

# THE HOEDOWNER

Article 11: "Purpose - to perpetuate Oldtime Fiddling and Oldtime Music - to encourage the younger people to learn and appreciate this type of music."

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COMING EVENTS	JULY	DISTRICT
July 1	Sr. Cit. BBQ, Kewannis Park	Klamath Falls 1
3	Fun Nite, Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls 1
4	Parade & Jam, Veteran's Park	Klamath Falls 1
5	Timber Carnival 2-5	Albany 6
6	Jam, Talent Community Hall	Talent 4
8	Sr. Cit. Days, Avery Square 10a.m.	Corvallis 6
10,13	Campout, Albertson's Res.	Lakeview 1
11	Coberg Days, 6:30	Coburg 6
12	Coos Bay Senior Center	Coos Bay 5
13	Bend Senior Center	Bend 3
13	Fiddle Show, Bohemia Days, 5-9	Cottage Grove (Sr.H.Sch)OOTFA
14-25	Fiddle Workshops	Cannon Beach OOTFA
16,20	Campout, Maiken Ranch	Vernonia OOTFA
25	Summer Bonanza, 1-2:30	Myrtle Creek 4N
26	Bonanza Park	Bonanza 1
27	Salmon Harbor Days	Winchester Bay 5
Concert, OIT		Klamath Falls 1
Aug 2	Lions Community Park, 12-2	See Dist. News 4
3	Picnic & Jam, Palmerton Park	Rogue River 4
3	Applegate Trail Days, 1-4	Veneta 6
6	Douglas County Fair, 2:30	Roseburg OOTFA
8,9	Benton Co. Fair (Fri;3-4,Sat:3-5)	Corvallis OOTFA
13	Clackamas Co. Fair, 11a.m. & 8 pm	Canby OOTFA
13	Lane County Fair, 10 am	Eugene 6
16	Polk Co. Fair, 7 pm	Rickreall OOTFA
12,16	NW Regional Fiddle Contest	Spokane
	Spokane Falls Community College	
23	Warwicks Campout	Williams
Sep 13	Fish Fry	Yachats 8
14	Jam, American Legion	Lebanon 6

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

The Contest albums are ready, and beautiful, thanks to talented Jack & Hazel Walker and Alice Holt. Everyone participating in the contest is in the albums except the women in the Judge's Room. We'll catch you next year!

Anyone interested in serving in the Judge's room at the 1987 Contest, please contact Maxine Benson or Linda Danielson. There are a few openings and you need instruction for this. It is a confining job, and some of our people who have done this for years need a rest.

Thelma Shephard has consented to be our Hoedowner Editor for 1986-87.

Jim Carpenter has designed a new Poster to use for advertising all our Jams. A copy was placed in each new officer's folder to be copied for your use.

MEMBERSHIP: Lew Holt will be the new State Membership Chairman, starting July 1, 1986.

SECRETARIES please fill out the membership application cards in duplicate, send the completed State Copy to Lew Holt and keep your District Copy. Also send the Dues money to Lew, along with his copy. This will expedite records,

especially during the busy Christmas season. If he should receive dues directly from members Lee will send you the District Copy to keep your records current with his. Lew is thinking about putting membership on a computer. I would suggest that you start collecting dues at your end-of-year jams. If you do not have a current membership record, notify Lew.

These Quarterly State Meetings have been confirmed:

October 5, Merrill, Oregon, at the Jr. High School which has a kitchen, large gym and stage. RV parking. Come the night before. Hosts Dist. 1&9  
December ? Clackamas College (Christmas Party, too) Hosts Dist. 3 & 7  
February ? Coast area, Hosts Dist. 5 & 8  
May 31 or June 7, Eugene area, Hosts Dist. 6 & 4

MAXINE BENSON

VERNONIA CAMPOUT, JULY 16-20th, (For OOTFA Members): Bob Fast & Lew Holt are Co-Chairmen. Lew will post signs from Vernonia to the campout area.

Our Big Show will be on Saturday night and the big feed on Sunday afternoon, after Sunday Service (conducted by Russ Phillips). Lee Jones will put up the stage, Rusty & Vi Modrell will "flip" the morning hot cakes and eggs, as usual, and Walt Benson will cook the hams. Dulcie Fast is purchasing the food. Added features this year will be bon-fires & weiner and marshmallow roasts nightly, during and after the evening jams, and maybe a watermelon feed. These foods will be provided. There will be a Pot-luck dinner on Sunday (no chicken barbecue like before). We may have other potlucks during the week, if you're interested. Dist. #7 will furnish the PA system, and nightly Shows will feature everyone who signs up. Jim Lockard will be the Camp Medic. If you bring children, PLEASE be responsible for them - we don't want any "hurts" or problems. We want a wonderful campout!

PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME AND NUMBER IN PARTY at the REGISTRATION BOOTH at the inner gate before going on in. An offering will be taken same as last year. If anyone has a VCR and TV they would bring and operate, that would be great. We have videos of Convention & Contest.

MAXINE BENSON for  
BOB FAST, Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:

Dist. #7 has donated \$175.00 to sponsor Chris & Rudi Boher to the Hay Stack '86 Workshop. The boys earned the rest of their expense money.

The Michael Boher family has been busy playing in the grade schools at Yoncalla, Lorane, Crow and the Roseburg High School. June 9th they were invited to play at the Drain School. Quote, "It is most gratifying to see the enthusiastic response given by these young audiences!"

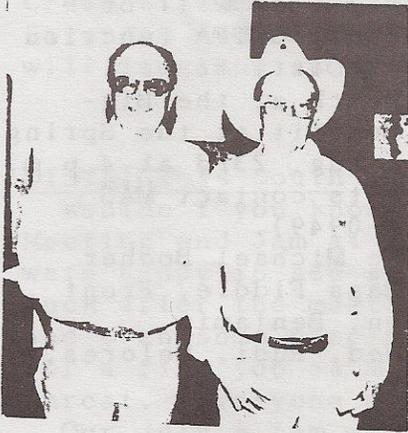
Lew Holt played his fiddle for 75 2nd graders in the Eastside Elementary School in Coos Bay. They were studying about the pioneers coming to Oregon and the fiddlers on the wagon trains.

OOPS DEPT: Wayne Walters, OOTFA Pres. in 1974, has been a longtime member but is not a Charter Member.

THANKS: "I would like to thank the fiddlers for my flowers, cards, visits and calls while I was in the hospital. You're very thoughtful. I'm feeling better again.

ROBERT FAST

# MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS



**DISTRICT #1**  
Chairman, Isom Patterson  
Co-Chairman, Ray Lane  
Sec/Treas, Anne Johnson \*



**DISTRICT #4**  
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Co-Chairman, Tom Barkley  
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#4N Co-Chairman, Michael Booher \*



**DISTRICT #5**  
Chairman, Al Lively  
Co-Chairman, Lew Holt  
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**DISTRICT #6**  
Chairman, Jack Walker  
Co-Chairman, John Steele\*  
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Chairman, Dave Robinson  
Co-Chairman, Les Johnson  
Sec/Treas, Slim Schultz\*



**STATE OFFICERS**  
President, Maxine Benson  
Vice-President, Lew Holt  
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Editor, Thelma Shephard

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**SCHOLARSHIP BOARD**  
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Thelma Shephard, #6  
Buck Milligan, Ch. #6  
Lew Holt, #5

**DISTRICT #3**  
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Co-Chairman, Jack Smith\*  
Sec/Treas, Myrtle Arnold\*



The MICHAEL BOOHER BUNCH, all 10 of them, have consented to be our 1987 Oregon Fiddle Family. They will be featured at the Roseburg OOTFA function on August 6th. Also, Dist. #6 will feature the Booher Bunch at the Big-Brother/Big-Sister Benefit at the Springfield High School on Aug. 23rd at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. For tickets contact MAS Enterprises (ph. 741-0949). Pictured at left, the Michael Booher Bunch are: Chris, Bass Fiddle, Front Row: Meriwyn, Brendon, Benjamin Back Row: Justin, Ned, Rudi, Delores, Gabriel and Michael

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DISTRICT #1

Howdy! Summer came at last, and very welcome and busy we are. The Fathers Day jam at Klamath Falls Fairgrounds was very well attended. There were no non-smiling fathers. All seemed to be well with them and everyone did a good job on their musical instruments.

On June 28th, we will play at the Bly Carnival from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Bring your musical instruments and help our little neighboring town have a fun day.

June 29th, Sunday afternoon, all who want to, come help decorate the float for the 4th of July parade. Come to Jerry & Irene Ruddock's home with lots of ideas and helping hands and see if we can get that old float rolling again.

July 1st, fiddlers will play for the Senior Citizen's Barbecue at 10 a.m. at Kewanna's Park by the Fairgrounds in Klamath Falls.

July 3rd, come join the fun at Shasta Grange (6:30) in Klamath Falls.

July 4th the fiddlers will have a float in the Horse and Buggy Days' Parade in Klamath Falls, then will play at the Veterans' Park.

July 19, jam and potluck at the home of Faye and Isom Patterson's in Merrill.

July 26th, fiddlers will play at the Bonanza Park Big Springs Carnival and Barbecue for most of the day. All ages come and join in the fun.

July 30th, will be the Fiddlers Concert at 11 a.m. at O.I.T. by the fountain area.

We enjoyed the following guests at our June Fun Nite: Mr. & Mrs. A. Jorgenson, Rogue River, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Chuna, Merlin (members), Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lindel, Grants Pass, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Parthum, Gold Hill, Sue Remmey, Grants Pass, and Mr. & Mrs. Henderson, of Klamath Falls.

Since I wrote last news I had a cataract removed from one eye and now I can see. Isn't that great! I want to thank everyone for all the pretty cards, calls and good food. Jack didn't get to show me what a good cook he is, everyone helped out so much.

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

DISTRICT #3

The June Jam was sparsely attended with many away on vacations and fishing and camping trips. But four fiddlers made sweet music with five accompanists, some of whom also fiddled. Jim Neely presented a special number using a special mute and singing San Antonio Rose, which everyone enjoyed. Next Jam will be July 13th, 1:30 until 5:00 at the Bend Senior Center.

MARGE NIMMO, Reporter

#### DISTRICT #4 North

The news is about the same as usual. We are playing for nursing homes, and keeping quite busy. A barbecue and street dance will kick off Myrtle Creek's Summer Festival on Friday, July 25th, and fiddlers will play on Saturday from 1 to 2:30. We'd like all the help we can get. Lots more will be going on around town for this three day celebration.

GLEN A. BROWN, Reporter

#### DISTRICT #4 South

Wouldn't you know it would be a hot, hot day for our State Quarterly Meeting and Jam at Rogue River and then much cooler the next day! But we were happy to see so many from other districts. It was a delicious potluck after the meeting, lots of good music with 21 fiddlers and 10 specials and even some dancing. A big "Thank you" to Dave Robinson from Dist. 8 for a fine job as M.C. for us do to our regular Vic Flood home with a sore throat. Everyone please come again, and don't wait for a special occasion!

Our July 6 jam will be at Talent Community Hall, doors open at 10:30, potluck at noon, open to Public at 1:00. Remember, folks, no kitchen committee, so bring your own beverages, hot or cold.

Annual picnic Aug. 3, will take the place of our monthly jam, at Palmer-ton Park at Rogue River. Turn left after crossing railroad track, left again at first street, then right on first street after crossing Evans Creek. Dist. 4 will furnish beverages. Potluck at 1:00 p.m.

Dist. 4 will play for Old Sams Valley Days, Aug. 2nd, from 12 till 2 at the Lions Community Park located on Hwy. 234, east of Antioch Road and Ramsey's market.

For Sale: Fiddle, nearly new case and two bows, \$500.00. Contact Beulah Wobbe, 750 Spring St. Apt. 108, Medford, OR 97504, ph. 772-9032.

DORENE WINKELMAN, Reporter

#### DISTRICT #5

Greetings from District 5. By the time you read this, Weiser will be history, but the news has to be written before we go or Thelma will leave us out.

We started the month of June with a double header. On the 7th a group of us played for the McCullough Bridge Celebration in Simpson Park in North Bend. The weather turned warm and a nice audience sat around outdoors and listened as we played from 12:45 to 1:30. We enjoyed their nice comments afterwards.

That evening we went to the Grange Hall at Greenacres for a hamburger and the dance. We had 12 fiddlers and, with some of them doubling as back-up, we had 14 playing guitars, piano, mandolin, bass, and banjo. I appreciated it when a fellow walked up to me and said, "You know, this was a fun evening."

That just took care of the formal activities for June but I do want to share a couple of other things with you. Several of you have told me that your bumper stickers have faded. I have gone to the printer and he will print us another 1000, using a better ink. So - if yours has faded, let me know and I will get another one to you. Sorry about that. But I am taking orders for the new ones (\$1.00 each - postpaid). I got orders last month from as far away as Fairbanks, Alaska. Thanks gang. I have also found the large cloth fiddle patches that several of you have requested. They are \$5.00 each, so if that fellow down at Rogue River would contact me I have one now.

I want to remind you that all of you are invited to Winchester Bay on the 27th of July at 1:00 to participate in our state jam. Winchester Bay is just a few miles south of Reedsport. The Grange Hall is easy to locate - right in the middle of all the activities, so come on over & help us.

LEW HOLT, Reporter

#### DISTRICT #6

June was a busy time of year, and more to come. The usual small groups played at rest homes, strawberry feeds, etc. We had a wonderful afternoon playing for the Strawberry Festival in Lebanon, aided by several guests from other districts. A great audience sat in the sun all afternoon and listened or danced while we played. The following Sunday, our Benefit Dance at the Willamalane Center in Springfield netted a little over \$450.00 for Ray Goble, who is recovering from surgery. The afternoon music was aided by the Jamborinos and the Rhythm Makers. Finger foods were enjoyed in-between dancing.

Although many members had gone to Weiser, we still had a very good turnout for the Brownsville Pioneer Picnic Days Jam on the 22nd. Again, welcome guests from other districts helped us out. The happy crowd enjoyed a fine afternoon of music. By the time you read this, we will have had our REAL Jam at the Eagles Lodge in Corvallis, June 29th. Tell you about that later.

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

Ray and June Goble want to thank all their dear friends for all their wonderful support, prayers, visits, calls, cards & flowers, during Ray's recent illness. Ray is back home again (for the second time) and is gaining some of his strength back, even though it will take a long time. We hope to see many of you at some of the fiddle functions as soon as Ray feels strong enough to be up and around that much.

Our love,  
RAY & JUNE GOBLE

#### DISTRICT #8

Not much to report this month. Everybody away on vacation and no one has reported any news. I, too, have been out of touch due to health problems.

Our fiddlers did well, as usual, at Weiser. Joey McKenzie, in spite of a broken leg and having to travel around in a wheelchair, came out 5th in the Championship group. His mother, Helen, reports that he is doing well and is, at present, in Claymore, Oklahoma, where specialists will operate on his leg and set it. All of his friends were shocked and saddened to hear of his accident and are wishing him a speedy recovery.

Leonard Maahs made top 20 in his group at Weiser, and we hear that Danny Emert made 1st in the Junior group. Congratulations to all of you!

Don't forget the Vernonia Campout, July 16 through 20. Too much fun to miss! I hope everyone is well so there will be a good turn-out this year.

Donna Oldham and I played with members of Dist. 6 at their Strawberry Festival in Lebanon. We enjoyed it very much and wish to thank them for making us feel so welcome.

Dave Robinson is taking over, this month, as Chairman of our district, so this will be my last act as reporter. Lee and Ruth Jones are away on vacation. We sincerely thank you, Lee, for the great job you did as Chairman, and for the countless things, beyond the call of duty, you have done for the association.

Welcome back in harness, Dave, we know you will be good - we've tried you before.

MINNIE BENNETT, Reporter

EXTRA NEWS from Dist. #8:

Dave & Jeanette Robinson, Les & Jeanne Johnson had a nice time at Rogue River. The weather was very hot, but the dinner and program were great and we enjoyed it very much. Lee Jones said there were not many at Garibaldi, but a nice time was enjoyed by all.

There will be no Jam in July due to so many things going on. Check the dates (front page) for our County Fairs, etc. Come to Waldport, Sept.

12th, Jam in the hall and stay all night. After the Fish Fry at Yachats, 12 noon, we will have a potluck supper at 5 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center and play for the Cancer Research program at 7:30 that evening.

It was reported that Lillian Mack had a stay in the hospital, but is home now and doing fine.

JEANETTE ROBINSON, New Reporter

#### DISTRICT #9

We had our June Jam at the Burns Senior Center and also played for a 50th Class Reunion and for a Pioneer Dance at the '62 Days' Celebration at John Day.

Stacy Reynolds and Susy Smith competed at Weiser, where Susy took 6th in the Women's Division.

Everyone around here is getting ready for our fourth annual High Desert Fiddle Contest. People started arriving in town the Saturday before the contest, so we have had a week-long jam session and a renewing of old acquaintances with our fiddle friends.

Hope everyone is having a nice summer.

PAULA REYNOLDS, Reporter

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It was good to see Elouise Ramsey up and around after recent hip surgery. She is scheduled to go back in the hospital around July 22nd to have surgery on the other hip. She came with Jim to the Brownsville Pioneer Picnic Jam and walked from the car with her walker. Speedy recovery, Elouise. We'll be thinking of you. T.S.

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HAROLD & BEULAH MAIKEN  
At 1985 VERNONIA CAMPOUT

NEWS FLASH!!! BROOK JOHNSON, daughter of JUDY JOHNSON, will be competing in the Miss Teen of Oregon Pageant being held in Corvallis in July. We will be supporting her with our best thoughts and wishes. Win, Brook!

T.S.

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