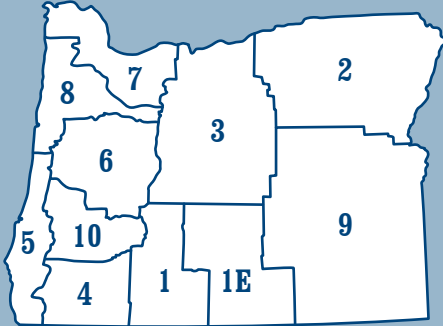


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## From Your President

This will be a busy two months for OOTFA. On March 18-19 is our state contest at Chemeketa College in Salem. Lew Holt has more information about the contest in his column.

On April 6-9, 2011 we will have our annual convention and annual meeting at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, OR. Lew Holt and Fred Hardin are planning for another great show on Friday April 8. We ask all Districts to help at the convention. District assignments this year are: Districts 1&6 – set up tables for Sat. night banquet; 1E&9 – front desk; 3&4 – raffle; 5&7 – overnight camping (\$15 per night Tuesday and Sunday; \$12.50 Wednesday through Saturday); 7&8 – chairs, advertising, banquet. On April 6, District 8 will be our host at the Arts and Craft Building. Doors will open at 9 a.m. for the early arrivals. We will have jamming, visiting, finger foods, snacks and coffee all day compliments of District 8. Contributions will be received at the door. Please help me in advance for THANKING District 8 for a job well done! If you have questions, special needs or any other help please contact Phil Ringle or any other District 8 officers.

We also need lots of help setting up the stage on Thursday morning and stacking all of the chairs and tables and cleaning the facility on Saturday night after the dance. If everyone pitches in it will be much easier!

Each district is asked to bring 2 or 3 floral arrangements for our Saturday night banquet tables. Each district and all members of OOTFA are urged to bring high quality, excellent condition, handcrafts, quilts, instruments, or other items that you would be proud to take home yourself, for the annual raffle.

We ask that you make reservations and pre-pay for the banquet on Saturday night. It will once again be catered by the Dallas High School cooking program. The choice is tri-tip beef or chicken and includes vegetables, bread and dessert. OOTFA will provide a beverage (coffee, tea or water). Price is \$13 per person. Please send your choices and your check to Sharon Gallagher so she receives it no later than April 1 at 2030 King Lane, Myrtle Point, OR 97458. There will be a very limited number of extra banquet tickets available at the convention, so please pre-order now so you will not be disappointed.

Donna Foreman has again arranged for a great set of workshops. They will be:  
April 7 – 2:00 p.m. Learn a dance - (no partner needed), taught by District 7 members Ron and Ella Beatty. They are former dance instructors and we love to watch them.  
April 8 - 10:30 a.m. Hal Weiner - District 5 - claw hammer banjo class.  
April 8 - 1:30 p.m. Ginny Hollon and her friends from District 3 will teach a couple of tunes. Saturday April 9 - 2:00 p.m. Jeff and Eileen Walter - District 7 will teach fiddle tips and technique and guitar backup. Please check the poster at the convention for any last minute changes and places.

Each district is assigned 15 minutes to play good danceable music for the Saturday night dance. Please be ready at your assigned time. The schedule has been provided to each district and will be posted at the convention.

There will be an Executive Board meeting on Saturday at 9 a.m. – place to be announced. Our annual meeting will be held on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. for election of officers. Anyone who is interesting in being an officer please provide your name to Ken Luse.

I hope that you will be able to participate in both of these special events,

~Hal Weiner

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## From the Editor

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Eileen Walters wants to alert us that the Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest is coming up the first weekend in May and she would like to put a plea for volunteers. If you've ever been a volunteer at a fiddle contest you know that it's a lot of fun. There are lots of volunteer opportunities to help out and be a part of the excitement, meet people attending the festivities, and see and hear the contest from the insider perspective.

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## From the Editor Emeritus

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No matter what the title is, it is time to write about the March 18 - 19 OOTFA fiddle contest. It is exciting even before it starts with all the district and individual contributions -- thanks to all of you and to those of you who have volunteered to help. If you are entering or know of somebody who is, it is time to send pre-registration to Sharon Gallagher 2030 King Lane Myrtle Point, OR 97458 -- giving her your division, address, email address. Check Oregonoldtimefiddling.org for specific details.

The contest will again be held in building six, the auditorium, on the east side of the Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Directions to the contest: From I-5, take Exit 256 (Market St.), turn east on Market -- (away from town) go a short half mile to Lancaster Ave. Turn left (north) on Lancaster to Silverton Rd. (1.3 miles) Turn right on Silverton Rd. Go to the light at 45th St. Turn left, go a half mile or so and the Auditorium is back off to your left. Free parking. RV parking.

If you have not received an invitation to enter the contest and want to enter, please contact Paula Sanders at 659 50th Ave. Sweet Home, OR 97386 (541-401-4130) or email her at jakayan@dswebnet.com and she'll get a packet to you. By the

way there is no registration fee if you pre-register but there will be a \$5.00 registration fee at the contest if you haven't preregistered. (Except for Pee Wees.)

A couple of reminiscing comments. Keith and Abbie Shaffar used to drive 30 miles from Bandon, pick up Alice and me and then drive another 60 miles to Elkton to jam with Warren Baker, Marie Gates and others. Warren liked to play Liberty "with a C." Instead of the E note and chord, go to a C and a C chord. It is kind of like the G note and chord in Old Joe Clark. Item two: soon Maxine Benson will celebrate her 90th birthday. Back in 1984 Alice and I had been members of OOTFA for four years. At our convention that spring Maxine was running for our state president. She asked me if I would run for V.P. with her. "Sure why not," not realizing what the next 27 years would be. It was kind of like jumping off a high diving board not knowing what the fall would be. (Or opening Pandora's box.) It has been an interesting and often exciting 27 years with one thing leading to another -- what a great organization we belong to.

~Lew Holt

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### March

1	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
1	Gig	Crystal Terrace	12:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
6	Meeting/Pot Luck & Jam		12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
13	Senior Dance, Music, & Finger Food		12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
17	Shasta View Care Center		1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
17	Linkville House		2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Practice every Saturday 1 to 4 p.m. at Luther Square unless something else is going on; for questions about the schedule, call Irene Ruddock.

At our February meeting we voted to send \$200 for the state contest.

We are sending bunches of wishes to all that have not been well and hope that you'll be back on your feet dancing, singing, & playing music in no time.

What a great time we had playing for the Chiloquin tribes Valentine party. The food was delicious, the audience seemed to have a good time, and several told us how much they enjoyed the music. A special thanks to our musicians Ben, Fran, Jerry, Irene, Al, Sherman, John, Dean, Kaye & Ali also our dancers Fred & Lorraine.

Our March calendar is open at this time, but we plan to fill every weekend playing music, singing songs, dancing & enjoying the spring weather.

Happy Birthday wishes for the month March: John Blasius—Faye Patterson—Pete Brown

Happy Anniversaries for the month March: Bill & Ann Bonser—Bud & Rebecca Ullman

Hopefully we didn't miss anyone, if we did sorry, let us know so we can put you on our list.

Celebrate the small victories in your life.

~Aline Swartwood, stand-in District 1 Reporter

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### March

5	Jam	Lake County Senior Center	4 p.m.
14	Business Meeting	Lake County Senior Center	7 p.m.

Is it snowing at your house like it's snowing at mine? Kinda reminds me of that old Vern Gosden song. Remember that one, old-time country music fans?

By the way, what locals say about the Lake County weather is: If you don't like it now, then just wait a few minutes, and it'll make you actually MISS the weather of 10 minutes ago! Well, here are the much anticipated (har dee har har) results of 1E's 2011 officer's election. (Drum roll please..)

Our new chairman is Beverly Perry. She's held the job once before, and although most of you don't know her yet, she'll make a good chairman. You'll get to know her in Silver Lake this year. Is that enough of a subtle hint for y'all?

Most of you DO know the vice chairman, Rhayanna McLain (Larry's daughter) She was always the gal who won most of the prizes at State Conventions years after year. The earth spun wobbly on its axis with the shift of weight as the McLains drove southeast with their "booty"

And of course, the rudder who keeps us on the right track again for the umpteenth time will be Sharilyn McLain in the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Then, lastly of course there's this here old blister, yours truly-Eileen McLain, reporting on all the earth-shattering news from the high desert.

So then, our next jam will happen on the 5th of March, at the Lake County Senior Center, 4 p.m. Next business meeting will be in the same place on Monday March 14th, at 7 p.m. So, here we are with a short list of places to stay if you happen to find yourself with spare time May 5 through that weekend.

Of course, there are a limited number of electrical-only sites for your trailers around the outside of the Silver Lake Fire Hall-first come, first served for \$10.00 per night. Dry camping all around the hall is of course FREE. Please stay away from the helicopter landing zone. We don't want to disrupt emergency services.

A couple of blocks north, right on the highway is Silver Lake Motel. (541-576-2131)

Here's a couple more options:  
Silver Lake Trailer Park (541) 576-2789  
K&K RV Park (541) 576-2258  
and approx 20 miles out is  
Christmas Valley Desert Inn 541-576-2262  
Lakeside Terrace (541) 576-2309  
Summer Lake Lodge (541) 943-3994 (repeat)

Can't keep the computer from messing up, so, sorry, no joke this month folks.

~Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.

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### March

6	Jam and Potluck	Pine Forest Grange	1 p.m.
18	Dance	Bend Senior Center	7 - 9 p.m.

Our turn out on the last jam was better than anticipated due to the conflict with Super Bowl Sunday. We did not have the fiddle lessons like we usually have. There was a meeting after the jam to catch up on some old business and bring up some new business. We will be trying to get another monthly jam starting on Saturday, February 26th at the Bend Community Center at one p.m..

We have been requested to play for a dance at the Bend Senior Center on Saturday March 18th from 7 to 9 p.m. We are hoping to be able to support their request. During the meeting the subject was brought up to start planning for a slate of officers for the next fiscal year which will start July 1st.

Our District signed up two new members which will be transmitted by Earlene Ervin. They are William H. Nill and Jeff Rola.

Our next scheduled jam for March will be Sunday 6th at 1 p.m. at the Pine Forest Grange in Bend. Also please note that Roland White has graciously agreed to relieve me of the task of monthly reporting in March.

~Ron Odegard, District 3 Reporter

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The monthly jam and meeting at Fruitdale Grange featured a lot of music, good food, and fun. We welcomed visitors Pat Weyer from District 5 and Hal Thompson from District 10 who added a lot to our music. Thanx guys for making the journey!

It was voted to cancel our August 5 jam at Fruitdale Grange due to many members planning to be out of town attending campouts and music camps.

Pat Manion is home following surgery awaiting further tests. Joan is doing well following another stent replacement. We wish you both well.

Cathy Frutchey and Tom are still in Hawaii with his father Ed who is in rehab and improving. Don Evans ("spoon man") is back playing with us after a stroke. He said they wouldn't let him out of the hospital till he learned to write his name and address again. Maybe they wanted to make sure he could sign the check? We're wishing good health to you all.

Beginning fiddle classes have begun as an after school program for 4th and 5th graders at Madrone Trail charter school. I knew it would be interesting when I was told to be careful going in,

### March

5 Jam Eagle Point Grange, Grants Pass

### April

2 Jam Roxy Ann Grange

### May

14 Jam Butte Creek Mill

as there was "barf on the sidewalk", then in the middle of the lesson I was introduced to the school rat (live)! An enthusiastic group of 12 students and 3 parents are already playing a couple tunes.

Don Maddox was awarded a "Lifetime Achievement Award" as Jackson County "Citizen of the year for 2011". About a dozen members played at the ceremony at city hall, where the presentation was made by Congressman Greg Walden and Commissioner C.W. Smith. Way to go, Don!

We played for part of the opening day celebration for Eagle Point's Centennial. Presentations were made from our congressmen from the state and the nation. Eagle Point is now officially on the map - for 100 years!

A guitar player, a banjoist, and a fiddler decide to form a band. The three of them start playing, and the sound is just awful! The guitar player turns to the banjoist and says, "We sound terrible. I don't think this is going to work. Let's get rid of the fiddler."

~District 4 reporter: Judy McGarvey [jmcgarvey97@charter.net](mailto:jmcgarvey97@charter.net)

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### May

2	Gig	Oerdings	Coquille	1:20 p.m.
	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center		3:00 p.m.
5	Gig	Hauser Firemen's Spaghetti Feed	Hauser	tba
9	Gig	Baycrest Memory Care	Empire	1:30 p.m.
	Gig	Ocean Crest	Coos Bay	3:00 p.m.
16	Gig	Heritage Place	Bandon	1:00 p.m.
19		Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay	1:00 p.m.
23	Gig	Life Care Center	Coos Bay	1:30 p.m.
	Gig	Hearthside	Coos Bay	3:00 p.m.

There will also be a gig at Allegany in the latter part of the month --- time and date tba.

The featured musician will be Ella Savery one of our senior members who plays guitar, harmonica and accordion and also sings. We'll have a bit of bio for her next month.

Fiddlers new to the group, Julie Turner and Dawn Vonderlin, both of Bandon, have been playing regularly with the nursing home players for the last month. Both are taking lessons in Bob Shafer's intermediate class and have had prior musical experience. Daily they are gaining expertise in their fiddling. Welcome to the group, ladies, and we hope to see you at the jams soon.

Sharon and Hal Thompson of District 10 and our chairman, Pat Weyer, attended a District 4 jam in Grants Pass during February and Mapril Combs played with District 10 at their monthly jam. We appreciate Hal coming over to play with us at Oerdings and Myrtle Point Care Center in February.

The Old Time Fiddlers have been invited to join in a community jam at the Eagles hall in Reedsport on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. All old time musicians and singers are invited but they would especially like to have some fiddlers join them. Musicians from other districts are also welcome. The jam follows a very hearty breakfast served from 8 to 11 a.m. for \$6 each. Bring your instruments, have breakfast and join in the jam.

The voices in my head may not be real but they have some good ideas.

~Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

# JR JUDD FIDDLEBOWNER

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## Fiddle Tips: Overcoming the Jitter Bugs, by Beverly Conrad

Your mouth goes dry, your knees shake, if you tried to tap your foot you would fall over, your hands sweat so badly that you think you would be better off wearing gloves, and worst of all -- your bow bounces and bounces and bounces and the lovely waltz you are trying to play sounds more like a jitter bug.

Stage fright: I hate when that happens. Even seasoned musicians are prone to an occasional bout of the jitters when performing. New fiddlers who may play very nicely by themselves, or in front of a few close friends can become terribly scared when performing in front of a live audience -- no matter how friendly the people are.

Here are some tips that may help you overcome stage fright. It is the excess energy that comes with nervousness and that rush of adrenaline that caused the hands to shake. Although this shaking may not be too evident at your fingertips, when magnified at the end of a long stick -- the bow -- it becomes very noticeable. What was a fine flutter becomes an incredible bounce.

Warm up exercises help alleviate this problem. Jeffery Judd of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, says that eight or ten long strokes of the bow on double strings will help to relieve the bow arm of excess tension and energy. Play GD and DA then AE. Move the bow solidly from tip to frog and back again.

I'm a firm believer in the 25 Rule. Make yourself perform twenty-five times in front of an audience. Seek out open jams or open mikes, offer to get our fiddle out and play a couple of tunes at a family reunion, church picnic, school or senior center. Keep count. The more you make yourself do this, the easier it will become until one day you will get up to perform and notice that, for a change -- your knees aren't shaking. That's a wonderful feeling.

Play something you know well. This worked for me. Until I was able to get up on stage one day and NOT feel my knees shake and bow bounce, I played the same two songs when soloing or and didn't stray off the path of notes that I had practiced. If you practice performing by playing songs that you know inside out and backwards, at least you will be comfortable with what you are playing. It is familiar. This is similar to driving on roads you know well and being on roads you have never traveled down before. Let the driving get tricky with snow, rain, wind, or fog and it's a whole lot easier to be on a familiar road. Stay on the familiar road while you work out the kinds of stage fight.

Pay attention to your audience. Some people believe that in order to overcome stage fright it is best to block out the audience, find a point on a back wall and concentrate on it. I don't. There is something in human nature that gives us a good feeling when we give to another human being. Music gives. Give them the tune as you play it, forget the jitters, and enjoy the good feeling that comes with giving.

Jeffery Judd teaches violin and has performed with the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra. He is a luthier and restores fine instruments. Visit his website at [www.jrjuddviolins.com](http://www.jrjuddviolins.com). (reprinted from the National Oldtime Fiddler, May/June 2002)

# Tune of the Month : Tombigbee Waltz

The Tombigbee River flows from northeastern Mississippi into the Alabama River. Some say "tombigbee" is an indian term for "coffin maker."

## Tombigbee Waltz

traditional Southern Old-Timey

arr. 2006 by Dave Barton

The musical score for "Tombigbee Waltz" is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The chords and articulation marks are as follows:

- Staff 1: G, GM7, G6, G, Am
- Staff 2: Am6, C, G, D7, G, GM7
- Staff 3: G6, G, Am, Am7, C, D7, G
- Staff 4: G/B, C, G, Am
- Staff 5: Am6, C, D, G, G/B, C
- Staff 6: G, Am, Am7, C, D7, G (to repeat tune), G (final only)

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The OOTFA election of officers for District 6 will take place Saturday, March 12th at the meeting, jam and potluck at the Santa Clara Grange. If you would like to run for office or if you would like to nominate someone, be sure take part in the meeting and join in the fun at the potluck and jam.

The WCFCW (West Cascade Fiddle Camp and Workshop) Committee is regularly meeting and is in the final stages of structuring the new fiddle camp which will be held July 25-29 in Westfir. You can watch the process and find out the latest on [www.fiddlecamp.org](http://www.fiddlecamp.org).

The District 6 fiddlers have been very active. The three Friday night jams have been well attended. We had a good turnout for the February potluck and jam and we continue to attract new members by having our events listed in the newspaper. Both Ila Mae's basic and intermediate classes are also very popular.

### March

12 Meeting, Jam and Potluck Santa Clara Grange 10 a.m. - 4 p.m

Join in the fun coming up at the last Spencer Creek barn dance of the season March 19th, and the State Convention April 6-9 at Rickreall. As a reminder here is a list of the Friday night jams:

- 1st Friday, Eugene Hotel, 222 E Broadway, Eugene 97401
- 2nd Friday, Crow Grange, 85994 Territorial Rd. Veneta 97487
- 4th Friday, Santa Clara Grange, 295 Azalea Drive, Eugene 97404

*The Friday night jams are all 7 to 11 pm.*

March Birthdays: Wayne Carpenter 3/1, Ed Sather 3/3, Patti Luse 3/11, Andy Kennedy 3/13, Susie Milligan 3/20.

March Anniversaries: Ed and Dorothy Sather 3/7, Sal and Darlene Fiducia 3/15, Alan and Carol Ede 3/17, Wayne and Anne Carter 3/30.

~Lynne Baran, District 6 Reporter

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### March

13	Jam	Lake Oswego Senior Center	Lake Oswego	1 - 3:30 pm
25	Gig	Tanner Adult Center	West Linn	3:30 - 4:30 pm
28	Gig	Valley Comm. Presbyterian Church	Portland	1 - 1:30 pm

### April

17		Hillsboro Senior Center	Hillsboro	
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Just when I thought winter was on its way out, snow buried my spring bulbs that were optimistically sticking their heads up out of the ground. I am so ready for warmer and drier weather! We can all look forward to warmer weather and lots of flowers in April when we attend the State Convention in Rickreall. Members of District 7 (that's us) are responsible for providing flowers as table decorations for the dinner. After the dinner is finished the flowers will be distributed in a drawing. Be sure to have the dates on your calendars: April 6 - 9. Look for details elsewhere in this Hoedowner.

Be sure to welcome new members to our district. We have two new members: Dennis and Marnie Childers from SE Portland and Sharon and John Sandgren from Damascus. Welcome aboard. We hope to see them at the following gigs and jams.

Sunday, Mar 13 our monthly jam is at the Lake Oswego Senior Center, 505 G St. in Lake Oswego, OR 97034. Doors open at 11 a.m., playing time from 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar 25 we are scheduled at the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive, in West Linn. We play from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Mar 28 is another opportunity to play for a new group at the Valley Community Presbyterian Church, 8060 SW Brentwood, in Portland, in the Raleigh Hills area. We are scheduled to play from 1 to 1:30 p.m.. Directions: take Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, turn north on Laurelwood toward West Slope. Church is on the corner of Laurelwood and Brentwood.

Sunday Apr 17 our monthly jam will be at the Hillsboro Senior Center, 750 SE 8th St. in Hillsboro, Or 97123. Doors open at 11 am and we play from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

~Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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Greetings from District 8 where we are getting ready for a busy spring and summer of fiddle events. Here's what we've been doing lately.

A small group of District 8ers, with help from Paula Sanders, played at Stayton Senior Center in January. They were well received. Thanks to Dale Emery for arranging the jam. The seniors want us to play once a month for them. We played there again February 17 but we are skipping the third Thursday in March because of the contest but will be there again on April 21.

Congratulations to Gene and Jackie Stephenson on reaching their 50th anniversary. They hosted an afternoon get-together for family and friends. Those who brought instruments played and sang. Lots of fun!

Congratulations to Betty Emery on her 90th birthday! We gathered in Stayton at her party after our monthly jam. Happy Birthday, Betty!!

Leigh Anne Webb had a collapsed lung. She's home now. Hope it heals quickly, Leigh Anne, so you can get back to your music.

## March

18-19	State Fiddle Contest	Salem
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## April

6-9	State Convention	Rickreall
21	Gig, Stayton Senior Center	Stayton

Contest time is here! We'll be at the auditorium on the Chemeketa Community College campus, as we were last year. This is a great facility for the contest. Come and listen. Come and enter. It's really awesome to hear some of our young fiddlers. See details of the contest elsewhere in this issue.

April is coming and with it the OOTFA convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds at Rickreall. The dates are April 6 through 9. Our district will be providing finger food and coffee all day on Wednesday. There will be informal jamming and visiting all day in the Art and Crafts Building. On Thursday, we move over to the main building. As host district let's make everyone feel welcome. If you are able, please help with chairs or whatever needs to be done. Be sure to read President Hal's article for more information about District 8's responsibilities. Have fun!

Spring is on its way. Our daffodils will be opening up any day now!

~Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

# District 9

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## March

4	Gig	Burns High School Band Fundraiser
11	Gig	The Aspens
13	Election, Jam & Potluck	Senior Center
18	Jam	George and Hilda Sahlberg's
25	Jam	Janet Brayman's

Hope everyone had a wonderful music filled Valentine's Day.

District 9 has been up to the usual, jamming every Friday night at member's houses. Plus playing for the folks at the Aspen's Nursing home and Ashley Manor. Yesterday, February 13, we had our pot luck jam at the Senior Center and had an OOTFA meeting. We have started making plans for our Jamboree coming up in June on the 16, 17, and 18. Hope everyone plans to attend. We always have a good time and love to see folks from all over the state.

Friday night Jams for the month of March will be held at: March 4 (Band Fundraiser), March 11, The Aspen's, March 18, George and Hilda Sahlberg, and March 25 Janet Brayman's March 13 we will have our potluck/jam at the Senior Center and elect officers for OOTFA for the coming year.

~Dona Townsend District 9 pro-tem Reporter

Coming up on March 4, the Burns High School Band is having a fund raiser to raise money for their band to attend a special Pearl Harbor Ceremony in Washington DC. Janet Brayman, Joan Suther and Dennis and Dona Townsend will be playing at this event along with musicians from the high school band. A donation of eight dollars is asked to attend and assist the band in their fund raising efforts.



# District 10

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## March

12 Jam & Finger food VFW Hall, Roseburg 12 - 3 p.m.

We had a great turn-out at the jam. Had so much finger foods, everything was so good. Chris and Rudi Booher and families were there, the kids had fun dancing around, and some of them got up and played their instruments and sang. It was great. Bea and Don Johnson from District 4; and Mapril and Grant Combs from district 5 were there. Also visitors of the Booher's and their children too.

Margie Hastey has been in and out of the hospital lately, but doing a little better. I saw Delmar Beck at the store; he's walking around with a cane and looking good.

Jean Hanson's mother passed away February 9th -- she was 101 yrs old. Our condolences go out to the family.

Our next jam will be March 12 at the VFW hall, 1127 Walnut st. Roseburg, noon to 3 p.m. --- finger foods only. Hope to see you all there.

~Joyce Pickett District 10 Reporter

## From the Editor continued from page 2...

There are many ways to help - here is a general list:

Registration & Information Desk

Ticket and CD Sales

Kitchen Duty

Hospitality: Bring food & drink from the kitchen to the judges, tabulators, MC, etc.

Set Up and Tear Down: Load & unload food, sound system, banners, trophies, supplies, etc.

Judges Room: Assist tabulation, timekeepers, collect score sheets from judges, etc.

Runners: Communicate between judges room and stage, assist flow of contestants from practice room to stage, distribute order of play for each round, etc.

If you'd like to participate, there's a link on the website: [www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com](http://www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com) or contact Denise McCravey 541-490-0079

Eileen Walter 503-701-1578

Rick Bergeron 503-260-6694

Roland White 541-647-4789

Here's your chance to participate - you'll be glad you did!

Once again, I would like to encourage readers to send me photos for inclusion in the Hoedowner. The photos need to come with captions identifying people in the photo and the event. This month, for example, there is a photo of Lester Maddox submitted by District 4's Judy McGarvey.

~Joe Moyle



◀ District Six chairman Ken Luse speaks at a January 20 District Six presentation at the Hult Center in Eugene. In the foreground: Donna Wynn. Photo by Nina Hoffman

◀ Don Maddox, who hails from District 4, is a life member and the last surviving family member of the professional country music group, "The Maddox Brothers and Rose." Jackson County recently gave him a "lifetime achievement" award, which he is shown proudly displaying. Photo by Judy McGarvey.



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## State Calendar

March 18-19	State Fiddle Contest	Salem
April 6-9	State Convention	Rickreall
May 5-8	Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake
May 6-8	Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest (not an OOTFA Event)	Hood River
June 16-18	High Desert Jamboree	Burns
July 25-30	West Cascades Fiddle Camp/Workshop	Westfir
August 4-7	Diamond Lake Campout	Diamond Lake
August 9-12	Thousand Trails Fiddle Camp	LaPine
August 18-21	Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Bay

### New Members to Welcome!

Carol & Dave Ridley, Roseburg  
Terry & Sheralyn Leavitt, Springfield  
Addison, Eugene  
Sharon & John Sandgren, Damascus  
Joel McClure, Eugene  
Brad & Ellen Ashcraft, West Lynn  
Charlie & Pam Boyer, Eagle Point

Catherine Finney & Chris Gilmore, Bend  
Rami & Kimberly Ghaemmaghami, Tigard  
William Nill, Madras  
Jeff Rola, Bend  
Frieda & Mark Harden, Eugene  
Angela & Douglas Hooley, Dexter

- Mark Ratzlaff, OOTFA State Membership