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FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

Fiddle at the Beach

by Barbara Scheirman

The 18th annual Fiddle at the Beach event held in Winchester Bay, August 17-20, was terrific fun! It was pretty well attended by performers and listeners from many districts ranging from Crescent City to Vancouver as well as the District 5 area. The theme for the three and a half day event was “**Across America: From Sea to Shining Sea,**” which afforded musicians plenty of musical choices to bring to the Friday evening contest. We had a beautiful **Statue of Liberty** who sang “From Sea to Shining Sea” (**Linda Sweatt** with husband **Dana** and fiddle accompanist, **Dawn Vonderlin**); and an adoring husband (**Hal Thompson**) who brought us “Have I Told You Lately That I Love You.” He actually sang that song just for his wife, **Sharon**, but we got to listen.



Hal Thompson, Larry Gallagher & Jude Kuether



Linda "Liberty" Sweatt

There were the usual very talented and engaging musicians who made all the preparations and effort completely worth it. We enjoyed a variety of music from the faraway past to more recent day delights.

It does seem like with each passing year, as we get older, these gatherings in our respective districts become more precious to us. And indeed they are. Many of our friends who attend, we see only once a year. We miss not only their personalities, but the music they bring to us. We particularly enjoy our audiences in attendance, who in turn enjoy us and often sing along with us when moved by song.

When the last tune is played and the farewells are said and hugs given, we can carry the spirit with us, allowing it to warm us until we get to do it again next year!

More Fiddle at the Beach Highlights on page 7!

Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering

Crook County Fairgrounds
Prineville, Oregon
September 14 - 16, 2023

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Judy McGarvey feelin' salty



Dana Sweatt feelin' sunny

Hello All, I'm writing this report to you from the District 5's Fiddle at the Beach in Winchester Bay and we are all having a great time!

It will soon be time to renew our memberships and pay our dues. Annual Membership Dues will be increasing for 2024 for the first time in 20 years.

Annual Membership dues for a household are \$35 and are due by January 1, 2024. This includes an individual, a couple or all family members residing at the same address.

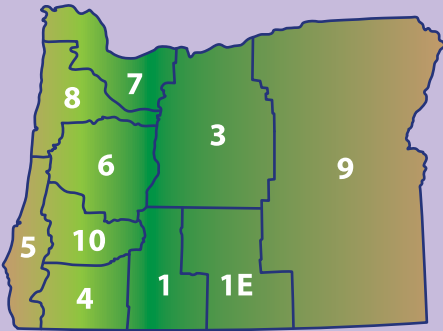
The OOTFA newsletter, the Hoedowner, will be emailed at no additional cost to members. To receive the Hoedowner by US mail you must pay \$5 in addition to your dues.

Lifetime Members are not required to pay dues at this time and can receive the Hoedowner via email at no charge. However, if a Lifetime Member wishes to receive a printed Hoedowner by US mail, there will be a \$5 cost to them. We will accept, with appreciation, voluntary contributions from Lifetime Members wishing to support our organization. To qualify as a Lifetime Member you must have been an OOTFA member for 5 consecutive years and be 70 years or older.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon in Prineville for the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering!** So, let's keep showing up, making friends, learning, playing music, singing, supporting one another, and having fun! ~ Cindy



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Larry Gallagher leads a tune at Fiddle at the Beach

New OOTFA Members • September 2023

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| Tyler, Wendy, Rhodes, Jaiquin & Addison Crabtree | Veneta (6) | Sally & Michael Keeney | Salem (8) |
| Della Smith Fros | Yreka (OS) | Beth Seagrave | Eugene (6) |
| Annelie Haberman | Corvallis (6) | Liz Welch | West Linn (7) |
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District 1 September Events

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| 2 | Hildebrand Threshing Bee | 10 am |
| | Directions in box below | |
| 13 | Practice at Johnny Rogers' Home | 9 am |
| 14 | Pelican Pointe | 2:30 - 3:30 pm |
| 21 | Practice at Luther Square | 1 pm |
| | 2314 Homedale Rd. 97603 | |
| 27 | Practice at Johnny Rogers' Home | 9 am |
| 28 | Rogue River Place | 1 - 2 pm |
- Please note the changes in the schedule for practices.*

In District One it has been fairly quiet except for our practicing and care centers. We are looking forward to this Saturday the 19th. We have been invited to participate in the **Living History Day** at Fort Klamath. This Fort was established during the Civil War for helping to protect those who were immigrating and facing conflict with Native Americans, whose homelands were being threatened and were resisting being moved to reservations. It's a very interesting read in history.

The **Hildebrand Threshing Bee** is a demonstration of operation of old steam and gasoline powered tractors. There will be a demonstration also of a grain separator. The **Oldtime Fiddlers**, will be at both places giving a demonstrations of old-time music. Fall is just around the corner and relief from the heat, hard to believe, time passes so quickly. See you all at the September **Acoustic Music Gathering** in Prineville.

Wishing Happy Birthday to all of September members. Have a special day.

Happy Trails and Best wishes from District 1!

~ Noranne Sparks,
District 1 Reporter



Mary Mitts with Allen on his 80th

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Not too much going on in the big town of Lakeview. Still playing at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursdays, nights always a good time. Second Saturday at the **Chamber of Commerce Jam**, noon until we quit. Good jam last Saturday. We will play at the **Lake Country Fair**, September 2, 2023, 11 am to 1 pm, out on the lawn. As you come in we will see how that works out.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest

The 24th annual **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest** was held August 2, 2023 at the **Benton County Fair** in Corvallis. It was a huge success with the largest turnout of fiddlers ever!



District 6's Jerry & Linda Parks take a turn at the Contest

This year we welcomed 54 contestants from various places including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, and Texas! The weather was perfect and things ran smoothly, thanks to our great volunteers: **Dorry Eldon** (contest co-chair), **Frank and Julie Eisenhower** (registration), **Suzie Maresh** and **Leslie Darland** (scorekeepers), **Linda Parks** (OOFTA Treasurer), judges **Danita Gardner**, **Dan Stewart**, and **Jacie Sites**, **Frank Moore**, and our outstanding MC, **Erin McMullen**! We couldn't do this function without our Sponsors: **OOFTA** (especially Districts 6, 8 and 10!), **Nancy Rohn Violins**, **Janet Throop**, **Fingerboard Extension**, **Rain Drop Farms**, **Riverland Farms**, **New Morning Bakery**, **Squirrels Tavern**, **Calapooia Brewing**, **Deluxe Brewing**, and **Two Towns Cider**. Please visit these sponsors and tell them how much you appreciate their support!

A big thank you to **Lyle Dixon** for coming all the way from Texas (again!) to video the contest!! Watch for his posts from the contest at: ["Fiddle Supporter" on Facebook](#).

For pictures and full contest results, visit our Facebook page: ["Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest" on Facebook](#).

Hope to see you all next year for the **Celebration of the 25th Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest!**

~ Starr McMullen, Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Chair

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District 3 September Events

14-16 Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering 9 am – 9 pm Crook County Fairgrounds

430 SW Fairgrounds Rd., Prineville, OR
Contacts: Centraloregonoldtimefiddlers.com
OOTFA.org, Jeannette Bondsteel 541-410-5146

24 Dance at Terrebonne Grange 1 - 3 pm

8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, just a block
off Highway 97, behind the Pumphouse Grill
Open to the public!

24 Follow-up Meeting for Acoustic Music Gathering & District 3 Meeting 3 pm

following the Dance at Terrebonne Grange

District 3 of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers is pleased to host the "Gathering" at the Crook County Fairgrounds, September 14-16, 2023. Open 9 am to 9 pm. It's open to the public to be enjoyed by musicians, dancers, and audiences. You are encouraged to invite your friends, family, and neighbors. We'll have open jam sessions, stage shows, workshops, dancing and more. Food service is available. Camping spaces with water and electric hookups is \$30 per night. Dry camping is \$15 per night. Members are encouraged to contribute items for the raffle. Appropriate raffle items include musical instruments in new or good condition, musical accessories, music lessons, gift cards, and appropriate non-musical items. Raffle items need to be at the event site by Thursday, September 14. **Please contact Jeannette Bondsteel at 541-410-5146 regarding your raffle donations.**

The **Dance at the Terrebonne Grange** will be held on Sunday, September 24 from 1:00 to 3:00. Acoustic dance music is provided by you, our members and by prospective members. If you've never played "in public" before, this is a great place to start.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering Schedule on next page!

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Looking forward to October

October 28th, 1-4:00 is the first gig at the **Pheasant Fields Farms**. 1865 Camp Baker Rd., Medford.

October 7 from 1-3:00 will be the **Talent Oregon Harvest Festival**. The map and details are located on the online calendar, or call a district officer.

October 14th the **Siskiyou County Museum**, 910 S. Main St., Yreka, California is offering a **Family Day at the Museum**, 12-2:00. Contact **Judy McGarvey** at (541) 779-8145 for more info.

October 21st, 3-5:30 is the joint Jam and Potluck at the **Azalea Grange**, 142 Pissqually Lane, Azalea. Contact **Melissa Taylor** at 360-269-4288 for additional info.

October 28th, 1-4:00 is the second gig at the **Pheasant Fields Farms**. 1865 Camp Baker Rd., Medford. See you there under the beautiful old walnut tree.

Welcome Fall. We kiss the summer goodbye and tuck away all the lovely memories of county fairs and music filled camp outs, that bring smiles to our face and warmth to our hearts.

This summer District 4 played at the **Jackson and Josephine County Fairs**. District 4 fiddler, **Lenny Ferrara**, took on the immense job of organizing these events. He arranged every detail by booking it with the event coordinator. Then he set up the sound technician and fairgrounds gate keepers, and secured parking authentication and car pools for every musician. Lenny magically brought about this wonderful opportunity to bring on music to a wide audience, and both performances were well received and plans were made for a next year gig. Many thanks to Lenny both handling all the small and large details.

District 4 musicians performed the last gig of the summer at the **R.V. Park** in the mountains and park owner, **Pam**, asked to secure dates on next years calendar.

The September monthly meeting and "open to the public" jam will be held on September 2, **Labor Day Weekend**. The meeting is at 11:30, warm-up jam 12:30-1:00, sign-up jam 1-3:00 and held at the **Fruitdale Grange** in Grants Pass. Bring snacks to share.

The district will perform in Prospect at the **Community Center**, 305 Red Blanket Road, 1-3:00 This is our first gig here and a good turnout of musicians is needed.

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CENTRAL OREGON ACOUSTIC MUSIC GATHERING

Crook County Fairgrounds • Prineville, Oregon

September 14 - 16, 2023

Brought to you by Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association



THURSDAY, SEPT. 14 COME EARLY!

We will be doing event set-up through the day and jamming when we're done. Come give us a hand!

centraloregonfiddlers.com for area lodging and dining information, camp registration form, event schedule, and banquet menu.

DINNER BREAK
7:00 PM - 9 PM

Outlaw BBQ - Stroganoff Banquet (PLEASE Pre-Register) \$17.00
Pie and Ice Cream Social with jamming to follow - \$5.00

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

Grizzly Mountain Pavillion will be open at 7:00 AM with coffee brewing!
Jamming and socializing are encouraged throughout the event!

7:30 AM

Breakfast: Outlaw BBQ \$5 - \$8

Jamming in the hall and all of the tent areas.

Start a jam if you don't see one you like. Invite a visitor to join in a jam.

9:00 AM- 5 PM

Welcome and Information Table Open Every Day

NOON HOUR

Lunch: Outlaw BBQ \$5 - \$8

1:00 PM

More jamming in the hall and all of the tent areas.

2 PM - 4 PM

Open Mic - Sign up early each day at the registration table

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

State Board Meeting for District Officers ONLY - Fairgrounds Office

3 PM - 3:45 PM

Workshop: Bill O'Sullivan Mandolin - 2 Chord Workshop

4 PM - 4:45 PM

Workshop: Jeff Stevens - Ukelele Workshop

DINNER BREAK

Outlaw BBQ - Chicken Fried Steak Banquet (PLEASE Pre-Register) \$17.00

7:00 PM - 9 PM

Inspirational/Gospel Night - Pick Your Bands

9:00 PM

Night Owl Jamming until the last man locks up the Pavillion for the night!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

7:30 AM

Breakfast: Outlaw BBQ \$5 - \$8

Jamming in the hall and all of the tent areas. Start a jam if you don't see one you like

10 A.M - NOON

OOTFA Membership meeting - In the music hall

NOON HOUR

Lunch: Outlaw BBQ \$5 - \$8

1:00 PM

Workshop: Marlene Stevens - Singing Harmony Workshop

2 PM - 4 PM

Open Mic - Sign up early each day at the registration table

2 PM - 3 PM

Workshop: Chance Mott - Youth Teaching Youth-Fiddle instruction by kid for kids.

4 PM - 4:45 PM

Workshop: Dance Lesson with Jerry and Linda Parks in the music hall

DINNER BREAK

Outlaw BBQ - Smoked Prime Rib Banquet (PLEASE Pre-Register) \$17.00

7 PM - 9:00 PM

Dance Bands - Pick Your Own Bands

9:30 PM

Night Owl Jamming until the last man locks up the Pavillion for the night!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

FAREWELL! Linger for some campground jamming, or help with final clean-up!
Don't forget your Instruments!

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Tune of the Month

Thanks to
David Altman of
District 7 for this
month's tune

I learned this version by ear from one of the best accompanist, Marshall Jackson, when OOTFA was formed during the 1960s. Marshall was a superb guitar player but also played fiddle and mandolin. He encouraged me to pick up the mandolin to better play some slides (marked "sl" above the notation) in this tune. While **Chinese Breakdown** is a very old tune which used to have many names (including **Chinese Rag**, **Beaver Valley Breakdown**, **Georgia Bust Down**, and **Tiger Rag**), the first recording was in 1925 by the **Dixie String Band**. Most published transcriptions are in the key of C such as in **The Fiddler's Fakebook** and **Ragtime for Fiddle & Mandolin**. However, among Oregon fiddlers and in other regions the tune is usually played in the key of D. This traditional American tune has even become a tune that has moved to the British Isles and can be found across southern England, Ireland, and elsewhere. Several versions are found at **The Session** website, where lyrics have been posted by the lyricist identified as Mix O'Lydian as follows:

Chinese Breakdown

(transcription by D. Altman, source from Marshall Jackson)

traditional

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When in a Chinese restaurant,
Dish numbers you must quote;
For waiters and the chefs there,
They learn them all by rote;
If you don't give those numbers,
Your order they'll get wrong;
You'll cause a Chinese breakdown,
And the staff will sing this song:

For: Chop Su-ey say "16",
Or you'll be out of luck;
Please tell the waiter: "45",
If you want Peking Duck;
For Lychees please say: "76",
And you'll get what you want;
All orders are by numbers,
In a Chinese restaurant!

Links to various fiddlers playing Chinese Breakdown:

[Chinese Breakdown by Charlie Walden](#)

[Chinese Breakdown by Steam Machine](#)

[Chinese Breakdown by Jesse McReynolds](#)

[Chinese Breakdown by Esau McNeil](#)

District 4 continued

October brings a garden basket full of **Harvest Festivals**. The musicians begin with the annual festival at the **Pheasant Fields Farms**, 1865 Camp Baker Road, Medford, from 1-4:00. This is a well loved gig held under a gorgeous, branch spreading walnut tree.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



District 4 at the 2023 Josephine County Fair

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District 5 September Events

- 5 Pacific View Sr. Living, Bandon 1:30 - 2:30 pm
- 9 Dora Corn Feed & Potluck 11 am
Dora Community Ctr. Come early—eat at Noon then play some music in the shade of the big cedar tree!
- 12 Evergreen Court 2 - 3 pm
- 19 Inland Point 2 - 3 pm
- 23 Harvest Festival, Myrtle Point TBA
Spruce Street in front of Cherry Creek Floral

WAIT, everybody—WHERE did the summer go? One thing's certain, it's much easier to let go of our easy-going summer if we realize that the fall brings us more opportunities to share our music and resume our regular senior care center schedule of play. And there are at least two more outdoor activities to which we are invited to play: The old fashioned **Dora Corn Feed**, held annually in the charming community of Dora. We gather for a potluck and then assemble around the historic cedar tree and play for the folks! Truly a step back into the past—don't miss it! The other activity is the annual **Harvest Festival** in Myrtle Point. Always terrific fun.

We enjoyed our official “kick-off” of our **Fiddle at the Beach** event the evening of August 17th, with our Membership Dinner, orchestrated and cooked by **Ruth Weyer** with potluck side dishes and desserts supplied by the membership. Everything was delicious and we all felt the air of anticipation for the weekend of music and friends to come. **Linda Sweatt** was our official MC for the stage show on Thursday evening. We count upon her great, unexpectedly deadpan, comedic stage presence. She also performed a song, belting out “Hard Hearted Hannah, the Vamp of Savannah.” Now we can count “vamping” among her many talents!

Friday dawned early for the folks who came to enjoy the event. **Bill** and **Pat Winfrey** were on hand even earlier to open the **Community Center** building up and start the coffee and get the sound system set up. They are a couple of jewels together and just celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary by having the gang over to practice at their lovely home, sitting on the backyard patio among the flowers, birds and one spoiled chipmunk who seemed to like our music!

The competition stage show Friday evening followed the tradition of our performing songs and fiddle tunes that correspond to the theme of the event, which was, “**Across America: From Sea to Shining Sea.**” Our lovely, sweet-voiced **Sharon Gallagher** served as our MC for the evening. She kept things running smoothly with her well-timed wit and once channeling her “inner Sergeant-at-arms!” The winners in the three categories were **Oran Barr** for best costume in which he looked downright authentic sporting real chaps and a six-gallon hat! He was the recipient of **Robert Tripplett's** artistry in wood: A lovely cutting board in the shape of a violin. **Judy McGarvey** was voted the Funniest by our three randomly-chosen audience judges. Her costume matched her fiddle tune, “Sailor's Hornpipe,” which turned into a Popeye song sung by Judy as she danced a little jig with her corncob pipe while a large can of spinach sat by her feet! Judy is definitely a cutie and she made a darling little Popeye! She received a very nice blue/green pottery bowl created by artist, **John Bealey**. Judy remarked that she could put a lot of spinach in it! The prize for the musicians who performed the best theme was a shared honor, with **Linda Sweatt** for her impressive **Statue of Liberty** act and costume. She looked like the beautiful lady at the harbor, herself! Her husband, **Dana**, sported a soft-sculpture sunshine he wore on his head, face peaking through like sunshine itself, and a blue sky cape with cloud graphics. He made some great sunshiny faces! **Dawn Vonderlin** played a lovely, haunting tune while Linda recited the inscription on the statue and gave an interesting history of the monument. The Sweatts shared the honor of best theme with the husband-wife team of **Cindy** and **Ron Crane**, who wore very nice flag-themed outfits and sang “Proud to be an American” in a heartfelt and dynamic manner. Both performing teams won very nice birdhouses built by **Bill Winfrey** and painted to theme by **Pat Winfrey**. Cindy chose the American flag themed birdhouse, fittingly enough.

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We want to thank all four impressive artists for their generous donation of time and creativity. The prizes will no doubt be family treasures for the talented and lucky recipients!

Saturday was spent as we spend most days, visiting, jamming and just enjoying one another. The Saturday evening stage show was MC-ed by our Joe Walker, who is also ready with a quip. Example: "What do you get when you drop a piano down a mineshaft?" Joe asked as he held the mic with a mischievous expression. "Answer, A flat minor (miner!)" This set the tone for the show. Such fun. Thanks to all our

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District 6 September Events

- 1 **Eugene Hotel Jam** **canceled**
Contact Dick Penny for details 650-964-4593
- 2 **Intermediate Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 7 **Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam** 1 - 3 pm
Corvallis Community Center
- 8 **Kids' Fiddle Jam** 6:30 - 8 pm
Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com
- 9 **District 6 Monthly Jam** 10 am - 3 pm
Central Grange, 87200 Central Road
- 11 **Beginning Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene

I always enjoy when a popular song is performed in a completely different style than it was originally. That said, how about working up a fiddle-tune version of "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes"?

District 6 is staying busy, as usual, with our monthly calendar events and up to four retirement/care facility gigs each month. **Dick Penny** also has us back at the **Eugene Hotel** for First Friday jams. **Donna Wynn** is also returning to head up the **Advanced Fiddle Classes**. The last one I attended had her joined by **Ila Mae Carmickle** and **Linda Danielson**. Now that's a power trio of fiddle masters if there ever was one.

Starr McMullen reports that the **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest** on August 4 included many talented youth and adult contestants and was well attended at the **Benton County Fairgrounds**.

Birthday Greetings: **Don Baldwin** (9/1), **Clarence Horner** (9/5), **Carol Anne Sudderth** (9/11) **Dorothy Sather** (9/14), **Sandy Wallrich** (9/15)

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

first-rate Masters of Ceremonies. You three kept the shows together and moving smoothly—and with humor.

We have **Gayle Tripplett** to thank for donating a goodly number of muslin bags with musically-themed applique decor on them. **Dawn** put out the raffle items and her cotton t-shirts she designed for both the **Brookings Jamboree** and last year's **Fiddle at the Beach** event. We have so many volunteers who made it possible for this year's Fiddle at the Beach to run smoothly. We mustn't forget our "**Kitchen Queen**," **Ruth Weyer** and her teammate, **Anne Stover**, who traveled from Lakeview, with her dad, **Art Bigelow**. Without them, we would not have had such a nice offering of food, including the hot dog lunches. It does take a village and we've got a good one! Our Chair, **Mapril Combs**, even found a use for her gavel: "We needed ice and so I got out my gavel and broke up some large chunks into cubes," she quipped. Well, that beats pounding it on the table during a meeting—which she says she has not had to do, so far. So the gavel got some use!

We thank everyone who came to our annual **Fiddle at the Beach** event. Folks did come from near and far: Crescent City, California and wayyy up in Vancouver, Washington! Everyone made the gathering a success. Is it okay to look forward to next year, already?

Keep the music and friendship flowing,

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

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District 7 September Events

- 2 **Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam** 1 - 4 pm
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
- 14 **Creekside Village Retirement** 1:30 - 2:30 pm
5450 SW Erickson Ave., Beaverton
- 22 **Cherrywood Village** 2:30 - 3:30 pm
1417 SE 107th, Portland

We had a busy few weeks in late July and throughout August that included hosting the **Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest** (thanks to a City of Wilsonville grant), joining District 8 to play at the **Polk County Fair** in Rickreall, jamming at a member's Estacada home, performing at **King City** and at the **Clackamas County Fair** in Canby, and playing for an **Oregon Trail** pioneer-themed party.

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That party almost didn't happen. This business event, hosted by **Marcella Easley's** grandson, was to be held at his home, which was destroyed by fire a few days prior to the scheduled event. But the host decided that the show must go on, and he relocated the party to the **Oswego Hills Winery** in West Linn. **Grandma Marcella** and a dozen other District 7 musicians were there to wine, dine, and play music that was perfect to honor our Oregon pioneers.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

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District 8 September Events

- 6 Brookdale McMinnville City Center 1:30 - 2:30**
Assisted Living and Memory Care
721 NE 27th St., McMinnville
- 7 Basic Slo Jam at Cathy Yale's 9:30 - 10 am**
home, Martha Hughes, instructor
6076 Nicklaus Loop N; Keizer; RSVP; phone:
Martha 503-393-2271 or Cathy 503-551-7012
- 8 Jam at Marilyn Owens' home 1 - 3 pm**
RSVP 503-560-1258
- 14 Basic Slo Jam at Cathy Yale's 9:30 - 10 am**
home, Martha Hughes, instructor
- 21 Basic Slo Jam at Cathy Yale's 9:30 - 10 am**
home, Martha Hughes, instructor
- 22 Jefferson Lodge Memory Care 2:30 - 3:30**
- 23 District 8 monthly Jam & Meeting 1 - 4 pm**
Kathy Yale's home

What a treat it was to have Caroline Guptill and her 4 siblings open our performance at the Polk County Fair on August 10! Special thanks to **Phil Drain**, with **Dennis Brutke** and **Ted Hunt** assisting, for setting up our excellent sound system. We were honored to have District 6 and 7 members **Katherine Allen**, **Dave Altman**, and **Dave Smith** playing with us, including **Nancy Christie** and **Larry Vining** who drove all the way from Longview, Washington! Following her excellent **Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest** on July 29 which awarded \$2,000 in prizes to young fiddlers, our own **Sherry McKenzie** played along with seven other District 8 members to a good-sized audience on a hot afternoon. Congratulations to **Sheila Hunter** for her commendable fiddle debut and special thanks to her husband **Russ** for his photos.



Penny Mead's 100th birthday was on July 19th. Her family had a huge birthday party for her. Almost all of her children, grand children, great-grand children and great, great-grand children along with some friends were there. All had a wonderful time. She is joined here by Elaine Schmidt with her fiddle.



Sherry McKenzie on stage at the Polk County Fair

Bradley Guptill, age 5, placed 3rd in the recent **Sunnyside, Willamette** and **Washington State Fiddle Contests**, all in one week! He played "I Don't Love Nobody", "Flopp-eared Mule", "Edelweiss", "Old Joe Clark", "Tennessee Waltz", and "Snow Deer" for his two sets. Way to go, Bradley!

Our Amity Slo-Jammers joined **Martha Hughes'** beginner jammers at **Cathy Yale's** in Keizer on a warm August morning. There were 7 of us jamming at **Marie Bailey's** on August 3 and another 6 of us jamming at **Marilyn Owens'** home on August 11. In September we have 2 gigs coming up; one at **Brookdale** in McMinnville and the other at **Jefferson Lodge** in Dallas, and let's not forget the **State Convention** at the **Crook County Fairgrounds** in Prineville on September 14, 15, and 16. May the music never end!

The 1st and 3rd Thursday slo-jams at **Marie Bailey's** have been canceled in September, but they will be back on the October calendar, possibly on a different day so as not to be back-to-back with our gigs.

Amelie Redman was in the hospital, but is now recuperating at home. We have missed you, Amelie!

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

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Summer is almost over, so we'll recap some of our events. We continue to meet at **Hines City Hall** on Friday nights and entertain folks at the **Aspens** on 4th Fridays. August has been pretty quiet, with District 9 Fiddlers taking trips and jamming elsewhere; ("**Sage Rats**" **Janet Braymen** and **Joan Suther** as well as **Lynn Mims** and others).

Billie Lanier was honored on her 93rd birthday in Prineville, entertained by OOTFA members. She played her fiddle with OOTFA members in Burns for many years. A memorial for **Dan Suther** (Joan's Dad) was held July 28 in Redding. Dan played and sang with Joan and attended Jamborees here. **Karen** and **Steve Johnson** jammed with us on a Friday night between fiddle camps on their way to Pleasant Hill. There's always a fiddle jam just about anywhere you travel! We welcome listeners to our jams and appreciate our "regulars", **Jim, Debbie, Leo, Diane** and others, including family members which included **Bonnie Adams'** sister, **Pat Morgan**, one Friday night. We appreciate frequent participation from John Day members including **Ronda, Carl, Ben** and **Ron**. Thanks for coming down from John Day!

Janet Braymen was able to make the trip northward to John Day for a few hours for the **Grant County Fair** and enjoyed sitting in with the **Blue Mountain Fiddlers**. **Ron Phillips** and crew played a marathon 4 days during the fair. Janet says it was great to meet and play with some of the northeast Oregon musicians who came south for the fair. **Lars Hagbom** followed the sound of the music

and was convinced to step on stage for a couple of hot finger-picked guitar tunes on a borrowed instrument.

A fellow who is producing a "coffee table" type photo book on Harney County is planning to visit a jam in September.

~ Don Greenfield, District 9 Reporter



Carl Stinnett, Mark Ludwick and Ron Phillips at the Grant County Fair. Also playing were Ronda Metler, Ben Richardson and Janet Braymen.

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District 10 September Events

5	The Landing	12 – 1 pm
23	Sutherlin Senior Center Potluck & Jam	12 – 3 pm
26	Bridgewood Rivers	2 – 3 pm
29-1	Eagleview Pickout Eagleview Group Campground (12 miles west of Sutherlin)	

It's been a very strange day. First, I was in downtown Roseburg and found a hat full of money. Then, I was chased by an angry old man waving a fiddle. OOTFA will perform at the **14th Eagleview Pickout** that **Oregon Bluegrass Assn.** is hosting on September 29 - October 1 at **Eagleview Group Campground** along the Umpqua River near Tyee, Oregon. You're invited to come, camp, jam and potluck at the beautiful site about 12 miles west of Sutherlin. Eagleview's physical address is 1771 Bullock Road, Oakland, Oregon. On Friday September 29, the gate opens at 2 pm followed by a **National Public Lands Day Volunteer River Cleanup** at 3:30 pm. Wear sturdy

shoes to walk on the river bed-rock. Trash bags, gloves, trash grabbers and water will be provided. Participants receive a free T-shirt. Then, there will be acoustic jamming, potluck dinner & open mic.

On Saturday September 30, the schedule at **Eagleview** from 11 AM to 11 PM includes **Jessy Bird & Banjo Tom, Paddy O'Furniture, Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association** (2:30 pm), **Long Distance Bluegrass Band, Douglas County Bluegrass Band, Potluck Dinner, Sequoia, Marc & Betsy, Sunny Sky Boys** (with

guests), **Connie & The Bad Decisions, Melissa Ruth & Johnny Leal** (Midnight Darlins), Open Mics & Campfire Jams. On Sunday October 1, the Gospel Jam Open Mic with all will occur from 8 - 10 am, before we cleanup & check out of the campground by 11 am.

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Roseburg Folklore Society's Hometown Music Festival is planned at **Umpqua Valley Arts Center's** outdoor stage (1624 West Harvard Ave) on Saturday October 14 from 11 – 6 pm. Besides **OOTFA**, other "joinable music groups" that afternoon include **Roseburg Concert Chorale, Scottish Country Dancers, Oregon Bluegrass Association, Winds of Umpqua Flute Circle** and **Roseburg Folklore Society Sing-Along**. The event is free. Donations appreciated. Bring your blanket or chair. Food truck available. Info: 541-430-2574.

A Joint Potluck & Jam is planned with District 4 at **Azalea Grange Hall** (142 Pisqually Lane) on Saturday October 21. OOTFA will partner with Azalea Grange #786, their members, as well as local musicians in that area who will join us at the potluck/jam from 3 - 6 pm. Potluck at 3 pm, with Jam to follow from 3:30 – 6 pm. OOTFA members from other districts are welcome too. If your last name begins with "A - I," please bring MAIN DISH or CASSEROLE. If you are "J - Q," bring a DESSERT. "R - Z" bring a SALAD. Carpooling recommended as there is limited parking at Azalea Grange Hall. Reserve the date, October 21. All OOTFA members are invited. It will be a blast!

I was saddened to hear of **Lois Eagleton's** passing on June 21, 2023. On OOTFA's Facebook page, I posted the obit about Lois that appeared in the **Roseburg News-Review** on Aug 6. She designed her own headstone with images of a Douglas Fir and a Fiddle. "Off to my next adventure," it says. Lois will certainly be missed by many. Our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to all of Lois' family and friends.

Kelly Wadsworth's weekly Monday morning beginning fiddle class all summer called "**Fiddling in the Park**" was very successful. She was assisted by her daughter, **Amanda Wadsworth Brewster**, and **Allison Lindley**. It will switch to a monthly class starting in October. More details to follow!



Donna Priestly

Happy Birthday to **Jude Stensland** (Sept. 11), **Doris Stayer** (Sept. 11), **Karen Bennett** (Sept. 26) and **Sharon Pinard** (Sept. 30). A shout out to **David Brinkman** for composing a "Waltz for Frank Moore," "Polka for Janet Shelby" as well as a "Joe Ross Schottische" (that can also be played as a waltz). Check them out on his tune website. Event updates are sent around via e-mail, texts and posted on District 10's Facebook page. Contact Jude to subscribe or get the links.

Let's Get Back to Jamming!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



The weekly summer sessions of "Fiddle in the Park" wrapped up that day with a big jam. The instructors (Kelly Wadsworth, Amanda Wadsworth Brewster & Allison Lindley) did a great job! On Monday, about 30 beginning fiddlers (all ages) played with some more advanced OOTFA District 10 members, then

we all enjoyed refreshments by the splash pad in Fir Grove Park. "Fiddle in the Park" will only meet monthly in the fall. For more info, contact Kelly Wadsworth, Amanda Wadsworth Brewster or Allison Lindley. Everyone is welcome, and there is no cost. Loaner fiddles are also available.

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Sept. 14-16 Central Oregon Acoustic
Music Gathering in Prineville
Crook County Fairgrounds
(Includes Fall Board & Membership Meeting)



18 year old Penny Mead on the left in 1941.
Penny is a long-time member of District 7.
Penny's 100th birthday was on July 19th.

In Memoriam

Lois Eagleton, District 6 Lifetime Member from Eugene (but longtime resident of Umpqua, Oregon in District 10) passed away on June 21, 2023. Born and raised in Junction City, she enrolled at OSU and was one of the first women admitted to OSU's business program She had many interests throughout her 89 years from horseback riding to writing. She was an excellent cook, gardener, seamstress and a talented leatherworker. She played the fiddle and enjoyed the many OOTFA gatherings.

Lois designed her own headstone with images of a Douglas Fir and a fiddle.

"Off to my next adventure," it says, perfectly capturing the spirited Oregonian.

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