

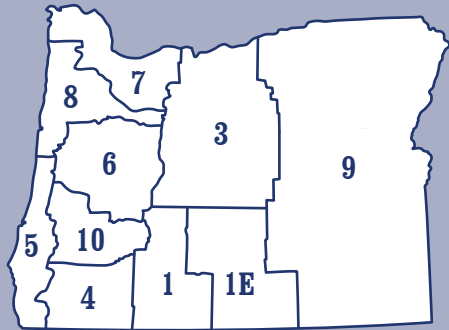
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State Calendar for 2019

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 12-14	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering . Prineville



District 6 hosts:

The WINTER OOTFA GATHERING & BOARD MEETING JANUARY 18-19

Lebanon Senior Center (80 Tangent St. in Lebanon)

Friday, January 18 Jamming at the Senior Center! 6-9 p.m.

- Limited dry camping space for RV parking at the center
- Motel accommodations in Lebanon: Best Western Boulder Falls: 541-451-1000; and Shanico Inn: 541-259-2601
- RV Parks: Gills Landing RV Park: 541-258-4917; & Waterloo County Park: 541-967-3917
- In Albany (10-15 miles away) -- several nice motels

Saturday, January 19 – Senior Center opens at 8 a.m. with coffee & tea!

- Jamming begins at 8 a.m. and goes until noon!!!
- OOTFA Board Meeting at 10 a.m. (each district represented by officers)
- Potluck Lunch – Bring a salad, entree or dessert to add to the coffee, tea, juice provided
- Sign-Up Concert from 1-3-ish p.m. (concert open to the public)
- Senior Center closes about 4 p.m.



OOTFA PRESIDENT SCOTT PHILLIP'S REPORT

LIVE FROM FRENCH GULCH!

UWelcome to 2019! Be sure to make your new years resolutions. My first one is to learn a new tune each month of the year. January's is a new little diddy called "Turkey Scratch". Haven't heard it? Check with Gene and Melinda Grant. They can steer you right. Do ask for the story behind it. I want to caution all to be extra careful this holiday season, both in and out of the house. There is snow on the mountains

and roads are freezing up. That said, I expect to see all of you at the gathering at the Lebanon Senior Center on January 19th. It is a lovely place and the Parks and District 6 always make you feel welcome. There will be much to discuss at the State Board Meeting. And there will be some great jamming. See you in Lebanon!

~Scott, President

FROM THE EDITOR

I have been enjoying the new tunes that Melinda Grant has given us through the Hoedowner these past few issues. I have learned (roughly and slowly) a couple of them, and my goal is to learn at least one more before Lebanon in January. It's a great way to expand our repertoire and be able to have a common language of tunes that we can play when we're together. I know there is never a shortage of tunes among the fiddlers, but I'd love to play a few of these new ones with you when we see each other this winter or spring. I hope you're learning some of them too!

I recently saw a flier about The Portland Old Time Music Gathering January 16-20. Unfortunately it partially overlaps with our Lebanon State Gathering (on the 18-19th). How about a little time at both? This is not an OOTFA event, but I've heard it's an amazing gathering of old time musicians! Maybe we'll see you there on Wed-Thurs and at Lebanon Friday-Saturday! You can find out more by searching the web for Portland Old Time Music Gathering 2019 (www.bubbaguitar.com).

Enjoy these dark days of winter... more time to fiddle by the wood stove!

~Karen

FROM THE EDITOR EMERITUS

Years ago, most usually dealing with musical instruments, Alice and I would occasionally stop in Corvallis to visit Alan Ede and his wife, Carol. Somewhere in my clutter, I have several books that he wrote years ago about music. He was a mighty interesting character. We now live in Corvallis and I often think of him as I drive past his house on Buchanan Street--just a few blocks from where we now live. Carol still lives in the family home and is a member of OOTFA.

I am sharing this story to help you understand more about an old timer who contributed so much to OOTFA. Those who knew Alan were saddened and shocked to read of his passing in June of 2014. He had been to the National Fiddle Contest at Weiser and afterward took advantage of being near the Snake River to pursue another of his passions--fishing. Eighty-one year old Alan Ede drowned in the Snake River doing what he loved. The investigation indicated that he might have slipped or lost his balance on a large rock along the river

east of Farewell Bend. We are a large family that has shared many happy times and some sad times too. Alan's music contributed to our happy times, but his passing was a sad time.

Alan was well known in Oregon because of his playing at the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association jams. He played practically anything with strings. Alan also collected instruments and called square dances. At one point, he had more than 100 mandolin banjos.

"Thanks, Alan for being such an interesting part of our OOTFA history."

~Lew



Alan Ede

ALAN FAREWELL

(to the tune of Ashokan Farewell)

Author unknown:

Life has passed for Alan Ede, a multifaceted musician,
How could we know that so soon he'd depart.
His rendition of old songs, and his remarkable yodeling,
Are things that will fondly remain in my heart.

My thoughts will return to the sound of his banjo,
His accordion, piano or violin.
And his flattering requests made to the ladies,
To dance with him when all the waltzes begin.

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Greetings All from District 1,

Happy New Year to all the districts! Our December flew by here in District 1. Our Junior Fiddlers had a fine showing at the Umpqua Bank here in Klamath Falls...they played beautifully and everyone truly loved it. We also had a nice showing for our Christmas Party and Jam.

I'm so sad to say that Leland Mitts passed away unexpectedly this month. This is the husband of one of our own, Ms. Mary Knapp Mitts of Keno, Oregon. If you can remember one of my earlier submissions right before summer, I had posted a picture of them at their wedding. They had only been married a short time, and had met after Ms. Mary's previous husband (Mr. Richard Knapp) passed away a couple of years ago. We are with you, Ms. Mary, during this most difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss, and we love you.

On a lighter note...our schedule looks pretty much the same as usual and we hope everyone who can come make music with us, can and will. Remember to pay your dues! If you want the Hoedowner mailed to you, it's \$25 for the whole year.

May we ALL have a safe and healthy New Year. 😊

~Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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Happy New Year to everyone from 1E!

I want to thank Nancy for her great reporting over the past years. I am going to be taking over from her, so if you have additional news to report, call Jerry Light at 775-688-9212. If you try my email and you don't hear back right away, give me a call. I'm new at computers.

As you make your resolutions for the new year, make sure to make one to promote the Old Time Fiddlers. Remember what led you to join.

Silver Lake is coming up... come join us with the joy of music and friends from May 2-5. Come early, stay late.

Our monthly Jam will be held on the January 5 at the Chamber of Commerce at 2 p.m. The monthly business meeting will be held on the January 7 at 7 p.m., also at the Chamber of Commerce.

Our weekly jams, in January, will be held at Rose Lee's house every Thursday from 5-7 p.m. (January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st). We have fun, you will too! Come join us.

Thank you,

~Jerry Light

January Events

8	Junior Fiddler Practice		2-3 p.m.
13	meeting/jam	Shasta Grange	Noon - 3 p.m.
17	gig	Pacifica	1-2 p.m.
22	Junior Fiddler Practice		2-3 p.m.
24	gig	Crystal Terrace	11 a.m.- 12 p.m.
24	gig	Rogue River Place	1-2 p.m.
26	gig	Anthem House	1-3ish p.m.



Junior Fiddlers and their teachers play at a Christmas gig for Umpqua Bank in Klamath Falls.

January Events

5	Monthly jam	Chamber of Commerce	2 p.m.
7	Monthly business meeting	Chamber of Commerce	7 p.m.
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Weekly jams	Rosa Lee's house	5-7 p.m.

Jerry Light is our new reporter in District 1E. Jerry and his wife worked out of Nevada for many years. He retired from a union job in 2003, but went on to work as a bus driver and custodian for schools in Nevada and California. In 2010, they decided to move to Lakeview, a place his wife had lived back in the 1970's. While in California, Jerry had played music with other people, and he missed that aspect of life in Lakeview. They were thinking of moving back to California, when he discovered the McLain family. Jerry says he fell in love with their style of music and their generosity, and he is "in heaven" playing with the folks in District 1E. Jerry's wife passed away earlier this year, and he has decided to stay in Oregon because of his connections with the music.

Thanks for taking the job of reporter, Jerry. Glad to have you join us on Team Hoedowner!

~Karen

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Howdy from District 3,

We had a wonderful time at our Christmas potluck. Thanks to all who brought such delicious food. Extra thanks to Vivian Tucker, who cooked the ham, turkey, dressing and gravy. Thanks to all who came, helped with the hall, and enjoyed the music and dancing. Music started at 1:30 with 18 musicians and a full dance floor. Many who attended renewed their membership in OOTFA for 2019. If you have not yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible to be included in the 2019 Roster. Mail your checks to : Jeannette Bondsteel 1898 NW Davidson Way, Terrebonne, OR 97760

We have new dates in 2019 for the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering. The Crook Co Fairgrounds is able to grant our request to move the dates to the next weekend in September. With this change there is no conflict with the Sisters Quilt Show, Rodeos or any event in Central Oregon. The 2019 dates are now the 12, 13, 14th of September. As of this writing, we only have 11 power/water campsites that

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District 4 Website: www.OOTFA4.org Check Us Out!

The New Year is the time to pack away the holiday decorations, take a breath, and reflect on the sweet memories of our celebrations. It's also time to contemplate a list of resolutions for the year to post on the refrigerator door. A new OOOTFA year is also beginning, so take a moment to consider how you could help make the organization run smoother. New officers will soon be elected in your district and statewide, and there are many volunteer positions open in both that need new hands to help. Upcoming events offer opportunities to help at the Fiddle Contest, the State Convention and Fiddle Camp. It's time to start planning to attend and participate in these events as well as the yearly campouts and gatherings that are coming soon. When you attend and participate it's good for you and the organization.

Carol Ferrara did her decorating magic on the grange and turned it into a winter wonderland for our December jam. The room was shining with Christmas lights and flowers. We were happy to have Don Maddox back playing with us-- just in time to celebrate his 96th birthday! Don still plays terrific fiddle even at his age. We also welcomed a fiddler from Texas, Mark Everson. He will be moving to our area soon and plans to join

January Events

13	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	Powell Butte CC	1-3 p.m.
17	Redmond Slow Jam	Redmond Library	5-9 p.m.

are open. We do have unlimited dry camping for tents and RVs. On our website, an updated campground map and registration form for 2019 are posted.

"Money for Music", our new Bottle Drop program is a success and doing quite well. The approximate total in the account is \$175.00. A couple stopped in at the jam/dance on the 9th just to drop off 2 bags of bottles for us. Wouldn't it be great if we could get \$500 in the account by St Patrick's Day in March, let's make that our goal! Blue bags for the cans and bottles are available at all of our events. You can bring your bottles and cans to the event in any bag or you can pick up a blue bag to take home for your use. The blue bags can be dropped off at the Redmond Recycling Center on SE Lake Rd.

We hope all had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a Happy New Year!

~Kim Martin & Pat Borden, District 3 Reporters

January Events

5	January meeting and jam	Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass
	meeting 11:30, open jam 12:30, sign-up jam 1-3 p.m.	



Don Maddox, the last surviving member of the band, "The Maddox Brothers and Rose" (District 4), playing at the December jam and celebrating his 96th birthday.

us regularly. We missed having Ron Bolstad there as our M.C. for the jam. He does a great job of keeping the music flowing, but Marilyn Bolstad had fallen the evening before and was in surgery that morning to have a crushed ankle repaired. She's in a rehab facility engaged in a rigorous rehabilitation schedule. Among our other wounded is Renee Jones who has a broken elbow. We wish them both a quick recovery. Jim Winslow is

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Junior Fiddler: Lucy Bragg (District 6)

Lucy is 8 years old and lives in Eugene. She is in the third grade at Edison Elementary School. She fell in love with the violin when she was two and a half years old, and she and her violin have been inseparable ever since. Lucy started on a 1/64th size violin and currently plays on a 1/16th. She takes lessons in classical (Suzuki), as well as fiddle and music theory. She also studies piano, but her favorite instrument is the violin.

Lucy's mom, Jenny, says, "The violin has always been a part of Lucy--almost a physical part of her. She's been obsessed with it since she was a toddler when she used to name all of her toys after famous violinists. We joke that she must have been a violinist in a past life."

Her favorite classical pieces are Rondo Capriccioso (Saint-Saens), Ave Maria, Humoresque (Dvorak) and the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto (particularly as performed by Midori).

Over the past year and a half, Lucy has branched out from classical into fiddle, and she particularly likes Old Time fiddle. Her favorite pieces are Swallowtail Jig, Whiskey Before Breakfast, Wish We Had Our Time Again, and Faded Love. She loves the fiddle camp hosted by OOTFA and participating in their slow jams. This fall, Lucy got to perform on stage with District 6 at the Emerald Valley Opry. "I like performing with my friends in our district and attending fiddle jams, especially ones where my friend, Ken [Luse], plays the bass with me!" explained Lucy.



Lucy



Lucy playing for her idol, Midori, when she was tiny.

When she grows up, Lucy hopes to split her time between medical research, focusing on diseases like Alzheimer's, and playing the violin. She loves reading, listening to science and history podcasts, and learning about natural herbs. She has an older sister who plays piano, a younger sister who plays cello, and a two and a half year old little brother who hopes to play violin like Lucy.

Lucy is looking forward to competing in the March fiddle contest. In the meantime, she looks forward to playing at a fundraiser for the fiddle camp at the University of Oregon's Natural History Museum and joining in at many more fiddle jams!

Eighth of January

from The Arkansas Barefoot Boys

Trad

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



Melinda Grant, District 4

Here is a completely different version of "The Eighth of January" than the one we're all familiar with. It was the first version ever recorded, on Valentine's Day back in 1928, by the Arkansas Barefoot Boys with Cyrus Footrell on fiddle. You can download it from slippery-hill.com (or search YouTube for Eighth of January Arkansas Barefoot Boys).



Eileen Walter

From the State Fiddle Contest Director

The contest is 11 short weeks away! Put it on your calendar NOW for March 16!!! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that you are now polishing your fiddle tunes! Let me know if you have any questions or wish to sign up for volunteering. gdaewalt@comcast.net or phone at 503-771-7474

Here are directions to the contest site at Chemeketa Community College in Salem:

Take the Market Street exit from the I-5 Freeway; Travel East on Market Street, Turn left and travel North on Lancaster Avenue; Turn right and travel East on Silverton Road; Turn left and travel North on 45th (the first traffic light). After you've gone approximately 1/2 mile you will see Building 6 on your left – there is a large parking lot in front of the building. Note: if you use the college address, you will end up in a completely different part of the campus.

Here are some nearby motels – there are many others:

Shilo Inn	3304 Market Street NE	503-581-4001
Double Tree	1590 Weston Court NE	503-581-7004
Comfort Inn	1775 Freeway Court NE	503-588-0515
Red Lion	3301 Market Street NE	503-370-7888

I haven't started calling volunteers yet, but I will soon. Many of you have experience at the Registration Desk, but I'm looking for a few more volunteers for that area. The Registration Desk is where contestants check in, receive name badges, and fill out tune sheets. The Registration Desk also compiles the Order of Play list for Round 1 in all divisions about 1/2 hour prior to the start of the division. There are many other volunteer duties available – I will be calling you soon!

The December Hoedowner contained a schedule and registration forms. It's not too early to sign up.

Looking forward to seeing you at the contest,

~Eileen

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now residing in a foster home. He's at The Flying Hawk Retreat, 1837 Easy St. in Medford, Or. 97504.

The Wednesday night jam (including the beginning fiddle group, the slow jam, and the 5 o'clock jammers) will be moving from their location at the Methodist church on Main Street. Beginning Wednesday January 2, the entire group will meet at the Roxy Ann Grange in Medford on the corner of Spring Street and Valley View Street. The times for each group are the same; only the location has been changed. If you have questions, call Judy McGarvey at 541-779-8145. Our January

monthly meeting and jam will be at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. Meeting at 11:30, open fiddle jam 12:30, sign up jam 1:-3 p.m. Bring snacks to share.

Just a "Heads Up" about the February jam at the Roxy Ann Grange in Medford. This will be our yearly Feast Potluck. The district will provide the entree which will be baked ham. Judy Lyons will be giving you a call to sign up for side dishes and desserts, so we can enjoy a balanced meal. Check our online calendar for all gigs and directions.

~Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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Happy New Year to everyone!

We hope everyone is having a fabulous Holiday Season filled with warmth, good food and love. I am going to try to tie a festive bow on this report to recap Thanksgiving and some of our Christmas events. Let's start with Ruth's turkey and Sharon's ham at Winchester Bay! Oh my, what a great feast. So many people contributed to that meal we could have fed everyone in town. Absolutely delicious my friends, thank you to every member who shared the day. The music that followed had so much spirit I think everybody had a really great experience. We had some new members join us. Morgan May, an excellent vocalist and guitar player who shows he knows all the old songs, and a trio called Russ and the Rusty Nails from Florence, Russ and Dee Dixon, who also just joined as members. The third member of their group plays acoustic bass, and I regret I did not get his name. They were terrific, and all of these members will be a great asset to our district. We also got to see Adam and Kathy who came down from Portland. We had a remarkable day.

Barbara Scheirman invited the group to her home for a Christmas song practice complete with lunch. Dam, I didn't get to go. I am positive

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After a rigorous 2018 schedule crowded with jams, performances and special events, we're ready to tackle 2019 with the same enthusiasm and vigor. Warm wishes for a happy, healthy new year!

As we reflect on the year behind us, let's remember to recognize, appreciate and honor our players and dedicated volunteers who organize and cover the details to ensure that our events run smoothly. Many unsung heroes work to keep District 6 visible and viable within OOTFA and to promote community access and participation. Patti Luse and Peggy Mulder keep their fingers on the pulse of OOTFA and the district to make sure that our members are kept informed of opportunities to play or volunteer.

January Events

2	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	2:30-3:30 p.m.
9	gig	Inland Point	1:30-2:30 p.m.
9	gig	Evergreen Court	3-4 p.m.
16	gig	Pacific View	2 - 3 p.m.
19	gig	Winchester Bay Community Center	1-3 p.m.
		Jam to follow stage show	
23	gig	Avamere	1-2 p.m.
23	gig	Inland Point	2:30-3:30 p.m.

all who did get to attend had a great time. It was a nice invitation and extremely timely since, you know, we only get to sing those holiday songs once a year!

So now, we will turn our thoughts to the coming year. January will include the Quarterly OOTFA Board Meeting in Lebanon, January 18-19. District 5 is scheduled for our regular gig at Winchester Bay the 19th. Sometimes the gathering is small due to Lebanon's event drawing the members, but we will be there to play regardless and still bring cookies!

The next big show to think about is our Brookings Jamboree. Dates have been set for March 22-23. Please make your hotel reservations early to ensure you have your place to stay. More details will come in the next Hoedowner on this exciting gathering.

From all of us on the South Coast, don't forget to sing all the lyrics to Auld Lang Syne, my dears!

~Kris Fenton, District 5 Reporter

January Events

3	jam	OOTFA Old World Deli Jam (Corvallis)	7-9 p.m.
4	jam	OOTFA Eugene Hotel Jam	7-8:30 p.m.
5		Intermediate Fiddle Class River Rd. Annex	1-4 p.m.
7		Basic Fiddle Class Bethesda Lutheran	1-4 p.m.
11	jam	Elmira Grange Jam	7-9 p.m.
12	jam	Central Grange OOTFA Jam	11-4 p.m. (doors open at 10:30)
18	jam	YaPoAh Terrace Jam	7-9 p.m.
18-19		Lebanon State Gathering (jamming, potluck, board meeting)	
		Lebanon Senior Center	
25	jam	OOTFA Willakenzie Grange	7-9 p.m.

You'll hardly have hung up your new calendars when it'll be time to head toward Lebanon for the OOTFA State Meeting and Winter Gathering on January 18 and 19, at the Lebanon Senior Center, conveniently located near the center of town. Take a look at the details on the front page of this issue, and check for updates on the OOTFA website, as well as the Facebook page. Mark the gathering on your calendar, plan to attend and be sure to thank Linda and Jerry Parks for their expert coordination of the event. Your volunteer spirits will be needed in the kitchen and dining area during the potluck and cleanup. Email Linda Parks if you can donate some of your time: lindaparks1980@gmail.com.

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Ken Luse, Linda Danielson, Donna Wynn, Lucy Bragg, Amy Burrow, Keith Barr and Nina Hoffman performing at the University of Oregon's Natural History Museum.

Consider broadening or refining your strings skills by enrolling in lessons or camps. Contact Tony Humphreys for more information about how to apply for a scholarship from the Sasha Chernoff Fund that can help offset the cost of instruction.

January birthday celebrants include Joe Moyle, Gerald Clark, Galen Ness, Zane Coffin and Leah Canaday.

Happy anniversary wishes to Kathy and Galen Ness!

~Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter



Fitzwilliam Bragg, feeling the vibrations of Ken's bass.

Looking ahead to February, it's fun to rummage through attics, steamer trunks and thrift stores to find old-timey attire you can don for the Frontier Heritage Fair. Our music lends an authentic soundtrack throughout the weekend, held February 16 and 17, in the Auditorium at Lane County Fairgrounds. For this long-standing event, musicians assemble groups and create their own sets, keeping in mind they're to stay as true as they can to music from the 1800s. Last year, District 6 fielded seven small and varied ensembles. Ensembles usually perform for 1:45 minutes. Shift options will be announced soon. Form a band and sign up. It's fun, we have appreciative listeners and it's one more chance to publicly strut our stuff. Contact Amy Burrow if you have questions or want to perform.



Joe Moyle, Dick Penny, Sandy Wallrich, Lucy Bragg, and Mike Schneider.



Sandy Wallrich, Lucy Bragg, Jenny Jonak, Mike Schneider, Vicki Megowan, Cheryl Horner, and Jenny Gusset.

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Greetings!

I hope that your December holidays were wonderful and that you are now celebrating a Happy New Year. We look forward to a lot of fun fiddling in 2019. I don't know how many times we will play together, but just to give you an idea, I counted all of them in 2018 and there were 40! It is fun playing at these events each year, and the people we play for love hearing us. I look forward to playing with you all in 2019.

I received an email from our District 7 Chair, Marcella Easley, and she gave me a little information I thought I would pass on to you. First of all, if you haven't paid your dues please, send them in to Marcella or to Patti Luse, our state Membership Chair. Thanks for that. Also in April, 2019 there will be an election of officers, and Marcella cannot serve again and asks that you consider "volunteering to serve as chair or co-chair of this wonderful district". Another thing to consider is to sign up for the Oregon State Fiddle Contest on March 16. That event is always very exciting.

On December 15, District 7 members celebrated Christmas at the Sunnyside Grange in Clackamas. This was our annual

January Events

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| 25 | gig | Cherry Park Plaza, 1323 SW Cherry Park Road, Troutdale |
| | | 3-4 p.m. (Happy Hour) |
| 27 | NW Jam | 600 NE 8th Ave, Gresham |
| | | Doors open at 11 a.m.
Sign-up playing 12:30-3:30 p.m. |

Christmas Party/Potluck and we had some delicious things to eat! After our meal we jammed for a few hours and were happy that members of the grange and our families and friends could join us. If you missed this event, mark it down on your calendar for next year--it is always a great celebration of the season and of the music we enjoy playing together.

We are sorry to note that long time District 7 member, Jackie Germundson passed away on Dec. 11. She played with the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers for about 20 years and was known and loved by many of our members. We extend our condolences to her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Have a Happy New Year!

~Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



Phyllis Elston with her son, Mike Elston, and Roger Germundson playing at the Harding Grange in Estacada

District 8 - Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport Area

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There will be no Basic Fiddle Class in January. Next Basic Fiddle Class will be February 6.

We played at the Dallas Senior Center. It's always fun to play there. Just before Christmas we played for "Magic at the Mill" in Salem. There are so many interesting things to see there – it's a pleasant place to play.

Don't forget the State gathering in Lebanon January 18-19.

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Our Sunday Potluck and Jam was our Christmas Party last month. All enjoyed the turkey that Buerman's Meats donated and Chris Bates cooked. George made the stuffing, Marianne and Gordon mashed the 'taters, and Janet made the cranberry relish. We all enjoyed singing along with the Christmas songs and other favorite tunes. Thanks to all of those who helped with the set-up and clean-up. "Many hands make light work."

We missed Joan because she was in Hawaii, where she was able to jam with Paul Arrington, who was a visiting surgeon here in Burns. He builds ukuleles and is enjoying retirement and playing his handiwork. They are beautiful works of art.

Everyone from District 9 wishes you a Happy New Year.

District 10 - Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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December was a very busy month with several jams, gigs and parties. I hope that everyone's wonderful holiday time included some joyful music making. In January, we celebrate birthdays for Joyce Pickett (Jan 1), Verlin Tors (Jan 9), Julie Yarbrough (Jan 11), Bernice Orr (Jan 14) and Francis Stephenson (Jan 24). Remember that old Irish proverb? "The older the fiddle, the sweeter the tune!" I think the same may be true of our OOTFA members.

The family of Jim Kuether held an 80th birthday party for Jim on December 1 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Roseburg. Members of the Mountain Creek String Band and OOTFA provided music.

January Events

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Fiddle Tune Workshop/class Silverton
405 N Water St; Bazaar Americana Store 11 a.m.-1p.m. 503-873-3977.
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Learning Jam at Donna & Gerrit Janzen's home.
1445 25th St N.E., Salem 7-9 p.m. call first (503-585-3033)
20 Kid's Jam 533 Clarmar Dr N.E., Salem 2:30 p.m. Phone: 503-999-1641
26 gig Yamhill Valley Heritage Center (see address below) 1-3 p.m.

If you haven't already sent in your OOTFA dues, please send it to our District 8 Membership Chairman: Brenda Hallgrimson (6920 S.E. Wallace Rd., Dayton, OR 97114).

We will be performing on Saturday afternoon, January 26 at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. We have played here before. It's just north of McMinnville on the corner of Highway 18 and Durham Lane at 11275 SW Durham Lane. We will perform from 1-3 p.m. and share the donations with the hosting organization.

~Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

January Events

4	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
11	gig	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
13	Sunday Potluck and Jam at the Harney County Senior Center starting at 1 p.m.		
18	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
21	gig	Ashley Manor	6-7 p.m.
25	jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.

If you see Darlene Wingfield and Paul Hyland, ask them about the Amtrak trip they took clear across the U.S.A. to New York for a week-long class on computers sponsored by The Grange.

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

January Events

3	gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
9	gig	Rosehaven	10 - 11 a.m.
21	gig	Callahan Court	2:30-3:30 p.m.
26	meeting/jam	Sutherlin Grange	11 a.m. meeting; 12 - 3 p.m. jam
28	gig	Callahan Village	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Clarence "Whitey" Kelm passed away on November 20. Please keep the family in your prayers and thoughts. Whitey was 87.

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 Ascot Dr. Eugene, Or 97401.

There will be a District 10 Members Meeting at 11 a.m. on January 26 before the afternoon jam at Sutherlin Grange Hall. We hope to have a good turnout at the jam and always welcome folks from other districts.

Let's pick!

~Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Jim Kuether
(District 10) at his
80th birthday party!



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