

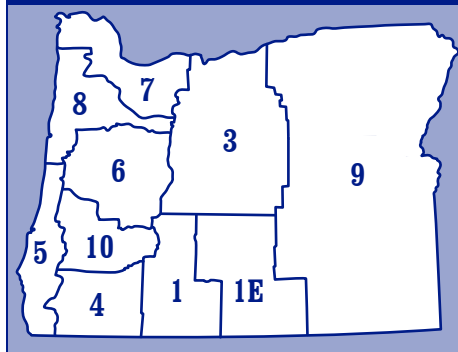
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OOTFA PRESIDENT SCOTT PHILLIP'S REPORT

Thoughts

LIVE FROM FRENCH GULCH!

Up on the rooftop..... It is December after all. It is also time to clean the chimney. We hear a tune that catches our ear and listen intently trying to be sure we can remember it later. We go home to our "wood shed" to work on it. Trial and error and practice, practice, practice. When we have a tune we are satisfied with, we wait patiently to share it with others and continue to practice. Inevitably during this process, some of ourselves slips into the tune. Sometime a lot slips in--to the point where it is a new tune. Or at least it seems that way. This

is known as "making it your own". This process is a very big part of what makes old time fiddling and old time music so great. Sharing our new found wealth (each new tune we learn adds to that wealth) is another major part of the joy of old time music. I don't get to as many gigs, gatherings, and other events as I would like to. But when I do, I find myself lost in the music and fellowship of playing with friends. So play when you can, and those around you will smile and appreciate it. Happy Holidays!

~Scott, President

State Calendar for 2019

January 18-19	Lebanon State Gathering	Lebanon Senior Center. State Board Meeting, Potluck and Jamming
March 16	Oregon State Fiddle Contest	Chemeketa Community College in Salem.
March 22-23	Brookings Jamboree	
April 10-13	OOTFA Convention	Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall. State Membership and Board Meeting
June 13-15	High Desert Jamboree	Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns State Board Meeting
July 22-25	Fiddle Camp	East Linn Christian Academy. Lebanon
August 15-17	Winchester Bay Campout	
September 5-7	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering	Prineville

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Charles Blaugrund	Eugene	Sandy Reid	Sherwood
Michelle Burgess	Sherwood	Ferris, Piperlily and	
Jim & Patricia Buxton	Merlin	Ripple Ruplinger	Medford
Sondra Cheney	Prineville	Wendy Smith	Amity
		KiKi Wood	Medford

FROM THE EDITOR

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." -Plato

A big thank you to the reporters and other contributors to this newsletter (in publication since 1967). Wishing you all a happy holiday and looking forward to more music in the coming year!

~Karen

FROM THE EDITOR EMERITUS

Telling stories is a part of the aging process so here I go. Let me take you back to 1884 when my Grandfather Trotter as a 14-year-old worked all summer to buy a fiddle. He died in 1948. My mother gave her father's fiddle to me 1976. About that time Alice and I were intrigued by an article in the local Coos Bay paper that told about the fiddlers playing at the Cranberry Festival in Bandon, so we went down to hear some old time fiddle music. When John Hoerster was introduced as MC, he told that he restored fiddles, so after the program I went to him to tell him about the old fiddle I had that needed repair. He told me that he would be glad to work on it. Sometime later Alice and I drove over to John's place in Rogue River with the fiddle. While we were there, we were introduced to Les McLeod from Bandon who was visiting John. Little did we realize that meeting John and Les in 1976 would change our lives even until this day. Much as eating keeps us going, so does fiddling. John restored my grandfather's fiddle so the challenge was there to learn to play a tune.

We went to Bandon to District 5 jams and joined OOTFA about 1979. The snowball got bigger and bigger as we went to our first state convention in Roseburg in 1982. For several

PS: A number of OOTFA members were a part of a large audience that attended a concert here in Corvallis that featured Hanneke Cassell formerly from Port Orford and an OOTFA member for a number of years. She now lives in Boston and is touring with Childsplay, a group from that area. See my article in the November Hoedowner for the back story on this wonderful young fiddler.

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Greetings All from District One,

Wow! December ALREADY! How can this BE?!?! It's crazy, and it doesn't feel real, but here we are gang. So, in District One, it's basically been business as usual except for a few bright spots along the way. One of those bright spots was our Junior Fiddlers had a first ever Fall Harvest Party. They had their party at the home of the Scott Family here in Klamath Falls (their daughter Dana Scott plays Junior Fiddle). The party was at the Scott Family Farm, which raises pumpkins for public picking. It's a wonderful place here in Klamath Falls, and it was so awesome that the kids had their party there. All the kids got to pick pumpkins, roast hot dogs, do pumpkin painting, and of course PLAY THE FIDDLE. It was a fun time had by all. These kids also have an upcoming gig this month, on Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Umqua Bank here in Klamath Falls. Other than that, it's just our nursing home schedules and business as usual. On behalf of District One, we would like to wish all other Districts, a very wonderful and happy Holiday Season. May your New Year be filled with health and ALL GOOD THINGS! Oh, yeah, and pay your dues! 😊

summers, we attended OOTFA fiddle campouts near Vernonia where we met many of Oregon's fiddlers. In 1984 after I had retired, we attended the Martha Warwick campout near Williams. Both Vernonia and Warwick's were great musical and social experiences that got us deeply engrossed in OOTFA and fiddling.

All of this is to say that inheriting a fiddle could lead to meeting lots of great people, opportunities to travel, as well as many hours of pleasure.

~Lew



Lew Holt, Alice Holt, Hanneke Cassell,
Starr McMullen

December Events

4	Junior Fiddler Practice		2-3 p.m.
7	Junior Fiddler Gig	Umpqua Bank	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
9	meeting/jam	Shasta Grange	noon-3 p.m.
13	gig	Crystal Terrace	11 a.m.- noon
13	gig	Rogue River Place	1-2 p.m.
18	Junior Fiddler Practice		2-3 p.m.
20	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
20	gig	Pacifica	1-2 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays 1-4 p.m. Luther Square. Check with Irene Ruddock for date and times (541-882-6418).

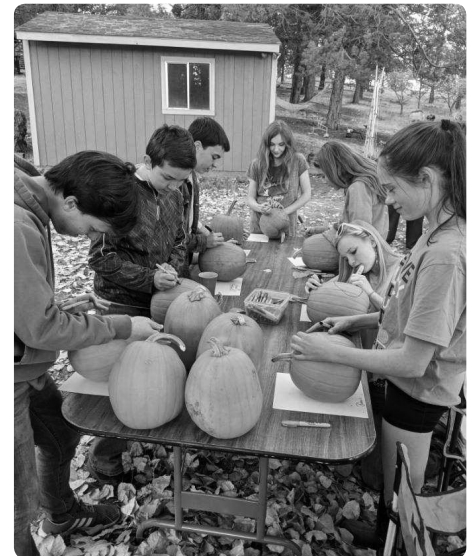
December Birthdays:

Irene Ruddock,
Dana Scott,
and Mervin Woodard.

December Anniversaries:

Phil & Carol Fulbright
and
Jake & Aline Swartwood.

~Jenny Dreyer, District
1 Reporter



Junior Fiddlers enjoy their Harvest Party, carving pumpkins at the Scott Family Farm in October.

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This is the last article I'll be submitting to the Hoedowner. I'm taking a break from writing the articles for our district and turning over the opportunity to Jerry Light, who has agreed to be my successor and will begin his service with the January issue. You may have met Jerry at Silver Lake, if not at one of our local jams. He plays guitar and is an enthusiastic supporter of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association, so I'm sure we'll be in good hands. I'd like to thank him for being willing to take over.

In the last issue of the Hoedowner, I mentioned that our Christmas Fair starts Friday night the 30th of November but it goes through Saturday, December 1, so if you'd like to join us for our First Saturday Jam this month, you might want to come into town early and check out the Christmas Crafts Fair at the Lake Co. Fairgrounds before you meet up with us.

I also wanted to mention the turn-out for Ruel Teague's Celebration of Life service held on November 10. Family, friends, and OOTFs filled the Memorial Hall at the Harney

December Events

1	First Saturday Jam	Chamber of Commerce	2 p.m.
3	business meeting	Chamber of Commerce	7 p.m.
6,13,20,27	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.

County Fairgrounds. Stories were shared of Ruel's life that encompassed his love of family, his compassion for others, his sense of humor, his creative mind and his tenacity to overcome whatever life threw at him. He was an awesome mentor and touched the lives of many people, as was evident from the many people who spoke lovingly about him. He will surely be missed and be long remembered for his music and his inclusiveness. Thank you Paula Cook (and your siblings) for giving us all the opportunity to honor him. A fitting jam followed the service that I think would have made Ruel proud.

Beyond that, Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year, too! I look forward to seeing everyone again after winter relinquishes its hold on us and "music season" starts up again. I've enjoyed the role of reporter and when Jerry's had enough and needs a break, you may hear from me again sometime in the future.

~Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

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December Events

9	Christmas Potluck	Powell Butte CC	12-1 p.m.
9	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	Powell Butte CC	1:30-3:30 p.m.
20	Redmond Slow Jam	Redmond Library	6-9 p.m.

Howdy from District 3,

We hope all had a good Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas.

Ruel Teague's Memorial Service and Jam on Nov 10 in Burns was a wonderful experience, attended by District 3 members John Schultz, Frank and Pat Borden. There were many people from all over the state, lots of food, visiting, stories and a jam in Ruel's honor.

For the December Christmas potluck we will be eating at noon with clean-up to follow prior to music and dancing. The hall will be open at 11 a.m. to start setting up and getting the food ready. OOTFA will be providing the main meat dish. Please bring a side dish to share: potatoes, casseroles, salads, rolls and desserts. The potluck is always a good time, great food, visiting and of course good music and dancing.

Our November jam/dance was a success, several musicians were out of town. However there was some great dancing music. Thanks to our many dancers who enjoyed the performance and kept the dance floor full.

And thanks to all who came and helped to set/clean up. We couldn't do it without all of you.

Marlene Stevens and Jeannette Bondsteel are establishing a perpetual returnable can and bottle program to support Central Oregon OOTFA's music programs. For all of you who don't like returning cans and bottles, now is your opportunity to get rid of them and help fund the music programs in our area. You can bring them to the jam in whatever bags you have them in; we are able to turn them in for "MONEY FOR MUSIC". The blue bags can be dropped off at the Redmond Recycling Center on SE Lake Rd.

See you in December! Of course Santa Claus hats and the color red will make it a colorful event!

~Kim Martin & Pat Borden, District 3 Reporters

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For weeks, here in our lovely valley, we have been waking up to cold frosty mornings that thaw into bright, warm days that are difficult to enjoy because we so desperately need RAIN! At our November monthly jam at the Eagle Point Grange we welcomed back some members who have been absent from the summer's performances. Charlie Boyer is back in the fold, and he was literally making hay on his ranch. Charlie sings and plays guitar. Also we were so pleased Sylvia Chapman and her lovely fiddle music are back with us again. In our audience were many veterans from the White City Domiciliary enjoying an afternoon of old time music.

Some District 4 members regularly attend the gig at the Central Point Senior Center and for the last 2 months have been joined in their performance by Dave Mondt, a regular at the center. Dave plays a terrific harmonica and adds much to the music. He's a veteran also--a former Navy Seabee. Judy and Bruce McGarvey made the trip to Burns to attend the memorial service for long time OOTFA member, Ruel Teague. They report that there was standing room only in the large building at the fair grounds. At the service, many wonderful

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Due to the Christmas holidays, we have several regular gigs that will be deleted this month. We will return to our regular happy schedule in January. There will be no Winchester Bay gig for December.

Our members had a fabulous October full of fun events! The performances for our Senior Community were just as much fun for residents as for our musicians. Our district never tires of the senior schedule and always makes it special every time we play. Thank you to all who are so devoted to this venue.

Winchester Bay's gathering had a fine turnout, not just because it was also the district meeting but, I believe, because we just like the place. We extend a compassionate hug to their community due to a burglary that occurred in their building. OOTFA was fortunate that our Bose sound equipment was not in the building when the crime took place. All of our treasures were safely with our Chairperson, Ruth Weyer. The criminal was quickly apprehended and incarcerated.

Old fashioned apple cider, treats, pumpkins, Old Time music, families and friends, all of this was sweetly folded into a fall celebration at the Mahaffy Pumpkin Patch. We showed up with 16 members, 6 fiddlers,



Pat and Bill Winfrey



Jolly Hibbits



District 5 Jamming

The Mahaffy Pumpkin Patch Gig

all in wardrobe (Hickory shirts, bandanas, a couple hats) and great enthusiasm. We were joined by the fiddling Allegany Kids who are just terrific and Woodland an awesome backup guitar. Our member, Kirk Mlinek, added his own system pieces to our sound equipment and nobody's voice was left unheard! Thank you Kirk, you made us sound so professional! It was a real honor to be asked to be a part of the Mahaffy festivities. We are already looking forward to next year! I could say a whole lot more here but I am keeping this short so we have room for the pictures taken by Dawn and Barbara. Great shots ladies.

We wish a Merry Christmas Holiday to all, big Ho-Ho-Ho from the South Coast!

~Kriss Fenton, District 5 Reporter

December Events

- 1 meeting/jam/sign-up performance Roxy Ann Grange, Medford meeting 11:30 a.m., jam 12:30, performance 1-3 p.m.



District 4 members playing at the Central Point Senior center joined by Dave Monet, playing a terrific harmonica.

commentaries about the person Ruel was and his contributions to his community. In District 4 many of the performances are closed with the lovely tune he wrote, "I Hate To Say Goodbye".

Our friend and senior musician, Jim Winslow, is not continuing to improve and will probably need more rehabilitation. We send Jim and Dottie our best wishes for improvement. Keep them in your thoughts. Our December monthly meeting and jam will be at the Roxy Ann Grange in Medford. Meeting at 11:30 a.m., fiddle jam 12:30, sign up performance 1-3 p.m. Bring snacks to share and come celebrate the season. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all from everyone in District 4.

~Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

December Events

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| 5 | gig | Myrtle Point Care Center | 2:30-3:30 p.m. |
| 12 | gig | Inland Point | 1:30-2:30 p.m. |
| 12 | gig | Evergreen Court | 3-4 p.m. |
| 19 | gig | Pacific View | 2-3 p.m. |

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Tune of the Month Suggested by Melinda Grant (District 4)

'Breaking Up Christmas' is a widely played old time standard. It refers to a tradition in the Blue Ridge Mountains that involves a 12-day celebration between Christmas and January 6, the day known as "Old Christmas" or Epiphany. This old Christmas party tradition originated in the 1920s and comes from the areas of Northwest North Carolina in Surry County and nearby Southwest Virginia. Before the days of television and electricity, people would gather for the twelve days between Christmas and January 6 for socializing, food, dancing, and old-time string music. The event would move from house to house and the party would go on past midnight. Thus the people "broke up" Christmas into many days of shared celebration.



Melinda Grant, District 4



Tommy Jarrell, North Carolina fiddler

Breaking Up Christmas

traditional (from Tommy Jarrell)

Musical notation for 'Breaking Up Christmas' in G major, 2/4 time. The score is divided into three systems. The first system starts with a box labeled 'A' above the first measure. The second system starts with a measure number '5' above the first measure and includes first and second endings. The third system starts with a measure number '10' above the first measure and includes a box labeled 'B' above the first measure, followed by first and second endings.

This tune is best played in cross-A: AEAE. Tune your G string up to an A and your D string up to an E. (Some people don't like to tune strings higher, so you can instead tune your A string down to a G and your E string down to a D, GDGD.) And of course it can be played out of straight tuning (but it won't sound as good!) Part B is a rhythmic riff, so give yourself time to get into the groove. A zillion great vids of this on YouTube; be sure to watch the one of Tommy Jarrell - awesome! And if you search YouTube for Breaking Up Christmas and Erynn Marshall or Sophie's Sunday Fiddlers, you'll find a couple of great tutorials. And you don't have to wait for Christmas, this one is played year round.



Eileen Walter

From the State Fiddle Contest Director

The contest is less than 4 months away! The amended rules are posted on the ootfa.org website and the schedule and registration form are included in this December Hoedowner. If you have any questions (or you need a pep talk!) please contact me - 503-701-1578 or gdaewalt@comcast.net I'd love to hear from you!

Thanks, Eileen

Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Annual Contest Pre-Registration & Regular Registration Form

Please note: Contestants must be members of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. You can join at the contest.

Location: Building 6 Auditorium at Chemeketa Community College in Salem (45th Avenue NE)

Contestants may enter only one of the following divisions, in addition to the Entertainment Showcase. Contestants entering the Entertainment Showcase are not required to enter a regular division.

The entry fee is \$10 at the contest. There is no charge for those contestants who pre-register. Pre-register by mail prior to March 9, or by email, text message, or phone call prior to March 14 to:

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Circle or Underline those divisions you are entering:

Open (or Championship) – any age

Adult – 37 to 59

Junior Junior – 9 to 12

Senior Senior – 70 or older

Young Adult – 18 to 36

Small Fry – 8 or younger

Senior – 60 to 69

Junior – 13 to 17

Entertainment Showcase – any age

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

PhoneNumber _____

Email Address _____

Please provide your date of birth (all divisions) _____

Tentative Schedule for the Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest Schedule is subject to change depending on registration & time constraints*

7:00 a.m.	Registration Opens Contest Location: Building 6 Auditorium at Chemeketa Community College (off 45th Avenue NE)	3:30	Championship Round 1
8:00	Judges & Contestants Meeting in the Practice Room	4:15	Awards – Small Fry, Senior Senior, Junior Junior, Youngest Fiddler, & Oldest Fiddler
8:30	Senior Senior Round 1	4:30– 5:45	Dinner
9:15	Senior Round 1	5:45 – 6:15	Jam on Stage – All Musicians Welcome
10:00	Adult Round 1	6:15	Entertainment Showcase
10:45	Young Adult Round 1	7:15	Junior Round 2
11:15	Junior Junior Round 1	7:45	Senior Round 2
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch	8:15	Adult Round 2
1:15	Small Fry	8:45	Young Adult Round 2
1:45	Senior Senior Round 2	9:15	Championship Round 2
2:15	Junior Junior Round 2	9:45	Judges Perform
2:45	Junior Round 1	10:00	Awards – Entertainment Showcase, Junior, Young Adult, Adult, Senior, Holt Award, Accompanist, Championship

Note *: In the event of a time crunch due to an unexpected number of contestants, the following measures may be taken:

1. Round 1 and/or Round 2 in some divisions may consist of a Hoedown and a Waltz.
2. The Entertainment Showcase may be limited to the first 5 contestants who registered.

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Our quarterly business meeting, jam and Thanksgiving potluck feast had a kaleidoscope of attendees coming and going. Highlights included Bob Strelow responding to a request to play his wonderful rendition of Listen to the Mockingbird, complete with fiddle-produced birdcall sound effects—always a treat! Thanks to everyone for contributing to the merry-making.

Plans for WCFCW are percolating! We have instructors confirmed and the web page was recently updated to reflect the 2019 venue and dates.

The page will evolve as instructors send in course descriptions and biographies. Soon, it will include information for lodging and camping options in the Lebanon area, as camp will be held at East Linn Christian Academy from 7/22 to 7/25. If you've never been, make this your year. If you've enjoyed the experience in the past, tell your friends to join us for learning, camaraderie and fun. Check it out at fiddlecamp.org or on Facebook.

District 6 will host once again the OOTFA State Quarterly Board Meeting slated to be held at the Lebanon Senior Center on January 18-19 There is limited dry camping at the site and local motel options are available. A jam will be held at the center on Friday evening from 6-9. We are trying to set up a jam on Saturday after the event from 4-8 p.m. The event will

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I am sure that you all are enjoying our beautiful fall this year. I have been, too, but have also been moving ("downsizing"). I am trying to squeeze a little walking or biking riding in between packing and am also looking forward to having more time to play at OOTFA gatherings. We had five great events in October. The first one was at Roger Germundson and Donna Nichols' church, Trinity Lutheran, in Gresham-- very close to my "old" house.

We were invited to play for the Senior Members Luncheon and had a great turnout with 16 musicians. We first jammed for thirty minutes while our hosts prepared our delicious lunch. Their members brought a huge assortment of potluck dishes with a large table of desserts, as well. We were invited to sit at a table with members of the church and once seated, were asked to put a paper plate on our head and draw a picture of a violin. The plates were collected and judged and those who

December Events

1	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Rd. Annex	1-4 p.m.
6	OOTFA Jam	Old World Deli, Corvallis	7-9 p.m.
7	OOTFA Jam	Eugene Hotel	7-8:30 p.m.
8	jam & finger food potluck	Central Grange	11a.m.-3 p.m.
10	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran	1-4 p.m.
14	jam	Elmira Grange	7-9 p.m.
21	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7-9 p.m.
28	OOTFA Jam	Willakenzie Grange	7-9 p.m.



Amy Burrow, Ken Luse, Linda Parks, Karen Johnson, Steve Johnson, Linda Danielson, and Jerry Parks perform at the Ag Expo in Albany, as a benefit for Fiddle Camp.

be open to the public on Friday, 7-9 p.m., and again on Saturday from 1-3 p.m. We would welcome help with set up and clean up before and after the potluck. A shout out goes to Linda and Jerry Parks for making arrangements. Check the OOTFA website for other updates for the event.

As you look around jam circles, performances and potlucks, reflect on those members who can be counted on to accompany fiddlers and those who offer dedicated service to the organization. Consider nominating

these valuable folks for the Norm Nash Award for Distinguished Service or the Bill Yohey Accompanist Award. Contact Peggy Mulder, District 6 Chair, OOTFA State Secretary, or Patti Luse for nomination forms.

As the holidays approach, we wish you great joy and sound health as you celebrate the season and prepare to usher in another year of old time music.

December Celebrants

Birthdays- Thelma Steele, Doug Wise, Brian Neal

Anniversary couples: Lena and Dave Stubbs, Jim and Gabi Ford and Joanne and Gerald Clark

~Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

December Events

15	jam & Christmas party potluck	Sunnyside Grange (13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Clackamas)
	potluck at noon, jamming afterwards	
30	N.W. Jam	600 NE 8th Ave. Gresham OR
	Doors open 11 a.m. Sign-up playing 12:30-3:30 p.m.	

draw the best likeness of a violin, won. The winners received "prizes" and their "masterpieces" were posted on a bulletin board. Try to do this sometime--it's really hard. After lunch we played again for an hour and our hosts loved our music. We always enjoy playing for these folks and often play here three or four times a year.



District 7 members Joyce Bergeron, Jessica Bartlett, and Jeff Walter playing Peekaboo Waltz at the Harding Grange.

Enjoy all your music and all the beautiful colors outside.

~Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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December Events

6, 13, 20, 27	class	Fiddle Tune Workshop	
		405 N Water St; Bazaar Americana Store, Silverton	11a.m.-1 p.m. 503-873-3977
5	Basic Fiddle Class	Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community;	
		769 Wheatland Rd N, Kaiser	4:30-6:30 p.m.; 503-393-2271
5, 12, 19, 26	Learning Jam	Donna & Gerrit Janzen's home.	
		1445 25th St N.E., Salem	7-9p.m. call first; 503-585-3033
15	jam	Dallas Senior Center, 955 S.E. Jefferson St; Dallas	
16	jam	Kid's Jam 533 Clarmar Dr N.E., Salem	2:30 p.m. 503-999-1641.
23	gig	Magic of the Mill, 1313 Mill St SE; Salem, OR 97301	
		play in the spinning room	5:45- 7:45 p.m.

Directions to the Mill: from I-5, take Mission St exit, head West to 12th Street. Exit Mission St onto 12th, heading North. Mill Street is just north of the Train Depot. More details later.

Nice crowd listened and danced to five District 8 OOTFA players, plus one guest, entertain at the tribute to Veterans held at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center in McMinnville. We'd love to have more support from members on these events. Please make a note on your calendars and come join us!

~Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

District 9 - Burns - John Day Area

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What a Celebration of Life we had for Ruel Teague! As you all know, Ruel passed away October 14. People from all over Oregon and other places came. We had 500+ at the Memorial Building that we've had our Country Music Jamboree in for many years. The family say thank you for sharing your hearts with us. District 1, 1E, 3, 5, 7, 8, Blue Mountain, Idaho, Washington and of course District 9 fiddlers attended and joined a wonderful jam and tribute to Ruel. An impromptu jam formed at Janet's house later in the evening.

Our Sunday Potluck and Jam was well attended with a special couple of musicians from Tacoma, WA—Dennis and Donna Townsend joining us. Dennis played several songs on his psaltry because we all enjoyed it so. We had a rose and an empty stool in remembrance of Ruel. Ten musicians played several favorite songs of Ruel's.

Our Christmas Party is planned for December 9 at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. is our jam. Think of all your favorite Christmas music and practice up, then join us. Of course, bring you favorite foods. Turkey, gravy, dressing and potatoes are provided.

Remember, that to discover the place the Friday Jams are held, call one of the officers. We always welcome newcomers, traveling through folks, card players, clappers and especially our regular and extraordinary musicians.

Musically Yours,

~Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

December Events

7	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
9	Sunday Potluck and Jam	Harney County Senior Center	1 p.m.
14	gig	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
17	jam	Ashley Manor	6-7 p.m.
21	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
28	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.



Ian Dawson, Don Greenfield, Joan Suther, Marianne Andrews and Dennis Townsend play Ruel Teague's "Hate to Say Goodbye" at the District 9 jam in November.

District 10 - Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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On October 27, we held a district members meeting before our regular fourth Saturday jam in Sutherlin. Gynn Deaton reported our treasury at \$6,675. We played 18 engagements during the last quarter (13 retirement homes and 5 other engagements). Hal Thompson is recovering well from his shoulder surgery. Frank and Karen Moore, Jon Tilley and Julie Yarbrough have flown south for winter. We need guitar and other rhythm players. Jim Leininger will also be gone until about April 1. Jim Kuether will do sound reinforcement during Jim's absence. Kelly Wadsworth reported that Fiddle Camp will be at East Linn Christian Academy in Lebanon on July 22-25. Our quarterly district meetings will be before the jams in January, April, July and October.

In December, we celebrate birthdays of Clarence "Whitey" Kelm (Dec 7), Dan Pohl (Dec 10), Christine Cormack (Dec 29) and Karen Pohl (Dec 31). Kelly and Scott Wadsworth's 40th Anniversary occurs on Dec 14. Congratulations to all!

December Events

6	gig	Oak Park	1-2 p.m.
12	gig	Rosehaven	10-11 a.m.
22	jam	Sutherlin Grange	12-3 p.m.
24	gig	Callahan Village	3:30-4:30 p.m.
28	gig	Brookdale	2:30-3:30 p.m.

Dues for 2019 are due by January 1. Sharon Thompson will be available to collect the dues at our monthly jams or they can mailed directly to Patti Luse at 979 Ascott Dr. Eugene, Or 97401.

Let's pick!

~Joe Ross, District
10 Reporter



Dist 10 gig at Bridgewood Rivers: Christine Cormack, Jude Stensland, Allison Lindley, Joe Ross, Jim Leininger, Hal Thompson

OLDTIME PRIVATE MUSIC TEACHERS IN OOTFA

We asked in the May 2018 issue of the Hoedowner, "DO YOU TEACH MUSIC LESSONS? We'd like your information!" Below are the ones we heard back from. The cost (half hour or hour rates) will vary with each teacher. If you are a teacher and would like your name added to this list in the March 2019 Hoedowner, please contact Patti Luse with a short description of your information at pattiluse@comcast.net or 541-915-3231.

- **CHIP COHEN – Eugene/Springfield area**
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FIDDLE teacher - All ages, kids 4 years and up are a specialty.
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- **CLAUDIA ZINSER –Portland area/Estacada/Clackamas**
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FIDDLE/VIOLIN, MANDOLIN, several styles of **GUITAR.**
Blue Grass **BANJO** and frailing.

MEMORIES OF CLARENCE "WHITEY" KELM

Another leaf has fallen. Clarence "Whitey" Kelm of District 10 passed away early in the morning on November 20. "Whitey" was born on December 7, 1930. He learned to play guitar when he was working on a ranch in Montana. That was about 1946, and he was 16. He later served in Korea, and he said he "plunked around on guitar" while in the service. Whitey said he was "kinda bashful and stayed in the background." He moved out west in 1962. "Jack of all trades," Whitey worked in heavy construction, ranching, sawmills, and as a carpet layer. He and his first wife raised a family, and she passed away. Whitey started coming to the OOTFA jams about 1990, and then met Joyce Pickett in 2005. He became quite a singer, and still liked to "plunk around" on the guitar. Together, Joyce and Whitey enjoyed playing music with the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers. He will be missed greatly in the OOTFA family.

Please keep the family in your prayers and thoughts. Joyce Pickett can be contacted at fiddlerjoyce@hotmail.com. She would love to hear from you. Cards can be sent to Joyce Pickett, 668 Northside Rd, Sutherlin, OR 97479



Clarence "Whitey" Kelm and Joyce Pickett



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STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
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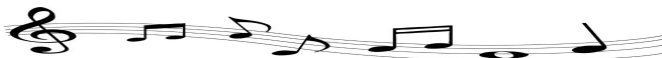
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