



# Rosin Dust

**Blue Mountain Old-Time Fiddlers Association**  
**Connecting fiddlers - young and young at heart**  
**December 2014**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It has been snowing, below freezing, blowing and cold. Now the snow is gone due to a lot of rain.

The BlueMountaineers Thanksgiving dance was Saturday the 22nd. We moved it up a week because everyone is having company come in for Thanksgiving. We will have a house full of people because our grandson is getting married in La Grande on the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

Colleen and I hope you all had a nice



Thanksgiving. We here have a great amount to be thankful for.

We also wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (2015). We hope you are all in good health and you travel safe wherever you go. It seems like it didn't take very long for 2014 to roll out the door.

Where did the time go? Hope 2015 slows down a little for us. We are looking forward to 2015.

I would like to close with this thought "Encouragement can be quick and simple but it is a voice of gladness that is needed by everyone." I invite you to share encouragement to all.

I thank you for your support in 2014. It was a great year.

"You don't need an excuse to help others"

Your friend, Denny Langford, President

## **GRANT COUNTY**

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. God is certainly to be thanked for all the blessings we enjoy. Don't hoard or neglect the gift(s) He has

given you, bless others with them at every opportunity.

Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Grant County. It was a great celebration and The Johnson family were right up there on the entertainment lineup. Photos of the celebration featured on the front page of the local paper had Skeeter on the banjo and Miss Cricket on the fiddle.

Speaking of Miss Cricket, I am looking forward to hearing her play the accordion that Ron Phillips graciously gave her. I might not hold my breath though, in addition to her 6<sup>th</sup> grade studies, piano and voice lessons, Awana's and a newbie in a 4-H Horse Club, she barely going to have time to learn to cook (a handy skill to have in your repertoire. Now Skeeter; well Skeeter being a sophomore has his plate full of school subjects I didn't bother with, but then again I never played music either. Nor did I play football which he just finished and is now into wrestling. Then again I've never had knee surgery and he's had two so far, neither of which stem from playing all his instruments.



Miss Cricket and Skeeter made time during September appointments in Idaho, to join the Gem State Fiddlers playing at an assisted living residence.

Ron Phillips, organizer of the jam sessions here in Grant County, reports that at least 12 people showed up in Long Creek for recent festivities. The musicians were entertainment for The Allover House. Feedback from some of the locals said it was such a success that they plan to do it again in the near future

Many of you may remember Kenny Burres of the NE Oregon. Kenny now lives in a facility in Madras, where he's been for several years now. He still keeps in touch and always asks about the Johnson's. In fact the Johnson family, having appointments in Central Oregon, plan to surprise Kenny and spend some time jamming together.

Gene Vaughan passed away October 13<sup>th</sup>. He was laid him to rest in the Fox Cemetery, near where he lived for most of his life. Gene used to be a member of the BMOTF years ago and lived most recently in Creswell where his daughter lives.

I just thought when we buttoned down for the winter that it meant a slower pace but then the holiday season crept in on us. But we have deer in the freezer and the winter wood is supply in so we are blessed, blessed indeed.

Merry Christmas to you and yours, as you ponder the greatest gift of all.

### **This Little Babe?**

His hands are that of mercy  
His toes are full of strength  
His life a new beginning  
That has eternal length  
His skin is pure and perfect  
And eyes are full of grace  
What kind of king is born  
In such a common place?  
Our Father who art in heaven  
Our Father from above  
Truly is this your son  
You sent for us to love?  
This little babe in swaddling clothes  
Lying in a manger  
His innocence and purity...  
He'll keep us all from danger?  
Is it true if we believe in Him  
He'll lead us not astray?  
And you'll have mercy in your heart  
When it comes the judgment day?  
Oh, Alleluiah, praise and glory  
As I follow I will sing  
Thank you Lord Almighty for this  
Blessed little King!

by Denise J Feil  
Grant County Director  
Carolyn Stout

## **BAKER COUNTY**

Now that Thanksgiving Day has passed, I wonder if any one gave thanks? Well, I did. I want to give thanks to the computer that I don't know how to use, and the smart phone that is so smart, that I still use the dumb one. How about my new pick up? I can't even set the clock, without reading the manual. The manual, now that's another story in its self. How about GPS that tells you where to go and you don't want to go there? I'm like Bob Hope, thanks for the memory. We (Jamie and I) loaded up the camp trailer and our side by side, and drove to a little town, called Bouse AZ, along with friends Wayne and Andy Mash. This was on the 19th of November; we got there on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Upon arriving, we notice that Wayne Mash had yellow skin, his whole body was yellow. So we sat there and waited for the week-end to pass, so Wayne could see the doctor. Come to find out, Wayne has a tumor in his pancreas. It is non-curable, so we all came home and are here to help him in any way that we can. I do want to wish everyone a very merry Christmas, and don't forget what Christmas is all about.... I will be having a white winter after all.



Baker County Director

Bob Hunt

## **MORROW COUNTY**

Almost Turkey Day again!

Seems like the holidays come along whether we are ready or not. We've got 43 degrees outside this morning, a whole heap better than a week ago. It took a lot of wood packing to keep warm at 10 or 15 below. I had one water pipe break over at the old house, with a pipe plug and a scoop shovel, we got it fixed.

We haven't been doing any music lately between West's hands and my not feeling like it is just hasn't happened.

I finally got our CD recorded so it sounds not too bad. Quite an undertaking, when you don't know what you're doing. (Continued)



A couple weeks ago we met Langford's in Pendleton for lunch and had a good visit. Between going to doctors and putting wood in the stove that's about all we get done.

Just talked to Nadine Morris, she said everyone over there is hanging in there, doing the best they can with what they have to do with.

This year the turkey is already in the freezer, so we don't have to chase him down. Most of the family will be here Thanksgiving, which will be good. They can drive on slick roads, we won't have to.

Keep the tunes coming,

Morrow County Director

Bob and Judy Stevens

"If it weren't for lawyers we wouldn't need them. "

A K Geoffey

"You can't make the poor richer by making the rich poorer." Winston Churchill



### MALHEUR COUNTY

Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year

### Please pray for:

*Vic Fusselman*

*Bobby Stevens*

*Ruth Hodge*

*Jane Weston*

*Lynn Wilson*

*Margaret Teague*

*Alvin and Mary Shaw*

*Marcia Adams*

*Wayne Mash*

### UMATILLA COUNTY

Old Man Winter has ushered in the holiday season with a blast of very fresh air and icy roads.

One good thing about a frost is the retiring of the flies and mosquitos.

The icy road also affects the attendance of musician and audience at the assisted living facilities.

This holiday season, let us each, in our own special way, endeavor to do more for others, play it forward and even recognize those little things we see others doing for someone else.

"There are so many little things we need to recognize and the best words of encouragement is a simple thank you, have a nice day. When was the last time you uttered it directed at someone? Holiday Spirit!" Hood River Senior Citizens Inc.

"I used to dread getting older, because I thought I would not be able to do all the things I wanted to do, but now that I am older, I find that I don't want to do them." Lady Nancy Astor

Keep the rosin on the causin'

Umatilla County Director

Bill and Lorre Meyers



## WALLOWA COUNTY

We have two shows scheduled in Enterprise for 2015. The first is March 7<sup>th</sup>, at Cloverleaf Hall at 6pm. Randy Garnett will serve a barbeque dinner at 5pm. The second one is June 13<sup>th</sup>,



Wallowa County Director  
Pat Samples



Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year

*Thank you to all of you for your prayers in behalf of Robert Waldron. Robert has passed to a better place. I am sure he felt your love.*

*Manny Gutierrez*



## BMOTFA SHOWS

### **MARCH:**

7, Enterprise, Cloverleaf Hall. 668 NW 1st St, Enterprise. Barbeque meal by Randy Garnett at 5:00pm, Show at 6pm.

### **APRIL:**

17 & 18 BMOTFA Annual Meeting, SE Miller Gym, 166 W Dearborn, just off of Main St, Union.

### **MAY:**

### **JUNE:**

13, Enterprise, Cloverleaf Hall. 668 NW 1st St, Show at 6pm

### **JULY:**

6-12, 2015 Emigrant Springs Campout: Emigrant Springs Park. Come in on Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>. Leave Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>. Ice cream on Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., Pot luck Saturday, July 11 at 12 noon.

Breakfast pot luck Sunday, July 12 at 8 a.m.

Shows: July 9, 10, 11 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Visiting, jamming all day every day.

Call early, Denny at [541-562-5055](tel:541-562-5055), to let us know if you are going to come and the RV you are bringing. If you are interested in being the "camp chairperson" please call [541-562-5055](tel:541-562-5055).

### **AUGUST:**

### **SEPTEMBER:**

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