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OOTFA President's Report

I am sure you are all as sorry as I am that the state contest had to be canceled. The health and well being of our members and the public is most important. With the cooperation of all, we will get past this virus. Keep channels of communication open between state and district so we all know what is being canceled.

And now the state convention is gone. Cancellations have been, for the most part, taken out of our hands now. Both the state and federal governments have established sever restrictions on group functions of almost any size. We need to respect the restrictions. We don't know how long events will be canceled. Watch the news and check our web site. It all comes down to stay home and stay safe.

Your executive board is exploring ways to deal with elections that our bylaws say occur at the spring membership meeting. We will let you know when that issue is worked out. This virus has given us a lot to think about and deal with.

I would like to share with you an email I received the other day. It addresses some very important issues.

"To our State Officers:

I have made efforts over the years serving at district level to gain more participation at this level from our better players. This seems to be a problem everywhere. I'm aware that playing with lower skilled musicians is less interesting to the more accomplished, but that's not our goal in OOTFA.

Is there a way the State officers could also clarify where the money originates to support all our events, both local and State, and ask for more participation? Once in awhile I'll hear surprised comments similar to "I thought dues covered it all." I know that the donations

Not sure I could say it better. We are all members for our love of oldtime fiddling and old time music. Oldtime music never was and never will be perfect. It is what we



It is with great sadness that we let you know that Roger Germundson, long time member of OOTFA, died peacefully on March 7, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. Roger was born on May 4, 1933 in Hope, North Dakota.

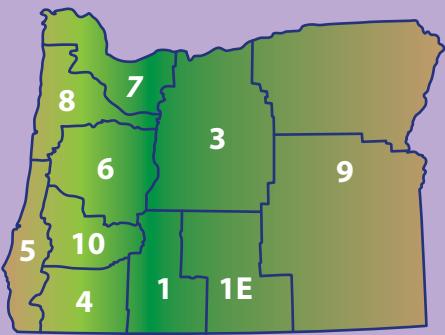
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from the districts to support the State events and contests, camps, etc. has gone down over the last maybe 5 years. Less of the public in both numbers of people and donations are coming in at our events as well. Without it we may not be able to support some favorite events.

My thought is that with the more accomplished musicians' support it would lift the public interest in attending and donating. Not many members pay much attention to the State treasurer's report and what it shows, sad to say.

Thanks for giving this your consideration.
Marie Bailey, D-8 Chair"

make it. If we don't support and/or participate it will go away. And none of us want that. Time to step up.
~ Scott



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Years ago in 1998 I became the editor of the Hoedowner, continuing until 2005 when Joe Moyle became editor. In those days district reporters sent me their district news - usually by mail, I retyped it all on a mimeographed form, took it to the school superintendent's office to run off almost 600 copies - multiple pages, brought them home, compiled the different pages to form the Hoedowners, folded and stapled the pages and then addressed the over 500 copies to send to members. It certainly took more than an evening. I have admired the way Karen and now Robin have created a Hoedowner that we can be very proud of standing out as a fabulous publication.

Editor Emeritus
 by Lew Holt

If I might reminisce a bit, in 1985 when Maxine Benson became president of OOTFA, she asked me to be the VP with her, I accepted, opening a flood gate that I could never have imagined. Afterwards becoming president for two years following Maxine, state president again following Zelma Foote, HD editor for nine years, VP with Sally Jordon... . then the ball continues to bounce higher over the years in my local districts, starting with district 5, when we lived in North Bend and then to district 8 when we moved to Salem. Almost two years ago we moved to be near our son in Corvallis, District 6. I confess that when we moved, I closed the gate behind me leaving a little crack to continue as the Editor Emeritus each month -- why, I don't know? This month I turned 91 and have slowed down but I still walk a half-mile to a mile each day. No more contests, conventions, or districts to chair. Now you know. ~ Lew

I was just outside feeding the chickens and noticed the camellia bush was flowering with the peony up next. They were both planted by my Great Grandmother Davis sometime in the 1960s, along with several roses that still thrive. She passed in 1987, a few months shy of 100 years old. Her family came over the Oregon Trail and landed in Pleasant Hill. She was beloved to me as a child and later, when I was a young adult, we were roommates in the house I still live in. She told me of such things as the huge parade and festivities that accompanied the first automobile to come to Lane County. She shared scary stories of the Lost Wagon Train (which her family was part of).

Editor's Notes
 by Robin Lindsey

Most of us have never seen a situation like COVID-19. Gramma Davis was a young woman when the Spanish Flu took its toll (including a brother serving in WWI). She also saw other now-eradicated diseases touch the family. We live in a much more medically sophisticated world than she did, but still, here we are, facing a new menace. It is surreal to see society shut down like this and to be urged to stay home and avoid contact with people. Being away from our favorite social activity is not easy, and most musicians seem to agree that playing music with others is so much more than just getting together with friends.

The tales of the Oregon Trail have plenty of anecdotes involving music. People took along fiddles because they were small and light. At night, when the fiddles came out, it was a joyous time, despite another long hard day walking across the prairie or mountain pass. Community was very important and music has a magical way of bringing folks together. Modern life and technology has a way of insulating and isolating people which is something we keep in check every time we get together to jam or gig. Let's hope we can continue this very important social activity soon. ~ Robin



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Greetings All from District One,

As I write this month's submission, it is definitely one for the record books! All of our events are either canceled or postponed due to Covid-19, otherwise known as the CoronaVirus. All the nursing homes have been canceled until further notice. I sure hope by the time you get this month's Hoedowner, that you're all healthy and well, and just staying home (if you can) while learning new tunes or for a lucky few...playing music with a spouse or a family member.

A Good Read

"Brothers of War" I recently finished reading the book written by Lew Holt. Lew continues to be an

inspiration to me and I am sure this is true for all who know and love him. I served in the US Navy on a light guided missile cruiser similar to the Cruiser USS Phoenix which Lew's brother William, served on at Pearl Harbor, December 7th 1941. My time was the 1960's some twenty years later, but the story of his brother touched me. I highly recommend the book for a look at folks like many of us grew up around and who should not be forgotten. ~ Tony Humphreys

New Members April 2020

Alice, Rob, Maxwell	Eugene (6)
& Cj Callahan	Eugene (6)
Colleen Collins	Klamath Falls (1)
Eleanor Cook	Redmond (3)
Bill Hoyland	Junction City (6)
Jennifer Klingensmith	Redmond (3)
Linda Martin	Powell Butte (3)
Lakshmi Oshun	Redmond (3)
Lori Prime	Sisters (3)
Betsy Roniger	Powell Butte (3)
Mommy Solassi	Mill Valley, California
Ben Zelazny	

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Members of District One at the Chiloquin Community Valentines Fundraiser

I would like to warmly welcome a new member to our District; Ms. Eleanor Cook. We are so happy to have her, she plays not just for OOTFA but also the Klamath Falls Orchestra. Welcome Eleanor! Also, it's with great sadness that I mention we have had another fiddle go silent here in District One. One of our long time members, and a tremendous fiddle player, Jon Blasius has passed away. Jon hailed from the upper Mid-West region and was a lively fiddle player that played with a Canadian influence. He was extremely enjoyable to listen to, hard to follow because he was so good, and there are many here in Klamath Falls who will miss him greatly! Rest in Peace Jon.

April Birthdays: Frank Ayres, Bill Bonser, Alanna Kliewer. April Anniversary: Frank and Karen Ayres.

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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Dear Fiddlers,

The bad Penny's back (Eileen McLain)! Not whole lot to talk about in District 1E, although at the latest jam at Rosa Lee McLain's last Thursday we lured in a few potential members. I suppose we cast a wide net. We had two new budding fiddlers; Ann Cummings and Loretta Smith, along with guitar players/singers Rocky Sinclair and his son Cody Sinclair

In a final dying? gasp of winter we woke to a light dusting of snow this morning. We ARE high-desert, as I'm sure you've heard!

Bye for now ~ Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter

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Due to the incomprehensible changes taking place in our world we are following federal, state, and local regulations by canceling all OOTFA Central Oregon music gatherings until the end of June 2020. Below are the details of how we will proceed with music opportunities in District 3:

Knee-to-Knee 3rd Thursday jams – Canceled until October 2020. We will be evaluating the October 15, 2020 jam date and making decisions about it's return later this summer.

Central Oregon Music Gathering - We are continuing planning on the Central Oregon Music Gathering September 17-19, 2020 but are not signing any contracts or taking any campsite reservation money . If you would like to reserve a site in hopes this event takes place, you are welcome to contact Jeannette Bondsteel at jbond@bendcable.com or call 541-410-5146. I'll pencil your name in the camp map and we'll make arrangements to collect the \$50 when you arrive at the event.

State Membership Meeting – The OOTFA State President will be releasing a plan to comply with non-profit 501-c-3 requirements to conduct membership meetings. Please watch for notices from President Scott Phillips concerning the September meeting.

Instrument Lending Library – The lending library is still open and functioning. If you have a need to borrow a fiddle or mandolin, please contact Jeannette Bondsteel at jbond@bendcable.com or call 541-410-5146. The cost to borrow the instrument will be a current OOTFA membership and transportation of the instrument both ways. I am willing to schedule an onsite pickup of instruments with prior arrangements.

Bow Hairsing – Please contact Jeannette if you need to have a bow hairsing. We currently have 3 of us trained up and a 4th to start soon.

On a good note – District 3 was successful in acquiring a music home at the Powell Butte Christian Church in Powell Butte for our future jams. We will start a 2nd Sunday jam there after the lock-down orders are lifted.

Many of us play music at home with our families. Find new and fun tunes you've wanted to work on for years and share them with the rest of us so we can play them together when we see each other next.

~ Jeannette

" Kim and I enjoyed the time we were reporters. We will pray that all stay healthy at this time. Be safe. We are looking forward to seeing all at the September Gathering. Bye for now.

~ Kim Martin & Pat Borden

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Everyone in district 4 sends out best wishes for all our members to stay well and Corona virus free as we endure this health crisis. We are really sad at the cancellation of our local gigs at the Senior Living Centers and Nursing Homes, as well as the necessary cancellation of the State Fiddle Contest and the Brookings Jamboree. Many of our members had made reservations to attend and musicians were working hard on their performances for the contest, but we'll be ahead of the curve when it's rescheduled.

We managed our March monthly meeting and jam with a few musicians and members. The small audience was having fun dancing to the hoedowns and three teens who dropped in after walking by and hearing the music were on the dance floor learning to polka and having a great time.

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Long time District 4 member, Jim Winslow, recently celebrated birthday number 104. Jim was born in 1916 in Big Springs Texas. One of seven children, he was born into a musical family. His dad, James, who played the fiddle along with Jim's pianist mom, organized an Oldtime Fiddlers group in his county and were central to the preservation of the oldtime tunes. They were pioneers to Texas. Jim learned to play the guitar and sing at an early age.

After Jim served in WWII from 1941-45, he worked in the oil fields then moved to Oregon in the 1950s. He joined OOTFA in 1985 and played back up guitar at the jams and the fiddle contests. In his older years he formed his own band called the "Over the Hill Gang". At the monthly gig at Water-



Jim Winslow and his best friend of many years, Dottie Birkett, celebrating his 104th birthday

ford Retirement Center, Jim's best friend for many years, Dottie Birkett, gave him a birthday party where the musicians played many of his favorites; ones that Jim often played. Although Jim didn't play his guitar he sang along to his favorites. He still remembered the words. Happy birthday, Jim and many more!

All regularly scheduled gigs and jams, including the April monthly meeting and jam are cancelled. Please check the online calendar for updates or call an officer.

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It is on everyone's minds to one extent or another. The Covid-19 virus, or Corona Virus has been a consideration, if not an outright threat to all of us, since March. We have seen our State Convention, Fiddle Contest and all District events cancelled on this account. And although this is very disappointing and an even painful turn of events, we have pitched in and tried our best to prevent the spread of this mysterious virus, the only defense against which at this point, seems to be social distancing or even isolation. So, to quote two of our long-time members, Jolly Hibbits and Mapril Combs who agree: "Play at home on your porches....it's the Old Time way." Good advice! Eventually, we ought to be in full swing and we will be playing together again and performing for our communities. Take heart!

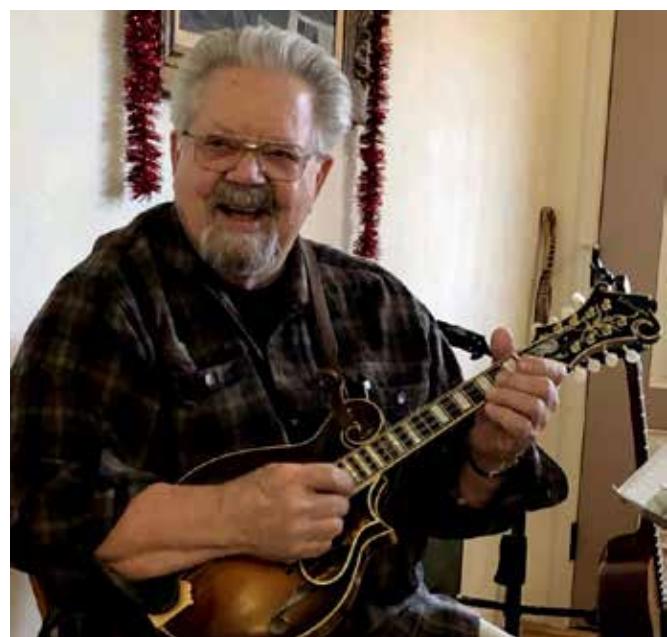


Some district 4 members gather to play for the seniors at the Central Point Senior Center

Everyone is urged to stay in, and stay well. We'll get through this together and when we're all together again, afterwards, it will be a jamboree.

Best wishes to all from your friends at District 4!

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Luke VerHagen is profiled in District 5's report this month

On March 7, we played at the annual Hauser Fire Department Spaghetti Feed fundraiser. It was well-attended by both the public and our spirited group. Our performance followed the impressive and engaging 3 B's Band, which consists of our very talented District 5 members: Bob Shaffer and his granddaughter, Shelby, Mike Dado, Linda, Rachel and Tyler Eickhoff. We were all on our A-game and people were appreciative of all the good music. And, as an added bonus, they fed us after our performance! Ruth Weyer favored us with her famous Ambrosia Cake!

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HOEDOWNER Tune of the Month



Melinda Grant

Sam and Elzie

Our tune this month was recommended by Jeanette Bondsteel of District 3. It comes from Harley Bray of Illinois. Vivian Williams and the Canote Brothers seem to have been responsible for spreading it around, so it's right at home here in the Northwest.

Harley's father played this tune and named it for their neighbors, Sam and Elzie, as it were. It also appears in Gary Garrison's book "Dear Old Illinois," collected from an aunt of Harley's. Listen to Vivian Williams' version on "Bluegrass Hoedowns" - Voyager Records 359, for a slightly different take - probably closer to the original, but hey, that's what happens. Tunes evolve.

You can hear Vivian Williams play it with Harley Bray on YouTube [here](#).

(Search for 'Sam and Elzie Williams Bray'.)

And you can watch some nice bowing [here](#). (Search for 'Sam and Elzie Julia Plumb'.)

Sam and Elzie

A musical score for the tune "Sam and Elzie". The score consists of four staves of music in G major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The music is written for a single instrument, likely a fiddle. Chords are indicated above certain notes: D, G, A7, and D. The first staff begins with a eighth-note pair followed by a quarter note. The second staff starts with a quarter note. The third staff begins with a eighth-note pair followed by a quarter note. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note. The music features various弓法 (bowing patterns), including straight bows, short bows, and grace notes. Measures are separated by vertical bar lines, and repeat signs with endings are present in the first and third staves.

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Who brings a gigantic abalone mallet to call a membership meeting to order? That is how our good-humored Vice Chair, Luke VerHagen rolls! You can bet he got our attention and a good deal of laughs when he stepped in for our Chair, Kriss Fenton, to lead the meeting, recently. Guess he thought we needed a little something extra--we can be a rowdy lot, sometimes. Luke VerHagen was raised in Wisconsin, the 9th of 10 siblings, "None of whom could play anything more than a radio," quips Luke. His early introduction to music was through his aunt and uncle who played polkas and waltzes. Luke fell in love with music and says, "I learned to waltz practically before I could walk!" He finally got an opportunity to get his hands on a guitar and learned a few chords on his own after being introduced to rhythm guitar by a neighbor. Luke played off and on, finally moving to Yakama, Washington in the mid 90s.

Luke joined WOTFA and served as District 7 Chair for 5 years. He moved to Oregon, and settled in an idyllic setting just 4 blocks from the Umpqua River in Scottsburg and joined District 5. He credits Larry Costa and Verna Lee for "Taking me under their wings and showing me the ropes and making me feel comfortable." He and his supportive wife, Charlotte, have been at home here ever since and "We could not be happier," Luke says.

Luke has a "resonator cone" inside his mandolin, which amplifies and provides a distinctively clear sound. He employs the flat-picking techniques that he learned from an old-timer buddy. If only he could hear Luke's rich, bright playing, he would certainly be proud.

The greatest recommendation Luke says he can give anyone who wants to play or improve their playing is to go to workshops provided by OOTFA and learn techniques and tunes. This role modeling and learning by example is the old tradition we aim to preserve and pass on.

Luke relays that he's been a sportsman most of his life, but "when the golden years started creeping up on me and I could not easily hunt, fish and hike like I used to, I found I was truly grateful and blessed to have music in my life. As a retired senior, as long as my fingers will cooperate and move, I can do what I love and play the music I enjoy."

A sad note: We shall all miss Russ Hall and his beautiful fiddle playing. Russ passed away recently at age 92. He served as Chair for our District in the past and was a good mentor to all new members. Our condolences to his family.

It's a joy to welcome spring at last and along with it, a hope that we will soon be back playing together and performing for our communities. Keep the friendship and music flowing!

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

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Looks like Spring is singing. Lots of daffodils and tulips have popped up. The air around us smells like Spring.

On February 14th, we performed at Lone Oak Senior Center. They loved our music and the folks were friendly and pleasant. Members who would like to play at any of these events can call Bernie Roberts (541-689-5764 or email: beroberts285@comcast.net). Thanks to Bernie and Amy Burrow for scheduling and coordinating the gigs.

Melody Morrell has an update on the Frontier Heritage Fair on March 15-16th:

Once again District 6 got the opportunity to shine at the annual Frontier Heritage at the fairgrounds in Eugene in February by adding some oldtime music to the oldtime atmosphere. And again some showed in pre-1898 clothing. Folks, you haven't seen cute until you've seen Linda Parks in her Civil War hooped skirt dress and poke bonnet! OOTFA got some exposure, patrons and traders were happy and District 6 made another \$150.00. Thank you to all who came out to participate; the music is such a delightful part of the event. Amy Burrow is already making plans for next year so it can only get better ~ Melody Morrell

We had good turn-outs in March at both fiddle classes. As usual, the backups are faithfully there to help us learn. Thank you backups for your help!

Just a reminder: If you need to pick up the blue collection bags for the Bottle Drop fundraiser contact: Vicki Megowan (vmegowan@hotmail.com), Jessie Kurtz (jessiefeliz@yahoo.com), Lisa Ponder or Chuck Roerich (lponder@efn.org or chuckr8620@gmail.com).

Birthday Greetings: Alice McDowell (4/4,) Carol Ede (4/12), Sheryl Horner (4/13), Richie Stiles (4/19), Chris Sytsma (4/19), Jessie Kurtz (4/28)

Wedding Anniversaries : Joe and Emily Moyle (4/22), Jerry and Linda Parks (4/29), Annie and Wayne Carter (4/30)

~ Shirley Humphreys, District 6 Reporter

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Happy Spring Everyone! Along with longer days and warmer weather there is also great uncertainty about when we can all get together and play music again. Hopefully it will be sooner rather than later! The events in April are both long standing venues but I am not sure if we will be able to attend them. The Sunnyside Grange hosts our monthly circle jam where we play old tunes, learn new ones, and have meetings, and the NW Jam gives us an opportunity to play solo. Watch for emails about these gatherings and any others.

Last month we had a good time at the Cherry Park Plaza's Happy Hour in Troutdale. We usually play there once a month for an hour and it's always a lot of fun. We had nine musicians, many friendly residents, and one cute little dog this month. The residents enjoyed singing along with some old standards and especially enjoyed listening to Maggie Dickerson and Joan Harrington play a beautiful twin fiddling version of Down Home Waltz.

We all have received a wonderful file of oldtime music from David Altman--thanks, David! The music is primarily from New England and Maritime Canada. I look forward to learning some new reels while I have some time on my hands during these next few months.

Lastly we want to extend our sympathies to Donna Nichols Germundson and family at the death of their dear Roger. He was a big part of OOTFA for many years and will be greatly missed.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

Roger Germundson continued from front page

Here are some memories from Donna Foreman: Roger was a member of District 7. He was a friend and an active participant in so many of our fiddle events, retirement centers, parks etc. - wherever we were called as a group, he was there. He always made sure that everyone had a chance to play their tune and didn't want anyone left out. Over the years he was instrumental in arranging the fiddle campouts at Mt. Hood RV Park, setting up the weekly fiddle classes in Gresham where we encouraged each other to learn new tunes and to have a good time playing. He was the MC at many events including the Clackamas County Fair and always had a joke or two to engage the audience. He loved to sing and play his guitar as well as playing his fiddle. He always had a cowboy hat on and a big smile and will be greatly missed.

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As of this date it is highly unlikely there will be any nursing home gigs this month. Watch for updates on cancellations via your e-mail this month and next while we deal with the Covid virus disruptions. Our March events were cancelled due to the same cause. Call either Marie Bailey or Ted Hunt before leaving to our gig dates if you have not had an update on the event. Sometimes we don't hear of cancellations until the last minute so let's all check before attending for the next few months. Thank you for your understanding and patience while we get through this outbreak.

At our District 8 General Member Meeting on February 29th, new officers were elected to serve beginning June 1. Chair will be Johnnie Williams and Vice Chair will be Marie Bailey. We will be in need of a new Secretary/Membership person around the end of this summer as Brenda and family plan to move to Texas. We still need a publicist to handle our advertising. Please give some serious thought to holding one of these positions. Any questions you have about what they entail can be directed to Marie. They aren't rocket science and don't require too much time. We just need someone to take the burden off your officers, so please volunteer.

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Roger's wife, Donna, shared some additional

memoires: He was president of OOTFA from 1997-1998 and was Vice President from 1999-2000. He thought the year 2000 was the perfect time to get a written history of the association and worked hard with others to get the book published. He was also proud of getting the work done that established OOTFA as a 501c Non-Profit Group. He was the most proud of these contributions. Above all, playing music and enjoying friends made OOTFA tops in his favorite things to do!

A celebration of life will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Gresham sometime in the future.

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If you are not receiving our updates check with Marie or Gayle Clarity to see if your e-mail address is correct. Be sure to let us know if you change it!

Hey, all you top notch fiddle players and back up,
your district could use your support at our events to
help boost the level of expertise we present to the
public. These events pay for all the contests, camps
and workshops. The better the music the bigger the
donations and a little Chocolate helps too!

Kurt Dugan from District 8 has an oldtime music web site at: **Up in the Hollar**. He's on the KMUZ radio too. Check this out!!! Look on FaceBook, and OOTFA group or Google.

~ Marie Baily, Substitute District 8 Reporter

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Reporter: Marianne Andrews

Our March 8th Potluck and Jam had the usual musicians, with Sadie and Morgan singing and playing to everyone's delight.

A small group of fiddlers packed the stage and provided wonderful dance music for the Crossroads Fundraiser.

We are planning to proceed with our High Desert Music Jamboree June 18th ,19th and 20th in three months. Due to the health crisis. Stay tuned for any changes.

The Senior Center is currently closed and our April Potluck and Jam will be cancelled. All jams at assisted living centers have been cancelled.

We are so sorry to hear that Roger Germundson has passed away and send our condolences to all his family and friends.

Be certain to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the Friday Night Jams are held in. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians. We start at 7:00 pm. Local musicians will be notified about Friday Night Jams due to the health crisis.

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

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A special members meeting was held before our February 22 jam. The group decided to move our monthly jam to the Sutherlin Senior Center. However, it's doubtful if we'll meet or jam there until July 25 at the earliest. Also, the Convention on May 20-23 in Roseburg has been cancelled.

The Coronavirus is a current international concern. Retirement and nursing homes have postponed future events until further notice. We appreciate these steps to protect the health and well-being of everyone. In addition to the Hoedowner, please check the OOTFA

District 10 Facebook page, and our Google Groups email messages for the latest info on when events will be rescheduled.



Sadie Payrollez singing The Wheels on the Bus, accompanied by her Mom Loretta, Joan Suther, and Gene Thomas

Juanita Poelstra passed away on February 27. She was 91 years old. Please keep her family in your prayers and thoughts. Cards can be sent to Richard Poelstra, 326 SE Gregory Drive, Winston, Oregon 97496.

In April, we only have one birthday to celebrate ... mine on April 26th! I'm up to an age now where the candles are starting to cost more than the birthday cake!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

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Purpose - To promote, preserve and perpetuate Oldtime Fiddling and Oldtime Music.
To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Oldtime Fiddling and Oldtime Music.
To Provide regular times and places to meet and play this kind of music.

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This Website Index is a new addition to The Hoedowner email edition. Feel free to contact me if you would like to add an appropriate website to the list or have suggestions.

~ Robin qat_boy@msn.com

State Calendar for 2020

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| Apr. 30-May 3 | Silver Lake Campout Canceled |
| May 21-23 | OOTFA Convention in Roseburg Canceled |
| June 18-20 | Country Music Jamboree
Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns |
| June 22-27 | National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho
Oregon State Host! |
| July 20-23 | West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops
Emerald Christian Academy in Pleasant Hill |
| July 31 | Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis |
| August 13-16 | Winchester Bay Campout
Winchester Bay Community Center |
| Sep. 17-19 | Central Oregon Country
Music Gathering
Crook County Fairgrounds
in Prineville |



Ruth Weyer with her famous Ambrosia Cake & Art Bigelow with his famous Lemon Bars



Events in June and later haven't been canceled at this time

Visit the [OOTFA Website](#) for forms and other current information:
ootfa.org

District 4 musicians perform at the monthly jam at the Roxy Ann Grange in Medford