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## A Meeting of Musical Minds



Patti & Ken Luse recently had a short visit with our longtime OOTFA Member, Lew Holt at Regency Park Place in Corvallis. He was delighted that we came. He has been our historian over the years taping every convention and contest and writing a history of OOTFA. Lew is 94 and we know that both he and Alice would welcome some “thinking of you” cards. What better time than at Thanksgiving and the Holidays. If you so desire drop a note to Lew & Alice at 1352 NW Dixon, Corvallis, OR 97330.

## SAVE OOTFA SOME EXPENSE ON THE HOEDOWNER

To all members - having completed several financial studies regarding the **Hoedowner**, even with **Patti Luse** totally copying, collating, stapling, folding, addressing and mailing the Hoedowner to those who do not receive the Hoedowner by email attachment, each person who has the ability to receive a pdf version by email but **CHOOSES** to receive a mailed copy is costing OOTFA nearly \$18.00 per year (above the \$5 you pay with your dues). If even half of the 160 households that receive a mailed copy would opt for an email attachment instead, nearly \$1,500 would be saved to OOTFA annually. Those of you with printers - I am asking you to please re-consider getting your Hoedowner by email instead. It will come to you sooner each month and you can print in color if you wish. If any questions, please call or email me. Thank you.  
~ Linda Parks, State Treasurer.



Linda Parks,  
OOTFA  
Treasurer

## 2024 OOTFA Membership Dues

For OOTFA members  
(excluding Lifetime)

- \$35 for Membership Dues and receiving the Hoedowner Newsletter in a PDF via email.
- \$40 for Membership Dues and receiving the Hoedowner Newsletter by MAIL.

For Lifetime Members

- No Charge for Lifetime members who wish to receive the Hoedowner Newsletter in a PDF via email.
- \$5 for Lifetime members who wish to receive the Hoedowner Newsletter by MAIL.

Membership dues should be given to your District Membership Chairs or mailed to Patti Luse.



The Angel Band from the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering, Janet Braymen, Linda Parks, Peggy Mulder, Joan Suher, Nina Hoffman and Marlene Stevens

Hello Everyone! I love this time of year with the fall colors showing their splendor, shorter days and nights cooler. Soon the holiday season will be here.

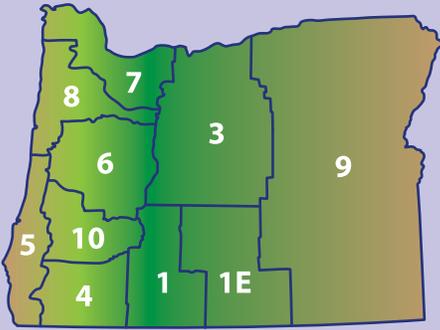
We are already planning our winter events, so please mark your calendars and plan to participate and lend support. The **2024 OOTFA Winter Gathering** is set for January 19, 6 to 9 pm, and January 20 from 8 am to 4 pm at the **Lebanon Senior Center**, 94 Tangent Street, Lebanon, Oregon.

Remember OOTFA has scholarship funds available for our members for fiddle lessons and workshops. If you want to learn to play or improve your skills, please submit your application. Application forms can be found on our **OOTFA.org** website. Most of the individual districts have their own scholarship funds set up as well. Get those applications in for 50% of the instructor's fee either through your district or the State Scholarship Committee.

Don't forget to be thinking of your nominations for the **Bill Yohey Award (Chair, Ken Luse)** and **Norm Nash Award (Chair, Janet Braymen)**. Nominations are due by March 1, 2024. **Jerry Parks** is the Chairman for the **Kielhorn Grant Committee**.

Many "Thanks!" to all of you who make this organization great! Keep connecting, playing, learning, singing, and having fun! See you soon!

All the best ~ Cindy



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**Vintage OOTFA**

**Bob Huffman, Norm Nash, Loita Colebank and Jack Kerr.**  
We recently lost Jack and you will find words of love about him in the District 3 report as well as his obit on the back page.

**New OOTFA Members • November 2023**

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| Isabel Glass          | Eugene (6)     |
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### District 1 November Events

9 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
16 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm

For November, practices will only be on the week we have a Care Center 7th & 8th (subject to change)

Edna Jenkins, District 1, would like to give a lot of thanks to all the "Desert Divas" that have joined together at the Prineville Country Music Gathering since 2016. "Divas" throughout the state, and out of state have shared their talents to entertain dancers in The Saturday Dance Band Event. Each year has been a wonderful "mix" of musicians, a shout-out to the special featured musicians too. "Halina" (Hal Thompson, 2016), The "Doo-op Girls" (Rosa Lee McLain, Lynn Mims, Patti Luse 2022). This year, "Mzzz Borelli in Pink" (Mike). All of them could show up at other events by special demand. Thank you, Rosa Lee, for the seedling-idea that has made "Rose Blossom Memories" for us all!

By the time you receive the November Hoedowner we will have played at the Senior Citizen Monthly Dance on October 18th. At this time, we are very excited to be asked to do this. We don't know at this time if this will become a monthly activity or not but I will keep everyone informed in District 1. On another note, our Care Centers have become so much fun. John McCormick, literally had all the guest swinging and clapping with his rendition of "Blue Suede Shoes". We are all thanked over and over for each time we come to play for them. It really makes us feel appreciated in what we are doing.

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Well here we go again trying to come up with some kind of news. Prineville was a great time, as always. Thank you, District 3.

We had a Cowboy Poetry Gathering here in Lakeview and Judi Seger and Ted Hunt came and camped at my house. What a grand time we had, played a tune or two, lots of just plain old jawing went on. Sure went to thank them for a good time.

We still have a jam at Rosa Lee McLain's on Thursday nights as well as our Second Saturday jam at the Chamber of Commerce here in Lakeview.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter



Katherine Allen and "Mzzz Borelli in Pink"

It won't be long that we will be stuffing ourselves. We wish you all a **Happy Thanksgiving**.

Wishing Happy Birthday to all of November members. Have a special day.

Happy Trails and Best wishes from District 1

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter



Terry McLain with mom, Rosa Lee, at the Lakeview Eclipse Festival

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### District 3 November Events

**26 Dance at Terrebonne Grange 1 - 3 pm**

8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, just a block off Highway 97, behind the Pumphouse Grill  
Open to the public. Music provided by you, the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers members!

**Mondays Jamming with Jeannette 2:30 pm**

1898 NW Davidson Way, Terrebonne  
Contact Information: 541-410-5146 or  
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**November is the month for giving thanks for all we have.** We have many musically talented members. We are grateful that the **Terrebonne Grange** supports us and provides us a monthly venue for our Dances. We are thankful for the opportunity to know **Jack Kerr** who recently passed away in his sleep at home in September. Jack was a long-time, very active member of **District 3 Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers**. He will be very much missed. Jack was enthusiastic, very generous, and a solidly good person who inspired many of us with his talents and love of music. The family is planning a **Celebration of Life** and it will be in the spring. When we know the place, date, and time we will contact our members by email. They are hoping to have many musicians and lots of music. See **Patti Luse's** tribute to **Jack Kerr** in this issue of the **Hoedowner**.



**A sad goodbye to an old friend, Jack Kerr**

Autumn is a busy time for many and OOTFA District 3 is no different. **Jeannette Bondsteel, Marlene** and **Jeff Stevens** played a special company party gig in Prineville then went out to a **Harvest Festival** in Lone Pine and played an outdoor gig. They were joined in Lone Pine by **Sydney Pierce** and **Greg Meyer**. Jeff and Marlene are also playing a special show at Touchmark in Bend on Sunday. All proceeds for these gigs is going into the Event



**Jeff Stevens, Jeannette Bondsteel, Greg Meyers, Marlene Stevens and Sydney Pierce enjoying the great outdoors**

fund so we can pay the additional fee to hold **2024 COAMG** in the **Carry Foster Hall**.

This month, our Dance at the **Terrebonne Grange** will be held on its usual day --- the 4th Sunday of November, starting at 1:00 p.m. That's the Sunday right after **Thanksgiving**. If you have out-of-town guests who appreciate good old-fashioned music, along with coffee and snacks, all are welcome.

We welcome the following new (and returning) members. We look forward to seeing you at our events.

**Les & Linda Parker** - Les plays fiddle and guitar. Linda plays fiddle. **Jessica Guardi** - She plays guitar. **Garitt, Whitney & Bailey Bondsteel** - Garitt plays guitar. Whitney plays ukulele.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter



**Christine Cormack taking center stage at COCMG**



**Frank Borden, Cindy Crane with Ellen Jakab at COCMG**

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**The Winds of Fall have blown across the fields, once green with harvest, are now sere and brown.** The pumpkins are in the oven bubbling away in pie pans filling the house with a savory aroma. Friends and family gather to enjoy the fruits of the harvest and to give thanks for the bounty.

District 4 musicians finished September with a gig at **Ellderwood Assisted Living Center**. The first gig of October was on the 1st at **Pheasant Fields Farm**. A large group of District 4 musicians gathered to fill the 3 hours with music. Under the huge old walnut tree, in a lovely setting surrounded by pumpkin and corn fields, the little tykes came wide-eyed and, amazed by the musicians, they soon have their little feet dancing to the tunes.

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### District 5 November Events

7	Pacific View Sr. Living gig	1:30 - 2:30 pm
14	Evergreen Court gig	2 - 3 pm
18	Holiday Dinner & Jam Oddfellows Hall, Bandon	Time: TBA
21	Inland Point gig	2 - 3 pm
29	Practice at Bill & Pat Winfrey's home	Time: TBA

*When we play Old Time Music  
With our friends,  
It's the kind of magic  
That never ends.*



Okay, so that little rhyme is a bit flowery, I know, but I think most of us see it that way. I hope this finds you truly enjoying what we do and although sometimes the mechanics of keeping things running intrudes upon our flow, the enjoyment and mission to play for the folks is always at the forefront. And that's why we are here.

On the 7th the musicians gathered for the **Talent City Harvest Festival**. The musicians played on a raised stage overlooking a large grassy park where children and adults gathered to listen to the Old Time Tunes while two young men produced hundreds of soap bubbles in different sizes, some as large as beach balls, to the delight of everyone.

In the **September Hoedowner**, **Patti Luse** wrote a lovely memorial for **Barbara Basden**, a member of District 4. Barbara had an extensive education but she was also adept at many other activities. She was a talented musician. A CD she had made of her "Strings Group" played through out her beautiful memorial service. You could go to her for advice on many subjects. She was an accomplished cook, she knew what seeds to feed many wild birds, she had a "green thumb" and could grow anything. Her home was on the **Garden Club Home and Garden Tour** every year. Indeed, many members who attended her service came home with healthy house plants and **David's** requests that whoever adopted a plant, not just water it, but also love it. I have 3 of Barbara's plants in my home to love and care for in her memory.

The November monthly meeting and jam will be held on November 4th at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. Meeting at 11:30, warm up jam at 12:30-1:00, sign up jam 1-3:00. Bring snacks to share. **Carol Ferrara** will be collecting yearly dues at the jam. The only gig on the November calendar is **Rouge Valley Manor** on November 9th, 3-4:00. Watch the online calendar for gigs that might be added later in the month. The **Tuesday Jammers** meet 4-6:00 every Tuesday at the **Methodist Church** in Medford. Call **Judy McGarvey** for further info. 541-779-8145. Happy Thanksgiving to all OOTFA members from District 4. We're grateful for all those who work hard for our organization.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

District 5 is trying out "new digs" for our meetings, third Saturday performances and jams. After **Albert Pierce's** exceptional presentation of new venue options at our June Membership meeting, we decided that **Bandon Oddfellows Hall** would best meet our needs and perhaps give us more public exposure due to the greater population density there. He prepared a professional-looking flyer (see photo on page 7) effectively advertising us. He will distribute these to social media, bluegrass and folk groups, various businesses in the area and other organizations. We ought to be able to reach a "few thousand people," Al says. We have now had one **Membership Meeting** with a jam afterwards and find the place cautiously good. We will see how attendance and general comfort goes with respect to this new venue we are trying on for size.

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## Tune of the Month

Thanks to Donna Wynn  
of District 6 for  
suggesting this  
month's tune

If you play music with the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers you have played "Ashoken Farewell" more than a few times. Jay Ungar wrote that one, as well as this month's Tune of the Month, "Thanksgiving Waltz". Jay also wrote "Wizard's Walk" which was featured on these pages a few issues back. I think we like him. Click on the title to here the original.

# Thanksgiving Waltz

Jay Ungar

The musical score for "Thanksgiving Waltz" is presented in nine staves. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in treble clef. Chords are indicated by letters above the staff: D, A7, G, Bm, and A. The score includes a first ending (1. G) and a second ending (2. G). The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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We sure had a good time playing for the **Myrtle Point Harvest Festival** in late September. The streets were alive with every manner of booths, music (including ours), people in festive moods and old, classic cars, which were on display by their proud owners, who were of classic vintage themselves. Much like we! Our particular highlight was a visit from our talented, dear girl, **Rachel**, who borrowed **Mapril's** fiddle, "Strad," and played a couple of tunes beautifully for everyone. Rachel is this year's **Cranberry Court Queen (sparkle)**, and is in her senior year at **Bandon High School**. She has great things to do and much in store for her. We claim to have raised her up—with the help of her lovely mother, Linda and her grandparents too, of course. She gets her sweet nature from them!



**Cranberry Court Queen, Rachel Eickhoff playing a tune with Dawn Vonderlin at Bandon's amphitheater at Bullard's Beach Campground in August**

We thank **Betti and Tom Nugent** of **Cherry Creek Floral**, as we do every year, for they play our hosts and invite us to set up our gang in front of their shop and even invite us in to use their facilities and provide a place for us to put our purses and instrument cases while we play. Tom picks some of us up, shuttling us to and from our cars, carting our instruments so that we have it easier to come and play.



**A change of venue for District 5 Jams**

They also make sure that we all have chairs, including our audience too. We always wonder what we would possibly do without this considerate, gracious, hospitable couple! So everyone please buy all your posies from the Nugents. It is a mutual admiration society!

**Dawn Vonderlin** got a note from **Pat Foht** reporting that Brookings now has a regular group of fiddlers who meet in the **Chetco Library Annex Room** from 10 am to noon each Thursday. They also have a set list and tunes on a web page. The group sort of originated from **Bill Keevil**, a California District 5 fiddler who used to hold these jams at his home in Crescent City. Pat says it has been fun for her to be back playing and if any OOTFA members ever get that far south, they can contact Bill to sit-in. I looked Bill up and he is indeed, in the Out-of-State section of the roster. I did not ask his permission, so I don't include his contact information here, but you can look him up easily enough.

And now, please keep the music and friendship flowing,

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter



**Linda Eickhoff** has much to proud of with a daughter (pictured on the left) who is not only a talented fiddle player, but also this year's **Cranberry Court Queen**



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### District 6 November Events

- 2 **Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam** 1 - 3 pm  
Corvallis Community Center
- 4 **Intermediate Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm  
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 11 **Thanksgiving Potluck** 10 am - 3 pm  
Central Grange, 87200 Central Road
- 13 **Basic Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm  
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene

**District 6 is running smoothly with Jerry Parks at the helm.** We are planning to have a **Thanksgiving Potluck** on Saturday, November 11 at **Central Grange**. The district will provide the Turkey and members are asked to bring the side dishes like Potatoes (white and sweet), dressing, vegetables, Salads, Desserts and ?. The doors open at 10 with the Potluck at noon. The Circle jam will start as soon as musicians want, but will break for the potluck and then resume afterwards til about 3.

The district is benefiting from the **Oregon Bottle Return** as members collect returnable bottles and return for cash.

We had our District Meeting on October 9 and we made some decisions on District events. The **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest**, which is Oregon's oldest outdoor fiddle contest, will now be sponsored by District 6. **Starr McMullen** has been running it for more than 20 years and will continue to do so. It is held on the Friday of the **Benton County Fair** in Corvallis at the beginning of August. Look for more information in the spring.

We will be helping to host the **Winter Gathering and Board Meeting** in Lebanon on January 19 from about 6-9 and on Saturday, January 20 from 8-3 at the **Lebanon Senior Center**. There will be a potluck on Saturday where everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Don't forget your DUES. Send them to Linda Parks, 36989 Deadwood Dr, Lebanon, OR 97355 or bring them to the November potluck on the 11th.**

~ Special thanks to **Patti Luse** for writing our District 6 report this month. She is my personal hero for helping me out in a rather difficult time ~ Robin

**Starr McMullen** of Corvallis, won the senior division at the Western Open Fiddle Contest in Redding, California, and is now certified for Weiser in 2024



Welcome our newest District 6 member Isabel Glass of Eugene!



**Keith Barr and Hal Weiner at last summer's Fiddle at the Beach hosted by District 5**



**Lots of fun to be had at the West Cascades Fiddle Camp, July 22-25, 2024 at Emerald Christian Academy in Pleasant Hill**

**Don't be a Turkey - Pay your dues!**

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### District 7 November Events

- 3 **Cherrywood Village Gig** 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
1417 SE 107th, Portland
- 4 **Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam** 1 - 4 pm  
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
- 10 **Morningstar Senior Living Gig** 2 - 3 pm  
1075 NE Ambergien Parkway, Hillsboro

Our October 21 Jamboree was well attended, with musicians from around the Northwest converging at the **Wilsonville Community Center** to enjoy six workshops and a concert, all free, thanks to a grant from the City of Wilsonville. Fiddle workshop instructors were **Carol Ann Wheeler, Eileen Walter, and Aaron Carter**. Other instrumental workshops were presented by **Jodi Vaughn** (bass), **Dean Boring** (guitar) and **Dave Altman** (mandolin). All the instructors, plus musical partners and backup musicians, performed at the closing concert.



Fiddle workshop at District 7 Jamboree

**Ron Beatty**, a talented and long-time OOTFA member, died in early October 2023. Our District 7 members have been asked to play at his memorial service on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the **Cedar Mill Bible Church**, 12208 NW Cornell Road, Portland. We will play favorite fiddle tunes before and after the 10 a.m. service.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters



**Shall we play Turkey in the Straw?**



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### District 8 November Events

- 2 **Martha's Basic Class/Jam** 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Cathy Yale's home
- 6 **Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home** 1 - 3 pm
- 9 **Martha's Basic Class/Jam** 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Cathy Yale's home
- 16 **Martha's Basic Class/Jam** 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Cathy Yale's home
- 17 **Jefferson Lodge gig** 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- 19 **Emerald Point gig** 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- 20 **Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home** 1 - 3 pm
- 25 **District 8 Jam at Marie's home** 1 - 3 pm

District 8 is selling a trailer load of sound equipment. Please contact **Ted Hunt**; call or text 503.837.0446, or email him at [trhunt315@gmail.com](mailto:trhunt315@gmail.com) for descriptions and pricing.

**Please note:** we have changed our slo-jam days to 1st and 3rd Mondays. We felt the need to move to Mondays because Thursdays were too close to our gigs, which didn't give us enough time to take care of personal business and to recover our energy for or after the gigs.



Lynn Gossett, Chair, and Sheila Hunter, Co-Chair, attended the OOTFA state conference in September.

District 8 was happy to support District 7 with the Wilsonville workshops. **Gayle Clarity** assisted **Dean Boring** in the guitar workshop by providing fiddle backup. Gayle will soon be in Arizona for the winter months. **Lynn Gossett** is planning to also winter-over in Arizona.

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We wish them safe travels to and from Arizona! Gayle and Lynn will be missed here; we enjoy them and rely on them so much! It is with sadness that we offer condolences to **Amelie Redman** on the occasion of her brother's death.

**Sheila Hunter** has agreed to fill in for the monthly reporter task until Gayle returns from Arizona. Well, friends, happy fiddlin'!

~ Sheila Hunter

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**District 9 resumed second Sunday potlucks and jam sessions at the "Hub" (Senior Center), Joan Suther provided Alaskan salmon caught during her and Rick's vacation to Alaska. Though fiddlers outnumbered the audience, listeners were included in a "circle jam".**

We continue to provide Fourth Friday entertainment at the **Aspens Assisted Living**. We were pleased during Friday Jam Sessions to include a new harmonica/guitar player, **Doug Guinn**. **Janet Braymen** traveled with her mother, **Pauline**, and her hammered dulcimer to Iowa, finding several opportunities to play along the way. Old-time fiddlers are everywhere!. There is a rumor of snow coming soon, but I'm sure that won't stop us fiddlers – guests always welcome!

~ Don Greenfield, District 9 Reporter

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**District 10 November Events**

- 4 Lookingglass Grange Open House 2 – 4 pm**  
Ice Cream & Desserts! Bring at least 5 songs to lead
- 4 Beginning Fiddle Class 9 - 10 am**  
Contact Kelly Wadsworth for details
- 6 Monday Jam Time & Location TBA**
- 13 Monday Jam Time & Location TBA**
- 20 Monday Jam Time & Location TBA**
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**District 9 musicians looking good (as always) for a jam in Burns**

**A District Meeting was held on Sept 23 in Sutherlin.** Our treasury balance is \$10,913.00. \$5000 was donated by **Colleen Hanks'** family. **Sharon Thompson** will look into purchasing a CD from Umpqua Bank. **Dan Jocoy** reminded us about the benefits of music as therapy. The **2024 OOTFA Convention** will be on April 4-6 at **Winston Assembly of God Church.** After various upcoming gigs and our fee rate structure were considered, we discussed the idea of playing at schools. **Kelly Wadsworth** will pursue this. The wooden old-time fiddler carving (donated to OOTFA by **The Booher Family**) is residing by the stage at **Oran Mor Artisan Meadery.** **Joe Ross** will find lighting and a plaque for it.

October was a very busy month for District 10 with weekly Monthly Jams, three assisted living facility gigs, **Eagleview Pickout, Roseburg Hometown Music Festival, Joint Potluck/Jam in Azalea with District 4, and a meeting of the Beginning Fiddle Class.** November has us preparing set lists for upcoming shows, as well as starting to refresh our Christmas and holiday songs.

**Beginning Fiddle Class** will only be held monthly during the fall, winter, spring. The next one will be at 9 am at Kelly's house on November 4. No class in December. Loaner fiddles are available. INFO: Kelly Wadsworth at queenkellybee@gmail.com or call 541-643-7113.

Sunbirds **Frank Moore** and **Karen Bennett** headed to Yuma for the winter in mid-October. **Mary & Dennis Oswald** celebrate their Anniversary on Nov 23. We'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Dan Jocoy** (Nov 26), **Jim Kuether** (Nov 27), and **Dolores Booher** (Nov 29). If we missed your special day, please let us know. I'm getting to that age where I feel like all my wrinkles need a good pressing!

Event updates are sent around via e-mail, texts and posted on District 10's Facebook page. Contact **Jude** to subscribe or get the links.

Let's Pick! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



**Jim Kuether just loves playin' that fiddle**



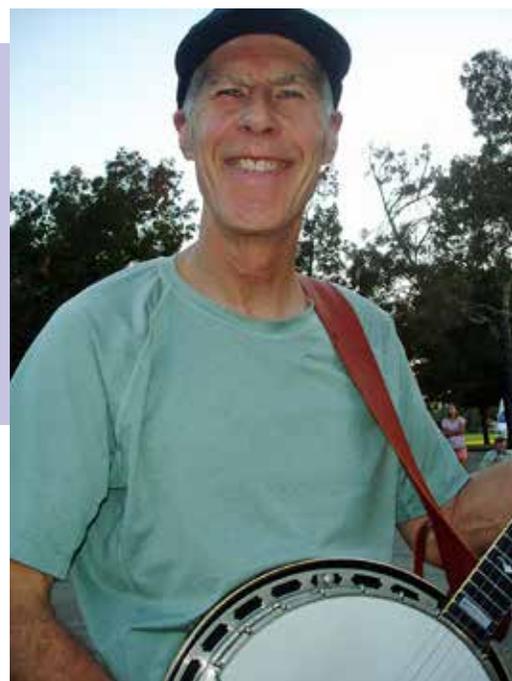
**The District 10 gang played at Callahan Court Memory Care in September**



**I am from District 10. Though I am a banjo player, I am looking to upgrade my guitar to a Martin D 28. If you know of anyone selling one, please let me know!**

**Banjo Dan Jocoy  
Myrtle Creek**

**Alison Lindley looks perfectly angelic as she plays her tune**



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Article II:

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

**Ron Beatty**, Lifetime Member from District 7 in Portland, was almost 93 years old and had been married to wife, **Ella**, for 74 years. He attended the **University of Portland Music School** and worked many years as a New York Life insurance agent and also owned a gas station and grocery store. He and Ella had 2 children. Music was his first love (after Ella, of course) and was inspired by **Carol Ann Wheeler's** fiddle performance. He played the sax and clarinet in high school and taught his kids and grandkids to play the clarinet and trombone and then his 5th grade great grandson to play fiddle. He and Ella would play fiddle together at OOTFA events. He also enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle! Condolences can be sent to Ella and the family at 150 SW 104th, Portland, OR 97225.

**Jack Kerr**, a lifetime member from Prineville (District 3), passed away on September 21 at the age of 96 years, one month. He was born in Missouri but the family migrated to Oregon where he graduated from **Roseburg High**. Jack was a **Merchant Marine** in **WW II** and then served in the **Army** in Japan. He had a long and varied career with the **US Forest Service**. Jack and his wife **Peggy** (who passed away many years ago) were strong supporters of OOTFA and many community causes in Prineville. As a beloved musician, he was very generous in sharing his interest in music ... teaching and singing. He gifted many instruments to local musicians. The **Potvin** girls with **Marcel** and **Anne** visited Jack at his request on September 20 and played several tunes. As they were leaving, he said "Thanks for the Music!". He closed his eyes, fell asleep and died the next morning. A celebration of life will be held in the spring which we will announce in the Hoedowner.

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