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From Your President

Greetings to all members of the OOTFA and welcome to our July Hoedowner. Now that summer is--for all intents and purposes--here, we can get on with all the fiddle outings and fun that is associated with what we do. And what we do is play the fiddle and all those wonderful backup instruments. By the time you get this edition of your newsletter, District 9's High Desert Fiddle Jamboree and our OOTFA Quarterly Board Meeting will have been completed. And of course the Weiser National Fiddle Contest will have followed right after. The high desert this time of year is magnificent. Remember to encourage your friends and neighbors to come along and join us for these summer outings. They won't regret it! This month's offering is a bit short, but I have to dig out the BBQ and get it tuned up, along with my fiddle. Remember, "Practice is the mother of perfection," or at least it should be!!

~ Jim

New Members to Welcome!

Oran and Susan Barr Grants Pass
Melinda and Tim Brown Corvallis

From the Editor:

Summer is finally upon us. After a hard winter, each summer day seems precious, and I am savoring every moment... the birdsong, the breezes, the vibrant green of the hillsides, and the little colorful surprises popping up in my gardens. With the threats of icy roads and mudslides behind us (for a while), summer also brings us opportunities to travel and gather inspiration from people around the state who play the music we love. I look forward to these gatherings with excitement and appreciation, knowing how much effort it takes within the districts to plan a jamboree, a fiddle camp, or a campout. These gatherings of musicians are what fuel our inspiration and skills, and I'm trying to gather enough fuel to last another long, rainy winter! I hope to see you out there!

~ Karen

Silver Lake Photos



District 7 performs "White Lillies" for the hat contest



Edna Jenkins and Garrit Bondsteel perform in the hat contest.

From the Editor Emeritus

Music can both make us sad and help us deal with our sadness. The tune, "Will the Circle be Unbroken" probably touches me most as I remember my mother who loved fiddling so much. Her father was an old time fiddler in Kansas many years ago. It was his fiddle that I inherited, starting me on the journey that brings me here today.

In 1990, Alice and I were asked to play "One Day at a Time" at Barbara McLeod's funeral. Barbara was the widow of Les who had been one our most respected fiddlers in the area and a grand fellow. It was to have been a graveside service on the edge of the sand dunes, a mile or so from the ocean near Bandon. When we arrived at the graveyard, it started to rain, so the services were changed to a little nearby country church.

At the little country church, Alice and I were asked to play both before the service and during the service. Alice and I looked at each other. We weren't prepared to play "funeral tunes" so I announced that Barbara was always with Les at our jams so we would play Les's tunes. We played lively tunes like "Red Wing", "Just Because", "Snow Deer", "I'll be all Smiles Tonight", "Golden Slippers", etc. As we played, tears flowed freely from Les and Barbara's many friends. After the service, they told us how much they'd enjoyed our choice of tunes and how the fiddle music had made them feel both sadness and joy. The music had brought back some sadness as they remembered the "old times" with Les and Barbara, but it brought many happy memories with it too. Their tears came both from sadness at their loss and from joy at having enjoyed the music together for many years.

Each of us experiences fiddle music in our own way. I may lack the skills of a good player but if my simple little tunes bring happiness to others, then I am happy.

~ Lew

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Greetings All from District One,

Sadly, Fred Stiverson, another long time member of District 1 has passed away. He and his lovely lady Lorainne have always been staple members at District 1 jams and gigs. They would always take a turn on the dance floor, dancing to their favorite



District 1 member, Lena Dreyer, performs for the Henley Middle School Talent Show on her Phil Fry fiddle.

July Events

8	Farmer's Market	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
9	Meeting/Jam Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3 p.m.
20	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
20	Pacifica/Brookdale	1 - 2 p.m.
27	Quail Park (Bistro)	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
27	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays 1- 4 p.m. at Luther Square. Check with Irene Ruddock for date and times 541-882-6418.

waltzes. Fred was very well liked, always a smile, a hello, and an encouraging word. He was always helpful in anyway possible and really enjoyed fiddle music...he was a beautiful soul and will be very missed! Fred's Memorial Service will be held at Quail Park in Klamath Falls at 2 p.m. on July 21st. It will be held in the downstairs "Terrace Room". Fiddlers are asked to come and play...PLEASE DO COME! 😊

In other District news; Our Farmer's Market schedule is finally underway and it will be fun to get outside, play fiddle music (hopefully in the sun!) and see our Junior Fiddlers perform some of their new tunes. I have it on good authority that the Junior Fiddlers are having fun, learning new songs such as "Gold Rush" and that they've built up their musical repertoire to 50 songs! They are planning on attending July's Farmer's Market on the 8th, so come take a listen and cheer them on. GREAT JOB YOU GUYS! 😊

Another District 1 member, Lena Dreyer, recently preformed on her (Phillip Fry) fiddle in front of almost 500 students at her school's talent show. She was the first to perform, and stole the show (says this proud Mama!) while playing "Lisdoon Varna" into "Swallowtail Jig". I could tell one of the grandpas of another student, who was sitting behind me was an accomplished musician because he was keeping excellent time to Lena's fast jigging, and when she was done I not only heard him hooting and hollering, so were all the kids!! Way to go Lena!!

July Birthdays: Fran Coker, Lorraine Degnan, Rebecca Hazen, London Larson, Aline Swartwood, and Les Tucker.
July Anniversaries: Mike and Lynn Foster.

Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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It is a rare but welcome event when District 1E can claim new members, but we can officially do that this month by welcoming **Harry and LeAnna Robins** of Silver Lake to our membership roll. We hope they'll be able to join us for jams and state gatherings on a regular basis. Also, **Laura and Jerry Light**, former members of our district but now residents of Nevada, officially joined OOTFA when they attended our Silver Lake Campout. Welcome back Laura and Jerry! We still claim them because they make the trip to Lakeview to jam with us at least twice a year.

July brings an opportunity to travel out of town for a worthy event. **Rope For Hope** is a rodeo contest held in Denio, NV, and is a fund raiser for women who are diagnosed with breast cancer, are fighting the disease and need financial assistance. It was started by the Duffurena family a few years ago and has turned into an annual event. There will be music, roping, swag for sale, and a good time will be had for all. It is a hot event, literally and figuratively, so bring sunscreen and a hat if you decide to attend.

Our local event, **Take Back E Street** on July 22 features a car show, food and wine tasting and supports our local merchants. If you decide to join us for that occasion, come early so you can look over the cars and check out the food booths. We'll set

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Howdy from District 3,

We had the "kickoff" meeting of the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering committee on Jun 4th. It was a good informative meeting, and we will be putting some updated information on our website as soon as plans and forms are finalized. Please do mark your calendars for the event...September 7 - 9.

Garitt, Janice, and Jeannette are headed down to Lakeview to play music with the McClain family on Jun 8th. They will be joined by Peggy Price and hopefully Edna Jenkins. They will join us in Burns after roaming around the Warner Wetlands.

Our June events will be held after the Hoedowner has been printed so we will report on the happenings in next month's report as well as our July event. At our June jam/dance, we will be holding officer elections and several members will have played at Touchmark Senior Living in Bend.

July Events

6	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.
10	business meeting	Senior Center, Lakeview	7 p.m.
13	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.
15	jam	Rope for Hope Denio, NV	All day
20	Jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.
22	jam	Take Back E Street, Lakeview	11 a.m.
27	jam	Rosa Lee's House	5 p.m.
29	jam	Mosquito Festival High School, Paisley, OR	11 a.m.

up in front of the 39'er, our local variety store on E Street, and probably start making music as soon as we get the sound set up just about 11 o'clock.

The little town of Paisley, an hour north of Lakeview on Highway 31, hosts the **Mosquito Festival** at the end of the month. There is a parade, rodeo, and music. District 1E sets up on the High School lawn and moves with the shade. That event starts for us about 11 a.m. and goes until there is no one left to listen to the music, well into the afternoon. Anyone who'd like to join us for that event is welcome, as well.

By the time this issue of the Hoedowner is circulated, the Burns Country Jamboree will be a memory. At this writing however, it is still a week away and those of us who live out here in the high desert are eagerly anticipating meeting up with our fiddlin' friends and pickers again to share some tunes and laughs. This is the season for merriment and music and we all thrive on it!

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

July Events

9	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	Powell Butte CC	1 - 3:30 p.m.
9	Musicians Jam	Powell Butte CC	4 - 5:30 p.m.

Quite a few of our District 3 members will be in Burns for the High Desert Jamboree on June 15 - 17, and we hope to see all there. Burns is always great fun with good music and friends.

Short and sweet report...watch out for next month's though!!

See you in Burns,

~ Kim Martin and Pat Borden District 3 Reporters



District 3 members jam at Powell Butte: Vivian Tucker, Frank Borden, John Schultz, Wayne Bobitt, Tommy Tucker.

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District 4 Website: www.OOTFA4.org Check Us Out!

For our June monthly jam, we were deep in the heart of the beautiful Applegate Valley performing for the 100th anniversary of the McKee Covered Bridge. That morning we all had to go to the back of our closets to find warm clothes, as the day was wet and chilly. We had an excellent turnout of musicians, and when we arrived, our faithful sound man, Everett Costa, had everything set up under a shelter where we cheerfully bunched together to stay dry and warmer. We were so pleased to have Scott Phillips and his fiddle back playing with us. We ushered him right up to the mike to open the program with "Snow Deer", one of his favorites. The anniversary celebration was well attended even through the showers. The audience was seated in front of us under their own shelter enjoying the warm food that had been prepared and tapping their toes to the old tunes.

We were scheduled to play that evening at the R.V. Park in Prospect, but it had to be canceled due to the unpredictable weather. We had our first gig of this year there two weeks ago. The visitors there are different each time, but they all really enjoy



Scott Phillips opening District 4's performance at the McKee Bridge anniversary.

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We had our May meeting on the 20th at Winchester Bay. I would like to encourage our members to seriously consider attending our meetings which are held 4 times a year. If there is not a quorum (13 members) present, no motions can be made. In order to proceed with business, we must have a good representation of our membership. You are invited to join us and participate in the decision-making process. Each of you has abilities and talents that our district needs. We want to welcome and encourage your participation. Our meetings are always followed by finger food, a time of sharing, visiting, and enjoying one another's company. It also affords a few minutes for the musicians to get ready for the stage show, by tuning up and verifying songs that others might be playing. Oct. 21st is our next meeting. Let's strive for a great turnout.

July Events

4	gig	The Springs, Veranda Park, Medford	12:30 p.m.
8	District 4 Picnic	Lake Creek	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
10	gig	Britt Children's Festival, Jacksonville	9 a.m.

the old music and especially learning to dance the Virginia Reel. It's been terrific to have some of our newest fiddlers come out to join our fun. Andrew Rosas, Jessie Lotts and Shania and Laura Deen have been coming to show off their fiddling skills.

We're more than happy to report that Cathy and Tom Frutchey are home. Cathy is receiving treatments locally and hopes to be playing with us soon. We hope so too! Sylvia Chapman is home recovering and receiving therapy on her shoulder. She's taking it slow; she wants to be 100 percent when she comes back, and Peggy Hudson is still having therapy for her wrist. Get well soon. We miss all of you! We were so sorry to hear that Al DeWees has passed. Al and Libby have been District 4 members for many years. Al played the bass fiddle and hammered dulcimer. Libby is one of our fiddlers.

Check the online calendar for new play dates. We will be at the Springs, Veranda Park on July 4 at 12:30 playing for the residents. The Britt Children's Festival, Jacksonville, July 10 will be a fun day. Our district picnic is July 8, at Lost Creek from 10- 4. Bring your own lunch; drinks will be provided. Don't forget your chair and instruments! See ya soon.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Carol and Lenny Ferrara at the District 4 jam in the Applegate.

July Events

14	gig	Bullards State Park, Bandon	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
15	on stage/circle jam	Winchester Bay Comm. Ctr.	1 - 4 p.m.
28	gig	Bullards State Park, Bandon	6:30 - 8 p.m.

Planning meeting for campout.... to be announced

We will be playing at Bullards State Park in Bandon on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, giving an evening performance as listed above. One of the things that encourages us during the summer is that we also have opportunities to play for private and festive events. On June 10th, we had two such gatherings. An anniversary party took place at the Langlois cheese factory, and that same afternoon a group put on a 45 minute stage show for the Clamboree; the latter event was held in the Ed Lund Park in the Empire district. Fortunately, we had enough musicians to commit to playing both venues, however, our pool of musicians is getting sparse. We welcome any of you at any event, so please, if you play an instrument come and join us; if you don't play come and be part of the audience. We use these opportunities to further our outreaches to the

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Junior Fiddler: Barrett Amacker (District 1E)



Barrett is 12 years old and in 6th grade. He lives way out in Southeast Oregon in Lakeview. He started playing fiddle when he was 7 years old, and his grandfather (Terry McLain) has been his teacher.

He says, "I like playing with my family, and I like making friends." He plays fiddle, and he loves to sing. His favorite events with Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers are the campouts at Merrill and Silver Lake. He loves to play "Boil them Cabbages", and he plays it fast because "it just gets people going." He also enjoys playing "The Blues" because he likes the feeling in those tunes. When he goes to his local district jams, he has the responsibility of reporting to the members about any of the statewide events he's attended. He explains to them who was there and what happened.

When he's not playing music with his family, he likes playing football, baseball, and basketball. He also likes to cook, and his favorite things to make are: bacon, cookies, and cakes.

Fiddle Tips: by OOTFA President and Oregon State Fiddle Champion 2017... Jim Kuether

Have you ever noticed when learning a new tune, that there is a big difference in playing it to your self vs performing it on stage or before the public the first time? Or for that matter, just playing along with back up? My propensity is to want to listen to the back up and forgetting the tune when played for the first or second time. So I make it a habit of trying it out in front of an audience with all its distractions before playing on stage. My favorite way is to play it before a shut-in audience first. They don't mind a mistake or two for the most part! Of course the more experience you get playing in front of an audience the more confidence you will have with your playing skills and the better the delivery. You will know you have the piece down when your muscle memory takes over and your fingers do the walking!!



Jim Kuether, backed up on bass by Ken Luse.



Joe Ross (District 10) with Secretary Darla Knudsen (District 6) and Jerry Hash (District 10).



Janet Brayman (District 9) keeps those little hammers moving!



Tune of the Month for July 2017: District 10's Selection, Metsakukkia

I first learned this tune as part of the open band repertoire for contradances with the South Coast Folk Society. Then, after hearing it also played by Jim Kuether, I thought it would be good for "tune of the month." If you would like a copy of the triple fiddle harmonies version, feel free to email me and I will send you a PDF file of it. Thanks to Noel Lareau (WOTFA) for providing the harmony version.

To hear Jim Kuether and Jesse Knudsen playing this lovely waltz, go to youtube and search for "Jim Kuether and Jesse Knudsen Metsakukkia". A video of these two great Oregon fiddlers will come up, along with them playing "Tronda Burra" ("Bride's Waltz") as well. You can even practice your harmony part to these tunes while playing along with their melodies on Youtube!

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Metsäkukkia

The musical score for "Metsäkukkia" is presented in a single system with seven staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chords are indicated by letters above or below the staff. The score includes several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and first/second ending brackets (indicated by '1' and '2' above a bracketed section). The chords used are Am, E, Dm, G, C, Bm, and Dm. The melody concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

This is a very popular tune in Finland where it is an accordion standard. Imported to the Scandinavian communities in the northern U.S., the name in Finnish means "Woodland Flower."

District 5 (Continued from page 4)

communities that we serve. Many thanks to Jim Kuether and Hal Thompson (District 10) and Jesse Knudsen (District 6) for sharing their music with us so often at our regular monthly gigs. You truly enhance our time together. Yemaya Wind and Barbara Scheirman, two of our members who have been taking fiddle lessons, were such an encouragement when they joined us to play at our gig at Pacific View Care Center in Bandon. We are grateful that they were willing to step out and step up.

The summer has finally dawned on our coastal counties, and are we ever glad! At least we did not wash away this year! With

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I've shared with friends that one of the beauties about OOTFA events is that they are one of few places where there's not time nor inclination toward 'shop talk'. Work personas are put on the back burner in order to be in the moment with the music and fellow musicians. I know little about most players, except some that I play with frequently.

When our district's new board was elected last month, Peggy Mulder, our chairperson, asked us to provide a snapshot of who we are personally and what led us to OOTFA. Perhaps you would like to meet us, too.

Peggy was raised in Northern California and earned a BA in music education. She played French Horn in bands and ensembles, taught instrumental music in a middle and high school, and gave private lessons on horn and oboe. After retiring, she became a long-haul cross-country truck driver. She has served on a variety of several music-oriented non-profit organizations. A member of OOTFA since 2011, she picked up bass after joining. She enjoys helping members reap the benefits of group goals.

Bernie Roberts was recruited in 1994 and is our longest-serving officer. Jim Lockard helped him buy his first guitar, and Ray Mitchell set him up with lessons. He was elected co-chair in 2001 and has been Secretary-Treasurer since 2004. Bernie's proud of OOTFA's purpose and his role in it and values the opportunity to play with the variety of talented musicians. He resigned as Secretary in April and Shirley Nemke was elected to replace him. He remains our Treasurer.

Shirley moved to Eugene from Missouri in 2013 to be closer to her kids. Her career was centered around computers. She retired to the countryside outside



Peggy Mulder (District 6) plays bass with District 10.

all the rain, we had our doubts. Hopefully you are planning to join us mid-August for our camp-out. As mentioned each year, the weather is much more refreshing than that of the valley. You may actually need a sweater or jacket. The car show WILL NOT be the same weekend as our campout, as it was last year. Thus the parking should be much better. Our menu for the members' Thursday night dinner is pulled-pork sandwiches with side dishes. It will be followed by a 6 p.m. sign-up stage show.

See you there!

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

July Events

1	Intermediate Fiddle	River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
3	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran	1 - 4 p.m.
6	jam	Old World Deli, Corvallis	7 - 9ish p.m.
7	jam	Eugene Hotel (OOTFA jam)	7 - 9 p.m.
8	meeting, jam, potluck	Central Grange	10 - 3 p.m.
14	jam	Elmira Grange	7 - 9ish
15	Celebration of Life for Cal Montgomery at Harrisburg Pavilion 12:30 p.m.		
17-20	West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops		Westfir
21	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 - 9 p.m.
28	jam	Willakenzie (OOTFA jam)	7-9ish

of Farmington, Mo., and took up violin to learn a new skill. After moving to Oregon, she attended a few jams, was lured into Ila Mae's classes and was hooked.

I have a BA in Piano Performance and a Music Education endorsement and came to fiddling after my kids were grown. I've been an OOTFA member since 2008 and will serve as co-chair. I am a retired Special Education teacher and am currently the Music Specialist at Territorial Elementary in Junction City. I will co-teach the Advanced Beginning Youth Class at fiddle camp.

District 6 members are jamming and performing all over the valley! One of the latest ventures has been introducing young'uns to the sweaty glee of square dancing. Thanks to Jesse Knudsen, Evelyn Horner, Ernie Connelly, Allan Stults, Tenaya and Bruce Cooley and Jerry Parks who played with me up at the Territorial Elementary barn-raising party. Brandon Olszewski was our caller. And thanks to Pem and John Winqvist, George Anderson, John Gent, Sue Cooper, Jim McMillan, Wes Hardin for playing with me at Kennedy Middle School's Western Round-up with Rosie Sweetman calling. What a blast for all!

District 6 presents: West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops July 17 - 20. We offer four days of excellent instruction, joyful jamming and opportunities to network--all at a very affordable price. Full scholarships are available for youth. Register on our website or contact Chairman Jerry Parks for details: fiddlescratcher67@gmail.com or call 541-905-2312.

Milestones

Birthdays: Lynne Baran, Emily Moyle, Amy Burrow, Mark Ratzlaff, Sal Fiducia, Jerry Parks.

Anniversaries: Bernie and Marie Roberts, Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle, Alberta and Bill Gilbert.

The family of OOTFA lifetime member Calvin Montgomery who passed away in February, is holding a celebration of life for Cal on Saturday, July 15 starting at 12:30 at the pavilion in Harrisburg. The family is providing lunch. Come with photos and memories of Cal.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

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Greetings All!

I hope that many of you District 7 members will join me at the West Cascades Fiddle Camp July 17-20. It is a wonderful learning experience with daily classes and workshops, evening concerts and one on the last day, and lots and lots of jamming. It's located in beautiful Westfir at the Westridge Middle School. I look forward to seeing you there.

In May we played at a new venue: St. James Episcopal Church which is on Bull Mt. in Tigard. We had a great turn-out of OOTFA musicians and audience members as well, and it was lovely to have a few refreshments at the end of our gig. We look forward to this venue again and are glad we can meet on the

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Summer arrives officially on June 21st. We've already had some summer weather, often followed by a few days of rain. We see green everywhere, trees and lawns. Lots of blooming things add splashes of color.

Les Tucker, Jim Wallace, Darwin Wattles, Darlene Bryant and Lew and Alice Holt entertained at Avamere in south Salem in May. There were only a few people in the audience, but they enjoyed the music.

After a nice lunch from the menu, a large group played at the American Legion Hall in McMinnville. Enough of us ordered and paid for our lunches to cover the rent. Jim Wallace set up the sound system with help from Les Tucker. Thanks guys! You made us sound good.



Cathy Frutchey (District 4) and Darla Knudsen (District 6) get a hug in at Convention 2017.

July Events

30 NW Jam 600 NE 8th St., Gresham, OR Doors open at 11 a.m.
Sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

"west side" of Portland for a change. Thanks to Fred Davis for setting this up.

In June we met at Cherry Park Plaza again which is out in Troutdale and at Marcella Easley's community clubhouse for the first time. I wasn't able to be at either event but look forward to playing there soon.

I want to give you a heads-up about our August 16th date at the Clackamas County Fair. We will be performing on the Grove Stage from 2-4 p.m. This is always a fun event with a good audience. Ron Zabudsky has free admission passes and limited parking permits. We usually have an excellent turn-out for this event, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

July Events

Our schedule for July has yet to develop. District members will be notified by email or phone if something comes up.

Our annual District 8 potluck picnic was at Lynn and Fred Hardin's home in Dallas. A big thank you to the Hardins for hosting the picnic! Another annual event was playing in Aurora for their Strawberry Social. We play on the open stage under the big maple tree. It's always well attended by the public. Oregon Strawberry Shortcake is the best ever. Ending June for the district was an evening gig at Dallas Retirement. We played at 6:30 in the Cascade Commons, a new facility there.

Quite a few from District 8 trekked to Burns for the High Desert Jamboree. I always enjoy the trip up and over the mountains seeing the Douglas firs give way to pines, and then onto the high desert with junipers and wide open spaces. We almost always spot a few antelope along the highway. The jamboree itself is fun for all. Thanks District 9 for all you do!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter



Loita Colbank, Truman Price (both District 8) and Margaret Keene (District 3) perform together.

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By the time you all get this, our COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE will be happening, and no doubt we are having a good time. We so appreciate all those who are helping out. Couldn't do it without you. We really are having a ball.

We especially wish to thank the Keilhorn Grant for the Youth Fiddlers' Workshops. The workshops introduce youth to playing fiddle for the first time or, for those more experienced players, they give a big boost toward learning new tunes and improving skills.

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Our jam on May 27 was well attended, and it was nice to see guests Jesse and Darla Knudsen and Peggy Mulder. Jesse always provides fine fiddling. Darla is a big help everywhere. Peggy brought her camera to take some photos, and she also played upright bass for a while. District 10 is honored to offer the tune of this month, a Finnish waltz called "Metsäkukka" (meaning woodland flowers). Be sure to check out a video I uploaded to You Tube of Jim Kuether and Jesse Knudsen playing this beautiful tune at our May 27 jam.

Birthdays this month include Richard Poelstra (July 4), Kelly Wadsworth (July 6), Colleen Hanks (July 22), and Liz Crain (July 26). Happy Birthday to y'all! Jesse & Darla Knudsen celebrate their 56th Anniversary on July 14. Happy Anniversary!

Our featured district member this month is Liz Crain. At age 12, she recorded her first bluegrass song ("Sweet Little Miss Blue Eyes") on a 78-rpm vinyl record paid for by Grandma. Liz is a multi-instrumentalist but seems to prefer fiddle. She heads up Oregon Bluegrass Association's Roseburg Chapter that hosts a monthly jam at Sutherlin Senior Center from 1-4:30 p.m. on the third Sunday each month. In the 1990's, she performed and recorded with the "Girls Can Jam" Bluegrass Band. The all-woman group released two albums, "Cookin'" and "Wild Oregon Jam." She also played with folk group EriDor in the mid-90s. Today, she also performs regularly with The Slow Ponies, Shasta Ray's Downhome Band, Rolling Waves, Soromundi, and Umpqua Valley Bluegrass Band. Liz is a rancher who spends her time with her horses when she isn't working up new songs to add to her extensive repertoire of bluegrass, folk, country and Celtic music.

I hope everyone had fun at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Id. Thanks to all who made the drive to represent Oregon. I recently came upon Dennis Allen's OOTFA vest at an antique shop in downtown Roseburg operated by his daughter, Cheryl. I made the \$5 purchase and gave it to our regular bass-player Gene Hodson,

July Events

7	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
14	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
17	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
21	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
28	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.

Remember that the location of the Friday Jams is discovered by calling one of the officers, or getting an e-mail from Don Greenfield. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular and extraordinary musicians.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

July Events

6	gig	Bridgewood Rivers, 1901 NW Hughwood, Roseburg	1:30 p.m.
12	gig	Rosehaven, 740 NW Hill Ave, Roseburg (2nd Wed)	10 a.m.
17	gig	Callahan Court, 1801 NW Garden Valley, Roseburg (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
22	jam	Sutherlin Monthly Jam, 851 Comstock Rd, Sutherlin (4th Sat)	12 - 3 p.m.
24	gig	Callahan Village, 1801 NW Garden Valley, Roseburg (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.

a guy who likes vests. It's great to see it "back in service," and it reminds me of Dennis and Thelma every time I see it.

Let's Pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Liz Crain (District 10)



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State Calendar

July 17-20	West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops	Westfir (see District 6 report)
August 5	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Corvallis
Aug 17-20	Winchester Bay Campout	(see District 5 report)
September 7-9	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering (The Bi-Annual OOTFA Membership Meeting will be held)	Prineville (see District 3 report)

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The Winchester Bay Campout August 17-20 At Winchester Bay Community Center

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