

Well, to start with I am Brian Stiner. I've been playing the violin for 5 years in school orchestra and I'm currently first chair in Advanced Orchestra at North Salem High School. Fiddle music is relatively new to me at only 2 years. We were camping with the Chemeketans at Diamond Lake the summer of 2006, and the Oregon Old time Fiddlers were having a big jam there. We attended a couple of the jams which we enjoyed, and the family relation to Wally Case was probably the jump start for my interest in this genre of music. After a few months it was decided I would apply for a scholarship and take fiddle lessons taught by Ginny Hollon. I also got a new fiddle which was built by my Grandpa Case. Although I don't have a favorite song, my mother loves hearing me play Ashokan Farewell. For myself, I really enjoy playing jigs and other tunes that have a faster pace. (Brian has become a very accomplished fiddler – enjoying playing some good old timey tunes like “Whiskey Before Breakfast,” “Red Haired Boy,” “Crying Waltz,” Possum Up the Gum Stump,” and others.)

My name is Chase Dougherty and I am 10 years old. I live in Woodburn with my parents and a younger brother, Colton. I have been playing the guitar for two years now and take lessons from Dale Colebank. I enjoy having Mr. Colebank come to my house for lessons and listening to his stories. Some of my other interests are playing football and rodeo. I am the 2007 and 2008 PeeWee Bull Riding Champion and have started roping this past summer.

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My name is Shawnee Doman. I am 16 years old, and I am a sophomore at Canby High School. We started taking violin lessons from our dentist. He fell off his roof and broke his elbow, so he couldn't teach us anymore. Mr. Colebank came to our house to tune our piano and my mom asked him knew of anyone who could teach us. He agreed to teach my brothers and me. Because he was involved in old time fuddling, we immediately became interested. We love the fiddle and old time music. My favorite fiddle tune is Redwing. I also love playing volleyball and softball. My favorite fiddle event was when we played at Silver Falls.

My name is Ronnie. My brother, Stephen, and I are both 15 and freshmen at Canby High School. We love to wrestle, play baseball and football. We jam with our fiddles and with an older brother, Michael, who plays the guitar. My favorite tune is Back in the Saddle Again, and Stephen's is Arkansas Traveler. The favorite place where we joined Dist. 8 to play was Silver Falls.

We want to thank the Old Time Fiddlers for helping us take lessons by offering scholarships. Mr. Colebank has encouraged us to read music so that we can feel confident in sight reading when necessary. We were also able to save our scholarship money, and with it, we purchased new violins made by Mr. Wally Case. These fiddles are really wonderful. Please accept our gratitude for letting us participate in your scholarship program. And a big thanks to Mr. Colebank for putting up with "The Fiddlers Three!"