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January 21 & 22, 2022

Lebanon Senior Center

80 Tangent Street, Lebanon

Friday Jamming 6-9 pm

Saturday Board Meeting 10 am
Jamming 8 am - 4 pm

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Attention all Fiddlers, Accompanists, Volunteers, and Fans of Fiddling:

Mark your calendars for March 19th

Great news!! – I'm excited to announce that plans are in the works for an in person 2022 State Fiddle Contest!!

The 2021 online contest was great fun, but it's been way too long since we had an in-person contest. The contest will be held as in the past on the third Saturday in March.

The contest will most likely be held in Lebanon (not too far from the I-5 Freeway). We are looking at a couple of great, comfortable options.

In order to keep people as safe as possible in such a gathering, masks will be required.

More details will follow in the February Hoedowner.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or you would like me to add your name to the volunteer list, please contact Eileen Walter at: 503-701-1578 text or call or gdaewalt@comcast.net

THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE HOEDOWNER

**UNLESS YOU'VE PAID YOUR 2022 DUES
OR ARE A LIFETIME MEMBER.
Contact Your Membership Chair**

In Memorium: Gynn Deaton

by Joe Ross

Gynn Deaton was born Aug 7, 1931 in Northfield, Texas, "a town that went from 25 to 15." Farming and mining kept the family moving between Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. After the war, they moved to Visalia, California where Gynn met **Jim** in high school (his family was from Missouri).



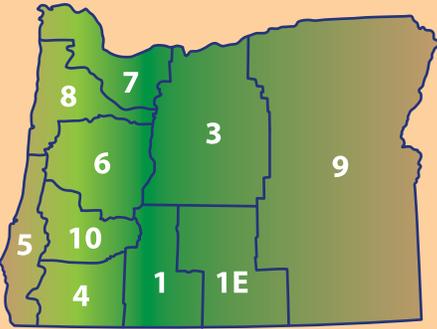
Gynn Deaton

They married when she was 17. His family had moved to Oregon, and she finished up high school in Canyonville. She worked as the City's recorder and still did bookkeeping and income taxes for clients. Jim worked as a sawmill lumber hauler, service station owner, then for ODOT. They had five children. Jim passed away on November 13, 2015.

Gynn's love of fiddle music came from her Texas grandfather and grandmother. "Dad and granddad bought a farm together. Neighbors would come over and play. It struck a chord with me. At dances, granddad played fiddle, and grandmother played piano. There was a love of that music among both sides of the family. An uncle was the New Mexico state champ and competed at Weiser." Gynn played violin herself in Arizona in the elementary school orchestra.

Gynn and Jim heard the **Oldtime Fiddlers** at the fairgrounds in Roseburg. For many years, they ran the kitchen and banquet at the convention. "We got to know others and made some of the best friends of our lives." Jim was OOTFA's State Vice President from 1982-83, and Gynn was OOTFA's State Secretary/Treasurer from 1978-80 and 1984-88.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! I cannot keep up with the times – what happened to last year? I hope you all had a blessed **Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Kwanza,** or whatever your special holiday was.

What a year this has been. It seems we lost a lot of our music family and dear friends and relatives. My heart goes out to each of you who lost a loved one, and I pray for comfort and peace.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to keep us informed and going this year – especially the **YouTube State Fiddle Contest**. **Eileen** and her helpers did a tremendous job for a successful **Zoom** event. I love the Facebook postings of events, and the new **SLACK** link where we can chat with each other and post events/sale items. Also, thanks so much to the “behind the scenes” workers, like the OOTFA website master. It is a great resource and I appreciate everyone to contributes to it. And our valuable **State Secretary** who keeps us on track with news and reminders. And the **Hoedowner Editor, Robin**, just to name a few!

I was hoping to say we could get back to “the old days” starting this year, but the virus forces keep coming at us! Again, please be safe and take care of yourself and your friends/family.

I hope to see many of you “safely” at our **January State Quarterly Meeting and Winter Gathering** January 21-22, 2022 at the **Lebanon Senior Center**. For Board members who are unable to attend, we will set up a Zoom Conference link (and hope it works!) Again, masks required per state mandate.

Take care...Hugs to all ~ Marcella

Editor's Notes

I am not sure if I am qualified to be a “profiler” for the FBI, but I nailed this one. I had quite the self-satisfied chuckle when I read **Patti's story of her life and the things she has done** in last month's issue of Hoedowner. It seems I already knew some of the information before I had even read it, based on an intuition I had.

Eight years ago, when I was a recent inductee into the ranks of **OOTFA**, I attended **Fiddle Camp** in Westfir. I had joined the Oldtime Fiddlers while visiting in **District 3** a few months prior to camp and had not really met anyone from the other districts, only heard names. I was told to say “hi” to **Ken Luse** but I didn't meet his wife, Patti, in person. I was introduced to her via a group meeting in the gym when she took the floor.

When I got home from Fiddle Camp I was, of course, quite excited by the experience. I told **Aleta** all about the event and the various people I met and fell in love with. When I described Patti, I said, “I'll bet anything that Patti is or has been a Girl Scout Troop Leader.” How about that for some profiling?

~ Robin



New Members · January 2022

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| Robyn, Mike, Finn & Dinah Burns | Joseph (9) |
| Trisha Church | Corvallis (6) |
| Chlovena Metzger | Vancouver, WA (OS) |
| Mike, Emerson, Levi & Desi Noe | Hubbard (8) |
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Greetings All from District One! I was hoping we could start off 2022 with a fresh slate and leap into the **New Year** full of Joy and Anticipation for a bright new year...and while we will strive to do just that, here in District One, we have two more members of our District who have passed away that I would like to memorialize. Both were amazing men in our District. Both were very well liked and both were district members who came to just about everything District One had going, until health issues started to get in the way.

We lost **Jake Swartwood**, otherwise known as "**Big Jake**" to those of us who were lucky to know him and call him friend. As you can guess, Big Jake was TALL, and really commanded a room. When he was wearing his cowboy hat and playing his guitar, it was easy to think he was 10 feet tall and bulletproof. Rest easy big Jake, we sure will miss you so much!

District One also lost **Merv Woodard**, a very beloved benefactor in our District. Not only was Merv a fiddle teacher for many years, he also taught mandolin and a few of his students really took to it and are quite good. He was always a happy, smiling man with the kindest, biggest and most generous heart. He gifted MANY students in District One with instruments purchased from his own pocket. Both my kiddos received instruments from him....my daughter, a mandolin and my son, a small fiddle. Merv and Big Jake will be so missed!!! I would also like to acknowledge that our District has been hit especially hard in 2021. We've lost 5 members this past year, **Big Jake, Merv, Sherm Taylor, Ms. Faye Patterson, and Darleth Rodgers**. We have a huge hole in the hearts of District One, and I think we can all agree that we really, REALLY NEED 2022 to be SO MUCH BETTER! Here's to a new year filled with endless opportunities for health and happiness and many wonderful moments of making music with the people we love!

Keep Fiddlin ~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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Welcome to 2022! Are you ready to play a tune? We are getting ready for the **Christmas Valley Jam**, May 4 through May 8, 2022 in Christmas Valley, Oregon ~ Y'all are invited! The **Booster Club Building** behind the post office in Christmas Valley will be filled with music! There will be 3 days of "just jamming". The only "planned" event will be a "**Hat Song**" on Saturday night - where you perform a tune while wearing a hat you have designed to illustrate your tune or song.



Hal Weiner & Bev Shriver perform in 2021's Hat Dance" Event

Christmas Valley is in Eastern Oregon, a little over an hour east of LaPine. There is very limited dry camping but a restaurant, motel and RV park are within walking distance of the Booster Club. The phone number for the **Lakeside Motel, Restaurant & RV Park** is 541-576- 2309 or website is www.cvlakeside.com. This is the closest accommodation but there is another motel and other RV parks. No meals will be provided nor potlucks coordinated, but the coffee pot will always be on. Bring your own food or eat at the several restaurants

in the area. This is NOT AN OTTFA EVENT but a family gathering of one of the best-known fiddlin' families in OOTFA's history. For more information, contact Terry McLain at terry233.tm@gmail.com. So...for three days of jammin' with friends you haven't seen in a while, come to the McLain Family Campout! See ya' there.

Thanks Patti Luse and Linda Parks for writing up your stories.

Still jamming on Thursday night at Rosa Lee's always a good time 4:30 to around 7 pm.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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We are pleased to announce that Judi Seger will be returning as Reporter for District 3 next month.

This month we feature her story, in her own words.

Bustin' Out Jams with Judi Seger

My name is Judi Seger, of District 3. I am a Medical Laboratory Technician by trade, and lifelong Oregonian, born and raised in Portland, later living at the coast in Gleneden Beach, then in Eugene, and now having settled in Bend. I have played guitar since I was 12 years old, mostly being taught by my step-dad, **Ted Hunt**, now of District 8. I had a few piano lessons as a kid, but mostly just played by ear, having the unfortunate tendency to want to be

instantly good without practicing! About 8 years ago I became interested in learning to play the fiddle when I inherited my grandfather's violin. I never knew him but felt a connection with him when I held his old fiddle.

I took 4 lessons from Roland White and learned one song, "Ashokan Farewell". A little time went by and a friend, **Brenda Rose**, took me to the **Country Music Gathering** in Prineville, in September of 2016. I was in a difficult place in my life, having recently started chemo treatments for cancer and also having just lost my mom three weeks prior. I wasn't fiddling yet but had signed up to play guitar and sing a song ON STAGE! A terrifying prospect to someone who didn't care to be the center of attention.



Multi talented Judi Seger



Judi's "Jam Busters" tent in Burns

I stood at the back of the hall, with a kerchief around my bald head, pretty much trembling in fear, and a SUPER friendly, energetic, annoyingly upbeat person was trying to talk to me. I say this tongue and cheek, because at the time I didn't know it was **Jeannette Bondsteel**, who I would later come to know and love. She encouraged me to be brave and go sing my song, when I wanted to back out. And I thought of my mom's strength through her health battles, so I got up and sang "Walking after Midnight" with other OOTFA musicians backing me up. And I was off and running with music after that! What a feeling! The Lights! The Applause! Okay... but it was a wonderful and affirming event in my life.

I went to OOTFA gatherings at the **Powell Butte Community Center** when I could, and saw the fiddlers there having so much fun, so I decided to dust off my grandpa's fiddle. I began going to some Slow Jams for beginners led by **Jeannette Bondsteel** and **Marlene Stevens**. Those were absolutely priceless lessons, and their enthusiasm was contagious. Meeting other incredible musicians along the way, and going to more jams and gatherings

helped with my progress. I don't read sheet music but learn by ear. So unfortunately, I am one of those that calls a tune and doesn't know what key it's in. I am still more of a singer and guitar player, but also really enjoy fiddling, so it's been challenging to juggle two instruments at the jams and campouts.

I also started hosting a "**Jam Busters**" tent at campout gatherings for musicians to express any and all acoustical music forms, where folks play Oldtime, Bluegrass, Americana, Folk, Western, Swing and Blues tunes. So far no Rappers ... phew! But seriously, it is so fun to exchange songs and learn to play with others in a jam setting. Eventually I began going to open mic's and singing for strangers, and it has been OOTFA and friends who have given me the confidence and experience to do these new things.

The pandemic has been a challenge on all fronts, and I confess I put my fiddle down for too long. But upon picking it up again this winter, I was amazed that those tunes are still in there...they just need the rust shaken off with some practice! The one thing about the rifts this pandemic have brought about... they are not a factor when it comes to the universal connection we all feel with each other through music! **God Bless everyone in the New Year!**

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Well, here we are, year 2022 is knocking on the door and I'm sure everyone is praying it brings with it happier days for our organization and our families.

For our **December Monthly Jam**, **Carol Ferrara** and her sister, **Edna Chitwood**, had changed the **Roxy Ann** grange into a beautiful winter wonderland. At the entrance a smiling snowman holding a lantern sitting amid a bounty of snow and winter flowers greeted everyone cheerfully. Every table was graced with bright tablecloths and centerpieces of poinsettia and a garland of holly and red winter flowers. Various poinsettia garlands and shiny Christmas trees decorated other tables. Before the first decoration was put in place **Lenny Ferrara** had sanitized every surface.

On a center table Carol had arranged a beautiful presentation of memorabilia honoring the life and musical career of **Don Maddox**. Don and his wife, **Barbara**, were members of District 4 for many years until his death in September. Don regularly attended the jams and sang many of the tunes he had recorded. During the jam **Ron Bolstad**, who had played back up guitar for Don on the last CD Don recorded, gave a short presentation on his friendship with Don. Ron also sang several tunes that Don would often sing. Several other musicians performed tunes that were familiar to Don. It was really good to have Ron and his voice and guitar back with us again, we've missed him.

The schedule for the sites, dates and times for the 2022 year of monthly meetings and jams is posted on the District 4 online calendar. Also all up coming gigs are posted by **Scott Phillips** as they are booked, and also is posted the schedule for the **"Tuesday Jammers"**. Another note, **Lenny Ferrara** is working behind the scenes to schedule us at some different venues this summer so that our music will be exposed to more folks and this will be posted and our faithful **Fiddle Rustler, Cindy Crane** will send out emails to every musician.



Ron Bolstad and Andrew Rosas with Judy McGarvey

Our District Chairwoman, **Judy McGarvey**, has sent out a request for volunteers to come a little early or stay a little later to help with the setup and breakdown at the jams. When we come into a grange we must move the tables and chairs to fit our meeting and the following jam. Afterwards we must move everything back to how we found it when we arrived. There is also kitchen setup. It's the same dependable folks that are doing this chore every time and we need some new hands to help.

Carol Ferrara, our **Member-**

ship Chairwoman, is still taking monies for membership renewal. If you want to be listed in the 2022 membership roster you must have renewed by the end of January. Contact Carol at: lencarol2000@gmail.com.

Please make a note that our **January Monthly Meeting and Jam** will be held at the **Fruitdale Grange** in Grants Pass on the **SECOND SATURDAY** January 8, not the first Saturday as that day is **New Years Day**. The meeting will be at 11:30, warm up jam at 12:30, sign up jam at 1-3:00. Bring individually wrapped snacks to share. If you have any questions or need directions call an officer they are happy to help you.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Memorabilia of Don Maddox's life

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Tune of the Month

Special Thanks to
Joe Ross
of District 10 for
providing
Tune of the Month
for January

Composed in July 2021 on our summer trip. We were in Wyoming--Big Horn Mountains, Dubois, and Falls Campground in the Shoshone National Forest. When we arrived at the home of Tom and Katie Bonthe Salmon River Valley was very smoky from forest fires. Mary suggested the title.
~ David Brinkman

[David Brinkman's Website click here](#)

[Smoked Salmon on YouTube](#)

Smoked Salmon

David Brinkman

Two Step

The musical score for "Smoked Salmon" is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The music starts with a G chord. The second staff has a measure 5 marker and includes first and second endings, both marked with a G chord. The third staff has a measure 11 marker and includes a first ending marked with a D chord. The fourth staff has a measure 17 marker and includes a first ending marked with a G chord. The fifth staff has a measure 23 marker and is labeled "Optional Variation", with a G chord at the start and a D chord later. The sixth staff has a measure 28 marker and includes first and second endings, both marked with a G chord. The seventh staff has a measure 33 marker and includes chords G, C, and D. The eighth staff has a measure 38 marker and includes first and second endings, both marked with a G chord. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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Greetings from District 5! The month of December has been busy for everyone with the holidays right around the corner, but we did have a chance to perform at **Pacific View** in Bandon on December 13th. Thanks to all who attended and made music with us! Another show is planned for December 20th at **Myrtle Point Care Center**.

This month we would like to revisit the "Personality Profile" format that previous reporter **Barbara Scheirman** so cleverly created. This month's Personality Profile is on none other than Barbara herself!

Barbara became interested in music from an early age. Her parents had friends who played oldtime music, which she enjoyed. They showed her some chords and she taught herself some chords as well. Barbara says that oldtime music has always felt like "home," a sentiment that many of us in OOTFA share. Barbara first got involved with OOTFA when she saw a District 5 performance in **Winchester Bay**. She noticed how much fun everyone was having and how friendly everyone was. At that point she was playing guitar but soon began playing the fiddle as well. She has been with OOTFA in District 5 for 5 or 6 years now. She loves all musical instruments, including the voice, and her favorite OOTFA tune is "Mockingbird Hill." She also enjoys "Ashokan Farewell."

Barbara enjoys spending time with family, her kids, and grandkids, and enjoying camaraderie with musical friends. She also has several pet cats that she loves and dotes on. She loves family, friends, kids, and grandkids, music friends, animals. Barbara has served as District 5 Reporter in the past and last month was elected Secretary. Thank you Barbara!

~ Al & Nicole Pierce, District 5 Reporters



Barbara Scheirman of District 5

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It sure was good to see half the faces of old musical friends again at the **Central Grange** on Saturday the 11th. It was a smaller than usual crowd for that jam, but we played non-stop for three hours. Playing music is the one activity I can think of where I forget I have a mask on my face. For that matter, it is also the one activity that gets my mind off a variety of other nuisances, or aches and pains, or leaky faucets, etc.

I was pleased to see **Shirley Humphries** and asked how **Tony** was doing after his hospital visit. As she was answering, up came Tony! I was double-pleased to see him there looking fit with his fiddle. Tony and Shirley are a lovely couple who bring so much to District 6.

Jim Kerns remarked that it had been two years since he and I had seen each other. That didn't seem possible, but he was right. He and I are regulars at **Ila Mae's Advance Fiddle Classes**, which are unfortunately postponed until further notice. Jim is a superb guitarist who uses the fattest picks in the land. He even has picks made from stone! He loaned me some one day to try out in class, but I think that is something you work up to with much practice, alone. *continued on next page*



District 6 musicians take a break from a lovely afternoon of jamming at Central Grange

District 6 continued

We were looking at January 8th for another jam at Central, but with the latest in COVID news, it has been canceled.

The **OOTFA State Quarterly Meeting** is happening at the **Lebanon Senior Center**, January 21 and 22. Refer to the notice on the front page for details.

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

Birthday Greetings: **Joe Moyle** and **Gerald Clark** (1/1), **Galen Ness** (1/14) **Leah Canaday** (1/26)
Wedding Anniversary: **Galen** and **Kathy Ness** (1/12)

A Passion for Life • Linda Parks

I wish I could say “Music is my passion” but I must say “Life is my passion” - a life filled with family (2 children, 4 grand children), friends, gardening, sewing, oil painting, tole painting, stained glass, counted cross stitch, a little square dancing now and then - and yes, Music! But music came later than my other interests.

Raised on a small farm in rural Minnesota, from a large family where **Daddy** worked 6 days a week and **Momma** didn't drive, it was impossible for me to take band class after school. But there was always country music playing in our house - at the breakfast table before school, and in the evening on radio or television as I poured over my homework. I was able to join the **High School Choir** and loved it. But as for playing music, when **Jerry** and I married in 1980 I had a cheap guitar that I didn't know the first thing about playing. Jerry showed me how to make some chords - D, A, G, E - and had me practice on his Gibson with a little cassette tape he made for me. For 11 years in Texas, as he struggled to learn the fiddle, I struggled to play with him. It wasn't until we moved back home to Oregon in 1992 and he soon joined the **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers** that I started to go to the jams with him, sat in the back and still struggled to play a little guitar. One day at an outdoor event **Willy Carter** asked me to take a turn and sing a song (into the mic)! I was nervous, didn't sound very good, but decided I was listening to them sing and they were having a good time, some not singing too much better than me, so I sang - and from that day on I was hooked. I struggled to play the guitar better so I could sing! I realized that a lot of people sounded a lot better than me, but some sounded just as bad as me - and some people even enjoyed the way I sang (or at least they said they did.) So I played and sang for those people and had a great time. Once day I realized I didn't have to be as good as Dolly or Emmy Lou - just had to always do the best I could - and I was never nervous again. Over the years, being involved in the Oldtime Fiddlers has now become the high point in my life. I have had countless wonderful experiences and made so many very good friends.

Jerry and I attended the first **West Cascades Fiddle Camp** in 2011, and from that year to the present I have served as **Registrar/Treasurer** on the Committee. After several years of refusing, in 2019 I finally “caved” to **Sharon Thompson**, agreeing to be considered for **State Treasurer** so she could resign after serving 9 years as State Treasurer. I am thoroughly enjoying this challenge



Linda is a real OOTFA treasure

and have learned a lot about OOTFA. The members are very dedicated and share a love for music, always willing to support each other, and there are so many fun events to be a part of. I hope to continue as your State Treasurer - and here is where I want to add a “plug” for all the District Treasurers. They are all great to work with and so good at their jobs. That helps to make my job easier.

A couple years ago, at West Cascades Fiddle Camp, I took the bass class. It was the only year that **Ken Luse** didn't teach and

for some reason, although the instructor was good, I just didn't get it. The next year I took Ken's class and got it - and was hooked big time! I told Jerry I would like the bass to be my primary instrument (although over the years I had improved on the guitar - even learned a few more chords!) Jerry said “OK, then let's get you a new bass” - and that is how **Daisy** came to live with us. I now play bass and sing at all of our assisted living jobs. My goal is to improve my bass playing, learn some runs - and for me, life doesn't get any better than this.

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District 7 musicians enjoyed playing together on December 4th at the **Sunnyside Grange**. We had a good turn out with some new players and visitors. They had noticed the large sign outside the grange inviting folks to come in on the first Saturday of the month and play music or just listen. This month we played several Holiday songs in addition to standard OOTFA music. A number of people brought sheet music to share, and it was fun playing two-part harmony as a group. Our next jam should be on January 1st but that is a holiday, so we won't be meeting. Our next circle jam will be on February 5. Also, we may have a gig in January. If that is so, Joe Martin will be sending out an email to everyone.

This month I interviewed **Tom and Mary Ann Clausen**. Mary Ann always loved singing and dancing and is known to many OOTFA members as a "clogger". However, she primarily considers herself a singer. About the time that she and Tom met each other they started attending **Oregon State University** in Corvallis. When they first arrived at the university and began signing up for their classes, they saw a table where students could sign up for activities and classes outside of the regular curriculum. Since Mary Ann loved to dance, when she saw a clogging class she immediately signed up and loved it! Tom had played instruments much of his life and he wanted Mary Ann to learn a musical instrument so she could play with him. He wanted her to sign up for a music class. To encourage her he bought her seven different instruments which she really tried to play but none of them ever worked out. Finally, she said to him, "Can I just play with my feet?" This is exactly what she did and throughout her life she has had a lot of fun clogging and singing with Tom as they traveled around attending many music gatherings and festivals. In addition to clogging and singing, Mary Ann loves to quilt and does that every chance she can.



Mary Ann & Tom Clausen

Tom came from a musical family. His father played a lot of instruments and encouraged Tom to do the same. At eight years old Tom was already learning to play the piano but as he entered 2nd grade he was also able to choose an instrument to play at his grade school. He chose the violin and was thrilled to play his $\frac{3}{4}$ style instrument. When he got to high school he continued to play the violin and picked up the cello, and clarinet. He usually played classical music in the high school orchestra and also found time to be in some small bands with friends. In college he had a number of instruments that he enjoyed playing, including the mandolin, but was forced to sell some of them when money was short. Luckily when he began his working life he was able to buy them back. During this time he played many styles of music with many people including bluegrass, but later down the line

he split away from other styles and stuck with old time music.

During his working years he and his family lived in a number of states ending up in California where he joined the **California Oldtime Fiddlers** and later became president of his district in San Jose. Five years ago he retired and moved back to Milwaukie, Oregon and became involved with **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers**. In addition to playing with OOTFA, he

enjoys playing at the **Oregon City Farmer's Market** and loves setting up "porch jams" in his neighborhood where people can drive from porch to porch and hear live music. It is fun watching Tom play because he is always so enthusiastic and really enjoys the music.

Happy New Year

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

State Financial Report for January 2022

State Checking Account	11,332
State Scholarship (inc.in above)	1,897
General Certificate of Deposit	12,161
Contest Certificate of Deposit	4,580
Kielhorn Money Market	8,486
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	36,559

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Janice Kilbourn • Lifelong Learner

By Joyce Orsini, D-8

Janice Kilbourn started reading music at about age six under the tutelage of her mother. She learned to play hymns with other piano players in the junior 4th through 6th grades at church, where her mother played the pump organ, piano, and electronic organ. Janice played with her mother on piano and organ for church and at home. On Saturday mornings in junior and high school she took flute lessons from a professor of music at Eastern Oregon College (now University) -- all classical music. Also, from 5th Grade through high school she played flute with the school band. Although she had an older sister who played classical music on her

grandfather's fiddle, Janice had no opportunity to play string instruments in Elgin, Oregon, where she lived.

When she went to college at EOC, she played flute with the



Janice Kilbourn of District 8

EOC band and studied piano for a year. Janice transferred to Oregon State University where she received a B.S. degree

Janice met her late husband, **Stan**, at square dancing lessons in Salem. When they got married they were very much into square dancing. After attending the fiddlers performance at a Polk County Fair, Stan wanted to join OOTFA and play the fiddle. He taught himself to play fiddle from the radio in North Dakota. He was an active fiddler in D-8 for many years. Outside of OOTFA, Stan liked to go with Janice to hear her play organ, and later, piano. He also played his fiddle at church services, and various groups in and around Salem. He liked to play "Happy Boys" when **Les Tucker** or others asked him to play.

January Events

- 6 **Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home** 1-3 pm
Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes.
- 8 **Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class;**
revised; by EAR via zoom
- 15 **Unofficial monthly fun jam at Marie's house 1-3 pm**
It will be the 3rd Saturday, again, as there will be a State Meeting in Lebanon at the Community Center the 4th Saturday.
- 20 **Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home** 1-3 pm
- 28 **Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class;**
review; by EAR via Zoom

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

Janice and Stan were a team at many jams; Janice played the flute with Stan on the fiddle. Janice said "We were some couple. He played fiddle and I played piano, keyboard, and flute. All mine were played by music and his by ear." The couple went to east Oregon, where she grew up, and played some with the Blue Mountain Fiddlers, and then went on to Burns, and Weiser Idaho.

After Stan's death in 2017 Janice decided to try the fiddle he gave her. She has been learning to play the fiddle by ear as a student of Martha Hughes. By ear is not easy after reading music all her life, she says. Janice regularly attends the Slo-Jams at **Marie Bailey's** home twice-a-month. Janice is an inspiration to many.

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The Friday Night Jams will continue, but you will need to contact **Joan** as to the location. We still have no word on when we can return to our **Sunday Pot-lucks and Jams**. We miss you all.

It is that time of year again. Please send your membership dues to **George Sahlberg**, 788 N. Buena Vista, Burns, OR 97720.

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A good friend of the fiddlers, **Bill Jones**, passed away after a lengthy illness. His wife **Jane Jones** was involved in putting on the jamboree for several years.

Don Greenfield participated in the community **Carols by Candlelight** which was purported to be beautiful.

We are thankful to have white on the ground. The snow on the mountain is building up for the skiers in the group. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday, and we wish you the best in the new year.

~ Musically Yours, Marianne Andrews,
District 9 Reporter

District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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Jude Stensland is hosting jams at **Pineview Mobile Home Estates** from 1-3 pm on Fridays. Everyone is welcome to play or just listen. She is also soliciting opinions on evening jams so the younger folks might be able to be involved more. Please let Jude know if you'd like her to look into that for Pineview. Watch [District 10 Googlegroup](#) email for jam updates. To subscribe, contact Jude and she'll email you the link. Other impromptu jams will be announced as they come up.

We will be performing on Fri, 10 Jan at 3 pm at **Curry Manor**, A fourth Saturday jam on 22 Jan from 12-3 pm is planned at the **Sutherlin Senior Center**.

We played at a **New Year's Party** for **Brookdale**, 3400 NW Edenbower, on Friday, December 31st at 10:30 am. We're also scheduled to play there for a **Valentine's Party** on Thursday, February 10th at 10:30 am.

In January, we celebrate birthdays of **Joyce Pickett** (Jan 1), **Julie Yarbrough** (Jan 11), **Bernice Orr** (Jan 14), **Francis Stephenson** (Jan 24) and **Allison Lindley** (Jan 30).

Julie Yarbrough informed me that **Jon Tilley** is now living at Curry Manor. Send him a card at Curry Manor, 1458 Quail Lane, Roseburg, Oregon 97471.

Joyce Kuether, wife of OOTFA past President and current District 10 Chair, **Jim Kuether**, passed away on November 19, 2021. A service for Joyce was held at the **St. Paul Lutheran Church** in Roseburg on December 4th. A reception followed. Several OOTFA members attended. Condolences can be sent to **Jim and the Kuether Family** at 2723 Golfview Ct., Sutherlin, Oregon 97479.

Gynn Deaton passed away on December 7, 2021. See her story beginning on the front page.

District 10 is working with **The Deatons** to re-home photo albums and video tapes from the **Canyonville Fiddle Contest** to either the **Douglas County Historical Museum** or **South Umpqua Historical Society's Pioneer-Indian Museum**.

Dues for 2022 were due Jan 1. Please hand or mail your dues to **Sharon Thompson**, PO Box 117, Glide, Oregon 97443. There's more info on how to "Register for 2022" in this issue of **The Hoedowner**.

Happy New Year!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

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"We went to **Weiser, Idaho** every year so the guy running **Pioneer Days** in Canyonville asked me to be a fiddle contest judge. I took over organizing it in 1971, and it went for 40 or 41 years. I had a good relationship with the school, and they trusted me with the premises. I'm sad about the contest ending, but contest day was getting too hard on us physically. The Pioneer Days Committee didn't want to see it end even though there was so much going on during Pioneer Days that we didn't get the crowd we needed. OOTFA people still wanted and supported it. We just couldn't get anyone locally to organize and take over the work of contest day."

Gynn spent a lot of time writing grants and working with the **South Umpqua Historical Society's Pioneer-Indian Museum** in Canyonville. For many years, she also was District 10's Treasurer and conducted the year-end audits of all the districts. In 2007, Gynn received OOTFA's **Homer McLain Award** for outstanding service to our organization above and beyond the call of duty.

Gynn Deaton passed away on December 7, 2021. Cards and condolences can be sent to **The Deaton Family** c/o Chris Morga, her daughter, at PO Box 487, Canyonville, Oregon 97417, or email Chris at shadolady52@gmail.com. Arrangements are pending by the Mountain View Memorial Chapel in Myrtle Creek. (Tel. 541-863-3148).

Oregon Oldtime
Fiddlers' Association
979 Ascot Drive
Eugene, OR 97401



A Nonprofit Organization
Article II:

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.

Web Index

Online Resources for Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers

Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association	Official Website for State
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OOTFA Slack	Slack Social Networking Site
National Fiddle Contest	Weiser, Idaho
West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshop	Pleasant Hill
District 3 Website	Central Oregon, Bend, Redmond, The Dalles
District 4 Website	Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland
District 6 Fiddle Tunes	Alphabetical listing of Fiddle Tune Sheet Music
District 6 Instructional Videos	YouTube Videos
District 7 Facebook	Portland, Northern Coast Area
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2022 OOTFA EVENTS

- April 15-16 Brookings Jamboree
- May 5-8 Christmas Valley Campout
- May 19-21 OOTFA State Convention Douglas Co. Fairgrounds
- June 16-18 High Desert Campout Burns
- June 22-26 National Fiddle Contest Weiser, Idaho
- July 18-21 West Cascades Fiddle Camp Pleasant Hill
- Aug. 18-21 Winchester Bay Campout
- September Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering, Prineville (Includes Fall Board & Membership Meeting)

We are optimistic that we will be able to enjoy these scheduled events, but we must follow OHA guidelines on public gatherings as they may change.

In Memoriam

Gynn Deaton, a Lifetime Member and very active OOTFA member for the state as well as District 10, passed away on December 7, 2021. Gynn was the current **District 10 Treasurer** and volunteered many years in checking over the State Financial Records as required by OOTFA Bylaws. She served twice as the State **OOTFA Secretary/Treasurer**...1978-80 & 1984-88. Gynn and her husband, Jim, were very active and were instrumental in starting the **Canyonville State Fiddle Contest**...a precursor to the **Oregon State Fiddle Contest** we have today. Condolences may be sent to the **Deaton Family** at PO Box 487, Canyonville, OR 97417.

Mary Weist of North Bend and a **Lifetime Member** from District 5 passed away in early December. Mary was the reporter for OOTFA District 5 for several years. She had grown up along the Smith River in southern Douglas County and had been transported to school by milk boat as a young child. She eventually became a teacher. Condolences may be sent to her dear friend, OOTFA member **John MacRae**, at 2665 Clark Ave Apt 208, Norco, CA 92860.