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## Family Reunion

After well over a year very little public activity we are getting back together and doing what we so love to do! All around the State Events are back on as well as Jams & Gigs!



Phyllis Coffin & Keith Barr  
of District 6 at  
Central Grange



District 5 members showing their support for the Oregon Coast Historical Railway Museum performing some good old-time (and a couple not-so-old) train songs for their post-pandemic re-opening on July 3rd



District One members at Wiard Park in Klamath Falls

## Winners in Weiser

OOTFA Members who placed at the National Fiddle Contest held June 23rd - 26th, 2021

**SMALL FRY** – Thomas Richards (1st) from Bend was the top contestant out of 20. Competing also was his sister, Hazel Richards who came in 19th.

**JUNIOR-JUNIOR** – Lorilei Hein of Sherwood came in 7th out of 35.

**JUNIOR** – Ruby Gunter of Vancouver came in 4th out of 35. Natalie Gupitill of Kaiser came in 26th and Mia Dawson of Portland was 28th.

**YOUNG ADULT** – Aaron Carter of Portland was the top contestant out of 22. Isaac Helland of Lebanon was 10th and Christina Deming of Vancouver was tied for 20th.

**ADULT** – Jeanine Orme of Beaverton was 6th out of a field of 17. Andy Emert of Portland was 7th and Cynthia Hamm of Vancouver was 13th.

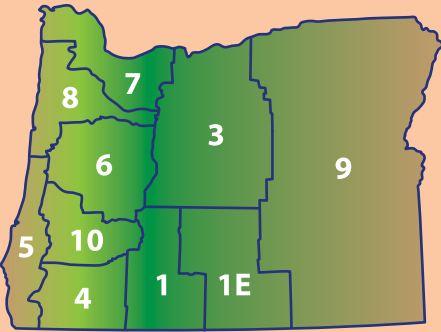
**SENIOR** – Donna Reuter of Hood River was 10th and Bob Heinith of Port Townsend, Washington was 15th.

**SENIOR-SENIOR** – This event was full of many OOTFA Members: Evelyn Horner of Monroe was 2nd; Roland White of Bend was 4th; Judy McGarvey of Medford was 6th; and Jerry Parks of Lebanon was 7th;

**GRAND CHAMPION** – In a field of 6 who usually are the top fiddlers in the country, our own Gary Schuh of Portland was 4th.

Recognition for the **OLDEST FIDDLER** competing in the National Fiddle Contest 2021 went to OOTFA member Evelyn Horner of Monroe who turned 90 recently.

One of the 3 Judges for the National Fiddle Contest was Starr McMullin of Corvallis.



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**Hello everyone!**

I am honored to be part of your leadership team, and look forward to an exciting year with you. The past two years have been challenge, so to speak! Wildfires, ice storms, floods, divisive politics and a virus pandemic, oh my!

I think there is a light at the end of the tunnel with regards to the virus - at least I hope so. With more people getting vaccinated, hopefully we will beat this beast and get back to normal. (Whatever that is.) I encourage you to take care of yourselves and your family during this hard time. At least we can now continue our jams and get-togethers as long as we comply with whatever our local jurisdictions require.

My goal this year, with your help, is to grow our membership, have fun, and enjoy each other as musicians. We have so much amazing talent in our membership, and it is a joy to hear you play and/or sing. We also have members who do not play but provide such great support, and I thank all of you.

I know we don't always agree on everything, but I believe we all are musicians at heart, and love the concept of Oldtime music and the love it brings to so many. We can get together, play awesome music, learn from each other, enhance our community, and just enjoy life. That is what it is all about!

Congratulations to the participants and winners at Weiser! We were well represented and exceptional! Thank you for your hard work.

I look forward to seeing you at the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering September 16, 17 and 18 in Prineville at the Crook County Fairgrounds. We will have a Board meeting on Friday evening, the 17th, and a membership meeting on Saturday the 18th

Please reach out to me anytime – I value your concerns, suggestions and thoughts. My cell phone is 503 855 3535, landline is 503 855 3535. Have a blessed month, and I hope to see you in September!

~ Marcella

## OOTFA President's Report



**New OOTFA President,  
Marcella Easley**

## New OOTFA Members August 2021

Keith & Luba  
Schrenk  
Fruitland, Idaho  
(OS)



**District 10 fiddlers at our "Friday Fiddle Frolics" in Frank's garage:  
Colleen Hanks, Kelly Wadsworth, Allison Lindley, Jim Kuether**



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**Greetings All from District One!** Well, it happened. We **finally** got together as a District and had our first Jam/Meeting since COVID shut us all down, **and we had fun!** We went to **Wiard Park** here in Klamath Falls and spread out between multiple picnic tables, and the closest we got was when we had to cram in for our group picture, LOL. It sure felt right and good getting us all together again. I hope we can continue the forward movement and try to get together on a more regular basis now.

At our park meeting we voted in our new officer positions; they are as follows...our new Chair will be **Frank Ayres**, new Co-Chair is **Noranne Sparks**, Secretary will stay **Karen Ayres**, and Treasurer/Membership will stay **Edna Jenkins**. **Jenny Dreyer** continue as Reporter for District One. Congrats to all, and here's to a better, happier, healthier, and musically filled year than what we all just went through during COVID.

I would also like to highlight one of our core members...**Ms. Edna Jenkins**, or **Ms. J** as my kids like to call her. She has been in OOTFA for about 6 years now but had been introduced to OOTFA throughout her life by having some older family members that were involved...specifically **Irvin Johnson**...among others on both sides of her musical family! Ms. J is a mandolin player for District One, and I personally love it when she plays (and sings) songs such as "Old Spinning Wheel", and "Red Wing". Ms. J has made it her mission to travel to all the Districts throughout her 6 years, and participate in as many OOTFA activities that she possibly can.



Sheila Fry heating up the strings on her fiddle



Edna Jenkins, with her beautiful smile and her mandolin, is all fired up for OOTFA

She has volunteered at the **State Fiddle Contest** and supported many fundraisers, jams, gigs, and will be supporting "**Rope for Hope**" in Nevada with the **McLain Family** and another District One member, **Ms. Sheila Fry**. There is a running joke now in District One about Sheila and Edna getting together to travel. The last two times they have gotten together and been on the road, Ms. J has had a fire encroaching on her residence and been forced to evacuate. This last time, they made it to the house on the ride home from Burns, but the authorities wouldn't let them in because the fire was spreading quickly. All ended well, and the fire was quickly put out and now we all laugh and joke that these two shouldn't travel together for music anymore because they always come home to a fire! Let's hope the "Rope for Hope" event is fiddle filled and fire free! Keep Fiddling and Take Care!

~ Jenny Dreyer,  
District 1 Reporter



Jake Dreyer of  
District 1

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**It feels like we are finally getting back to normal, musically speaking!** It's been a long time but our **Thursday Night Jams** are happening again and we have a couple gigs to go before this article finds its way to print. "Take Back E Street" is an event to stimulate business in our town and "**Rope for Hope**" will follow the next Saturday. Then July will be all but over.

**Rosa Lee** had surgery on July 15th to repair that cantankerous hip that gave her fits at the **McLain Family Gathering** in May. She came through it fine and will be back in Lakeview by the weekend, staying for a few days at our local hospital. I'm sure she'd be happy to receive any cards or well wishes as she recovers. Her address: 1029 South F Street, Lakeview, OR 97630.

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**Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering**  
September 16, 17-18 2021  
Crook County Fairgrounds  
Prineville  
Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association  
Jamming Workshops  
Oldtime Bluegrass Country  
Family Friendly Free Admission  
For More Information Go To:  
[centraloregonfiddlers.com](http://centraloregonfiddlers.com)  
Camping Available

The poster features a red background with a white border. It includes images of various acoustic instruments: a double bass, a mandolin, a guitar, and a banjo. The text is arranged in a central column, with the event title at the top in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the title, the dates and location are listed. The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association logo is prominently displayed in the center. At the bottom, there is a small circular logo for the association and a note about camping availability.

We were treated to a visit from four of the members of District 5 last month. **Linda, Rachael, and Tyler Eickhoff** joined us along with **Bob Shaffer**. **Sheila Fry**, from District 1, also joined us for the weekend. The McLains put on a **Mystery Meal** for everyone on Saturday afternoon. **Mary Ann, Rhayanna, and Alexis (a.k.a. "Lexie")** slaved in the kitchen putting together the menu items to serve all 16 of us. The menu consisted of a selection of instruments and songs. The combination of instruments and songs dictated what would arrive on our individual plates! It was a wonderful idea and a very fun way to gather that afternoon. The music started Thursday afternoon and went on through Saturday night and, I'm guessing, into Sunday morning. That was really fun! We were so happy to have the Eickhoff family, Sheila Fry and Bob Shaffer join us. The District 5 members came a long way and we appreciated the effort it took to get here.

The **Bootleg Fire** is raging through Klamath and Lake Counties as I write. Evacuations are getting closer and closer as this fire rages. I hope by the time this article shows up in print that we haven't had to leave this ranch. The emergency alerts are unnerving. The loss of livestock and wildlife is devastating, not to mention the structural losses. We have two more critical fire months before we can relax again. Here's hoping none of us suffer any losses.

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

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**After 17 months of no activity** we have a District 4 business meeting and monthly jam scheduled for August 7 at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. The building will be open at 10:30 and the meeting will begin at 11:00 sharp. Please plan to attend the meeting if you can't stay for the jam as we need to elect new district officers and we need a good turnout. **Scotty Phillips** has been so faithful to remain our active Chairman during this long shutdown. He has continued to conduct business and has secured sites for monthly meetings and jams through December of 2021. Thanks so much, Scotty, for your unfailing leadership.

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**Judy McGarvey** represented District 4 at the **OOTFA State Meeting** in Burns in June. Judy traveled on to **Weiser, Idaho** where she competed in the Senior-Senior Division of the **National Fiddle Champion Contest**. This contest is a gathering of some of the most talented fiddlers from around the country. She played very well and placed 6th out of 12 in her division. Congratulations, Judy!

About 10 District 4 musicians came out to play for the **Community Gathering** hosted by the First United Methodist Church of Medford. The joy of being together again playing the music we love was so evident in the fact that nobody wanted to stop playing even though the day grew warmer and the "shade" seemed to keep moving away.

**Judy McGarveys' Jammers** meet every Tuesday afternoon, 4-6:00 pm at the Methodist Church. All musicians are welcome. For more info contact Judy at (541) 779-8145.

District 4 musicians will be performing for the last time this season for the bonfire/wiener roast at the **RV Park** in Prospect. The gig is from 7-9:00 and the musicians are also welcome to enjoy the hot dogs, lemonade and S'mores.

Bring snacks to share for the August 7th meeting at Roxy Ann. The meetings is at 11:00, Open fiddle jam 12:30, Sign up jam 1:00-3:00.

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



We lost "Auntie" Marie Nelli in May. See last month's issue of the Hoedowner for Judy's write-up. Apologies to her sister, Lillian, who was accidentally pictured.

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**Things are Jumping in District 5!!** Now that our pandemic-related shutdown has been lifted, **big things** are happening in a hurry! Here's some information to keep you up-to-date:

### "Fiddle at the Beach Campout"

**In Winchester Bay on Friday, October 15th through Sunday the 17th.**

The doors will open at 8:00 am each morning, and the coffee will be hot, so bring your cup (or, if you are like me, a very large mug) and let us hear your "Favorite Old Song." (Yeah, that's the theme this year.) The public is also invited to the circle jams, so if you have a friend with a guitar (or fiddle, or banjo) or just a voice and a song to share, invite them out!

This is most definitely the best place to be this October to listen and share great music, get together with old friends, and make new friends. (Did I mention it's just plain old fun?)

The event is centered at the **Winchester Bay Community Center**. This has been a very popular annual event for quite some time, so make your hotel or camping arrangements soon! Mark Your Calendar!

(More details will be made available)

## District 5 Membership Meeting

**September 18th, 11:00 AM at the Winchester Bay Community Center.** This is the official membership meeting and we will elect new district officers.

A note from **Dawn Vonderlin**: "If you have an interest in any of the board member positions, or to offer any special talents to help our district, please speak up. If you are asked if you would be interested in serving your district, please give it consideration."

After the meeting, we will have finger-food, refreshments, and starting at about 1:00, MUSIC! This year the public will be invited to add their music to ours – so, invite your "uninitiated" friends to bring their voices, guitars, fiddles, banjos, or other acoustic instruments with "strangs," and share their favorite old tunes in our circle-jam.

## HOLIDAY DINNER

Our traditional Holiday Dinner will be held at Winchester Bay on November 20th. Music will follow dinner. Again, mark your calendars. More information and details will be forthcoming.

### Scheduled Performances for August:

**Monday, August 9th: Pacific View (1:30 – 2:30)  
Memory Care (2:45 -3:45) in Bandon**

**Tuesday, August 17th: Inland Point (2:00-3:00)  
in North Bend**

**Wednesday, August 25th: Evergreen Court  
(2:00-3:00) in North Bend**

~ Al & Nicole Pierce, District 5 Reporters

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## Tune of the Month

Special Thanks to  
Karen Bennet of  
District 3 for  
providing  
Tune of the Month  
for August

"In the Good Old Summer Time" is an American Tin Pan Alley song first published in 1902 with music by George Evans and lyrics by Ren Shields ([Go to Wikipedia for lyrics](#)). It was one of the big hits of the era, selling popular sheet music and being recorded by various artists of the day, including John Philip Sousa's band in 1903. It has remained a standard often revived in the decades since. The song appeared in many films, including the 1949 Judy Garland film named after it.



## In The Good Old Summertime

music by George Evans

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1. G G G G7

6. C C G G

10. G G B7 Em

14. A7 A7 D7 D7

18. G G G G7

22. C C G D7

26. G G B7 Em

30. A7 D7 1. G G 2. G G

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### August Events

6	Jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 8:30 pm
7	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Road Annex	1 - 4 pm
9	Basic Class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1 - 4 pm
21	Jam Central Grange		10 am - 3 pm
23	Jam Ya-Po-Ah		7 - 9 pm

I asked **Linda Parks** and **Evelyn Horner** to give me information about what went on at **Burns** and the **National Fiddle Contest** in Weiser Idaho.

**Jerry** and **Linda Parks**, **Ken** and **Patti Luse** enjoyed the campout in Burns; "Lots of good jamming with friends we haven't seen for almost two years. From there, we went to the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho, this one being very unlike past years. We were not able to sit in the air conditioned auditorium watching the performances throughout the days and there was no evening entertainment. Each contest allowed 10 friends to enter the stage area and it was exceedingly hot this year. From District 6, Jerry competed in the Senior-Senior Division, along with Evelyn Horner who was a virtual contestant. Both made it to the second round and a huge congratulations to Evelyn Horner for taking 2nd place in that division. We did get in some good jamming times and visits with friends.



It's a lot more fun to hold meetings in person. New officers were elected at the District 6 Business Meeting/Jam at Central Grange.



**Patti & Ken Luse with Jerry & Linda Parks taking a break in Weiser, where the number one topic of conservation was likely how darn hot it was.**

**Evelyn** says, "Hello to all of my friends. I was very lucky this year to come in the top of the Senior-Senior Division at Weiser. If we could get more people to join it would be more fun. Turning 90 this year, I was the oldest fiddler. I was joined with my son, **Ben** and daughter, **Shelby** to do a special tune. Also, I performed in the showcase with my kids. We dressed up in 1928 styles and played "Coquette", a tune written that year. All in all, a great time and all done at home.



**Evelyn Horner**

Birthday Greetings: **David Elliker-Vagsberg** (8/8), **Jim Ford** (8/14), **Bertie Gilbert** (8/18), "**Addison**" **Talbot** (8/20), **Bernie Roberts**

~ Shirley Humphreys, District 6 Reporter



It's also more fun to attend the 2021 National Fiddle Contest in Weiser in person. Rod Anders, Jerry Parks, Ken Luse and Linda Parks were there.



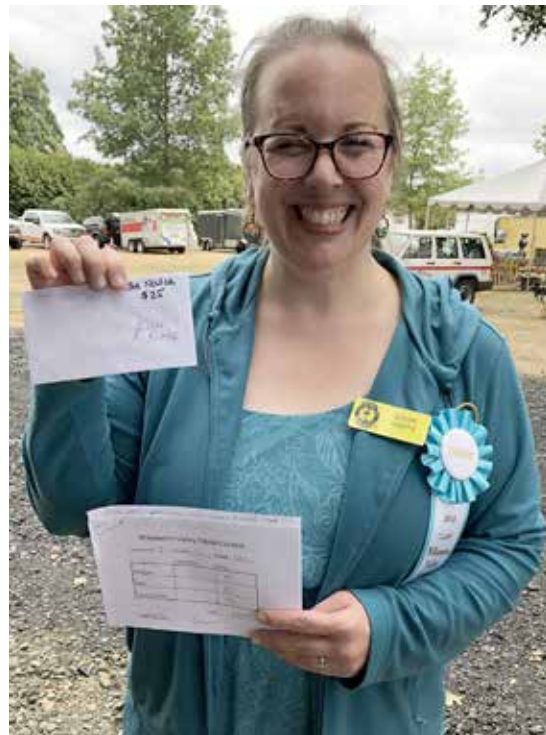
## It's Not a Violin Anymore · Jessie Kurtz

**My first experience with OOTFA was in January 2018.** For years, I had heard of this mysterious group of people who fiddled together, and finally I thought I'd find out exactly what was going on. This instrument formerly known as my violin (it's a fiddle now!) had been mostly hidden away in its case for about 25 years, and I was terribly out of practice. What's more, I had never memorized a tune or learned one by ear. So imagine my surprise when I showed up at the **Willakenzie Jam** that rainy Friday evening! Where was the sheet music? How was I **ever** going to learn these tunes? I sat embarrassed as the group played one tune after another thinking I would quietly slip out at the first opportunity, but I never got the chance.

At break time, **Tony Humphreys** (whose name I didn't know at the time) came straight up to me and asked if I knew the tune "Red River Valley". Well, I was familiar with the tune certainly, but played by ear? No way! But with Tony's help and kind encouragement, I found that I could stumble my way through it after all. When the break ended, these folks patiently helped me get the tune started, and I somehow managed to limp along to the rhythm of guitars, bass, banjo and mandolins. By the time the tune ended I was **hooked**. So you see, it was not just music that caused me to love and join OOTFA; It was the kindness of these dear folks who welcomed me with open arms.



**Tony Humphreys encouraged Jessie at her first OOTFA jam. This pic is from the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering in Prineville in 2019. After last year's cancellation, the event returns this year, rebranded as Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering.**



**Jessie took third place in the Novice Division of the 2018 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest.**



**Since Jessie wrote this she has had the fortune to join OOTFA members in public again! Here she is at Central Grange for the musical portion of District 6's Meeting/Jam on July 17th.**

**lamette Valley Fiddle Contest!** Somehow I got up the nerve to enter in 2018 and placed third place in the novice division, to my great surprise. (I also entered in 2019, but did not do quite as well in the standard division, ha ha.)

As an introvert, I have really retreated into my own little bubble over the past year of isolation, and have not reached out to folks and stayed in touch as I should have, nor have I been practicing. To be perfectly honest, it is just no fun to play all by myself! Please know that I miss you all dearly, and I eagerly look forward to the day when we can safely and freely gather and make music again.

Over the next two years, I met with an unbelievable amount of kindness from **so many** people and made wonderful friends, not only in my own district, but beyond. I had the time of my life at **Fiddle Camp**, the **Prineville Gathering**, the annual **OOTFA Convention**, and countless jams and performances. And, I can't forget the **Wil-**



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### August Events

- |    |            |   |           |
|----|------------|---|-----------|
| 7  | Circle Jam | Sunnyside Grange                                  | 1 - 4 pm  |
|    |            | 13130 SE Sunnyside Road Happy Valley              |           |
| 14 | Jam        | Bob's Memorial Bash                               | Noon      |
|    |            | The Jorgensen's Home, 50995 SE Baty Road Sandy OR |           |
| 18 | Gig        | Clackamas County Fair                             | 2 - 4 pm  |
|    |            | 694 NE 4th Street Canby OR                        | 2:00-4:00 |
| 25 | Gig        | Bonaventure of Tigard                             | 3 - 4 pm  |
|    |            | 15000 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard                       |           |

Hello District 7, as you can see we have a lot of events this month when we can play together, and I am really looking forward to them! Our **Sunnyside Jam** on Saturday the 7th will be important for us because we will discuss the music that we'll play at the **Clackamas County Fair**. We hope to see a big turn out for that. **Bob's Memorial Jam** will be the last gathering to honor our good friend **Bob Huffman** who passed away last summer. It's a potluck so bring something to eat and a chair for jamming under a canopy of lovely shade trees.

This month I interviewed **Ron Zabudsky**, our long time "Scheduler". He told me that he has been doing this job for about 15 years but now he needs to retire and is recruiting others to continue this important work. Ron, thank you for setting up all the lovely places where District 7 has played over the years. Your fine work has really been appreciated. If you are interested in scheduling our musical gatherings please give Ron a call.



**Ron Zabudsky, long-time District 7  
Gig Scheduler**



In case you haven't heard our longtime District 7 friend Myrtle Arnold has moved to Idaho to be near her daughter. Her address is:  
**4076 Cambridge Circle Rigby ID 83442.**  
**We will miss you Myrtle!**

**Ron began playing his violin** when he was about 8 years old. His father came from Ukraine and loved playing music. He played many instruments and wanted his five children to play them, too, and so he taught them how. Ron's family would have regular "jams" where his siblings, father, and in-laws would be playing violins, saxophones, mandolins, the piano and others. He also played a lot of music in his church but over time developed "bad habits". He had a good "ear" but bowing was problematic. As he grew older his regular life took "second fiddle" to his playing and he put away his violin for awhile.

A number of years later he decided he wanted to play his violin again. He was in Estacada and went to a concert where he heard some good fiddle music and was introduced to **Donna Foreman** who then became his teacher. She helped him correct some of his "bad habits" and he was ready to start playing again. In addition to playing with **Oregon Old Time Fiddlers** he also plays with the **East County Community Orchestra** and has played with them for 15 years both as a first and second violinist. He also has continued to play at his church and looks forward to playing with OOTFA again after all this time.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

## 35 Years Enhancing OOTFA · Ted Hunt

By Joyce Orsini of District 8

In the mid 80's, when **Ted** was camping at Diamond Lake, he heard music coming from across the water. His curiosity brought him to the other side where he met musicians jamming and having a good time and introduced him to **OOTFA**. Soon after, he joined and has been back-up guitarist and vocalist in District 8 ever since. A pillar, he is now District 8's event scheduler, as well.

Ted's love of music started as a child when he sat next to his mother playing the piano. During high school he liked rock music, and without formal training learned to play the guitar and harmonica. Exposed to western music in college, he participated in their Saturday evening shows. He also played music over the air at the campus radio station. Later on he started singing along when he played guitar, accompanying his 2nd wife on the recorder.

**Western music** is his favorite, and he prefers uplifting songs like "Come Ride With Me" and "Campfire Waltz" written by Dave Stamey. When contrasting western music to country and rock, and comparing different singers' treatments of songs, Ted observed that *"The person singing the song makes it what it is."*

Ted has a wall of stringed instruments in his home, among them a 12-string guitar, banjo and uke. He admits to *'playing at'* all of them from time to time.

Ted will be on stage at the **International Western Music Association Showcase** in Albuquerque this November. He has belonged to this group for five years and has performed with their local chapter several times.

In addition to his musical talents, Ted has had a number of patents. One of them you'll see if you watch competitive swimming, the **touch plate**. Ted sold the patent to **Bulova**. As long as he can remember, Ted has liked to look at problems and solve them. This led him to work with an instrument manufacturer, where he tested electronic instrumentation for aircraft. In 1959 Ted was recruited by **Tektronix, Inc** in Portland. Ten years later he and a partner started their own business. He spent 15 years in trade, mostly at consumer electronics shows. That's when he became "head problem solver" at his own business.

For fun Ted programs computers, creates objet d'art of stained glass, fused glass, wood carvings, and leatherwork. And, he is a chocolatier, making everything from the chocolate to cherry cordials and truffles, some with liquors.



**Ted playing with District 8 at the Heritage Center Museum in 2019**

Ted has come a long way from being a little brother to three protective sisters in Troy, Ohio, living in California, Arizona, and Oregon, interested in languages in high school (studied French and Latin), and studying physics and math at college. It's clear he doesn't know the meaning of retirement. If there's a problem, he will solve it.

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### August Events

- 5 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home** **1-3 pm**  
**Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes.**
- 14 Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class;**  
**revised; by EAR via zoom**
- 19 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home** **1-3 pm**
- 21 Martha Hughes' Basic Fiddle Class;**  
**revised; by EAR via zoom**

**Basic Fiddle Class revised: First 5 – 10 mins; easy to moderate ear training, then learn 2 tunes by EAR in 40 minutes! All tunes on District 8 performance list. Meets online via zoom. Contact Martha Hughes at 503-939-2271 for details.**

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter



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**We have begun Friday Night Jams** on a full-time basis. Call Joan Suther if you have questions about time and place. We are planning on meeting either in **Hines City Hall, Outlaw Wood Products** store front, or **Hines City Park**, located in the same general area. 6:30p m is our new starting time.

One **Friday Night Jam** in July, we played in the gazebo in Hines City Park and **Edna Jenkins** from District 1 joined us along with guests **Ken** and **Conner**. It was also nice to see **Lynn Mims** who came to enjoy the music. That night was our biggest jam in over a year!

Thanks to all who helped clean up and set up and serve at our **High Desert Campout**. Can't thank you enough. Thanks also to those who came. Next years dates will be June 16, 17 and 18 at the **Harney County Fairgrounds**.

Happy Birthday to **Dan Suther** who turned 91 in July.....Wahooo!

~ Musically Yours, Marianne Andrews,  
District 9 Reporter



**Dan Suther recently celebrated his 91st birthday. He even cooked his daughter, Joan, a pork tenderloin dinner!**

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**There were fun fiddle frolics at the Booher Jam** on July 3. As usual, the Booherers sounded great and welcomed all to the jam! **Chris, Kenneth, Ned, Brendan, Ben** and others kept the jam going for hours. A few musicians came from Northern California, and **Isaac Helland** came down from Lebanon. We shared tunes, learned new ones, and covered many genres from old-time to western swing, classic country to bluegrass, Celtic to jazz. Thanks to **Mike** and **Dolores Booher** for their hospitality.



**Jim Leininger & Joe Ross** played at the Celebration of Life for Craig Riley

On July 4, **Jim Leininger** and **Joe Ross** played for an hour at the Celebration of Life for **Craig Riley** in Oakland. His was a life well lived with family, friends, music, food and good times. On July 10, **Chuck Stayer** and friends played at **Larry's Automotive** in Winston during their **Graffiti Cruise and BBQ**. One thing about being an oldtime fiddler, you never go hungry!

**Carina Ravely** stopped by to camp at the **Douglas County Fairgrounds**, and several District 10 members joined her for some jamming. Our district is playing a few outdoor gigs at retirement homes, and we're continuing to have twice weekly jams on most Mondays and Fridays.

In August, we celebrate birthdays of **Barbara Willhoft** (Aug 1), **Gynn Deaton** (Aug 7), **Jim Leininger** (Aug 12), **Hal Thompson** (Aug 13), **Ron Pinard** (Aug 17) and **Chuck Stayer** (Aug 19). **Joe** and **Kathy Ross** celebrate their 39th Anniversary on Aug 7. Congrats also to **Frank Moore** and **Karen Bennett** who celebrate their 5th Anniversary on Aug 25.

Now Let's Get Back to the Music!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

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& Chris Booher
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