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## BROOKINGS JAMBOREE

by Linda Sweatt

The District 5 annual Brookings Jamboree was held April 19 and 20 at the Chetco Grange Hall in Harbor. The jamming started with early door openings and went on all day Friday and Saturday until about noon when people helped get ready for the show at 1 and enjoyed the wonderful food and hospitality provided by the Chetco Grange. The weather was sunny and warm on Friday, so several impromptu groups enjoyed the sunshine by playing outside.

The Saturday Show kicked off at 1 with a very large audience, many of whom had attended and enjoyed the performance in the past, and those who signed up to perform did not disappoint. District 5 Chair, **Mapril Combs**, welcomed the crowd and **Luke Vanderhagen** was the very able emcee. Meanwhile, hosts **Bill** and **Pat Winfrey** ran the sound and welcomed the large number of OOTFA and casual attendees to the venue. After the show, the raffle, chaired by **Ruth Weyer**, helped increase the District 5 coffers and some very happy attendees went home with plenty of prizes donated by generous members.

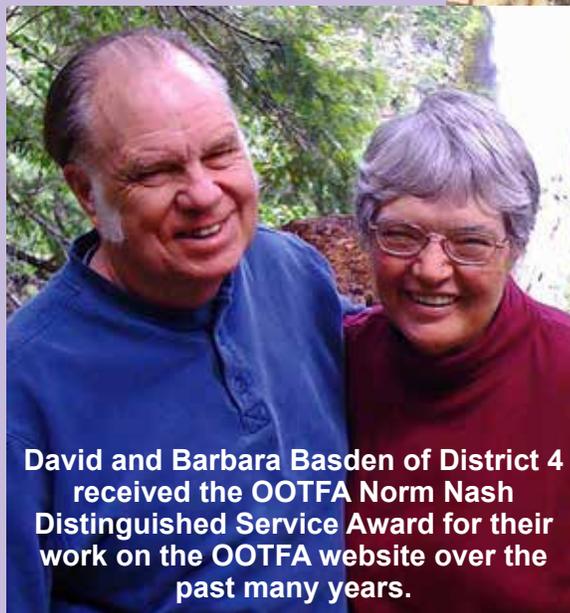
District 5 is grateful to all of the friends and members who made the trip to the beautiful Brookings-Harbor area to join in the fun. We all appreciate the fine musicianship, encouragement, and friendly cooperation that makes the event so successful.



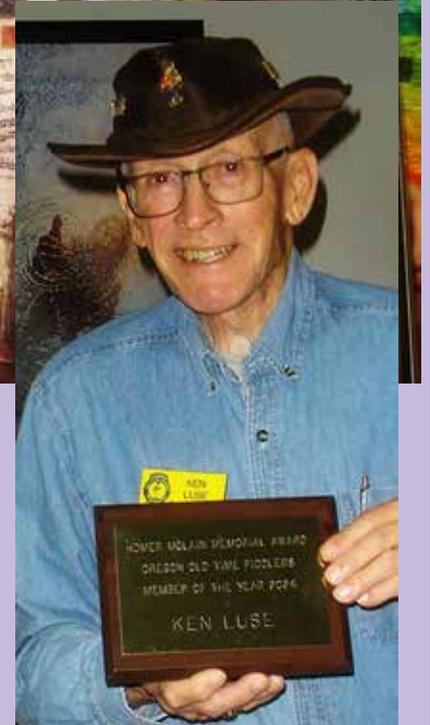
Mapril Combs leads musicians from several districts with an old-time favorite

## OOTFA Award Winners • 2024

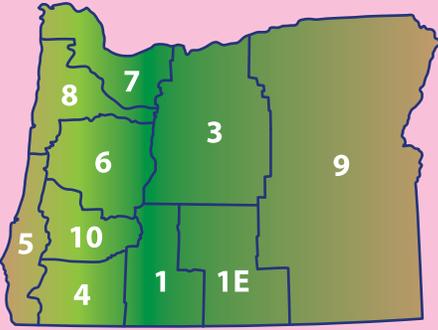
Joe Ross of District 10 received the OOTFA Bill Yohey Accompanist Award for backing up musicians over the years.



David and Barbara Basden of District 4 received the OOTFA Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award for their work on the OOTFA website over the past many years.



Ken Luse of District 6 received the Homer McLain Award for the service he has given to OOTFA.



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Hello All,

**We just got home from the Brookings Jamboree hosted by District 5. What fun!**

Thank you, District 5 for your hospitality and congratulations on another successful event!

Next stop, the **McLain Family Christmas Valley Campout**, May 1st thru 5th! Hope to see you all there! Don't forget to have your hat song ready.

The **Spring State Convention** in Winston was a wonderful time! Lots of good jamming, workshops, youth presentations and just plain good visiting! Big "Thank You" to **Jude Kuether, Christine Cormack, Margot O'Sullivan** and their team for putting it all together. The **OOTFA Membership Meeting** was held Saturday morning April 6, 2024. Thank you to all who attended.

Again, remember why you joined OOTFA and why it is important to you. Share with those you meet and invite them to come and participate. Make guests and newcomers feel welcome. Encourage others and be supportive of one another. Let's make our organization, our OOTFA family, grow! Keep playing and having fun!

All the best! Looking forward to seeing you soon!

~ Cindy

**Dear OOTFA Members,**

**I am thrilled to announce an exciting new project at Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association that will share our passion for old-time fiddling by sharing our collective knowledge.** As the webmaster of OOTFA, I am delighted to introduce our upcoming video library, a treasure trove of lessons and songs contributed by our talented members.

At OOTFA, our mission is clear: **"To Perpetuate and Promote Oldtime Fiddling and Oldtime Music."** This project is a direct embodiment of that mission, aimed at preserving the rich talent within our organization while also providing invaluable resources for members to enhance their skills. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting your musical journey, our video library will be a valuable asset in your quest to become a better-sounding player.

**The video library** will feature a wide range of content, from basic fiddle techniques and popular old-time tunes to improvisation tips, backing techniques, and insights into different old-time fiddling styles. My goal is to create a diverse collection of videos that cater to the needs and interests of our members, making OOTFA's website a global hub for fiddlers of all levels.

**We invite all OOTFA members to participate** in this project by recording themselves playing lessons or songs and sending them to the webmaster at [oofawebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:oofawebmaster@gmail.com). If you prefer, we can also schedule recording sessions to ensure the highest quality videos for our library.

**This initiative not only benefits our members** but also has the potential to attract fiddlers from around the world to our community. By showcasing our talent and dedication to old-time fiddling, we aim to increase awareness and support for OOTFA, potentially leading to more donations and opportunities for growth.

**Thank you for being a part of OOTFA** and for your continued passion for old-time fiddling. Together, let's make our video library a valuable resource for fiddlers everywhere!

~ Warm regards, Jodi Vaughn,

Webmaster, OOTFA

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### District 1 May Events

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

We are now having practices at Irene Ruddocks house at 9:30 each Wednesday

It looks like everyone had a great time at the State Meeting in Winston. It's amazing how many young musicians all over the state are becoming great fiddlers. A big boost to OOTFA! Irene Ruddock and Edna Jenkins were there playing. We are so glad Irene got to go, and it sounds like she is going to be traveling with Edna to many more functions. Irene is an amazing lady for her age. District 1 is still having our practices every Wednesday and monthly care centers.

Special wishes for all of our May Birthdays, have a special day.

Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter



Irene Ruddock and Edna Jenkins on the road again

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Been crazy since the convention. Boy, it was a good time, saw lots of good people, met some new.

Day after getting home I went to Redmond. Went to Puerto Vallarta Mexico for 10 days then back and on to Reno. Put the wife back on the plane for Phoenix, Arizona overnight trip. Here I am sitting in Reno, Nevada. and I get a note from Robin to send my report, please. He is very kind, sorry I'm late.



Terry McLain

Still jamming at Rosa Lee's on Thursday nights, 4 to 7 pm. Chamber of Commerce on second Saturday of each month, noon to whenever.

Don't forget Christmas Valley McLain Family Campout coming up May 1-5. Great time; help each other and the music will flow.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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### New OOTFA Members • May 2024

Stan Avery	Bandon (5)
Corri Geffen	Myrtle Creek (10)
Jeff Hazel	Rogue River (4)
Dave Newman	Myrtle Creek (10)
Steve & Kay Tanner	Lebanon (6)

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### District 3 May Events

#### 22 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!

*All members are welcome to attend the dances. If you are a musician but have never played in public this is a great way to get started. Many of us started this way. Sign up to take turns performing and you can play along with others musicians. Snacks and coffee are available, donations accepted.*

**At our March Grange Dance, there were 13 musicians and 10 guests.** Notices were sent out for the March meeting. **Karen Bennett, Frank and Pat Borden** were present. No other members showed for this meeting. All District 3 members will be notified one week prior to date and time for our next meeting. Please go to the State web site [WWW.OOTFA.ORG](http://WWW.OOTFA.ORG) or [District 3 web site](http://District 3 web site) for any information to promote music and friendship.

**OOTFA** members are individuals who are dedicated to preserving old time music from past generations.

**Public Performance** is when Districts earn money and it should be organized and worthy of payment. Practices prior to events is required. The person responsible for putting together a paid performance will need to make arrangements with members and practice times. If interested in improving your music skills, get with an "accomplished" musician and learn to better your skills.

**Circle Jams and Jam Sessions** feature musicians of all abilities playing together for their own enjoyment. Check out your **Hoedowner** for other Districts and places to play music.

**Ellen Jakab**, District 3 Chair, attended the board and membership meetings at the **Spring Convention** in Winston. She created a basket with musical instruments for children from our District 3 for the convention raffle. A letter was given to convention officers in regards to the loss of District 3 members to present for **Jack Kerr** who supported members of our district, **Ron Halsey**, our faithful dancer, and **Margaret Keene**, well known for wearing hats.

**Lynn Mims and Edna Jenkins** joined us from District 1.

Our most active dancer was **Clive McGlohin**, also a frequent guest. Clive is in his late 90's, and he can still dance up a storm. Women come on down!



**Chance Mott flanked by Marlene and Jeff Stevens at the Spring Convention**

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all members whose special day is in May. We wish a speedy recovery to those with health issues.

**Trivia:** "Fithel" is the old English name for the fiddle. Source: Elson's Music Dictionary.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

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**The beautiful May blooms have burst from the earth and are proliferating all over the valley.** Daffodils, tulips, irises and hyacinth along with the tree blooms and azaleas are proclaiming Winter is over.

District 4's final March gig was at the **Sacred Heart School** in Medford where the musicians played several Irish tunes and some old time music too to the student body and **Carol Ferrara** taught them a cute little Irish dance. The March monthly jam was held at the **Rogue River Community Center Annex**. The stage was filled with musicians and a sizable audience came to enjoy the music and some danced the afternoon away.

Two fiddlers from District 4 excelled at the **Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest**. **Cindy Crane** won 5th place in the Senior Division and **Matthew Baker** placed 3rd in the Young Adults division and both will be heading to the **National Fiddle Contest** in Weiser, Idaho in June with lots of good wishes from all of the district.

Many District 4 members attended the **OOTFA Spring Convention**, presented by District 10, in Winston at the **Winston Assembly Church** which offered their facilities for our activities.

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### District 4 continued

**There was the warm fellowship** of seeing friends from around the state and lots of jamming and learning new tunes. The workshops offered were well attended and well taught with the attendees learning new techniques.

A new jam is being tried each Wednesday evening from 6-8 pm at the **Roxy Ann Grange**. It's available to all musicians to help those learning to play a new string instrument and also for more advanced musicians needing help with tunes they are learning. Each attendee will state their tune of choice and it will be played slowly, by the more experienced musicians and one on one help will be available also. The jam will also be helpful for practicing older tunes and learning newer tunes to play at the monthly jams and gigs.

May's monthly gig calendar is filling up quickly. Friday May 3rd will be a gig at **Rogue Valley Retirement** in Grants Pass 2-3 pm. May 4th is the May Day performance at the **Madras School** at 12 pm. May 8th is a gig at **Suncrest Place** at 3 pm and May 11th is the annual gig at the **Vintage Fair Days** in Eagle Point. Musicians will be playing at the newly rebuilt **Butte Creek Mill**. The music begins at 10 am. The district musicians will be performing at **Hanley Farm** on May 15th beginning at 9 am.

The May monthly meeting and jam will be held May 25th at the **Roxy Ann Grange**. Meeting at 11 pm, warm up jam 12:30, sign up jam 1-3. Bring snacks to share.

The **Tuesday Jammers** meet every Tuesday 4-6 pm at the **Methodist Church** in Medford. For more info contact **Judy McGarvey**, 541-779-8145.

All District 4 members wish all the moms around the state a Happy and Blessed Mother's Day.

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

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### District 5 May Events

**7 Pacific View, Bandon gig 1:30 - 2:30 pm**

**14 Evergreen Court, North Bend gig 2 - 3 pm**

**18 Quarterly Meeting & Monthly Jam**

Bandon IOOF Hall, Highway 42 S Meeting **11 am**

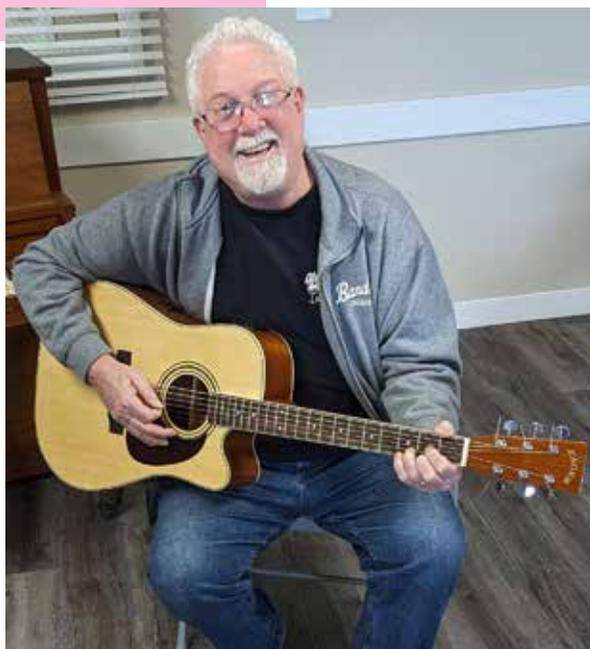
Finger Food Welcome Jamming **1 - 3 pm**

**21 Inland Point, North Bend 2 - 3 pm**

May performances at the nursing homes will be our last until we begin performing for them again in September.

Other performances TBA.

**We all had fun at the Brookings Jamboree on April 19-20.** The people there are so kind and the venue is a good setup for both our jams and the stage show. Sore fingers and happy people are what we aim for! Thanks to all who attended and the District 5 staff, with **Mapril Combs**, overseeing everything, **Ruth Weyer**, in charge of the raffle and hospitality, and **Bill** and **Pat Winfrey**, gracious hosts, holders of the keys, and sound. Folks who pitch in to help make it easy on all. We are always happy to see our district members from the south join us as well as those from other districts.



District 5 welcomes David Allard

**In June, we begin our park series** on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings (6-7:30) at **Bullards Beach State Park** near Bandon. The amphitheater is a wonderful venue and we usually play to near 200 campers and visitors each time. We continue through July and August. Folks are always welcome to join in. Bullards is a magnificent campground and was a gift to the state from the Bullard family, some of whom are buried in an isolated cemetery on the park grounds. The Bullards had a store, post office, and ferry near the north end of the present day bridge over the Coquille River. Beach and river access, excellent camping areas and proximity to picturesque Bandon make the park a treat for visitors. We would love to have some OOFTA folks join us when we perform. We play there all summer, second and fourth Wednesdays from 6-7:30 PM.

As we make summer plans, don't forget our annual **"Fiddle At The Beach"** campout the third weekend in August at **Winchester Bay**. The event will run from Thursday, August 15 through Sunday, August 18. Y'all come! The weather will be perfect! There will be sign-up stage shows Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 6 pm and jamming all day indoors and out (weather depending!). Campgrounds of all sorts are close by and campers enjoy the "Salmon Harbor" area and lighthouse in between music sessions.

~ Linda Sweatt, District 5 Reporter

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### District 6 May Events

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|----|--|---------------|
| 2  | <b>Dave &amp; Jim's Acoustic Jam</b>             | 1 - 3 pm      |
|    | Corvallis Community Center                       |               |
| 4  | <b>Intermediate Fiddle Class</b>                 | 1 - 3 pm      |
|    | River Road Annex, Eugene                         |               |
| 10 | <b>Kids' Fiddle Jam</b>                          | 6:30 - 8 pm   |
|    | Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com |               |
| 11 | <b>District 6 Monthly Jam</b>                    | 10 - 3 pm-ish |
|    | Central Grange, 87200 Central Road               |               |
| 13 | <b>Basic Fiddle Class</b>                        | 1 - 3 pm      |
|    | Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene       |               |

**Spring has sprung!** You call tell when it's Spring when you mow your lawn, go to the **OOTFA Convention** for 3 days, and return to a lawn needing mowing again.

More than 2 dozen members of District 6 traveled to Winston (near Roseburg) for 3 days of music and camaraderie. I much enjoyed the varied music making, interesting workshops, and jamming till my fingers would do no more. Thanks to District 10 and the organizing committee for all their work making this a fine event.



District 6 at Central Grange

The **Intermediate Fiddle Class** (1st Saturday of month) for April was sparsely attended, due to many being at the convention, but a good time. One participant remarked it was almost like getting a private fiddle lesson from 2 great teachers (**Linda Danielson** and **Donna Wynn**).

The **Basic Fiddle Class** (2nd Monday of month) had more normal attendance, nearly 20 musicians including back-up. The group played through more than a dozen tunes before the break. During which long time instructor **Ila Mae Carmickle** announced – with a catch in her voice – that due to continued changes in her hearing, she would no longer be able to continue as fiddle class instructor. Discussions are ongoing as to future teachers/class structure, but there WILL be a class in May.

As a relative newcomer to OOTFA, I have no idea how many people have been helped on their musical journey (both in person and her many YouTube videos) by **Ila Mae**, but the number is considerable. I count myself among them. Much, much thanks and appreciation to Ila Mae.

**Phyllis Coffin**, OOTFA member for 39 years, passed away last month at the age of 92. Her sweet manner and fine singing endeared her to all who knew her. **Mike Schneider** led a rendition of one of her favorite songs “Dream” at the April **Central Grange** jam. There will be a Thanksgiving type Celebration potluck honoring Phyllis on May 11 at Central Grange. She loved the big potlucks and was in charge of the kitchen for soo long.

District 6 will be playing 3 gigs for dances at the **Lebanon American Legion** this year, the 1st one is May 25th; the others are September 7 and December 14. For more info and to volunteer contact **Jerry Parks** at fiddlescratcher67@gmail.com

April showers have brought out the May flowers. May this month bring you much happy music. Enjoy the Rhododendrons.

May Birthdays: **Gabi Ford** ((5/30), **Annie Carter** (5/5), **Evelyn Horner** (5/22), **Melody Morrell** (5/28), **Donna Wynn** (5/30)

May Wedding Anniversary: **Ken And Patti Luse** (5/24)

~ Tony Dandurand, District 6 Reporter



We will miss you, Phyllis

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### Tune of the Month

will return next month!

# Dr. Hoedowner Henry Strid



Henry Strid has been playing Bluegrass banjo for half of his long-legged life.

The beginning of his music journey feels like ancient history to Henry, so he doesn't recall the early challenges of learning the instrument. He first strummed a banjo when a friend of his Mother's placed her banjo in his hands after noticing how he was taken by watching her and

his Mom jamming. It wasn't long after that he got his first banjo and has picked nearly every day since then!

Henry and his family moved to Eugene from Idaho in 2020. His Mom, **Misty Payne**, is a fine fiddler and singer. Henry is home-schooled by his Dad, **Jason Strid**, which allows the family the flexibility to travel often to festivals, camps and jams around the states, primarily on the West Coast, and in North Carolina. Henry has also attended camps in Wyoming, Idaho, New Mexico and Colorado. Henry attended the **Kruger Academy**, in Wilkesboro, NC again this March - his third time attending. He also attended **Wintergrass**, in Bellevue, WA where he and his band, **The Henry Strid Band** did a showcase in the **Oregon Bluegrass Association** room. He also played a set with the **Kian Dye Band** that night! Most recently he performed as a guest of **Luke Bulla** at a sold out show at **Tsunami Books** in Eugene on March 20th. Luke is a seven time **National Fiddle Contest** winner. His 7th win came in the **Grand Champion Division**, as well as being a grammy award winning bluegrass fiddler.

Henry's main inspiration is **Earl Scruggs**, but his tune selections and style are also informed by the likes of **JD Crowe**, **The Johnson Mountain Boys** and **The Kody Norris Show's** own **Josiah Tyree**. He also likes fiddler **George Jackson** and guitar finger-picker, **David Grier**.

Henry hasn't competed in any banjo competitions apart from the friendly fiddle banjo contest at **Weiser** where he and **Vi Wickham** placed second in 2021. He usually finds time to play every day, mostly for the joy of playing. But any playing at all counts as practice. Henry is as calm, collected and committed a musician as you are likely to meet.

Two tunes he especially likes are "Pike County Breakdown" and "Foggy Mountain Special". When asked if there was tune he'd like for us to play with him, he named "Salt Creek", a dandy!

On Sunday, May 19, we will hold our **Spring Jamboree** beginning at 12 noon, starting with FREE workshops on fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and bass, followed by performances by the instructors and other OOTFA members. The event will be held at the **Charbonneau Clubhouse**, 32000 SW Charbonneau Drive in Wilsonville. Information is at [OOTFA.org](http://OOTFA.org) and also on the **Facebook** page named "[Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association](https://www.facebook.com/OregonOldtimeFiddlersAssociation)". **See next page for schedule.**

Saturday, July 27, the **3rd Annual Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest** will be held at the **Wilsonville Community Center**. The Spring Jamboree and the Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest are funded by a grant from the City of Wilsonville, and co-hosted by OOTFA Districts 7 and 8.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

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### District 7 May Events

- 4 Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm**  
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley  
(Sunnyside Road at 132nd Avenue)
- 8 Mountain Park Memory Care 2:30 - 3:30 pm**  
13600 SE 122nd Ave., Clackamas
- 19 Spring Jamboree Free Workshops 1 - 4 pm**  
Performances **5:30 - 8 pm**

There will be a short business meeting to begin our **May circle jam**, including voting for district officers. Our monthly circle jams continue to be well attended, and we invite anyone from other districts who might be visiting in the Portland area to join us on the 1st Saturday of each month from 1-4 pm.

**Phyllis Elston** fell and cracked her hip. She is recuperating at home, and her son, **Mike Elston**, says she would appreciate mailed letters or cards sent to 23881 S. Fel-lows Road, Beaver Creek, OR 97004.



Tim Smith, Marcella Easley and John Tricola take a break during a District 7 Circle Jam



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**District 8 May Events**

- 2 Martha's Hughes' Fiddle Class/Jam 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Hosts rotate, so call for location
- 4 Sheep to Shawl 2:15 - 3:15  
Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill St., Salem
- 7 Practice Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm
- 8 Jam at Monmouth Senior Center 6:30 pm  
(arranged by Ted Hunt)
- 9 Martha's Hughes' Fiddle Class/Jam 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Hosts rotate, so call for location
- 16 Martha's Hughes' Fiddle Class/Jam 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Hosts rotate, so call for location
- 21 Practice Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm
- 25 All District 8 Open Jam 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center and Museum

**District 7 Spring Jamboree**

**Charbonneau Clubhouse,  
32000 SW Charbonneau Drive in Wilsonville**

**Instructors for workshops on fiddle (classroom area 1):**

12:00 - 1:30 pm: Carol Ann Wheeler  
 1:30 - 3:00 pm: Greg Baker  
 3:00 - 4:30 pm: Gary Schuh

**Sunday,  
May 19**

**Instructors for workshops on other string instruments (Classrooms area 2):**

12:00 - 1:30 pm: Jodi Vaughn, Bass  
 1:30 - 3:00 pm: Andy Emert, Guitar  
 3:00 - 4:30 pm: David Altman, Mandolin

**Evening performances:**

5:30 pm: Donna Reuter  
 5:40 pm: Gary Schuh  
 5:50 pm: Nancy Christie & Larry Vining  
 6:00 pm: Greg Baker  
 6:10 pm: Tom Clausen  
 6:20 pm: Eileen Walter  
**6:30 pm: 10 min. intermission**

6:40 pm: Grant Wheeler  
 6:50 pm: Claudia Zinser  
 7:00 pm: Gary Evans  
 7:10 pm: Maggie Dickerson  
 7:20 pm: David Altman  
 7:30 pm: Andy Emert

**Info at  
[ootfa.com](http://ootfa.com)**

**Truman Price Performs Saturday May 4th and again May 18th** (always 1st and 3rd Saturdays) at The River:

Gilgamesh in Independence. Truman says his show is, "about half old time fiddle tunes, mixed with funky old songs, with **Roy Rowland** on guitar." Truman held a special performance at the **Heritage Museum** in Independence on Saturday April 13th.

District 8 Vice Chair, **Cathy Yale**, plays in a band called **Old Brown Coat** and their website is [www.oldbrowncoat.com](http://www.oldbrowncoat.com). The group performed at **Uptown Music's Food for Strings** event that was a benefit for **Keizer Food Bank**, and guitars were restrung in exchange for a donation of canned foods. Old Brown Coat plays several gigs each month at different long-term care facilities throughout the area. They will also be playing on June 21 for Salem's **Make Music Day**, and they will be playing Salem's Saturday Market on July 14.

**Bradley Guptill**, age 6, took the top spot in the small fry division at the **Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest** back in March. In the senior division **Martha Hughes** took the top spot, and in the Adult division, **Leanna Heiman** placed 4th and **Mel Fuller** placed 5th.

**Gayle Clarity**, provided transcriptions and chord charts of over 130 tunes that can be found on the OOTFA website ([ootfa.com](http://ootfa.com)).

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**Henry Strid and Luke Bulla in Eugene**

Also, last month down in Eugene at **Tsunami Books**, **Luke Bulla** played a show with special guest **Henry Strid**. Luke Bulla has District 8 ties; he is a fiddle teacher for a District 8 member, and he was a judge at **Weiser** last year where many OOTFA members, including District 8 members, competed and/or volunteered. Henry Strid is a 16 year-old banjo player who started playing when he was 7, and he won 2nd place in 2021 at the **Weiser, Idaho Banjo Contest**. Luke won the **Grand Champion** title at Weiser in 1996 when he was 16, the age Henry is in this picture. Henry and Luke are two of the humans out there keeping old-time music out there for younger generations to listen to, learn about, and play. Luke visits the Pacific Northwest a couple times a year for shows, you can find out more about him at [www.lukebulla.com](http://www.lukebulla.com).

District 8 is proud to welcome **Dick and Patty Carlson** of Dundee as our newest members!

~ Mel Fuller, District 8 Reporter



Loita Colebank, a very well-known bass player and singer in District 8 passed away in March. She is pictured here with her husband, Dale from a vintage picture used when she was featured in the May 2021 Hoedowner.

**District 9 Burns, John Day Area**

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We continue to meet on Friday evenings at the Hines City Hall, and attendance has been very good. Listeners are invited, with a steady group often bringing other friends and relatives. On second Sundays we have our potlucks at the Hub (senior center) in Burns at 1 pm and jam from 2:00 to 4:00, sharing the afternoon with the community. Members from John Day have joined us often at the Aspens, the Hub, Friday jams and for 4th Friday evenings at the Aspens Assisted Living.

Janet Braymen witnessed the Eclipse with her cousin in Texas, and was presented with a couple of t-shirts as momentos, also in celebration of her birthday. Texas was also a destination for Joan Suther, who was evidently following the migratory birds. She is an avid birder who hosted bird watching tours at the migratory bird festival in Burns this month.

Other activities included planning for a fund raising yard sale to be held May 11th at Lynn Mim's house and the High Desert Jamboree in June.

~ Don Greenfield, District 9 Reporter

**High Desert Music Jamboree**

**June 13, 14 & 15, 2024**

**Harney County Fairgrounds**

**Burns, Oregon**

**New campsites available with  
50 and 30 amp hookups**

**Camping: \$40 with hook-up or \$15 dry camp**

**Food available on-site by  
Smoking Pit BBQ**

**Evening stage shows  
Saturday afternoon gospel show**

**Sound by Cherry City Sound**

**Early arrival is fine.  
Set up day is June 12**

**OOTFA District 9 collects camping fees for  
Wednesday thru Saturday nights,  
otherwise pay fairgrounds.**

## District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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### [Facebook Public Group \(OOTFA District 10\)](#)

### District 10 May Events

6	Monday Jam	Time & Location TBA
9	Garden Valley Retirement	2 – 3 pm
10	The People's Goods (549 SE Jackson)	
	Mom's Day Weekend Event	3 – 5 pm
11	Beginning Fiddle Class	10 am
	Contact Kelly Wadsworth for more info	
13	Monday Jam	Time & Location TBA
15	Callahan Court	2:30 – 3:30 pm
20	Monday Jam	Time & Location TBA
23	Riverview Terrace	3:30 – 4:30 pm
25	Sutherlin Senior Center	11 am meeting
	Meeting/Potluck/Jam	12 - 3 pm jam
27	Monday Jam	Time & Location TBA
28	Bridgewood Rivers	2 - 3 pm

The Week of May 5-11 is Fiddle Week in Oregon (by Proclamation of the Governor). How do you plan to celebrate? **Beginning Fiddle Class** will be on Saturday May 11 at 10 am. **Fiddling in the Park** will run on Mondays from June 10 - September 2 at 10 am at **Fir Grove Park**. Each week, there will be two groups: 1) **Beginning Fiddle** and 2) **Advanced Beginning Fiddle**. Call **Kelly Wadsworth** at 541-643-7113. Loaner fiddles available.

The **State Convention** in Winston on April 3-6 was a big success. Kudos to the officers, organizers and everyone who helped with set up, decorations, posters, publicity, emcee duties, stage managing, sound reinforcement, food, workshops, refreshments, raffle and clean up. Please send in your event evaluation to **Jude Kuether** so it will be even better in the future.

Upcoming birthdays include **Kathy Ross** (May 19), **Barbara Cheppaikode** (May 19) and **Marilynn Stephens** (May 25). Let's Celebrate Everyone's Birthday!

Election of District 10 Officers will take place at our meeting on Sat, May 25 at 11 am. Please contact our Co-Chairs, **Dan Jocoy** or **Christine Cormack** if you are willing to serve in a leadership role.

I've been in touch with **Melissa Taylor** (District 4) and the folks in Azalea about have a **Joint Potluck and Jam** again there. We've narrowed it down to August 10 or 31, with the 10th preferred. Please keep those dates open, and I'll let y'all know soon what gets decided.

Let's learn some New Tunes! Check out the two volumes of "52 Traditional Tunes from Fiddle Hell." Each 2-CD set has many fun tunes, played both fast and slow, by **The Reiner Family** & guests. The tunes come from many traditions, and the albums are highly recommended. [www.fiddlehell.org](http://www.fiddlehell.org)

Need fiddle T-shirts, koozies, pint cups, stickers, tune books, digital downloads or CDs? Montana State Old-Time Fiddlers have great deals. [www.montanastateoldtimefiddlers.org/store](http://www.montanastateoldtimefiddlers.org/store)

Check out the fiddle videos that **Colleen Hanks** uploaded from **Ila Mae Carmickle's** fiddle class in Eugene at: [www.youtube.com/user/crhanksba2001/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/crhanksba2001/videos). If you need music or chords for any of them, go to the D-6 link from ootfa.org or go on-line to [www.district6fiddleclass.wordpress.com](http://www.district6fiddleclass.wordpress.com)

It's good to regularly review the "Tunes of the Month" from The Hoedowner. Those tunes (since 2007) are at [www.ootfa.org/pdf/TOTM.pdf](http://www.ootfa.org/pdf/TOTM.pdf)

**Gayle Clarity** (District 8) has transcribed about 130 tunes. Some are rather obscure, and it's difficult to find music and chords for them. If you'd like a copy of lead sheets and chord charts for any of them, call Gayle at 503-899-7485 or e-mail [gaylrose@gmail.com](mailto:gaylrose@gmail.com). She may be able to put them on a thumb drive for you. **Jodi Vaughn** has also already put some of Gayle's transcriptions on OOTFA's webpage. You can print them out from here – <http://ootfa.org/songpicker.html>

Jam On! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

## 2024 OOTFA Calendar

May 1 - 5	Christmas Valley Campout Booster Hall, Christmas Valley
May 19	District 7 Workshop/Performance Charbonneau Arts Commission, Wilsonville
June 13 - 15	High Desert Jamboree Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns
July 22 - 25	West Cascades Fiddle Camp Emerald Christian Academy, Pleasant Hill
July 27	Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest Wilsonville
Aug. 2	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis
Aug. 8 - 11	Farm Jam Campout 32260 SE Belfils Road, Estacada, Oregon
Aug. 15 - 18	Fiddle at the Beach Winchester Bay
Sept. 12 - 14	Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering, Cary Foster Hall, Crook Co. Fairgrounds, Prineville

# OOTFA Spring Convention

## Wrap-up

by Jude Kuether



Sydney Pierce and Nevaeh Davidson brought their talents to the OOTFA Spring Convention



Ruth Weyer handled the raffle



Gayle Clarity at the Conference

Another OOTFA Spring Convention has come and gone, and we were pretty happy with the way it went. Having a new venue meant some challenges but I think the committee members and convention goers rose to the occasion and it mostly went well. We all had so much fun playing music with old and new friends.

### Some highlights:

Having our dedicated front door greeters, **Marilyn Stephens** and **Jean Marie** were a real asset. As a result of their efforts we were able to accumulate a detailed breakdown of attendance.

**Our Convention committee** has been communicating, and we have a working plan started for next year's convention. Thanks to everyone who turned in an evaluation as that is how we improve. The numbers were slightly less than last year, although last year getting an accurate count was difficult.

**The Preregistration** was helpful in planning how to manage the camping situation and everyone was easily accommodated. Preregistration didn't help much in predicting workshop attendance, but we did learn a lot about how to set them up. We have plans on how to improve that process.

Having food at the convention was found to be a plus. The **Bearded Guy Food Truck** wasn't utilized as much as he had hoped, but he said he would be willing to come back.

The raffle at the Convention was also a success, thanks to **Ruth Weyer** and her assistants. There were about 50 items that were raffled off, ranging from artwork to hanging plants and music books to music stands. The gift baskets, wine and \$50 gift certificate drew the most interest. About \$460 was raised for OOTFA. The quilt ladies sold 5 quilts and 2 wall hangings and they were happy with that.

The breakfast was well attended, but we all agree that it should be a bit later. Next year breakfast and the soup supper will require sign up in advance to avoid food waste.

We thought the **Saturday Showcase** went off well and we certainly are looking forward to seeing our young fiddlers grow and blossom. 7 of our 10 districts participated. I think one of them is channeling **Charlie Daniels!** You can watch them on the Facebook feed.

At the **General Membership Meeting** on Saturday a bylaw change was approved so that we may accept funds electronically.

The **Roseburg News Review** had excellent front page coverage of the convention. They included nine photographs with their feature. **Robin Lindsey**, who truly regrets not being able to attend, did see it as the first story on his MSN news feed, right along with all the national news of the day. The algorithm generator seems to know he Google searches "Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers" on a regular basis.

Many thanks to the committee members **Steve Robare**, **Margot O'Sullivan**, **Allison Lindley**, **Chris Cormack** and **Dennis Will**. We all spread the load a bit, and I even got to play at a couple of jams! Hope to see you all there next year!

**Sydney Pierce** wrote this poem which she read at the Convention:

*A delicate tune is on the wind,  
And it tickles in my mind.  
The lonely sounding violin,  
And the paeon mandolin.  
I long for the tunes of days gone by,  
Before the wells of music went dry.  
The days when tunes could fly,  
And could make the listener cry.*

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### In Memoriam

**Phyllis Coffin**, District 6's longtime member and fabulous singer passed away on April 12th at the age of 92. She loved OOTFA and had spent the previous Friday at the 2024 Convention along with **Peggy Mulder** who drove her many places. She had been a member of OOTFA for 39 years and relished the strong friendships she developed. She was born on Feb 20, 1932 in Mobridge, ND where she sang and played the French Horn and eventually married **Zane Coffin**. In 1963, they settled in Elmira. They had 6 children, 5 live locally. She worked for the **Emerald Art Center** for a time. She was the **Kitchen Queen** for many, many years in District 6. *She will be missed.* District 6 is planning a **Thanksgiving Celebrating Phyllis Potluck** on May 11 at 11:30 am. Condolences can be sent to the **Coffin Family** at 90393 Sheffler Rd., Elmira, OR 97437.

**Loita Colebank**, Lifetime Member from Aurora in District 8, passed away on March 20. One of her last words were "Sorry I'll miss the gig." Loita listed as her favorite songs "Let the Rest of the World Go By", "Miss the Mississippi and You", and "My Blue Heaven." She was born in 1933 in Boyd, Washington and married **Dale** in 1951. They were both very active in **Jehovah's Witness** and OOTFA. Loita played the upright bass. Dale passed away in 2015. They had a goat dairy farm in the Woodburn area. Loita worked as a registered nurse and retired in '89 and kept dairying until 1997. After her retirement she became involved in a quilting group, and the **Aurora Colony Museum**. She is survived by her 5 children **Molly, Kathleen, Melissa, Shannon & Collin**, 8 grandkids and 6 great grandkids.

A memorial will be held on Saturday, May 4 at 11am at the **Canby Funeral Chapel**, 160 S Grant St, Canby, OR .  
Condolences can be sent to the family at 21992 Floral Ct NE, Aurora, OR 97002.

**Karan Ann Gibson**. Lifetime Member from Burns, passed away on February 10. She was 74.  
The April Hoedowner erroneously said she was 79.

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