PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

IN SELF DEFENCE: Just so you all know, all the cards, letters, texts, emails and phone calls I received about the picture of me in the August Rosin Dust, that said, "I wonder what Denny is doing?!" My reply: I was making "Angels on Horseback" roasting sticks (so it was not what many of you thought). Looking back at Emigrant Springs Campout 2017; with the excitement of writing the article I forgot two very important folks that preformed there. Our Historian and longtime member, La Grande’s Ruth Hodge sang. Also our Hall of Fame member from Irrigon and former director Win Weston played his guitar. He also helped Jack Raymond lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Saturday evening show. Both of these are great entertainers. So sorry I left them out. It is not my intention to leave anyone out of our Rosin Dust.

August 9th-12th found us in John Day performing at the Grant County Fair. What a great time we had playing on the Hap McCloud Memorial Stage owned by Ron Phillips. Ron and our Grant County Director, Carl Stinnett, went the extra mile for us. They made everyone feel welcome and comfortable. Great job, guys! See the Grant County news to see who was there and played. Many said it was the best music that we have ever played. We played 27 hours so everyone got a lot of playing time. Next year we hope to have twice that many entertainers show up. It is a great time. Lots of fun! The fair provided us with ice and water each day. It was very much appreciated because it was very hot. The new fair manager, Mindy Minegar, did a great job working with Carl and Ron to help get us set up in a great spot with shade and seats for everyone to sit in.

Colleen and I plugged into our friends, Ken and Merry Henry’s shop. They live this side of Mt. Vernon. We really had a great time visiting and eating with them.

On August 19th at the Fire Hall in Elgin, Oregon, Bill Meyers and crew set up and ran the show. Thank you so much for all you do. Union County Director, Vickie Hagey was on vacation with her husband, Jack. Colleen and I attended the wedding of our 11th grandchild. I was asked to officiate at the marriage. It was a very nice wedding in a beautiful mountainous area. I thank Larry Cannon for hauling and helping set up the PA system. It made my being away easier knowing everything was in good hands. A big thank you! Here is the list that performed: Alyn and Jody Domschot, La Grande; Sissy Falcon, Pendleton; Kelley McFarlen, Walla Walla; Joan Gray, Hermiston; Bob Wiles, Elgin; Melody Huitt, Union; Sherry Cadwell, Union; Cindy Frick, Union; Anna Cavanato, La Grande; Diana Darainville, Summerville; Bob Grimes, College Place; Mark Ludwick, Umatilla; Joe McCutcheon, Milton Freewater; Veronica Manis, Walla Walla; Jan Williams, Walla Walla; Julia Milleson, Milton Freewater; Bill Meyers, Hermiston; Tom Vickroy, Walla Walla; Back up Carolyn Vickroy, Walla Walla. The hymn was by Mark Ludwick. The firemen had a baked potato bar for supper.
On September 2nd, we were in Sumpter with the Reverend Bobby Hunt. We had 22 great entertainers come and play. It was a small crowd but those that were there had a great time and stayed to the end. I could tell the story but I’ll let Bob Hunt, director, do that job. Colleen was unable to go. She had a funeral to attend and planned the meal for the family.

On September 15th, we were in Cove at the Sportsman Club. Our attendance of entertainers found us shorthanded. We only had three fiddlers, three guitars, one bass, and two singers. This was all done by five people. Elgin was September 16th and it was a great show. We had it at the Elgin Stampede Hall. That is a nice big hall. Read the Union County news for the rest of the story on both shows from Director Vickie Hagey. Vickie did a great job with both shows. We had Bobby and Judy Stevens pull their trailer to our house and spend Friday, Saturday and most of Sunday with us and attend the shows. It was nice to have them here.

On September 23rd, it was the Settler’s Park show in Baker City. Colleen and I were unable to go do to other commitments we could not control. Mark Ludwick and Joan Gray stayed at our house on Friday evening and then they attended “Riders in the Sky” at the OK theater in Enterprise. They also took the equipment that was needed to Baker City for the show. Larry Cannon brought the equipment back. Thank you all for filling in for us. See the Baker County’s news by Bob Hunt for more info.

To finish the month of September we had our last show at Nyssa on the 30th. We had a great time and we went out like a lion with 26 entertainers. Vince Bingham, who set up the show, welcomed everyone and our public relation man, Jack Raymond and his friend John, led the pledge of allegiance. Earl Adams and his two sons, Brad and Lon were appointed sheriff and deputies. The Senior Center provided an assortment of sandwiches, salads, cookies and pies. Very good! Entertainers from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho entertained us with lots of good dancing music. The people there are real dancers. They dance to Vince and Doreen’s band all year long so they just jump up and move their feet when good music is heard. It was very good music. Denny and Colleen’s great grandson, Braxon Skinner, 11 years old, from Boise was there with his family and played for his first BMOTF crowd and did very well. We are proud of him.

The entertainers were: Vince and Doreen Bingham, Nyssa; Les and Evelene Haynes, Fruitland; Bob Hunt, Sumpter; Joan Gray, Hermiston; Mark Ludwick, Umatilla; Braxon Skinner, Boise; Betty Adams, Caldwell; Tom Vickroy, Walla Walla; Earl Adams, Ontario; Denny Langford, Union; John Moon, Weiser; Jody and Alynd Domshott, La Grande; Bill Meyers, Hermiston; Alvin Shaw, Ontario; Larry Cannon, Cove; Kent and Carolyn Craig, Weiser; Don McIntyre, Ontario; Earl Lilley, Emmitt; Urte Hammans, Nyssa; Wayne Goodwin, Weiser; Arizona Kennedy, Huntington; Toni Greer, Weiser.

Thank you for your support.

“Carry On”

Your friend, Denny Langford, President.

WALLOWA COUNTY

Green beans and tomatoes are picked and canned, pickles are made, potatoes are dug, and the onions and garlic are dry! I still need to harvest and can beets, and dig the carrots, but I’m about to ready to tuck the garden in and be done with it! The tourists have thinned out considerably, and the summertime events are settling down. I have to admit, it’s nice to have our little town all peaceful and calm again!

Homemade Jam will be playing at the Farmers Market in Joseph this Saturday, October 7th, from 11 to 1 PM. It looks like we’re going to luck out and get some pretty nice weather for it! We also played at the Wallowa Valley Arts Quick Draw, at the Joseph Community Center, on September 16th. What a fun event that was!
Artists have just an hour and a half to complete a piece of artwork to be auctioned, while Homemade Jam Band keeps the place hopping with some fast moving bluegrass! The artists produced some amazing works of art in such a short time!

The Del McCoury Band, a fabulous bluegrass band, will be playing on November 30th at the OK Theater, from 7 to 10pm. Tickets are available online, at eventbrite.com. Tunesmith will be starting back up on October 14th at 7 PM. This year it will be held in the Gold Room at the historic Jennings Hotel, 100 North Main, in Joseph. For additional information, see the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance website, or call 541-426-3390. There are plenty of other music events taking place throughout the month of October too! Check out the Events Calendar at the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce at wallowacountychamber.com.

That’s it for now! Stay warm and have a wonderful October!

Wallowa County Director,
Sandi and Larry Richerson

BAKER COUNTY

I will start off with the fires, I am sorry for anyone that had to leave their homes and any livestock that was left behind. I am hoping the smoke has lifted. Jack and Linda Darland came from Arizona and spent three days here at our place. It was so nice to have someone to play music with. They are both very good at the fiddle and guitar. I will miss them Alyn and Jody Domschot spent a day and night with us along with more good music. The show in Sumpter had a very good turnout. We had 25 players here in Sumpter; here is a list of names that were there:

To report on the Baker City show; it was a total melt down! Hardly anybody showed up for the show and I am talking people that came to watch the show. As far as the BMTFA players, we had 8 people show up. We didn’t charge the people for the show. We did have some good music, with some good people:
Joan Gray, Mark Ludwick, Les & Evelene Haynes, Tom & Carol Vickroy, Larry Cannon & Bob Hunt

Thanks to all of you....

Baker County Director
Bob Hunt

UMATILLA COUNTY

Here it is Halloween is staring right up at us and the frost will be on the pumpkins. What a change from the hot August heat.

Lorre and I went to Lakeview for a funeral. We stopped at John Day during the Grant County and had fun playing with BMOT fiddlers there one evening. It was good to see Ruel Teague there at the show.

Keven and Michelle Hedgepeth from Hermiston joined in at Heppner to play at the Morrow County Fair.

Joe McCutcheon, Veronica Mannis, Julia Milleson and Sissy Falcon have joined in with our Thursday evening jam on some occasions. We always enjoy having other folks show up for our jams.

Keep the rosin on the causin’

Umatilla County Director
Bill and Lorre Meyers
UNION COUNTY
Hello Everyone,

Gosh here it is the end of September and hope I get this in, in time. I totally forgot and am as busy as most of us are this time of year.

On September 15th, we had a show at the Cove Sportsman Club. Let me tell you, that was a challenge as we had five players and not much of an audience. But we made it through and thanks to you who showed. The players were, Denny Langford, Vickie Hagey, Larry Cannon, Jo Shay, and Bobby Stevens.

On Sept 16 the show was held in Elgin for the Rockwall Grange. Due to restroom problems we all joined up at the Stampede Hall and we had a great turn out for their food and the music we all made. The following showed up to play and I thank each and every one of you for your participation. Vickie Hagey, Bobby Stevens, Julie Milleson, Jan Williams, Kelly McFarley, Denny Langford, Tom And Carolyn Vickroy, Larry Cannon, Judy and Alyn Domschot, Joan Gray, Shirley Keagle, Tim Ballard, Margie Vaughn, Bob Wiles, and Tammy Croghan.

Thanks all for a wonderful, fast and awesome summer, until next year for me. I will see you in April.

Union County Director
Vickie Hagey

GRANT COUNTY

August is about over and it has sure been a busy month. Here in Grant County we have had a swarm of folks from all over the world to witness the eclipse.

Now let’s go back to the first of the month to our Grant County Fair. We had a great time (The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers) playing at the fair. If you didn't make it this year we hope you can plan for next year, it’s worth the trip.

I was excited to have my daughter Kari and granddaughter Savanna, sing with me on several songs, what a thrill! They make the ol’ man sound pretty good.


The rest of August has been about the same, if you can consider the influx of several thousand people anywhere normal. I am sure we all had similar experiences.

Our group, The Grant County Jammers, started the weekend playing at the Farmers Market in downtown John Day. One street is closed off for the merchants to display their goods. To our great surprise Ruel Teague from Burns came walking by. We promptly got him a chair and a guitar. He sang some great songs and everyone enjoyed him. A young lady from the Seattle stopped by. Ron loaned her his fiddle, Boy, was she good!!! Ron won't let me touch his fiddle and he always makes sure it’s in his pickup when we pack up. Who would want it anyway? The old thing is 200 plus years old, oh-well. We also played at the Dairy Queen, and Sunday at the industrial park where several hundred people were camped. We don't want to forget the assisted living home where we play every Thursday.

You-all come if you can.

Grant County Director
Carl Stinnett

Bobby Stevens
Morrow County Director
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