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Josie and Madison Baird introduce themselves.

"Hi, we are the fiddle sisters. We have been playing for 3 years. We have enjoyed lots of fiddling. Our first contest was this June at Weiser Idaho. We know we started big but we just came for the fun in it. Josie is 11 and is a spunky old-time fiddler and likes fast songs. And Madison turns 14 in December and likes Celtic music and sings with the music. Connie Dunnington has been our teacher since we started and been so patient in everything we have done on the fiddle including sister fights. We live in Hood River, Oregon and go to school at Mid Columbia Adventist School and our teacher is Mrs. Deweber. She is a great teacher with great music ability. Our hobbies are fiddling, rock climbing, reading, singing and chimes. We have a very musical family and we are glad we inherited a lot of music ability. We love music and it's a big part in our lives and we want to learn as much as we can. We do sing and play the fiddle a lot at church and we enjoy it. We love to play gospel music. We love to go around and play our fiddles around town.

When we went to Weiser, Idaho we didn't know what to expect, but we had a blast. When we were preparing for the contest we were extremely scared because this was our first contest. Madison went to the junior contest and was competing against the biggest, we felt privileged just to be there and compete. Josie played, "Bill Cheatem, Annie Laurie, and Swallow Tail Jig." Madison played, "Angeline the Baker, Margaret's Waltz (my favorite song), and Swallow Tail Jig." Josie was the first to compete and she felt excited, nervous, and happy. When

Madison played she was definitely nervous, she thought she was going to forget the whole song and have to start over but she did the best she could. We both felt relieved to be finished but we were both glad we did it, and excited for next year.

Our favorite part about Weiser was jamming with Connie, Rich, Grandma, and Grandpa and my mom who is learning guitar. My Grandparents love old-time music because my Grandpa is a cowboy, and my Grandma is a movie star in our eyes. We loved staying up so late and hearing that peaceful music. Josie's birthday was that week so we partied with her. We also loved our tie dyed gang, we all had our tie-dyed shirts on. Josie got lots of tie dyed clothing for her birthday. We also had fun playing with the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers on stage. My Mom held the yellow banner.

Thanks to ourselves for practicing so hard. Thanks to our Mom for her support and her love. Thanks for all my Grandparent's support and for helping us practice. Thanks to Connie's lessons we have become fiddlers. She's taught us all the twists to fiddling and much much more. Thank you Rich for backing us up on the guitar. Thanks to everyone who has helped out in our music. Thank you God for giving us the gift of music and helping us to make people happy with our music. Thank you everyone!!!"

Tune of the Month: Horse and Buggy

Donna Forman wrote Lew Holt about this tune: "Hi Lew - how fun. It's a great tune. I found it on the internet in 2004 but can't remember where exactly. However there are

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several places now to find it. It's known as Old Horse and Buggy or Horse and Buggy or Horse and Buggy-O. After I found it Chuck gave me a copy of a CD with Art Stamper playing it. I think he is probably credited with it being his tune as far as I can determine. He was a Kentucky fiddler who passed away in Jan. 2005. You may already know all that. Anyway the version you have is not exactly the same but very close. It's one of those tunes that can be played very simply and sound just great and fun to play in a circle jam. Donna"

Horse and Buggy

Violin

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To see a YouTube version, go to:
<http://www.fiddlehangout.com/myhangout/videos.asp?m=d&catID=0&id=270>