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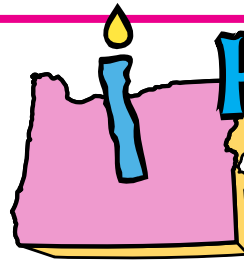


**Linda Sweatt of District 5.**  
**Read all about her on page 7!**

## OOTFA President's Report

**The winter state board meeting has come and gone.** Always a great get together at the Senior Center in Lebanon. Many thanks to our District 6 host. I know everyone looks forward to the gathering each year. Good friends, great food, wonderful music and the best darn winter board meeting in town (even if the weather doesn't always cooperate).

I know it is only February but I am going to talk about the OOTFA State Fiddle Contest. Lots of folks say they don't go because all the contestants play is "Texas" style tunes. Well that may be the case for some of the contestants, but I think the majority of them play tunes that are easily recognizable as many of our favorite oldtime tunes. This is especially true of the tunes played by the younger divisions. We are trying to spread our love for oldtime music. What better way to do it than supporting the youths that are proving their interest and skill by competing in front of an audience and being judged at the state contest.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY OREGON!

**Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Featured  
at Two Big Celebration Events for  
Oregon's 161st Birthday!**

**Friday, February 14 - Oregon Historical Society  
in downtown Portland**

The fiddlers are invited to perform for Oregon's birthday at the Historical Society. We will play from 11:30 am to noon, take a break for speeches, then follow up with about 15 minutes of playing. Try to arrive about 11:00 so we can go over the tunes we will play."

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**Saturday, February 15 - Oregon State Capital in downtown Salem**  
from 10:00-11:00 am and then from 11:45-1:00 in front of the Senate gallery, which is at the top of the grand staircase in the main rotunda. Elevators are available. For parking, use the State Street entrance. Park FREE in any metered or volunteer spaces around the capital. A 45 min lunch break will be taken from 11:00-11:45. Free lunch is offered in a special room off the main floor. More details at the site. In addition, we are usually invited to have servings of the anniversary cake when speeches and other presentations are concluded. In past years we can also go through the museum as part of our reward for playing at the event.

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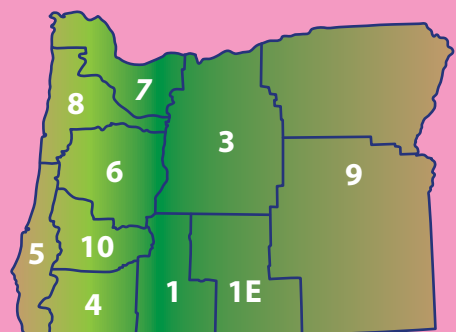
March 21 is the day and Chemeketa Community College is the place. One of the best parts is your OOTFA membership card gets you in free. Beat that for a day's entertainment!

A reminder that it is never too early or too late to submit nomination forms for the Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award or the Bill Yohey Award. I have not received any new forms since the beginning of last year. If your favorite member has been nominated before and not selected, then perhaps submitting another form would put them over the top. It is not a popularity contest, but multiple nominations for a person speak volumes. You only have until March 1 to get them in to me. Email or snail mail.

~ Scott

# Oregon is Host State at the National Fiddle Contest

## Weiser, Idaho June 22-27, 2020



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What does this mean? The National Fiddle Contest in Weiser is attended by people from all over the United States & Canada and it is an honor to be a host. Weiser is along the Snake River and is just 19 miles from Ontario, Oregon which is our most eastern city on the Oregon/Idaho border.

You ask why is this so FANTASTIC? Well, we will:

- Get in FREE to the competition each day and evening except for Friday and Saturday Night.
- Play as a group on stage every night (including Friday and Saturday Night) of the competition for half hour prior to the evening program. You can then tell your friends and relatives that you played at WEISER! Not everyone can say that!
- See our own Oregon competitors live and in action and root them on. No only do the top winners at our Oregon State Contest in March compete but ANYONE CAN COMPETE! Learn 3 tunes: Hoedown, Waltz and Tune of Choice and get up there and play.
- Entertain at care facilities in the area...one each day.
- Play at the Weiser Senior Center one morning, entertaining all those who come for breakfast.
- Ride on a float in the parade through the streets of Weiser playing a song or two over and over and over and over again.
- Have free time to do all the other things you can do in Weiser...like going to the nearly 20 garage sales that pop up when the sleepy town of Weiser doubles in size.

There are motels and RV parks plus RV & Tent camping behind Weiser High School where the festival takes place. It turns into its own little jamming communities.

We will mention this opportunity in each of the upcoming Hoedowners thru June. For more information, contact our Host State Coordinator, Donna Reuter at fiddledr@gmail.com or 541-386-2633. Judy McGarvey will assist in the planning and actual events planned for that week in Weiser.



**District One Junior Fiddlers: Dana Scott, Phillip Smith, and Rebecca Hazen played Christmas music at the Umpqua Bank in Klamath Falls**

### New Members February 2020

Ray Blankenship	Riddle (10)	Gene Fitch	Bandon (5)
George Bretz	Prineville (3)	Angela Hooley	Dexter (6)
Matt & Kelly Cleman	Bend (3)	Steve & Megan Nave	La Pine (3)
Dale & Judy Crum	Grants Pass (4)	Tom Seiger	Grants Pass (4)
Clint, Lillie & Susannah Epps	Corvallis (6)	Mason Weems	Ashland (4)
Alberto Feliciano	Oregon City (7)	Helen Wilson	Rogue River (4)



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## Klamath Falls Area

## February Events

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### Greetings All from District One,

Time seems to be flying by here in District One! I can't believe it's February already! We are finally back to our normal gig schedules with the nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We have our District One Jam on February 29th at the Anthem House.

I would love to write a nice shout-out to a few of our Junior Fiddlers. Dana Scott, Phillip Smith and Rebecca Hazen played Christmas music at Umpqua Bank in Klamath Falls in December. Dana, Phillip and Rebecca

20	Gig	Plum Ridge	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
20	Gig	Pacifica	1:00 - 2:00 pm
26	Gig	Shasta Care	1:30 - 2:30 pm
27	Gig	Crystal Terrace	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
27	Gig	Rogue River Place	1:00 - 2:00 pm
29	Jam	Anthem House	12:30 - 3:30 pm

each took charge on their music selections, and basically played and planned the whole gig themselves. They did a WONDERFUL job! We are very proud of them, and proud of the job they do when representing OOTFA in our local community. Great job to all three of you! Lastly, please pay dues if you haven't already, and please consider attending one or all of the upcoming OOTFA events near (or far from) you. Happy Fiddling!

February Birthdays: Ann Bonser, Bob Dorsey, Howard Priddy, and Noranne Sparks.

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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### February Events

1	Jam	Chamber of Commerce	2:00 - 5:00 pm
3	Business Meeting	Chamber of Commerce	7:00 pm
6, 13, 20, 27	Weekly Jams	Rosa Lee's house	5:00 - 7:00 pm

**We had a great jam** on Saturday January 4th. Edna Jenkins and a friend visited from District 1 and we even got her to sing a few. The jams at Rosalee's are always lots of fun. Ann Bigalow is doing well with her fiddle (she is going to thump on me). Our District 1-E campout in Silver Lake is set for April 30 to May 3.

### Silver Lake Campout

- Thursday - Time to jam your brains out!
- Friday Night - Hat show tune and hat has to match.
- Saturday Night - Can Band.
- And yes, it is possible to join The Teddy Bear Club for anyone who wants to pull an all-nighter.

### Advance Preparations:

- Be sure to fill your gas tank before heading out to Silver Lake. Nearest gas is 100-120 miles away.
- Be sure to fill your RV water tank with fresh water before arriving.
- Be sure to fill your propane tank.
- Grassy area next to the fire house for tent camping.

There is limited access to electricity at the firehouse and a charge of \$10 per day is levied for RV electrical use (first come, first served). Dry camping is free. Other options for RVs include the Silver Lake Trailer Park with hookups and the K&K RV Park, also with hookups. RV accommodations are also available at Christmas Valley and Summer Lake. Use Google to discover more accommodation information. The Silver Lake Motel, within easy walking distance, has a few rooms (541-576-2131).

We try hard to have food at the hall Friday and Saturday Sunday morning. In the past people have had a potluck in the evening. Saturday we have a ham and the rest is potluck.

We are sorry to report that Jerry Light passed away at his home.

~ Reporting for Jerry Light - Terry McLain, District 1-E



**Jerry Light, reporter for District 1E, was known to the readers of the Hoedowner for his lighthearted stories about the folks and activities in Southeast Oregon. He will be missed by everyone in his district and by Team Hoedowner as well.**

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## February Events

**20 Knee to Knee Jam 6:30-8:30 pm**  
**Redmond High Room 103**

**Howdy from District 3,** and a real welcome to winter! Snow on the ground even down in Prineville. We need the snow for water but do be careful driving, especially over the passes.

The Knee to Knee Jam in Redmond has really taken off! Thanks to Marlene Stevens and Jeannette Bondsteel for organizing and instructing. There are now at least 17 students taking part and learning to play fiddle. At the jam all acoustic instruments are welcome. Accompaniment by guitars, mandolins and bass are needed as the students will be learning to play with other instruments. Our other musicians will be learning to accompany fiddle music, so it is a win for all players. The jam starts with a learning session at a slower level at 5:30 and an intermediate to advanced level at 6:00.

Plans are already in the works for our Central Oregon Music Gathering in Prineville, September 17-19th. Please mark your calendars and start thinking about campground reservations.

At our membership meeting we discussed ways to increase participation by members and have several ideas for more jams and also perhaps a dance event. Suggestions are welcome and helpful; please contact Jeannette Bondsteel, Marlene Stevens or Kim Martin.

A big welcome to all our new members! We would like to wish all a Happy Valentines Day! Stay warm and take care.

~ Kim Martin & Pat Borden, District 3 Reporters

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**District 4 Website:** [OOTFA4.org](http://OOTFA4.org) **Check Us Out!**

## February Events

**1 Monthly Meeting Roxy Ann Grange 11:30 am**  
**Open Fiddle Jam 12:30 Sign Up Jam 1:00-3:00**  
We will not have a potluck this month; bring snacks to share.

**Happy February, the "Lover's Month"** and surely that includes all of us who love Oldtime Music. There is another reason to celebrate this month: it moves us closer to Spring!

Our January Jam in Grants Pass brought out only a few musicians, but those who came kept the music flowing. We noticed the return of some of our regular dancers in the audience. We were pleased to have musicians Sylvia Chapman, Everett Costa and Jeanette Dewey back with our group. Some of our troop are snowbirding in Arizona or still recovering from illness or injury.

A reporter and photographer from the local newspaper came to the jam. A photo of our champion fiddler, Judy McGarvey, was on the front page with another photo of our youngest fiddler, Sidra Price, accompanied by Lenny and Carol Ferrara.

District 5 is sponsoring a Brookings Jamboree, March 27/28, at the Chetco Grange. It promises to be a fun filled 2 days of music and ladies from the grange serve a wonderful lunch Saturday afternoon. For more information contact any officer from District 5.

It was with much sadness that we learned of the passing of long time District 4 member, Bob Zellman. Bob and his wife Marcia, who now lives in California, were active, faithful members. Bob was for many years our Parliamentarian. He also was often the usher and would help park cars at the jam. Marcia always helped with the set up and cleanup in the kitchen and could always be counted on to bring a delicious dish to the meeting. Our sincere condolences go to the family and our love and best wishes to Marcia. We'll keep them in our hearts.

We're happy to announce that along with our beginning fiddle classes, Jon Gasik is offering beginning guitar lessons at the Wednesday afternoon gathering at the Roxy Ann Grange in Medford. He asks that if you're interested to call him a few days before at 541-840-5022. The district does have a loaner guitar available. Beginning Fiddle classes start at 4:00, Slow Jam 4:30-5:00, Regular Jam 5:00-6:00. All levels of musicians are welcome. Come learn a new tune or practice one you're learning. It's all fun.

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

# For Contestants: A Brief Summary about What to Expect at a Fiddle Contest

If you're new to contests, here is a summary of how things work at the Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest. Even if it seems like a lot of information to remember, just be aware that there are many volunteers at the contest who will assist you with just about anything.

It's a good idea to pre-register (registration information is in the [January Hoedowner](#)). When you arrive at the contest site, you will see a registration table where you can check in (Please do this at least an hour prior to the start of your division – 2 hours is better – a tentative schedule is in the December Hoedowner). If you haven't pre-registered, you can do so at the contest. You can also [join the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association](#) at the contest if you haven't already done so (this is a requirement in order to compete in the contest).

At the registration table you will find blank tune sheets; complete one for Round 1 and leave it in the labeled bin. Your contestant number will be filled in by someone else. This is what the MC will use to introduce you and your tunes (you can change your tunes if you change your mind – no problem - and you can add your accompanists' names later also). Then you proceed to the Practice Room where you can find one, two, or three accompanists and run through your tunes (you may have to wait in line since they are in demand). Approximately ½ hour before your division starts, an Order of Play will be posted on walls in several locations, including the Practice Room. Once your division starts, you will need to pay attention and be back-stage with your accompanists while the person before you is on stage. There will be volunteers around to help you. There is a hallway near the back-stage where people can wait for their turn, and the Practice Room is nearby. The MC will introduce you and announce your tunes as you walk on stage. The judges are in a separate room and will not hear who you are – they will only hear your fiddling. You will not speak into the microphone. There will be a piece of duct tape on the stage which will show you where to stand in front of the microphone, and there will be someone there to adjust the height of the microphone for you. You will start playing after the MC says "judges, this is contestant No. \_\_\_\_\_".

Your round will consist of a hoedown (square dance type tune with repeating 8 bar parts), a waltz (in ¾ time), and a tune of choice which is not a hoedown or waltz (rag, polka, jig, 2-step, schottische, swing, etc.) within 4 minutes or less (5 minutes in the Open Division) - (just stop long enough between tunes to take a breath, decide on your tempo, and get off to a good start on the next tune). It's a good idea to do some extra practice on the first few notes of your tunes so you can start each tune with confidence. When you start your first tune, be sure your accompanists are also ready. Any style of Oldtime fiddling is appropriate, whether it be Celtic, New England Style, Midwestern Old-Time, Appalachian Oldtime, Texas Oldtime, etc. It's not what style you play; it's how well you play it. Play tunes that you know really well and are comfortable with. Based on the judges' scores, the top 5 fiddlers in each division (except the Small Fry Division which is one round) will play Round 2. The scores will be added together to determine the order of the top 5. Round 2 will consist of a hoedown, waltz, and tune of choice that's not a hoedown or waltz, and must be different tunes than were played in Round 1. An Order of Play for Round 2 will be posted as soon as possible. If there's a tie in the top 5, an additional hoedown will be played. (See attached list of possible tunes.)

The information about the rounds pertains to the regular divisions – the Entertainment Showcase is one round of any type of fiddle tune you want to play and there are different rules – (rules are on the [ootfa.org](#) website). Even though 2 fiddlers can play together in this division, each fiddler can only appear on stage one time in the Entertainment Showcase.

The judges give each tune a number score up to 100 points. They will listen for such things as good rhythm, appropriate tempo for the tune and for the fiddler, good tone, clarity, intonation, overall musicality, etc. They may make notes on the score sheets if they want to point something out.

The stage is really comfortable. When you're on stage, don't think about the judges – have fun, be proud of yourself, and play for yourself and for the audience. You will most likely enjoy how you sound in the microphone, especially with the accompanists. If you start to feel nervous, push those thoughts away as fast as you can and just think about the tunes and how you're enjoying playing them. Everyone makes mistakes and they don't matter. Even people who get nervous generally want to do it again!

You can watch many contests on YouTube. If you want to watch some people you might recognize, take a look at the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest 2019 – there are some recordings of all the different divisions.

Fiddle contests are a folk tradition going back hundreds of years. They are worth perpetuating and are a great way to put on a show, meet many other musicians, hear all kinds of great tunes, and motivate you to practice.

If you need any advice or have any questions, or want to register - call, text, or leave a message for me at 503-701-1578, or email me at [gdaewalt@comcast.net](mailto:gdaewalt@comcast.net)

I hope to see you in March, Eileen



# HOEDOWNER Tune of the Month



**Melinda Grant**

This month's tune comes our way from the late great Kenny Hall, one of the few Oldtime sources from the West Coast. The song is generally credited to Percy Wenrich who wrote the music in 1908. (Percy also wrote Snow Deer, Silver Bell, and Moonlight Bay and many other tunes we're familiar with.)

But Kenny throws us a curve ball with this one: His Part A is Percy's Part B; but Kenny's Part B is not part of Percy's composition, and Kenny's book credits Harry Archer as the composer. Go figure!

Percy wrote Rainbow in the keys of E<sub>b</sub> and B<sub>b</sub>, but Kenny had the good sense to move it to G and D.

[You can watch Kenny play this on YouTube](#), with his unique mandolin style, and you can download the audio free at [slippery-hill.com](#).

Kenny performed this as part of his 'Indian Maiden Medley'. District 4 plays a subset of Kenny's Medley (Silver Bell, Redwing, and Snow Deer.) Search YouTube for '[Easy Winners Kenny Hall Medley](#)' and you can hear the whole medley.

## Rainbow

Suggested by Melinda Grant (District 4)

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**As I read Lew Holt's tribute to Wally Bloom**, I focused on what Lew said about friendship and memories. This month brings us Valentine's Day and a chance to reflect upon our good friends and the memories we make with them.

The Brookings Jamboree will be March 27th and 28th at the Chetco Grange in Brookings. Friday, the hall is open at 8 am with coffee brewing and jamming and visiting all day long. On Saturday the event will be open to the public, beginning with the young musicians at 11-11:30, followed by a Fiddle Jamboree and the stage show at noon. Performers will sign up to play from noon until 2 pm. A circle jam will follow from 2-4 pm. We will also have a raffle to raise some extra funds. If you have a nice item you care to donate, that would be appreciated. The Grange will be serving a fabulous lunch on Saturday; all you can eat spaghetti with all the trimmings. Adults: \$10 and children 12 and under \$6. There will also be a box lunch option for \$6. Please make plans to join us for this very fun event! For more information, call Kriss at 541-260-6756 or Dawn at 541-347-4561.

Linda Sweatt is our featured musician this month. You will know her when you see her, since she will have four things in tow: Her Taylor guitar, her fiddle, her good husband, Dana and her radiant, warm smile. She is our member with the creative and lively imagination and the musical skill to do pretty much anything. She and Dana won trophies for her "Lydia, the Tattooed Lady" musical skit at our Fiddle at the Beach event last August. She includes Dana in most all her endeavors and he very happily comes along supporting both his talented wife and her OOTFA gang. We could not do without Dana or Linda--they come as a set!

Linda taught music in the North Bend Schools for 20 of her 32 teaching years. She was a beloved teacher and now she plays with us. Linda is involved in many musical endeavors in our community and she loves to perform and entertain folks. She says she joined Oldtime Fiddlers because she enjoys the people, the music we play and loves sharing the music with others. She says Oldtime Music is our cultural heritage. She plays guitar, fiddle, piano and oboe. Linda's beautiful singing voice counts as an instrument too. She says, "I have so many favorite songs, but the ones I know I like best are the ones I sing with others."

## February Events

5	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	2:30 - 3:30 pm
12	Gig	Inland Point	1:30 - 2:30 pm
12	Gig	Evergreen Court	3:00 - 4:00 pm
15	Stage Show	Winchester Bay	1:00 pm
17	Gig	Pacific View, Bandon	2:00 - 3:00 pm
26	Gig	Avamere	1:00 - 2:00 pm
26	Gig	Inland Point	2:30 - 3:30 pm

Linda is a lively and appreciated musician in our District 5 group and she sure can yodel purty!

We hope you will come to Brookings Jamboree. We will be so happy to see you and play together. We need this bright spot to mark the end of our relatively quiet winter. Until then, keep the music and the friendship flowing!

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

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## February Events

1	Intermediate Fiddle Class	1:00 - 3:30 pm
3	Basic Fiddle Class	1:00 - 3:30 pm
6	Jam Old World Deli, Corvallis	7:00 - 9:00 pm
7	Jam Eugene Hotel	7:00 - 8:30 pm
8	Meeting & Jam Central Grange (Quarterly Membership Meeting)	10:00 - 3:30 pm 11:00 am
21	Jam Ya-Po-Ah	7:00 - 9:00 pm
28	Jam Willakenzie Grange	7:00 - 9:00 pm

**We are invited again** to play for the Frontier Heritage Fair, February 15-16, at the Lane County Fairgrounds Auditorium in Eugene. Last year so many groups formed and signed up that we played both days and at least one group played twice. Some folks dressed in Civil War or other 1800s garb to add to the atmosphere and oldtime music. Musicians get in free and there is a secure place to stash your stuff so you can wander while your fingers recover. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the February Jam at Central Grange for 7 time slots of almost 2 hours each (9-5 Saturday and 9-3 Sunday). Contact person is Melody Morrell, 541-689-4281 or mbmorrell@q.com.

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### District 6 continued

Intermediate Class had 16 fiddler members and 4 back up members. Basic Class had around 20 fiddler members and 8 backup members. WOW! What a good class this turned out to be. I think this class was the largest class we have had yet.

If you have not renewed your OOTFA Membership for 2020, now is the time. Please send your renewal to either Membership Chairman, Linda Parks or Patti Luse. Both addresses are in the Hoedowner.

Just a reminder: If you need to pick up the blue collection bags for the Bottle Drop fundraiser contact: Vicky Megowan at vmegowan@hotmail.com or Jessie Kurtz at jessiefeliz@yahoo.com.

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### February Events

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|----|--------|---|-------------------|
| 1  | Circle | Sunnyside Grange                                    | 1:00 - 4:00 pm    |
|    | Jam    | 13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley               |                   |
| 14 | Gig    | Oregon Historical Society                           | 11:30 start       |
|    |        | For Oregon's Birthday - 1200 SW Park Ave., Portland |                   |
| 14 | Gig    | Eagle Creek Grange                                  | Arrive at 5:30 pm |
|    |        | Valentine Sweetheart Banquet                        |                   |
| 23 | Jam    | N.W. Jam  | 11:00 am          |
|    |        | Sign up Playing                                     | 12:30 - 3:30 pm   |
| 28 | Gig    | Cherry Park Plaza                                   | 3:30 - 4:30 pm    |

**District 7 members have some fun events** to attend this month. The first one at the Sunnyside Grange has become very popular with folks in the Sunnyside area and all around our district. Last month we had 18 musicians and six faithful friends who came to hear us play-- some even brought snacks. Donna Foreman usually works with beginning players in the grange basement and the rest of us play together in a circle jam upstairs in the main hall. This is an informal jam where we play lots of old and new tunes. Folks often bring music to share and it is fun learning new songs. David Altman brought some beautiful music from the Irish composer Turlough O'Carolan and we also enjoyed playing such tunes as: The Swallowtail Jig, Rosin the Bow, Chase me Charlie, La Bastringue and Debbie's Waltz.

On February 14th we have two events that you won't want to miss. The first one is at the Oregon Historical

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### February Events

- |    |   |                               |                  |
|----|---|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 6  | Jam   | Slo Jam at Marie's house      | 1:00 - 3:00 pm   |
| 8  | Jam   | Yamhill Historical Center     | 1:00 - 3:00 pm   |
| 15 | Gig   | Oregon Birthday Celebration   | 11:00 am-        |
|    |   | State Capitol Building, Salem | 1:00 pm? (tba)   |
| 15 | Basic Fiddle Class  |                               | 9:00 - 10:00 am  |
|    | Chapel at Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community          |                               |                  |
|    | <i>Let Martha know if you are coming. Call 503-393-2271</i> |                               |                  |
|    | <i>(leave a message) or email: mh.hughes8@gmail.com</i>     |                               |                  |
| 20 | Gig   | Woodburn Estates *            | 10:00 - 11:00 am |
| 20 | Jam   | Slo Jam at Marie's house      | 1:00 - 3:00 pm   |

**Our District #8 contest** for the most participation from District #8 members in OUR public performances starts this month (January 2020). Three top prizes will be awarded at our December 2020 jam. This does not include participation in workshops, camps or other districts or State events.

Our officers and those who have regularly supported District 8 have excluded themselves. We're looking for membership participation above the few who have been our core supporters. Come join the fun. The donations we gather from these performances help provide funds to hold contests and camps. Your support is vital.

*\* Directions to Woodburn Estates & Golf next page*

Society where we have been invited to perform for Oregon's birthday party. We will play from 11:30 until noon and then take a break and listen to speeches by dignitaries from the city and the state. After the speeches we will play again for about 15 minutes and then will be able to have a piece of birthday cake which has been donated by various bakeries in the area. Try to get there at 11:00 so that we have a few minutes to practice.

The other event on the 14th is the Eagle Creek Grange's Sweetheart Banquet. We will play on the stage for people in the community who come to the banquet. The musicians should arrive at 5:30 when we will be served a delicious dinner and after that we start playing at 6:00 for about an hour and fifteen minutes. I look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

I hope all of you are staying nice and warm.  
~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



### District 8 continued

**Directions to Woodburn Estates and Golf** - From I-5: Take Woodburn exit and turn onto Highway 214 heading east at the light. Get into inside lane and turn left at 2nd light (past the freeway) onto Country Club Rd. Go past Rainier and veer right with Country Club Rd. Continue through a second slight right; Woodburn Estates is directly ahead. Go into parking lot. Continue straight past the restaurant on the left and past some brick pillars. \*\*\*

Go past the 'Office' to the 'Auditorium' where we play.  
Unload and park in any open space in the parking lot.

\*\*\*They say that the "drive thru" will be open. If not and if heavy unloading (most of the time you can't drive through from one entrance to the parking lot to the other). After turning onto Country Club Rd. at light, take immediate right onto Rainier. Go to stop sign; turn left onto Princeton Road. Turn left at next stop sign at Country Club Rd. You will see Auditorium & Office on your right.

## District 9 Burns, John Day Area

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### February Events

7	Jam	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm
9	Sunday Potluck	1:00 pm	Jam 2:00 pm
14	Gig	Aspens	7:00 - 9:00 pm
17	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:00 - 7:00 pm
21	Jam	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm
28	Jam	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm

**Wow, our January Potluck and Jam was nearly as big as Christmas**, with good food and good friends and good music. Our favorite four from John Day braved the winter road, plus Gene came in, and our chairman, Randy, Janet, Marianne, Don and Loretta and Mike. We also had a good contingent of clappers and dancers.

Robin Gadbury was gone to Stanfield celebrating her 90th birthday with family. Our long-time fiddler friend Julia Milleson also celebrated 90 years. .

We send our condolences to George and Joyce Sahlberg on the passing of George's son Carl.

Our new official name for our June 18th, 19th and 20th shindig is High Desert Jamboree. We have shows to sign up for and jamming in all kinds of venues, workshops, and camping with hookups. District 9 will be hosting the Jamboree from here on out.

Our next Potluck and Jam will be February 9th at 1:00. Hope to see everyone return and bring your friends and your instrument. Be certain to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the Friday Night Jams are held in. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians. We start at 7:00 pm. We are in negotiations to play at a couple different venues this spring.

Happy Valentine's Day to all you sweethearts out there!  
~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

## District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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### February Events

6	Gig	Oak Park	1:00 - 2:00 pm
12	Gig	Rosehaven	10:00 - 11:00 am
14	Gig	Brookdale	2:30 - 3:30 pm
22	Jam	Sutherlin Grange	12:00 - 3:00 pm
24	Gig	Callahan Village	3:30 - 4:30 pm

**Our December Jam was well attended** with many players and audience members. We thank our visitors from District 6, Jim Hoots, Dave Madison, Keith Barr, Hal Weiner, Jesse Knudsen, Wayne and Annie Carter.

Several district members went to Lebanon for the January 17-18 state gathering, quarterly meeting and jam. Many thanks to District 6 for being great hosts. Our district membership meeting was on January 25. We talked about upcoming officer elections, as well as the May 21-23 OOTFA Convention and Board Meeting that we'll host at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg. Look for a report of all the meeting highlights in the next Hoedowner.

Besides our normally scheduled gigs, we'll play for a special Valentine's Day Party at Brookdale Memory Care on Friday, February 14. Bring all your favorite love songs.

In February, we celebrate birthdays of Erik Schnautz (12th) and Dona Brown (13th). We miss everyone who hasn't come for awhile. Please join us at the Monday evening practices, jams, gigs and meetings.

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



**January 2020**  
Patti Luse, Membership Chair  
**Oregon Oldtime  
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979 Ascot Drive  
Eugene, OR 97401

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

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

~ Robin qat\_boy@msn.com

## State Calendar for 2020

- March 21** Oregon State Fiddle Contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem
- March 27-28** Brookings Jamboree at Chetco Grange in Brookings
- April 30-May 3** Silver Lake Campout at Silver Lake Rural Fire District
- May 21-23** OOTFA Convention and Board Meeting at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg
- June 18-20** Country Music Jamboree at Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns
- June 22-27** National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho Oregon State Host!
- July 20-23** West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops in Pleasant Hill

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**District 10 at Callahan Village (Jim Leininger, Chuck Stayer, Jude Stensland, Colleen Hanks, Kelly Wadsworth, Joe Ross, Gene Hodson and Hal Thompson)**



**District 7 members Donna Foreman, Claudia Zinser, and Dianne Rowley at the Sunnyside Grange Jam**

## State Treasurer's Report as of 12-31-2019

State Checking Account		Total Cash Assets as of 12-31-2019	
Beginning Balance		Accounts	Balance
as of 7-1-2019	13,851.72	Checking	13,699.28
Income	8,199.62	General CD	12,000.00
Expenses	8,352.06	Contest CD	4,559.22
Ending Balance	13,699.28	Kielhorn MM	10,832.65
		Total Cash Assets	41,091.15