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Plans are underway for the **Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest** to be held at the **Lebanon Mennonite Church** (2100 S. Second Street in Lebanon) on Saturday, March 18, from 8 am to 10 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining the

fun as a contestant, accompanist, volunteer, audience member – one or more of the above.

The contest will be similar to last year's contest. One change is that there will be a contestant entry fee as follows:

Small Fry, Junior Junior, & Entertainment Divisions: \$10

Junior, Young Adult, Adult, Senior, & Senior Senior Divisions: \$15

Championship Division: \$20

There will be a \$5 discount for each division if pre-registered by March 6.

Audience admission will be by donation, as it was last year.

The Registration form will be available at the beginning of January.

As always, many volunteers are needed to help run a smooth contest (as well as contestants, accompanists, and audience members!) – Please consider volunteering, if even for part of the day – you will be greatly appreciated! Please contact me if you can help out.

Feel free to contact me for any information about the contest: Eileen Walter gdaewalt@comcast.net 503-701-1578.



District 6's Amy Burrow with Ken Luse & Robin Lindsey at the Wildish Theater

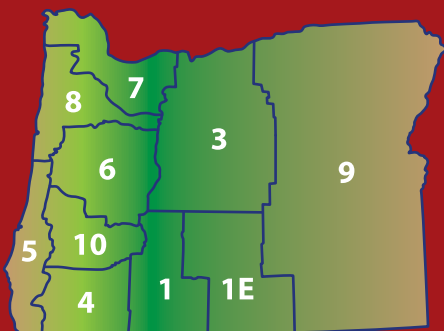


District 7's Donna Reuter won first place in the Entertainment Showcase Division at last year's Oregon State Fiddle Contest



Starr McMullen, District 6 member, took first place in the Senior Division at the Bob Wills Fiddle Festival & Contest in Greenville, Texas in early November

Due to the increased cost of printing the Hoedowner, we have been forced into a new way of doing things. Rather than having a print shop do it, we have moved toward self-printing and mailing. Those who receive the Hoedowner in the mail pay an additional \$5 per year to get it (rather than emailed pdf copy) but it actually costs around \$35 per about 200 household to do it that way. Times are hard financially for OOTFA and we have no choice but to make this decision.



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Hello Everyone,

As I write this, I know I will be busy in the next week preparing for **Turkey Day** and having family with us. By the time this message gets to you the feast will be over, but gratitude will remain! I hope each of you was able to celebrate and recognize the holiday in your own special way!

Eileen Walter and **Jude Stensland** are busy planning our **State Fiddle Contest** and **State Convention** respectively. Thank you to those of you who have already sent contributions to support these important events. Eileen and Jude will be looking for volunteers to help at the events as well. It is a great way to support our organization while having fun! I encourage each of you to think of what part you can play and respond when they reach out.

Remember it's time to renew your membership for 2023. Please do this through either your **District Membership Chair** or our **State Membership Chair, Patti Luse**.

You will notice the Hoedowner looks a little different this month. The amount we have been collecting from members to have Hoedowner mailed has been falling significantly short for a sometime. To help reduce the expense each month: after **Robin Lindsey** does his magic to prepare the Hoedowner, **Patti Luse** and District 6 volunteer(s) will do the printing, folding, labeling, stamping, and getting it mailed. While this won't solve the deficit issue, it is a step in the right direction until a better solution is determined.

Again, many "Thanks" to all of you who make this organization great! Keep connecting, playing, learning, singing, and having FUN! Looking forward to seeing you in person in Lebanon, Oregon for the **OOTFA Winter Gathering January 20-21, 2023**.

Happy Holidays! ~ Cindy

OOTFA President's Report



**OOTFA President,
Cindy Crane**

Attention Holiday Shoppers

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- To get started with AmazonSmile, visit 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.

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December Events

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

Greetings All from District One,

Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas wishes to all of OOTFA! As I write this (in November), before Thanksgiving, I'm writing for December and Christmas. We have enjoyed very nice Fall weather here in District One but we have now transitioned into colder weather and have a little snow on the ground.



Thank you, Jenny Dreyer, for your service as District 1 Reporter

Our District enjoyed participating in the **Potato Festival** in Merrill, Oregon on the 15th of October. We had **Terry McLain** and **Mike Borelli** from District 1E join us, and it was a great time. We had a large turnout for this gig, with 12 OOTFA members attending. Everyone played great and had a ball.



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Well we made it through the spooks on to the turkey. Hoping everyone is having a good winter. A little snow in our part of the world and a great jam at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday nights. Some good tunes coming from the musicians, even some tunes we don't all know, and we all had a good time!

Arlene Henry just received two fiddles back from **Don's Fiddle Repair** and they sound great. Good. Job, Don!

Second Saturday Jams are always good. Come play a tune. We will be playing for the **Holiday Fair** at the Fairgrounds, December 2 from 5:30 – 8. Always fun! We are just background noise. Lots of home made goodies.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

In November, we had the nursing home gigs and it was very nice playing for the residents. They appreciate the music so much; great job District One guys and gals!

Starting in January, **Noranne Sparks** will become the District One's new Hoedowner reporter! I have loved being the District One reporter for quite awhile now (I've been through two editors!) and it has been fulfilling, rewarding and challenging during COVID times. As a busy mom of two, an **Active Duty USAF wife** and the worker of two jobs; Landscaping and Teaching...I am ready to pass the baton on and try and simplify my very full life. I know that Noranne will be perfect. She was the reporter when I took the job and now I am handing it back to her. Thank-you Noranne, I love you girl!

God Bless and Keep Fiddlin ~
Jenny Dreyer,
District 1
Reporter

District 1 and 1E playing together for the Potato Festival in Merrill in October

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**Monthly Dance - Sunday, November 27
from 1:00 to 4:00, Terrebonne Grange,
8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, OR**

Two Christmas Parties in a Row!

Saturday, December 17, 2022, 1:00 - 2:20 pm
Terrebonne Grange has requested musicians
to come play for their **Christmas Party**.

Sunday, December 18, 2022 1:00 - 4:00 pm
December Dance & Potluck Party
at Terrebonne Grange.

The Sunday event is a potluck, so bring your favorite casserole, salad, side dish or dessert. Bring your fiddle, guitar, or other instrument for some dance tunes and a few holiday tunes. Feel free to wear a Santa hat or a holiday shirt or sweater (even if it's ugly!)

District 3 and the Terrebonne Grange are definitely on the "nice list", so bring some cash for the donation box.



Tommy Tucker and Maggie Dickerson at the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering in September

It's time to renew your dues for 2023. You can find the membership registration form at Join **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association** (ootfa.org). Please mail your form and dues payment to **Amber Turnage**, District 3 Membership.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

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The daylight hours are gradually growing shorter but the lack of sunbeams brings us indoors to gather with family and friends to hang cheerful lights, lite candles and play familiar tunes to bring to life the joys of the winter season.

About 14 District 4 musicians gathered at the beautifully rebuilt **Butte Creek Mill** in Eagle Point to help the community celebrate the Grand Reopening of the fully functioning mill. Several mill employees brought baskets of freshly baked breads, cookies, muffins and cakes for the visitors to munch on while the musicians

entertained them with old time music. District 4 members are so happy to welcome back talented musicians **Scotty Phillips** and **Jessie Lotts**.

The District 4 November monthly meeting and jam was held on November 5, the first Saturday of the month at the **Roxy Ann Grange**. The evening before the meeting **Carol Ferrara** had decorated the grange beautifully in a Fall/Thanksgiving theme. Her talents made the room warm and welcoming. At the meeting **Judy McGarvey** presented a tentative schedule of meeting sites for next year, and contributions from District 4 for the convention and fiddle contest were brought to a vote.

At the jam portion of the day a lighthearted audience enjoyed the music and several couples danced to many of the tunes played. Fiddlers **Judy McGarvey** and **Matthew Baker** delighted the audience with a robust and original performance of "Orange Blossom Special" followed by an equally rousing rendition of "Jessie Polka".

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Andrew Rosas, who is so talented with many instruments, performed two tunes on his harp he has recently taught himself to play. Mom, **Christa Price** and her children **Jubal** and **Sidra**, along with family friend **Maddy Bevers**, played several fiddle tunes very well and Sidra performed the tune "Midnight on the Water" on her cello that she's learning to master. The audience erupted in Joyus approval for the accomplishments and hard work of these young people. Its encouraging to see the younger generation performing the old music and promoting the purpose and goals of OOTFA.

The **Tuesday Jammers** are enjoying meeting every Tuesday evening at the **First United Methodist Church** in Medford from 4-6:00 pm. The first hour is spent helping those musicians who are just learning to play a string instrument also anyone learning a tune they want to practice with other musicians. The second 60 minutes is a fun filled hour of old time tunes. Many of the musicians will play for the church **Christmas Special** on December 11.

The December monthly meeting and jam will be held on the first Saturday of the month December 3, at **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. Meeting at 11:30, warm-up jam 12:30, Sign-up jam which is open to the public 1-3:00 pm. Bring snacks to share and please try to come a little early to help set up the room.

Two apologies for mistakes in my November report. The date of the month for the jam appeared as 11/22 which made it seem the jam would be held on the 22 of the month. The correct date, the 5 was somehow lost in transcription. The monthly meetings and jams are always held on the first Saturday of every month. Any change will be announced well in advance of any change. Also they are the "Tuesday Jammers" not the Wednesday Jammers, and they meet every Tuesday not Wednesday! So sorry if anyone was inconvenienced by these mistakes.

Christa Price and her children, Jubal and Sidra, and family friend Maddy Bevers played several fiddle tunes very well at the November District 4 jam



Talented musician, Andrew Rosas played two tunes on his harp at the District 4 jam

All of us at District 4 wish with all our hearts a Joyful Christmas filled with family and friends and a Blessed New Year to all OOTFA members.

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



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Tune of the Month

Special Thanks to
Joe Ross
of District 10
for providing
Tune of the Month
for October

Born in Choisy (Rigaud) in 1959 into a family of farmers, Michel Faubert grew up in a world where song, folk music in particular, held a prominent place during family celebrations. Driven by the musical and literary effervescence that marked Quebec in the 1970s, he began collecting traditional songs and legends in his county of Vaudreuil-Soulanges.

Inspired by the movement back to Quebec roots, he began collecting songs and stories from the elderly in his region, then throughout Quebec and Acadia

"Waltz of the Toys", or "Valse Des Jouets", is a delightful tune and several very different versions can be found on YouTube.

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Waltz of the Toys (Valse Des Jouets)

Michel Faubert

French Canadian

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D Major

The musical score for "Waltz of the Toys" (Valse Des Jouets) is written in D Major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a key signature change to D Major and a 3/4 time signature. The second staff includes a measure marked with a '5' below it. The third staff starts at measure 10. The fourth staff starts at measure 14. The fifth staff starts at measure 18. The sixth staff starts at measure 22 and includes a double bar line with the instruction "D.S. al Fine".

Chords and markings throughout the score include:

- Staff 1: [A] (measure 1), D (measures 2-4), D (measures 5-7), D (measures 8-10).
- Staff 2: A (measures 11-13), A (measures 14-16), A (measures 17-19), 1.D (measures 20-22), 2.D (measures 23-25).
- Staff 3: D (measures 26-28), G (measures 29-31), A (measures 32-34), D (measures 35-37).
- Staff 4: D (or Bm) (measures 38-40), Em (measures 41-43), A (measures 44-46), Bm (or D) (measures 47-49).
- Staff 5: Bm (measures 50-52), Em (measures 53-55), A (measures 56-58), D (measures 59-61).
- Staff 6: G (measures 62-64), D (measures 65-67), A (measures 68-70), 1. To Repeat D (measures 71-73), 2. Last time D (measures 74-76), Fine (measures 77-79).

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December Events

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|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 6 | Pacific View Gig, Bandon | 1:30 - 2:30 pm |
| 9 | Coquille Marketplace | 4 - 6 pm |
| | Details forthcoming | |
| 20 | Inland Point | 2:30 - 3:30 pm |

And just like that! It is, quite suddenly, the Holiday Season. Now we get to play our good old Christmas music, but if you are like us District 5 folks, you realize it's a good idea to polish up our favorite holiday tunes and get to playing them. We are planning some practice sessions and bet you are too! Our nursing home audiences love our offerings and this music never fails to bring cheer and a sentimental mood.

It warmed our District 5 hearts to read **Hoedowner Reporter, Judy Lyons'** (District 4) kind and appreciative tribute to our **Fiddle at the Beach** event which we were lucky enough to host once again, this August. Our annual event was much missed during the two years we were obligated to avoid gatherings due to the COVID pandemic. It was a wonderful, nearly magical time filled with music, food and renewed friendships. We'll look forward to many more. And thank you, Judy!

Speaking of events, everyone might want to mark your calendars for the **Brookings Jamboree** we have scheduled for April 14 and 15, 2023. This is great fun and another chance to connect with your OOTFA friends, play your hearts out and just have a good ol' time! **Dawn Vonderlin** is in the know about lodging arrangements and she reports that the **Wild Rivers Motorlodge** will discount our rooms if you mention to owner, **Nick**, that you were referred by **Dawn** of the **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers**. This is \$15.00 off the regular price. Their phone number is (877) 469-5361. Who says there aren't endless perks to being members of OOTFA! More information will be forthcoming as the time nears.



Mapril Combs shares her recent musical adventures in Kentucky

Our **Mapril Combs** recently had a rare opportunity to attend a celebration of traditional music in her late husband, **Grant's** homeland of Kentucky. Well, here; I'll have her tell you!

"I attended a reunion of **Combs cousins** in Clay County, Kentucky on October 15, when the fall foliage was at its peak. I was accompanied by my twins, **Megan Combs** of Portland and **Mariel Combs** of Auckland, New Zealand who came back to the U.S. for this planned trip. Since Clay County has limited tourist facilities and the "home place" was overflowing with kin, we stayed in a historic hotel, **Boone Tavern**, in Berea. This is a lovely little college town which encourages arts and crafts of various types. We were surprised to see that many of the other hotel guests were carrying fiddle and guitar cases, and we discovered that we had lucked into a **Traditional American Music Festival** that weekend. Included was a free talk about Kentucky bowing techniques, given by **John Harrod**, who is one of the outstanding fiddlers in Kentucky. There was also an informal

jam at the hotel, with about 30 musicians and a variety of instrumental and vocal renditions of our kind of music! Some of the mountain vocal harmonies were beautifully authentic. The festival concluded on Sunday morning with a gospel program across the street in a lovely old chapel. We even had time to attend the reunion with over 70 of our kinfolk and some outstanding examples of good old country cookin'!"

What an expected, wonderful opportunity, Mapril; thanks for sharing that with us!

At this writing, we are making plans for our **Membership Holiday Dinner** which is always a great time. It kicks off our holiday season and after dinner, we adjourn to the

big room at **Winchester Bay** and play our music, jamming to our heart's content. We will report back in December about this gathering.

And now, take care as we venture into the Holiday Season, everybody and keep the friendship and the music flowing!

Thank you, **Nicole** and **Al Pierce**, for being our Hoedowner reporters. You made us look like the fun and interesting district that we are! We also enjoyed the historical research and information on different instruments.

~Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

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December Events

- 1 **Jim Hoots Acoustic Jam** 1 - 3 pm
Corvallis Community Center
- 2 **Eugene Hotel Jam** 7 - 8:30 pm
222 E Broadway, Eugene
- 3 **Intermediate Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 5 **Beginning Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene
- 9 **Kids' Fiddle Jam** 6:30 - 8 pm
Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com
- 10 **Central Grange Jam & Holiday Potluck** 10:30 am
87200 Central Road, Across from Fern Ridge
- 16 **Ya-Po-Ah Terrace Jam** 7 pm
350 Pearl Street, Eugene

A splendid time was had by all who attended the **Thanksgiving Jam and Potluck at Central Grange** on November 12. It was good that several people pitched in to make it happen, but we are still without someone to manage the kitchen when we meet at Central. It would be nice to return to regular potlucks every month. This coming month we will have a **Holiday Potluck** on December 10. Not to be missed!

District 6 is hosting the **Winter OOTFA Gathering**,



Karen Johnson, Jerry Parks, Amy Burrows, Lucy Bragg & Steve Johnson (Linda Parks & Ken Luse, obscured) entertained at the Willamette Valley Ag Expo

Friday, January 20, from 6 - 9 pm and Saturday, January 21, from 8 am - 3 pm at the **Lebanon Community Center**. There will be plenty of jamming and the OOTFA Board will meet at 10 am on that Saturday. More information in the **January Hoedowner**.

Jim Hoots hosts an acoustic jam at the **Corvallis Community Center**, 2601 NW Tyler Ave. on the first Thursday of every month from 1 - 3 pm and everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jim at 503-760-6880 or jimon162@comcast.net

Thanksgiving is just one day, but there is much to be thankful for throughout the year. We have our families and friends, our puppies and kitties, and, of course, the joy of playing music.

Birthday Greetings: **Doug Wise** (12/6) **Brian Neal** (12/12)

~ Robin Lindsey,
District 6 Reporter



Our Peggy Mulder showed up at the Wildish Theater show in October (left), not to play bass, but to support the musicians and take pics and videos

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December Events

- 3 Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm**
Sunnyside Grange
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
- 23 Bonaventura Senior 4:30 - 5:30 pm**

Greetings District 7 members. Hope you are all doing well and that you will enjoy the upcoming Holidays; maybe playing music with family members. I look forward to doing that.

Our **District 7 Circle Jam** was well attended on November 5. We had 18 fiddles, 3 guitars, 1 banjo, 1 mandolin and 1 upright bass. If you haven't been there for awhile we encourage you to give it a try again. There is no pressure, all you need to do is have a tune in mind and start off the group. You can bring music to share or simply play the tune and have us play along. Usually we play for an hour and a half and then take a break for something to eat and drink. During the break we usually "pass the hat" and collect a few dollars from each person to pay the **Sunnyside Grange** for the light and heat. (Thank you in advance.)

In January we will have a short business meeting at the beginning of the Circle Jam. We need to vote for a **Vice Chair** since we don't have one. If any of you are interested in filling that position please let me know. All current officers will remain until the **May General Membership Meeting** and then the new officers will become effective in June.

On November 23 District 7 members had fun playing at the **Bonaventure Senior Living Facility** in Tigard. There were about a dozen members who played in the dining room as the residents had their dinner. This was a pre-Thanksgiving treat for the residents and it was enjoyed by all.



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December Events

- 1 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm**
Opportunity to learn or review District 8 jam tunes
- 9 Jam at Marilyn Owen's home 1 - 3 pm**
RSVP 503-560-1258
- 15 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm**
RSVP 503-560-1258
- 17 District 8 Monthly Jam 1 - 3 pm**
Marie Bailey's home

Martha Hughes' classes will be the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the **Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community** on Wheatland Road. RSVP is required— call her at 503-393-2271 or email her at: mh.hughes8@gmail.com

OOTFA yearly dues need to be sent in SOON!

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

All things must eventually come to an end, and very soon I will be retiring from writing the monthly Hoedowner Article. I have been writing it since 2015 and now will be searching for someone to take it over. Now that I am **District Chair** I would like to concentrate on learning that job. If anyone is interested or you know someone who might be please let me know. Thanks very much.

Happy Holidays!
~ Elaine Schmidt,
District 7 Reporter

Rick Winter getting ready to play at District 7's Circle Jam at the Sunnyside Grange in Happy Valley

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At 1:10, when 2 and 1/3 musicians had showed up and 3 listeners, we were a bit discouraged, but as folks slowly waltzed in, our **Sunday Potluck and Jam** came together. **Ron Phillips, Ronda Metler** and **Ben Richardson** from John Day came in and saved the day. All told, we had 17 folks, 9 of whom were wonderful musicians and so we had a great jam.

Our next **Sunday Potluck and Jam** will be December 11, and we always do a turkey and dressing with the trimmings. All pitched in for the clean up and **Diane Slater** helped **Joan Suther** and **Janet Braymen** set up. Sure made fast work of it all.

We had a quarterly meeting. Joan informed us that she is on the **OOTFA Bylaw Committee**. We heard a report on the **Jamboree**, and other gigs that folks played at through the summer.

Rose Modey Johnson passed away last month, at 94. She hosted many a Friday night jam and was always around for the Jamboree and was such a welcoming person. She loved listening as she played cards and kept up lively banter. She used to dance the old dances, like, "Put your little foot". She and **Lawanda Williams** always would dance that one.

We all loved playing (and dancing) for the **Heritage Night**, with five musicians. It was well received.

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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Some of us went over to District 5's **Holiday Jam and Dinner in Winchester Bay** on November 19, and we thank them for their hospitality and good times. Our informal Monday afternoon jams have been discontinued for the holiday season, and the fourth Saturday **Sutherlin Senior Center Jam** is also canceled (Christmas Eve). Contact **Jude** to subscribe to **District 10's Googlegroup** email and text messages for jam updates.

District 10's **Facebook Group** now has over 140 members. To join, just search Facebook for "**OOTFA District 10**". Also, "**Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association**" has a Facebook Group with 880 members, and it's a great place to share news, tunes, photos, videos, jokes and music.



Frank Moore of District 10

December Events

3	Christmans Craft Fair	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
	Douglas County Fairgrounds	
6	The Landing	12 - 1 pm
8	Rosehaven	10 - 11 am
21	Callahan Village	5 - 6 pm
22	Bridgewood Rivers	2 - 3 pm
31	Brookdale	10:30 - 11:30 am

We hope to see many of our fiddlers and accompanists at the **State Contest** on Saturday, March 18 in Lebanon. A tradition for 56 years, it's a perfect place to demonstrate your contest tunes, win a few prizes, jam with the region's finest, see a great show, meet others, enjoy a variety of styles, and get motivated to practice. The contest helps perpetuate old-time and related music with fiddling.

I'm coordinating with **District 5's Mapril Combs** and **Luke Verhagen** for a joint potluck/jam on April 1 (no foolin') in a location about halfway between Roseburg and the coast. Venues in Scottsburg, Myrtle Point, Coquille, Camas Valley, Kellogg, Elkton, Drain and Dora are under consideration.

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The **Committee for the Convention** (May 10-13) will be **Jude Stensland, Chris Cormack, Jim Kuether** and **Margot O'Sullivan**.

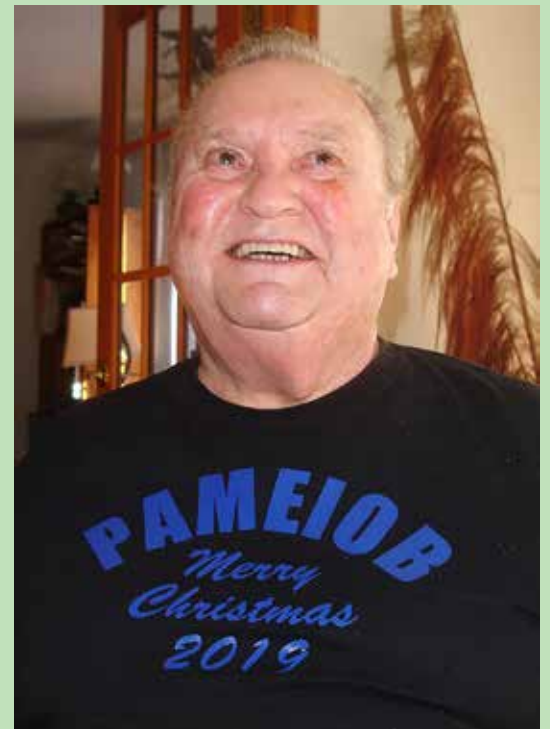
Monthly beginning fiddle classes have begun. Everyone had a great time. The next one will be in December. **Kelly Wadsworth** will find out when and let everyone know. Violins are available, and several more have been donated. Contact **Jude Stensland** or **Kelly Wadsworth** for more info. **Sandy Harter** will play guitar with this beginning group.

In December, we celebrate birthdays of **Dan Pohl** (Dec. 10), **Christine Cormack** (Dec. 29) and **Karen Pohl** (Dec. 31). **Kelly** and **Scott Wadsworth's** 44th Anniversary is on December 14. Congratulations to all! If we missed your special day, please let us know. Also, please keep **Hal Thompson** in your prayers and thoughts.

Dues for 2023 are due by January 1. Please hand or mail your dues to **Sandy Harter**, 5 Manor Loop, Roseburg, Or. 97471. In closing, remember what **W.C. Fields** said, "The best cure for insomnia is to get a lot of sleep!" And I think it was **Mark Twain** who said, "Old-time music is better than it sounds!"

Have a Happy, Safe Christmas and New Year.

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Hal Thompson has had a rough go of it recently after a heart attack with a dose of COVID on top. He is currently in a rehab facility but we are hoping he will be back home by the time you read this. They won't let him have a guitar in the hospital, but he did sing a Christmas song for **Christine Cormack** when she visited. Keep up the positive thoughts and get better, Hal, you are a treasured part of the OOTFA family!



Junior Hoedowner, Lucy Reynolds, of Roseburg

Junior Hoedowner

by Kelly Wadsworth

Our featured Junior Hoedowner for December is Lucy Reynolds, of Roseburg.

This 9 year old home school student is starting her third year with the local youth orchestra.

In May she attended the **OOTFA Convention** in Roseburg where she heard fiddling for the first time.

She learned the "Purple Lily Polka" in **Judy McGarvey's** polka class. Having had such a great time, she willingly played it the next day on stage.

Lucy came weekly to **Fiddling in the Park**, a summer beginning fiddling class in Roseburg, where she easily learned lots of new tunes.

She also attended **West Cascades Fiddle Camp**, learning from **Amy Burrow**, and can't wait to go next year!

Lucy enjoys music, reading, her four siblings, and participating in 4-H.

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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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OOTFA Event Calendar 2023

- Jan 20-21 OOTFA Winter Gathering
Lebanon Senior Center
94 Tagent Street, Lebanon, OR
- March 18 Oregon State Fiddle Contest
Mennonite Church
2100 S Second Street, Lebanon, OR
- May 11-13 OOTFA State Convention
Douglas County Fairgrounds
Roseburg, OR

Look for this calendar to fill up as more
OOTFA events for 2023 are scheduled

New OOTFA Members December 2022

Lisa Marchetti	Bandon (5)
Valerie Maitais	Veneta (6)
Anthony Triili	Bandon (5)



Register Now for 2023!

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There are two choices of payment for the 2023 Annual
Household Membership Dues which runs from
January 1 - December 31

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in an email in a PDF format

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