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Country Music Icon **Don Maddox Passes**

By Joe Ross

Country music legend **Don Maddox** has passed away, at age 98, on September 12, 2021. The last surviving member of **The Maddox Brothers and Rose**, Don was a fiddler and singer who certainly leaves a lasting legacy on the genesis of country music.

Don Maddox was born on December 7, 1922. At a young age, Don moved west from Boaz, Alabama with his family when drought and hard times forced them off their sharecroppers' farm. With a pittance realized from selling most of their possessions, the Maddox family set out with the hope and aspiration of finding a better life during the Great Depression.

The family started their westward journey by hitch-hiking to the railyard in Meridian, Mississippi. There were many homeless Americans on the road in 1933, but few had children with them, jumping on the moving boxcars of freight trains. In Oakland, California (the end of the line), they settled temporarily in "Pipe City," a homeless community located in big sections of unused sewer pipes.

After picking fruit during the day in California's San Joaquin Valley, the Maddoxes spent evenings picking banjos and guitars around the campfire for other "fruit tramps." Don's father, **Charlie**, played five-string banjo for his own pleasure. Don's mother, **Lulla**, played mandolin and sang. Five of Don's siblings (**Cliff, Cal, Henry, Fred and Rose**) eventually learned to play various instruments.



Don Maddox was a musical and a fashion influence on the American music scene

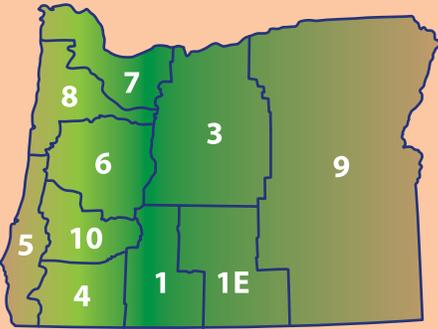
They became professional musicians when Fred tired of working and decided that music was an easier way to make a living. He talked non-stop for a half hour to a furniture store sponsor of a radio show in Modesto who agreed to host the band. The sponsor insisted that the band have a girl singer, and Fred assured him that they had the "greatest girl singer in the world." That's how **Rose Maddox**, at age 11 in 1937, began her professional career in music that spanned over six decades. Don was a little too young at the time to join the band, but eventually he did.

While not paid for radio appearances, The Maddox Brothers and Rose promoted their dance, rodeo street corner and saloon shows, entertaining other "Dust Bowl Refugees" like themselves. The band became regulars on the **Louisiana Hayride** radio barn dance program from Shreveport, Louisiana. Before World War II, the band included Cliff, Cal, Fred, Don and Rose. People just called them hillbilly singers, not country musicians, back then.



Loretta Peyrollez, Joan Suther and Randy Gibson perform at the Harney County Fair

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Happy Fall! I hope the weather will cool down, and smoke dissipates from the affected areas so we can enjoy nature again. I also hope you have been staying well, and having the opportunity to play music with each other safely. I keep wishing this virus will morph into a wimp and go away so we can get back to normal...whatever that is! Maybe next year? As we kick off the year, I want to let you know who the various committees are, and the Chairs:

- Bylaws – Marie Bailey
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Our President, Marcella

- Parliamentarian – Hal Weiner (not really a committee, but very important!)

I very much appreciate all of these individuals and look forward to a productive year, despite the confines of the virus mandates. Also, thank you to those members who have volunteered (or have been volunteered!) to serve. OOTFA is privileged to have you!

Our first Zoom Board meeting will have been held by the time this newsletter is printed. Our next Board and General meetings are scheduled to be in person in January at the Senior Center in Lebanon, and I am keeping my fingers crossed that we will all be able to meet, jam, eat and play naked face to naked face!

Hang in there, and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns, questions, comments or suggestions. This is YOUR association!

Hugs ~ Marcella

The passing of Don Maddox has touched many OOTFA members in various ways.

Editor's Notes

While I never had the opportunity to meet Don, my mother has a fond memory. When she recalls various musical acts she has seen in her life she always mentions Willie and Merle and others, but one of her favorite musical memories, when she was a young teenager in the 1950's, was the time she saw The Maddox Brothers & Rose at a barn dance somewhere out near Cottage Grove/Creswell (a long-gone venue). I think something special must have happened that night. ~ Robin

NEW MEMBERS FOR OCTOBER 2021

Eric, Benjamin, Luna, Rabecca, Elijah & Sophia Crook	Medford (4)
Shelley Gaudia	Eugene (6)
Lynette Kristine	Florence (5)
Raina & Nathaniel Potter	Terrebonne (3)
Gary & Leverne Preston	Medford (4)

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 9-10-2021

State Checking Account: 11,728
 State Scholarship (incl. in above): 1,897
 General Certificate of Deposit: 12,161
 Contest Certificate of Deposit: 4,580
 Kielhorn Money Market: 8,486
TOTAL CASH ASSETS: 36,954

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9 Farmers Market 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
16 Luther Square 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Greetings All from District One,

Happy Fall Ya'll. In District One we have been enjoying some perfectly beautiful days! We have had those brilliant blue September skies, nice sunny days and those perfectly cool, downright colder nights but **we are not complaining.** In fact, it has been amazing to enjoy some smoke free air and some beautiful sunshine; which we have not had any of since June of this year with the kick off to fire season starting with the **Cutoff Fire.**

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There has been a lot of excitement in our district of late. To begin, "Congratulations" are in order for **Barrett Amaker**, who won his heat in the destruction derby at our county fair. It was his first time as a driver and he walked away with a \$500 prize. Well done, Barrett!

While Barrett was getting his ducks in a row for the derby, his grandpa **Terry** and uncle **Larry McLain** were on stage performing for two hours and entertaining the Saturday brunch/lunch crowd. They were joined by **Mike Borelli** on bass, and **Mike Stover** (fiddle) and **Arlene Henry** (singer) from our district. They had lots of help from Districts 1 and 5. **Irene Ruddock** (fiddle) and **Edna Jenkins** (mandolin) from Klamath Falls, along with **Linda** and **Rachel Eickhoff** (fiddlers) who came all the way from the coast were here to support our district. The OOTF's were also included in the local parade on Labor Day morning, so September was off to a musical start in this town.



Rosa Lee McLain is finally back home!



District One Members at the September 2021 Farmers Market in Klamath Falls

We got to enjoy this special smoke-free weather at our **Farmer's Market** in September, and it was a lot of fun getting together again to play music and enjoy our outdoor market. We have another Farmer's Market this month on October 9th, starting at 11:30 am. Remember to bring a chair, a hat, sunglasses, and gloves (just in case it's **cold**). We also will have our monthly meeting/Jam on the 16th of October at **Luther Square**. Hope to see you all there! Keep Fiddling...

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

We've had yet a third fire to plague our area with dense smoke and evacuation concerns. The **Cougar Peak Fire** broke out the Tuesday before Labor Day and grew rapidly to it's current 83,000+ acres. It could be seen from my deck and was an unsettling scene as it roared over the ridge top and burned across the western hills. We have a huge fire camp at the fairgrounds now and they are working hard to achieve dozer and hose lines. With the promise of rain in the coming days it is hoped containment won't be too far off.

I'm happy to report that **Rosa Lee** is finally home after spending 7 long weeks in the hospital. Her hip is still mending so she is wheelchair bound for the next 3 weeks or so, but at least she is home! Her twins celebrated their 62nd birthday on the 8th of September. If we are lucky, they'll both be around to celebrate at least 40 more.

October brings us the **Harvest Moon** and **Halloween**. Hopefully, with the coming year there will be no viral spooks to wreck our statewide gatherings and by this time in 2022, Stay well, be safe, and keep making music. Oh, and Happy Halloween, too!

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

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Over the past year and a half, we have seen our friends and families torn apart, distanced, lost, and left with little connection to the OOTFA family. It's just what happens when a crisis like we've seen comes into our world. I for one am not willing to sit by idly any longer and stay separated from the family. If digital connections are what we have left to stay connected, then let's use that to our advantage.

We've set up a new communications program for OOTFA called **Slack**. It is a platform where OOTFA members can sign in and visit, share work, talk privately and accomplish many other tasks all on one location. It's kind of like a living room where everyone in there is visiting, going into another room to discuss a specific topic, or privately working on projects.

We have set the **OOTFA Slack workspace** up as a trial to get started to see if our board and district chair people find it something they like; so far we find it to be a positive vote. However, Slack will only be successful if everyone turns to the Slack workspace for their OOTFA communication needs. Other media pages are good but not connected to each other. In our Slack workspace we can accomplish just about everything we want to do in one site – one stop shopping. I keep Slack open on all my devices all the time so I never miss a message that drops in.

In the next few weeks, you will be receiving an emailed invitation from **OOTFA Slack**. Please follow the prompts to download Slack onto all of your devices and join the OOTFA family workspace This is where we will be chatting, sharing, laughing, hearing from Marcella and the board, working, buying and selling, organizing jams, and so much more.

Please let me know if you need any help getting this done. I can help you over the phone at **541-410-5146**. In the mean time please follow the link below to do more research on Slack on your own.

I am looking forward to seeing you in the OOTFA family living room.

<https://www.makeuseof.com/what-is-slack/>

~ Jeanette Bondsteel, OOTFA Publicity

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The September District 4 meeting at **Fruitdale Grange** was the first official meeting led by newly elected Chair-Women, **Judy McGarvey**. Outgoing Chair, **Scottie Phillips** has continued on during the pandemic with patience and good humor and Judy acknowledged the districts' appreciation by presenting him with a **Certificate of Thanks**.

During the meeting the minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved. **Ron Bolstad**, District Secretary, has not been attending in person due to an abundance of caution, but has been so faithful to delegate someone to take notes for him and to make sure his report is given. **Barbara Basden** presented a detailed Treasury report to the members. **Andrew Rosas** gave a report on the condition of the loaner instruments and it was agreed two fiddle bows would be purchased to replace worn out bows as needed for when fiddles are loaned to members.

During the meeting **Judy McGarvey** reiterated to all members the need to wear a mask at all times. A sign stating that masks must be worn at all times was placed by the entrance door along with extra masks and hand sanitizer. The overall comment from the 16 musicians attending was, "It's just so wonderful to be together playing music with other musicians that we have no complaints!" and we had none from our audience either. We are still missing some of our members who are vaccinated but still hesitant to attend any public event because the Delta variant has had a deadly hold on Jackson and Josephine counties with our hospitals full of desperately ill patients. We'll all be so happy to see the back end of the pandemic.

Judy McGarvey's Jammers are meeting every Tuesday afternoon, 4-6:00 at the Methodist Church in Medford. All acoustic musicians of any level of playing are welcome to come practice.

The October monthly business meeting and jam will be on October 2 at the **Phoenix Grange**, 209 North Main Street in Phoenix. The meeting will begin at 11:00, the warm-up jam at 12:30 and the sign up jam at 1-3:00 pm.

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District 4 continued

Everyone has been bringing pre-wrapped individual snacks to share and this has worked out very well. If you can come a little early extra hands are always appreciated to set up seating. Check the online District 4 calendar for any changes, directions and maps, or if you have questions, call an officer. They are always available to help.

We in District 4 have just received the news of the passing of District 4 member **Don Maddox**. He was the last surviving member of the nationally recognized **Maddox Brothers and Rose**. We are in the process of planing a celebration of his career for the month of December. Please check our November report in the Hoedowner for more information.

Keep those masks on and we'll see you soon!

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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Greetings from District 5!

As most everyone is aware by now, most of our regularly scheduled gigs have been postponed at this time due to rising COVID cases on the coast. So this month we would like to revisit the “**Personality Profile**” format that previous reported **Barbara Scheirman** so cleverly created. This month’s Personality Profile is on longtime member **Ruth Weyer!**



Ruth Weyer

Ruth grew up in a home where music was greatly appreciated. Her dad played the fiddle and just about any instrument with strings. Ruth first became involved with OOTFA through her husband, **Pat**, who played the harmonica. Ruth’s favorite instrument is the fiddle, and she is a wonderful singer, as all of us here in District 5 can attest to. She has a great fondness

for country western and cowboy music, and loves tunes such as “Don’t Fence Me In” and “White Lilies.” Ruth does a fabulous job in representing District 5 by traveling all over the state to OOTFA events and campouts. During District 5 campouts, she can always be found making coffee, supervising in the kitchen, preparing meals, and helping to make the events special for everyone.

Ruth has lots of other hobbies and interests besides music. She enjoys sewing, puzzles, and baking, to name a few. We here in District 5 are grateful to Ruth for all that she does and for helping us make wonderful music!



District 5 at the Bastendorff picnic shelter jam

District 5 Members want to thank District 10 Reporter **Joe Ross**, who, while visiting **Bastendorff Beach** invited local members to a jam session at an open-air pavilion at his campground. A fine time was had by all, and an extra-special thanks to Joe for adding his fine mandolin playing to our musical experience!

In Memoriam: District sends our deepest sympathy to the **Eickhoff Family**. **Linda** lost her dear Father, **Festus "Jim" Walter**, and **Rachel** and **Tyler** their wonderful Grandfather in August. We wanted to share this sad note with our OOTFA Friends in the event you wish to offer condolences.

~ Al & Nicole Pierce, District 5 Reporters



Rachel & Linda Eickhoff

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Tune of the Month

Special Thanks to
Karen Bennett of
District 3 for
providing
Tune of the Month
for October

A clearly-not-English tune which has been adopted by English session players, written by Frederic Paris. Along with Maxou Heintzen (see The Plane Tree) he was a member of the influential French traditional music band La Chavannee in the 1980's and 90's, and there's a lovely waltz of his called La Marianne which is also played a lot.

This is a schottische tune, with a straightforward 4/4 rhythm similar to a reel, often played quite quickly.

YouTube versions:

[Bonnie Loch Fiddle Club](#)

[Mandolin & Guitar Version](#)

[Melodeon/Accordion](#)



Le Canal en Octobre

music by Frederic Paris

1. G D G D Em D D

5. G D G D Em D 1. G 2. G

0. Bm D Bm D Em D D

4. Bm D Bm D Em D G

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With all gigs and jams being canceled because of the pandemic some people have been getting together at home. **Nina Hoffman** certainly has been trying to host jams. But if the smoke wasn't enough to force a couple of cancellations, along came the rain last Saturday. At least the rain is a welcome intruder, particularly in the western part of the state where our ecosystem is equipped for and thus requires a certain amount of precipitation. Time to think about wrapping up those outdoor projects.

This month the **Hoedowner** features the other half of the dynamic duo known as the **Holts**. **Lew** was featured in September and this time we will find out about his lovely wife **Alice**, in her own words.

Alice's Wonderland of Music by Alice Holt

Even though I remember my **Grandfather** playing the fiddle, it never occurred to me to learn until many years later. Grandpa only played for the family by then. I can imagine him playing for dances as a young man in Ontario, Canada.

Lew was actually the catalyst to my fiddling. Around 1978 he had a few lessons and bought a couple beginning books. I could read music, having taken piano lessons, so using the books, I began learning how to tune the fiddle, and where to put my fingers. From those books I learned simple versions of common fiddle tunes. At that time playing by ear seemed impossible! Now I prefer learning a tune by ear, but it's nice to have music to refer to as needed.

Lew and I lived in District 5 where we had met some **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers**. We joined as associate members. The others were always encouraging to us and other new fiddlers. I've found the friendliness, acceptance and encouragement to be a quality of members all across the state.

In 1993 we moved from North Bend to Salem. We



Alice Holt fiddles a tune

immediately became part of District 8, again finding many friendly folks. We knew many of them already having visited all the other districts for meetings and other events. Then, in 2018, we moved to Corvallis. Now we are District 6 members, and enjoyed jams until the pandemic shut things down.

I've held a few district office, was a Hoedowner reporter and processed all the membership payments for a couple years.

I started entering Fiddle Contests in the 1980s to support the organization and to challenge myself to do something out of my comfort zone. I think I've been fourth place most often, but usually placed in the top five.

Circle jamming is my favorite activity at fiddle events. I've also enjoyed teaching tunes. One year at the High Desert Jamboree, when Roger Germanson was State President, he asked what I thought of having tune workshops at our larger functions. I thought it was a great idea. So Roger said, "Okay, you teach one this afternoon." And that day "Tunes at Two" was born. Janet Brayman named "Tunes at Two", since that was frequently when it started. Occasionally she would announce "Tunes at Two" will be at 10 o'clock today.

Membership in OOTFA has been an important part of my life. I've met many wonderful people and had a ton of fun playing music with friends.

Birthday Greetings: Birthdays: **Wayne Carter** (10/4), **Chuck Roerich** (10/7), **Ila Mae Carmickle** (10/8), **Lisa Ponder** (10/13), **Robin Lindsey** (10/17)

Anniversary: Jim And Teresa Bowers

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

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Dear District 7 Members, At this time we don't know what events we can play for in October because of COVID restrictions. Please watch your email from **Joe Martin**, who is our new scheduler, for possible opportunities. One of these days when COVID calms down we will have a lot of fun playing together.



Grant and Carol Ann Wheeler with Jonathan Trawick playing at the Clackamas County Fair

I would like to write a little more about our **Clackamas County Fair** gig on August 18th. We were fortunate to have about 20 musicians who played that day including a number of special guests who added their professional expertise and made the day really special. District 7 member **Carol Ann Wheeler's** son, **Grant Wheeler**, played his beautiful cross-tuned fiddle, with his talented well-known friend, guitarist **Jonathan Trawick**. What a treat that was to hear their beautiful music.

District 8 member **Truman Price** also played with us. He has an amazing memory for all fiddle music! After the concert he had fun letting some children play on his instrument and was pretty sure they were going to sign up at school and take some fiddle lessons—well done, Truman. It was also wonderful to have **Mary Ann Clausen** clogging to the fiddle tunes—the audience loved that. The two hours we played went by so quickly and it looked like no one in the audience left. It was really a wonderful day for all of us.

I would also like to add a paragraph about **Sharon Sandgren** who I wrote about last month and who was our MC at the Fair. In addition to her many musical

talents she is also a visual artist and has been involved with the **Gresham Little Theatre, the Sandy Actor's Theatre, The Oxbow Salmon Festival**, and many other venues. Sharon exhibits her paintings and woodcarvings all around the Gresham area and is the founding member of **No Time 2 Lose** acoustic string band. She is interested in any type of arts—performing, visual and musical. She has been an actor, writer, set designer, and musician. She and her husband **John** have two daughters. They are also the grandparents of two wonderful boys and love every minute they can be with them. I am sure they are teaching their grandchildren how to dance, sing, act, and play music!

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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October Events

- 7 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm**
Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes.
- 9 Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class; revised; by EAR via zoom**
- 21 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm**
- 16 Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class; review; by EAR via zoom**
- 23 Official District #8 Meeting noon - 1 pm**
- 23 Unofficial monthly fun jam at Marie's house 1 - 3 pm**

Basic Fiddle Class revised: ear training, we learn 2 tunes by EAR; We go over and over the notes until you learn the tune on the spot! All tunes on District 8 performance list. Meets online via zoom. Contact Martha Hughes at 503-939-2271 for details.



~ Gayle Clarity,
District 8 Reporter

**Scholarships are available.
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We have Friday Night Jams on a full-time basis at **Hines City Hall**, at 6:30 pm through October. We still have no word on when we can return to our Sunday Potlucks and Jams. We miss you all.

The Harney County Fair and Rodeo welcomed us to play in their open-air awning stage and eating area. We had a good set, with **Ron Phillips** and **Ben Richardson** joining us from John Day, plus our usual musicians, **Randy Gibson**, **Loretta Peyrollez**, **Joan Suther** and **Janet Braymen** performing. We had an appreciative audience which always makes things more fun. **Gordon** and **Marianne Andrews** took advantage of the music to dance in the aisle.

We would like to send well wishes to our friends that aren't feeling well, including **Fran Sterling**, **Carol Dawson** and **Don Greenfield**.

We would like to send a shout out to **Ian Dawson** and **Adam Thompson** as they both start their Senior Year at **Crane High School**. We know you are going to be busy, but we hope you find a little time for music now and then.

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

Truman Price - Oldtime Fiddler & Historian

By Joyce Orsini

Truman's great uncle was a country fiddler in Georgia. Truman never met him, but he was the reason Truman was taken to a violin teacher in San Pedro, California, before he was five years old, to study under **Karl Moldrem** for five years. There was little music in the house, but Truman remembers a year as a small child when he woke daily at 6 to listen to country-western music Los Angeles radio for half-an-hour in bed.

Music lessons ended when the family moved to the remote hills of Southern Oregon. They lived beyond electric lines, but in high school he sometimes fell asleep with earphones tuned to "Top 10 Countdown" on a wireless crystal-set radio built by his father. To attend high school he logged over 60,000 miles in school buses. Every morning, the bus-mates sang old songs: "The Frozen Logger", "Old Smoky", etc. This was the extent of his early exposure to music before college at 16.

Higher education was interrupted by two years in the Marine Corps, which became a scholarship at Oregon State, then by many moves; he later earned a BA at the University of Washington in History, with graduate study in Music. Along the way he became a union carpenter and also built houses entirely by himself.



Ron Phillips travelled down to Burns from John Day along with bass player **Ben Richardson** to perform at the Harney County Fair.



"Mountain Fiddler - Truman Price

At age 30 Truman had discovered old-time fiddle. After rereading all the "Little House on the Prairie" books to their four children, Truman studied the old songs of **Pa Ingalls** in depth; and his musical style was influenced by residence in SW Virginia. He performed for years with **Wes Messenger** in the **True West String Band**, and flows easily between oldtime music from Appalachia, the Oregon Trail, and the West.

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Carpentry had paid the bills, but interfered with playing fiddle. He left the trade for an **Artist in Schools** program through which he taught square dances to 15,000 children, and the **Oregon Historical Society**, for whom he performed 50 concerts. He has since played in streets and concert halls, taught scores of people to fiddle, written dozens of songs, called hundreds of dances, and lectured on music and its history. Of special note are studies of the music of the **Oregon Trail** and a memoir, "Canora: Notes From an Old-Time Fiddler."

Truman lives near Monmouth with his wife **Suzanne**, a life-long teacher, and they have a business of reselling old children's books. If in Seattle he plays with son **Adam** on banjo. He has been an OOTFA member for 15 years. His website:

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The fourth Saturday Indoor Jam at Sutherlin Senior Center on Saturday, the 23rd, is cancelled. Watch the **District 10 Googlegroup** e-mail for updates on jams. Remember to wear your mask indoors, as well as outdoors if you can't physically distance. To receive D-10 Googlegroup emails, contact **Jude** and she'll tell you how to subscribe.

On Friday evenings in September/October some OOTFA members play just before sunset in the parking lot of the **Umpqua Valley Art Center** for the migration of the Vaux Swifts. The **Audubon Society** recently counted about 2,500 birds that circle and dive into the **Clay Place** pottery shed chimney to roost for the night. There are several YouTube videos (with fiddle accompaniment) that capture this phenomenon.

On Wed, Sept 8, I got together with about a dozen District 5 members at **Bastendorff County Park** in Charleston. It was a lot of fun as we'd hadn't seen each other for about two years. Despite the chilly breeze and fog, we had a ton of fun making music for nearly three hours. We'll do it again, perhaps in a halfway location like Dora, Coquille, Powers or Myrtle Point.

We extend our most heartfelt sympathy to The Pinard Family. **Ron Pinard** passed away in early September. His infectious smile and jovial personality will certainly be missed at OOTFA events. Ron came to Roseburg in the fifth grade

from North Dakota. He was a school coach, with four kids who still remember how "Dad made us sing." He retired from ALCAN and Roseburg Lumber. **Ron** and **Sharon** met and married about eight years ago. He played guitar and banjo. Cards can be sent to Sharon at **1162 NW Riverfront Dr, Roseburg, Oregon 97471**.

I was also sorry to hear of the passing of country music icon **Don Maddox** on September 12. The last surviving member of **The Maddox Brothers and Rose**, Don made his home on his "Maddox Revolution Ranch" near Ashland. I first met him when I accompanied his sister, **Rose**, at some gigs in the 1980s and early 1990s. In 1998, I was honored to play at Rosie's graveside service, as well as jam at Don's ranch afterwards to celebrate her life. A District 4 Life member, I'd see Don occasionally at oldtime fiddle jams and shows. He brought a lot to the stage with his "mule fiddle," comedy, antics and big smile. When they were active (until 1956), The Maddox Brothers and Rose entertained many at dance halls throughout the land, and their music had a seminal impact on country, bluegrass and western music. Cards can be sent to Don's wife, Barbara, at 12850 Agate, Eagle Point, Oregon 97524 or by emailing **dbmaddox71@hotmail.com**.

We'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Don Hamlin** (Oct 10), **Sandy Harter** (Oct 17) and a special shout out to **George Breeze** who turns 96 on Oct 25! If we missed your special day, please drop me an email. We miss the monthly celebrations and birthday cakes that **Ann Hodson** would always bring for everyone to share. **Kelly** and **Scott Wadsworth** recently held open houses, with music, at their newly built house in Roseburg. For many videos about its construction, check out the "Essential Craftsman" channel on YouTube.

Keep Practicing! We'll All Play Together Again Soonest!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

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With radio appearances, and by playing for tips, the band became one of country music's most successful and distinctive acts. Besides their singing and picking, they offered entertaining shows full of upbeat spirit and fun. The Maddoxes had outrageous comedy routines, and flashy (almost gaudy) costumes to back up their billing as "**The Most Colorful Hillbilly Band in America.**" Don frequently told a humorous



Don Maddox

story about how the band regrouped and came on stronger and flashier than ever. They began a long recording career on the Four Star and Columbia labels. Their radio shows typically started with their theme song, Wiley Walker and Gene Sullivan's "I Want to Live and Love."

Fred would introduce the band ... "There's Cal, the laughing cowboy. And there's Don Juan and his mule fiddle. Friendly Henry, the working girl's friend greeting all the working girls. And the two hired hands. And then there's Rose, the Sweetheart of Hillbilly Swing ..." Some sidemen who supported the band included guitarists **Roy Nichols**, **Jimmy Winkle** and **Gene Breeden**, as well as steel guitarist **Bud Duncan**.

Don "Juan" Maddox was often referred to as "America's newest singing sensation." He also provided comedy. His sis Rosie once recalled, "and his fiddle sounded like a mule brayin'." Besides Cal's maniacal laughter, one could also hear yelps, screams, howls and spoken responses behind their spirited music. In 1949, The Maddox Brothers and Rose made their **Grand Ole Opry** debut singing "Gathering Flowers for the Master's Bouquet" and "I Couldn't Believe it was True." The Maddoxes played regularly at huge dance halls that dotted the countryside. Eventually the old dance halls closed up.

story about how **Elvis Presley** got the idea for his costumes from The Maddox Brothers.

Don and his brothers served during World War II, while Rose set out as a solo performer.



The Maddox Brothers & Rose

The Maddox Brothers and Rose disbanded in 1956. For a short while, Fred, Henry and Don performed with Henry's wife, **Loretta**. Fred operated a couple nightclubs in southern California. Henry worked in a few down that way. Don bought himself a cattle ranch near Ashland, Oregon. He'd wanted to trade his 1957 pink Cadillac for it but ended up paying \$27,500 for the ranch. Cal and Rose had moderate success in Nashville but ultimately returned to Oregon and lived out their lives on **Don's Revolution Ranch**, known for its legendary Angus bull named "Ben Bond Revolution #73." Don's barn, with signage that says "Maddox Revolution Angus," is a landmark just east of Ashland.

With their eclectic and stylistic music, the Maddox Brothers and Rose are credited with being on the forefront of the rockabilly movement. Their musical mix made them sound like a cross between a 1930s old-time string band and a rock-n-roll band of the late 50s. Rose continued performing and recording, with several highly-acclaimed albums in both the bluegrass and country genres. A good read is the 1996 book, by Johnny Whiteside, entitled "Ramblin' Rose, The Life and Career of Rose Maddox." **Ken Burns'** 2019 documentary about Country Music discussed the contributions of The Maddox Brothers and Rose in episodes two and three.

Cliff Maddox died of kidney failure in 1948 (when just 37). Cal passed away in 1968, and Henry died in 1974. Fred passed on in 1993. Rose passed away in 1998. I'd occasionally run into Don at jams and concerts sponsored by OOTFA. While not in the band,

Don also had an older sister, **Alta Mae Troxel**, who wrote several songs recorded by both The Maddox Bros and Rose and Rose as a solo act. Alta Mae Troxel passed away in 2007 at age 93.

Now, in 2021 at age 98, Don Maddox is the last of this seminal band to leave us. What a musical legacy they have left for us to enjoy! Don is survived by his wife, Barbara, who he referred to as his "child bride." Public graveside services for Don were held on Sept 27 at Scenic Hills Memorial Park in Ashland. **Cards can be sent to Barbara Maddox, 12850 Agate, Eagle Point, Or. 97524.**

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In Memoriam

District 3 member, **Judy Newport**, passed away on August 18. She is survived by her husband, Banjo Player Leroy and their family. Condolences can be sent to Judy's husband, Leroy Newport and family at 2105 NW 12th St., Redmond, OR 97756.

Don Maddox of District 4, passed away on September 12. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Barbara Maddox and Family at 12850 Agate in Eagle Point, OR 97524

District 10 member, **Don Pinard** passed away on September 1. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Sharon Pinard and Family at 1162 NW Riverfront Dr, Roseburg, OR 97471

Linda Eickhoff's father, **Festus Walter Sr**, passed away on August 11. Linda and her children, Tyler and Rachel, all of District 5 will miss him deeply. Condolences can be sent to at PO Box 856, Bandon, OR 97411

Jake Swartwood of District 1 passed away recently. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Aline Swartwood at 195 Calle Huerto in Vista, CA 92084