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**MARCH 21 & 22
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March 21, jamming
all day
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Membership Meeting at OOTFA Spring Convention

Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 10 am
Winston Assembly of God Church
 360 SE Darrell Ave, Winston, OR
 State Business, including Election of State Officers
 (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer).
 A light breakfast buffet will be open at 8 am.
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

SEE PAGE 3 FOR INFO ABOUT THE SPRING CONVENTION!



Oregon

Old Time Fiddlers
Presents the

**59th Annual Oregon State Open
Fiddle Contest**

Who will be named Oregon's Top Fiddler?
 Contest rounds all day
 Breakfast and Lunch available for sale
 6:30 All-instrument jam!
 7pm Championship divisions

Lebanon Mennonite Church
 2100 S. Second St., Lebanon, OR
 (Exit 228 off I-5)
 For More Information
OOTFA.ORG

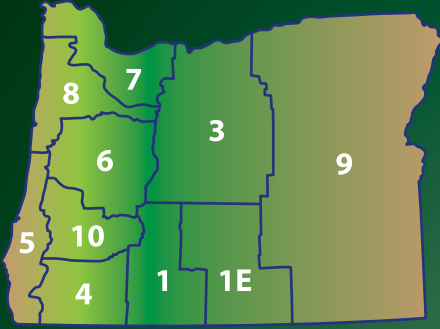
Bring the family for a fun-filled day of foot-stomping live music!
March 15, 2025 | 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM

**SEE PAGE 3 FOR INFO ABOUT
THE STATE FIDDLE CONTEST!**

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Hello Everyone,

The Oregon State Open Fiddle

Contest is set Saturday, March 15th in Lebanon. There is still time to get your entries in. A few volunteer opportunities are still available. This will be a day packed with fantastic music, an opportunity to see fiddlers of all ages giving it their all. Come join the fun!

The State Convention will be here before we know it. The dates are April 3rd, 4th & 5th in Winston. The **OOTFA Membership Meeting** will be Saturday, April 5th at 10:00 am. We will be electing **State Officers** at this meeting. Please plan to attend and vote. The committee has a great time planned for us, including an awesome performance scheduled for Saturday afternoon by the Boohers. There will also be an instrument "Petting Zoo" for children and adults alike to be introduced to music instruments and get info on how to get started! All this and a lineup of wonderful workshops, jamming and visiting!

It is so important we **Let Everyone Know** what is happening: Invite your family and friends, share the event posters, share the **Facebook** posts advertising the events, get the info out to the public all over the state. Press releases are available to share with your local paper. Contact **Cat McClintock** or **Jude Kuether** for more info...they are waiting to hear from you!

I want to thank everyone for their tireless contributions in putting these events together. This include all our OOTFA gatherings. We are grateful for all of you! Together we make everything better!

See you soon and all the best until then! ~ Cindy Crane, OOTFA President

2025 OOTFA Calendar

- March 15** **Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest**
Lebanon Mennonite Church
- March 21-22** **Brookings Jam**
Chetco Grange Hall, Brookings
- April 2 - 5** **OOTFA State Convention**
Winston Assembly of God
(Includes Board & Membership Meeting)
- April 30 - May 4** **McLain Family Campout**
Community Hall, Christmas Valley
- June 12 - 14** **High Desert Jamboree**
Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns
- July 21 - 24** **West Cascade Fiddle Camp**
Emerald Christian Academy
Pleasant Hill
- August 1** **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest**
Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis
- Aug. 6 - 11** **2nd Annual Farm Jam**
32260 SE Belfils Road, Estacada
- Aug. 13 - 17** **Fiddle at the Beach**
Bandon
- Sept. 11 - 13** **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering**
Carry Foster Hall
Crook Co. Fairgrounds, Prineville

Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest

5 Simple Ways to Support the Oregon State Fiddle Contest

The Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest has been going strong for 59 years, thanks to the support of our wonderful community. Whether you play, volunteer, or just enjoy good music, here are five easy ways you can help keep this tradition thriving.

1. Show Up and Bring a Friend

The best way to support the contest is to come enjoy the music! Even better, bring someone new—it's a great way to introduce more people to fiddling and keep the audience lively.

2. Cheer on the Contestants

A great audience makes a big difference, especially for younger or first-time players. Applause and encouragement help build confidence and keep them coming back.

3. Help Spread the Word

The more people who know about the contest, the better!

- Share our Facebook posts.
- Hang up a poster at a library, community center, or music store. Contact the contest chair for copies.

4. Jump In and Volunteer

Even if you can't commit to a full shift, there are always small ways to help. We may need someone for quick jobs such as assisting the emcee or carrying a box inside. Let the registration desk know when you arrive that you can help.

5. Play On Stage

Whether you're an experienced fiddler or just want to give it a try, we'd love to have you join in as a contestant! And remember, any acoustic musician can join in the on-stage jam at 6:30 pm.

We appreciate your support and can't wait to see you at the contest!

See Last Month's Hoedowner to learn about Participating, either as a Contestant, Backup Player or Volunteer!

Online Forms:

<https://ootfa.org/ContestForm.html>

<https://ootfa.org/pdf/ContestRules.pdf>

<https://tinyurl.com/OOTFASchedule>

2025 OOTFA Spring State Convention

April 3, 4 & 5 • Assembly of God Church • 360 Darrell Ave, Winston

We are excited to have the OOTFA State Convention in Winston (just south of Roseburg) again in 2025. The big stage has great acoustics and in-house sound with a dedicated sound master who will manage it. Convention Committee Members **Jude Stensland-Kuether, Chris Cormack, Allison Lindley, Steve Robare, Dennis Will, Rose Witnauer, Cindy Crane, and Margot O'Sullivan** have been hard at work putting this together. Besides the work of the committee to make it a success, we need:

- **Volunteers to host the sign in table** (relief only), set up and clean up after breakfast and supper, and to help with setting up workshops. Please text or call **Jude at 541-430-2080** if you're willing to help out.

- **Items for the Convention Raffle** which off-sets the cost of the event. It runs for three days and the success relies on everyone donating a new or gently used item. Call **Ruth Weyer, Raffle Manager, at 541-297-3419** if you have questions. We hope that districts are putting together a large ever-so-popular Basket.

Schedule of some of the Major Events (a full schedule will be available later in March)

Thursday, April 3 • Open Mic in the evening

Friday, April 4 • Band Scramble in the evening

- OOTFA Board Meeting 4 PM

Saturday, April 5 • Breakfast 8 – 9:30 AM

(sign up for breakfast Friday by 2 pm)

- Membership Meeting at 10 am - Election of State Officers
- The Booher Brothers at 2 pm. They spent their younger years touring as a musical family.
- Musical Petting Zoo after the Booher Brothers - explore acoustic instruments
- The Raffle Reveal at 4 pm
- Pizza and Salad Party at 5 pm (sign up by Saturday noon)

These tentative Workshops will be held sometime during the 3 days. Times/Day TBA:

- Using Strum Machine - Jerry Parks
- Transposing on the Fly - Joe Ross
- Backing up Swing Tunes - Joe Ross
- Mandolin Basics - Steve Robere (Bill O'Sullivan)
- Fiddle - Chris Booher
- Fiddle Double Stops - Allison Lindley
- Ukulele - Bob Hall (Steve Robere)
- Banjo styles - Hal Weiner
- Counting In - Steve Robare
- Celtic Fiddle/mandolin - David Altman

There will be ongoing jams and other events throughout all three days, except during the Membership meeting. There will be slow jams, teaching jams, youth centered jams, a Ukulele Jam. Celtic Jams, Bluegrass Jams and even a hosted Swing Jam.

Wandering Minstrel Mentors who are folks willing to teach a tune or help with technique. If you are interested in being a mentors **contact Jude**.

Parking - Contact **Dennis Will, Parking Manager at 503-931-2105** with any questions

- **Day Parking:** There is plenty of parking at the church
- **Self Contained Motor Homes & Pickup Campers:** On-Site Parking
- **Other RV Parking** i.e. Trailers: Available about 3 blocks away for minimal cost.
- **Tent Camping:** Call Dennis for details

Handicap accessible restrooms and showers are available in the church.

For more information, please **TEXT** or call **Jude at 541-430-2080**. Message if no answer.



Meals available at the Convention
Breakfast: Donation
Dinner: \$12

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District 1 March Events

5 Skylakes Hospital 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
13 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm
27 Pacifica 10:30 - 11:30 am
Luther Square Practice Every Wednesday 9:30 am
except 1st Wednesday of the month.
We will be playing at Skylakes

The month of February has left us buried in snow. It had been at least ten years since we had that much snow. Then, along with it, we had below zero temperatures. All being said, we had to cancel most of February activities.

We are all hoping March doesn't come in like a lion. In this month's Hoedowner, District 1 is featuring our **Junior Fiddler, Jennie Merrill**. Jennie loves fiddling and is always up for a challenge on a new song. We love having her as part of our group.

This is our news from District 1, looking forward to March and better weather.

Special wishes for all of the March Birthdays. **Happy Birthday** and have a special day.

Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter



District 1 members entertain the residents of Pacifica Care in Klamath Falls

JUNIOR HOEDOWNER JENNIE MERRILL

I am 13, and will be 14 in March. I am the younger of two. My older and only sister is currently a history major at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. My hobbies are crafting and painting with watercolors. I also like to ride and jump horses at Timberline Farm in Bonanza, and as of this spring I will have played eight seasons of soccer with Basin United. Some of my favorite things to do are hang out with my friends or play board games with my family.



District 1 is quite happy to have Jennie Merrill and her fiddle around

I'm homeschooled, and it's really nice. I can play with the fiddle group when I would otherwise be in school, so what I do with my time is more flexible as long as it's educational, and I complete all my school subjects. I get school finished a lot faster because I don't have to go from home to school and back again, and in the summer I do some review so that I don't forget the things I learned.

I decided to try fiddle because I was always telling people how funny it was that we had two fiddles, yet no one in my family knew how to play, and it sounded a lot more interesting than piano. Mrs. Irene Rud-dock has been helpful and has been able to teach me a lot of new songs that I would not have been able to learn without her help. It's really fun to play with the group because having all the instruments playing together sounds a lot better than me playing alone at home, and it really comes together into a song and sounds very nice. When we go to care centers, I really think the residents enjoy it, and it brings them memories of when they were younger.

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That time to write again, Robin didn't have to remind me like the last few months. Thanks, Robin.

We still have our non-OOFTA jam at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday nights, 4 to 7 pm.

We are happy to welcome a new member for us in **Christmas Valley**. **James Barry**, we are glad to have you in our District.

Our monthly jams are the first Saturday of each month at the **Chamber of Commerce** in Lakeview. but don't surprise us. Make sure we are going to be there for any of our jams because sometimes we cancel as work or other events get in the way.

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On February 23rd we held our Sweetheart Dance at Terrebonne Grange Hall.

March 23rd will be the District 3 election for our chair, co-chair, treasurer, secretary and Hoedowner reporter. Please be present to vote. If unable to be present, send your name or who you vote for to **Ellen Jakab, District 3 Chair**.

On March 1st there will be the last **Jakab Jam** until November 2025

Please see **Pat Borden, District 3 Secretary**, to renew your dues this month.



District 3 plays the 4th Sunday of every month at the Terrabonne Grange



Brad Hall provides the tickling of the ivories

The **Christmas Valley McLain Campout** is coming April 30 to May 4. Lots of dry camping as we moved to the **Community Hall** next to the Fairgrounds. It's dry camping only. We have a few 110 plugs for those that need them. On Saturday we will have our famous **Hat Night**. You need a hat to match your song, some how. It's a good time!

Don't forget to help others as others have help you in improving your skills. We all need that encouragement to help make a better sound, if it's singing or playing something. My fingers get lazy and don't reach up the neck like I think they should and **Larry** in good to remind me to stretch it a little. Enough of that, we have had a great snow storm come and go a few times. Lots of trees down. We will see everyone at the **Spring Convention** for a jamming good time.

What did the snail say when he climbed on the turtle's back? Wheeeee!

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

District 3 March Events

- 1 Ellen Jakab's Jam 1 pm - midnight**
15484 SW Hahlen, Powell Butte
Info: 541-548-2387 or iamejs@webtv.net
- 23 Dance at Terrebonne Grange 1 - 3 pm**
8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, just a block off Highway 97, behind the Pumphouse Grill
What is a dance without music? We need your danceable songs. Many of us got our start performing music at dances like these. Coffee and snacks are available. Open to the public!

At our last dance we had 14 musicians and 18 guests; lots of dancers.

District 3 would like to say Happy Birthday and Anniversaries to all members.

Condolences to anyone sick, injured or getting surgeries.

Ellen Jakab, District 3 Chair & Reporter

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Happily most of the 4 to 6 inches of snow from a recent storm has melted away and cleared the drive-ways and roads in our little valley and the air temperatures are above freezing, and we're all waiting for Spring to spring this month.

At the **Winter Meeting** in Lebanon there was a lovely tribute to the memory of **Lew Holt**. Lew was a long time member of **OOTFA** at the state and his local level. He was active and essential in many of the developments in our organization. Lew was also a past editor of the **Hoedowner**.

The January monthly District 4 jam was held at the **Fruitdale Grange** and well attended by musicians and audience. Many new members, some guest musicians and young fiddlers came to entertain the audience and play the old tunes.

On the District 4 calendar is a gig on March 15 at the **Twin Creeks Assisted Living Center** in Central Point for **Bob's String Band** from 2-3.

On the state calendar on March 15 is the **OOTFA State Open Fiddle Contest** in Lebanon. The contest begins at 8:30 am and will continue through 10:30 pm. All ages and abilities are encouraged to participate and volunteers are needed. **For information to register contact the website OOTFA.org to volunteer contact Cat McClintock at 970-219-0256.**

A tentative gig on March 17, **St Patrick's Day**, at the **Sacred Heart School** in Medford; time TBA. Watch the online calendar for updates and emails from **Melissa**.

At the **Brookings Jamboree**, coming up on March 21-22 at the **Chetco Grange** in Brookings, there is always plenty of jamming and chances to learn a "new" old tune, and lots of fellowship with food on site and room for RV parking. The jam is sponsored by District 5.



Gary Preston checks the cords for a tune at one of the District 4 monthly jams with Carol Ferrara

The **March District 4 monthly meeting and jam** will be held at the **Bellview Grange** in Ashville Or. 1050 Tolman Creek Rd. Meeting at 11:30, warmup jam 12:30, signup jam 1-3:00

On the state calendar, coming up next month in April, is the much anticipated **OOTFA Spring State Convention**, April 2-6 at the **Winston Assembly of God Church** in Winston. There will be time for plenty of jamming, making new friends, workshops for all levels and instruments, a table full of raffle prizes and the all-important state membership meeting for all members. Make your reservations now.

District 4 members are sad to report the loss of our much loved and biggest supporter, 98 years old **Aunt Lillian**, who went home to be with her Lord. We miss her.

Please continue to keep **Gary Preston** and his family in your prayers. Gary is still recovering at home from his surgery and illness. We miss him very much and wish him back with the musicians.

The **Tuesday Jammers** meet every Tuesday evening from 4-6 pm at the **Methodist Church** in Medford. For more info contact **Judy McGarvey at 541-779-8145.**

The **Slow Strings** and teaching jam meets every Wednesday evening from 6-8 at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. For more info contact **Melissa at (360) 269-4288.**

Everyone at District 4 wishes all of you "**Wearing of the Green and Orange**". **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

~ See y'all there, Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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March is a month of change, as we bid farewell to winter and embrace the hope of spring! It's a good time to dig out songs for holidays like **Peanut Butter Lovers Day** (March 1), *continued next page*

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International Women's Day (March 8), and **St. Patrick's Day** (March 17th). In District 5, we love to do Irish tunes in March and **Verna Lee** even has a medley!

Early March is also a good time to start making plans for the **Brookings Jamboree**, a great way to get together with OOTFA folks from all over who come to enjoy the coast and the music! We'll be jamming all day on Friday, March 21 (second day of spring!) and the doors will open at 8 on Saturday for more jamming. The ladies of the **Chetco Grange** will have biscuits and gravy for breakfast, and sandwiches for a delicious lunch at a very reasonable price, too. At 1 pm on Saturday, there will be a sign-up stage show to share all of the fine performers who wish to participate with the local audience. There will be a raffle, so bring your wallet! We are gratefully accepting raffle donations, too! For those who wish to RV dry camp on the Grange lot, it's waiting. **Wild Rivers Motor Lodge**, just up the road in Brookings, has traditionally given a \$10 discount to fiddlers folks who make reservations. Make your plans for fun at the coast in March at the **Brookings Jamboree, March 21 and 22!**

~ Linda Sweatt, District 5 Reporter

District 5 March Events

- 4 Pacific View, Bandon 1:30 - 2:30 pm**
- 11 Evergreen Court, North Bend 2 - 3 pm**
- 18 Inland Point, Coos Bay 2 - 3 pm**
- 21-22 Brookings Jamboree - Chetco Grange**
- Friday: Noon - Dark Sat: 8 am - 4 pm**
- Hwy 101 south of Harbor (see page 1)

Other performances TBA



Jolly Hibbits with her custom autoharp



Barbara Schierman, Mapril Combs, Ruth Weyer, Verna Lee, Linda Sweatt, Pat Winfrey, Bill Winfrey, Willie Walter, and Joe Walker entertain at Evergreen Court on February 11, 2025

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District 6 March Events

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

Well, that was fun! February may be the shortest month, but it had a lot of music packed into it.

The 1st day of the month was also the 1st Saturday of the month – which meant **Intermediate Fiddle Class** (1st Saturday of month, 1-3 pm, at the **River Road Annex**). Twenty-seven people showed up to play, 17 with fiddles, most I've seen, near capacity in the pleasant window lit room at the River Road Annex. The sound of seventeen fiddles (backed up by guitars, mandolins, and bass) was thrilling, filling the space with wonderful music. Thanks to **Amy Burrow** for leading this ever improving group.

The District 6 regular monthly jam (2nd Saturday of month) at the **Santa Clara Grange** was also a success – with about 30 players, and 10 or so listeners – with occasional dancing when waltzes were played.

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The Monthly Jam will start at 11:00 and a quick short business meeting will be at 11:30. Primary agenda item will be the election of officers. Bring a finger food type potluck item to share! Invite friends and family to listen and dance!

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The Basic Fiddle Class (2nd Monday of month, 1:30-3:30, at **Bethesda Lutheran**) had three 1st time participants, **Julie Rudolph, Mike Baker, and Pam Murray**. Also very new, but not first time: **Lisa Kaufman, Sherrill Beck** (who comes over from Sisters!) Welcome to you all!

On the weekend of February 15th-16th, 5 different groups of District 6 musicians played at the **Frontier Heritage Fair** in Eugene. Thanks to **Jerry and Linda Parks, Lisa Ponder, Chuck Roerich, Clint Epps, Kim Hall, Lillie and Susie Epps, Louise and Tony Dandurand, Nina Hoffman, Robin Lindsey, Linda Danielson, Janet Naylor, Steve Robare, and Amy Burrow** for providing the music. Special thanks to **Melody Morrell**, who acts as the liaison between Heritage Fair organizers and District 6 and has done so for fourteen years.



**District 6
at the Frontier
Heritage Fair**



District 6 Adds Monthly Jam

A new District Jam will be held every 3rd Friday from 11 am - 2 pm at the **McNail Riley House**, 601 W 13th, Eugene; at the corner of Jefferson & 13th across from the **Lane County Fairgrounds**. Parking on Jefferson, on 12th or at Fairgrounds. For questions, contact **Gabi Ford** at gabiford@hotmail.com. **Three Cheers** for **Gabi Ford, Tony Humphreys** and **Doug Wise** for securing this place for us...on the 3rd Friday of the month. **And it's Free!**

Do you know of a place where we could have a jam on the 4th week of the month? Then we'd have a full month of weekly **District Jams**...a dream come true!

On February 22nd, several OOTFA musicians played for a dance at the **Lakeridge Adult Community Clubhouse**. **Jerry and Linda Parks** demonstrated and called the dances. More than 60 people came to listen and/or dance. Dancers ranged from age 3 to 91. Thanks to **Nina Hoffman** for organizing this dance gathering at her community.

March gigs scheduled: **Gateway Living**, March 14, 2-3 pm, and **Churchill Estates**, March 25, 2-3 pm. Please contact **Amy Burrow** aru.bur6294@gmail.com to help with these gigs.

~ Tony Dandurand, District 6 Reporter

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District 7 March Events

- 1 Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm**
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
(Sunnyside Road at 132nd Ave.)
- 12 Two Gigs @ Spring Ridge at Charbonneau Assisted Living Center 11 am - noon**
Independent Living Center 1 - 2 pm
32200 SW French Prairie Road, Wilsonville
- 17 Edgewood Downs Senior Living 4-5 pm**
7799 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Beaverton

About 18 of our District 7 musicians traveled to the Eagle Creek Grange for the annual Sweetheart Dinner. The rainy night did not dampen our spirits. We were treated to a delicious meal and in return, we "played for our supper." Some in the audience (and some musicians) were inspired to dance in the aisles. Later in February we played for two Brookdale properties, where the lively residents also were ready to dance, one gig in Troutdale and two weeks later in Wilsonville.



Chlovena Byrd & Owen Ratliff at the Eagle Creek Grange Sweetheart Dinner

District 7 continued

We are happy to report that our District's **Secretary, Claudia Zinser**, is recovering from the injuries she sustained when she took a tumble while leaving the stage at a concert. She isn't quite ready to resume fiddling but she can move her injured wrist enough to play the mandolin. Thanks to all who sent get-well wishes to Claudia.

We are looking forward to the **Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest** on March 15 in Lebanon. If you can volunteer at the event and/or enter the contest, it's not too late! Details are in this issue on page 3.

On **St. Patrick's Day**, March 17, we've been invited to play at **Edge-wood Downs** in Beaverton. **Dave Altman** will lead us in playing mostly Irish tunes which always makes for a joyful celebration of old Ireland and an excuse to dress up in shamrock green. This is a new venue for our District 7 musicians.

Anyone who would like to do some volunteer tasks for District 7 please check with **Marcella Easley**, who can let you know what roles are available.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters



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Marie Bailey & Dennis Brutke

February's jam was held in the Loucks Auditorium at the Salem Public Library, a beautiful location. Lots of parking, and lots of seating. Twelve people participated in the jam, and an audience enjoyed the music. A good turnout considering we had a snow forecast that day, and it's the season for colds & illnesses. For several of the participants, it was their first jam experience. As we have the auditorium until 4:30, when the jam finished members took turns on stage doing a run through of upcoming performance tunes. Great on-stage practice. Our next jam will be at the same location March 1st.

Pictures: Marie Bailey and Dennis Brutke taking a turn at the mic; the stage with participants.

Talking on the phone last week with my brother who lives in Tillamook: "Hey, I saw something about fiddling." He knows I am involved in some "fiddle" group. He had seen an article on fiddling in Ruralite Magazine. I looked for it online and was happily surprised to find it and the info in it. The event took place in Junction City and was taught by Amy Burrow, District 8 member. Sapphire Rain, had participated in the event and there was a brief paragraph on her. Sapphire Rain, 14, from Monmouth has played fiddle for about two years. She loves fiddle music because the structure allows her to experiment. It's the freedom, she says. You can do what you want with it. I have always wanted to play fiddle since I was 4 or 5."



Sapphire Rain

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District 8 March Events

- 1 Salem Library Jam 1- 3:30 pm**
Loucks Auditorium
585 Liberty St., Salem
- 4 & 18 Martha's Hughes' 9:30 - 10:30 am**
Beginning Fiddle Class
Location varies. Call Martha @ 503-393-2271
or watch emails for location
- 4 & 18 Marie Bailey's Jam 1 - 3 pm**
Please call Marie if you plan to attend @
503-835-7185
- 12 Monmouth Senior Center Jam 6:30 pm**
180 Warren St. South, Monmouth Host: Ted Hunt
- 20 Woodburn Senior Estates 10:00 - 10:45 am**
Golf & Country Club Gig
1776 Country Club Road, Woodburn
Best entry point from east, off of Princeton,
enter first door marked "Auditorium"
- 29 District Meeting Noon - 3 pm**
Marie Bailey's House
503-835-7185 5001 Rice Lane, Amity, OR
After the meeting at noon, you can stay and jam!

District 8 continued

As reported last month, **Martha Hughes** and **Juli Kennedy** attended the **Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas Fiddle Camp** in Seabeck Washington, Jan. 17th, 18th, & 19th. From the pictures I saw, it looked like more than 50 people attended. Martha has been to several camps & workshops with Alasdair. This was Juli's 1st time at an Alasdair camp.



Alasdair Fraser, Martha Hughes & Juli Kennedy



Janice Kilbourn

A long time District 8 member, Janice Kilbourn, passed away January 27, 2025 in Stayton from a stroke. The January 2022 Hoedowner District 8 section featured Janice. Janice grew up playing flute, piano, and organ. Her late husband, **Stan**, taught himself to play fiddle. Janice and her husband were a team at many jams; Janice playing the flute with Stan on the fiddle. After Stan passed in 2017, Janice decided to try to learn fiddle. I met Janice in the Beginning Fiddle Class for D8. She went to several music events in Salem with my husband & I. The last couple of years as I, and my band were performing in Senior facilities, I saw Janice several times. She never lost her love of music.

~ Cathy Yale, District 8 Reporter

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Shoveling Snow and trying to stay warm is the focus here in the High Desert.

We continue jamming every Friday night at **Hines City Hall** and play once a month at **Aspens Assisted Living Center.**

Our monthly open jam and potluck on February 9th was well attended, despite **SuperBowl**; three hours of fun, good visiting, and great music!

~ Lynn Mims,
District 9 Reporter



**District 9's
Cynthia Thomas**



**Larry Koskela and Doug Guinn
"Going to the End of the Line"**

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District 10 March Events

6	Oak Park Retirement	2 - 3 pm
13	Garden Valley Retirement	2 - 3 pm
14	Brookdale Memory Care	2 - 3 pm
21	Callahan Village	Noon - 1 pm
22	Monthly Jam Sutherlin Senior Center	Noon - 3 pm
25	Bridgewood Rivers	2 - 3 pm

For more information regarding our schedule,
please contact Jude Kuether

Our group has had a lot of fun practicing music during our Monday afternoon "Home Jam" sessions, playing Valentine's music at five retirement centers, and our monthly jam at the Sutherlin Senior Center.

My favorite time was at the special jam we had at the **Kuether's** with their friends from Spokane, Washington, **Stan** and **Annie**. It was a very pleasant evening playing music with them, and listening to some of their special songs. **Jude** treated us to delicious homemade potato soup, and **Kelly** brought a homemade chocolate cake, and ice cream to celebrate **Scott's** birthday. Good friends, good music, and good food, what more could a person want.

Thank you to everyone who made this month special by hosting jams, joining in jam sessions, playing at the retirement centers, and our monthly jam. Hope you all had a very nice **Valentine month**.

Welcome new District 10 Members: **Diana Bailey, Al & Judy Burman, Sherri Chambers, Thomas Hasvold, and Rick Kreofsky.**

Wishing very **Happy Birthdays** to: **Diana Bailey (2/8), Jean Hanson (3/1), and Frank Moore (3/10).**

~ Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter



Scott Wadsworth with his Birthday cake



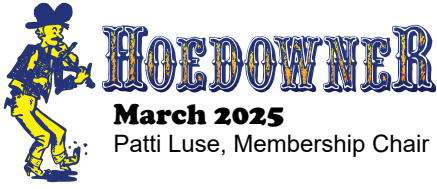
Sandy Harter is happy to be playing Hal Thompson's old guitar



District 10's Liz Crain



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Online Resources for Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers

- [Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association](#) Official Website for State
- [OOTFA Facebook](#) Facebook Page
- [National Fiddle Contest](#) Weiser, Idaho
- [West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshop](#) Pleasant Hill
- [Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest](#) Benton County Fair
- [District 3 Website](#) Central Oregon, Bend, Redmond, The Dalles
- [District 4 Facebook](#) Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland
- [District 6 Website](#) Eugene, Corvallis, Lebanon
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**New OOTFA Members
March 2025**

Diana Bailey	Roseburg (10)
Al & Judy Burman	Roseburg (10)
Sherrie Chambers	Roseburg (10)
Thomas Hasvold	Oakland (10)
Vicky Hill	Roseburg (10)
Dawn & John Hixon	Grants Pass (4)
Jim & Jeri Hughes	Klamath Falls (1)
Judy & Red Hulin	Central Point (4)
Martha Irish	Eugene (6)
Carla Lovato	Lincoln City (8)
Pam Murray	Eugene (6)
Chris O'Brien	Salem (8)
Vi Riley	Alturas, CA (OS)
Julie Rudolph	Eugene (6)
Melvin Ylariatz	Klamath Falls (1)

**Please Remember
to Pay Your Annual
Membership Dues**

It's What Keeps Us Going!
Pay Dues to Your District Membership Chair

In Memoriam

Janice Kilbourn of Almsville and Lifetime member of District 8, passed away on January 25 at the age of 86. She was born in 1938 and grew up in Elgin, Oregon She completed her education at OSU in Home Economics. She taught for many years. Her husband, **Stanley**, passed away in 2017. We all send our condolences to the family and to those who knew Janice and Stan.

Lillian Pumilla Orłowski, a lifetime Member of District 4, passed away on January 20 in Grants Pass where she has lived with her niece and nephew for 11 years. She was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1926 and worked for Metropolitan Life for 35 years. She was a loyal member of the audience whenever District 4 performed. The fiddlers in turn honored her with their music, friendship and love. She was 98 years old. Condolences can be sent to **John and Augusta Pumilla**, PO Box 191, Grants Pass, OR 97528

(Editors Note: Please send any recent obituaries of OOTFA members or past OOTFA members to Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Dr., Eugene, OR 97401.)