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## From Your President

Thank you for electing me as your president. A brief introduction is in order, as some members may not know me. My name is John Michael Phillips. Most folks call me Scott. I will answer to either. Born and raised in Glens Falls, New York in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. Nine years plus in the US Navy, and they were kind enough to let me see the world. Ended up in Oregon in 1974. My wife, Linda, and I moved to the Applegate valley in 1984. Retired there in 2006 and still there. Started the fiddle in 1998 and have been a member of OOTFA for going on 20 years. I have served on committees or as an officer for most of those years.

Enough about me. I and my fellow officers are here to serve the membership. To that end, we have put together

a survey that is included with this issue on the back of the Junior Hoedowner. Please take the time to complete it and get it back to us. We really want to know what you think. Thank you.

Be sure to check the various district schedules and web calendars for gigs you can attend. The public loves our music as much as we do and they miss it when we are not there.

~Scott Phillips, President



OOTFA's new president, Scott Phillips

## State Calendar

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| June 1-2          | Brookings Jamboree, Chetco Grange, Brookings Harbor (see District 5's report)  |
| June 14-16        | Country Music Jamboree, Burns, OR (see District 9's report)  |
| June 18-23        | National Fiddle Contest, Weiser, Idaho   |
| July 16-19        | Fiddle Camp (WCFCW) near Oakridge. Pre-Registration required. Check out <a href="http://www.fiddlecamp.org">www.fiddlecamp.org</a> Scholarships available for youth.     |
| July 20-22        | 1st Ever Lost River Bluegrass Festival in Merrill. See report in Junior Hoedowner. Website at <a href="http://www.lostriverfestival.com">www.lostriverfestival.com</a> . |
| August 3 (Friday) | Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, OR  |
| August 16-19      | Winchester Bay Campout ("Fiddle at the Beach")   |
| September 6-8     | Central Oregon Country Music Gathering Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville, OR  |

## From the Editor

I have been practicing up a storm, thanks to the encouragement of Evelyn Horner. I am finally tackling the hard part (for me, anyway)--making the fiddle sound sweet, with long bows and a little vibrato. Wow.... it seems like it would be simple but it's really, really hard!!! I'm turning the editing over to the trusted hands of Patti Luse for the July issue, as we head to Turkey to visit our son, enjoy the sites of antiquity and the turquoise sea. It will be fun, but I will sure miss my fiddle and the jams of the early part of summer!

~Karen

### 8th Annual West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops July 16-19 in Westfir (near Oakridge)

Classes & workshops daily for all levels!

\$120 for Adults, \$70 for youth (ages 7-18)

Full scholarships available for youth thru Camp. Scholarships available for adults thru Districts or State

Free dry camping on site. RVs with hookups nearby. Motels available in Oakridge or Westfir.

Food service available on site.

Register by June 30. Attendance is limited (we fill up).

See more online at: [www.fiddlecamp.org](http://www.fiddlecamp.org)

## FROM THE EDITOR EMERITUS

Recently I was asked if I might have a series of pictures to go with the OOTFA awards. I had a document with pictures of all the state presidents since our founding in 1966. That was easy since it had been done earlier. For the other awards basically, all I had to do was go to "search," type in the name of the person in my computer and most of the time I would come up with a picture of the person I wanted. They were not all studio quality, often just a snapshot, but they identified the person.

In my archives, I have many, many pictures, stories about members and events, biographies, and records of District 8 jams since 1995. What happens "today" is important, but what happened "yesterday" is and becomes more important as OOTFA ages. I would like to preserve and perpetuate the OOTFA history as I approach my 90th birthday. I would like to share the information that I have--not with one person but a number of people who would hopefully preserve this

## District 1 - Klamath Falls Area

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Greetings All from District One,

We've made it to June! Omgosh, maybe we will finally get some warmer weather and maybe it will be just in time for our first Farmer's Market, happening on June 9 from 11:30-1:30 p.m. Our market schedule kicks off this month, as well as District 9's Country Music Jamboree in Burns June 14-16.

We had several members of District One who made the annual trip to Silver Lake. Ms. Edna Jenkins stayed up through the night to earn her Teddy Bear pin and dance with the bear! NICE WORK EDNA!!! Also accompanying her in staying up to the wee hours of the morn, was Ms. Sheila Fry, who was earning her 4th Teddy Bear pin. NICE WORK SHEILA!!! The turnout for Silver Lake was amazing, with over 100 people signing in. WOWZA...and best of all, the weather cooperated! Greatmusic was had by all.

District 1's Mr. Merv Woodard has an informal, fun mandolin class getting together every other Tuesday from 3-4 p.m. at the Shasta Grange Hall. There are 3 students from various ages, and they are currently working on "Just Because" and "Wabash

information for the future. The technology to share and preserve it is available.

As OOTFA's purpose is "to perpetuate old-time fiddling," it is important that we "perpetuate our history" as well as our music. Thanks to the hard work of many people, our Hoedowners from the very first one are on line -- readily available. Have you checked them out at OOTFA.ORG? As I wrote recently, checking the 1981 convention sign-ins, I only know five people's names that are still with us -- Rosa Lee McLain, Guy Kinman, Keith & Abbie Shaffar, and John Melnichuck.

One member, a fine friend, has taken away a pick-up load of video tapes and audio tapes. I have dispensed many of my extra DVDs. I would like to find "solutions" -- do you have any suggestions, or would you be interested in helping preserve and share our history? Please give me a call or drop me a note if you have ideas or energy to help with this project.

~ Lew Holt

### June Events

|       |              |                                   |                  |
|-------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 9     | jam          | Farmer's Market                   | 11:30-1:30p.m.   |
| 10    | meeting/jam  | Shasta Grange                     | 12-3 p.m.        |
| 14-16 | campout/jams | Country Music Jamboree, Burns, OR |                  |
| 21    | gig          | Plum Ridge                        | 10:30-11:30 a.m. |
| 21    | gig          | Pacifica                          | 1-2 p.m.         |
| 28    | gig          | Crystal Terrace                   | 11-12 p.m.       |
| 28    | gig          | Rogue River Place                 | 1-2 p.m.         |

Practice on Saturdays 1-4 p.m. Luther Square; check with Irene Ruddock for date and times 541-882-6418.

Cannonball". I personally love having a mando join in on fiddle tunes; it's fun and really brings the music to life! #moremando. Our Fiddle Fundraiser, held at STARBUCKS in May was a huge success. We fundraised to help the Henley Girl's Engineering Team, on their way to Windmill Nationals in Chicago. They went fully funded, so thanks to all of you who came out and supported them! Special thanks to "double trouble" Terry and Larry McLain, Mike Foster, Sheila Fry, Steve Curry, and Ms. Faye Patterson. All the musicians donated their time and talents, so thanks guys...the girls came in tenth in the nation, 4th in overall output, first in medium speed wind tunnel, as well as earning the Judges Choice Award for Awesomeness...I love how music can be used to support others and make a community stronger, don't you?!?

June Anniversaries: Ben and Fran Coker, Allen and Helen Meyers, Del and Noranne Sparks, and Sherman and Jacque Taylor.

June Birthdays: Debra Etters, and Marie Kliever. Let me know if I missed anyone! -

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



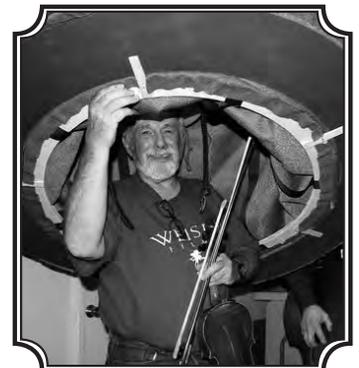
Sharon Gallagher (District 5) singing "Putting on the Ritz" in the Hat Band Contest



Rosa Lee (District 1E) singing "All of Me".



Sheila Fry (District 1) was a ray of sunshine in her Hat Band.



Rick Bergeron (District 7) comes out from under his gigantic hat. His band played "Old Hat" in the contest.

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Silver Lake was absolutely great this year! I swear, the quality of jamming on all levels was the best ever. The beginners are committed to learning from each other and from more skilled players, the intermediate and more advanced players compete with each other and spend one on one time to share tips and new licks. The result was at least 125 musicians (some didn't register but that was the "for sure count") who couldn't wipe the smiles off their faces when the circle jams fired up. What a blast! We welcomed new folks, Betsy and Andy from Eugene this time, along with several other new faces and players who fit right in with the regular attendees.

I think what makes Silver Lake so special is the time available to visit and get to know each other. Someone said, "it is like a family reunion," and I think that is an apt description. We are one huge musical family who seem to get along famously with each other. Despite the diverse backgrounds and belief systems, we are united by our common love of music and as time and situations bring us together, the love found in the friendships that flourish. The many volunteers who help Sheryl with feeding the crowd and then cleaning up afterward are so vital to our success. So many find time to make and bring side dishes to round out the meals, too many to name here but we couldn't make do without them. Others volunteer each morning and evening to take out the garbage or to help with the mundane task of dish washing, coffee making, and lets not forget all those cookies that got baked! Mike Schnider was especially helpful with dishwashing. At every event I've attended, I always see Jerry and Linda Parks cleaning up, sweeping, mopping, or stashing tables and chairs back where they belong, and their efforts at our campout didn't go unnoticed. A huge "Thank You" to everyone who steps up to help with these necessary chores.

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Howdy from District 3,

After a fairly mild winter until March and the first part of April, hot weather has returned to Central Oregon. Outdoor and camping activities have started, nice to be able to be outside and enjoy all Central Oregon has to offer. Don't forget to make reservations for camp or hotel for the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering September 6-8!

Our Mother's Day potluck couldn't have been any better. Our loyal members helped make it a very memorable day. There aren't enough compliments to cover the wonderful food. As

### June Events

|           |                     |   |        |
|-----------|---------------------|---|--------|
| 2         | jam                 | First Saturday Jam Chamber of Commerce        | 2 p.m. |
| 4         | meeting             | Chamber of Commerce                           | 7 p.m. |
| 7, 21, 28 | jam                 | Rosa Lee's house                              | 5 p.m. |
| 14-17     | campout, jams, etc. | Country Music Jamboree Harney Co. Fairgrounds |        |

And, before I leave Silver Lake behind until next year, THANK YOU Sharilyn for your hard work and your attention to detail. You put in time weeks ahead to organize and buy supplies for the event, bake, manage the books for our district, work full time, take care of house and home and yet each year you find time to shepherd a herd of volunteers and make this event run so smoothly. A huge "thank you" to Terry and Larry who are always so willing and able to help anyone who needs assistance and to the entire McLain Family for providing the event and everything necessary to make it a great time. If you missed it this year, you've gotta come next year!

I want to make sure everyone knows District 1E is hosting a First Saturday Jam in June! It will be the only one until October since we will be jamming at other events or off at family reunion. We start at 2 p.m. and go until people can't play anymore, so come on over to Lakeview and join us if you don't have anything better to do.

We hope to see everyone at the Burns Country Jamboree this month. Looking forward to seeing you again soon!

~Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter



Donna Forman playing "Skunk in a Collard Patch" with her husband Dick Forman (District 7).



Silver Lake outdoor jams in the sunshine were enjoyed by all.

### June Events

|    |                      |                 |          |
|----|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 10 | 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance | Powell Butte CC | 1-3 p.m. |
| 21 | slow jam             | Redmond Library | 6-9 p.m. |

far as set-up and clean-up, these awesome groups of people don't even blink an eye when it comes to helping. Thank you so much. Our guests enjoyed good music, dancing, and visiting, and our musicians were in top form! There were roughly 60 guests and 17 musicians. A special thanks to Pat Borden who cooked a delicious ham and sweet and sour chicken!

The Redmond Slow Jam is growing; all who attend are having a great time. Jeff Stevens shared a more challenging tune for the group to work on: "Acony Bell" in G by Gillian Welch. Jeff is

## District 3 - Bend, Redmond, The Dalles (continued from page 3)

working at getting this music sent to everyone via Drop Box this week – something to grow toward. Chance Mott, 9 yrs on the fiddle and his dad Casey Mott on guitar, have joined and have been attending jams at the Bondsteel's. District 3 new members are Brenda Kay as well as Rose and Mike Witnaur. The July Slow Jam will be July 19 from 6-9 p.m.

Many District 3 members went down to the Silver Lake Campout last weekend. We had several new members there learning new tunes, as well as many of our long-time members that carried music well into the night. Our new Vice Chairman, Ron Jack-

son, won his Teddy Bear by staying up playing music until after 3 in the morning with the McLain's. Brand new to the fiddle students were: Chris, Jude Stensland, and Judy Seger.

We want to extend best wishes to Vivian Tucker who had open heart surgery the first part of April. She is at home and doing well but probably will not be out and about until early June. We missed her at our May Jam/Dance and Mothers Day Potluck.

Enjoy the weather and keep on playing!

~Kim Martin & Pat Borden, District 3 Reporters

## District 4 - Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland

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With happy tunes still fresh in our heads, District 4 musicians headed home from our monthly jam--our performance in Eagle Point for Vintage Fair Days. The payment for this gig we donate to Bob Russell and the community to help rebuild the Butte Creek Mill, and it's our pleasure to be a part of the preservation of this historic site that's located in our district. It was a beautiful day, bright sunshine everywhere and the sun shone even brighter when Dave and Barbara Basden joined us. Dave is recovering beautifully from serious heart surgery and is exercising 3 days each week in a cardiac rehab program. We're so happy to have both of them back playing with us again!

At our April monthly jam, we welcomed back into our fold of musicians, Mark Carter, who has been away for awhile. Mark plays guitar and sings. Also it was great to have Dottie and Jim with us for the day. Jim played his guitar and sang several of his favorites, however the next week the facility where they live was hit with the Noro virus. Dottie was spared but, 102 year old Jim, had to be hospitalized for several days to recover. He's home now, back on his feet

Our June monthly jam will be our performance in Gold Hill for Gold Dust Days on June 2. We play from 11-2 p.m.. There are several new gigs on the calendar for June. On June 8, we play for a fundraising benefit B.B.Q. for Access. We will play 11-12,

### June Events

2 jam Gold Dust Days, Gold Hill, Or 11-2 p.m.  
 Check our online calendar for all gigs, meetings, times, dates and maps or call an officer for details.



Mark Carter playing with District 4 at the Roxy Ann Grange monthly jam.



Patricia Wegner, Ross Jones and Charlie Boyer (District 4) at the Vintage Fair Days in Eagle Point.

take a 30-minute break and play from 12:30-1 p.m. On June 9, we play at the McKee Bridge in the Applegate 12-2 p.m. for the historical society. That evening, 7-9 p.m. is our first performance of the season at the R.V Park in Prospect. June 14-17 is the State Quarterly Meeting and the Country Music Jamboree in Burns and the following week June 18-23 is the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser Idaho. Can you spell BUSY?

Our July monthly meeting will be our District Picnic. July 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the McKee Bridge recreational outdoor kitchen area. Bring your lunch, your instruments and a comfortable seat to sit on while you play. Drinks will be provided by the district. Check our online calendar for all gigs, meetings, times, dates and maps or call an officer. We have a busy schedule with some fun times lined up to play our favorite tunes and share in some wonderful fellowship. Please plan to attend as many of them as your summer schedule will allow. See y'all soon.

~Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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I am sure you can see by our schedule of events that we are looking forward to a wonderful music-filled month for June! We are hoping for major attendance at the Jamboree in Brookings at the Chetco Grange. I put in the "all evening/all day" for times on both Friday and Saturday because I think we are just going to play until our fingers wear out! We are trusting the heavens to ensure we get lovely, mild weather for our gathering.

### June Events

|    |              |                             |                |
|----|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1  | jam          | Brookings Jamboree          | all evening    |
| 2  | stage show   | Brookings Jamboree          | all day        |
| 6  | gig          | Myrtle Point Care Center    | 2:30-3:30 p.m. |
| 13 | gig          | Inland Point                | 1:30-2:30 p.m. |
| 13 | gig          | Evergreen Court             | 3-4 p.m.       |
| 16 | on stage/jam | Winchester Bay              | 1-3 p.m.       |
| 20 | gig          | Pacific View                | 2-3 p.m.       |
| 23 | gig          | Myrtle Point Library Picnic | 11-12 p.m.     |
| 27 | gig          | Avamere                     | 1-2 p.m.       |
| 27 | gig          | Inland Point                | 2:30-3:30 p.m. |

Along with our retirement homes schedule we have been invited to play for the Myrtle Point Library this month. This is a community fundraiser for the Library, and we love to help out our local communities. Please join us if you are able.

# JR HOEDOWNER

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Shelby is 12 years old and lives outside of Bandon where her family raises cranberries! She goes to Harbor Lights Middle School.

Shelby started playing electric bass in band class at school 2 years ago. In her school, all 5th grade students are required to take music--either band or choir. Shelby chose band, and she started playing the electric bass. After half of that year, her teacher heard she had a stand-up bass at home; he asked her to bring it in and start playing it with the band. Her grandma (Jarene Shaffar) also plays stand-up bass, so Shelby had one available. At first, the transition to stand-up was quite a challenge, but she has been playing it with the band ever since and recently got recruited to the Jazz Band for next year!

Shelby's grandparents (Bob and Jarene) are longtime OOTFA members, and her great-grandparents are longtime OOTFA Lifetime Members (Keith & Abbie Shaffer of Coquille). Shelby has one step-sister and spends time both in Oregon with her dad and in Florida with her mom. Her whole family--her parents and her grandparents--are extremely supportive of her music. Her favorite musical styles are jazz and marching tunes. She recalls being inspired by a concert she attended by an Army Band called "The Commanders". This concert influenced her love of music.

Shelby attended the OOTFA State Convention at Rickreall in 2017 and 2018. The first year, she went to watch and support her friend, Rachel. When she saw Rachel get on stage and perform, Shelby decided she wanted to set a goal of doing the same. This year, she and Rachel went to some of the workshops, jammed with various groups, and then performed on stage in the evening. She loved meeting the other people and playing with everybody. She wants to start practicing up for next year's convention. She and Rachel have set a goal of learning to play "Devil's Gone Down to Georgia" in their lifetime--even though they agree it might be a while before they master it.

Shelby loves music, and her favorite subject is math. She also loves sports, especially basketball, volleyball, and softball. She has two cats and two dogs, and her family lives on a big piece of property with lots of things to do. Her family has been in the cranberry business for generations, and her Grandpa's Grandpa ran a steamboat that traveled up and down the Coquille River. All of this history is documented in the local museum. As an only child in a cranberry farming family, she will likely be raising cranberries herself someday.

Shelby believes music will definitely be a part of her future. She may consider going to college to study music, but she has lots of other ideas too.



Junior Fiddler, Shelby Panter (District 5)

# OOTFA CONVENTION QUESTIONNAIRE 2018

Please help us make the OOTFA State Convention an outstanding event where there is something for EVERYONE. This is your chance to make a difference to the future of OOTFA. At the 2018 OOTFA State Convention in Rickreall at the Polk County fairgrounds, we had less than 20% of our membership. Please return by June 9

1. How many OOTFA Conventions have you attended? None \_\_\_; 1 - 3 \_\_\_; 4 - 6 \_\_\_; 7 or more \_\_\_
2. Did you attend the 2018 State Convention? Y \_\_\_; N \_\_\_

**IF you ATTENDED:**

- a. What do you like the most? Performances \_\_\_ Dancing \_\_\_ Jamming \_\_\_ Socializing \_\_\_ Workshops \_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What do you like the least?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. What are your deciding factor(s) for attending?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. How would you feel if:
  - 1) The catered Saturday night dinner was replaced with a potluck? Y \_\_\_; N \_\_\_; No Opinion \_\_\_
  - 2) There was more jamming? Y \_\_\_; N \_\_\_; No Opinion \_\_\_
  - 3) There were less performances? Y \_\_\_; N \_\_\_; No Opinion \_\_\_
  - 4) There were more workshops? Y \_\_\_; N \_\_\_; No Opinion \_\_\_

**IF you DID NOT ATTEND, why?**

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With regard to the LOCATION of the convention, what is your opinion

1. Do you like the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall? Y \_\_\_; N \_\_\_
  - a. If YES, explain \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If NO, explain \_\_\_\_\_
2. When attending, do you stay: (Please check)
  - a. \_\_\_ At Home
  - b. \_\_\_ In the Fairgrounds RV Park
  - c. \_\_\_ In a Motel
3. If we changed the location and you want to stay in an RV, how important is:
  - a. On-site camping with Electricity? High \_\_\_; Medium \_\_\_; Low;
  - b. On-site camping with Water? High \_\_\_; Medium \_\_\_; Low.
  - c. Could you dry camp on-site? Y \_\_\_; N \_\_\_;

**Years as an OOTFA member?** 1-5 \_\_\_; 6-10 \_\_\_; 11-15 \_\_\_; 16-20 \_\_\_; MORE \_\_\_ **What District** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why did you join OOTFA?** Musical opportunities \_\_\_; Wanted to learn to play an instrument \_\_\_; Friendships \_\_\_; Other \_\_\_\_\_

We have found that other organizations use the internet to “spread the word” about upcoming events and not just relying on a monthly publication. (WE WILL CONTINUE WITH THE HOEDOWNER!!!)

1. Do you use a computer? Y \_\_\_; N \_\_\_.
2. Do you do Facebook? Y \_\_\_; N \_\_\_
  - a. Have you ever visited the OOTFA Facebook page [www.m.facebook.com/ootfa](http://www.m.facebook.com/ootfa) ? Y \_\_\_; N \_\_\_
  - b. Have you ever posted anything on the OOTFA Page? Y \_\_\_; N \_\_\_
3. Have you ever visited the OOTFA website at [www.ootfa.org](http://www.ootfa.org) ?  
If yes, have you found the information you were looking for? Y \_\_\_; N \_\_\_

**FINAL COMMENTS:** Please share anything else that you think would help us improve OOTFA and increase member involvement. We really want to know. This is your chance to make a difference! (use more paper if needed)

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Please email to: [pattiluse@comcast.net](mailto:pattiluse@comcast.net) or mail to: 979 Ascot Dr, Eugene, OR 97401 **BY JUNE 9, 2018**

## District 5 - Southern Coast Area (continued from page 4)

Winchester Bay continues to be such a fun place to play. Sometimes we have a full building, and sometimes it's only half full. We are blessed to host several members from other districts who show up and surprise us. Our performance in May was graced with the presence of Jim Keuther, Jesse and Darla Knudson, Hal and Sharon Thompson and their son. There are always people who have never attended a Winchester Bay event and express their delight at having chosen to come. Our members provide a special sense of welcome to all as well as those wonderful cookies and lemon bars. We are so grateful to those who take that extra step for all of us.

Our new Chair, Ruth Weyer and Co Chair, Luke VerHagen, have been discussing more gigs to be held at the charming old community building in Scottsburg. I personally look forward to this as Scottsburg holds an important place in our coastal history. You can be sure that canyon echoed with some of the same

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Twenty-one members from District 6 converged on the annual Silver Lake Campout last month, participating in all the fun that event has to offer. The Hat Contest and Can Band, and Sunday morning's Gospel House punctuated constant jamming. All reports are that the music was incredible, even into the wee hours, and that the camaraderie was pervasive, thanks, in large measure, to the McClain Clan and District 1E, who hosted. It's not their first rodeo, so everything runs like clockwork.

The Country Music Jamboree, June 14-16, held at the Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns. This is a great jam and often the gateway to the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, ID. If you have not attended either, both events warrant your effort at least once. Plan on rooting for our District 6 fiddlers if you go.

Next up is the 8th annual West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops at Westridge Middle School, in Westfir, near Oakridge. This year's dates are July 16-19. Do peruse the

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As I write this article, the temperature outside is in the upper 80's. It has been fun having warm and sunny days again in Portland. During the first week of May all those who went to the Silver Lake gathering also had warm and sunny days. It was fun jamming in the fire station where the fire trucks park with their two large doors wide open. One day as we were jamming in that room we had some excitement as a helicopter landed nearby to pick up a car accident victim. The area around Silver Lake has a very active volunteer fire department, and the folks who live there are very proud of it. If you haven't been to Silver

fiddle tunes in the 1850's as we play today. I am sure more details will come as this event develops.

The next big thing on District 5's horizon is the annual August 'Fiddle on the Beach' Campout in Winchester Bay, August 16-19. As reported last month, our theme is "Roads, Railroads/Trains and Trucking." There are so many song choices in these subjects, it could make you dizzy trying to choose a performance song! We get excited about costumes so we hope you are going to participate dressed up in theme for your song. Our thanks to Larry Costa who will be crafting special trophies for our category champions. You will be proud to take one of his creations home with you. More details will follow in the next Hoedowner for July. If you need any additional information please feel free to email me or call my cell. I am listed at the top, below our officers. Thank you from the South Coast,

~Kris Fenton, District 5 Reporter

### June Events

|    |  |                    |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1  | Eugene Hotel OOTFA Jam                       | 7-8:30 p.m.        |
| 2  | Intermediate Fiddle Class at River Rd. Annex | 1-4 p.m.           |
| 4  | Basic Fiddle Class at Bethesda Lutheran      | 1-4 p.m.           |
| 7  | Old World Deli Jam, Corvallis                | 7-10 p.m.          |
| 8  | Elmira Grange Jam                            | 7-10 p.m.          |
| 9  | Central Grange OOTFA Jam                     | 11 a.m. -3:30 p.m. |
| 15 | YaPoAh Terrace Jam                           | 7-9 p.m.           |
| 22 | Willakenzie Grange OOTFA Jam                 | 7-9 p.m.           |

website at [fiddlecamp.org](http://fiddlecamp.org) for detailed information about classes, workshops, registration and accommodations. Remember that scholarships are available for all ages. Please join us for another year of tune cramming, technique honing and wholesale jamming with new and returning friends. Contact our registrar Linda Parks at 541-905-2313

August 3rd brings the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest at the Benton County Fairgrounds, so you still have time to polish up a hoedown, a waltz and your tune of choice to compete. There is a Novice Division for first-time contestants and a Pee-Wee Division. All participants are entitled to free admission to the Benton County Fair. Contact Starr McMullen with questions or take a look at the website.

Find time to hike, enjoy your friends and family, work in the yard and garden, eat lots of fresh produce and savor the summer.

~Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

### June Events

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| 8  | Cherry Park Plaza 1323 SW Cherry Park Road Troutdale           | Play time 3-4   |
| 10 | jam Estacada Community Center 200 SW Club House Drive Estacada | Doors open at noon. Sign-up playing from 1-3              |
| 24 | NW Jam 600 NE 8th, Gresham                                     | Doors open at 11 a.m. and sign-up playing 12:30-3:30 p.m. |

Lake before you should come next year. You will enjoy visiting the area and also all the fun playing music with OOTFA folks. District 7 members enjoyed playing together at St. James Episcopal Church in Tigard on May 12. The large fellowship hall is perfect for jamming and there is always food, too. This is another great venue and a lovely space for our regular jam.

We look forward to Bob Huffman's Birthday Bash on August 11 at the Jorgenson's in Sandy and the Clackamas County Fair on August 15. Both always have a great turnout, and we hope to see even more of you there this year! Have a wonderful summer.

7 ~Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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The District 8 potluck picnic will be June 2 at Fred and Lynn Hardin's home in Dallas starting at 11 a.m. This is always a fun time for us to just visit and jam and stuff ourselves. Come join in a nice, relaxing day. Directions: Coming into Dallas from the east you will be on Ellendale. From Ellendale, turn left onto SE Uglow St, in about 1/4 mile turn right onto SE Hankel St., take the 2nd left onto SE Davis St., take the 1st left onto SE Davis Court. It's a cul-de-sac. 364 SE Davis Court is on the left. Bring food for the potluck, your instruments, AND please bring a chair if possible.

June 5 Clare Bridge in Brookdale area of Salem. Directions: From I-5 take exit 252 for Kuebler Blvd .6mi; Turn right onto Kuebler Blvd 1.1 mi; Turn right onto Stroh Lane SE; 312 ft; Turn left onto Boone Rd SE; Destination will be on the right 0.3 mi ; Clare Bridge Phone: (503) 365-7500

From our Vice Chair: Please remember to respond to the convention survey (in this issue of Hoedowner) as we're trying to improve. Your feedback is essential.

Scholarship applications are needed before the end of August

## District 9 - Burns - John Day Area

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John Borelli made up our 9th musician this month at our last Sunday Potluck and Jam before the summer begins. We won't resume our Sunday get-togethers until October. New to the area was Patty McCally from Forest Grove. She played violin in school and may be getting it out again soon. Geri Smith has lived here 50 years, but it was her first time to the fiddler's jam. Welcome.

We were missing Ruel and daughter Paula, who made a trip to Missouri to see family.

Our Country Music Jamboree, June 14-16 at the Harney County Fairground is happening!!! Early birds will be found jamming in the local restaurants on Tuesday and Wednesday. Folks mostly camp at the fairgrounds, with plenty of space for all, with electric hook-ups available. Jamming is found all over. Workshops on building diddy bows and how to play them, as well as other workshops will be available. Come join us to play, listen or dance--or all of the above.

Remember that to discover the place the Friday Jams are held, call one of the officers. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular and extraordinary musicians.

Musically Yours,

~Marianne Andrews, Reporter

### June Events

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| 2  | District 8 picnic & jam                                   |           |
|    | Fred and Lynn Hardin's home, 364 SE Davis Ct; Dallas      | 11 a.m.   |
| 5  | gig Clare Bridge, 1355 Boone Rd SE, Salem                 | 1:30 p.m. |
| 24 | gig Strawberry Festival, Aurora. Details to follow.       |           |
| 30 | Aumsville Park show CANCELLED (rescheduled for August 25) |           |

if you wish to participate. Let Marie Bailey know if you're interested and we'll get you set up.

At the April 28th Ag. Fest at the State Fair grounds some of our scholarship students came to play. They were: Calder McQueen, Dylan Guptill, Caraline Guptill and Annabel Guptill. We played at the Marion Estates in Sublimity on May 4. Lew Holt says, "I haven't had any calls from Nashville yet, but I was rather proud of us today. Our audience reacted very well, with quite a few singing along with us."

On May 12, we played for the Sheep to Shawl at the Mission Mill in Salem. It was interesting to see the things they were making out of the wool and we had a nice place to play in the shade. Thanks, Carina Ravelly, for joining us. She already knew most of our tunes. Lew Holt says, "Hi gang, I want to thank you very much for being at Mission Mill today and for putting on a good show. Your faithfulness and dedication were appreciated greatly." Musicians included: Gayle Clarity, Alice Holt, Amelie Redman, Jim Wallace, Carina Ravelly, Ted Hunt, Truman Price, Darlene Brant, Lew Holt and Phil Drain.

~Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

### June Events

|              |     |  |          |
|--------------|-----|--|----------|
| 1            | jam | Friday Jam   | 7 p.m.   |
| 8            | gig | The Aspens   | 7-9 p.m. |
| 14, 15, & 16 |     | campout/ jamming, etc. Country Music Jamboree - Yahoo! |          |
| 18           | gig | Ashley Manor   | 6-7 p.m. |
| 22           | jam | Friday Jam   | 7 p.m.   |
| 29           | jam | Friday Jam   | 7 p.m.   |



Fran Coker singing  
"Frozen Logger"



Linda Parks (District 6) teaching  
Sarah Bowers a Schottische dance  
in the parking lot.

# District 10 - Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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## June Events

|    |     |                       |               |
|----|-----|-----------------------|---------------|
| 7  | gig | Oak Park              | 1-2 p.m.      |
| 13 | gig | Rosehaven             | 10-11 am      |
| 21 | gig | Riverview Terrace     | 4-5 p.m.      |
| 23 | jam | Sutherlin Grange Hall | 12-3 p.m.     |
| 25 | gig | Callahan Village      | 3:30-4:3 p.m. |



Cathy Kerns brought a Chinese fiddle and zither to the District 10 April jam.

We elected new officers at our April 28 meeting. Jude Stensland will be Chair, and Jim Kuether agreed to be Vice-Chair. Jim Leininger will take over as sound engineer. Outgoing Chair Colleen Hanks reminded us of OOTFA's purpose, and we thanked her for her service. The rest of our support staff will continue in their positions. At the convention, Sharon Thompson received a distinguished service award. District volunteer appreciation awards will be presented soon. We talked about the difference between jams and performances, putting our best

foot forward, selecting backup, playing for a tight sound, being courteous to others. The jam afterwards was exciting, and we appreciated our guests: Hal Weiner, Keith Barr, Marguerite Garrison, Annie and Wayne Carter. Cathy Kerns thrilled us with a demonstration of her Chinese zither (guzheng) and Chinese fiddle (erhu).

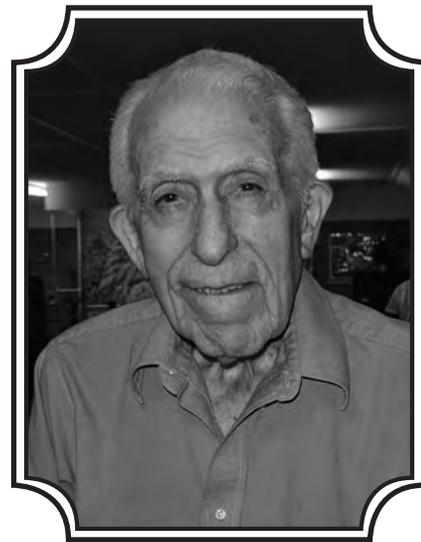


District 10 members played at a Civil War headstone ceremony in Roseburg to honor Civil War veteran Daniel P. Bartram (Standing: Colleen Hanks, Jim Leininger, Jeanie Leininger, Sandy Harter, Julie Yarbrough, Jon Tilley. Kneeling: Kelly Wadsworth, Joe Ross)

On May 5, Kelly Wadsworth organized several OOTFA members to play at a Civil War headstone ceremony in Roseburg. Dressed in traditional attire, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War honored Civil War Veteran Daniel P. Bartram. A crowd of about sixty turned out for the old-time music, speeches, cannon firing, rifle salute, taps, and installation of the marble headstone.

In June, we celebrate birthdays for Dennis Oswald (June 1), Ann Hodson (June 15), and Sharon Thompson (June 23). Congrats to Ron and Sharon Pinard on their anniversary, June 15.

Featured member George Breeze was born in Boise, Idaho on October 25, 1925. When WWII began, he was drafted right out of high school and ended up in the veterinary corps in Tennessee. Apparently he didn't get enough of the military, because he later joined the National Guard. When the Korean conflict broke out, he was deployed to help with that and learned how to fly fighter planes in the Air Force. He flew planes stateside in a pilot training program. Soon after leaving the military for the second



George Breeze, District 10

time, he married Barbara. By that time, they were both school teachers in their 30s. They moved from Idaho to Washington soon after getting married, then two years later moved to Roseburg, just a week after "The Big Blast" of 1959. George taught in the Glide schools for 17 years, mostly 6th grade. The Breezes didn't have children or pets, which made it possible for them to travel nearly every summer. They've been to Ireland twice, Egypt, Portugal, Spain, China, New Zealand, Australia, Africa and other places he can't remember. George and Barbara were married for 61 years. Barbara passed away from cancer on this last December 3rd. He says "It's been hard, but I am getting used to my own cooking." George stays busy with wood carving, drawing and painting, playing harmonica and banjo. He enjoys going to both bluegrass and OOTFA jams, and he's been an OOTFA member for 10 years.

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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