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## From Your President

Greetings,

I'm sure the word has spread that the Silver Lake Campout was another huge success with a near record turnout to nice weather and a fun-filled weekend of music & friends. A big thanks for the warm hospitality provided by District 1E, all the volunteers, and the big hearted McClain family.

Can there be too much music this summer? I don't think so. The rest of the year is going to be filled with music festivals, campouts and contests in virtually every part of the state and region. Coming up in June is the popular Hi Desert Jamboree and state board meeting that is also the weekend kickoff for the National Fiddle Contest. Good luck to all our Oregon fiddlers and champions that will be attending.

Here is a new event in July that is worthy of attending. Districts 4, 5, and 10 are hosting a jam to honor our National Treasures, aka, 80+ year olds, both musicians and listeners. Everyone statewide is invited; please help get your senior members to the event if they are unable to travel on their own on Sunday, July 12, 2015. Contact Sharon Thompson, our State Secretary, for more information, times, camping etc. Phone is 541.430.5898 or email to: [mamabear3506@centurytel.net](mailto:mamabear3506@centurytel.net).

Also new this year in late July is the first ever District 3 Central Oregon Country Music Gathering in Prineville at the Crook County Fairgrounds. Check out their website for event and reservation information. [www.centraloregonfiddlers.com](http://www.centraloregonfiddlers.com)

August features two of the most popular yearly events, the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest and the Winchester Bay Campout. Following in September is the Quarterly Merrill State Meeting and Campout hosted by our fine fiddling friends in District 1.

We hope to see as many of you as possible playing music and enjoying your OOTFA friends at these ongoing and new events that are being held this year. Your attendance makes all the work by the districts and volunteers worthwhile and successful.

Don't forget to lend a hand or extend a big thank you at these events when you see your fellow members volunteering so you can have a good time. And while I'm at it, thank you to all the new state district leaders and to our past officers and volunteers that continue to make OOTFA prosper.

To the Music, Roland

~ Roland, President

## From the Editor

As I put together the various parts of this newsletter, I am struck by the generosity and dedication of the membership. Just a peek at the statewide and district events proves how much effort is going on throughout the state to provide music to those in need of cheer, to provide growth opportunities for players of all ages, and to honor the elders who have carried the traditional music to us through their lifetimes. I am excited that Linda Danielson has volunteered to help provide for us the "Tunes of the Month" that she believes are historically important. I am also thankful for Jerry Parks who stepped up and wrote an article for the Fiddle Tips section. Now into my third edition of the newsletter, I can say it is a great pleasure to work with all the reporters and other members of Team Hoedowner! I am proud to be a part of this organization.

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## From the Editor (continued from page 1)

Guy Kinman, 97 years old, twice earned the title of Oregon State Champion Fiddler. An afternoon fiddle jam in August of 2014 celebrated the 80th birthday of fiddler Lois Eagleton and the 97th birthday for Guy. To see Guy and others playing "Dusty's Hornpipe", go to Youtube and type in: "Guy Kinman plays Dusty's Hornpipe". Thank you to Colleen Hanks for setting this up for us to see!

~ Karen Johnson, editor

## From the Editor Emeritus

Alice and I went to the "Warwick's Campout" near Williams, Oregon the first time in 1987. It was there we met Bud and Vi Brown. Vi left us last April at 97. I ran across this journal written by Vi -- I can tell by the names mentioned that her journal was written before the first time we went. I'll share it with you as a tribute to Vi and many of the other old timers.

### SOME IMPRESSIONS OF THE FIDDLERS CAMPOUT

by Vi Brown (Many years ago)

*Fretted all week because I had to work and couldn't get out to Warwick's Ranch until Sat. morning. All that good music floating up to the hills and me not there to hear it. Darn.*

*At last here's their good road and they've done some work on it. Slow down for the bridge and creep past the picnic tables. They're still there by the creek where Bud and I cut black berry vines and placed them by the creek Sunday. It was so nice to sit there in the shade and watch the young'uns cavorting in the 'ol swimin' hole. (I wish it wasn't so cold or I was 20 years younger.)*

*Look -- there's a bunch sitting in the bandstand already and it isn't even noon. What does that sign on the new "john" say? "Reserved for our National President!" Wow, does he ever rate!*

*"Hurry up, lets set up our camp and then go listen to the music. I can't carry a tune or play a note but I can sure clap my hands and let those who do know how and see how much I appreciate them.*

*"Sugar Bear" still greeting newcomers. She's just got to be the friendliest dog in the West. Glad I brought those lolly-pups to treat her when she makes the rounds for tidbits and smiling her pleasure.*



Some visitors at District 10's April jam in Sutherlin included Ken Hooten, Larry Costa and Verna Lee. Accompanying them are Hal Thompson and Gene Hodson.

*Saturday night -- this is perfect. Good music by the campfire under those beautiful stars, hills all around, the creek making music of its own, good hot coffee and wonderful new friends. Who could ask for anything more?*

*Potluck Sunday dinner -- come on everybody you've never seen such food, forget the diets, fill up those plates there is plenty for everybody. Hey, save some of the Clemies cornbread for me, they'll go so good with those baked beans. Taco salad? That sounds good. Look at all those apple pies and cakes. Calories here I come!*

*Just gotta take a nap. How can those musicians play until the wee small hours and then get up and play all day? Overheard Marshall say he'd come to play and would sleep when he got home. I'll swear I heard music at 7:00 a.m. This is living -- music morning, noon and night.*

*Martha, you've run up and down that hill a million times. Well, there's good in all evil they say -- look at all the exercise you're getting.*

*Monday afternoon and people starting to pull out. Hate to think about going home and back to the old grind after this weekend in Warwick's little corner of paradise. Thanks, Warwicks, for sharing with all of us.*

Vi Brown Medford

I recently received a note from Karen Warwick explaining that she is not able to continue hosting the Warwick campout, but the good news is she's now retired and plans to join us at other campouts to keep playing music and catching up with all her friends in OOTFA. Karen, thanks for all you've done over the years to help host the Warwick campouts, to keep us playing and in touch with each other.

~ Lew



Linda Parks performs in the hat contest at Silver Lake "A Flower Blooming In The Wildwood" (an old Carter Family tune).



Phillip & Sheila Fry in the hat contest at Silver Lake.



Rosa Lee in the hat contest at Silver Lake.

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At the May meeting we decided to NOT continue the nursing homes through the summer. If you have any question call Noranne Sparks. Practice is every Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Please call Irene Rudduck if you need more information. 541-882-6418. Thank you to Howard Priddy for coming and practicing with us.

A great big thank you goes out to District 1E for such a wonderful time at Silver lake. Everyone came home so happy, tired but happy.

Here at District 1 our Junior Fiddlers are doing so great. We had a barbecue and marshmallow roast at the Sparks'. Irene taught them the Virginia Reel, the parents learned too. Now after every class, they want to keep learning it. Maybe at Merrill they will give a demonstration of their new talent. Yes. It is already time to start making plans for Merrill, September 17th -20th .

Our "Meet the Member of District 1" for June is Jon Blasius. Jon was born in Detroit, Michigan and was raised in the suburbs nearby. Jon started playing the violin in the fourth grade. He switched to cello

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Silver Lake Campout

What a great turnout for the annual Silver Lake Campout! Sharilyn McLain estimated 130 people from all over the state attended. With wonderful weather conditions, jamming could be heard coming from smaller groups spontaneously formed outside and spread out all around the main hall, to large circles inside the building. What fun and what a diversity of genres was played: Celtic, country, bluegrass, blues, swing, bossa nova, folk and music that was best categorized as "Americana" rang out across the town.

Friday night was dominated by the traditional "HAT CONTEST". Entrants created hats that illustrated the main theme of the song they performed. Mike Wallrich won the contest with a hysterical song about junk food. His accompanists wore hats of chip sacks on their heads. Most original hat was won by Richard Bergeron who had a hat full of arrows. Margaret Keene had the funniest hat. It looked like a toaster cover on her head with a chicken perched on top. She played an original, "Chicken Song." Other notables were Judy and LeRoy Newport who offered a hilarious rendition of "My Wild Irish Rose" while Carolyn's hat adorned with a little red wagon illustrated the song, "Come Ride in my Little Red Wagon."

Saturday night featured bands that were drawn randomly and posted, with about 10 minutes to locate the group members, decide on a name for the band, agree on a song and then play it for the audience. Each band had a fiddler, guitar, bass, and vocalist (or possibility a mandolin, or other instrument) and the

### June Events

7	Meeting	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
13	Farmer's Market Gig	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
14	Dance	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
27	Farmers Market Gig	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

which he played through high school. Jon worked briefly as a cellist with some professional chamber groups. While living in Detroit, he got Canadian television and he used to watch the Don Messer show each week. He had an interest in fiddling all through high school. Someone gave Jon a violin, and when he was 21, he decided to begin fiddling. In Detroit, Jon was trained as a violin repairman and a tool die maker. Some of his friends played bass guitar and hammered dulcimer. They formed a band and started playing for weddings, parties, and at the Henry Ford Museum. Jon fiddled and worked in an Irish Pub. He came out west in 1975 and started playing in bands all over Northern California. He moved to Klamath Falls and joined OTFFA in 2001. Jon enjoys playing western swing, bluegrass, and old time fiddle music.

June Birthdays: Marie Kliewer

Anniversaries: Ben & Fran Coker, Allen and Helen Meyers, Sherman and Jacque Taylor, Richard and Mary Knapp, Del and Noranne Sparks

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

### June Events

Note: Our regular monthly jam has been cancelled for high school graduation.

8	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7:00 p.m.
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range of abilities spanned from rank beginner to accomplished player.

To top off the evening, Rosa Lee presented Sharilyn McLain with a gift in honor of Homer McLain, to acknowledge her central role in the Silver Lake production. She received a beautiful red "depression glass" bowl with dessert cups and Mary Ann McLain presented Sharilyn with a darling rooster pin to go with her collection. Sharilyn gave a moving speech in response that had many of us wiping away tears before heading for the late night jams.

Several people earned Teddy Bears this past weekend, staying up until 3 A.M. and then dancing with the bear. A new tradition was born for the folks who sacrifice the early morning hours before dawn, making coffee and preparing breakfast for the rest of us. It is now possible to become a "Rooster!"

The McLain Family puts on this event, and they do it so well. All of the family members are involved in the production, from behind the scenes arrangement for facilities, shopping for food and supplies, baking cookies, making snacks, and preparing meals for our musical mob. They also tend to the parking issues, do problem solving, meet and greet the musicians, and MC the nightly shows. We owe them all a debt of gratitude for providing such a fun-filled weekend and seeing to it that everyone felt welcome and included. I heard over and over, "This is my favorite gathering." I believe it is due to this loving family's open hearted inclusiveness and genuine love and

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passion for music. "Well done and thank you" to Rosa Lee, Sharilyn, Terry, Larry, Mary Ann, Cambria and everyone else who helped out in the kitchen and with clean up following the Gospel Circle at the end.

NOTE: Someone left a music stand with a clothes pin on it at Silver Lake. Rosa Lee has it.

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Springtime is just blooming with flowers and nice sunny days. What a great time to celebrate Mother's Day with our jam/dance! Good foot stompin' music the dancers had.

Our next jam/dance will be June 14th and July 12th. Keep these dates on your calendar.

Our campout for Central Oregon Country Music Gathering is scheduled for July 30th - Aug 1st. This will be at Crook County Fairgrounds. The committee is really getting geared up for this event. Tentatively, we're planning gospel music on Thursday night, canned bands on Friday night, and dance bands on Saturday night. Of course there will be jamming, music and

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"Not too hot, not too cold but just right," (as Goldilocks would say) was the day of our May Jam at Butte Creek Mill for Vintage Fair Days. Playing at the Mill is great exposure for our district as we not only have the audience seated before us but also those passing by between the vendors, the antique shop and the Mill. Our emcee, Lenny Ferrara, did an excellent job of keeping the musicians moving quickly, announcing each musician and the tune they were going to play. Our performance was professional and the listeners enjoyed the continuous music. The fair has grown in size and now stretches for many blocks offering a variety of entertainment.

Some of our district 4 members had just returned from the Silver Lake Campout and had fun fiddling till the wee hours!

Last month we lost a dear lady, Vi Brown, a well loved and long time member of OOTFA passed away. She was Sheri West's grandmother and a powerful influence in her fiddling. She was a woman ahead of her time, in her 60's she earned a degree in English Literature from Southern Oregon University in 1980. She has been a huge supporter of old time music, and she was dear friends with the Warwick family that also were early members and put on a yearly campout in the Applegate valley. She will be missed, and our thanks go out to Stan Smullins for his faithfulness in bringing her to jams.

We are excitedly awaiting the Allegany kids coming over from District 5, to play with us at Hanley Farms and also at Prospect that evening. They are sweet kids and becoming great little fiddlers,

We hope all of you plus more come back to enjoy the Silver Lake Campout with us next year. My special thanks go to Nancy Yialouris for being this month's special reporter. She was there, saw it, heard it, played it, and reported it, in a very refreshing way.

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter

### June Events

14 Jam/ Dance Powell Butte Community Ctr. 1 - 4 p.m.

dancing every day. As they say..."Come one, come all and enjoy!" Please visit our website: [www.centraloregonfiddlers.com](http://www.centraloregonfiddlers.com). Any questions contact: Jeannette Bondsteel at: [jbond@bendcable.com](mailto:jbond@bendcable.com) or (541) 410-5146.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those who have them this month.

May God bless those who are sick or have lost loved ones. May God bless those serving our country. May they all come home soon.

~ Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter

### June Events

6 June Jam--Gold Dust Days Gold Hill, Or. 12:00 Noon  
June Jam each Wednesday, 1st Methodist Church, Medford,Or.  
Slow Jam 4:00 to 5:00. Regular Jam 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

thanks to the tutelage of Judy McGarvey with support from their parents and school.

Gold Dust Days in Gold Hill, Or. will be another chance to please the crowds and have fun! That's on June 6 at 12 noon... same place under the huge tree, and we'll have a sound system this time.

Don't forget the National Treasure's Picnic in Myrtle Creek on July 12. This will be District 4's jam and picnic too. The potluck starts at 12 noon, but come earlier if you like and get in more music! See y'all soon.

"Do not neglect your music; it will be a companion which will sweeten many hours of life to you."  
Thomas Jefferson

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Keilhorn Grant Recipients: The Keilhorn Grant benefited all these young people and more in the past year!

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## Eliza Mathias

Eliza Mathias is one of OOTFA's new young fiddlers. Eliza is nine years old and started fiddling in September 2014. When she first held a fiddle in her hand, she didn't think she would be able to play it. "I didn't know how to play the notes or hold the bow. I didn't even know how to play Mary Had a Little Lamb!" That was less than a year ago, and now Eliza confidently plays through many fiddle songs. Some of her favorite songs include "Swallowtail Jig", "Bile Them Cabbage Down", and "Spotted Pony."

Eliza fiddles every day at school with the rest of the students in the Allegany Collaborative Education group. She plays about an hour in the morning and enjoys fiddling with her family and friends. "I like it when we split parts," says Eliza, referring to some fiddle songs that have two fiddle parts. "Then, I like it when we come back together and somebody kicks out." Playing in a group is fun and Eliza learns new tunes from other students in the group. Often, other Old-Time Fiddlers attend the practice sessions to play along or accompany Eliza and her classmates.

Eliza started out with a black fiddle, one of the many that the group purchased with guidance from Jolly Hibbits of District 5. "I was excited to get my first fiddle," says Eliza. "I said, 'Yeah! Alright!'" The first fiddles the group purchased were not ready to play and District 5's Bob Schaffer helped with the

initial set up. After a few months, Pat and Ruth Weyer were instrumental in acquiring a fiddle for Eliza from Old Time Fiddler, "Shorty" Dow. Eliza likes her new fiddle. "It is way better than the black fiddle," Eliza says, "especially since it stays in tune."



Jr. Hoedowner: Eliza Mathias

In March, Eliza attended the OOTFA State Contest at Chemeketa Community College. She competed in the Pee Wee division. Her songs included "Old Joe Clark", "White Lily Waltz", and "Spotted Pony". Eliza took second place at the competition. "The contest was fun, but I thought it was going to be scary. It was my first time," Eliza says. "It was awesome when they announced that I got second place!" Eliza is already preparing for next year's competition. "It's going to be harder because it's going to be the next division," she says.

Eliza's main teacher has been Judy McGarvey who travels once a month from Medford to Allegany to teach a group lesson to the students in District 5. "When Miss Judy comes, I run to her and give her a hug!" Eliza says. Twice a month, Eliza and the group travel to Bandon where Bob Schaffer gives them a group lesson. "He helps us add things onto our songs," says Eliza.

In her spare time, Eliza likes spending time with her family. She likes to play church songs on her fiddle, too.

## Fiddle Tips

While Eileen is on sabbatical, we're looking for "fiddle tips" from our membership. This month's "Fiddle Tips" was written by Jerry Parks. I was at his house recently and learned he's quite a techy fiddler. I would love to hear from YOU in the coming months with any tips you might want to share with us. ~Karen

## Using Video to Check Your Bowing ~ by Jerry Parks



Our long, tall Texan...Jerry Parks

To get the best tone and consistent volume out of their fiddle, most beginning fiddlers have been told to practice by watching themselves in a mirror to make sure their bow is going straight and at a right angle to the strings. At best, this is difficult to do. Especially if you're new to fiddling. A much easier way is to take advantage of our technology. A webcam that is not built into your computer is perfect for this. Just face the computer as you normally would, position the webcam to view your fiddle and bow and start sawing away. This allows you to bow in a natural position and view yourself on your computer without having to twist your head in an unnatural position. Another advantage is that you can record both the video and audio for later viewing. If you don't have a hand-held webcam you can still use your built-in camera to record your playing then play it back to check your bowing form.

Webcams can be inexpensive and still have excellent quality. I bought a 12 Mega pixel USB webcam camera, with microphone, on Ebay for only \$8.25 and free shipping.



Dylan Guptil stole the show at Convention with "I've Been Working on the Railroad" on his blue ukulele.

### Tune of the Month - Journeyman's Jig

In the upcoming months, we have a special treat for you. Linda Danielson has offered to share some of the tunes she has collected from her research. We are so lucky to have her as a historical reference! The first tune of this series is "Journeyman's Jig". To find this tune on Youtube (taught by Linda herself)... just go to Youtube and then type in "Journeyman's Jig". A HUGE thank you to Colleen Hanks (District 10) for performing this feat of computer savvy for us.

~ Karen

Linda writes:

"This tune comes from Don Gish, a long-ago Washington, later Oregon, state champion, and a past OOTFA president (1973-74). Raised in northern Idaho, Don heard the broadcasts of popular fiddle shows from Canada, first on radio, and later on TV. He picked up a lot of tunes from Canadian sources, including this one. The most likely source: Don Messer and the Islanders.



Linda Danielson

Journeyman's Jig



District 1 Junior Fiddlers at their barbeque in May!



Bob and Jean Hanson, recipients of the Homer McLain Award for outstanding service to the OOTFA.

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April 18th saw incredibly gorgeous weather here on the coast, most likely the reason for the small audience at our monthly jam. However, it did not diminish the quality of the music, nor the enjoyment of those who were present. One of the highlights was a singing and playing trio composed of Pat Fraser, Gayle Triplett and Dawn Vonderlin. who are all District 5 members. They shared, not only their blended voices, but also played a variety of instruments including ukulele, mandolin and fiddle. Our guests, who always encourage us, were Hal and Sharon Thompson and Jim Kuether from District 10. Thanks for sharing your lives with us.

Five of our members played for a private birthday celebration, sharing old time music, delighting those in attendance as well as making a little money for our district. That's a WIN WIN WIN.

The Allegany fiddle kids are putting their little burg on the map; before long, if they keep at it, Allegany, Oregon will rival Allegany, New York! They continue to practice each school day as they prepare for the school play called Westward Expansion, to be presented May 15th at 6 p.m. The performance will include a number of fiddle tunes including Swallowtail Jig, Spotted Pony, You Are My Sunshine and Tennessee Waltz.

On May 7th Judy McGarvey (District 4) gave them their last lesson of this school year. This gave the students an opportunity to polish their tunes for the play and their future music enjoyment.

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If you had to define a national treasure, what would come to mind? Fort Knox? Smithsonian Institute? Historical museum? For OOTFA, National Treasures are our member affiliates who have achieved the status of eighty years of age. District 6 boasts several members who have the opportunity to celebrate and be celebrated at the National Treasures Potluck and Jam in beautiful Myrtle Creek on July 12. They are our musical gold, priceless and irreplaceable.

Heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Joe Moyle, awarded the Norm Nash Award for service to OOTFA for his years as Hoedowner editor and District 6 gig/jam coordinator, to Patti Luse for her dedication as Membership Chairperson and to Darla Knudsen, who will act as State Secretary and Parliamentarian. During these busy times, theirs are roles that few of us have the time or inclination to fill, but should be prepared to do, as the need arises.

Joe Canaday and Ken Luse will act as co-chairmen for District 6, with Bernie Roberts continuing as Secretary-Treasurer. Ila Mae Carmickle

### June Events

NO JAM THIS MONTH !!.

4	Jam	New Museum	(details will be announced)
12	Jam	Bullard's State Park--Bandon	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
26	Jam	Bullard's State Park--Bandon	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Our annual Winchester Bay Camp Out, Aug. 13th-16th is just around the corner. Write it on on your calendar today. As always, you will be greeted with the music you love, the friends you cherish, and down to earth coastal hospitality. There will be jams all day long, and a sign up board for evening performances, plus cookies, cookies, cookies. Our weather is cooler than the valley or the desert, and the scenery unbeatable.

Come, see, experience and enjoy. Our theme this year is "Nautical: Sea, Ships and Shore", so prepare yourself a tune to showcase.

Mary Weist, and Pat Weyer were recently hospitalized. Rachael Eickhoff, one of our youngest fiddle players, had stitches on one of her fingers. Everyone is doing well now.

We will elect officers at our meeting on May 16th. Please note there will be no June jam in Winchester Bay. We hope to see you at the Hi Desert Jamboree in Burns that weekend.

"Composers should write tunes that chauffeurs and errand boys can whistle." Thomas Beecham

~ Susan Joubert, reporter filling in for Mary Weist

### June Events

5	Friday night jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 10 p.m.
6	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
8	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1 - 4 p.m.
12	Friday night jam	Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
13	Monthly Jam	Central Grange	10 - 3 p.m.
19	Friday night jam (not OOTFA sponsored)	Yapoh Terrace	7 - 10 p.m.
26	Friday night jam	Central Grange	7 - 10 p.m.

has agreed to keep fiddlers' skills tuned up and advancing by being our Fiddle Mentor.

Attendance at both basic and intermediate classes indicates strong interest and commitment to learning and practicing frequently-played jam tunes. Special kudos to rhythm players, Peggy Mulder on bass, Jim Hoots, Steve Johnson and Art Choate, and to Darla and Jesse Knudsen who ensure that the infrastructure and communications for class are in place. We will have a dry spell until September because it's Yee-Haw time for fiddlers at summer camps and jams all over!

WCFCW 2015 (FIDDLE CAMP) looms large. Its popularity has grown. The registration deadline is June 30. Be there, or be sad, lonely and left out, as those of us up in Westfir will be making merry with music, dance and fiddle-friendly fellowship (read here, JAMMING!)

The spring weather challenges us to prioritize music over yard tasks and outdoor pursuits. A gentle reminder: if we don't use it, we

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could lose it. Some jams have been lightly attended. Please come when you can. The format includes a circle jam followed by a potluck followed by a sign-up jam with back-up of choice.

Milestones: We bid farewell to John Childers, who has left the fold. His daughter, Marlene Chatoian, survives him. Please join us in extending sympathies.

Tenaya Cooley was awarded a scholarship for \$150.00 for fiddle lessons. She blew folks away at this year's convention, so hers is an

example of scholarship funding well spent!

Special thanks from your reporter to Lynne and Gary Baran, Keith Barr, Louise Dandurand, John Gent, Joe Grivel, Nina Hoffman, Brian Lighthart and Sandy Wallrich for motivating teams and supporters with stepping-out music for this year's MS Walk at Alton Baker Park on May 9.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

## District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

**Chair:** Donna Foreman, 503-630-3577

**Co-Chair:** Rick Bergeron, 503-655-6969

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Ron Zabudsky, 503-630-7499

**Membership:** Marcella Easley, 503-631-3149

**Reporter:** Elaine Schmidt, 503-492-0750

**Scheduler:** Ron Zabudsky, 503-630-7499

A number of District 7 members attended the Silver Lake gathering this year and as usual enjoyed the annual hat contest. There were three categories and Rick Bergeron won best hat in relationship to the song he played. His songs were Snow Deer (a love song) and Son Don't Go Near the Indians. His wife, Joyce, reported that he won a nice throw blanket! Ron Beatty let me know that it was unusually warm this year in Silver Lake and that was wonderful because the campout is generally frosty. Also he was happy to report about the new restaurant in town—sounds like it was a great weekend for all!

Rick Bergeron, of the scholarship committee, would like to thank all those who contributed to the scholarship fund drive this year.

### June Events

7	Jam	Estacada Comm. Center	12 - 4 p.m.
		(Sign-up playing from 1:00 to 3:30)	
28	NW Jam	Gresham (600 NE 8th)	11 - 3 p.m.
		(Sign-up playing from 12:30 to 3:00)	

It ended in May but people can still contribute to it throughout the next year.

The Weiser contest is coming up on the 22nd of June, and we are wondering how many District 7 members are attending this year. Perhaps you can email me and I will compile a list. Let me know if you will be there to compete or just listen and enjoy. elaineschmidt79@yahoo.com.

Just a reminder to members who usually attend the Estacada Public Library circle jam-- there is no jam in June but the regular Sunday jams will continue in the Fall. Have a wonderful summer!

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

## District 8 (Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport Area)

**Chairman:** Lew Holt, 503-391-5377, lewholt@aol.com

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**Reporter:** Alice Holt, 503-391-5377

Saturday afternoon, on an 84 degree day, District 8 fiddlers gathered at Mission Mill in Salem. The event was the annual Sheep to Shawl Celebration. We played on the porch of the old church with a lovely view of the activities down the hill from us. Fourteen of us played from 1:30 to 3 o'clock. We took turns leading tunes. Four of our young fiddlers joined in: Adam Sully, River Clark, and James and Micheal Christof. So good to have all of you! Might as well list the adult players too: Dick Dery, Jim Wallace, Gayle Clarity, Darlene Bryant, Loita Colebank, Ray and Marie Cunningham, Fred Hardin, Lew and Alice Holt.

After several attempts to find a suitable date, Lew and Alice Holt and Darlene Bryant, played at a care facility in Stayton. A lady requested some music for her uncle who has enjoyed fiddle events in the past. We played in the "50's Diner Room" - jukebox, old movie posters, red and chrome stools and all. Quite a few other residents came to listen too. When we opened the envelope later, it contained \$100, a nice contribution to our district treasury.

We will have played at the Newberg mobile home park on May

### June Events

8	Dist. 8 Picnic	Fred Hardin's log house	11 - 3 p.m.
28	Strawberry Social	Aurora Colony Museum	2 - 4 p.m.

16. It's a nice place and the residents really enjoyed the music when we played there before.

It's picnic time: June 13th from 11 AM to 3 PM, Fred Hardin will be hosting us in Dallas. Bring potluck food, eating ware, a chair or two if you can, and of course your fiddle, guitar, banjo or voice. Visitors welcome!

DIRECTIONS: (Note: Fred has moved back to the log house). Driving into Dallas you'll be on Ellendale Ave. Stay on Ellendale through the main traffic light with the shopping center on the right. Continue straight, passing Lyle School on the left. Go a few more blocks. Turn right on Douglas, drive up hill three long blocks, turn right on Reed Lane, go one block. It's a log house with a red metal roof, on the corner of Ashley and Reed Lane. See you there!

Some District 8 members will be traveling to Burns for the Jamboree and then on to Weiser for the National Fiddle Contest. Happy fiddling and safe driving everyone.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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## District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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**Chair:** Janet Braymen, 541-573-1323, hammerin@centurytel.net

**Co-Chair:** Pam Listcher

**Secretary/Treasurer:** George Sahlberg

**Reporter:** Marianne Andrews

### June Events

5	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
12	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
15	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
18-20	Jamboree	Harney Co. Fairgrounds	all weekend!
26	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

Contact an officer for the location of the host of the Friday night jams.

Our final second Sunday monthly jam was filled with listening guests, Dave and Tracy Jones, Gary and Judy Sahlberg, Aimee Kent, Bill McMunn, and 10 musicians with guest mandolin player, Pat Reed. We hope all had a nice Mothers Day.

Our Country Music Jamboree time is here!!! June 18th, 19th and 20th will be a wonderful time of jamming and visiting. Workshops, food, camping, RVing, main hall performances,

jamming everywhere, and smiles will all be available. All the happenings are in the Harney County Fairgrounds. We are also having a youth jam. Workshop leaders include Dave Barton on fiddle and Leroy Newport on banjo. Early birds are welcome and can join us for jams in the local restaurant. For more information call Janet at 541-573-1323. Everyone come on over. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

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## District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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### June Events

26	Show/Booth, Umpqua Valley Arts Festival, Roseburg	2:30 - 3:30 p.m. (show); 3 - 6 p.m. (info booth)
27	Jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall 12 - 3 p.m.

hope that everyone who has been under the weather is feeling better. We miss you and hope to see you soon.

Over fifty people attended our fourth Saturday jam in April at the Sutherlin Grange Hall. There was wonderful music, smooth dancing, delicious snacks, and a special cake for all celebrating April birthdays. District 5 visitors included Larry and Bonnie Costa (Coos Bay), Verna Lee (Coos Bay), Pat and Ruth Weyer (North Bend) and Ken Hooton (Coquille). From District 6, it's always great to see Jesse and Darla Knudsen (OOTFA State Secretary) from Junction City. Thanks for coming.

Our district has several public performances planned this summer. Visiting OOTFA members are welcome and encouraged to join us at these gigs: Umpqua Valley Arts Festival (Show 2:30 - 3:30 pm and Info Booth 3 - 6 pm on June 26; gate fee not included), Eagleview Music Family Reunion (6 - 8 pm on August 28), Music Off Central in Sutherlin (6 - 8 pm on September 4).

District 10 and visitors performed at the 12th Annual Oakland Car Show & Shine on May 9. Two lively sets of oldtime music were performed from 11 - 12:30 pm and 1 - 2:30 pm. Jim Kuether's 1929 Dodge Brothers Coupe won first place in his class.

We play monthly semi-private gigs at Callahan Court, Callahan Village, Brookdale Memory Care, Riverview Terrace Assisted Living, Rosehaven Nursing Care. Sharon Thompson is our temporary Program Director until someone else takes it on a regular basis. Contact her if you'd like to join us at any of our shows.

Congratulations to Bob and Jean Hanson who were recently presented the Homer McLain Award for outstanding service to OOTFA. Besides being an emcee, Bob has been custodian of our P.A. system, signs and equipment. Always cheerful, Bob frequently visits other districts and is seen providing excellent back-up accompaniment with his guitar. A former District 10 Program Director, Jean organized gigs by coordinating venues and performers. Jean also happily helps in the kitchen or wherever else she is needed.

At our jams, we have a table to display instruments for sale, exchange or rent. Ten percent of sale proceeds go back to District 10 and OOTFA. Bring your spare instruments for the table. We appreciate the fiddles, guitars and mandolin that Don Hamlin and Larry Costa recently brought.

As several District 10 folks regularly attend, District 6 has asked me to pass along that Ila Mae's Fiddle Classes will not be happening in July, August and September.

We'll celebrate birthdays on June 10 - Mac Parker; 12 - Bob Hanson's 85th; 15 - Ann Hodson; 19 - Ernie Farley; and 23 - Sharon Thompson. We

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

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Districts 4, 5 and 10 are planning the "National Treasures" celebration, picnic and jam in Myrtle Creek's Millsite Park on Sunday, July 12 to honor attending OOTFA members who are 80 or older in 2015.

- Jamming begins at 10 a.m. At noon, there will be a members' potluck in which the districts will provide chicken, hotdogs, table service, and beverages. Please bring a potluck dish to complement. From 1-4 p.m., the public is invited to listen in.
- Directions: From I-5 North or South Take Exit 108 toward Myrtle Creek. Turn slight right onto OR-99 (Main Street). Turn right onto SW 4th Ave. Millsite City Park is on the left. Camping is available, both RV and dry camp. A few full-hook RV spots are still available at \$20 per night. Contact Sharon Thompson to reserve at 541 430 5898 or mamabear3506@centurytel.net. The RV sites are quite long and would accommodate two smaller rigs. Dry camping is \$10 and need no reservation. (441 SW Fourth Ave.)
- Some folks are coming to camp for the weekend and enjoy the events and area. Roseburg is holding their Graffiti Weekend which presents many old cars and a parade on Saturday. Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville is only 8 miles away. Winston will be hosting a Summer Night Cruise from 5-10 p.m. on Saturday night, with live music by Kenny Homes and the Blues Daddys. It's a beautiful part of the state to explore, with the South Umpqua River adjacent to the RV park. Come to Myrtle Creek for this celebration!



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## State Calendar

Hi Desert Jamboree & State Board Mtg.	Burns	June 18-20
National Fiddle Contest	Weiser, Idaho	June 22-27
National Treasures Potluck & Jam	Myrtle Creek	July 12
West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir	July 20-23
Central Oregon Country Music Gathering	Prineville	July 30-Aug 2
Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Benton Co. Fairgrds-Corvallis	August 1
Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Bay	August 13-16
Merrill Campout & State Mtgs.	Merrill	September 17-20

## New Members to Welcome!

Ronald Crabtree  
Muriel and Bob King

Klamath Falls  
Yachats

**Patti says:** The **2015 Roster** is available now for \$2 each! You can pick one up at your district's meeting, where they may have some to sell, or you can have one mailed directly to you by sending \$3.75 (includes shipping costs) to: Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Drive, Eugene, OR 97401. It's a great investment that allows us to stay connected with other members and provides other valuable information about the OOTFA organization.

- Patti Luse, State Membership Chair