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From Your President

It's that time of year again. Please remember to pay your dues. Dues help to pay for the Hoedowner, our annual convention, and all of the other items that it takes to operate our organization. I encourage each of you to find a new member, whether a musician or simply an audience member who enjoys our music. If you get your dues to your district chairperson before the end of the year, you can be assured you will be in the roster!!

I don't want to be a nag, but I have received NO nominations for the Distinguished Service Award. These are due in my hands by December 31, 2011. Please have your District Chairperson mail or Email them to me by then.

One of our districts asked me to comment on what courtesies should be followed by members who are spectators at a private event, especially those where the event is NOT an OOTFA activity (paid gig, performing for another organization's fund raiser, etc). Here are my thoughts. These are NOT rules, but simply common sense and courtesy and items to consider.

1. Are spectators welcome and if so is there a cost to attend?
2. Is food intended for OOTFA members or only for the paying guests?
3. What is appropriate attire for the event? (I am sure you don't want to be in your jeans at a Black Tie fund raiser!).
4. Please remember to turn off cell phones.
5. Is seating reserved for paying guests? If so, find out where you are welcome to sit.
6. If you want to see us play at a private event, please show respect for the musicians and the other audience members who want to hear the music, by NOT talking during the performance. Actually this is a good thing to practice anytime you attend any performance. Many venues have separate areas where you can talk and visit without interfering with those who want to listen to the performance.

Put January 21, 2012 on your calendar for our quarterly board meeting potluck and jam at Emerald Park in Eugene. I will have more information next month.

Happy Holidays to you and your families! This has been a remarkable year for OOTFA and we all have much to celebrate.

~Hal Weiner

From the Editor

The Boohers are, as ever, active. Brendan Boohar is now offering music lessons online in a variety of instruments, via Skype. More information can be found at his web site: www.brendanboohermusic.com.

We, here in District 6, had a very nice turnout for our Thanksgiving jam and potluck. Patti Luse says 75 people in her report, but I would guess the turnout was closer to 100 people. See the photo elsewhere in the Hoedowner.

In Eileen Walter's "Fiddle Tips" column last month, the diagram showing the duration of bow strokes was incorrect. It should have looked like this:

Click 1 Click 2 Click 3 Click 4

~Joe

From the Editor Emeritus

Last August District 8 had a gig at Toledo -- just a few miles inland from Newport. Several District 6 friends came over to help us out. Since it was on the street, we had to park in an upper parking lot that was reserved for us. We played for a good crowd for several hours as they came and went up and down the street. When it was time to go, I took a load of stuff up the steps to the parking lot. I couldn't carry it all so I had to go back for the second trip. I met a man who had come after we had packed up to go home. I am glad that he did. He turned out to be a fiddler who had heard about the fiddlers playing but was late getting there. He introduced himself as Gene Sonnenberg from Newport. When he was in the valley a week later, he stopped by our place. We had a nice visit. He joined OOTFA. November 12th he drove all the way to McMinnville for our district 8 jam about an 80 miles drive and that far back home. He fit right in and was soon a part of the gang. We hope to see him often. Perhaps there are other fiddlers out there who would be members if we just extend an invitation.

It is not my territory but having served as state membership chairman years ago when I was VP, I know the importance of paying your dues "now!" Alice later served as state membership chairman, too, back when one person did all of the membership. For many years now you have had the convenience of district membership chairman. Over the years we had complaints because people didn't receive their January Hoedowner or February, etc. Two things might have caused this problem 1) they paid late perhaps after the new member address list was sent to the publisher --so no January Hoedowner. 2) We might get a complaint and we might ask, "Did you pay your dues?" We were assured that they had so we asked them to show us their cancelled check. You know - they couldn't find it. So before you "forget" to write your check or "think" you did, do it right now before the day is over and mail it to your district membership person. If you delay paying too long, your membership person can't get your membership to Mark in time to add your name and address to the renewed members list.

~Lew Holt

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December

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|----|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 | Meeting | | 12 - 4:p.m.. |
| 6 | Gig | Plum Ridge | 10:30. - 11:30 a.m.. |
| 6 | Gig | Crystal Terrace | 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. |
| 11 | Senior Dance, music, & finger food | | 12 - 4 p.m. |
| 15 | Gig | Shasta View Care Center | 1 - 2 p.m. |
| 15 | Gig | Linkville House | 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. |

Practice every Saturday at Luther Square unless something else is going on: 1:30 to 4 p.m.

At our meeting in November it was voted to send \$200 to Family Support and Connection/ Adopt A Family for Christmas.

We will be having a New Years dinner versus a Christmas dinner, as so many people will be out of town for Christmas.

We had a great turn-out for our dance Sunday. Nice to see everyone, our music was very good, thanks to all who were able to come.

Congratulations to Steve Currie and Tanya Makhankova. They were married November 5th in Klamath Falls. Also congratulations to Faye and Isom Patterson, they are now great-great-grandparents.

It has been very cold here with some snow, so Darleth and Johnny Rogers went south, left the rest of us here to deal with the beautiful weather we have been having since they left. We do hope they enjoy all the sunshine and warm weather.

Happy Birthday to Irene Ruddock, Tim Dabil, Garry Hammock, & Marlon Jannuzzi

Anniversaries for December are: Phil & Sheila Fry, Jerry & Irene Ruddock, Phil & Carol Fulbright, Jake & Ali Swartwood

Hopefully we didn't miss anyone; if we did, let us know.

Time spent in the company of friends and playing music is always time well spent.

~ Aline Swartwood, District 1 Reporter



District 1 - Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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December

2 Gig

3 Jam

10 Gig

Fairgrounds

Lake County Senior Center

Xmas Bazaar, Senior Center

6 - 8 p.m.

6 - 10 p.m.

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The birthday party that we played for went very well. Rose Lee, Perry and Larry saved the day. The Birthday Girl turned 80 and was very surprised which was the plan. Sue Vicent is a family friend we were happy to play.

Here is hoping everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. I know we will. Bill will be home! He has been living in Wyoming for about four years don't get to see him much.

Shout out to North Lake County. If there is something you need put in the Hoedowner give me a call 541-947-2448.

It was good to hear from Betty Chapman. Thanks for keeping in touch. Ron and Faith you are in our thoughts. Hope you all have happy holidays way up north.

We will be playing for the Holiday Fair on December 2nd, 6 - 8 p.m., at the fairgrounds.

Our next jam is December 3rd, 6 - 10 p.m. at the Senior Center. Our jams are always the first Saturday of the month. And don't forget the Thursday night get-togethers, 5 - 8 p.m..

On December 10th we will be playing for Myrle Shepard's Christmas Bazaar at the Senior Center. Will start at 9 a.m. and end around 3 p.m.. Hopefully it will be a half-way nice day.

Everyone have a Merry Christmas. Drive safe and be careful.

Don't forget to get your dues money to Shar. The days are counting down.

December birthdays: Alexis Bryant, Eileen McLain and Myrtle Shepard

December anniversaries: Doug and Eileen McLain

'Till next time,

~ Mary Ann McLain, District 1E Reporter

Time to renew for 2012!

Get your \$20 to your district membership person.

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December

4 Jam

10 Xmas Party

Pine Forest Grange, Bend

Pine Forest Grange, Bend

1-3:30 p.m.

12-3 p.m.

District 3 had its monthly jam at Pine Forest Grange on Nov 6th with a few of the regulars absent. To the delight of the crowd, the Allison Family Junior Fiddlers showed up with Hana, Lauren, Trevor and Luke playing on stage backed up by their mother, Dawn Allison.

District 3 has contracted to play on Nov 11th and 12th at the Western Christmas Trade Show in Redmond. This will give the OOTFA and District 3 a great amount of exposure to Central Oregonians.

On November 5th District 3 members the Allison Family Band, Mark Barringer & Roland White donated a performance at the Hoedown for Hunger held at Bend's Community Center to help raise funds for the Feed the Homeless Program.

District 3 members please note the Christmas party is on December 10, Saturday from 12 to 3 p.m.

PAY YOUR DUES:

Just a reminder, 2012 annual dues should be paid as soon as possible to ensure timely delivery of the Hoedowner. Renew in person at the next jam or Christmas party, or you can send your membership to:

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~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter

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Wow, the November jam at Fruitdale Grange was well attended and we all had a good time! We had several new and renewing members. Don't forget it's time to renew your membership before the end of the year! The snacks and desserts in lieu of the potluck received many positive comments.

The Jammers played at the church Halloween Sunday celebration. Some of the costumes were pretty outrageous! --and that wasn't just our group! Rousing old gospel tunes got even the kids singing.

We played at a new venue, Mountain View Retirement in Ashland. One resident said, "We want you back – when are you coming again?" When I commented that we need to be asked, she replied, "I'm asking you! Come back tomorrow."

Playing at the Ashland Elks for the SOU Amigos Club for exchange students from Guanajuato, Mexico, and SOU students was really fun! They provided a "typical Thanksgiving Dinner" and then joyously did sing-a-longs and polka'd, waltzed, and did line dances to our music. They said it was the best music they've ever had!

December

3 Jam Roxy Ann Grange 11:30 a.m.

January

7 Jam Eagle Point Grange

February

4 Jam Fruitdale Grange

We are again playing for the community Thanksgiving dinner at St Vincent de Paul. Usually about 200 street people and disadvantaged from our area enjoy the bountiful food and our musical contribution.

Some of our folks are heading south for the winter – that means the rest of us take up the slack. We need you to come out and play – check the website or call a staff member if you need to know the schedule.

We were saddened to read of the death of Freda Serpa. She and James Barrett were members for many years. Our sympathy goes to the family.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday time filled with all the joys of the season. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the quarterly meeting in Eugene in January.

Hopefully we are free of typos this month. Remember: "Dew knot trussed yore spell chequer two fined awl yore mistakes."

~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter

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December

7 Gig

7 Gig

14 Gig

14 Gig

17 Monthly Jam

21 Gig

28 Gig

28 Gig

Oerdings

Myrtle Point Care Center

Baycrest

Ocean Crest

Heritage Place

Memory Care

Hearthside

Coquille

Myrtle Point

North Bend

Coos Bay

Winchester Bay

Bandon

Empire

Coos Bay

1 p.m.

3 p.m.

1 p.m.

3 p.m.

1 p.m.

1 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

3 p.m.

The jam in Brookings on the last Saturday in October was well attended by both audience and performers and was very enjoyable. There were 21 or 22 musicians and singers on stage having a great time, as was the enthusiastic audience. There were a few musicians and a couple of great dancers, whose names I didn't get, from Northern California. Other guests included Joe Moyle from District 6, John and Marlene Renfro from District 4 and Hal and Sharon Thompson from District 10. There were several people interested in joining our group. On Friday, several members played at the senior center there. Included were Ann Bogner, Carl Rovainen, Mapril Combs, Larry Costa and Pat Weyer. The featured performer was Larry Costa who always does a great job entertaining the audience. He will be leaving later this month, after the holiday dinner, to spend the winter in the desert where it's warmer and drier.

There was an extra gig last month not included on the calendar. This was at Inland Pointe assisted Living in North Bend on the

first Saturday and was reported to be much enjoyed by the audience. The possibility of making it a monthly performance is being considered.

Singer and guitar player Verna Lee was the featured performer at the October jam. From an early age she wanted to play Spanish guitar but her parents got her a clarinet; she played in the school band and was not happy doing so. She was able to take Hawaiian guitar lessons with her dad and became proficient enough to enter talent shows at school and play for friends. Meanwhile, when in high school, she got an old Spanish guitar and learned a few chords. Then she married and put her guitars away while raising her family. 17 years later she got her guitar out of its old case with its rusted hinges and started playing again. She played and sang with the Belles and Beaux group in Coos Bay and then joined the Old Time Fiddlers because she found how much fun they have!

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Mira Cross



My name is Mira Cross and I'd like to tell you a little about myself. I am 10-years-old, and I live in Lyons. I was inspired to play the fiddle in Kindergarten when my teacher's son, Robbie Griswold (an OOTFA champion fiddler), came to play for our class. I knew then that I wanted to play the fiddle. His mom, Cathy, could tell that school was proving to be very easy for me, so she encouraged me to take up fiddle as a way to keep me challenged.

I started playing in first grade, taking lessons with Ginny Hollan. I learned how to play many fiddle tunes by ear during my time with Ginny. My first fiddle tune was "Boil 'em Cabbage" and I learned two different variations of that song. Eventually I progressed to more difficult tunes like "Devil's Dream," "Stinky's Blues," and "Whiskey Before Breakfast." I learned these songs-and several others-without reading the music. It was Ginny who encouraged me to join the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers and I have been on scholarship with District 8 OOTFA since 2009.

After Ginny moved to Bend, I started lessons with Kelly Leggett in Aumsville. With Kelly I have learned more about music theory and how to sight read music. I can pretty much play anything if I have the music for it. I work on Irish fiddle tunes, American fiddle tunes, and classical music. I also have enjoyed playing John William's music from movies such as Star Wars and Harry Potter.

In September I began playing with the Salem Youth Symphony. I rehearse with them once a week and am learning how to play with the dynamics of a symphony. This is a fun way to learn more about how to play my instrument. Hearing the violins, violas, and cellos all play together is a wonderful sound! My 7-year-old sister Aubrie plays the piano and it is fun to play songs with her too. In addition to playing the fiddle, I play volleyball each Fall and Spring, so I stay very busy all year round!

I have played on stage with the OOTFA in many different places such as the McMinnville Harvest Festival, the Aumsville Park, the Oregon State Fair, and various Senior Centers. I used to be very nervous to play in front of a crowd, but everyone in the OOTFA makes me feel welcome and now I really enjoy getting up on stage and playing with the other members. They inspire me to keep playing the fiddle and even though I'm still young, I am proud to be an Old Time Fiddler!

Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter

Practicing exercises on the fiddle is somewhat similar to exercising for the health of one's body – not always fun – but way more fun once results are noticed – right? I'd like to share some of my favorite exercises from time to time in this column.

Here's an exercise to help improve intonation. Playing in tune is especially challenging for us as our fiddles don't have frets indicating where to place our fingers. There are many variations of this exercise, but here's a basic version that includes the finger positions that occur in many common fiddle tunes. I've included "high" and "low" second finger positions as I find that placing the second finger high enough or low enough is a common intonation issue among fiddlers.

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Start with the G string. Play the open string, then the first finger in the "normal" position, then the open string again, then the second finger in a "low" position, then the open string again, then the second finger in a "high" position, then the open string again, then the third finger in the "normal" position, the open string again, the fourth finger in the "normal" position, and end with the open string. Do the same thing with the D string, A string, and E string. When you check in with the open string after each note, your fingers will be less likely to gradually become sharp or flat.

Here's the finger pattern: 0 1 0 Low 2 0 High 2 0 3 0 4 0

Here are the names of the notes if you want to check your intonation with a chromatic tuner as you go:

G A G B \flat G B G C G D G D E D F D F \sharp D G D A D
A B A C A C \sharp A D A E A E F \sharp E G E G \sharp E A E B E

You can also do this exercise in $\frac{1}{2}$ step intervals (chromatically) and cover all possible finger positions. I hope you give this a try and find it useful – and please be sure and let me know if you do.

Tune of the Month

Indian Point is a jig, in 6/8 time -- a modern composition by New England fiddler and caller Rich Mohr.

74. Indian Point

The musical score for "Indian Point" is written in 6/8 time and consists of four staves of music. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with an Em chord and contains a sequence of eighth notes. The second staff starts with a D chord and includes a first ending bracketed as "1 Em B" and a second ending bracketed as "2 Em D Em". The third staff begins with an Em chord and continues with eighth notes, ending with a D chord. The fourth staff starts with an Em chord and includes a first ending bracketed as "1 Em" and a second ending bracketed as "2 Em".

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Featured musicians at the November jam were Julie Turner and Dawn Vonderlin, both from Bandon. Dawn grew up in a musical family that sang and played together, especially at Christmas. In school she played trumpet and flute and got her first fiddle as a high school graduation present but never took it seriously until recently when she moved to Bandon, started playing with friends and read in the newspaper that OOTFA was sponsoring fiddle lessons. She started taking lessons from Bob Shaffar and realized that fiddling was really for her until she is old and grey and rocking on her porch.

Julie Turner was unhappily enrolled in ballet at an early age but was finally allowed to quit and take piano lessons. Because she realized she was the type of musician who was advised to "keep your day job" she directed her energies to other interests, eventually getting a PhD in mechanical engineering. She was employed variously as a structural engineer, college professor, flight instructor and aircraft systems engineer while raising three children who were not forced to take ballet lessons! She retired to Bandon with her husband and also found OOTFA's fiddle classes and started fiddling around and loving it.

Larry Costa, the featured performer at the Brookings jam, started singing in church choirs while in elementary school, glee club in high school and college and then in an Army group called the "Bayonet Chorale" in Korea. After listening to The Weavers in 1962 he got his first banjo and taught himself to play from Pete 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 into the army and sent to Korea where he spent his tour with a folk trio called "The Talismen". After leaving the army he married and had a family and didn't play again for 40 years until moving to Arizona. Then he moved to Powers, went to a jam in Bandon and had his arm twisted into joining OOTFA. He puts a lot of fun into his music without any banjo jokes!

If you haven't paid your dues for next year get it done! Your name won't be in the new roster for next year if you delay.

By the time you are reading this the combined Thanksgiving-Christmas holiday dinner will be over and we will all be stuffed and weigh five pounds more. Ruth Weyer will be cooking the turkey and Mapril Combs the ham and the rest of us will be bringing the accompaniments. We have a bunch of great cooks!

Merry Christmas to everyone and may you have the peace and contentment of a happy new year!

The Four Stages of Life:

1. You believe in Santa Claus
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You are Santa Claus
4. You look like Santa Claus

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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December

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|----|-------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 2 | Jam | Eugene Hotel Lounge | 7 - 10 p.m. |
| 4 | Jam & Lunch | Lebanon Moose | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. |
| 9 | Jam | Crow Grange | 7 - 10 p.m. |
| 17 | Barn Dance | Spencer Creek Grange | 7 - 10 p.m. |

January

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|----|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 6 | Jam | Eugene Hotel Lounge | 7-10 p.m. |
| 13 | Jam | Crow Grange | 7-10 p.m. |
| 21 | State jam, meeting | Emerald Park | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. |
| 21 | Barn Dance | Spencer Creek Grange | 7-10 p.m. |
| 27 | Jam | Santa Clara Grange | 7-10 p.m. |

November started out with a large Thanksgiving celebration at the Santa Clara Grange. At least 75 people attended our jam and potluck on Saturday, November 5. The music was wonderful and of course the noontime Thanksgiving potluck was delicious.

The district continues to entertain the residents at various care facilities in the Eugene/Springfield area. In November we played at Terpening Terrace, Briarwood Retirement, Gateway Gardens and Sweetbriar Villa.

Our beginning and intermediate fiddle classes, taught by Ila Mae Carmickle, keep growing. The beginning class will be held on December 19th and January 30. Due to conflicts with the barn dances in November and December, the next intermediate class will not be held until January 28. Darla Knudsen is the contact for these classes. She can be reached by email at jkdkjc@q.com or calling her at 541-998-2064.

Other events organized by District 6 members and of interest to the membership include:

--- The Old Time Jam, organized by Melissa Takush at Cosmic Pizza in downtown Eugene, has been a huge success. There is one scheduled for November 27 and then again on December 18th from 4-8 p.m. For further information, contact Melissa at 541-228-1644 or melissamandra@yahoo.com.

---The Song Writing Group of District 6 is continuing to meet on a regular basis. Contact Addison Talbot at peggy@brasscreek.com or call 541-912-4040 for further information.

The 2012 West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops sponsored by District 6 at Westridge Middle School near Oakridge is scheduled for July 23-26, 2012. The current Committee Members are: Annie & Wayne Carter, Jen Reed Klingensmith,

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Darla & Jesse Knudsen, Patti & Ken Luse, Linda & Jerry Parks and Bob Strelow. The Committee is considering what classes and workshops to include and solicits suggestions. Suggestions should be submitted to Darla Knudsen at jdkkjc@q.com or Jerry Parks at jparks@dishmail.net no later than December 10. Updates will appear regularly in the Hoedowner. We need everyone's support!!!

Jam Venue Addresses: Crow Grange - 85994 Territorial Hwy, Eugene (in Crow); Eugene Hotel - 224 E. Broadway, Eugene; Lebanon Moose - 4070 S. Santiam HWY, Lebanon; Santa Clara Grange - 295 Azalea, Eugene; Spencer Creek Grange - 86013 Lorane Hwy, Eugene.

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The holidays are a busy time for all of us. I hope all of you have music included in your celebration plans. District 7 only has one item on our play list so far for December. It's Party Time!!!

Sunday, Dec 11 is our annual Holiday Party and Jam at the Estacada Senior Center, 200 S.W. Club House Drive. Doors open at 11 am with signup jam from 1:00 - 3:30 pm. Christmas buffet lunch available for purchase about noon. Come and enjoy a good time.

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After the Hoedowner deadline last month, District 8 played two gigs on the October 22-23 weekend. First a Saturday afternoon potluck and signup jam at the United Methodist Church in Falls City. The pews were nearly full with listeners from nearby towns as well as local Falls City folks. We heard many positive comments afterward. We played there the first time about ten years ago when they were restoring the old building. The major work is done and it looks wonderful. The old gothic arched windows look as they must have in 1892 when the church was built.

Then the next day, Sunday, we traveled to the other side of the valley to Silverton. We played at their lovely senior center. We were pleased to have Linda and Jerry Parks from District 6, and Donna and Dick Foreman from District 7 join us. The crowd tapped their toes and clapped along on several upbeat tunes. They were very generous when we passed the hat. The seniors served coffee, cold drinks and sweet breads during a short break

We lost a member of district 8. Londa Kandle, whose husband Terry plays fiddle, passed away in early October. Our love and sympathy go to Terry and other family members.

December Birthdays: Thelma Steele on 12-1; Mark Carmickle on 12-6; Rick Dobson on 12-10; Brian Neal on 12-12; Marlene Chatoian on 12-14; Lloyd Shriber on 12-23; Della White on 12-24; Richard Marino on 12-27; and Joan Nelson (no date).

December Anniversaries: Dave & Lena Stubbs on 12-11

Happy Holidays to everyone !!

~ Patti Luse, District 6 Reporter

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December

11 Jam Holiday Party at the Estacada Senior Center 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

~ Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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17 District Jam Senior Center McMinnville

January

14 District Jam Senior Center McMinnville

February

18 District Jam Senior Center McMinnville

Our regular November Jam was the 12th. After a short meeting we adjourned for the sign up jam. With 25 signed up, we had a good program for the listeners and dancers. Erin Hallgrimson was our youngest fiddler at 12 years, and Dale Emery the oldest fiddler at 95 years. Music definitely appeals to all ages. In addition to those singing or fiddling, we had Linda Schaffer and Amelie Redman playing guitar. You can see the photos, name, home town, instruments and tunes of those that signed up on Oregonoldtimefiddling.org -- click on District 8 November jam

The December jam will be Saturday, December 17th. We extend a special invitation to our scholarship students and their families. There will be a tune workshop for the students. Everyone bring a lunch if you wish. No potluck. McMinnville Senior Center. Doors open about 10 a.m. Sign up jam from 1 - 3:30 p.m. The center address is: 2250 McDaniel Lane.

Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving. Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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| December | | |
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| 9 | Gig | Aspens |
| 11 | Jam | |
| 19 | Gig | Ashley Manor |

A nice-sized crowd turned out in November for the potluck and jam at the Senior Center. Enough musicians were present to go two complete rounds performing two tunes. Guest guitarist, Ron Jahns, did some fancy picking. What a talented fellow! The card players in the alcove are always a welcome addition.

A quick business meeting was held between the potluck and jam to discuss the holiday potluck. Thanks to Joan Suther for volunteering to take on the cooking of the turkey. Wayne and Rose Johnson will bring the potatoes and George Sahlberg will do the honors of the dressing. Everyone else should bring side dishes and deserts to finish out the meal.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to LaWanda Williams and Darlene Wingfield. Both are recovering from surgery. Condolences go to Rick Vetter and Joan Suther on the passing of Frieda Vetter, Rick's mother. Frieda frequented the fiddler jams when she moved to Burns and continued to enjoy the music at Ashley Manor the past few years.

Ruel and Margaret Teague have flown the coop for the warmth of Arizona just as our days are getting short and the nights down right cold. I'm sure Ruel will find a few folks to jam with down south.

December dates to remember include the Aspens on the 9th, the Sunday jam on the 11th, and Ashley Manor on the 19th. Of course, we'll be playing music most Friday nights as well.

~ Janet Braymen for Darlene Wingfield, District 9 Reporter

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| January | | |
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| 28 | Monthly Jam | VFW Hall, Roseburg |

Being we changed our jams to the fourth Saturday of every month, there won't be very much news right now.--December's jam falls on Christmas Eve, so we'll be CANCELING it for December. Maybe we can get going again January 28th, at the VFW Hall in Roseburg. We need some ideas from you all.

Dave Lableu had his surgery, we haven't heard anything yet on how he's doing. Chuck and Margie Hastey, are doing fine. Nice seeing them up and around. And, anyone else under the weather, hope you get well soon.

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

It won't be long and it will be 2012. Hope some of you that have a fiddle, guitar or bass etc, dig them out of the closet and come join us. We won't bite, maybe crack a joke or something.

Also, HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2012?

Happy Holidays!!

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

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Left photo: District 6 Thanksgiving Jam.
Foreground, l-r: Jesse Knudsen, Darla Knudsen, Ila Mae Carmickle, Mark Carmickle.

Right: District 5's Shannon Stein, who was featured in the November Junior Hoedowner.



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State Calendar

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| January 21 | State Quarterly Meeting and Jam, Emerald Park | Eugene |
| March 23-24 | State Fiddle Contest, Chemeteka Community College, | Salem |
| April 12-14 | State Convention | Rickreall |
| May 3-6 | Silver Lake Campout | Silver Lake |
| May 4-6 | Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest | |
| June 14-16 | High Desert Jamboree | Burns |
| June 18-23 | National Fiddle Contest | Weiser |
| July 23-26 | West Cascades Fiddle Camp | Westfir |
| August 2-5 | Diamond Lake Campout | Diamond Lake |
| August 7-11 | LaPine Fiddle Camp | LaPine |
| August 18-21 | Winchester Bay Campout | Winchester Bay |
| September 13-15 | State Quarterly Meeting and Jam | Merrill |

New Members to Welcome!

Gene & Linda Sonnenberg, South Beach
Bob & Linda Graves, Springfield
Max & Angel Mills, Redmond
Gordon & Marianne Andrews, Burns

- Mark Ratzlaff, OOTFA State Membership