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## Back in the Saddle Again

Oh, what fun we had at the 2022 Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering in Prineville, September 16 & 17. See page 4 for some of the highlights!



Andrea Carmack, Riley Moog and Lillian Gardner take the stage in Prineville

## Thinking Ahead

2023 Contest Information: Plans are underway for the **2023 Annual Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest** to be held on March 18, 2023. Our goal is to hold the contest at the same location – The **Lebanon Mennonite Church** – as it proved to be a fabulous venue for our contest.

Please consider being a contestant, accompanist, volunteer, audience member, donor – and possibly some or all of the above! All are necessary and appreciated! The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association has held this contest almost every year (2020 being the exception) for well over 50 years and it is well worth continuing into the future. We'll keep you posted as plans progress.

~ Eileen Walter

## Wanted: Young Fiddlers

**Junior Hoedowner is back!** After more than two years of being seriously hampered by pandemic-related non-activity, OOTFA is, once again, fully operational. We are happy to see a new crop of young fiddlers showing up at our events and attending activities created for them.

**Junior Hoedowner** is a monthly feature that spotlights one of those new talents. If you know of a fiddle playing youth who would like to be featured in the Hoedowner, please let me or your District Reporter know and we will arrange an interview. If your reporter can't do it, perhaps you can. Another option will be a long-distance interview via email which I can do from Eugene. It will be important to provide a picture, as well.

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**All New Kids' Fiddle Jam!** October 14, 6:30-8:00 pm, in the Eugene Area. There was one held in September and it was a huge success despite the lack of electricity due to the power outages. This is a kids/family oriented fiddle jam on the second Friday of the month. Please come join us to meet other young people who like to play old time fiddle. All levels and ages are welcome. We will learn a tune by ear and then practice some other tunes. **Please contact Jenny Jonak at [jenny@jonak.com](mailto:jenny@jonak.com) for directions.**

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**Fiddle in the Park!** District 10 invites young people to discover the wonders of playing music. **Jude Stensland** tells all about it in this issue!

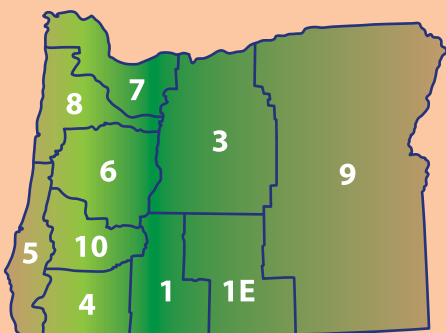
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The **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** featured several performances from youngsters in a special afternoon presentation, and the many kids that attended the **West Cascades Fiddle Camp** are still talking about the great fun they had and things they learned. It warms the heart to know that they are loving the same music we love!

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## 2023 Membership Renewal

Please send your dues to your District Membership Chair.  
\$20 per year (Hoedowner comes to you via email)  
or \$25 if you want to receive a printed Hoedowner.

## Dear OOTFA Members.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President this past year. It has been quite an adventure and I cherish your friendships. We survived the COVID crisis and continue to go forward. I so appreciate your dedication to the values of this great organization.

It is time to turn over the reins to your **new President, Cindy Crane**. Please give her your support and love.

Keep playing that wonderful oldtime music, and God bless you!

~ Hugs, Marcella

## Hello OOTFA Members,

I am honored to serve as your **State President for Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association**. I look forward to getting to know more of you, playing music and working with you to keep our music and organization going strong. Together we can accomplish much!

Many thanks to **Marcella Easley** for her service as our president for the past year! Marcella, your service is appreciated!

**Terry McLain** has agreed to serve as **State Vice President** until the next election and our OOTFA Board of Directors has approved his appointment. Thank you, Terry!

At the September 16th **OOTFA Board Meeting** in Prineville, the Board voted to postpone the approval of the Proposed 2022 Bylaw Revisions as written. I will be appointing a new OOTFA Bylaws Review/Revision committee to prepare a 2023 Bylaw Revision Proposal.

Please reach out to me anytime. 530-574-6176 cell.

~ All the best, Cindy

## OOTFA President's Report



**Outgoing OOTFA President, Marcella Easley**



**New OOTFA President, Cindy Crane**



## New OOTFA Members • October 2022

The Davidsons	Terrebonne (3)
Zavier & Sahalie Dietrich	Junction City (6)
Russ Dixon	Florence (5)
Kurt, Neysa, Linnaea, Genessa Farris	Culver (3)
Kathy Perry	Roseburg (10)
Jay Schindler	Klamath Falls (1)
Cathi Sweetman	Coquille (5)
Willie & Sandy Walter	North Bend (5)
Janet Wellington	Florence (5)

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### October Events

13 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
27 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm  
Johnny Rogers every Wednesday 9 am

**Greetings All from District One, Happy Fall Ya'll.**

The weather has turned cooler in Klamath Falls and we are hitting overnight lows down into the upper 30's...the days still heat up in the afternoons and it has been wonderful to have those crisp Fall mornings and cooler nights. Fall weather here is definitely something special.

We have had practices and jams here in District One, as well as our Assisted Living gigs. The **Johnny Rodgers Jam** is still going strong, and **Ms. Sheila Fry** recently went and learned some new chords on a guitar that her late husband **Phillip Fry** was working on before he passed away. Sheila was able to find someone to finish the guitar and as soon as she got it back, she headed to the Johnny Rodgers Jam to work on learning chords.

**Ms. Edna Jenkins** traveled to the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** in September, which featured a state business meeting, and she represented District One very well...thank-you Edna! **Irene Rud-dock** also hosted a Jam at her house with District One members and guest **Don Hamlin**. It was a fun time had by all. We would also like to welcome new member **Jay Shindler** to District One...Howdy and Welcome!

**God Bless and Keep Fiddlin'!**

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

### State Treasurer's Report As of: 9/13/2022

State Checking Account	5,645
State Scholarship (inc.in above)	1,897
General Certificate of Deposit	12,166
Contest Certificate of Deposit	4,582
Kielhorn Money Market	15,239
All Districts' Accounts	121,983
OOTFA - TOTAL CASH ASSETS	159,614

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**God Bless and Keep Fiddlin'!**

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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**It's been a push and shove on our Christmas Valley Jam.** I've talked to a few and was asked to keep it as the first full weekend in May, like our 2021 campout was, so that puts it at May 4-7, 2023. The **State Convention** is the following week.

We had a great time at the **Lake County Fair**. Had **Edna Jenkins** from Klamath Falls and **Rachel Eickhoff**, along with **Linda** and **Tyler**. We had a great time with them.

The Thursday Jam at **Rosa Lee's** are still going. Come play a tune if you're ever in the area. Let us know and we will make a jam.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

### You Shop, AmazonSmile Donates to Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association *So, how do I set up and then use AmazonSmile account?*

- To get started with AmazonSmile, visit [www.smile.amazon.com/](http://www.smile.amazon.com/) on your web browser and sign in with your Amazon.com credentials.
- Choose our charitable organization written exactly like **Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc** (yes, Old Time is 2 words as it would not let us use Oldtime and **no** period after "assoc") to receive donations.
  - Start shopping! Every time you want to shop at **AMAZON**, choose **AMAZONSMILE LOGIN**. Always check in the heading that it says **AMAZONSMILE**... then SHOP. It's exactly like shopping with Amazon but a very small portion goes to OOTFA...which helps.



# 2022 Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering

After a two year hiatus, OOTFA State Officers began putting together a State Convention in Prineville. District 3 members, **Ellen Jakab, Joan Coleman, Judi Seger** and **Jeannette Bondsteel** picked up the torch for the final 6 weeks and put on a marvelous event!

**Kim Martin** helped with PR and you can see media coverage of it [here](#) and [here](#)

**Dennis Will, Rhea & Art Bigelow** helped with the parking and camping and **Linda Parks** handled reservations.

Old friends and new ones came together to create a big family full of love and music.



Long-time OOTFA treasure, Jack Kerr, enjoys the show



Chance Mott channels his inner-Charlie Daniels



Louiane, Lilly & Adelaine Potvin demonstrating the talents their dad, Marcel, taught them



Rose Marie Witnauer with a song and a banjo



Joan Coleman just loves to play her accordion



Jeff and Marlene Stevens making beautiful music



Cousin Minnie Pearl (sometimes known as Pat Borden) was there to host the shows on Saturday. On the left with husband, Frank, and on the right, with an adoring fan.



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The Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering was held September 15 through 17 at the **Crook County Fairgrounds** in Prineville. The sky was clear of smoke, was well attended, and we had a really good time. We made the news, with a reporter from **Central Oregon Daily** showing up with a camera and putting together a nice piece for that news show. To see their story [Click here](#).

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I must begin my report on the activities of District 4 with a tribute, and many thanks, to District 5 for the wonderful **"Fiddle at the Beach"** music event at Winchester Bay. Many District 4 members attended the four day festival and thoroughly enjoyed everything. The coffee in the morning with the scrumptious homemade rolls, so lovingly made fresh every morning, by **Ruth Weyer**. The all-day opportunities to jam and fellowship with the wonderfully talented musicians that comprise our organization. The evening shows emceed by the charming hosts **Kriss Fenton** and **Luke VanHagen**. "Thanks", too, go to **Joe Ross** from District 10 who seemed to be everywhere with his camera preserving wonderful memories for everyone. Two District 4 members also brought home trophies.

**Judy McGarvey** won for the best costume with her "Chicken Tunes" and her chicken costumes. She also won for the "Oldest Fiddler". **Oran Barr** won for "Best Song" with his lovely rendition of Amazing Grace. Needless to say District 4 is already anticipating next year's Festival.

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All fiddlers in the room were invited on stage with emcee, Minnie Pearl

**District 3 October Events** to be determined.  
If you do not receive an email, feel free to contact a District 3 officer.

We recently lost our harmonica player **"Fast Eddie" MacKenzie** to a long-term illness. He is survived by his wife **Diana**, who plays the banjo. Eddie and Diana were known for holding jam sessions at their home and also at OOTFA jamborees, where they would set up a canopy or tent. Eddie played a variety of styles, blended well with other musicians, and was just fun to listen to. We'll miss him.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter



Judy McGarvey and Oran Barr were winners at "Fiddle at the Beach"

## HOEDOWNER Tune of the Month

Special Thanks to  
David Altman  
of District 7  
for providing  
Tune of the Month  
for October

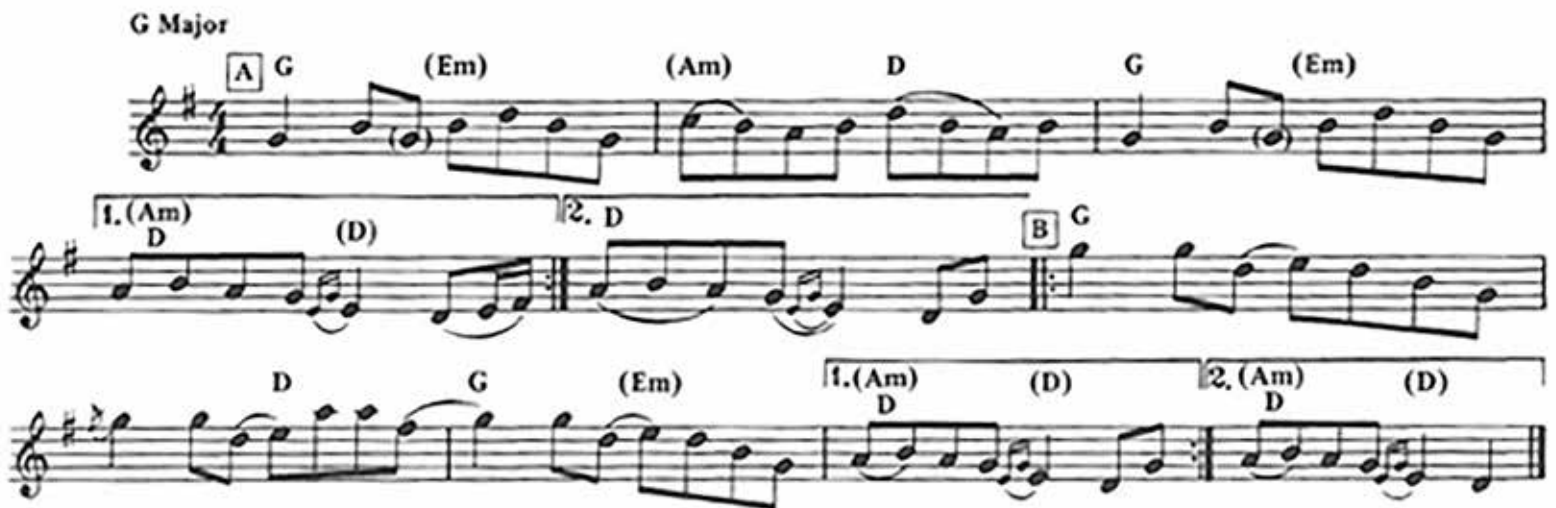
Here are some common fiddle tunes in the key of G which are great for putting a beat under the feet of the dancers. Many fiddle traditions aren't about playing a single song alone but approach the music about what would be a good combination of tunes. Sometimes, I like the combination of these two together where the thought was to stay in the same key.

The first is from the Shetland Islands usually with the title **Jack Broke Da Prison Door** which you can find on page 141 of **The Fiddler's Fakebook**. Supposedly, the tune was composed in the 18th century by a renowned fiddler named **John Gaudie** who went by the name of Jack. This fiddler had an accident when a large hammer fell on his head. Once he recovered, most accounts claim he was an even better fiddler, but he was then prone to drinking a bit too much and therefore was thrown in prison for being too rowdy. When this supposedly happened, he smashed the door down and just left the prison to compose the tune. Here's one video of two

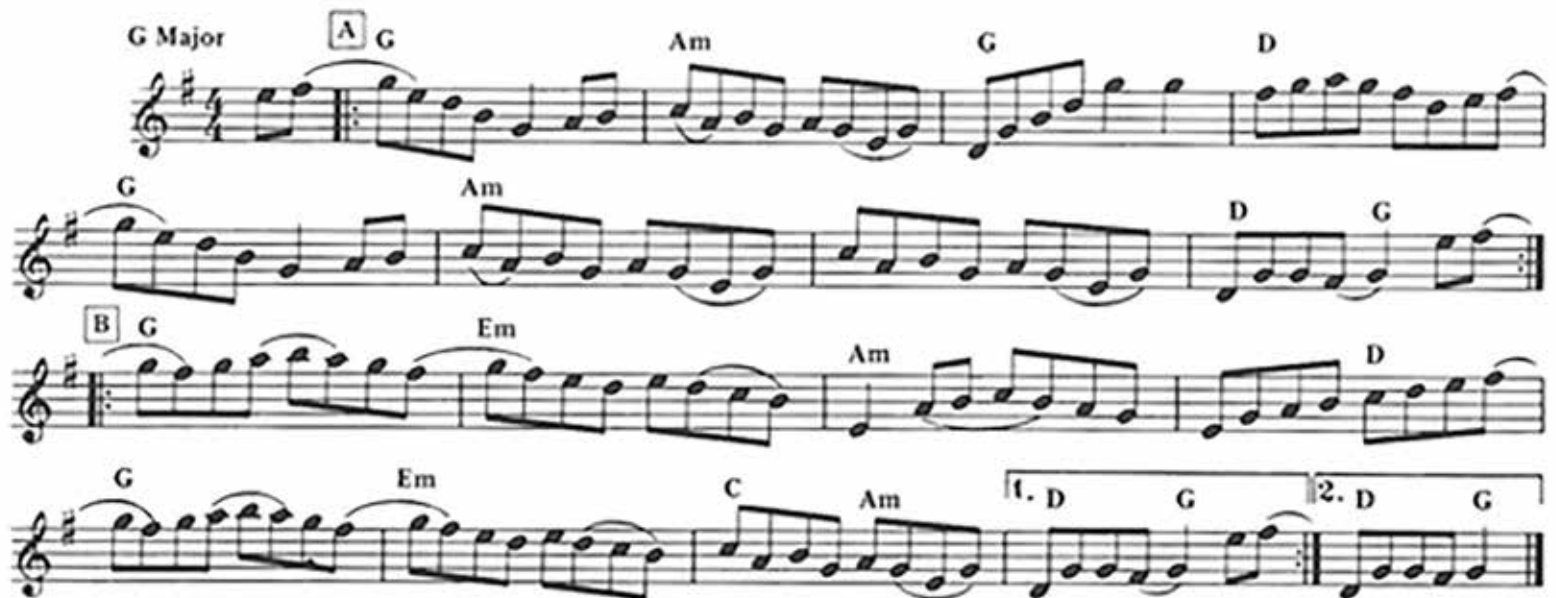
great fiddlers with **Fairport Convention** playing the tune with words they wrote about the exploits of [John Gaudie](#).

**Swinging on a Gate** is claimed by many different old-time fiddling traditions. No one really knows where it comes from originally, which is true of many fiddle tunes. This second tune can also be found in **The Fiddler's Fakebook** on page 272. Here are two videos, one recorded in Michigan by [Chris Walden](#) as backup for a contra dance and another recorded by the Irish fiddler [Fergal Scahill](#) who was actually swinging on a hammock when he made the recording.

### Jack Broke da Prison Door



### Swinging on a Gate





#### *District 4 continued*

District 4 finished August with their last performance for the summer at the **Bonfire-Wiener Roast** at the **RV Park** in Prospect. The camp was completely full with visitors and district members happy to welcome musicians **Irene Ruddock** and **Edna Jenkins** who drove over the mountain to join the fun.

September fun began with the Saturday monthly meeting and jam at the **Fruitdale Grange** in Grants Pass. The following Monday, which was Labor day, some of the members played for a gig at **The Springs Assisted Living Center** in Medford. The residents there have a 2 hour staggered lunch hour which allowed all the diners to enjoy the 2 hour performance by the musicians. The musicians were treated to a lovely lunch after their performance.

The October gig calendar is filling in quickly. The monthly meeting and jam will be held at the **Phoenix Grange** in Phoenix, Oregon on 10/1/22. Meeting at 11:30, warm-up jam 12:30, sign-up jam and open to the public, 1-3:00. Bring snacks to share, and please, come a little early to help set up the chairs.

Mark you calendars for 10/8/22. At 1:00 pm the district will play at **Pheasant Fields Farms** in Phoenix. This is a much loved gig the musicians are invited to yearly. It's lots of fun with an audience of varied ages, so don't miss coming. Also, not to be missed, is the gig on 10/22/22 at 11:00. We have been invited to play for the 150th birthday celebration for the **Butte Creek Mill** in Eagle Point.

Check the online calendar for all gigs and jams their time and directions or call an officer; they're always happy to help.

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

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**Due to COVID**, this was the first time I had been fortunate enough to attend District 5's "**Fiddle at the Beach**" in Winchester Bay. After hearing about it for nearly three years, I must say, I was **not disappointed!** It was great. Lots of good music, good food, great folks, and, well, what else needs to be said? The turnout, both from members and the public, was great, and the enthusiasm was infectious. I thought I was getting there early on Friday, but, heck, there was a full-on jam session already in progress. Tunes ranged from old-time fiddle tunes (naturally) to gospel, spirituals, and even "Wagon Wheel." Quite frankly, folks, I had a blast.

A short run-down: **Rachel Eickhoff**, fresh from her European tour, was our youngest fiddler, while **Judy McGarvey** took home the "most senior" fiddler as well as the "best costume." Judy celebrated her 88th birthday the last day of the event, and **Jim Kuether** won best fiddle, most deservedly.

A very special shout-out to those who helped make this a first-rate event:

First-up: **Ruth Weyer**, who, besides making coffee every morning (her day started at about 5:00 am),



**Rachel Eickhoff taking the lead at "Fiddle at the Beach" in August**

coordinated the kitchen and seemed to be everywhere at once, staying as late as 10:00 in the evening. She wasn't alone of course: **Bill** and **Pat Winfrey** were omnipresent, helping out everywhere and running the sound system. Other folks were chipping in as well, and everything ran very smoothly. To quote **Barbara Scheirman** "It takes a Village, but those folks went way above and beyond, for sure!"

I can't wait until next year!

~ Al & Nicole Pierce, District 5 Reporters

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### October Events

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| <b>1 Intermediate Fiddle Class</b>  | <b>1 - 3 pm</b>    |
| River Road Annex, Eugene  |                    |
| <b>3 Beginning Fiddle Class</b>   | <b>1 - 3 pm</b>    |
| Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene  |                    |
| <b>7 Eugene Hotel Jam</b>   | <b>7 - 8:30 pm</b> |
| <b>8 Central Grange Jam</b>   | <b>10:30 am</b>    |
| 87200 Central Road (across from Perkins Peninsula Park, Fern Ridge) - Bring own lunch |                    |
| <b>14 Ya-Po-Ah Terrace Jam</b>  | <b>7 pm</b>        |

The **Great Smokey Mountains** have nothing on us here in Oregon. We have smokey mountains, smokey valleys, smokey plains and smokey beaches. I know I wasn't the only one concerned with the possibility of the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** being canceled due to excessive smoke, but it wasn't and a splendid time was had by all. **Thank you, District 3**, for hosting the event. Prineville is an ideal location for an **OOTFA State Convention** due to its location. It is wonderful to have attendees from all corners of our great state.

Our beloved **Central Grange Jam** was canceled in September due to excessive smoke. In August we had no power at the grange so we just jammed outside. In September we didn't have that option.

We are very excited about an October 21 gig at the **Wildish Theater** in downtown Springfield. It will be a part of their monthly **Art Walk** and will be a first for us in that venue. We are also going to be having all-comers jams on the first Fridays of each month at the **Eugene Hotel Retirement Community**. It was a popular venue for a long time before the onset of COVID.



**All-new Kid's Fiddle Jam begins for youth and adults in the Eugene area**

**Jenny Jonak** is hosting an all-new Kids' Fiddle Jam on the second Fridays of each month from 6:30-8:00 in southwest Eugene (watch for announcements when the exact location has been determined}. Members are welcome to join in and back up some young folks. All levels and ages are welcome. We will learn a tune by ear and then practice some other tunes. See the accompanying article on page 1 of this issue for more information.

Birthday Greetings: Birthdays: **Wayne Carter** (10/4), **Chuck Roehrich** (10/7), **Ila Mae Carmickle** (10/8), **Lisa Ponder** (10/13), **Robin Lindsey** (10/17)

Anniversary: **Jim And Teresa Bowers**

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

## Junior Hoedowner

**CJ Callahan** is an 11 year old fiddler from Eugene. She placed 3rd in the **2021 Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers State Contest** and 7th at the **2022 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest**.

CJ has been playing violin for 6 years, but then, she discovered fiddle music. She says, "When I was 7 years old, my violin teacher at the time, Miya Saito-Beckman, introduced it to me. She's still teaching me fiddle tunes!" (Miya was the beginning youth fiddle instructor at this year's West Cascades Fiddle Camp).

Her favorite fiddling experience, so far, was attending **West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops**.

Fiddle playing doesn't come easy and requires plenty of practice so CJ encourages others to "Stick with it, and keep a smile on your face!"



**CJ Callahan**



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### October Events

**1 Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm**  
Sunnyside Grange  
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley

**Greetings, OOTFA members.** As I write this it is a beautiful day outside. The beginning of Fall is here along with some cooler weather. In the middle of the night yesterday my husband said he heard some "dripping" noise in the house, so we got up to figure out what it was and low and behold it was raining on our skylight! We were so surprised since we hadn't heard that sound for a long time. It is really nice to have some cooler weather and a little rain to perk up the flowers and those of us who are tired of the heat.



District 7 and 8 members playing at the Sons and Daughters of the Oregon Pioneers Pavilion in Champoege Park (Pictured: Gayle Clarity, Nancy Christie, Carol Ann Wheeler, Marcella Easley and Maggie Dickerson)

We just got back from the **Acoustic Music Gathering in Prineville** and enjoyed being there. Some of the activities that were offered were: "Workshops on the Guitar" by **Jerry Parks**, "The Accordion" by **Joan Coleman**, "Mandolin" by **Bill O'Sullivan**, a "Youth Teaching Youth" class by **Chance Mott**, a "Bass Class" by **Ken Luse**, and a "Dance Lesson" by **Jerry and Linda Parks**. In the evenings we enjoyed "Canned Band" and Dance Band performances, as well as time for "Oldtime Fiddlers on the stage" and Night Owl Jamming, too.

There also was time for the State Board Meeting on Friday and the Membership Meeting on Saturday. At this point I would like to thank **Marcella Easley, OOTFA President**, for all her hard work on the Bylaws Committee and for the many other things she has been working on during her tenure as our President. We wish her well as she goes on to other adventures with her fiddle and dulcimer.

We have been pleased with the attendance at our monthly Circle Jam on the first Saturday of the month. Sometimes we have about 25 musicians in the grange hall. In September we had 11 fiddles, 3 guitars, 2 mandolins, one bass and about 6 visitors who came to listen. We invite anyone who is near the Portland area or from other districts to come and play with us. We have lots of room in the **Sunnyside Grange!**

Have fun with all your music.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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### October Events

**6 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm**  
Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes  
**14 Jam at Marilyn Owen's home 1 - 3 pm**  
RSVP 503-560-1258  
**20 Jam at Rae Parlier's home 1 - 3 pm**  
RSVP 503-560-1258  
**22 District 8 Monthly Jam 1 - 3 pm**  
Marie Bailey's home

**Martha Hughes' basic fiddle classes** will be the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the **Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community** on Wheatland Road. These classes are "live" (not Zoom). RSVP is required – call her at 503-393-2271 or email her at: mh.hughes8@gmail.com.

If you would like help with fiddle lessons, now is the time to register for scholarship assistance. The District 8 program will help with a percentage of the cost of lessons. Contact **Marie Bailey** if you need this help or just wish further information. Our year for scholarship assistance is September through August.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

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Reporter: Marianne Andrews

**Joan Suther, Janet Braymen, Don and Debbie Greenfield, Dayla and Randy Gibson, Jane Jones, Aurora Potts and Lynn Mims** enjoyed the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** in Prineville.

**Don Williams**, a member of OOTFA since the early days of District 9 (mid 1980s), passed on August 24. He and his wife **LaWanda** attended most jams and were especially known for their wonderful dancing.

He loved Irish and old-time tunes and would sing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling", every March. He was close to his 93rd birthday when he passed away. The Fiddlers played during the family dinner following the services. Thanks to **Ron Phillips** for driving down from John Day to help out.

We are back at the **The Hub Senior Center** for our Sunday Potluck and Jams, starting October 9. Watch the **Burns-Times Herald** for the potluck conformation. The Jam will start at 2:00 and conclude at 4:00.

The Friday Night Jams continue to be held at the **Hines City Hall** at 6:30. We'd love to see you there. If you are passing through and wish to join us, call a District 9 officer.

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

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### October Events

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 Littlebrook Mobile Home Park | 2:30 – 4:30 pm |
| 200 Littlebrook Lane, Roseburg |                |
| 4 The Landing                  | 12 – 1 pm      |
| 13 Rosehaven                   | 10 - 11 am     |
| 20 Riverview Terrace           | 3:30 - 4:30 pm |
| 22 Sutherlin Senior Center Jam | 12 – 3 pm      |
| 27 Bridgewood Rivers           | 2 – 3 pm       |

**Cool, crisp autumn days are ahead.** We accomplished a lot this summer! At weekly "**Fiddle in the Park**" group lessons, enthusiastic kids and adults learned beginning fiddle tunes. We're very proud of you all, and we also appreciate those who donated fiddles to help out. Getting an instrument into one's hands is the first step to becoming a fiddler. Please see **Jude's** full summer activity report in this edition of **The Hoedowner**.

Our quarterly membership meeting was held on September 24. If applicable, a report of any major discussions or decisions there will be included in the November issue of The Hoedowner.

Monday afternoon jams from 3 – 5 pm have moved back to the **Pineview Mobile Home Estates Club House** (1200 E. Central, Sutherlin) for fall and winter.



**Jude Stensland, Jim Leininger, Kelly Wadsworth, Jim Kuether, Joe Ross and Frank Moore at The Landing**

We may occasionally jam at **Winston Assembly of God Church** or at a Roseburg location, to be determined. Please sign up with Jude for District 10's Googlegroup to stay updated about jams & gigs.

On our performance schedule, managed by Jude, you'll occasionally see "**Dance Band**" listed. These are the seasoned musicians who have been playing together for awhile, are able to solo and/or provide strong accompaniment. It is our hope that every player who wants to join in this group will continue to grow as musicians and eventually be included. If it says "Everyone" on the gig/jam schedule, then everyone, including young people (and adults) new to music, can join in. We'll cheer you on.

I've circulated photos and videos from **Winchester Bay Fiddle at the Beach**. Those at the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** in Prineville had a wonderful time.

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**Our thanks to District 3** for their hospitality, and to **Joan Coleman, Ellen Jakabs** and **Judi Seger** for their organizational efforts.

It saddens me that guitarist/singer **Jon Tilley** passed away on August 28. He was 82. Cards can be sent to his family c/o **Julia Yarbrough**, 3405 Del Rio Rd., Roseburg, OR. 97471. **Dolores Booher** is recovering from knee replacement surgery on both knees. It's been a tough three months for **Hal** and **Sharon Thompson**. Since her fall at the OOTFA Convention, Sharon's shoulder is still on the mend with regular physical therapy. She can drive on selective routes at certain times. Hal had a heart attack in August and was admitted to OHSU for calcification removal and two stents. He's also started dialysis. Their personal schedule has been sadly disrupted, and they truly miss their dear friends with OOTFA. They are thankful for all their caring, supportive and helpful family and friends. Please keep Jon's family, Julia, Dolores, Sharon and Hal in your prayers and thoughts.

Happy Birthday to **Don Hamlin** (Oct 10), **Sandy Harter** (Oct 17) and a special shout out to **George Breeze** who turns 97 on Oct 25! If we missed your special day, please drop me an email. I'm getting to that age where I feel like the candles are starting to cost more than the birthday cakes!

Keep on Pickin' & Grinnin'!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



**Joe Ross with some aspiring young musicians at "Fiddle in the Park", a new music program hosted by District 10**

## Fiddling in the Park

**Hi all!** I thought you all might be interested some of the results of the **OOTFA Spring State Convention** in Roseburg last May. We applied for and received a small **Kielhorn Grant** to help with sound for the convention. The emphasis of the Kielhorn is on youth education, so with that in mind, we included some youth workshops.

The youth program is growing as a result of the convention. The performances, in addition to the youth oriented workshops, were instrumental in identifying and encouraging youth (and their parents) who are interested in engaging in this type of music.

During the **Summer Arts Festival** (last weekend in June) and the **OOTFA Musical Petting Zoo**, we reconnected with many of those youth who then joined our **"Fiddle in the Park"** music program. Weekly in July and August youngsters learned how to play old-time fiddle music: thirteen fiddlers, two bass players, and four guitars. We also had adults who joined in including fiddle, guitar and mandolin. By the end of the summer, five of the thirteen children performed at the **Douglas County Fair**. With school starting, the park sessions have ended. The young players are being welcomed to our weekly jam sessions and encouraged to join the local youth orchestra. As they progress we plan to include them in our gigs.

**Kelly Wadsworth** is the driving force behind the fiddle classes. Her unflagging enthusiasm and cheerful energy is what keeps us all going. Her daughter and granddaughter are classically trained and are wonderful teachers, with daughter **Amanda** taking the kids that have never held a bow to playing the A part of "Bile Them Cabbage Down" in one lesson! We are bringing up a new generation of fiddlers!

The next **Spring Convention** will be May 11, 12, and 13 in 2023. Please save the date and come see our young fiddlers (and learning adult fiddlers!). I can hardly wait!

~ Jude Stensland, D-10

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Purpose - To promote,  
preserve 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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### In Memoriam

**Alberta "Bertie" Gilbert**, a lifetime member of OOTFA in District 6 who spent her life in Oakridge, passed away at the age of 93 on July 11, 2022. Growing up in Eugene, she attended OSU and moved to Oakridge where she taught school for 42 years. She and her husband **Bill** were big supporters of OOTFA and attended Fiddle Camp when we had it near Oakridge. Bill passed away several years ago and Bertie leaves behind many family members.

**Faith Kersey-Green** a lifetime member of several districts in OOTFA passed away last fall according to her daughter, who contacted us. We send our condolences.

**Alina Swartwood** passed away this summer in Vista, California. She was a Lifetime Member of OOTFA and lived in Klamath Falls in District 1 before moving to Vista, California a year or so ago to be near family. Her husband, **Jake**, passed away in August of 2021. **Sheila Fry** let us know of Ali's passing.

**Jon Tilley**, a Lifetime member of District 10, passed away on August 28. He was active in District 10 along with his partner, Julie Yarbrough. They enjoyed yearly trips to Yuma over the years. Condolences can be sent to Julie Yarbrough and his family at 3405 Del Rio Rd, Roseburg, OR 97471.

**Laura White**, loving wife of our past OOTFA President **Roland White**, passed away in August 2022. She was a Lifetime Member of OOTFA. She was a beautiful mother and a friend to many. She loved animals and spent many years caring for horses. Condolences can be sent to Roland White, PO Box 8441, Bend, OR 97708.

**Don Williams**, Lifetime Member of District 9, passed away on August 24 in Keiser, OR at the age of 92. A service was held previously. He is survived by his 5 children.

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