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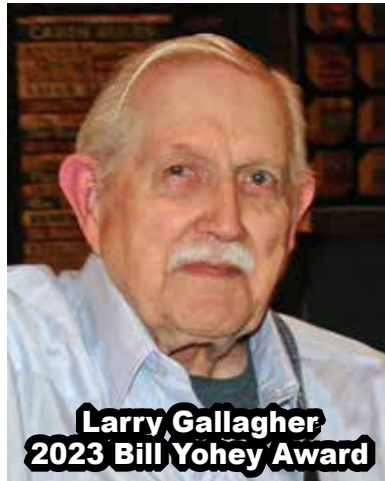
Young folks of all ages play together at the Convention

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The 2023 recipients of three distinguished OOTFA awards



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2023 Homer McLain Award



Larry Gallagher
2023 Bill Yohey Award



Marie Bailey
2023 Norm Nash Award



OOTFA Spring Convention Recap

by Jude Kuether

Spring convention is done, and we Co-Chairs, Jude Kuether, Chris Cormack and Margot O'Sullivan, are breathing a big sigh of relief! But the work isn't over, and now evaluation of the event and planning for next year begins!

One of our major emphasis for this year was our youth. We did a lot of pre-convention calling to encourage as many youth as possible and we were so pleased with how many young people came to the convention. Kudos to the parents and teachers who made the wonderful effort to get them here! Total convention attendance came to 172 people, including 15 youths, with probably a few more who forgot to sign in. There were 15 under the age of 18 and we so enjoyed their energy and enthusiasm. It was lower total attendance than we had hoped for, but great times were had by all.

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High Desert Music Campout

June 15, 16 & 17, 2023
Harney County Fairgrounds
Burns, Oregon

Campsites available with
50 & 30 amp hookups,
water & sewer

Camping: \$40 with hookup
or \$15 dry camp

Shower & Bathroom Facility

Food available onsite by

Smoking Pit BBQ

Stage with Audience

WOW! Our OOTFA 2023 State Convention was Awesome! I was so happy to see so many of you there! To those who could not make it, we missed you and we certainly hope to see you next time.

A big shout out of thanks to **Jude Kuether, Christine McCormick, Margot O'Sullivan** and **District 10** for hosting and leading the efforts to make the convention happen. You and your teams did a fantastic job. Thank you everyone.

Members voted and approved the proposed **Bylaws** and the **Standing Rules** at **OOTFA Membership Meeting** held Saturday morning of the convention. Thank you to all those who contributed to this effort!

Election for OOTFA State Officers was held and I am happy to have been elected to continue as your president. I look forward to being of service! **Terry McLain** will continue as Vice President, **Patti Luse** as Secretary and **Linda Parks** as Treasurer. I am honored and happy to work with them and all you!

We are in search of a new **Chairperson** for the **OOTFA State Open Fiddle Contest**. Please feel free reach out with any questions, interest or to suggest someone. **Eileen Walter** has volunteered to help with the selection, to offer training and mentor to the next Chairperson. Many thanks Eileen!

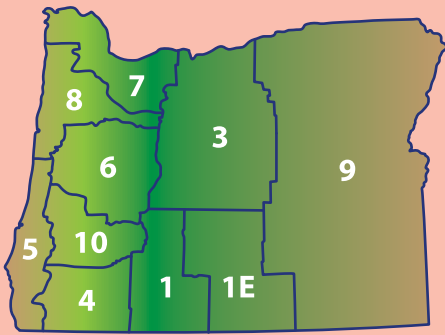
In a couple of weeks **Ron and I** are heading over to participate in **District 1E's Saturday Jam** on June 10th. Then on to Burns for the **High Dessert Music Jamboree** June 15, 16 and 17 at the **Harney County Fairgrounds**. Next to the **National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Festival** in Weiser, Idaho. Oregon will be the Host State and we will have the opportunity to play each evening on stage, at local assisted living facilities and have a float in the parade; along with free passes for several of the contest days. It will be fun! Let me know if you plan to attend so we can get you on the list. Dates are June 19-24, 2023. Call me if you have questions.

So, let's keep showing up, making friends, learning, playing music, singing, supporting one another, and having fun! ~ Cindy

Warming the Heart I grew up in the OOTFA as my mother and father, Gynn & Jim Deaton of Canyonville, were very active members for decades. But I hadn't been to a convention in about 35 years and I'd like to thank everyone for making me feel at home. Special thanks to **Christine McCormack** for directing me to where the clinics were and moral support, **Frank Moore** for a great guitar clinic, there's more to backing a fiddler up than I thought, and **Star McMullen** for just some great fiddle playing at the clinic and talking a bit afterwards. I plan on attending some jam sessions and if I get my nerve up maybe even pull out the fiddle that I've haven't played seriously in almost 40 years. Now I remember why my parents loved this music so much. See you soon. ~ Ray Deaton

West Cascade Fiddle Camp
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Yoncalla
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OOTFA Spring Convention Recap *continued from front page*

The festivities began on Wednesday afternoon when the dance floor laid and much of the set up started thanks to many willing volunteers led by our **Jerry Parks**. The Wednesday night meet and greet was fun for those who could pack in the park's trailer out of the rain, but not quite what we had planned. But mother nature is hard to argue with.

Thursday morning was rather crazy with set-up of the beautiful quilts, the tables and chairs and the raffle tables, but soon the jamming and the first of fifteen workshops began. The workshops were well attended, with many attending several different workshops. From the many evaluations returned, it looked like folks really enjoyed the workshops and got a lot out of them.

Friday was rather a blur, with more workshops and lots of Jamming. The Friday evening dance was fun and each district did themselves proud.

Saturday began with a breakfast put on by **Bethany** and **Joyce** from District 10 and was a welcome segue into the business meeting. We were impressed with the brevity and organization of the business meeting, and were happy to get on with the business of having fun in a timely manner!



Convention organizers, Jude Kuether, Christine Cormack & Margot O'Sullivan

Finally, happy and tired, we tore down the convention with the help of many attendees and were out of the building with a little time to spare. A huge thank you to everyone who came, volunteered and participated.

As I said before, now is time for evaluation, reflection and planning. Who knows what next year might bring?

2023 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest

This year's Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest will be held Friday, August 4, 2023, at the **Benton County Fair** in Corvallis, Oregon. This will be the 24th year the contest has been held at this location.

It is the second longest running fiddle contest in the state of Oregon and the only one held at a county fair! The **Oak Grove Stage** provides a partially shaded venue for spectators and there are lots of fun activities at the fair for the whole family!

The contest attracts fiddle players from across the country (and has even had participants from Italy and Japan!) In addition to **National Championship** fiddlers, the contest also has a unique Novice Division for fiddlers of any age who have never played in a contest before. This is the time for those who have been thinking about playing to get their fiddles out and tunes polished!

All contestants must play a hoedown, a waltz, and a tune of choice other than a hoedown or waltz. Contestants in the Novice and PeeWee Divisions (8 and under) only play one set of tunes. For all other divisions, there is one preliminary round in which all contestants play and the top five from each Division play a second set of tunes in the finals. Age divisions are: PeeWee (8 and under) Junior-Junior (9-12), Junior (13-17), Adult (18-59) and Senior (60+). Fiddlers may play either in their age division OR in the Championship Division (which is open to anyone and pays more prize money!)

This event exists solely to promote and preserve an old-time fiddle tradition in Oregon. Put it on your calendar!

For more information, contact **Starr McMullen** at mcmulles@hotmail.com or text **541-602-1224**.

As always, any contributions to help fund this contest are greatly appreciated. Send to:

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
C/o Starr McMullen
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Corvallis, OR 97330



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June Events

8 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm
 10 Farmers' Market 11:30 - 1:30
 22 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm
 Johnny Rogers every Wednesday 9 am
 if you can't be there at 9, come later, we practice till noon

June already? Time flies when you are having fun.

District 1 is proud of our **Christmas Valley Hat Contest** winners, they really rocked having a great time. **Edna Jenkins** did "Hey Hey Snowflake" and **Sheila Fry** with "The Crawdad Song". Both had such great hats to go with their songs. **Jay Schindler**, a first timer at the Christmas Valley Campout, really enjoyed his time with his banjo. Our thanks to the **McLain's** for hosting it and their hospitality.

We are on the schedule for June **Farmers' Market**, it is our only one. We have some of our members that can't be there and since our numbers are few, we would love it if any of the other District 1E members could come and help us out.

Our prayers will be with **Karen Ayers** as she is having shoulder surgery this month. We want a speedy recovery for her as we need her bass guitar.

Wishing Happy Birthday to all of our June members. Have a special day. Just a side note, **Del** and **Noranne** will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month. (Del said it just seems like yesterday. We won't tell you what Noranne said).

Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

New OOTFA Members • June 2023

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Bunny & Judie Hanks | Brookings (5) |
| Deb Brady | Eugene (6) |
| Ray Deaton | Vancouver (OS) |
| Michael Fisher | Roseburg (10) |
| Jack Holland | Roseburg (10) |
| Steve & Melanie Lavinger | Brookings (5) |
| Felicia Matthews | Winston (10) |
| Donna Priestley | Roseburg (10) |
| Dan McNamar | Corvallis (6) |
| Robert, Kathy, Kori, | |
| Krystal & Dain Moore | Sutherlin (10) |



Connie Smith with Hat Contest Winners, Edna Jenkins and Sheila Fry, at the McLain Family Campout in Christmas Valley

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OOTFA Vice-President, Terry McLain, looks to be having a good time at the Spring Convention in Roseburg

Well the **OOTFA Convention in Roseburg** is behind us and **Burns** is not far away. Thank you District 10 for all you do. Good time.

The **McLain Family Campout** in Christmas Valley was a hit. Larry said his fingers hurt for a week, good time we had. Next year: May 1-5, 2024, so mark your calendars!

Still jamming at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursdays, 4:00 to 7:00, and second Saturday at the Chamber of Commerce starting at noon. You have had all you can handle.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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If you haven't made it to our monthly dance at the Terrebonne Grange, June is a great time to start. Bring your fiddle, guitar, or other appropriate acoustic instrument (including your singing voice). Pick a few of your best tunes and pick a few musicians to play along with you. If you're not ready for that, just come, listen, and dance. Family and friends are welcome.

Junior Hoedowner

District 3 has been blessed with many young musicians interested in learning the traditional style of music. **Jeannette Bondsteel** has been hosting fiddle music learning sessions to as many as five young learners over the past year. The only thing asked of the musicians is that they practice each day and join OOTFA.



Chance Mott

As these students grow beyond Jeannette's fiddling abilities, they are connected with higher level instructors. Over the past winter **Chance Mott** has been studying in private lessons with nationally acclaimed fiddler artist **Aarun Carter**. Chance has an online class with Aarun each week. Chance's goals and aspirations are to become the next **Charlie Daniels** in the music scene and Aarun is just the instructor to get him to that level. Chance has a lineup of hard-hitting country and Texas style tunes that Aarun is working him through. Along with his fiddling skills, Chance is becoming quite a performer. He has a full sound system set up so he can electrify his fiddle, foot board for control pedals, mic and Blu-toothed speaker. He has a growing library of backtracks that he plays and sings with, so he spends hours learning how to fiddle and sing with unlimited number of performers, bands and doing solos.

Thirteen-year-old Sydney Pierce is a smooth fiddler that picks up bowing technique faster than fast. Her favorite fiddling genera are Celtic and Old-Time so there are many bowing styles in that music that only young people can master and master it she has. Sydney has a knack of being able to play faster than lightening so we are always asking her to play slow enough so we can play with her. Not only is Sydney a very good fiddler but she is a great fiddle partner and travel mate in the group.

June Events

- 5 Western Swing Workshop 6 pm**
Hosted by LeRoy Newport, 2105 NW 12th, Redmond. For further info contact LeRoy (see contact info above)
- 13 Board Meeting 6 pm**
All District 3 members are welcome. Home of LeRoy Newport. For further info contact LeRoy (see above)
- 19 Western Swing Workshop 6 pm**
- 25 Dance at Terrebonne Grange 1 - 3 pm**
8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, One block off Highway 97, behind the Pump House Grill
- Monday Jam Sessions None for June**

There's plenty to do in June. First, the **High Desert Jamboree** in Burns runs from June 15-17 at the **Harney County Fairgrounds**. Camping is available. It's an easy drive from Central Oregon. Great people. Great music. Then a couple of days later, it's on to Weiser, Idaho for the **National Oldtime Fiddlers Contest and Festival**. Go to www.fiddlecontest.org for more information. It's much more than a fiddle contest (with an in-person audience). There's a banjo contest, vendors (food, crafts, merchandise), free stage entertainment, and a parade on Saturday.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

Each summer **Chance and Sydney travel** with the grandmothers (Jeannette, Janice and Marlene) to various states to learn new music and music styles. Last summer the group traveled from Kansas down to Mountain View, Arkansas and back to Kansas to take in a Diamond Rio concert. This year the group is traveling to Glenrose, Texas in July where both the youngsters are registering into the **Elmore Fiddle Camp** for Texas Style Fiddling, Western Swing, and Sydney's favorite, Celtic classes.



Sydney Pierce

Sydney "My name is **Sydney Pierce** **Sez...** and I am 13 years old. I have been playing fiddle for about two and a half years under the instruction of Jeannette Bondsteel.

I live in district 3, along with my family which consists of my parents and two older siblings.

I enjoy (at least listening to, if not playing) Celtic and Irish music, but I will play most anything if I like the sound of it. My main instrument is the fiddle, but I play some classical guitar as well.

I try to learn as many different styles as I can, and when I am older I would like to become a fiddle teacher or something of the sort."

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Tune of the Month

Thanks to
Joe Ross of
District 10 for this
month's tune

One of Megan Nave's favorite tunes at present is "Sally Growler" that she learned from her teacher, Miya Saito-Beckman, who introduced it in a lesson or at the West Cascades Fiddle Camp. Megan may have played it in one of her rounds at the Oregon State Contest where she placed second in the Junior-Junior Division.



Megan Nave loves playing "Sally Growler"

The hornpipe (2/4 time) in G major is credited to Harry Carleton in Ryan's Mammoth Collection (1883). A "Sally Growler" is a particular unattractive Atlantic coast bottom-dwelling fish (aka Sea Raven, Toadfish, Oyster Cracker or Horsehead). It was so named, according to the New York Zoological Society in 1919, "because of its habit of growling on occasion, like a puppy on a bone." In Ryan's collection, the tune was in quotation marks so it's possible it was really named after a boat or seaport bar named for the fish.

The hornpipe was picked up by fiddlers around the US, particularly in Texas. It occasionally surfaces in fiddle contests. This setting of the tune is from fiddler Benny Thomasson, as published in The Phillips Collection of Traditional American Fiddle Tunes, Vol. 2.

[YouTube link to hear Sally Growler Hornpipe](#)

Sally Growler (Hornpipe)

Benny Thomasson



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Congratulations to District 10 for a wonderful job planning and hosting the OOTFA State Convention. Upon entering the front door you were greeted by a group of musicians playing and who could be any better at the information desk than **Patti Luse**, who had everything under control all 3 days. District 4's **Carol Ferrara** did the decorations and there were blue tablecloths and an arrangement of yellow sunflowers on each table and other lovely arrangements were placed in every room.

Many educational events were scheduled each day for fiddle, mandolin, bass fiddle and guitar. **Judy McGarvey** taught two well received workshops. There were youth groups learning tunes in classes and planned jam sessions and then performed then each evening on stage. **Jubal** and **Sidra Price** were active in these events.

Judy McGarvey and **Matthew Baker** wowed the audience at an evening show with their performance of "Orange Blossom" and "12th Street Rag". At another evening dance Judy called a "Virginia Reel" and every evening it was worth the drive up just to watch **Carol** and **Lenny Ferrara** dance. It took 3 tables to hold all the donations for the raffle. The existing state officers will serve another year in their offices. Thank you District 10 for a job well done. Gold stars to everyone!

Upcoming June events on the District 4 calendar begin with the gig at the R.V. Park in Prospect at 7 pm; this is a **fun** event! June 7th at 12:30, musicians will play for the residents at the **Adult Foster Care Home**. June 10th is the **McKee Bridge** gig at 12:00.

June 24th musicians will play for the **Rooster Crow Days** in Rogue River at 4:00 pm. This is usually a well attended event so please let's have a good turn out. June 19th through the 24th of June is the **National Fiddle Contest** in Weiser, Idaho. We are the **"Host State"** this year. We have the honor of opening the evening program each evening, also we will play for several Assisted Living centers and ride in the parade.

The Jammers meet every Tuesday from 4 to 6 at the **Methodist church**.

Check the on line calendar for all events and directions.

See you there! ~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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June Events

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| 6 | Practice at Inland Point Venture Inn | 1 - 3 pm |
| 14 | Bullard's Beach State Park Amphitheater, outdoor performance | 6 - 7:30 pm |
| 17 | Membership Meeting/Elections Winchester Bay Community Center Stage Show | 11 am 1 pm |
| 20 | Practice at Inland Point Venture Inn | 1 - 3 pm |
| 28 | Bullard's Beach State Park Amphitheater, outdoor performance | 6 - 7:30 pm |

This month we begin our Summer Series schedule at Bullard's Beach State Park Amphitheater. We are always well-received by tourists and locals alike. This replaces our performances at residential facilities until September, at which time we will again play at those venues. Meanwhile, here's a report on our delightful and well-attended Brookings event

Wearing my **Brookings Jamboree** T-shirt that our **Dawn Vonderlin** designed and had produced for us for the occasion, I hopped into my car and headed south to Brookings where our two-day event was about to take place. We all were looking forward to the music, the fellowship and performing for the community.

At the **Brookings Community Center**, we gathered into a large circle jam. **Judy McGarvey**, led us in a rousing rendition of "Purple Lilies Polka!" She later sent our spirits into a dreamy state with her beautiful "Midnight on the Water." There's nobody who plays like our Judy. Even though she does belong to District 4, we all claim her!

Cindy Crane, State President, sat beside me with her husband, **Ron**. They made beautiful music together, both playing guitar and Cindy playing a lick or two of "Boil that Cabbage Down" on her fiddle. They played "Above and Beyond, Wheeler County," which Ron said was written by his departed best friend, **Ron Davenport**, who revealed that "All the people in this song are real." When queried by me about whether she comes to most of the OOTFA events, Cindy responded with, "I try to come if I can." She is a supportive State President!

Joe Walker gifted us with a great rendition of "Flop-Eared Mule." Sometimes we forget some of the great old tunes and Joe brought this one in the best way possible, with a little extra "kick!"

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Cheryl Simmons with our **Dawn Vonderlin** supplying a lovely harmony, sang "On the Wings of a Dove". This was a very nice blending of talent. Cheryl, along with **Michael Mavris**, also made a terrific team singing and playing and also, at one point, dancing. When the couple sang "Santa Lucia" together in Italian, it was a sweet moment. We loved watching their joyful dancing. Music moves us!

Visiting from Vancouver, Washington, District 7, was the impressive fiddle player, **Chlovena Byrd**. **Owen Ratliff**, also from Vancouver, accompanied her on his mandolin. Chlovena is the Real Deal—a little lady with a big bowing technique who can get quite a lot out of her fiddle! I want to note here that when I told her I liked her pretty, melodious name, she replied, "I know no other!"

We were warmed by the presence once more of the father-daughter team of **Art Bigelow** and **Anne Stover**. It was especially good to see Art. We miss **Colleen**, but she is away down in the southwest living a warmer life with her daughter. Art and Anne attended the raffle tables, helping our **Ruth Weyer**, who handled that fund-raiser for us and, of course, supplied us with her welcoming coffee! One note of interest here is Anne is retired Air Force and since **Mapril Combs** served in the Air Force too, they were delighted to find this in common. Thank you both for your service to our country.

Speaking of coffee, there were several good folks who brought cookies and in particular, we need to feature our **Sandy Walter's** baking skills in the form of some mighty good lemon cookies. She made them from scratch with real lemons and boy did they go down good with Ruth's coffee! Yum. Thank you Ruth and Sandy!

During the day I finally surfaced from "swimming in the music" to notice that **Bill** and **Pat Winfrey** and **Luke VerHagen** had once again brought our sound system. **Willie Walter** and **Dawn** helped to set it up for us and about half-way through our Friday jam, we suddenly sounded LIVE. Which we were, in anticipation of **Saturday's Stage Show** for the community of Brookings. Willie also hung a beautiful yellow quilt which was Dawn's that she won at a raffle. This served as nice and homey stage decor.

Joe Ross sang a soulful version of "I'm Confessin' That I Love You." I wondered if there is anything that Joe cannot play, since one could often see him happily playing a different instrument!

Speaking of soulful, Ellie Keeland sang Hank Williams's "Moanin' (the blues)" while playing her bass violin. This was complete with yodeling! We didn't know she could yodel. Ellie said, "Everyone can yodel." She's gonna need to teach us a class on the skill! A few others come to mind, too, like Pat Winfrey, Linda Sweatt, Verna Lee and a few others who can yodel wonderfully. Always a crowd pleaser, too. Ellie, we should note, is the only member whose instrument is larger than she is!

Our District 5 Chair, **Mapril Combs**, noted that we had three out of the four State Officers attending our Jamboree: President, **Cindy Crane**; Secretary and membership, **Patti Luse**; and Treasurer, **Linda Parks**. Patti had a "working Jamboree," since she had set herself up in a corner to do business! This was very helpful, since not only did she have bumperstickers and pins for sale, but she also took orders for the soon-to-be-published new roster. We appreciate Patti! We also appreciate our D-5 members, Mapril, Dawn, Luke, Bill and Pat, Ruth, to name only a handful, who are very hard working and willing to put the effort and ideas into our events. In fact, I wish we could hoist all our talented and involved members onto our shoulders and parade them around in appreciation!

A sweet tune was offered by **Jerry Parks**. He played "Maiden's Prayer" just beautifully, complete with great double stops. And his wife, **Linda**, sure can sing wonderfully and she sounds more authentic than most with a strong country quality to her voice that few possess. She can play guitar too!

A fiddle player at whose feet I would like to sit, is the lovely **Allison Lindley**, District 10. Not only did she play many tunes beautifully, including a gorgeous harmony to my favorite, "Ashokan Farewell", but she took a "fiddle break" for every musician, whether she knew the song or not and still didn't miss a beat. She is a pure pleasure to hear! **Christine Cormack**, also District 10, did a great job accompanying Allison.

Our **Luke VerHagen** is another guy who can play the heck out of his mandolin as well as do a great job with his guitar. We love to hear his rich, deep singing voice. Jean Seiger, District 4, joined Luke, singing harmony in her lovely, equally rich voice. A good team!

Upon hearing District 4's **Oran Barr** soulfully sing, "Blues Stay Away From Me." Mapril quipped, "That alone is worth the price of admission!" Oran's wife, **Sandy**, we can safely say, is his best, most favored little fan!

The song and artist that put the punctuation to the end of the first day, was our **Willie Walter** with his heartfelt version of "Who Will Sing for Me." a prayerful version we all felt as he offered the song.

This day ended and we looked forward to dinner and a night's rest and then we were ready to play for the community with our stage show on Saturday. This was a fun and joyful event for us musicians and the audience alike. A high point was when we all were on stage with Judy McGarvey playing "Orange Blossom Special." She sure can make her fiddle sound like a steam engine train! The audience was clearly "wowed!" We closed with the soothing, spiritual verses of "Amazing Grace."

Keep the music and the friendship flowing, everyone. We appreciate all of you!

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

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June Events

- 1 **Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam** 1 - 3 pm
Corvallis Community Center
- 2 **Eugene Hotel Jam** **Canceled**
- 3 **Intermediate Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 9 **Kids' Fiddle Jam** 6:30 - 8 pm
Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com
- 10 **Central Grange Jam** 10:30 am
District 6 Members' Meeting 11 am
87200 Central Road, Across from Fern Ridge
- 12 **Beginning Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene

District 7 Portland, Northern Coast Area

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June Events

- 3 **Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam** 1 - 4 pm
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
- 9 **Cherrywood Village gig** 2:30 - 3:30 pm
1417 SE 107th Ave., Portland
- 27 **Cherry Blossom Cottage gig** 2 - 3 pm
11177 SE Cherry Blossom Dr., Portland

District 7 is excited to co-host (with District 8) the 2nd annual **Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest**, thanks to a grant from the City of Wilsonville. The **Fiddles on Wheels** nonprofit organization will again provide event management, with **Sherry McKenzie** and **Aarun Carter** providing contest assistance to the co-host districts 7 and 8. Save the Date: Saturday, July 29: **Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest, Wilsonville Community Center**, 7965 SW Wilsonville Rd, Wilsonville. More details will appear in the July 2023 Hoedowner.



Elaine Schmidt at the Spring OOTFA Convention

Let me wash the pollen out of my eyes, then I will get this report written...Ok, now, let's start with our get-together at **Central Grange** on June 10. As usual it will be a jammin' good time, but this time we have a District 6 meeting at 11 am. We have an election of officers (current officers will serve another year but we'll also consider volunteers from the floor). There will be a report on the recent passage of statewide bylaws and standing rules. We will also address the idea of holding our monthly, second Saturday, jams/meetings at occasional different locations to more fairly accommodate our large district.

Peggy Mulder and District 10's **Joe Ross** collaborated to host a picnic/jam at **Pass Creek Park** in Curtin on May 21. Plenty of folks from both district showed up for the fun and fellowship.

District 10 hosted our annual **Spring OOTFA Convention** in Roseburg. At the convention, **Jerry & Linda Parks** were awarded the **2023 Homer McLain Award** for outstanding service to our cherished organization. Jerry also provided the sound system for the event. **Patti Luse** and **Linda Parks**, from our district, were voted in as OOTFA State Officers, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The convention always has an impressive display of donated items for fundraising. Thanks to district members **Tony** and **Shirley Humphreys**, **Patti** and **Ken Luse**, **Betsy** and **Andy Janeczek**, **Peggy Mulder** and **Addison Talbot**, **Greg Roberts**, **Beverly Schriver** & **Hal Weiner** for contributing.

The **First Friday Jam** at the **Eugene Hotel** has been canceled for June. Future jams will be reconsidered as it has been a challenge to draw enough performers, particularly with summer upon us, for this event to continue. Perhaps we will be able to resume sometime down the road.

Birthday Greetings: **Ken Luse** and **Lena Stubbs** (6/6), **Peggy Schneider** (6/16), **Linda Parks** (6/28)

Wedding Anniversary: **Lisa Ponder & Chuck Roehrlich**
~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

Our district was well represented at the Spring Convention and we appreciate all those who took the time to attend the event in Roseburg.

Contact Marcella Easley if you are willing to provide breaktime snacks (cookies, etc.) at our Sunnyside Grange jams. She's also looking for someone to take over the scheduler function for Dist. 7.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining,
District 7 Reporters

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June Events

- 1 **Newby Elementary School Gig** 11 am - noon
NO SLO-JAM TODAY
- 9 **Jam at Marilyn Owen's home** 1 - 3 pm
RSVP 503-560-1258
- 15 **Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home** 1 - 3 pm
RSVP 503-835-7185
- 21 **Center 50+ Make Music Day Celebration** 2 - 3 pm
- 24 **Annual District 8 Picnic,** 11 am - 3 pm
Jam & Meeting Lynn Gossett's home,
364 SE Davis Ct., Dallas RSVP 503-831-1505

It is with sadness that we recently learned of the passing of former District 8 chairman Johnny Leigh.

A music lover down to his toes, Johnny was 92, and we send our sincere condolences to his wife **Elaine**.

Our pace has picked up in the past few months! In April we played once again at **Jefferson Lodge** in Dallas and **AgFest** at the Salem fairgrounds. In May we played at **Sheep-To-Shawl** in the **Mill Museum** in Salem, along with District 6 and 7 players whose support we appreciated. Our new officers gathered together on May 20 for orientation, co-ordination, and brainstorming!

Our scheduler-in-training **Rae Parlier** has developed ties with the **McMinnville School District** music program, and we have been invited to play at **Newby Elementary School** on June 1. Center 50+ in Salem has invited us to play there on June 21 for **Make Music Day**, an international celebration of music and music makers.

Martha Hughes (503-393-2271; mh.hughes8@gmail.com) continues to hold fiddle classes several times each month in Keizer for her enthusiastic students.

Y'all come to our annual picnic/potluck jam beginning at 11 am on Saturday, June 24 at **Lynn Gossett's** home, 364 SE Davis Ct. in Dallas. RSVP 503-831-1505. So nice to welcome warm weather and hummingbirds at the feeders once again!

We in District 8 were very pleased to learn that the 2023 recipient for the Norm Nash Award was our own Marie Bailey. Congratulations, Marie, and please know how much your many years of service to District 8 are appreciated.

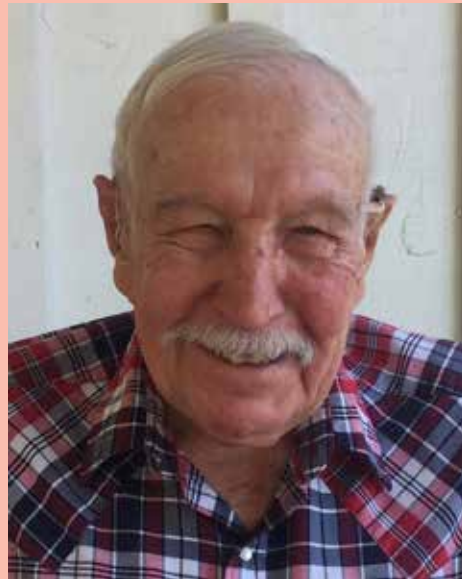
~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

District 9 Burns, John Day Area

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We had a lovely last of the season Sunday Potluck and Jam one week early, because the officers were gone to the **OOTFA Convention** or elsewhere on our usual Sunday. We had 9 musicians and only **Ronda Metler** came from John Day (Thanks, Metlers). The audience had only 10 people, so we just had fun. Officers were voted on this meeting, so our new lineup is **Chair: Joan Suther, Vice-chair: Ronda Metler, Secretary/Membership: Lynn Mims, Treasurer: Janet Braymen, and Reporter: Don Greenfield**. Thanks to **Randy Gibson** and **Marianne Andrews** (who is retiring and moving) for their years of service.

Joan Suther's father, **Dan Suther**, died at his home at the age of 92. Dan loved to sing blue-grass and country music and came to many of our Jamborees. Our condolences to Joan and family.



Dan Suther, a true OOTFA hero

Janet Braymen was our only representative to the **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association Convention** in Roseburg, and she had a great time.

We've been invited to play at the **Archaeology Road Show**, June 24th at 2 pm, so put it on your calendars.

Don't forget to put the **High Desert Music Jam-boree** on your calendar

June 15, 16, and 17. We are looking forward to everyone showing up. Hey, that's this month! Come and play or listen or dance, camp out and have a fun time. To volunteer, call **Janet Braymen**. The water should be down the river by then, and into Malheur Lake.

Folks had a great time at the **Christmas Valley Campout**.

The **Friday Night Jams** continue to be held at the **Hines City Hall** at 6:30 pm. On the 4th Friday, we meet at **The Aspens** instead. We'd love to see you there. If you are passing through and wish to join us, call a District 9 officer if more information is needed.

Musically Yours ~ Don Greenfield, District 9 Reporter

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June Events

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| 6 | The Landing | 12 – 1 pm |
| 24 | Sutherlin Senior Center Meeting, Potluck & Jam | 12 – 3 pm |
| 27 | Bridgewood Rivers | 2 – 3 pm |

Many Thanks to everyone who attended and helped out at the OOTFA State Convention in Roseburg. Many went above and beyond the call of duty to help make it a big success. We appreciate you! Several videos have been uploaded to YouTube of various districts playing at the Friday evening dance there on May 12. Everyone is fired up now for future jams so expect to see several of us in **Burns** and **Weiser** in June.

Our regular appearance at **Bridgewood Rivers** is now the fourth Tuesday each month. Despite our application to perform on their community stage, we haven't heard anything from the **Umpqua Valley Arts Assn.** about the **Summer Arts Festival** so we may not be needed there on June 23-25.

Summer Beginning Fiddle Class by the splash pad in **Stewart Park** is every Monday morning from 10 – 11 am. Loaner fiddles are available. All ages welcome. Contact **Kelly** for more info.

Election of District 10 Officers took place at our May 27 meeting. Our new leaders will be announced in the July Hoedowner.



Joe Ross, Harry Jordan and Peggy Mulder in Curtin

The Booher Family's Campout in Scotts Valley will be on July 6-9, with a Saturday night stage show. Local day jammers are welcome too. Campsites for 3 days (Thurs, Fri, Sat nights) are \$150. Day jammers pay \$20/day. Sunday morning after breakfast will be a gospel jam. You're on your own for food, but they'll have waffles and coffee served outside at breakfast. RSVP to **Dolores Booher**, text or call 541-849-2171, or email doloresb8@protonmail.com.



Nina Hoffman, of District 6, joined members of 6 & 10 in Curtin for a joint get-together picnic and jam put together by Joe Ross and Peggy Mulder

The district would like to thank **The Booher Family** for their donation of a 7' tall redwood chainsaw carving of an old-time fiddler. They were looking to rehome it, and District 10 is coordinating with the **Sutherlin Senior Center** to see if we can store and display it as an artistic backdrop on their main stage.

The family of Colleen Hanks donated five of her student fiddles to OOTFA, with all proceeds to benefit our organization. Three were sold at the convention. Some fiddle cases were also donated, should you need one.

Monday afternoon jams are announced on D-10's Googlegroup, Facebook group and in Text Messages to update you about times and locations. To subscribe, contact **Jude** and she'll e-mail you the link.

On Friday evenings during summer, OOTFA members play music just before sunset at **Umpqua Valley Art Center** to celebrate the migration of the Vaux Swift. **Umpqua Valley Audubon Society** has counted 2,000 birds that circle and dive into the Clay Place pottery shed chimney to roost each night. For info, contact **Sandy Harter** at sandharter@gmail.com or 541-430-3430.

Our sunbirds **Frank Moore & Karen Bennett** are now back in Oregon. In June, we celebrate birthdays for **Dennis Oswald** (June 1), **Ann Hodson** (June 15) and **Sharon Thompson** (June 23).

Keep on a-pickin! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



We hear ya, Cyrus Wadsworth, we really do

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to play the fiddle and
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To Provide regular times
and places to meet and play
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- June 15-17 High Desert Music Jamboree, Burns
- June 19-24 National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest & Festival, Weiser, Idaho
- July 17-20 West Cascades Fiddle Camp, Pleasant Hill
- Aug. 4 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, Benton County Fair, Corvallis
- Aug. 17-20 Winchester Bay
- Sept. 14-16 Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering, Prineville
(Includes Fall Board & Membership Meeting)



Jean Sieger sings as OOTFA members from around the state back her up at the Spring Convention in Roseburg

In Memoriam

Johnny Leigh, a former District 8 chairman, passed at 92. We send our sincere condolences to his wife **Elaine**.

Dan Suther, a longtime Lifetime member from Burns and father of District 9's Chair, **Joan Suther**, passed away in Redding on May 8th. Condolences can be sent to Joan and her family at PO 833, Hines, OR 97738.

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