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Sharon Thompson
& Ruth Weyer
enjoying some pie
at District 5's
Thanksgiving
Potluck



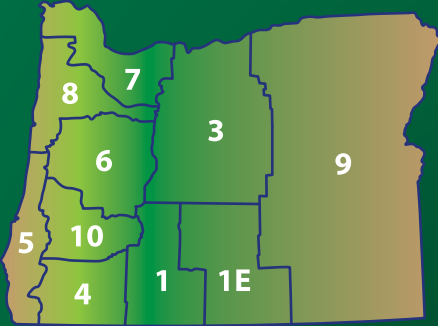
District 5's Thanksgiving Potluck



The West Cascades Fiddle Camp Committee played an annual fundraiser at the Ag Expo in Albany



In November the Guptills went to Nashville, Tennessee. Bradley & Loulu Guptill competed in the Grand Master Fiddler Championship in the 15 and Under Youth Category. Bradley won 6th place, and Loulu won 15th place



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Hello All,

I hope you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday! Now we can bring out the Christmas tunes!

Remember our OOTFA Winter Gathering 2026 is set for January 16th, from 6 to 9 pm and January 17th, from 8 am to 4 pm at the Lebanon Senior Center, 94 Tangent Street, Lebanon, Oregon.

OOTFA awards nominations for Bill Yohey Award and Norm Nash Award are due by March 1, 2026. Bill Yohey Award Committee Chairman position is open, please let me know if you are interested. Descriptions for each award and nomination forms can be found at ootfa.org under forms. Contact me if you have questions.

The OOTFA State Open Fiddle Contest will be March 14. You'll be hearing more from Cat McClintock on that. We will be looking for help with the contest. Stay tuned.

I wish you and all our OOTFA Family and friends a wonderful Holiday Season!

All the best ~ Cindy

OOTFA President's Report

Editor's Notes

Late Autumn and Winter months are not as active in OOTFA as other times of the year, so it is understandable that there isn't as much to report about. Since we are in a down period I try to make up for lack of goings-on by using lots of pics in the Hoedowner. This particular issue has an unusually unbalanced set of pics for some districts as compared to others, but it is based on what is submitted. It doesn't reflect a bias, rather I work with what I have.

You don't have to be a Hoedowner Reporter to send in pics. Just take a few next time you get together and send them my way and they might end up in the next issue.

I love to see your lovely faces and want to see more. People who have never appeared in the Hoedowner are particularly welcome (see District 8 this month). Getting a bunch of pics to choose from makes me happy!

May the Holiday Season be a joyous one for you and your loved ones and thank you for letting me have all the fun of putting together the Hoedowner each month!

Tune of the Month has Unsure Future

At one time, **Tune of the Month** was a regular feature in the Hoedowner. It has appeared less frequently, particularly in the last year. The reason is generally because there is too much material to fit in a 12 page publication and so it has been sacrificed. Other underlying reasons include the ready availability of sheet music online, including on our own [OOTFA Tune Selector](#). Groups from various districts would practice the TOTM so that when all would gather, everyone would be familiar with it. I am aware of no district that has done that in a long time. TOTM may occasionally appear if space allows or if there is a significant objection from members. Feel free to let me know how you feel about this change. ~ Robin



**Robin Lindsey,
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District 1 December Events

Luther Square Practices Wednesdays 9:30 am

8 Senior Center 11:30 am
(Muffin Monday for Vets/Wives/Widows)

11 Pelican Pointe 2:30 pm

17 Sky Lakes Medical Center 10:30 am

18 Pacifica 10:30 am

So, another year is about to come to an end.

We, at District 1, have been blessed with some surprise musicians joining in on our practices. **Jay Schindler**, our banjo player, brought his sister-in-law, **Kathy**. She was visiting here from Utah and shared her singing, ukulele playing and harmonica playing. In Utah, she is the vice-president of a Ukulele group with up to 100 members. WOW! **Terry McLain** (District 1E) was in town and dropped in to our practice, as well as, a guest fiddle player, **Jenny Dreyer**. We all had a blast! We continue to play for the assisted living facilities. Oh my goodness, we were playing "The Tennessee Waltz" at one facility and some of the residences were waltzing to it. We hope they know how much joy and happiness they give us when we perform for them. We also hope they experience that same joy and happiness as they are listening.

After playing at the **Potato Festival** this past October, District 1 has been invited to play for the **Senior Center** here in Klamath Falls. The theme for December at the Senior Center is "music", so we will be representing Old Time Fiddle music for the senior center's **Muffin Monday** on December 8 honoring our vets, wives and widows. We are honored to be playing for their special day.

Special wishes for all the December Birthdays. Happy Birthday and have a fabulous day!

As **Tiny Tim** said in **A Christmas Carol**, "**Merry Christmas To All and To All a Good Night**".

District 1 would like to send out a Merry Christmas to all of the readers of the Hoedowner!

Keep a tune in your heart from District 1!

~ Deb Cornelison, District 1 Reporter



District 1 has lively jam sessions each month and love to have OOTFA members from around the state come and join in!

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On November 15th we had a small jam in Christmas Valley that Loretta Payrollaz helped put together. What a good time! Ron and Cindy Crane were there from District 4 with Edna Jenkins from District 1 and Larry and Maryann McLain, Terry and Sharilyn McLain of Lakeview, along with James Barry, Loretta Payrollaz and Doug Roberts from Christmas Valley. After they closed the hall we went to the park and played until almost dark.

Still making some noise at Rosa Lee's on Thursday nights, 4 to 7 pm. Its a non-OOFTA jam so all are welcome, as well as our **Second Saturday Jam** at the **Chamber of Commerce**, noon until we are done.

Don't forget to mark your calendar, April 29 to May 3, for the **Christmas Valley McLain Campout**. We have a contract with the **Community Hall** in Christmas Valley on paper this year and it should be a good time.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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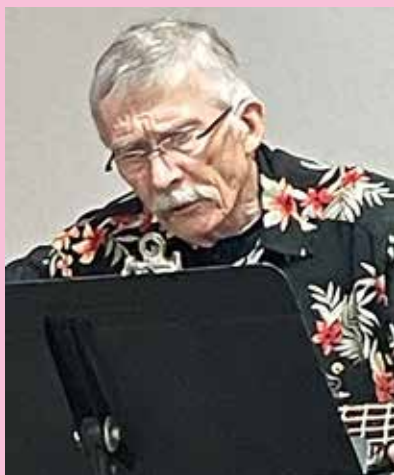
[District 3 Website: centraloregonfiddlers.com](http://centraloregonfiddlers.com)

Ellen's Jams

December 13 and 27
Start at 1 pm
15484 SW Hahlen Ave., Powell Butte

Join Don and Debbie Greenfield for their ongoing jams and for some fun tunes. The next jam will be at 3 pm, Saturday December 13, at the **Suntree Village Clubhouse** at 1001 SE 15th St., Bend. Maybe there will be some Christmas songs in the mix!"

~Judi Seger,
District 3 Reporter



Don Greenfield

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When autumn rains come to replenish the land, we bid goodbye to the bright heat of summer fairs and festivals and turn indoors for our musical gatherings. Musicians from Districts 4 and 10 teamed up for a joint jam and potluck, bringing an afternoon of great food, lively dancing, and fantastic tunes to the folks at **Azalea Grange!** This is the second year we have jammed together at Azalea, so I'm looking forward to the **Third Annual Azalea Grange Joint Jam** in October 2026!

Our November monthly jam at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford was very special, with our youngest musicians playing with us for most of the show! They have come so far in building a solid repertoire of tunes, thanks to **Len** and **Carol Ferrara**, and **Jessica Olhiser**. They have been faithfully leading our **Kids' Jam** every Tuesday at Roxy Ann Grange from 5-6 pm.



Kids' Jam at the Roxy Ann Grange

District 4 also holds a **Wednesday Practice Jam** every week at Roxy Ann, from 6-8 pm. There is a **Josephine Jam** every Tuesday from 2-4 pm at **Redwood Country Church** in Grants Pass. We hope you'll come join us sometime! November opened with a gig at **Northridge Senior Living**, where there is always an enthusiastic crowd! A mid-month performance is scheduled at **Rogue Valley Manor** for residents of assisted living and their rehabilitation unit. It is so rewarding to see the joy in their faces when we visit! We are back at **Fruitdale Grange** in Grants Pass for our monthly jam on November 22nd where the Grange will be hosting a **Chili Feed Fundraiser**. We love to support our local granges!

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District 4 continued

December will bring two more engagements at local facilities. We will play at **Avamere** skilled nursing facility on December 4th and at **Fountain Plaza** on the 10th. Due to the holiday schedule, we will have an early monthly jam on December 13th back at **Roxy Ann Grange**. This will include a membership meeting to get ready for 2026. Please try to make the meeting and the jam!

Bob (Pantel's) String Band plays at the **Central Point Senior Center** every Monday right before lunch, and at **Twin Creeks Crossing** the 3rd Saturday of the month. We also enjoyed playing old time tunes for residents of **Bonaventure** at their **Harvest Festival** event!

I am attempting to fill in for **Judy Lyons** this month, as she must have been running fast enough to catch that bug. Hope she is back fiddling with us real soon! Stay well, everyone, and play on!

~ Melissa Taylor, District 4 Chair

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District 5 December Events

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Pacific View Care Center | 1:30 - 3 pm |
| Bandon | |
| 9 Evergreen Court | 2 - 3 pm |
| North Bend | |
| 16 Inland Point Care Center | 2 - 3 pm |
| Coos Bay | |
| 20 District 5 Monthly Jam | 1 - 3 pm |
| Bandon IOOF Hall, Hwy 42S, Bandon | |
| Other performances TBA | |

It's quite clear that Santa is aware of the many District 5 musicians who have been good this year, especially this month when we all enjoy bringing holiday music to our friends in the care centers. It's so much fun singing traditional and silly songs with them. Our schedule will remain the same as we go forward into the new year and we hope to see many OOFTA members drop by our coastal paradise in the time ahead.

~ Linda Sweatt, District 5 Reporter



Inspired to dance at the Roxy Ann Grange in Medford



Luke VerHagen greets special guest, Sharon Thompson, who hasn't come to our District 5 feast since 2021. We Have missed her!



Linda Hill, Jeannette Bondsteel (also a special guest), Anthony Trilli, and Lisa Marchetti

The Art and Joy of Playing Music For a Community Dance

By Sharon Rogers

There is nothing more satisfying to this musician than feeling the thump of the dancer's feet on the floor in perfect time with the music. The musicians are the driving force behind the pure joy expressed in every swing and do-si-do in dancing. Playing for traditional squares, contra, barn dance, or family dance is a lot of fun and old-time fiddlers have oodles of great repertoire to work with. To make a dance a success for everyone, there are a few vital points that I've learned to consider through 15 years of leading dance bands. Selection of appropriate tunes is essential, having a feeling for dance tempo, and most important, working with the caller. The band should have a leader or person designated to communicate with the caller or dance teacher.

The tunes should be those that the band is comfortable with. That means something different for every individual, but if the musicians are struggling to keep the tempo it's not fun for anyone. Square dance and contra dance tunes, as well as most family or barn dance tunes, should be "square," meaning they are 32 bars with a repeated A section and a repeated B section. The A and B sections should be different enough for a busy caller and the dancers to tell them apart easily.

The phrasing should be very clear to everyone, even non-musicians. It may sound groovy to slide over the bar, improvise, or do some interesting fills between sections, but that doesn't help the dancers and might frustrate the caller. Making the phrasing obvious gives the caller and the dancers confidence and security. A tiny breath of space between the end of one section and the beginning of another can make all the difference to the dancers knowing where they are in the music they're dancing to. Once the dance is in a state of flow and the caller no longer has to guide the dancers through every figure, it would be welcome to add some variations and feature different instrument sections, but the beginning of each section; A1, A2, B1, and B2 should always be crisp and punchy, and recognizable.

Dancers like to dance a bit longer than musicians usually like to play a single tune, so medleys of two or three tunes are the norm. The tunes should be of similar character, like old-timey, or New England, French Canadian, Texas swing, etc. It's nice to change keys or go from major to minor, but it's not absolutely necessary. About six times through a tune is typical, but don't change tunes if there is still confusion on the floor. If the caller is still having to give a lot of direction, or if you see them hustling around the floor to help the dancers, there is still confusion. Let the dancers get comfortable with the dance first, and then they will enjoy and appreciate the change of tune.

Dance tempo is walking tempo. Picture yourself walking briskly to the tune. Some dances, or groups of people who dance, are at a slower walk, like 100 beats per minute. If a dance is complicated, a slow start is welcome even for experienced dancers. Ultimately, we'd like to see people dancing at around 120 BPM.—but only if they're confident in the dance. For a typical AABB tune there are 32 bars or 64 steps. In a reel (4/4 time) or a jig (6/8 time), that translates to two footsteps per measure. Jigs are generally easy to play at dance tempo, as there are only 3 eighth notes per beat or step. Notey Irish reels with 4 sixteenth notes on every beat are going to be difficult for many people to play at dance tempo. That's why we like old-timey tunes, because they usually have lots of quarter notes, half notes, and even some rests. And dancers love rests in the music! Their footfalls are part of the music, and that's where they get to shine.

The rhythm section has a big responsibility, helping to keep the reels up to tempo and keeping the jigs from running away with the fiddlers. When the dance is coming to an end, the rhythm section should emphasize the impending close by leaving a little more space between chords, driving the downbeat a bit harder, and sometimes retarding ever so slightly. Everyone wants to know when the dance is ending: it shouldn't be a surprise.

How do we know when the dance should be ending? By communicating with the caller, watching for his or her signals, and paying attention to the structure of the dance. (It's appropriate for the leader to ask the caller before they begin what signals they'll use for this and for changes in tempo.) The caller will indicate toward the end of the dance how many more times to play the tune through. A contra dance or barn dance typically has a set of dance figures for A1, and different figures for A2, B1, and B2. When the caller is teaching and the dancers are walking through the dance the musicians should remain on stage, paying attention and, not talking, noodling, eating, etc. Especially not noodling.

The selection of tunes based on dance figures is a topic for another time, but just know that if you can imagine a tune you know going particularly well with what you're seeing on the dance floor, you should play that tune or tune set. Watch the more confident dancers as well as the caller to get a feeling for the tempo. During the dance the caller or leader might give the band a signal to slow down or speed up. It is okay to speed up a bit, naturally

and gradually, as the dancers become more confident. It's easier to start slow and speed up than the other way 'round, so take it easy at the start.

By playing for dancers, we are providing a valued gift and a satisfying service. It's a community-building activity that people have been enjoying as long as there have been people, playing music and dancing to it. Spread the joy!

(Sharon is the facilitator of the South Coast Folk Society Open Band and a retired music educator.)



Chuck Roehrich & Lisa Ponder of District 6

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District 6 December Events

- 4 Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam 1 - 3 pm**
Corvallis Community Center
- 6 Intermediate Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 8 Basic Fiddle Class 1:30 - 3:30 pm**
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave.
- 13 District 6 Monthly Jam 10 am - 2 pm**
Santa Clara Grange
- 19 Third Friday Jam 11 am - 1 pm**
McNail-Riley House, 601 W 13th, Eugene

December has arrived; most of the garden is resting under cover of leaves, most of the leftover turkey is gone. Holiday lights appear on more houses every day, brightening the dark evenings.

The Intermediate Fiddle Class: River Road Annex (1st Saturday of month, 1 – 3 pm) for November had 16 players. With stormy weather and approaching holidays, **Amy Burrow** led the class through what she called fiddle “comfort foods”. Cozy and familiar tunes: Kitchen Girl, Harvest Home, Turkey in the Straw, Thanksgiving Waltz, Simple Gifts, My Darling Asleep, and Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie. Then the class learned a lovely (and somewhat challenging) waltz in Bm titled Faraway.

The Basic Fiddle Class: Bethesda Lutheran Church (2nd Monday of month, 1:30 – 3:30 pm) continued in November, bringing together a dozen people to work on their musical skills. **Linda Danielson** demonstrated how little changes to bowing technique make simple tunes more danceable. Thanks to **Donna O’Neil** for leading this class.

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Betsy Janeczek leads a song at the District 6 Monthly Jam



Harry Stayner at the Monthly Jam



November's Intermediate Fiddle Class

Scholarship Funds Available for Music Lesson Costs

The District 6 Scholarship Committee wants District Members to know that Music Scholarships are available for music lessons or camp/workshop costs.

Contact the scholarship Chair, Gabi Ford, gabiford@hotmail.com

District 6 continued

The monthly **Santa Clara Grange Jam** (2nd Saturday of month, 10 am – 1 pm) on November 8th was our **Thanksgiving Jam & Potluck**. I counted 40 or so people just as we took a break from the jam and moved on to the feast. **Lynette Kristine** and **Patti Luse** brought the tasty turkey, **Debby** and **David Brock** from Lebanon brought the delicious ham, and everyone else brought a mix of side dishes, vegetables, salads, pies, and various desserts. I do believe we played a bit slower when we returned to jamming, too full to play full speed. Wonderful food, good fun Old Time Music, and friends; a great time, thanks to all.

Dave Morris and **Jim Hoots** made the drive from Corvallis to Eugene to add their fine musicianship to the **3rd Friday Jam** at the **McNail-Riley House** at 601 W 13th in Eugene. A total of 14 musicians (2 with banjos, 2 with guitars, and a bunch of fiddles) gathered there Nov 21th to fill this old house with music. Thanks to **Gabi** and **Jim Ford** for hosting this gathering.

Note for January: No Dave & Jim jam in Corvallis in January as the 1st Thursday is New Year's Day and the venue is closed.

District 6 musicians played for the residents at **Solvang** on Monday, Nov 24th, and **Churchill Estates** on Tuesday, Nov 25th. Thanks to all who participated in bringing happy music to these audiences. The people at Churchill Estates must like us because District 6 will be performing again there on December 3rd.

Wishing ALL peace, health, happiness, and good music throughout this Holiday Season.

Birthday Greetings: **Doug Wise** (12/6)
Brian Neal (12/12) **Tony Dandurand** (12/17)

Anniversary: **Jim & Gabby Ford** (12/23)

~ Tony Dandurand, District 6 Reporter



Tony Dandurand

Ed Bergerson of District 7 passed on November 9. He will be sadly missed by all of OOTFA. See his full obituary on the last page of this issue.

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We Need a Volunteer for the Office of Treasurer in District 7. Contact Thomas Clausen at t.b.clausen@gmail.com



Ed Bergerson

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District 7 December Events

6 Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
(Sunnyside Road at 132nd Ave.)

We need a volunteer to be the District 7 Treasurer. You don't have to be a musician. Maybe you have a family member or friend who would support our organization in this way. Free training and mentoring will be provided. Contact **Thomas Clausen** at t.b.clausen@gmail.com for details.

The new **Westside Jam**, led by **Jeanine Orme**, had about 25 participants at its first meeting on November 15, including some of Jeanine's students who played with the group and also played solo. Our District



Jeanine Orme leads the new District 7 Westside Jam

7 scheduler, **Marcella Easley**, who participated, reports that it was a thrill to hear these talented young fiddlers and to see the more experienced players support and mentor these upcoming musicians. More jams are planned on the Westside, with the next jam scheduled for Friday, January 2, 2026 from 3:30-5:00 pm at the **Portland Christadelphian Church**, 8970 SW Murray Blvd., Beaverton (across the street from Walmart Neighborhood Market). Subsequent jams are planned for Saturday, February 28, and Saturday, May 9, 2026.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining,
District 7 Reporters

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District 8 Facebook

October 25th featured District 8's monthly jam. We had a great turnout! **Dennis Brutke, John Gray, Richard Rubicam, Sandy Smith, Martha Hughes, Darlene Bryant, Cathy Yale, Bradley Guptill, Loulu Guptill, Gretta Guptill, Annabelle Guptill,** and guest visitor **Steve Barlow.** There was loud thunder overhead and lots of flickering lights. But it didn't stop the music!

In November the **Guptills** went to Nashville, Tennessee. **Bradley & Loulu Guptill** competed in the **Grand Master Fiddler Championship** in the 15 and Under Youth Category. Bradley won 6th place, and Loulu won 15th place. **Natalie** accompanied Bradley on stage. Congratulations!

~ Cathy Yale, District 8 Reporter



District 8's Monthly Jam at Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community

John Gray & Cathy Yale



Richard Rubicam



Steve Barlow



Sandy Smith



District 8 December Events

- 2 & 16 Marie Bailey's Jam** 1 - 3 pm
Please call Marie if you plan to attend @ 503-835-7185. This is a group to practice gig tunes and learn new tunes.
- 4 & 18 Martha Hughes' Beginning Fiddle Class**
Location varies. Call Martha or watch emails for location: 503-393-2271
- 10 Monmouth Senior Center Jam** 6:30 pm
180 Warren St. South, Monmouth
Host: Ted Hunt
- 27 District 8 Jam** 1 - 3:30 pm
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Leaves are falling. Autumn is calling. Here in the high desert the wind is blowing. All the leaves move around the neighborhoods at least twice a day

We meet and jam Friday nights at **Hines City Hall** and once a month at **The Aspens** assisted living center

Joan Suther, Janet Braymen and **Cynthia Thomas** represented the district at a new **Sage Creek** event here mid-October; a Dutch Oven cookout called "Embers and Iron". Its main goal was supporting the music programs at Burns and Crane schools

The Sunday potluck and jam in November had 28 people in attendance. Meatloaf and root beer floats were the best! The December holiday potluck was discussed. Special thanks to **Ronda Metler** for taking notes about the food in my absence

Janet and **Joan** donated most of the leftover food from the Jamboree to the kitchen crew at our local senior center.

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter



Janet Braymen and Joan Suther

New OOTFA Members • December 2025

Susan & Christopher Carey	Bend (3)
Brenda Hagins	Prineville (3)
Janet & Paul levins	Talent (4)
Nancy Whitfield	Eugene (6)

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We had a very busy month in November playing for 9 gigs. One of the highlights was playing for the **Roseburg VA Vets** on **Veterans Day**.

In December we will be playing 10 gigs, plus special days playing at the **Douglas County Fairgrounds** for the **Christmas Craft Fair**, and at **Fred Meyer** for the **Salvation Army Bell Ringers**; both are always a fun time for us and the shoppers.

We had a very nice time visiting and playing at a Monday jam at **Sharon Thompson's**. She is always a great hostess and her house is in such a lovely park like setting.

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District 10 December Events

4	Oak Park	2 - 3 pm
5	The Landing	12 - 1 pm
5	DC Fairgrounds	1:30 - 4:30 pm
9	Roseburg VA	10:30 - 11:30 am
11	Solista	2 - 3 pm
18	Riverview	2 - 3 pm
19	Callahan Village	12 - 1 pm
23	Bridgewood Rivers	2 - 3 pm
26	Brookdale	2 - 3 pm
27	Monthly Jam	12 - 3 pm

Sutherlin Senior Center



District 10 at Callahan Village

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Sharon Thompon and I had the privilege of attending District 5's November potluck and monthly jam in Bandon. The dinner was delicious, fellowship wonderful, and music a lot of fun. I am so Thankful to be a part of our OOTFA family, and feel blessed to have friends that enjoy playing music wherever we go.

Hoping you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and a blessed and fun Christmas season.

Happy Birthday to:
Donna Priestly (12/4),
Christine Cormack (12/29)

Happy Anniversary To:
Scott & Kelly Wadsworth (12/14),
Jim & Jude Kuether (12/18)

~ Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter

2026 OOTFA Calendar

Jan. 16-17	OOTFA Board Meeting 9:30 am at Lebanon Senior Center, Lebanon
March 14	Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest Lebanon Mennonite Church
March 26-28	State Convention OOTFA Board Meeting & Membership Meeting Assembly of God Church Winston
April 29-May 3	Christmas Valley Campout Community Hall, Christmas Valley
June 18-20	High Desert Music Jamborees Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns
July 20-23	West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops Emerald Christian Academy, Pleasant Hill
Aug. 13-15	Fiddle at the Beach Harbor Grange Hall (just south of Brookings)
Sept. 10-12	Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering Crook Co. Fairgrounds, Prineville
Oct. 2-4	Out in the Country Jam/Campout Ron & Cindy Crane's place, Selma, Oregon

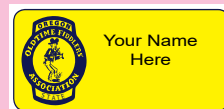


Jammin' at Sharon's place

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District 10 at Callahan Village

Oregon Oldtime
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979 Ascot Drive
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A Nonprofit Organization
Article II:

Purpose: To promote,
preserve and perpetuate
Old Time Fiddling and Old
Time music. To encourage
everyone, especially young
people, to play the fiddle
and other acoustic stringed
instruments and appreciate
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Time music. To provide
regular times and places
to meet to play
this kind of music.

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In Memoriam

Ed Bergeron, Lifetime Member of Gresham in District 7 and father of **Rick Bergeron** and daughter-in-law **Joyce Bergerson**, passed away on November 9, 2025 with family by his side. Ed was born in January of 1932. He met his childhood sweetheart and future wife of 64 years in grade school. Ed and Pat had two children, 4 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. He had several jobs over the years, worked for the railroad, owned, along with his brother a printing press business with sales and repair, and later in his life a hydraulic repair and fabrication shop. His love of music started when he was young learning to play the accordion, harmonica, and a little banjo, and at the age of 80 he learned to play the stand up bass, joined OOTFA with District 7 and enjoyed many hours of music with family and friends. He will be greatly missed. **Condolences can be sent to Rick & Joyce Bergeron, 7920 SE 252nd Ave, Gresham, OR 97080 or email abbey-mae23@gmail.com**

Dorothy Sather, Lifetime Member of Eugene in District 6, passed away earlier this year. We do not know any of her relatives but **Patti Luse** wants to tell her first contact with Dorothy. "On my very first District 6 OOTFA Jam, circa 2005, **Ken** and I entered a room of nearly 40 strangers. Ken wanted to visit and see what this organization was all about. Don't know if he knew anyone but I didn't. Dorothy immediately came over, welcomed me, told me about OOTFA and stood near me the entire time...even while a very annoying member insisted he wanted me to dance with him! Those who know me, know I don't really like to dance...but I can! I don't know if Dorothy's position in OOTFA was serving as "Hospitality Chair" but over the years, districts should have a "Dorothy" welcoming **Everyone Who Enters the Building...New or Not**. I can honestly tell you that I would have not joined and participated in OOTFA without Dorothy's actions. I think we leave people 'hanging by themselves' because we are so interested in getting in the circle to play our instruments...**Think About It!**

(Editors Note: Please send any recent obituaries of
OOTFA members or past members to
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