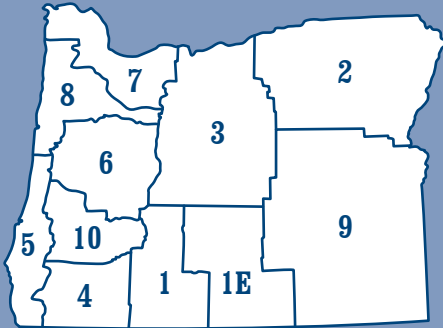


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From Your President

By the time you read this Hoedowner, the State Fiddle Contest will be over. Congratulations to all of the winners and thanks to all of you who entered the contest, acted as back-up, volunteered, or attended the contest. I hope you had as much fun as I did. Also a big THANK YOU for all of the Districts and individuals who donated. Without your support we would not be able to have the contest.

Please plan to attend our annual meeting at the State Convention in Rickreall on April 9 at 10:30am. I will have a very important announcement to make that will positively affect our organization for years to come.

Our overall membership is substantially down from past years. This can be attributed to losing members due to age, moving out of state or losing interest. We will always be a dynamic organization, with our members having diverse musical interests. However; we do not seem to be attracting many new experienced fiddlers into OOTFA. I have talked with many good old time fiddlers who would be interested in joining if there was an opportunity to play more old time fiddle music, rather just being a back-up to singers. So, how can we best accommodate everyone's desires and continue to meet our Articles of Incorporation that says we will "preserve and promote the art of oldtime fiddling throughout the State of Oregon...?"

Some have suggested that we might have a separate jam session, maybe even on a separate day from the normal district Jam, with only fiddle music being played and advertise that in local papers to try to attract new fiddlers. I would like to hear your ideas.

I forgot to share this last time, so here is the schedule for the dance bands at the Convention on the evening of April 9:

8:00 – District	8:17 – District 6	8:34 – District 7	8:51 – District 3
9:08 – District 1	9:25 – District 9	9:42 – District 1E	9:59 – District 5
10:16 – District 10	10:33 – District 8		

See you all there!! ~Hal Weiner

PS- Don't forget to order your banquet tickets from Sharon Gallagher!

From the Editor

Mark Ratzlaff reports that new membership rosters have been printed and will be available at the convention for \$1.50, twenty-five cents more than last year, due to increased printing costs. If you would rather have the roster in pdf format, send Mark an e-mail request at mark@octoberdesign.com, and he will forward one to you at no charge. Better yet, buy a copy at the convention AND get the free pdf download.

Whaddiyaknow Dept. I knew District 9's Janet Brayman played the hammered dulcimer, but was surprised learn from District 9's report that she plays the xylophone as well. With my editor's hat on, thought it might be an error; so I e-mailed Darlene Wingfield, who responded: " Janet played the xylophone with the Chamber Music Orchestra. (As well as other percussion) Started with the percussion in 5th grade..... the hammered dulcimer came much later! "

~Joe Moyle

From the Editor Emeritus

The contest is behind us, it is now history. Printer schedules won't allow me to congratulate the winners by name but I can thank the many contestants who entered the contest. They met the challenge of being on a stage in a big auditorium in front of an audience who came to hear fiddle music. Of course, also, knowing that three judges were in a nearby room listening to them. Yes, they met the challenge. Now it is time to practice for the next contest. The results of the contest will have been put on our web shortly after the contest.

I can, also, thank the many volunteers who worked before the contest and the volunteers who worked during the contest. You all were all a part of a great team making your contribution so that over fifty contestants could enter the contest and so that hundreds of people could hear the contestants play. Also, I want to sincerely thank all of the districts and High Desert Fiddlers for contributing to the contest. And many individuals made very generous contributions. Without your contributions the contest could not be held. I must not forget the business people who contributed -- The Print Shop, Action Trophies and Henry Strobel Violin Shop. If you get the chance, please thank them for their contribution to our contest.

Through the effort -- big effort -- of several volunteers who will be recognized later, I hope to have all of the OOTFA Hoedowners from the very first one in 1966 through April of 2011 on CDs and available at the state convention. No longer will there be just one set of Hoedowners in my basement that are only available to me but now anybody with a computer can go back to read any Hoedowner, to read about people, places, jams, conventions, contests, obituaries -- all of the things that made our association what it is today. I am excited.

Bunky McFee was one of our great old time fiddlers before he died in 1996. On June 6, 1944, he was a part of D-day. On June 6, 1984, forty years after the landing, he sat down at a recorder and told of the landing and the battle. Seventeen years later I found the tape in a box along with many fiddle tapes. His story is now on our web. If you don't have a computer, I think you should have a friend with one show you the story. While you are at the computer check the 2010 contest pictures by Nina H. . . They are literally "the best." Hopefully the 2011 pictures will be there, too.

~Lew Holt

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April

3	Meeting/Pot Luck & Jam		12 - 4 p.m..
5	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m..
5	Gig	Crystal Terrace	12:30 - 1:30 p.m..
10	Senior Dance, music, & finger food		12 - 4 p.m.
21	Gig	Shasta View Care Center	1- 2 p.m..
21	Gig	Linkville House	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Practice every Saturday 1 - 4 p.m. at Luther Square unless something else is going on. Any questions regarding schedule call Irene Ruddock.

Boy, did we have a good time at our February dance; there were 16 musicians signed up plus our wonderful back up. Happy to have two guests Matt Hillaire played guitar and Bob Dorsey played banjo; we hope they will join us again. It is always nice to see new faces; of course, we love seeing all the other faces, too.

Our election of officers was held at our March meeting. Irene Ruddock will remain chairperson. The co-chairperson is John Northcraft. Marlon Jannuzzi will be our secretary/treasurer, and Ali Swartwood, will be the reporter with Patti Northcraft assisting her.

Our snowbirds Johnny & Darleth Rogers have finally returned, just in time to enjoy some snow & lots of cold weather. Welcome home.

Most of us from District One will not be able to see you at the convention; hopefully we will see everyone at the Silver Lake campout. Be sure to pack your snowshoes.

We want to welcome four new members to our district: Roary Blackman from Klamath Falls, Marie Kliever from Klamath Falls, and Delbert & Noranne Sparks from Keno

I know it is just April and our summer hasn't arrived yet, but we would like all of you to mark your calendar for the semi-annual convention September 15, 16, & 17th at Merrill. We will welcome all early birds on the 14th. We will give you more details later.

April Birthdays: Allen Meyers, Bill Bonser, and Richard Vaughn

I don't have any anniversaries on my list for April.

Hopefully we didn't miss anyone; if so, let me know.

Live well laugh often and love much.

~Aline Swartwood, stand-in District 1 Reporter

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I sure hope you all have your fedora or fez ready. Dust off your beret, beanie or bowler and practice up your song for the Annual Hat Contest Friday night at the District 1E Silver Lake Campout.

You've got plenty of time, but I'm always reminded to over-publicize this event. District 1E is a one-trick pony, so we make the most of it!

This year it will happen Thursday May 5 through Sunday May 8. Yes, I know, that is a special day-Mother's Day, but we've had it occur on that day before, and most folks that need to get back home for that day hop up early and are home in a few hours.

Not to change the subject really, but our last monthly meeting produced a line up of officers as such:Chairman is Beverly Perry, co-chairman is Rhayanna McLain, but a couple of "old hands" remain in office. Sharilyn McLain is our "chief financial officer" at Secretary-Treasurer and yours truly is Reporter.

For anyone who hasn't attended our camp out, we have a couple of interesting contests. Friday night is our "Hat Night" and the contest asks the participants to play (or sing) a tune that closely matches the hat they've chosen to wear on stage. Most winning contestants have spent a considerable amount of time and creativity to outdo the average Joe.

On Saturday night, we have a "Draw Band" contest. Contestants put their names into cans according to what instruments they are able to play- even slightly. About an hour before the contest begins, we will pick a name from each of these cans to form a band. They then have about an hour to: 1.) find a song they can all play 2.) invent a snappy name for the band. and 3.) practice.

It's nerve-wracking FUN.

Of course, we have plenty of jamming (duh!) all day long and plenty of snacks, and a few potlucks along the way. For the only "planned" potluck, District 1E supplies a couple of hams on Saturday evening, and all who want to join in will supply a side dish for the only planned pot luck. Then, on to the Draw Band Contest.....We'll wind down the weekend with a gospel show on Sunday morning.

Please try to join us this year. I guarantee you'll have a great time. Most folk bring their motor homes and dry camp free all around the Fire Hall in Silver Lake. Just please park off the helipad- (marked with a big yellow H.)There are a limited number of first come, first served electric only sites .

For those who need a full hook up or a motel, there are these options-

In Silver Lake: Silver Lake Trailer Park - (541) 576-2789
 K&K RV- TrailerPark - (541)576-2258
 Silver Lake Motel - (541)576-2131

Approx. 20 MI. out: Christmas Valley Desert Inn - (541)576-2262
 Lakeside Terrace - (541)576-2309
 Summer Lake Lodge - (541)943-3994

Well, hope I've told you everything about our little campout to help you make the right decision -to join us and have a great time with your good friends. But you know there's always that old saying:"If everything seems to be going well, then OBVIOUSLY you've forgotten something"

Well, by god, I did forget something....Billy McLain's birthday is April 14th.

~Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.

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March			
26	Jam	Bend Community Center	1 - 4 p.m.
April			
2	Jam	Pine Forest Grange	1 - 4 p.m.

The District 3 Jam was held at the Pine Forest Grange. The weather has been tough so far this year so the dry roads and moderate temperature drew out a good crowd and a stage full of musicians were in attendance providing the music. District 3 welcomes new members Robert and Joyce Grills, of Bend.

From Chairman Bob Ervin: "As it is almost time to elect new officers in District 3, I hope that we will have members who are willing to step up and accept this responsibility. The present officers term will expire the last day of June. We will have a meeting at our jam in April and try to elect new officers then. If you would like to nominate someone or run for an office let Jack Kerr know at 541-233-3493, or e-mail him at kerrjack@

bendbroadband.com. Also nominations can be taken from the floor. We do need your help to continue to prosper and grow."

Chairman Bob encourages all fiddlers young and old to consider attending the La Pine Fiddle Camp scheduled August 9-12 located at the 1000 Trails Campground. This is an OOTFA Sponsored Fiddle Camp, that is local and affordable. The 1000 Trails Campground offers discounted dry camping fees for attendees. There will be lots of evening jamming at the campground for the campground guests. Scholarship funds are available for the Junior Fiddlers, Call Jack Kerr or Bob Ervin for application details.

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District 3 musicians are encouraged to attend the March 26th jam at Bend Community Center. It will be the last jam at the community center until further notice. This jam will be an acoustic circle jam.

We have seven members attending the Oregon State Fiddle Contest on March 18th at Chemekata Community College in Salem. Fiddlers attending are: Katie, Emily, Beth, Sara Ann Leavitt, Lauren, Hana Allison and Roland White.

Roland White announces that the Junior Fiddlers monthly jam from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. will not be held again till the September 4th meeting. He will be calling all Junior Fiddlers families to schedule some Junior Fiddler play days exclusively for them

during the spring and summer months starting in June. Contact Roland • Roland White 541-647-4789 • roland@fiddlplay.com

Members please send any District 3 newsworthy details to Roland White 541-647-4789 roland@fiddlplay.com him by the 10th of each month to meet the Hoedowner news deadline.

Thank you Ron Odegard for all your reporting service.

~Roland White, District 3 Reporter

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'Twas a very rainy day for our monthly jam at Eagle Point Grange. A goodly crew braved the raindrops and joined in with good music. No visitors, but a couple new folks showed up and expressed interest. Hope they follow through!

It was so good to have Cathy Frutchey back from her enforced "vacation" in Hawaii, with her ill father-in-law. Ed is doing better, and all are back home. We were saddened to hear of the death of Judy Lyons' son in Kentucky. Bob Griffith, one of our life members, died February 28. Our sympathy goes out to all the families. Pat Manion's extensive tests came back with good results, and he says he feels fine. Way to go, Pat!

Scott Phillips and Lola Williams have recently had successful cataract surgery. They showed up with matching eyeglasses, each with one lens missing. We could tell them apart, tho, 'cuz one of them had more hair on their head!

We played with and for a small group at the Salvation Army dinner in Grants Pass. Our new member, Charlie Boyer from Eagle Point, was the only guitar player, so got a real "trial by fire". He kept smiling, tho, and we kept him challenged! We're also scheduled to play again at Spring Meadows in Grants Pass after a long hiatus. The residents have been requesting us back. Don't forget we have elections at the April meeting. Be ready to take an office or volunteer to be a part of District 4. It takes a team!

April

2 Jam Roxy Ann Grange Medford

May

14 Jam Butte Creek Mill Eagle Point

June

4 Jam Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass

Well, spring is springing, and Easter will soon be here. Here are the "Top Ten Reasons to Celebrate Easter:

10. You absolutely love the movie, "The Ten Commandments".
9. You look really, really good in yellow.
8. You just went on a low cholesterol diet and didn't want to waste all those eggs in the fridge.
7. You figure any Holiday that starts with a "Good Friday" can't be all bad.
6. You love to bite the heads off chocolate bunnies.
5. It's a good time to check out your neighborhood church and not be noticed.
4. You have this bunny suit you love to wear, but are too insecure to wear it without a reason.
3. Even though you don't know what it is, you really like the sound of going to a "Passion Play."
2. You figured since Jesus went to all THAT trouble to make it to the first Easter, you'd give it a shot.
1. As a Christian you celebrate the resurrection every other day, why not Easter too?

~District 4 reporter: Judy McGarvey

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Hats Off to Peg Willis

This month we would like to feature Peg Willis from Pendleton. Peg has devoted much of her time and talent to fiddling and young people. She has given lessons. She has taken them to Alaska and Ireland and many places in between. They have been in many shows and community activities and have entertained many people with their fiddling. Our hats are off to Peg. The article below appeared in the East Oregonian on February 23.

Kapers Show Puts Peg Willis in Spotlight

By Tammy Melgesini

Peg Willis says she feels more comfortable being in the background. During past Kiwanis Kapers shows, if Willis performed with her children she often wore black so she wouldn't stand out. Kiwanis Kapers organizers have pulled Willis from the background and put the spotlight on her. In recognition of her commitment to teaching others, the Kiwanis Round-Up Club and Pendleton Kiwanis Club have dedicated its 53rd annual show, which takes place Friday and Saturday, in her honor.

Willis views her long-time role as a music teacher in a broader sense. "I don't really teach music, I teach kids," she said. "Yes, I teach music, but I used to teach social studies, math and English, too." Willis and her husband, Jim, moved to Pendleton in 1972. She has taught in public schools, Blue Mountain Christian Academy, Heppner and in her home studio.

When asked how many children she has, Willis proudly says she's given birth to three, who are all musicians, and has helped raise well over 200 others - all past students.

At the age of 7, Willis got her first taste of music when someone gave her a ukulele. "It came with a little booklet about how to play the ukulele in five minutes a day," she said with a laugh. At age 15, Willis bought her first guitar - paying \$16.50. "That was huge to me - to save that much money and to have something I worked hard for," she said.

Willis performed in her first Kapers show in 1973 in a production of "In a Sense, Abroad." She rode on stage on a dilapidated bike, got off and talked with a group of people in a Scottish brogue and then rode off the stage. Over the years Willis has performed with her children as well as various groups. The most memorable performance, she said, was The Pick 'n' Bow Company in the mid-1990s. "It was the first time they had performed for Kapers and they won the top prize," Willis said. "And I had several other students that did well, so it was a big year."

Known for teaching fiddle, Willis also started a Suzuki violin program. Very simply, the Suzuki method means beginners learn to play by ear and only later are taught to read music. The practice is similar how children learn language - imitating what they hear and later learning to read and write.

Although she's helping with the sixth grade orchestra class at Sunridge Middle School, Willis has been slowly retiring over the past five years. She continues to maintain a website as a resource for parents and musicians (www.fiddlepeg.com).

The Kiwanis clubs in Pendleton appreciate Willis for sharing her love of music with the community.

Tune of the Month : Sleeping Giant Two-Step

This lively tune was composed by the Canadian fiddler, Andy De Jarlis. The Sleeping Giant is a Lake Superior peninsula, near Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Sleeping Giant Two-Step (1)

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Andy De Jarlis, 1961

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April

6	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1:20 p.m.
	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 p.m.
13	Gig	Baycrest Memory Care, Empire	1:30 p.m.
	Gig	Ocean Crest, Coos Bay	3 p.m.
16	Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay	1 p.m.
20	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 p.m.
27	Gig	Life Care Center, Coos Bay	1:30 p.m.
	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 p.m.

At the business meeting in March it was decided that the theme for this year's program at the Winchester Bay campout in August will be a song with the name of a river, so pick your song and start practicing. Since all the officers are doing such an excellent job, they will all remain the same for the coming year. It was voted to give \$500 to the state fiddle contest.

We hope you are all making plans to attend the state convention in Rickreall this month. That is always interesting and fun with so many musicians to hear, and so many new people to meet.

Ella Savery was the featured musician at the March jam. She was born to play music and calls herself a "one woman band". Over the years she has played guitar, harmonica, hammered dulcimer, dobro, bass, keyboard, accordion, piano, ukulele, and drums and loves to sing and yodel. One of her favorite instruments is a button accordion over 100 years old brought along by her father when he immigrated from Europe. It still sounds wonderful. She learned to play harmonica and to yodel during her four-mile walk to school every day when she was a child. Her whole family was very musical and played at many venues throughout Oregon, California, and Idaho. These included many dances, parties and contests. She has played backup with Mark O'Connor, Willy Carter, Wally Bloom and many other well-known fiddlers. She has played with the Little Old Oprey on the Bay in North Bend for many years and will be helping them to celebrate their 30th anniversary this summer.

It was good to see so many, including several new faces, in the audience at last month's jam and we hope they will return. The program was changed a bit with the open jam on the floor coming after the two-hour stage presentation. If this works out satisfactorily it will be a permanent arrangement. There was also a good turnout of musicians to play at the Hauser Firemen's spaghetti feed last month. That found our co-chairman, Ruth Weyer, directing the kitchen crew --- good cooks always end up in the kitchen.

If any of you do not know one of our regular jam attendees, Olivia Pollard, from Reedsport, you may be interested in this little lady. To celebrate her 80th birthday she donned a parachute and jumped from an airplane. It was her first jump and she loved it! She has just turned 95 and plans to do it again. Her doctor has given her the green light but told her to wait until the weather was more settled before she does it. Way to go, Olivia!

Hope you all have a happy Easter and may the Easter bunny fill your basket with eggs.

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

~Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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April

No Monthly Jam

May

1	Jam and Lunch	Lebanon Moose	10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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lessons or fiddle camp contact Darla Knudsen 541-998-2064, jkdkc@q.com.

Our annual election of District 6 officers was held March 12th at the Santa Clara Grange. Ken Luse will remain as Chairman. Acting Vice Chairman John Gent declined to run and Wayne Carter was elected in his place. Bernie Roberts will remain as Secretary/ Treasurer. Thanks to all of those who have helped keep the district running. The district voted to donate \$500 to the Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest. Thanks also to Lloyd and Esther Shriber for announcing at the jams. It was good to have OOTFA President Hal Weiner visit at the jam.

Applications for the West Cascade Fiddle Camp and Workshops, July 26th-29th, are now available on line at www.fiddlecamp.org. The WCFCW committee has been working hard to make the camp a wonderful, fun experience. Check out the web site for more details as new things are still being added. There are many volunteer opportunities, and they would love to hear your ideas, so stay involved. If you are interested in a scholarship for fiddle

Be sure to join in on the fun at the State Convention April 6-9 at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall. Raffle items are needed, so if you have an interesting treasure be sure to bring it along. If you read this in time, reservations for the Saturday banquet need to be sent in by April 1st. Sharon needs your choices of tri-tip beef or chicken, and your check to cover \$13 per person. Please send to Sharon Gallagher, 2030 King Lane, Myrtle Point, OR 97458.

It's time again for the Lebanon Moose Jam and Lunch, Sunday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. The women of the Moose will graciously provide lunch for all. Directions: From 1-5 take exit 228 (Hwy 34) toward Lebanon. Go through Lebanon toward Sweet Home. The Moose Lodge is on the right.

The first Friday jam which has been held at the Eugene Hotel is canceled this month. The location for May is undecided, so stay

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tuned. Both the second Friday Crow Grange jam and the fourth Friday Santa Clara Grange jam will be still be held at the usual time from 7:30- 10:30pm. All are welcome.

Birthdays: Alice McDowell 4/4 and Carol Ede 4/12.
Anniversaries: Lynn and Joan Nelson 4/8, Joe and Leah Canaday

4/9, Arlo and Louise Hamilton 4/13, Joe and Emily Moyle 4/22, Jerry and Linda Parks 4/29.

If you would like your birthday, and or anniversary listed in the Hoedowner just let me know.

Happy spring, Lynne Baran, District 6 Reporter

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April
17
May
27

Hillsboro Senior Center	Hillsboro
Tanner Adult Center	West Linn

Since District 7 has such a short play list this month, this reporter hopes it's because everyone will be attending the Rickreall State Convention on Wed – Sat, Apr 6 – 9, in Rickreall and at the Columbia Gorge Fiddle contest in Hood River on May 6-8. Check the Hoedowner for details.

Sunday Apr 17 is our monthly jam at the Hillsboro Senior Center, 750 SE 8th St. Doors open at 11 am. sign-up playing from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.

Friday, May 27 we are scheduled to play from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive, West Linn.

We don't have a monthly jam scheduled for May. If you have any suggestions where we could schedule a jam please contact Ron Zabudsky at rdzstruments@msn.com or contact me at gfoster@msn.com.

~Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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April 6-9	State Convention	Rickreall
May 21	Gig, Senior Center	Dallas
July 22	Gig, City Park	Aumsville

Twelve musicians from the Salem area gathered at the Stayton Senior Center on February 17th to entertain the seniors. Several commented that the music reminded them of their growing up years. We played for two hours, taking turns choosing tunes.

dinner to buying an electric wheelchair for a young woman with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). They provided us with a straw hat for tips, and when it was counted, we had \$130 for the district. And the chicken and dumplings were delicious, as was the pie!

District 8 met on February 19th to discuss several items, including election of officers for next year. Our current slate of officers was unanimously reelected. Good job folks, and thank you all for your willingness to continue. In other business, we voted to contribute as follows to area fiddle contests. To OOTFA State Contest: \$1000, to Willamette Valley Contest: \$300, to Columbia Gorge Contest: \$300.

We send our love and sympathy to Dennis Brutke on the death of his mother. She sometimes joined Dennis in singing.

A regular sign-up jam followed the meeting. Bob Strelow joined us from District 6. Come again Bob! Two of our scholarship students, and the mother of one of them, played. Joel Bennett, who is becoming a regular at jams, played the national anthem before we started and also played in the jam. Erin Holgrenson played several tunes and played along with her mother, Brenda, who is also learning fiddle. After the jam, some of us trekked across the valley from McMinnville to Stayton to wish Betty Emery Happy 90th Birthday!

Jean Moynahan, wife of Tim, has a newly published mystery novel. Titled "The Illuminated Vineyard," Publishers Weekly says: "Past and present converge with sobering results in Moynahan's intoxicating debut set in Oregon wine country." Sounds like a good read!

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Polk County Fairgrounds for the convention. Our district will provide coffee, tea, and finger foods all day on Wednesday April 6th. No third Saturday jam in April.

May 21st we're scheduled to play at the Dallas Senior Center. Open at 11 a.m. We always have a good audience here. Directions next month.

A group, headed by Loita Colebank, played in Woodburn on February 25th. They received a nice check for the district. Others played in Newberg on the 26th for a chicken and dumpling dinner. The Eastern Star ladies dedicated the proceeds from the

Thanks to all who contributed, entered, and worked at the OOTFA contest in March!

~Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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April

8	Gig	The Aspens
10	Jam, Election of Officers	Senior Center
18	Gig	Ashley Manor

On Sunday March 13th we entertained the folks at the Senior Center at our monthly Jam/potluck. 25 attended even though the local Chamber Music Spring Concert was being held at 3 p.m. We still had seven musicians putting out good music, and some Irish songs too.

Gene Thomas and his wife were with us after being absent for a while. Janet Brayman played till it was time to leave and perform at the concert, where she had a great time playing "That Hound Dog Rag" on the xylophone.

Don Williams sang a few Irish songs since St. Patrick's Day was near. Special guests of George and Hilda Sahlberg were Bob and Jackie Drinkwater. Janet Brayman and Joan Suther

announced they would be playing music at Bella Java on March 17 and invited everyone to come out and listen. Dennis and Dona Townsend were out of town and were missed as well as some other fine musicians.

Due to a lack of quorum, no meeting was held. Election of officers is rescheduled for the April 10th jam at the Senior Center. We will play at the Aspens on April 8th and Ashley Manor on April 18th.

~Darlene Wingfield, District 9 pro tem Reporter

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April

9	Monthly Jam	VFW Hall, Roseburg	12-3 p.m.
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Good turn out for our jam and lots of good music. Two new members signed up that day, Francis Stephensen and Kelly Wadsworth. Both good musicians.

We will be having our regular jam on April 9th. Come join us for that afternoon and if you have an amplifier and mike, bring them along. Also bring snacks for everyone to share, finger foods only please. Coffee will be provided. We meet at the VFW Hall, 1127 Walnut St. Roseburg starting at noon until 3 pm. See you there.

Several of our members will be at convention. Don Hamlin and Chris Booher are playing on the Friday night show.

~Jo Barnes, for Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

State Fiddle Contest Results

The annual State Fiddle Contest was held at Chemetketa Community College in Salem March 18-19. Here are the results:

PEE WEE

1. Tenaya Cooley - Eugene
2. Evan Hildreth - Tualatin
3. Karelynn Leavitt - Redmond

JUNIOR - JUNIOR

1. Mathew McCravey - Hood River
2. Isaaiah Baltzell - Portland
3. Gabriel Baltzell - Portland

JUNIOR

1. Melissa Whitaker - Independence
2. Roya Ghaemmaghami - Tigard
3. Beth Leavitt - Redmond

YOUNG ADULTS

1. Stephanie Borron - Pendleton
2. Sydney Hart - Warren

ADULT

1. Starr McMullen - Corvallis
2. Hajime Nagashima - Portland
3. Donna Reuter - Hood River

SENIORS

1. Roland White - Bend
2. Rick Bergeron - Gresham
3. Donna Wynn - Eugene

SENIOR - SENIORS

1. Judy McGarvey - Medford
2. Les Tucker - Woodburn
3. Donna Foreman - Estacada

OPEN

1. Andy Emert - Portland
2. Tabitha Gholi - Portland
3. Amy Booher - Salem

TWIN FIDDLE

1. Eileen Walter - Tabitha Gholi
2. Donna Reuther - Rick Bergeron
3. Beth Leavitt - Sara-Anne Levavitt



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www.OregonOldTimeFiddling.org

State Calendar

April 6-9	State Convention	Rickreall
May 5-8	Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake
May 6-8	Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest	Hood River
June 16-18	High Desert Jamboree	Burns
July 25-30	West Cascades Fiddle Camp/Workshop	Westfir
August 4-7	Diamond Lake Campout	Diamond Lake
August 9-12	Thousand Trails Fiddle Camp	LaPine
August 18-21	Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Bay
September 14-17	State Quarterly Meeting	Merrill

New Members to Welcome!

Jeremy Mueller, Eugene
Neal & Vera Jones, Eagle Point
Carl & Jolene Granich, Coos Bay
Robert & Kathryn Petzold, Brookings
Allen Schrock, Dallas
Robert & Jayne Grills, Bend

Lucy Smith, Sherwood
Bruce Cooley, Eugene
Serafina Farb, Beaverton
Megan Hamilton, Beaverton
- Mark Ratzlaff, OOTFA State Membership



Tenaya Cooley, age 7 and the newest District Six member, took first place in the Pee wee Division at the State Fiddle Contest. Shown holding her trophy. Photo by Ken Luse.