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From Your President

From my house it takes about two hours to reach either end of District 5. Brookings on the far south coast is not where most Oregonians go for a leisure Sunday drive so district participation in Brookings events was not something that happened often.

One of the district members got the idea that if we went there in the months that have five Saturdays, it would not pinch the transportation budget too much but it would also be fun and help enliven that end of the district.

On the 29th of September several district members drove down and enjoyed a great grange jam and performance hosted at the Chetco grange. Grange volunteers fed the fiddlers lunch. Talented visitors from other districts included: Ken and Patti Luse; Hal and Sharon Thompson, Karen Pohl, Les and Peggy Tucker, Bruce and Judy McGarvey and John and Marlene Renfro. The Renfros were celebrating their 60th anniversary; from my view point they must have married at age ten.

Other districts might give the fifth Saturday some thought for reaching the outskirts of their areas. The result for us is more members and more fun. If that does not work for your district come on over and join us.

We lost our friends Charlotte Hardin and Linda Easley. Heartfelt condolences to the families and others who will remember them as part of the fiddler family.

~ Larry

From the Editor

There has been a staff change this month: Mark Ratzlaff, who was the state membership chair, has resigned; his place has been taken by Patti Luse. Mark turned in an excellent performance, which included producing the annual membership roster; welcome Patti!

Darla Knudsen writes: "It has been approved by the school district and the West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops will be at the Westridge School in Oakridge from July 21st to the 25th. Registration will be on Sunday the 21st and classes will start on Monday the 22nd. More to follow. If you have questions, contact Darla Knudsen, WCFCW Chair, jkdjkc@q.com."

We here in District 6 are looking forward to a busy holiday season. Our Thanksgiving jam and feast will occur Saturday, November 10 at Santa Clara grange in Eugene; our Christmas jam will take place Sunday, December 2 at the Lebanon Moose lodge. We welcome visitors from other districts to both events.

To all you reporters out there: the due date for sending in your reports is the 14th of the month, with submission of the complete Hoedowner to printer scheduled for the 16th. Failure to get your stuff in on time risks having the Hoedowner appear without a report from your district.

Beginning this month in the Junior Hoedowner, we welcome occasional advice on fiddle maintenance from Eugene Luthier Lynn Berg.

~ Joe

From the Editor Emeritus

When I was young I remember my mother telling me about letters "edged in black". A letter edged in black told of somebody's death. And there was that old tune by the same name that I would hear on the radio. In 1970 when I was going to summer school in Minnesota, one of the ladies received a letter in the mail one day, literally "edged in black" telling of a death.

Thinking back to earlier this year with the passing of Pat and Chuck, others have followed and now during October I have been receiving and sending what are to me "letters edged in black" telling of the passing of our good fiddle friends. In a week we lost three good friends. (Charlotte Hardin, Linda Easley, and Zach Konowalchuk.) I think earlier of Debbie Moenck, Bev Emert, Ida Colby, Ruth Montgomery, Oren Pruitt, Joe Hamm,

Myrle Shepard, Betty Emery -- and others unique to your area. Back when I was editor of the Hoedowner, I started sending out "OOTFA updates" when an important bit of information came to me. Although I have no authority or been appointed, I continue sending them. Several of you have written back that they are an important part of and contribute to our "fiddle family." Since I send out over 400 emails each Update mailing, I had to get special permission from AOL -- proving that I wasn't sending out spam.

If you don't receive the OOTFA updates by email and would like them, drop me a note Lewholt@aol.com. and I'll add your address. If you no longer want them, drop me a note and I'll remove your address.

~ Lew

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE:
FROM DISTRICT ONE!**

November

1	Gig	Shaw Historical Museum, OIT Student Union Bldg	5 - 6:45 p.m.
3	Practice	Luther Square	1 - 4 p.m.
4	Meeting/Pot Luck	Shasta Community Center	12 - 4 p.m.
6	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30-11:30 a.m.
6	Gig	Quail Park	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
11	Gig	Shasta Community Hall Dance	12 - 4 p.m.
15	Gig	Shasta View Care Center	1 - 2 p.m.
15	Gig	Linkville House	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday Practice has started and will continue every Saturday unless there is somewhere else to play. For updated information call John Rodgers or John Northcraft.

Each month I will be asking one of our members to write some news for the Hoedowner. This is what Marlan Jannuzzi wrote for this month:

"We have come to the end of a hot dry summer here in Klamath County (hot for us anyway) and now we are back to our normal fall and winter playing schedule. We had to cancel several of our normal engagements due to the extra summer activities such as the Merrill meeting, Tulelake Fair, Famers Market, Diamond Lake, Fiddle camp and many of our members being out of town.

"We keep a pretty busy schedule here with eight regularly scheduled gigs each month and practice every Saturday, plus the other occasional events. I want to express my personal appreciation to all who faithfully show up for these events, and encourage everyone to be as involved as they can. It makes for a better program if we have a good variety of instruments and singers involved.

"It is encouraging to see some young people coming along. We have recently had two families join who have children that are learning to play the guitar, banjo, and fiddle. Irene has three young students. We definitely need more young talent in our district. We also need all our members to help make this club a positive and fun place."

Patti Northcraft had knee surgery in October. We wish her a speedy recovery.

I didn't mention this in the October Hoedowner; sorry I am late. District 1 wants to thank all who took their time to teach classes at Merrill, also everyone else that helped with the kitchen and all the clean up.

Don't forget to pay your dues for the coming year.

Let's all welcome our new members: David, Ann, Dyrin, Ellie, London, Vienna, Asher, and Kari Larson. Also Tyler, Crystal, Atlas, and Rex Bodle. Ellie is learning fiddle, Atlas the guitar, Rex the banjo.

Happy Birthday to Bud Ullman

Anniversaries this month are Johnny & Darleth Rogers and Les & Lois Tucker.

Many people walk in and out of our lives, but only true friends leave footprints in our hearts.

~ Aline Swartwood, District 1 Reporter

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November

3	Jam and Workshop	Senior Center	5/6 p.m.
11	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.

Not much going on around here. Leaves are changing color and is getting a little cooler in the mornings. Still nice in the afternoon.

We said a tearful good by to Myrtle Shepard on the 13th. She will be missed.

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Our Adopt a Sign should be put up any day now. So when you are coming into town from the west please look for it. We have to clean the side of the road within our mile 3-4 times a year for the privilege of having the sign. Poor Jerry had to do it by himself last time. The rest of us were out of town. We will be there next time. Which will be the 28th of October.

Hope all the snow birds have a safe trip flying south. See you in the spring.

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District 3 members enjoyed great turnouts from the public for the jams held on September 9th September 23rd and October 14th at the VFW Hall in Redmond. The musicians turned out in good numbers for all the jams as did the public to dance and listen. Remember Oct 28th is our last fourth Sunday jam for the season. Starting November 11th to March 2013 one jam per month.

We are happy to announce that we have three new members in District 3. They are: Ron Larson, Prineville; Chris Cochran, Bend; and Barbara Beatly, Central Oregon. Thanks for supporting OOTFA.

Thank you new District 3 member Julie Turner for taking over the publicity job from Don Hendrix. Give Don a Thank You when you see him; he has been getting the word out for us for the last two years or more. THANK YOU DON!

The circle jam is beginning to attract some players in the auxiliary room. This room is located in the back of the canteen, or ask an OOTFA member or VFW staff to locate. The next one is scheduled for October 28th. We had several members and guests enjoying music with one another at the last circle jam. Call your OOTFA music friends and join in. This is for those who want to play but not behind a microphone on stage. Help this event grow and play along.

The fiddling program is bumping along at the present so I will be calling the fiddling members of District 3 to get you on the list for the fiddlers segment of our program from 12 to 1 p.m. at the next series of Sunday jams. The fiddlers program is for all fiddlers adults, seniors and juniors so help make this a great program and call Roland for a sign up slot or he will be calling you. Let's make this happen! //:~)

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Christmas Party on December 9th at the Pine Forest Grange in Bend. This is the former jam site we used before we went back to the VFW Hall in Redmond. It is located at 63214 Boyd Acres Road, Bend Oregon and will be from 12- 3 p.m.

Still having Thursday nights at Rosa Lee's home. 5 p.m. Business meeting always the second Monday of the month at the Senior Center. 7 p.m.

Workshop and Jam first Saturday of the month. Workshop starts at 5 p.m.; jam at 6 p.m., both at the Senior Center.

~ **Mary Ann McLain, District 1E Reporter**

November

11	Fiddlers	Main Stage	12 -1 p.m.	Optional
	Dance Band	Main Stage	1 - 3:30 p.m.	
	Circle Jam	Auxiliary Rm	1 - 3:30 p.m.	Optional

December

8	Christmas Party	Pine Forest Grange, Bend	12-3 pm	
9	Fiddlers	Main Stage	12 -1 p.m.	Optional
	Dance Band	Main Stage	1 - 3:30 p.m.	
	Circle Jam	Auxiliary Rm	1 - 3:30	Optional

Note: November 2012 - March 2013 There will be one Jam per month on second Sundays at Redmond VFW Hall • 1836 SW Veterans Way • Redmond Oregon

District 3 needs members who want to serve. These are not big jobs but just simple tasks performed to keep us on track for our jams and service to OOTFA.

Jam signs: We need a volunteer to put out and take in our jam signs.

Sound person: We need 1-2 volunteers to spread out the responsibility of setting up the PA. The PA is now stored on site at the VFW hall. We seem to have plenty of help putting it away, now we need some alternates when I will not be there to set up the system and be on time for 12 noon start. If you play regularly, step forward and help out.

Playing for the public: We need a volunteer to organize a minimum of 5 to 10 members or more to play for the public at community events, rest homes and senior centers.

Be sure and call reporter Roland for any news items in District 3 that may include birthdays, anniversaries, illness, or community service from our members. And for publicity releases call or email Julie Turner 541-923-971 • penguin_athlete@yahoo.com, our publicity person. She is also listed in our title header.

~ **Roland White, District 3 Reporter**

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Our Eagle Point jam saw continuing nice weather, and not too hot. Lots of dancing, and the musicians did their usual awesome program. A special thanks to Lennie Ferrara who came back from his travels in time to emcee the jam. Thanks Lennie!

We have welcomed six NEW family memberships this month, with a big shout out to our Membership Chairman, Carol Ferrara, who welcomes folks and encourages them to join in. The new members have really appreciated being included in playing, and several are getting very good!

A teenage exchange student from Germany, Anna, has joined in with her fiddle to jam with us, and is really enjoying learning "American" old-time music – one of her goals when she came here.

One of our newer members, Neal Jones, spent a week in the hospital with some internal bleeding, but is back playing with us now. We're hoping for a full recovery soon, Neal!

Playing for "Food & Friends" (formerly Meals on Wheels) in Grants Pass is always a treat, as they fed us a great meal, and were an appreciative audience. We also played for "Meet the Pioneers"

November

3 Jam and Snacks Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass 11:30 a.m.

December

1 Jam and Potluck Roxy Anne Grange, Medford 11:30 a.m.

January

5 Jam and Snacks Eagle Point Grange 11:30 a.m.

at the take-off point for the historical tours of Jacksonville Cemetery. Playing for three-plus hours, we had many groups coming and going, and loving the old time music.

The Renfros and the McGarveys went to the "fifth Saturday" jam at Brookings. Thank you folks for making us feel so welcome! We had a great time!

Our beginning fiddle class started October 10 with 13 students, with some help from the Kielhorn Grant to cover expenses. The ages range from 9-13, and they are an enthusiastic group of kids! Hopefully we'll have a whole new crop of fiddlers coming up soon!

Our Holiday potluck will be December 1 – Judy Lyons is coordinating the "fixin's" and the district will provide the ham and turkey. This is always a feast!

A little girl asked her father, "Daddy? Do all Fairy Tales begin with "Once Upon A Time"? He replied, "No, there is a whole series of Fairy Tales that begin with, "If elected I promise"

~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter

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According to reports received, those of us who were unable to attend the 5th Saturday jam at the Chetco Grange in the Brookings-Harbor area in September missed a fun-filled day of great music and camaraderie. The musicians and audience there are always so enthusiastic. There were 17 OOTFA members from the Coos Bay area and several guests from other districts who traveled South to join the group in the Brookings area. Further details will be found in the president's message for this month.

Jim Sylvester from Bandon was the featured performer at the jam at the Chetco Grange. He was originally to be featured at the March 5th Saturday jam but the weather was so bad and there were landslides and flooded roads that prevented most members, including Jim, from traveling to Brookings so he did not get to perform then. He has been serenading his elementary students with both traditional and his original tunes on his acoustic guitar since arriving on the south coast in 1990. He also plays mandolin and electric bass, performing with several West coast bands including his own local R&B dance band, "Sly and Co." Much to the dismay of the family dogs, he has recently

November

7	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
7	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 - 4 p.m.
14	Gig	Bay Crest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
14	Gig	Ocean Crest, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.
17	Holiday dinner	Winchester Bay	11 a.m.
17	Monthly jam	Winchester Bay	1 - 4 p.m.
21	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 - 2:30 p.m.
28	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
28	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.



At the District 5 Brookings jam: Pat Weyer, on harmonica.

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Jacie Sites

This is an abridged version of a piece by Kathy Aney in the "East Oregonian" about Jacie Sites.

Jacie Sites was home. She stood inside the famous oak circle on the Grand Ole Opry stage in Nashville, ready to electrify the crowd with her fiddle playing, feeling a strange sort of calm. In the same spot where Hank Williams, Johnny Cash and Elvis had once stood, she lowered her bow and launched into her favorite fiddle tune, "Sally Johnson."

Sites, who once played first violin in the Pendleton High School Orchestra, had just won the prestigious Grand Master Fiddler Championships, held on Sept. 28 and 29 in Nashville, Tenn. The road to the Grand Ole Opry had taken almost 20 years.

The 32-year-old's love of fiddle started during a family vacation to Wyoming when she was 15. While eating at a chuck wagon in Jackson Hole, she found herself mesmerized by championship fiddle player Tim Hodgson and immediately decided she could do that, too.

An earlier attempt had fizzled. In middle school, Sites had tried violin and performed her first show as a middler-schooler, where she played "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star."

Peg Willis, a Pendleton fiddle teacher who played back-up guitar at the competition, described Sites as "small, timid, but determined," playing a violin that was too big for her.

The girl's interest waned, but after hearing Hodgson, Sites picked up her instrument again and sought out Willis. "Soon I realized that she needed much more than I could give her," she said. Willis continued to tutor Sites, but also drove the teen to Bend once a month for lessons with past Grand National Champion fiddler Rudi Booher and to Walla Walla for classical violin lessons.

"Jacie always appeared timid, withdrawn, until she stood in front of a microphone with her fiddle," Willis recalled. "Then she just let loose. And everyone within hearing distance turned in amazement to hear this little sprite exploding with incredible music."

But winning the Grand Masters was the biggest thrill yet. Later that night, she stepped onto the Grand Ole Opry Stage . . . let loose with "Sally Johnson."

Sites gives a lot of credit to Willis for her success. "She inspired me," she said.

Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter – Taking a Look at Your Bow Arm

In this month's column I'll address the bow arm and a situation I see often – swinging upper arms.

If you look in the mirror and the upper part of your bow arm is swinging back and forth while you draw the bow, there's something you should take a look at. If your upper arm is swinging, your bow won't be straight, and your tone will suffer as a result. This can also cause unnecessary strain on your shoulder. Your arm should be swinging only from the elbow down. Your upper arm should only move up or down to change strings. A stiff wrist is one reason your upper arm may be swinging. If your wrist isn't flexing, the bow can't move in a straight line and the upper arm will be forced to swing back and forth. When drawing the bow towards the frog, your wrist should bend up and point at the ceiling. To accomplish this, the stick of your bow should be tipped away from you. As you draw the bow towards the tip, the stick and your wrist should straighten out.

Here's a helpful exercise I call "wrist circles":

Place the middle of your bow on the E string; take a very short up-bow stroke with the stick tipped away from you and your wrist pointing up; then take a very short down-bow stroke on the A string, with your wrist and the stick straightening out – keep doing these two motions without stopping in between – your wrist should be making a circle – your forearm should be hardly moving, and your upper arm not at all. Even when you're playing with longer bow strokes, make sure your wrist and forearm are moving, not your upper arm.

I've been writing this column for a year and have many more ideas for future columns. I welcome feedback, questions, and suggestions for future columns. Thanks, Eileen@portlandfiddleteacher.com

Fiddle Maintenance by Lynn Berg – Avoiding Damage with Fine Tuners

Most violinist and fiddlers use a fine tuner on the "E" string. Many fiddlers use fine tuners on all strings. While using fine tuners in the tuning process the screw is usually screwed downward to raise the pitch. In this process the lower arm of the fine tuner gets pushed downward. If this arm goes so far as to touch the top of the instrument damage to the varnish can occur.

Further pressure on the top can result in damage to the wood itself. This damage can be avoided. Every couple of weeks back the screw off and re-tune with the tuning pegs. This procedure should keep the arm of the fine tuner away from the top thus avoiding damage to the top of instrument.

Tune of the Month -- Whip and Spur Gallop

This tune, probably of English origin, was presented by Linda Danielson at the West Cascades Fiddle Workshop.

Whip and Spur Gallop

From Kusty Modrell, 1970s
tr. L. Danielson

Handwritten musical notation for the fiddle tune "Whip and Spur Gallop". The notation is written on five staves in G major (two sharps) and 8/8 time. The first staff includes a handwritten annotation "first time" with an arrow pointing to the first measure. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff features two first endings, labeled "1." and "2.", indicated by dashed lines. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff also features two first endings, labeled "1." and "2.", indicated by dashed lines.

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learned to play the fiddle under the tutelage of Bob Shaffer, another of our District 5 members. The fiddle he plays belonged to his wife's great grandmother, still in it's original box, purchased from Montgomery Ward over 100 years ago, retrieved out of a closet and unplayed for many years. Jim is looking forward to getting out of the house and sharing some of his fiddle tunes while the dogs are looking forward to getting him out of the house, too, though they don't howl as much as they used to.

The annual holiday dinner, for members only and their families, will be held at 11 a.m. preceding the jam on November 17. Plans will be finalized at the business meeting before the October jam.

The fiddle lessons being given by Bob Shaffer at the Bandon Middle School music room are going well. They are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month with the beginners class from 6 -7 p.m. and the intermediate class from 7 - 8 p.m. or a bit longer. There is a charge of \$5.00 per lesson and students must be a member OOTFA. There are fiddles available for loan for those who don't have one. These lessons are open to all who are interested and at present the beginners class has seven members ranging in age from 9 to 70 and the intermediate class has four students and is having more fun than should be legal!

Our sympathy goes out to member, Mapril Combs, and her family, on the recent death of her brother, Kenyon, who lived in the Coos Bay area.

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The basic fiddle class will be held on Monday, November 19th and December 10th, at Bethesda Lutheran Church from 1-4:30 pm. Intermediate Fiddle Classes, November 17th, and December 8th. All are at the River Road Annex, 1055 River Road and are from 1-4. Hope to see you there. Darla Knudsen would like to know how many to plan on. If you are planning to attend, please tell her at jkdkjc@q.com or 541-998-2064.

The Third Annual West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops is scheduled for July 22-25 of 2013. Darla Knudsen is the chairperson of the committee for 2013. She needs help. Please contact her if you would like to help out.

Have you noticed who volunteers at our events? A small percentage of kind-hearted people organize these gatherings. They just don't happen. It is the same people keeping the district rolling. Let me say again, it is the same people! Most of us don't know what to do. Now you do. Call someone and ask, "How can I help"? Volunteering is easy. Just do what they ask. Make a tiny step at first, and then build your responsibilities. The rewards are high when working closely with others towards a common goal. This also provides an opportunity to shape the Music Camp programs to best meet the needs of those attending.

The District 6 annual holiday potluck and jam will be held on Saturday, November 10 at the Santa Clara grange. We already have volunteers

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. May you have a gobbling good time!

Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? -- He's all right now

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter



At the District 5 Brookings jam (l-r): Mapril Combs, Ken Luse, Carl Rovainen, Ken Joubert, George Layton.

November

2	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
9	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
10	Jam, Potluck	Santa Clara Grange	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
17	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
23	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

December

7	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 pm
8	Jam, Meeting & Potluck	Santa Clara Grange	10- 4 pm
14	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 pm
28	Jam	Cancelled for Holiday Season	

to do the usual two turkeys an a ham. But we still needs lots of side dishes and desserts. In addition, help will be needed with set up and clean up. Many hands make light work. Leah Canaday and Phyllis Coffin are going to be the managers of the feast; let them know what you can bring to it, and help them make the potluck a big success!

There will be a brief special purpose business meeting at the November 10 jam to discuss purchase of a new sound system.

Wayne Carter celebrated his 80th birthday skydiving with family. He said the scenery that far up is breathtaking. I asked if the landing was as big a thud as expected, but they came in light as a feather. "The only thing easier was blowing out the candles."

JAM VENUE ADDRESSES: Crow Grange - 85994 Territorial Hwy, Eugene (in Crow); Eugene Hotel - 224 E. Broadway, Eugene; Santa Clara Grange - 295 Azalea, Eugene; Spencer Creek Grange - 86013 Lorane Hwy, Eugene.

November birthdays: Marie Roberts 11/2; Peggy Mulder 11/3; John Gent 11/3; Darlene Fiducia 11/5; Jim Hoots 11/13; Vickie Clark 11/14; Benjamin Cooley 11/15; Roseanne Spann 11/26.

November anniversaries: Ken and Roseanne Spann 11/10

~ Gary Davis, District 6 Reporter



District 6: Jamming at Crow Grange (l-r): Web Dobson, Joe Grivel, Peggy Mulder, Marty Nelson.



District 6: Riding Down the Canyon (l-r): Phyllis Coffin, Joe Moyle.

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Well, it looks like "Fall has Fell" according to the rain that finally found its way to the Northwest! It is time to start gearing up for holiday fiddlin', so dust off those holiday songs and get ready for our annual Thanksgiving/Christmas gigs!

As you know we lost another dear friend, Linda Easley just before her wonderful "Log Jam" event. Our prayers go out to her family and friends. An impromptu jam was held in her honor at the Manzanita Community Center for those who were able to make the last minute journey. Linda was a wonderful and talented entertainer and we Old Time Fiddlers have a hole in our hearts – she will be so missed.

Our annual jam at the Harding Senior Center was a lot of fun, with many OOTFA friends sharing their time and talent. It is such a pleasure to listen to and be part of such caring people. We especially appreciated hearing two of Eileen's talented young students – Naomi Childers and Josh Ashcroft. These young folks are so appreciated and we encourage them all the way!

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OOTFA members are saddened by recent deaths among our ranks. Our district was hit especially hard. We send our love, prayers and condolences to the families of the following:

Our November-December Jam/ playing lineup to date includes:

- Sunday, 11/18 St. Helens Senior Center,
375 S. 15th Street, St. Helens
11 am - 4 pm - Sign up playing from 1 – 3:30 pm.
The center will provide food for a fee. This is always a fun place.
- Sunday, 12/2 Estacada Senior Center
200 S.W. Club House Dr., Estacada
4 pm. Sign up playing from 1 - 3:30 pm.
Christmas dinner will be served at noon for a nominal fee.
- Friday, 12/28 Tanner Adult Center
23000 Horizon Drive, West Linn
Playing from 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Watch your emails for any other gigs that will be lined up.

~ **Marcella Easley, District 7 Reporter**

November		
17	Jam	Dallas Senior Center
December		
15	Jam	Woodburn Grange
January		
19	Jam	Dayton Community Building

Betty Emery passed away September 15th. We will miss her sweet, quiet personality. While her body was frail, her mind was still strong and lucid.

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Linda Easley died the first week in October. The annual Log Jam had to be cancelled as was the public program at the Community House in Manzanita. (More on this below). Linda's generosity in opening her cabin to all comers with stone soup and other food always available will be missed. Even more we'll miss her music and her friendship.

Zack Konawalchuk, of Newport, died on October 6th. He had a heart attack while jogging on the beach. He was only 24. A talented fiddler, he played many styles of music. Several years ago he made his own violin.

Charlotte Hardin passed away October 8th. She was a former teacher, counselor, and building contractor. Dementia stole much of busy, happy person she had been.

The program at Pine Grove Community House was a go after all. Since the rent had already been paid, presumably by Linda Easley, several people went and played. They were: Dave Altman, Christine Lang, Roland Apperson and Joetta Chrisakis, Terry Kandle, Donna and Dick Foreman, and Marcella Easley. Thanks to all of you. It was a lovely tribute to Linda.

After the original cancellation of the Manzanita gig, we accepted an invitation to play for Buckaroo Ball in Salem. It's a fund raiser for childrens' programs, held in the old cannery building. This is the third year we have played there. Those playing were: Linda Shafer, Les Tucker, Darlene Bryant, Ray and Marie Cunningham,

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Janet is still out of town, so no District 9 news this month; she does promise, however, to make it up for it in the December issue. --- ed.

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

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There were quite a few missing at the September jam, illness and unforeseen things came up, but, we still all had a good time, and some visitors I hadn't seen before. Some of us got out there and danced, the regular dancers like Anna Cooper etc.

We saw Chuck and Margie Hasteley again at the gig we played at the retirement Center; they look well and happy.

Happy birthday, and happy anniversary to all that had them. We hope for a quick recovery to the ones that are ill.

Jim Wallace, Darwin Wattles, Jerry Janszen, Lew and Alice Holt. The theme was western - sawdust on the floor, a "western town" of old lumber, many attendees in western wear. We played for two hours near the entrance as several hundred people came in. Then we were free to visit the various food caterers.

We will have played at the Silverton Senior Center in late October. October 27, we're scheduled to play at the United Methodist Church in Falls City as we've done for several years. The 27th is also the date for memorial services for Robin Shaylor, District 7, musician in Beaverton and Zach Konowalchuk in Newport.

District 8 monthly jam for November will be the 17th at the Dallas Senior Center at Dallas Civic Center. The address is: 955 SE Jefferson. We assume the seniors will be selling cookies and coffee as they did last year. We can get in about 11:30 and the sign up jam starts at 1 p.m. Come and join us for music and fun!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter



District 6: Jamming at Crow Grange (l-r): Sandy Wallrich, John Gent, Joe Canaday

November

24	Jam	VFW Hall, Roseburg	1-4 p.m.
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Thank you to everyone that helped with the finger foods, coffee, and clean-up afterward. It sure helps a lot when everyone pitches in.

Our next jam will be November 24th, (4th Saturday), from 1 to 4 pm, at the VFW Hall, 1127 Walnut St. Roseburg. We'll have finger foods during the afternoon.

Hope to see ya'll there, bring your instruments and join in.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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State Calendar

January 12	State Meeting and Jam, Santa Clara Grange, Eugene
March 22-23	State Fiddle Contest, Chemeteka Community College, Salem
April 10-13	State Convention, Rickreall
July 22-25	West Cascades Fiddle Camp, Oakridge

New Members to Welcome!

Crystal Whitt & Tyler Bodle, Merrill
Mary Ann Woods, Coos Bay
Adam Taylor & Wendy Newman, Brookings
Roy & Bobbie Cunningham, Florence
Barbara Beatty, Prineville
Chris Cochran, Bend

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