | No Jam | | |

Our monthly jam was at Butte Creek Mill as part of Eagle Point's Centennial celebration. It was well attended by both musicians and audience. T'was sorta cloudy and coolish, but no coats required. We played a lot of good music in three hours!

We're having to turn down requests for gigs in July and August because our schedule is filling up fast.

Al DeWees fell and hurt his leg. He's recovering slowly, but not yet back playing with us. Joe Corder had a knee replacement and is doing well. Pat Manion continues to do well, with no further tests for another month or so. Ron Bolstad was under the weather with the "crud" that's going around. We told him that when you're around kids, don't inhale! Get and stay well soon, y'all.

The beginning fiddle group from Madrone Trail Public Charter School will join the District 4 folks at Hanley Farm for the Children's Heritage Fair – a special day for school kids. They will be playing for the "older" kids (4th-6th graders). They are excited about their first "gig", and are working on their tunes.

Fiddle camps are coming up soon. We've had several applications for scholarships from the beginning group, and some of their parents, as well as some of our new and regular district musicians of all ages.

Breffni and Margaret and Gene Williams represented us at the Silver Lake campout. We heard it was fun and really cool! Scott Phillips helped out at the Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest. Our folks get around!

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The Burns Country Music Jamboree will be here before we know it. It's always fun with lots of music and mosquitoes (and Janet B .promises there won't be any shortage of mosquitoes this year. Now if they'd just buzz in the right key . . .) the National Old Time Fiddle Contest at Weiser is coming up this month. Talk about 24/7 music! It never stops for the whole week!

New members in April are B.Avinooam Zohar, wife Sherilyn Wyne, and children Yoshe and Rayna, who live in Medford. Yoshe is one of our beginning fiddle class, and Avi has been playing mandolin with the Jammers. In May we added Rick Hazen of Medford and Robert Skalingpai of Eagle Point. Rick is learning to play the upright bass has been a regular at the "Jammers" on Wednesdays, and Robert plays guitar and joined us at the Mill. Neal and Vera Jones joined in February. He's a fiddler from Oklahoma who has been teaching us some new/old tunes, and we're learning! Welcome all you new members!

We will be playing at the Rogue Valley Manor the end of June. This is always a well-attended program that we only do once a year. A handful of us went to the Manor Auditorium for a "sound check", as they record the program on DVD. Judy M. and Ron B. have the distinction of being kicked out of the Manor because we interfered with the "lounge music" in the foyer outside the auditorium. Ron says he thinks it's the classiest place he's ever been kicked out of! --but they still want us to come back for the program

What's the difference between a fiddle and a violin? Who cares - neither one's a banjo!

~District 4 reporter: Judy McGarvey

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June

4 Gig

10 Gig

16-18

24 Gig

July

4 Gig

Shore Acres State Park, Coos Bay

1:00 p.m.

Bullards Beach State Park, Bandon

6:30-8 p.m.

High Desert Jamboree, Burns

Bullards Beach State Park, Bandon

6:30-8 p.m.

Bandon City Hall

11 a.m.-12 p.m.

The featured performer at our May jam was Larry Costa, banjo player and singer, from Powers. He started singing at an early age in church choirs while in elementary school, high school glee club, in college at Cal State Long Beach and then in an Army group, the "Bayonet Chorale" in Korea. After listening to The Weavers with Pete Seeger in 1962, Larry got his first banjo and taught himself to play from Seeger's instruction book.

While in seminary studying for the priesthood for eight years, he used folk music in his ministry and then decided the ministry was not for him. He was drafted and sent to Korea, where he was part of a folk trio called "The Talismen", playing 12 string guitar and long neck banjo. After the army he married, had 4 daughters and didn't play banjo or guitar again for 40 years. In 1998, he moved to Arizona and started playing music again. He moved to Powers, and attended an acoustic jam in Bandon where he had his arm twisted into joining OOTFA. He puts a lot of fun into his music and is much enjoyed by those listening.

Those from District 5 attending the Silver Lake Campout last month included Sharon and Larry Gallagher, Larry Costa, Hal Weiner and Pat and Ruth Weyer. As always, they had an enjoyable weekend and plan to go back again next year.

Don't forget our own campout in Winchester Bay on August 18-21. Those from other districts have said ours is one of the best and they look forward to attending. They also appreciate all the fresh seafood available in the area. A song with the name of a river in it is the theme for the Friday night program so if you haven't found the right one as yet, get to it!

Happy Father's Day to all you men, father or not.

The easiest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket --- Will Rogers

~Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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Joel Bennett

Joel Bennett was born December 27, 2003 in Salem, Oregon; he was named after his great-great grandfather who played the fiddle and banjo.

Joel lives in South Salem with his parents, his little brother, and a boxer dog named Tipitina. When Joel was two, he began asking his parents for a violin, so his father bought a cheap quarter-size violin online and Joel began to experiment with it. At age three, he began to ask for lessons, and luckily, his mom found Ginny Hollon. Ginny made sure that it was Joel who was interested, not his parents!



Like most boys his age, Joel's attention span was short, so halfway through his lessons, Ginny offered him the reward of drawing her a picture on a whiteboard in her music studio. Another reward for a good lesson was to stop at the Macleay General Store for penny candy, but his favorite reward was when Ginny would take him outside after lessons and show him her miniature donkeys and let him pet her cat Radio.

About the same time he started fiddle lessons, Joel figured out how to whistle. Ginny discovered that if he could whistle a tune, he could play it on his fiddle. He eventually learned several fiddle tunes, but "Boil the Cabbage" has long been his favorite. At Ginny's suggestion, Joel applied for and was awarded a District 8 OOTFA. Scholarship.

When Ginny moved to Central Oregon, Joel was heartbroken. He had a few lessons with Alex Hargreaves in Corvallis and did a couple of sessions with Tashina Clarridge when she was in town, but it took awhile to find another weekly teacher. Eventually he started taking lessons with Tim Crosby, and from Tim he learned his new favorite fiddle tune, "Soldier's Joy."

Joel has played at talent shows at his preschool and elementary school, and this year, with the strong, gentle encouragement of the wonderful District 8 OOTFA members, he has played with them at the McMinnville Senior Center and at the Ag Fest. He even has a new OOTFA friend, Colton Morris and they have helped each other gain the courage to take their turn at the mike during jams.

Just recently Joel got his official, plastic OOTFA member badge, and he has proudly worn it to first grade several times. On Monday night, May 23, he opened the Candalaria Elementary School talent show by playing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Tune of the Month : Soldier's Joy

This is a very old, and widely played standard. There are many, many versions of it; learn the basic tune. and then work up your own, unique version with which to astound your friends.

Soldiers' Joy [1]

The musical score for "Soldiers' Joy [1]" is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the first eight measures of the melody. The second staff contains the next four measures. The third staff contains the next four measures, which are more rhythmically complex. The fourth staff contains the final two measures of the piece.

Rhythm: Country Dances

Book: Stewart–Robertson ~ The Athole Collection (1884)

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June

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|----|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 3 | Jam | Eugene Hotel Lounge | 7-10 p.m. |
| 10 | Jam | Crow Grange | 7-10 p.m. |
| 11 | Meeting, Potluck, Jam | Santa Clara Grange | 10 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| 24 | Jam | Santa Clara Grange | 7-10 pm |

July

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|----|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Jam | Eugene Hotel Lounge | 7-10 p.m. |
| 8 | Jam | Crow Grange | 7-10 p.m. |
| 9 | Jam & Potluck | Santa Clara Grange | 10 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| 22 | Jam | Santa Clara Grange | 7-10 p.m. |

26-29 West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops (more info below)

May started out with a huge bang at the Lebanon Moose on Sunday the 1st. It was well attended and the music was a great way to celebrate May Day.

The several monthly jams are going beautifully. At the Eugene Hotel Retirement facility, the participants and particularly the residents are really enjoying it! The Friday night jams are well attended. At all the jams, the musicians LOVE to see the public attend to listen and/or dance. We continue to play in selected care facilities with sponsorship of Trillium Health Care.

In mid-May, several musicians played Oregon Trail tunes for a 4th grade class in Philomath. The class was just ending their studies of the Oregon Trail curriculum. Their teacher contacted Lew Holt and he passed it onto District 6.

The plans for the West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops sponsored by District 6 plans are going well. It will occur July 26-29 at Westridge Middle School near Oakridge. We have eight 16-hour Classes and twenty 2-hour workshops planned. All the instructor positions have been filled. Visit the website www.fiddlecamp.org to get all the updates, instructor biographies and registration information and the form. Lisa Ponder (lpounder@efn.org or 541-870-6816) is the head of the Camp Committee,

which consists of Bob Strelow, Wayne and Annie Carter, Darla and Jesse Knudsen, Ken & Patti Luse and Jen Klingensmith. Deadline for Registration is June 30 or until full. Camp Registrar is Darla Knudsen, 240 Boden St., Junction City, OR 97448 (email jkdkjc@q.com or call at 541-998-2064.) If by the deadline (June 30) we do not have at least 5 in a class or workshop, the particular CLASS OR WORKSHOP WILL BE CANCELLED! Please Register Now!

The district expresses sympathy for John Steele, whose brother passed away in late April.

Birthdays: Lena Stubbs, 6-6; Bob Strelow, 6-10; John Steele, 6-19; Jessie Snyder, 6-22; Linda Parks, 6-28; Betty Canning, 6-30; and Ken Luse sometime in June!

There are no ANNIVERSARIES on the list for June. (Hummm... isn't June THE wedding month??!!)

Have a good month!!! May the June weather be dry!

~Patti Luse, District 6 Reporter

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June

5 Estacada Community Center Estacada

July

9-10 Gig Sandy Mountain Festival, Sandy

17 Gig Rose-Schnitzer Manor, Portland

29 Gig Tanner Adult Center, West Linn

August

13 Jam Bawb Bash (Bob Huffman's B-day), Estacada

Myrtle Arnold reports that we have three new fiddle-playing members. Richard and Jackie Hicks live in Hillsboro, Jeffrey Croxford joined from SW Portland, and Kevin Harding hails from Aloha. Welcome to our new members.

Special thanks go to Donna and Dick Foreman for the time and effort they have made to provide weekly teaching/practice sessions on Monday evenings for District 7 members. Classes have been ongoing since early this year and will continue through June. Donna's Monday sessions include some new tunes, some useful theory and always a warm and helpful learning atmosphere. If you have not yet attended, check it out at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays. Trinity Lutheran Church is located in Gresham, at the intersection of SE Powell and Eastman Parkway. Donna will be part of the Westfir Fiddle Camp this summer.

Carol Ann Wheeler's workshop on April 30 was an astonishing five hours of concentrated instruction. Attendees received more material than we expected and it was all delivered in the style that is uniquely Carol Ann. She demonstrated techniques that were meant to move a player from being merely heard to being heard and noticed because of the shades of feeling and musical expression she taught us. We enjoyed some individual evaluation as well as some small group work-ups of her lessons during the day. Her workshop topic list was based on what we asked her bring to our group and a good deal more. Everyone took something special away with them at the end of the day. Thank you Carol Ann!

Sunday, June 5, we are scheduled to play at the Estacada

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Community Center, 200 SW Club House Drive, in Estacada, 97023. This is our last monthly jam before summer. Doors open at 11:00 am. Sign-up playing from 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10 we are invited to play at the Sandy Mountain Festival in Meining Park in Sandy, OR, located at the corner of Hwy 211 and Hwy 26. We will play from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm on Saturday and 4:30 to 5:30 on Sunday. They would like to dress like pioneers, so load up the old chuck wagon, dig out those old plaid shirts, kerchiefs, hats and long dresses and give them a show!

On Sunday July 17, we are scheduled to play at the Rose-Schnitzer Manor at Cedar Sinai Park, 6140 SW Boundary St. in Portland, OR 97221. Turn south on 62nd off Beaverton Hilldale Hwy. This is a large complex so leave plenty of time to find your way. Playing time is 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. We played here before and they loved our music.

Friday, July 29, we are scheduled to play at the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive, West Linn, Or. Playing from 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Be sure to get the date for the Bawb Bash on your calendars. It will be Saturday, August 13th. It's Bob Huffman's 91st birthday! This potluck party to be held at Andy & Terry Jorgensen's farm near Sandy at 50995 SE Baty Road. Festivities start a noon. Bring food, your instrument and a chair. Directions: If you are heading out from Portland through Sandy, go about 6 miles east on Hwy 26. At mile marker 30, get in the left lane. Four tenths of a mile past mile marker 30, turn Left onto Cherryville Drive. Go one mile and veer Left onto Baty Rd. Go one mile and turn into their driveway on the right.

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June

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|----|-----|---------------------------------|--------|
| 4 | Jam | Colebank's Dist. 8 picnic/lunch | |
| 24 | Gig | Dallas Retirement Center | Dallas |

July

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| 22 | Gig | City Park | Aumsville |
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August

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| 7 | Gig | Toledo Antique Show, Toledo (near Newport) | |
| 11 | Jam | Polk County Fair, Rickreall | |
| 24 | Gig | Providence Benedictine Abbey, Mount Angel | |

It appears that spring has really arrived. At least the pink dogwood trees are blooming all around Salem. Rhododendrons and azaleas too. It's a colorful time of year.

Note the correct date for the Aumsville City Park gig is July 15th, not the 22nd as I had last month. The Marion County Fair gig isn't written in stone quite yet. We'll keep you posted.

Silverton has a beautiful new senior center; District 8 was privileged to play there on May 15th. During a short break they served excellent snacks. We had a great audience and a great crew of musicians as well. The sign up list had 26 musicians! Jesse and Darla Knutsen, and Jeanie Morris, all from district 6 joined us for the fun. Jeanie brought along friends from Albany. Four of our young fiddlers also played: Colton Morris, Victoria Clute, Damon Clute and Austin Bannerman. We also welcome Lee Easter, who recently moved from Washington state. Lee played back up guitar and sings. Hope you'll come again! Michelle Campione from the senior center also sang for us. We thank her for inviting us to Silverton!

We will have played at the Dallas Senior Center on May 21st. It's been a busy month.

The Salem area fiddlers, with help from Dale Emery, played for Rosewood Court in Salem. The residents sang along on many of the tunes. Some of them knew all the words to the old time tunes.

April 30th was a busy day for District 8. Marie Bailey organized a group to play at a grange in Newberg. Meanwhile musicians played for the Ag Fest at the state fairgrounds in Salem. We

played 3 hours with breaks to check out the displays. Two of our young fiddlers Colton Morris and Joel Bennett joined us. There are photos at oregonoldtimefiddling.org Between the two gigs, our treasury was enriched by \$250. And we all had fun too!

On Friday, June 24th we are invited to play in Dallas at the Dallas Retirement Village. We'll be in the Fireplace Dining Room; the time is 11-1. Here's what Chad wrote to us: " We're thinking that you folks could set up in the little courtyard adjacent to this dining room. By the way, there will be all sorts of different snacks available for you since we will have a bunch of food vendors here for this event."

The Retirement Village is on Ellendal. Proceed through the traffic light at the main intersection in North Dallas near the shopping center and Safeway. Don't go toward downtown. Go a couple blocks on Ellendale and the Village is on the right. It's down the hill from the gazebo where we've played before.

Francis Arendell wants to get a jam going in McMinnville. Call her at 503.472.3395 if you are interested.

Dale Colebank will be one of the instructors at the Thousand Trails Fiddle Camp near Bend.

It's good to have Les and Peggy Tucker back after their lengthy trip to California.

~Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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Much of our District's activities are in preparation for our Country Music Jamboree, to be held at the Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns on June 16-18. Century Link, the phone company, has graciously agreed to make a contribution to help sponsor the event. Watch our website, www.highdesertfiddlers.com, for more information as we put together the schedule with the workshops and shows. If you arrive earlier in the week, we've planned visits to local restaurants and merchants to jam Monday through Wednesday. Gas prices were a concern a few years ago, but the good news is they should drop as much as 45 cents a gallon by summer. We're also putting together deals with hotels in town should attendees want to drive their 30 mpg car and stay in local lodging instead of bringing the RV, and we'll have those posted on the website as well.

Our potluck and jam at the Senior Center on May 8 (Mother's Day) had some new faces as well as a good time. Many of the regular troupe were out of town, so there was some concern over attendance and discussion of even canceling, but the mix of regulars and other musicians made for a good time. Ruel Teague and Dennis Townsend attended the Silver Lake campout. Dennis brought his bowed psaltery and tried it out on a few tunes. Our artist in residence, Kelly Thibodeux, has generated a lot of interest with youngsters on the fiddle and Patrick Allison, one of our students, has been attending our Friday night jams and progressing impressively!

We hope to see you at the Jamboree! Come out to Burns and we'll all have a great time!

~Dennis Townsend, for Darlene Wingfield,
District 9 pro tem Reporter

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June

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Monthly Jam

VFW Hall, Roseburg

12-3 p.m.

It was a small jam this month, but everyone had a good time, not many in the audience, but there was dancing. My granddaughter Teresa Plybon was there with a 15 year old girl she's been teaching, She just started, but got on the mic and wasn't bad at all.--Had a few visitors including Pat Weyer from district 5. Glad to have him,enjoyed his playing.

Hope everyone that's been under the weather is feeling better now. There are many people on vacation this month, or out mowing the lawn.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them, I don't have a list.

Saturday, June 11th, we'll be having a MEETING at "11:45" a.m. we have some important things to discuss, followed by the jam and finger foods. At the VFW hall, 1127 Walnut St., Roseburg, noon to 3pm. We need you there at the meeting, and then to have a great bowing and picking time.

Have a good month, and stay dry.

~Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



Dawn Allison, who placed second in the Small Fry Division at the Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest, and her proud mother, Lauren. Photo by Roland White.



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We're on the web:
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State Calendar

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| June 16-18 | Country Music Jamboree | Burns |
| July 25-30 | West Cascades Fiddle Camp/Workshop | Westfir |
| August 4-7 | Diamond Lake Campout | Diamond Lake |
| August 6 | Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest | Benton Co. Fair Grounds |
| August 9-12 | Thousand Trails Fiddle Camp | LaPine |
| August 18-21 | Winchester Bay Campout | Winchester Bay |
| September 14-17 | State Quarterly Meeting | Merrill |

New Members to Welcome!

- Kevin Harding, Aloha
- Rick & Jackie Hicks, Hillsboro
- Rich Hoglen, Springfield
- Corrie Sizemore, Eugene
- Nancy Pettet, Redmond
- Joseph Plouff, Bandon
- Ryan Sokolowski, Oakridge
- Avinoam Zohar & Sharilyn Wyne, Medford
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