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## SPRING LOADED

**OOTFA Calendar is Jammed with Events for this Spring!**

### **March 21 55th Annual Oregon State Fiddle Contest**

**Chemeketa Community College in Salem**

More Info and List of Fiddle Tunes on Page 5!

See December Hoedowner for Schedule  
See January Hoedowner for Registration Form  
See February Hoedowner for Summary of Contest Activities and Expectations

### **March 27-28 Brookings Jamboree Chetco Grange in Brookings**

Grange Hall opens at 8:00 am Friday for Coffee & Jamming!

Spend the day catching up and tuning up with the OOTFA Family!

The public is invited Saturday for the Fiddle Jamboree, Stage Show and Circle Jam!

All you can eat Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday!

### **May 21-23 OOTFA Spring Convention, Membership & Board Meeting**

**Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg**

RV fees are \$25.50 per night (regardless of facility use)

You must register between

April 1 - May 1 for a guaranteed site.

After that it is first-come first-served.

Tent camping inside the park.

Call 541-440-4394

Visit [douglasfairgrounds.com/rvpark](http://douglasfairgrounds.com/rvpark)

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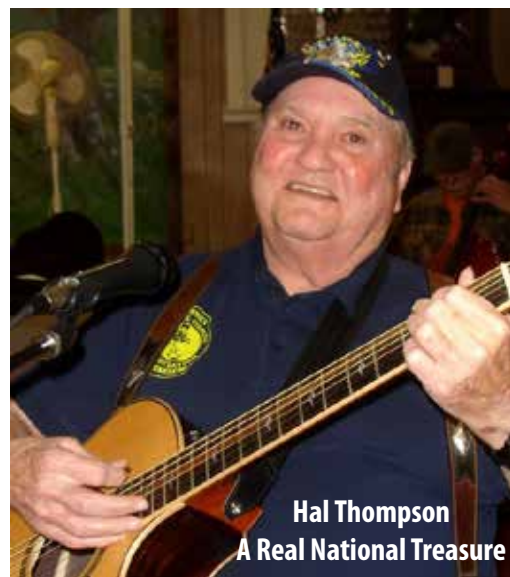
### **And Coming June 22-27**

**Oregon is Host State at the NATIONAL FIDDLE CONTEST**

**in Weiser, Idaho**

**An Opportunity of a Lifetime!**

**Most events Free for OOTFA members**



**Hal Thompson**  
**A Real National Treasure**

**1230 Noon, Thursday, August 13, 1936.**

I made my Mother very Happy that day. Both my parents were teachers, and both were musical. Mom taught me to play the guitar after I received a Kay F-hole, Archtop, concert model for Christmas 1947 from an Aunt. My Dad taught me to play his Gibson Banjo-Ukelele in 1939, and I played 2nd and 3rd violin in the school orchestra from 1943 to 1948, when I started playing the guitar I had received for Christmas '47. I'm still playing guitar today, more than 73 years later.

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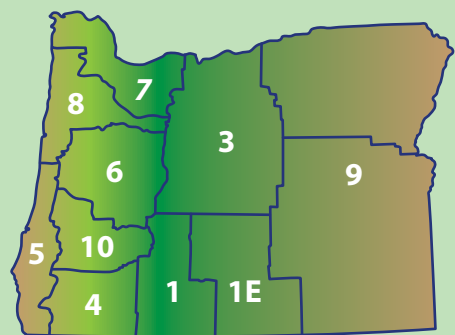
## OOTFA President's Report

**Something I read on the Organ Forum this morning:** "It is not what you play or how well you play, it is that you play." I am sure it wasn't original to the posting, but it is so true that I couldn't resist sharing it.

**OOTFA's annual state fiddle contest is this month (March 21st).** I want to encourage all of you, your family, your friends and anyone you meet to come and support and enjoy fiddlers from all over as they vie for first place in their respective divisions. It is a performance you don't want to miss!

I trust you are starting to prepare for the convention in May at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg. Jude Stensland and her committee are working hard to put together a good time for all. That also means when the call comes for you and/or your district to help in some way, that the only word you know is "YES!" It takes a lot of planning and participation by all to make the convention a great success. I am sure there is a way for everyone to help.

I would like to personally thank Melinda Grant (dusty.strinz@gmail.com) for putting together 'The Tune Of The Month' each month in the Hoedowner. I am sure she would welcome suggestions for future tune candidates. Spread your favorite tune across the state! ~ Scott



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## This month I would like to introduce Leonard

**Maahs.** Alice and I moved from North Bend to Salem in 1993. We knew Leonard and his wife earlier. They and others made us feel welcome, never lost a step, took off running.

Leonard was born April 29, 1914 near Bennett, Nebraska. His father was an excellent fiddler and his mother played both piano and guitar. Between the two of them they taught their family music - all by ear. He moved with his parents to Julesburg, Colorado in 1930. Leonard, his sister, two brothers and two neighbor boys formed a band. They played for several years for barn dances and at the local dance hall. Leonard and Faythe were married in 1938. It wasn't until 1939 that Leonard got his first violin. A man owed him five dollars, and in payment gave him a Hope violin which had belonged to the man's grandfather. Leonard gave up fiddling for several years. With grain farming and dairying, raising three sons and putting them through school, there was no time for fiddling. He came to Oregon in 1954. He sold out and quit the dairy in 1964 and moved to McMinnville, where he worked for Coast Range Plywood for fifteen years.



**Leonard Maahs**

In McMinnville, he met Clarence Greenlund, who got him interested in playing the fiddle again. He enjoys playing for dances, rest homes, birthday dinners, wedding receptions, house parties, etc.

Leonard and Faythe have ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is hoping for a fiddler among them. He also enjoys fishing, but fiddling comes first. He has played for an Old Time Dance at the McMinnville Grange Hall every Friday night for the past seven years, missing only for rare illness or extreme emergencies. He also plays piano and organ, and even finds some time for gardening, which he is pretty good at, once you get him started.

Leonard likes to compete in fiddle contests and has won several trophies, of which he is very proud. He was Oregon State Senior champion in 1981 and has always placed in the top group. He enjoys meeting and playing with other fiddlers, both young and old and as far as he is concerned, there is always time for just one more tune.

Now you know Leonard, a "fallen leaf." ~ Lew

**Editor Emeritus**  
by Lew Holt

## New Members March 2020

Rick Baker	Eugene (6)
Gordie Cummings	Bend (3)
Alepa Dellinger	Bend (3)
Keith Eckley	Keizer (8)
Leisl Farnsworth	Bend (3)
Joe Martion	Clackamas (7)
Brian Martz	Redmond (3)
Carol McKim	Crescent City, CA
Sonya Slater	Redmond (3)
Adam Taylor	Coos Bay (5)
Marilyn Wallis	Monmouth (8)

District 8 and 6 members performed at the Oregon State Capitol celebrating the 161st Birthday of the State. Performance was next the Senate Gallery. Lunch was provided and another performance followed. Members Marie Bailey (Amity), Dennis Brutke (Amity), Darlene Bryant (Turner), Truman Price (Monmouth), Phil Drain (Salem), Lolita Colebank (Aurora), Dee Thommes, Jim Hoots (Philomath), Evelyn Horner (Monroe), Ernie Connelly (Eugene), Marilyn Block (Eugene), Donna Winn (Springfield), Meg Graf (Eugene), John Williams (McMinnville).

The Capitol displayed information booths, the Oregon Constitution, kids activities, a stagecoach wagon and Capitol tours.





## District I

## Klamath Falls Area

## March Events

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19	Gig	Plum Ridge	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
19	Gig	Pacifica	1:00 - 2:00 pm
25	Gig	Shasta Care Center	1:30 - 2:30 pm
26	Gig	Crystal Terrace	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
26	Gig	Rogue River Place	1:00 - 2:00 pm
28	Meet/Jam	Anthem House	12:30 - 3:30 pm

### Greetings All from District One,

Things are moving right along here in District One. We are experiencing some nicer weather these days and it's been sunny and bright. February gigs included "Life in the 1800's" at the Klamath County Museum and another at the 4th Annual Country Valentine's Dinner in Chiloquin. These events were well attended and we had a great showing of musicians. There were a few practices for these events, hosted by Irene Ruddock at her house. We all had fun getting together to practice and enjoy the company of Don Hamlin before he had to make the late drive home to Roseburg. We also have a potential new member, Eleanor Cook, who has been attending our practices and jams. We are very happy to have her attend and we enjoy playing new tunes with her. Right around the corner is Silver Lake Campout! Make your plans now, you won't regret it! Happy Spring, Happy Fiddling!

**March Birthdays:** Faye Patterson (97 years!), Virginia Priddy, Hannah Scott.

**March Anniversaries:** Bill and Ann Bonser, James and Jenny Dreyer.

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



**Happy 97th Birthday to Ms. Faye Patterson! We love you Ms. Faye!**

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## March Events

2	Biz Meeting	Chamber of Commerce	7:00 pm
7	Jam	Chamber of Commerce	2:00 - 5:00 pm
5, 12, 19, 26	Weekly Jams	Rosa Lee's house	5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Our First Saturday Jam** in February enjoyed a great turnout! Three musicians from Alturas California joined us. They regularly play music in Northern California and Western Nevada so we were happy to see Sharon Enderlin, Nancy Gieske, and Lynn Staub adding two more guitars and an autoharp along with their voices to the mix. In addition we had a local singer/songwriter, Rocky St. Claire, adding some original songs and providing an opportunity for the rest of us to learn some new tunes.

Jerry Light, responsible for reporting news from District 1E, passed away suddenly January 5th. We were all stunned and saddened by this loss since he had been with us the day before at our January First Saturday Jam

and he played and sang music all afternoon. Jerry was always willing to help out with anything our local group needed. After serving as reporter for 3 years, Jerry was the one who stepped up to relieve me and serve in that capacity for District 1E for the past year. His sense of humor was his trademark and was apparent in each article he wrote as he ended each article with a one liner. He regularly attended our jams and business meetings and considered the Oldtime Fiddlers his "adopted family," sharing in holiday meals with the McLain's and lending a hand anytime there was a need. He loved to play and sing and besides playing guitar he also played banjo.

Jerry was diabetic but that didn't stop him from baking, his other passion. We all benefited from that obsession! Particularly missed were his peanut butter balls, peppermint patties, and fudge, but he also made chocolate chip, oatmeal, and peanut butter cookies for our gatherings, as well. He couldn't eat his productions but seemed to vicariously enjoy watching his baked goods disappear in the hands and mouths of the rest of us! His handiwork in the kitchen extended to Silver Lake where he always brought desserts and volunteered to help Sharilyn with the needed chores to make food service at our campout run smoothly.

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Jerry told Larry McLain in a prophetic moment, "If anything happens to me, kick down the door and get my guitar." That wasn't necessary when Terry and Larry went to his apartment to check on him after failing to show up at Larry's house on Sunday and missing our business meeting on the 6th. The drapes were open and the door was unlocked. Jerry was dressed and in his favorite chair, seemingly waiting for them to "get his guitar."

Jerry is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Pete, brother Walter, two grandsons and his OOTFA friends and adopted family. He was a fixture in our local group and he is sorely missed.

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

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### March Events

**19 Knee to Knee Jam Redmond High Room 103 4:30-8:30 pm**

**Howdy from District.** On Jan 19th Marcel Potvin, his 3 girls, Louisiane, Lilly, Adelaine and our National Treasure Jack Kerr played a concert for 55-60 residents at Touchmark Mt. Bachelor Village Retirement Living in Bend. The event was organized by Dale Anderson who is not only a resident but a long time member of OOTFA. We thank him for his generous donation.

Elections for the districts are fast approaching. As of now we do not have any nominations for Secretary or Event Coordinator. We are looking for members to step up for these positions. It is not a heavy workload and we are looking for ways to "revitalize" our district. Send your name or nomination to Jeannette.

OOTFA members Ron Phillips and Ben Richardson have invited all to a show (not a jam) on March 20th. Enjoy a scenic drive to the John Day area for a fun, musical event:

**Richardson's Brothers Band and Friends  
Bluegrass, Blues and Western Swing**

**Benefit for the Prairie City Cemetery and Senior Center.**

**March 20th at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center in Prairie City**

*Donations Only*

We have discussed holding a monthly circle jam in the historic chapel of the Powell Butte Christian Church. At this time the church would not be able to hold dances, so we are still working on a venue for dancing. More information will be emailed and posted on our website as the plans are firmed up.

~ Kim Martin & Pat Borden, District 3 Reporters

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### March Events

**7 Meeting Pioneer Hall, Ashland 11:30 am**

**Well Hello, March!** We're happy to see along with the lovely daffodils you've brought spring and daylight savings time.

Our February Monthly jam at Roxy Ann Grange was well attended by musicians and audience. Carol Ferrara adorned the grange in decorations with a Valentine's theme and several musicians played a romantic tune. Ron Bolstad sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" accompanied by Bob Pantell and his lovely whistling. Young fiddlers, Sidra Price and Ada Olhiser played several tunes. The audience really enjoys watching these young musicians perform; they are our future.

The Wednesday night jam has been well attended. The beginning fiddlers are joining in with the tunes they have learned and are sitting in the regular jam to expose their "ear" to more tunes. Jon Gasik has a beginning guitar student who is doing well and sitting in and playing along at the Wednesday jam. If you are considering learning the guitar contact Jon Gasik at 541-840-5022.

There are several new gigs on the calendar this month so check the online calendar and plan to come out and attend. If you need assistance with time, place or directions call an officer. April brings the much loved Silver Lake Campout, April 30 - May 3. Check the online calendar for directions and important information before you head that way!

The March monthly meeting and jam will be held at the Pioneer Hall in Ashland. If the weather cooperates we will have lots of foot traffic. While walking by they hear our music, drop in and listen. This is wonderful exposure for our organization. The meeting is at 11:30. Open fiddle jam 12:30, sign up jam 1:00 - 3:00. Bring snacks to share.

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



**Junior Fiddler:  
Chance Mott, District 3**

**Chance Mott belongs to a very special musical family.** Not surprisingly, he's living up to the family tradition by learning to play music as well as jamming and performing at a young age. Chance is the grandson/grandnephew of our OOT-FA twin sisters: Janice Railton ("Nana") and Jeannette Bondsteel ("Nini"). Between these two high powered sisters are 14 grandsons and 1 granddaughter! – Chance is one of those lucky grandsons. The whole family is very close and shares the care and love of all the young people in the family.

Chance is 10 years old and is a 4th grader at Powell Butte Elementary in Powell Butte, OR. He started playing the fiddle a couple years ago, and now plays guitar and bass as well. He has to stand on a stool to play the bass fiddle, but that

doesn't stop him! The family jams regularly at Gramma Nini's home and often invites friends to join in. Once a month, Chance plays at Whispering Winds, a retirement community in Bend. Chance's dad, Casey, is learning to play guitar as well with help from Cousin, Garitt Bondsteel. He also attributes many of his tunes to "Youtube University" where he regularly picks up fiddling styles and techniques.

Chance is a motivated guy. He attended West Cascade Fiddle Camp last summer and has his tuition money in an envelope ready to send in as soon as registrations open for the 2020 camp. He has his sights set on becoming a Nashville recording star and someday playing with the Charlie Daniels Band. He loves bluegrass music, and is quickly learning the repertoire. He can already play and sing major parts of "The Devil Went Down to Georgia", and he hopes someday he can get on stage to perform it with Charlie Daniels.

In his life outside music, Chance loves to play soccer and basketball. He likes school (especially math) and has lots of friends. He is known in his family as a skilled snowmobiler. Last year, with the help of his dad, he built, designed and applied the graphics to a snow machine of his own.

I have a feeling we will hear a lot more from Chance Mott in the future. I can't wait to hear him play in person!

~ Interview by Karen Johnson (District 8)

## Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest Info

**The contest is only 3 weeks away! The volunteer schedule is almost done – I'm so grateful for all you volunteers! And I'm also grateful for the 41 contestants who have registered so far. Remember, pre-registering is helpful to everyone! ~ Eileen Walter**

Hopefully everyone has gotten word that the regular contest rounds (except for the Small Fry and the Junior Junior Divisions) now have five (5) minute round time limits. This is consistent with the Weiser national contest rules. It's helpful if you have some nice tune variations that you want to include.

As in the past, self-contained RVs can camp on the parking lot (no charge). There are no hook-ups.

**Exciting News!** Kathy Kampschmidt has reserved the meeting room at the Shilo Inn on Market Street for the fiddlers to have a jam on Friday evening (March 20) from 5:30 to 9:00. Come and get warmed up for the contest! Many Thanks Kathy!

**A list of tune examples is included here to give you some examples of which tunes fit into which contest categories. If you have a tune you're not sure about, feel free to contact Eileen, (503-701-1578). If I'm not sure, I will find out.**

**Of course there are thousands of other possibilities!**

### Tunes considered to be "Hoedowns" – (Reels, Hornpipes, and Breakdowns):

Angeline the Baker	Leather Britches
Woodchopper's Reel	Wild John
Choctaw	Honey Boy
Arkansas Traveler	Sally Goodin
Sally Johnson	Bitter Creek
Soldier's Joy	Dusty Miller
Grey Eagle	Walk Along John
Billy in the Low Ground	Cattle in the Cane
Old Joe Clark	Uncle Herman's Hornpipe
Dew Drop Hornpipe	Fisher's Hornpipe
Big John McNeil	Brilliance
Miller's Reel	Blackberry Blossom
Mississippi Sawyer	Waynesboro Reel
Devil's Dream	Durang's Hornpipe
Whiskey Before Breakfast	Westmoreland's Hornpipe
Shortnin' Bread	Soppin' the Gravy
St. Anne's Reel	Rickett's Hornpipe
Bill Cheatum	Snowshoes
Jack of Diamonds	Ace of Spades
Turkey in the Straw	Martha Campbell
Forked Deer	Apple Blossoms

### Waltz examples (dance tunes in ¾ time):

Tennessee	Kentucky	Ashokan Farewell
Lover's	Lucinda	Gardenia
South Wind	Benny & Bea's	Star of the County Down
Oak Pik	Ash Grove	Chancellor's
Nancy's	Josephine's	When I Get Too Old To Dream
Rosebuds of Avonmore	Roxanna	Festival
Yellow Rose	Goodnight	Margaret's
Blue Valley	Amelia's	Sweet Bunch of Daisies
Whistler's	White Russian Lady	Black Velvet
Peek a Boo	Velvet's	Midnight

### Tunes of Choice which are not Hoedowns or Waltzes (rags, polkas, jigs, etc.):

Cotton Patch Rag	East Tennessee Blues	Dill Pickle Rag
Allentown Polka	Clarinet Polka	Jesse Polka
Hotfoot Rag	Florida Blues	Don't Let the Deal Go Down
Red Apple Rag	Kansas City Kitty	Black & White Rag
Topeka Polka	Smith's Rag	Crafton's Blues
Beaumont Rag	Redwing	Sweet Marie
Stone's Rag	Panhandle Rag	12th Street Rag
Going Places	Swallowtail Jig	River Road
Sunrise on the Guinea Farm	Rubber Dolly	Pig Ankle Rag
Cincinnati Rag	Wild Fiddler's Rag	Whistling Rufus





**Melinda Grant**

## Rocky Road to Jordan

Suggested by Melinda Grant (District 4)

This month we head over to northern Missouri for a tune from Bob Walters. I learned it from William Greene from Ashland. Typical of northern Missouri tunes, lots of quick little notes here; usually played in Missouri with small bow strokes in the middle of the bow.

I couldn't find a recording of Bob doing it, but there's a great version on YouTube by [Hammer & String](#), and a group of folks having fun with it [<here>](#). And YouTube also has a version by [Dwight Lamb](#), who was one of Bob's cronies and who is sometimes quoted as the source for this tune, because he first published it in his collection (after Bob sent him a recording).

## Rocky Road to Jordan

A musical score for the tune "Rocky Road to Jordan" in D major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The score is written on a single staff with a treble clef. It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains measures 1 through 6, with chords D, G, A7, and D indicated above. The second line contains measures 7 through 12, with chords G, A7, D, and D indicated above. The third line contains measures 13 through 18, with chords A7, D, A7, and D indicated above. The melody is characterized by many eighth and sixteenth notes, giving it a lively, "quick little notes" feel. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots in the final measure.

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**What could be better on a rainy winter Saturday** than gathering with our OOTFA friends to have a membership meeting at Winchester Bay, enjoy a nice potluck lunch, complete with cookies and other homemade treats, and then tune up and play the afternoon away? Not much! We delighted in such a day on January 18th, which provided a welcome bright spot in the middle of a rather dark and quiet month.

We attended to a list of old and new business, with our Chair, Kriss Fenton presiding. Thanks to Linda and Dana Sweatt, we now have a theme for our Fiddle at the Beach "campout" for Thursday, August 13: "My Favorite Song." Linda and Dana's imaginations provided us with a great theme which lends itself to all manner of songs and Friday evening skits, as is our custom. We hope you consider doing a fun stage presentation using the theme for our 17th annual Fiddle at the Beach event.

We have again been invited to perform at the Hauser Rural Fire Department Annual Spaghetti Feed on Saturday, March 7th. We play from 3:30 - 4:30 pm and they feed us a spaghetti dinner afterwards. This is a community fundraiser hosted by the Hauser Rural Fire Department and is always a terrific event.

Don't forget the Brookings Jamboree March 27 and 28 at the Chetco Grange in Brookings. The information is in February's Hoedowner and you also may call either Kriss Fenton at 541-260-6756 or Dawn Vonderlin at 541-347-4561. This is a big and lively event, so we sure hope to see you there. Ruth Weyer is in charge of the raffle and already some very nice things have been donated. For example, Larry Costa generously donated a 4/4 fiddle and a 1/4 fiddle, both complete with hardshell cases. Thank you, Larry! Thanks to Gayle Triplett, who has donated some nice canvas totes with musical note graphics on them. Now that we need to bring our own bags to the stores, this is especially considerate and timely. Dawn has created an informative and lovely informative poster for this event, which will be posted throughout our communities and sent to members online. Thanks, Dawn, for your thoughtful marketing!

After reading Patti Luse's January email, I'm sure we felt the excitement of the prospect of coming spring events for OOTFA in 2020 and plan to join in all or most of them. It is our pleasure to be able to meet and play together. It's our way of keeping the music and the friendship flowing!

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

## March 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

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5	Jam	Old World Deli, Corvallis	7:00 - 9:00 pm
6	Jam	Eugene Hotel	7:00 - 8:30 pm
7	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Road Annex	1:00 - 4:00 pm
9	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1:00 - 4:00 pm
14	Jam	Central Grange	10:30 - 3:30 pm
20	Jam	Ya-Po-Ah Terrace	7:00 - 9:00 pm
27	Jam	Willakenzie Grange	7:00 - 9:00 pm

**We are expecting two more weeks of winter weather** because the groundhog saw his shadow in our yard on Feb. 2nd. We will move on to April showers and May flowers and spring weather at Silver Lake April 30 through Sunday May 3rd.

On February 8th at Central Grange we started with a morning jam then proceeded to our quarterly meeting. We enjoyed a potluck lunch after the meeting and then had our afternoon jam. We had around 30 OOTFA members and we played lots of different oldtime tunes.

On February 5th at a Sheldon Oaks Senior Center gig there were around 10 OOTFA members present. Playing gigs at senior centers is a welcome event for many of the folks who live there. Often they come forward and thank us for coming to play. We performed at Lone Oak Senior Center on February 14th. Members who would like to play at any of these events can call Bernie Roberts at 541-689-5764 or email him at beroberts285@comcast.net. Thanks to Bernie and Amy Burrow for scheduling and coordinating the gigs. A big thanks for the sound system work by Wayne Carter.

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### **Singing Waters - A Reality, by Melody Morrell.**

One day I was hiking the metal catwalk above Sweet Creek in the Coast Range near Mapleton. The creek is large, rocky and vigorous with much noisy tumbling and splashing. I started humming "Will The Circle Be Unbroken", key unknown. When I got a chord change I noticed a dissonance. What? I did it again, with the same result. I was amazed to think that all those random splashes combined to create a musical pitch, but there it is. So if you want to play music beside the rapids, better make sure you are in the same key.

**Birthday Greetings:** Joanne Clark (3/6), Patti Luse (3/11), Linda Danielson  
**Wedding Anniversaries:** Sal & Darlene Fiducia (3/15), Wayne & Annie Carter (3/30)

~ Shirley Humphreys, District 6 Reporter

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### **March Events**

- 7 **Circle** Sunnyside Grange 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
**Jam** 13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley  
15 **Gig** Clark's General Store & Eatery 1 - 3:00 pm  
25760 S. Beaver Creek Road, Beaver Creek  
29 **Jam** N.W. Jam 600 NE 8th, Gresham 11:00 am  
Sign up Playing 12:30 - 3:30 pm

**Hello District 7 members and others.** Isn't it great to have longer days. I am starting to see flowers in my yard and I know there will soon be others to follow. February was a busy month for our fiddlers and those who accompany us. We had five events starting with our usual Circle Jam at the Sunnyside Grange. We had 20 musicians and 8 folks who came to listen! We spent much of our time practicing our list for Oregon's birthday party on the 14th. Donna Foreman was our leader and compiled the list of many old favorites.

On Feb. 14th we went to the Oregon Historical Society in downtown Portland and played for a large crowd with Donna in the middle calling out our tunes and four guitars and a bass keeping us all together. We enjoyed hearing two of our former governors speak. Barbara Roberts spoke about why she loves Oregon so much and gave us all a pop quiz about Oregon's state flower, rock, animal, bird etc. Ted Kulongoski spoke about a song his wife and others had written about the beauty of Oregon which we then sang accompanied by the fiddlers. After all the speeches we loved eating the birthday cake and celebrating Oregon's big day. Did you know that Oregon is now 161 years old?

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### **March Events**

- 5 **Jam** Slo Jam at Marie's house 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
12 **Gig** Dallas Retirement Village 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
377 NW Jasper St. Dallas (West on Ellendale past Safeway. Turn right on Jasper just before Taco Bell)  
14 **Basic Fiddle Class** 9:00 - 10:00 am  
Chapel at Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community  
*Let Martha know if you are coming. Call 503-393-2271 (leave a message) or email: mh.hughes8@gmail.com*  
19 **Jam** Slo Jam at Marie's house 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
21 **State Fiddle Contest** Chemeketa CC

**We played for two** birthday gigs and a coffee hour in February in addition to our previously scheduled events.

We played at the Oregon State Capitol for Oregon's birthday celebration. It was a good group this year representing OOTFA. There were: 7 fiddles, 3 guitars, 2 banjos, and Loita Colebank on bass. A few out of district players helping us out. During our lunch break Truman Price played a 40-minute set of Music of the Oregon Trail.

It is sad to report that we have lost two Lifetime Members in our district in February.. Donna Janzsen, of Salem, passed away on February 7. Donna lost her husband Gerrit in 2019. She served as the membership chair for the district for a short time. Dave Owens of Dayton passed away Feb. 10, leaving behind his wife of many years, Marilyn.

So... gotta make each day count and remember to hug our friends, loved ones and enemies too if they'll allow.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

After Oregon's Birthday Party we went to the Eagle Creek Grange to celebrate Valentine's Day with the community from Eagle Creek. They served a delicious ham dinner and for dessert we were able to pick from a table of homemade pies. We enjoyed all the attention to details on our table; lots of food, of course, but also lots of candy and valentines! After our dinner we had fun playing on the stage which was covered with lights and decorations. We played some special waltzes for two couples in the audience who were celebrating their 50th and 51st wedding anniversaries that night and it was lovely watching couples waltzing while we played.

We would like to welcome new member, Joe Martin, to District 7. He lives in Clackamas and plays the fiddle.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



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### March Events

6	Jam	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm
8	Sunday Potluck	1:00 pm	Jam 2:00 pm
13	Jam	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm
16	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:00 - 7:00 pm
20	Jam	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm
27	Jam	Friday Night Jam	7:00 pm

**Eleven musicians**, (twelve, when you have little Sadie singing Old MacDonald/Bingo beautifully into the mic) attended our Sunday, February 9th Potluck and Jam, plus a great bunch of listeners.

We didn't get our John Day contingent on the 9th, but they are hosting their own Sunday Potluck and Jam the third Sunday of the month in Prairie City at the Senior Center.

We have been invited to play for several community events in the coming months. Our next Potluck and Jam will be March 8th. Hope to see everyone return and bring your friends and your instrument.

For those who like to plan ahead, the dates for the High Desert Jamboree are June 18, 19, and 20 at the Harney County Fair Grounds, with District Nine hosting.

Be sure to be wearin' the green on St. Patty's Day and enjoy the day!

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.

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

**Wayne & Annie Carter**



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I turned semi-pro in 1952 when I started getting paid for playing, and played for money until I retired in 1985 when my last band broke up. I came out of retirement to do two shows with Ferlin Husky in 1989 and retired again. I didn't pick up the guitar for about 19 years, when I joined OOTFA at the January meeting in Roseburg and, like Gene Autry, was 'Back In The Saddle Again', thoroughly enjoying playing again.

The music and, especially, the people, brought my life back on track.

God Bless OOTFA! ~ Hal

## District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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### March Events

5	Gig	Bridgewood	1:30 - 2:30 pm
11	Gig	Rosehaven	10:00 - 11:00 am
16	Gig	Callahan Court	2:30 - 3:30 pm
23	Gig	Callahan Village	3:30 - 4:30 pm
28	Jam	Sutherlin Grange	12:00 - 3:00 pm

**Fourteen members attended** our January 25 meeting. Our bank account has \$6500. We've been playing a lot of gigs. Sutherlin Grange Hall may be unavailable in the future. New location ideas were discussed. Sandy Harter needs a break from the kitchen. Funds (\$160) were approved for the Musical Petting Zoo at the Summer Arts Fest on June 26-28. Jude has also applied for us to play on the family stage there. Work is underway for the State Convention on May 21-23 in Roseburg. Each district is providing people to help. Jim Kuether will make a rough schedule. Food, activities, workshops, and jamming were all discussed. If you can help, please contact Jude Stensland. District 10 will make donations to the Convention (\$1000), Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest (\$300), State Fiddle Contest (\$500), Douglas County Youth Orchestra (\$200) and Umpqua Valley Youth Orchestra (\$200). At the jam that followed, we had several guests from District 6 including Meg Graf, Donna and Dale Wynn, Wayne and Annie Carter. Thanks for coming!

On Wed, July 15 we've been asked to host a "Musical Petting Zoo" at the Canyonville Farmer's Market from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. We'll demonstrate various instruments and give people a quick lesson or some simple hands-on experience playing along. Folks from other districts are welcome.

In March, we celebrate birthdays of Jean Hanson (March 1), Juanita Poelstra (March 10), Frank Moore (March 10) and Gene Hodson (March 24). Jim and Joyce Kuether celebrate their Anniversary on March 10. We miss everyone who hasn't come for awhile. Please come out and join us. May the luck of the Irish be with you!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



**January 2020**

Patti Luse, Membership Chair

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~ Robin qat\_boy@msn.com

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Al Pierce of District 5  
plays a lovely rendition  
of "Big Country"

Dale Anderson with  
Marcel Potvin, his 3  
girls, Louisiane, Lilly,  
Adelaine and our  
National Treasure  
Jack Kerr of District 3  
entertain at  
Touchmark at Mt.  
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Chuck Roehrich of District 6