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Gabi Ford hitting all the right notes

Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest

Saturday, March 16

8 am - 10 pm

Lebanon Mennonite Church
2100 S. Second Street, Lebanon OR

**Show off your
fiddlin' skills**

**Volunteers needed. To register or volunteer
contact Cat McClintock (970) 219-0256
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See Schedule on page 11!

2024 Winter Gathering & Board Meeting

January 19 & 20

Lebanon Senior Center

Friday 5 - 9 pm

Saturday 8 am - 3:30 pm

Saturday Lunch will be
a potluck

*Plenty of jamming and
fellowship at this event*

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For OOTFA members (excluding Lifetime)

- \$35 for Membership Dues and receiving the Hoedowner Newsletter in a PDF via email.
- \$40 for Membership Dues and receiving the Hoedowner Newsletter by US Mail.

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- No Charge for Lifetime members who wish to receive the Hoedowner Newsletter in a PDF via email.
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Membership dues should be given to your District Membership Chairs or mailed to Patti Luse.

I'm pleased to announce **Jodi Vaughn** has accepted the position as our new Webmaster for the OOTFA website, **ootfa.org**. I want to express our sincere gratitude to **Dave** and **Barbara Basden** for creating and caring for our website through the years. Thank you! Jodi has agreed to take on the task of updating and maintaining our website and presence. Please see the messages from Dave and Jodi.

Remember it's time to renew your membership for 2024. Please do this through either your **District Membership Chair** or our **State Membership Chair, Patti Luse**.

Oregon State Fiddle Contest is set Saturday, March 16th in Lebanon and our **State Convention** which will be held April 4th thru 6th in Winston. We are asking for your help with these important events again this year and hope members and districts will consider making contributions. Each District Chairperson will receive a request letter. Please make checks payable to **OOTFA** and send to **OOTFA State Treasurer, Linda Parks, 36989 Deadwood Drive, Lebanon, OR 97355**.

Looking forward to seeing you in person in Lebanon for the OOTFA Winter Gathering, January 19 and 20, 2024 We'll start making music, friends, and memories for the new year!

All the best! ~ Cindy

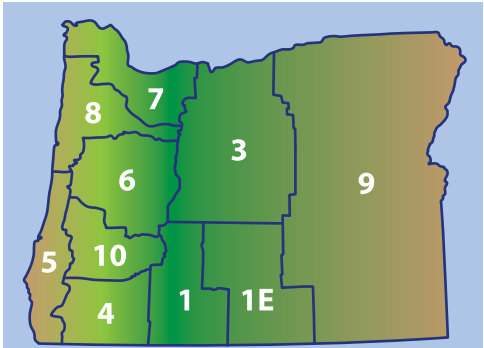
My intention in writing this is not to draw attention to some of the health struggles I have faced this past year, but to acknowledge a few things in regards to that.

Editor's Notes

First, OOTFA skews toward a generally older demographic and a great many of us have our various age-related ailments. I don't hear a lot of complaining when I attend events even though I know a lot of folks are hurting. It's not just because we are too busy playing music to gripe, but perhaps we are too busy being joyful and talking about other things than to dwell on our latest trip to the doctor. When I originally joined OOTFA, 10 years ago this spring, one of the thoughts I had was, "I think these people are going to show me how to grow old gracefully and joyfully." This has certainly proved to be true.

The second thing I want to do is thank Patti Luse for recently being there for me and for being so supportive when she knew that the Hoedowner was going to be a bit late again. I thought I had strategies in place to avoid that, but there are things we cannot predict to see coming. Rather than be annoyed with me she did her Patti thing and sprang to action. She is even the guest reporter for District 6 this month! Thanks, Patti, for all you do.

Thank you all for being who you are! ~ Robin



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- New OOTFA Members • January 2024**
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| Deb Holder | Bandon (5) |
| Sophie McDuffie | Beaverton (7) |
| David & Sue Norris | Coos Bay (5) |

OOTFA.ORG Changes Hands

Saying Goodbye

The beginning of a new year seems an appropriate time for a new webmaster to take over the reins of the **ootfa.org** website. I have been its webmaster essentially since I created the website some years ago at the request of **Lew Holt**. Lew had a complete collection of the **Hoedowner** and wanted to make the collection available to the membership. **Scott Phillips**, who was state president at the time, asked me to take on the task. **Hal Weiner** had been using the **ootfa.org** domain name to promote the “**Fiddle at the Beach**” campout in Winchester Bay, but was no longer using it for that purpose. Hal agreed to let me create the **ootfa.org** website to house Lew's Hoedowner collection. The website gradually grew to incorporate more than just the Hoedowner archive.

As essentially everything I have undertaken over the years in my married life, the website was really a joint project of mine and my wife's. I did much of the grunge work, but **Barbara** added refinements that made the website much more interesting. As most of you know, Barbara fell ill in 2023 and the surgery the team at the UC San Diego Medical Center this August undertook to correct the problem, but was unsuccessful. She passed away without regaining consciousness from surgery to remove clots from her lungs. I must confess that much of my personal motivation passed with her. I have decided it's time to let someone younger and more motivated guide the website into the future and that younger person is **Jodi Vaughn**. I have been working with Jodi for the past few months and I think she is more than ready to assume responsibility for the website. I will remain in the background in case she runs into any difficulty, but I really don't expect that. Jodi has been managing other websites for some time now, so any such difficulty she may encounter will have resulted from the idiosyncrasies I myself have created over the years.

I have enjoyed being your webmaster and relinquish the position with some reluctance. I am confident however that Jodi will carry the website on to a feature-rich future that will make us all proud.

~ Dave Basden

Saying Hello

Greetings! Originally from the sunny state of **Florida**, I found my way to the beautiful landscapes of Oregon where I've called home for the past 17 years. My educational journey led me to pursue a degree in Music Education, and later, I delved into the world of Visual Communications and UX Design.

In June 2023, I became part of the **Oregon Old-time Fiddlers' Association** community, and it's been a remarkable journey. The warmth and camaraderie of this community have truly touched my heart.

As your newly appointed **OOTFA webmaster**, I'm thrilled to be a part of this amazing organization and to contribute to my skills and passion. I'm here to support you and ensure that our websites are not only user friendly, but also a true reflection of our OOTFA spirit.

Feel free to reach out with any questions or suggestions. I'm always here to listen and help enhance our online presence.

Let's continue to make music and memories together!

~ Jodi Vaughn



Jodi Vaughn, our new webmaster

2024 OOTFA Calendar

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| Jan. 19 & 20 | Gathering & Board Meeting
Lebanon Senior Center |
| March 16 | Oregon State Fiddle Contest
Lebanon Mennonite Church |
| April 4 - 6 | OOTFA State Convention
Winston Assembly of God |
| May 1 - 5 | Christmas Valley Campout
Booster Hall, Lakeview |
| June 13 - 15 | High Desert Jamboree
Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns |
| July 22 - 25 | West Cascades Fiddle Camp
Emerald Christian Academy, Pleasant Hill |
| July 27 | Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest
Wilsonville |
| Aug. 2 | Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis |
| Aug. 15 - 18 | Fiddle at the Beach
Winchester Bay |
| Sept. 12 - 14 | Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering,
Carry Foster Hall, Crook Co. Fairgrounds, Prineville |

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District 1 January Events

11 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm
17 Senior Citizen Dance 1 - 3 pm
25 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm

Happy New Year! Wishing everyone the best in the year to come.

Starting January 3rd we will start practicing at **Jay Schindler's** house at 9:00.

We had a great month of December playing at the care centers and the **Senior Citizen Dance**. The dancers are still enjoying life to the fullest. We are looking forward to play for them again. Our **Holiday dinner** was well attended. We were so glad to have **Ann Bonser** and her daughter **Becki** come. Eating and playing is one of our specialties, and we had a lot of that going on. **Irene Ruddock** had her 94th Birthday on December 10th. She is amazing in what she can do. You should see the quilts she makes. Irene still fiddles all those old tunes; she is an inspiration to us all. **Jay Schindler** had a banjo solo with the **Klamath Chorale**. No problems with shyness, performing with 90 member in the chorale group and a packed house. Kudos to Jay.

All in District 1 are looking forward to the new year with the things that will be appearing on our calendar. We will keep everyone informed.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2024 please do so.

Special wishes for all of our January Birthday, have a special day.

Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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We are still jamming at Rosa Lee's on Thursday nights 4 pm to 7 pm. It's a non-OOTFA jam. **Chamber of Commerce** the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Happy new year!

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter



District 1 at Pelican Pointe Care Center

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District 3 January Events

Mondays Jamming with Jeannette 2:30 pm
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13 & 27 Jamming with Ellen Jakab 1 pm
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28 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!

We have plenty of jamming opportunities in January 2024 (see schedule above). Jamming is not only fun, but it's a great way to sharpen your musical skills. You have an opportunity to play with others, without being in a "performance" situation. You can learn new tunes and songs.

Our next OOTFA dance is Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the **Terrebonne Grange**. See the address and location directions above. We need our members to provide the music, either instrumental or vocal. Our members sign up to take turns performing, while other provide background.

We had a change, per State Chair, in District 3 officers due to some unexpected circumstances. Our new officers for District 3 are: Ellen Jakab – Chair, Art Bigelow – Co Chair, Pat Borden, Secretary and Membership, and Karen Bennett, Treasurer.

On Saturday, December 16, the Terrebonne Grange held their annual Christmas/Holiday potluck. Great food! LeRoy Newport provided a nice selection of Christmas music for us to follow, and it was a lot of fun.

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But we weren't the only entertainment. Santa Claus also made an appearance, and he brought gifts for kids. Of course, we all enjoyed watching the kids (all very cute!) sitting on Santa's lap, and talking with him.

New Year's Resolutions ideas? Lean one new tune each month. Learn a new instrument. Attend an OOTFA event each month.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

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A fresh new year ahead of us to make our own. A year filled with music, friends, fellowship and opportunities to volunteer our services to our districts; our organization and our community. A fresh new year to make a comprehensive difference.

The district 4 December monthly meeting was held at the **Roxy Ann Grange**, December 2, where **Carol Ferraras'** decorative genius had transformed the room in a lovely winter holiday theme that was festive and inviting. District president, **Melissa Taylor**, brought the members to order and after the business reports were completed directed the meeting to a discussion of the **Action Plan** she had presented at the last meeting. She asked for a discussion and suggestions as how to bring musical diversity to the jams and gigs without losing our purpose of preserving and perpetuating old time music and fiddling. she also presented the schedule of meetings and jams for 2024. A printed schedule for everyone will be available soon. Please note that the dates for the events have been moved to the 4th Saturday of the month.

The day of the jam happened to be the first cold, rain storm of the season and 15 musicians came to play for a very small audience. **Lenny Ferrara**, the MC for the jam, used his talents to make the listeners feel welcome and they really enjoyed it when he invited 8 year old **Aidan Dawson** to come up and help **Ron** and **Cindy Crane** sing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town". The musicians and audience were also pleased to watch young **Sidra Price** accompany **Charlie Boyer** and **Bob Pantel** play "Waltz across Texas" on her cello.

The OOTFA winter meeting will be held in Lebanon, January 19-20. This is always a fun gathering filled with music and fellowship.

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Bailey Bondsteel on Santa's lap with parents, Garitt & Whitney of District 3



Eight year old Aidan Bowman helps Ron and Cindy Crane perform Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Lake Charles Waltz

Violin

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The January monthly jam will be held at the Fruitdale Grange on the fourth Saturday, January 27. There will be **No Meeting and No Kitchen Set Up**. The jam will begin at 2:00 and end at 4:00. Musicians can begin arriving at 1:00. There will be no snacks or coffee- lemonade so please plan accordingly.

The **Tuesday Jammers** meet every week at the **Methodist Church** in Medford from 4-6 pm. For more info contact **Judy McGarvey @541-779-8145**.

Check the website calendar for all meetings and gigs.

Wishing a **Happy and Blessed New Year** to all from all of us at District 4

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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District 5 January Events		
2	Pacific View Sr. Living gig	1:30 - 2:30 pm
9	Evergreen Court gig	2 - 3 pm
16	Inland Point gig	2 - 3 pm
20	Oddfellow's Hall Performance Jam	1 - 3 pm
30	Practice, every 4th Wednesday	1 - 3 pm
Bill and Pat Winfrey, hosting		

**December's holidays have passed
We return to quieter times at last,
All the gifts are put away,
New Year's resolutions come into play.**

2024. Out with the old year and in with the new. We like to think of the new year as a clean slate, a fresh start; and indeed this is useful for us! Whether it's vowing to practice our instruments more often and learn new tunes, or "cleaning up" our diets, we tend to view the new year as an opportunity to reset ourselves and embrace a new and improved life, complete with better habits. Does it work that way? Sometimes! I set out to ask the question of our members: Do you make New Year's Resolutions? If so, would you share this year's intentions? If you don't make resolutions, why not?

I thought this would be easy—a "gimme" for folks, but it didn't exactly work out that way. Many people didn't respond to the question and many more said they "used to make New Year's resolutions," but don't anymore. "Hmm," I thought to myself "This may not be as easy as I'd thought. Maybe we've lost our idealism?"

Mapril Combs told me that she didn't make any resolutions because she knows they'd be forgotten with the first chance she got! She added, "Most resolutions have to do with losing weight and exercising more. I'd rather be fat and happy and read more books!"

Al Pierce, who plays the Mandolin, guitar, Bouzouki, banjo and cello, says "I WILL learn 'Ashokan Farewell' on the cello." Joe Walker remarked with a straight face, "I guess I do make a New Year's resolution. I never eat liver and onions or broccoli either—and you know, I've managed to keep that resolution for at least three years!"



Nicole Pierce has a better alternative to making New Year's Resolutions

My favorite resolution was shared by Nicole Pierce. She wrote: "I don't make 'resolutions' per se, but I do make New Year's 'projects' which I challenge myself to complete throughout the year. For example, my challenge this year was to take more art classes; last year's challenge was sewing; the year prior was learning to bake bread, etc., etc. I haven't entirely decided on this year's challenge yet, but I think it is going to be making an effort to swim regularly....." Nicole has discovered a most creative approach to the traditional New Year's Resolution! I bet you find it inspiring, too.

This is all food for thought as we approach 2024. One of our biggest challenges is likely remembering to write the correct year. Now that takes getting used to! What are your aspirations, goals and resolutions for this New Year?

Happy New Year, happy playing and keep the music and friendship flowing!

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

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District 6 January Events

- 4 **Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam** 1 - 3 pm
Corvallis Community Center
- 6 **Intermediate Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 8 **Basic Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene
- 12 **Kids' Fiddle Jam** 6:30 - 8 pm
Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com
- 13 **Monthly Jam** 10 am - 3 pm
Central Grange, 87200 Central Road
- 19 & 20 **Winter Gathering & Board Meeting**
Lebanon Senior Center

District 6 is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Winter OOTFA Gathering on Friday & Saturday, January 19-20. We will be hosting with coffee, tea and some snacks. On Saturday, there will be a potluck and everyone is asked to bring a dish. Of course jamming in the hall will be the main attraction.

We are performing at care communities around the Eugene-Springfield area and hope to organize some in the Lebanon, Albany and Corvallis area. **Amy Burrow** has taken over the booking duties for these gigs.



Melody Morrell at Central Grange



Phyllis Coffin & Lisa Ponder

The West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops committee (**Jerry & Linda Parks, Amy Burrow, Linda Danielson, Jenny Jonak** and **Patti & Ken Luse**) have been meeting monthly since the end of last year's event and are finalizing the plans for 2024. Registration will be open on March 1. Check the website at www.fiddlecamp.net for details. Most of the instructors are returning for this year and we will have at least 3 new ones including **Andy Emert** of Portland and an Oregon Fiddle Contest winner over the years plus **Joey McKenzie**, a McMinnville native, who is a nationally recognized musician and has played in many bands including **The Western Flyers** and finally a member of that band, **Matthew Mefford**, who plays the upright bass. All will be good in Pleasant Hill, Oregon from July 22-25, 2024.

The Frontier Heritage Fair is coming up February 17 and 18 and there are quite a few slots open for musicians to come in and play tunes that are mostly pre-1900. **Amy Burrow** would be happy to provide a standard list to interested parties.

~ Patti Luse, Special Guest District 6 Reporter

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District 7 January Events

- 6 **Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam** 1 - 4 pm
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley

See District 7 report on next page

Our monthly 1st Saturday circle jams continue to be well attended. A typical jam will have 20 to 30 participants plus those who come to listen to a variety of familiar and new tunes, and occasionally some singing. We usually end the jam with a robust version of "Boil Them Cabbage Down" led by Claudia Zinser. All are welcome!

District 7 has established a Scholarship Committee. Students of all ages are eligible! Thanks to Debra Taevs and Maggie Dickerson for taking on this service. Contact Debra at debtaevs@gmail.com for an application. More information will appear in future issues of The Hoedowner.

We reported last month of the loss of two long-time members, Ron Zabudsky and Ron Beatty. Music at their December memorial services was provided by about a dozen District 7 members who traveled east to Sandy and west to Cedar Mill/Portland to play tunes for the families and friends of these well-loved musicians. During the Beatty service, featured performers were Carol Ann Wheeler, Jim Toussaint, and Randy Yearout who performed "In the Garden," "Amazing Grace," and "I Hate to Say Goodbye."



Gary Evans, Elaine Schmidt, Phyllis Elston, and Mike Elston at Ron Beatty's memorial service

Make sure these dates are on your calendars: (1) Saturday, March 16 for our second Workshop event plus performances by the instructors at the Wilsonville Community Center. (2) Saturday, July 27, 2024 for the 3rd annual Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest. The workshop and contest are funded by a grant from the City of Wilsonville, and co-hosted by OOTFA Districts 7 and 8.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

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District 8 January Events

Marie's jam is in Amity on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 1-3pm. The jam is not a slow jam or a beginner jam; it is for musicians who want to learn Old Time tunes. For more information, please contact Marie at 503.835.7185

Martha's group meets the first three Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am, at **Cathy Yale's** home in Keizer. For more information, call Martha at 503.393.2271.

District 8's jam is on the 4th Saturday each month, 1-3 pm. District meeting after the jam. All districts and non-members welcome! Call Marie for more information.

No gigs in January.

All our jams, sessions, and gigs are open to all members and non-members from anywhere and everywhere.

We're laying low this time of year to catch our breath. We have been involved in many gigs, jams and sessions and need some time off. We'll pick up again in February



Brookdale players, left to right: Rae Parlier, Darlene Bryant, Marie Bailey, Sally Keeney, Gayle Clarity and Dennis Brutke

Darlene, Sally, Ted, and Truman attended the **John Knox Presbyterian Church** jam on Sunday, December 3 in Keizer. The group there played old time fiddle tunes, however, a bit differently than we play them, but it was an interesting experience nonetheless.

At our gig at **Brookdale** on December 6 we had 5 fiddles, a lone guitar, and an appreciative audience. **Rae** set up our amp with help from **Dennis**, and the performance went well.

Two people have donated instruments. Some of them will go to the statewide meeting for auction. The rest we are holding on to, in the hopes that we will start a children's program in a charter school. If it happens, we will loan out the instruments for lessons and practice.

Happy holidays to all!

~ Sheila Hunter, District 8 Reporter

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We continue to jam on Friday nights, now at the home of Janet Braymen, while Hines City Hall is being remodeled. We haven't been playing at the **Aspens Assisted Living Center** since an outbreak of COVID closed the center to the public. Sadly, one of the residents who died from complications was **Debbie Greenfield's** father, **Louis Ash**. Louis enjoyed listening to us fiddlers whenever we were there.

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District 10 January Events

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| 2 | The Landing | 12 – 1 pm |
| 8 | Monday Jam | Time & Location TBA |
| 11 | Garden Valley Retirement | 2 – 3 pm |
| 15 | Monday Jam | Time & Location TBA |
| 20 | Monthly Beginning Fiddle Class | 10 am |
| | Contact Kelly Wadsworth for details | |
| 22 | Monday Jam | Time & Location TBA |
| 23 | Bridgewood Rivers | 2 – 3 pm |
| 27 | Sutherlin Senior Center | 12 – 3 pm |
| | Full Moon Potluck & Jam | |
| 29 | Monday Jam | Time & Location TBA |

District members met on Nov 25 in Sutherlin. Past and upcoming jams and gigs were discussed, and guidelines were clarified. **Jean Marie** will contact district members by phone and encourage them to get their dues paid and more involved in 2024. Plans are falling into place the April 4-6 **OOTFA Convention**. If you'd like to lead a workshop, contact **Chris Cormack**. The district will submit a **Keilhorn Grant** request for PA equipment so we can go wireless. Winston **Assembly of God Youth Group** will purchase most of our used sound equipment. Chris Cormack will submit nominations for the **Bill Yohey** and **Norm Nash Awards**.

December was a very busy month with Monday jams, four assisted living facility gigs, two 2-hour appearances

Our potlucks and jams have continued since October at the "**Hub**" (senior center) on second Sundays. Lots of good food and two hours of live(ly) music. We appreciate folks who drive from John Day including **Ronda, Ron** and **Ben** to participate. We should be back sometime soon at Hines City Hall on Fridays. We'd love to see folks from other districts – you're always welcome.

~ Don Greenfield, District 9 Reporter



District 9 jammin' at The Hub



District 10 appeared with the Salvation Army Bell Ringers

with **Salvation Army** bell ringers, a 3-hour stint at **Douglas County Fairgrounds Christmas Craft Fair**, and **Brookdale New Year's Eve Party**. Contact **Jude Kuether** to get on the e-mail update list.

Beginning Fiddle Class will be held only once this month on January 20. For the 2024 schedule, contact **Kelly Wadsworth**. Loaner fiddles of various sizes are available. Be sure to practice during the winter. Weekly classes will resume in the spring or summer.

In 2024, we hope to again schedule Joint Potluck Jams with our friends in adjacent districts (4, 5 and 6). Based on past success, we may get together again in Scottsburg, Curtin and Azalea in spring, summer and fall. Camas Valley Grange would also like us to schedule a music event there in 2024.



Hal Thompson flanked by his wife, Sharon, and Sandy Harter

Hal Thompson passed away on November 13. Family, friends and many OOTFA members attended Hal's memorial service at **Roseburg National Cemetery** on December 7. A potluck, reception and small jam followed at **Westside Christian Church**. Please keep Sharon and family in your prayers and thoughts. Cards can be sent to Sharon Thompson, PO Box 117, Glide, Or. 97443.

Congratulations to **Jim and Jude Kuether** on their First Anniversary on December 18. In January, let's celebrate birthdays of **Joyce Pickett** (Jan 1), **Julie Yarbrough** (Jan 11), **Bernice Orr** (Jan 14), **Francis Stephenson** (Jan 24) and **Allison Lindley** (Jan 30). Congratulations to all! If we missed your special day, please let us know.

Dues for 2024 are due by Jan 15 to **Sandy Harter**. OOTFA needs your support. We also want to see you listed in the 2024 OOTFA Membership Roster that will be available at the Annual Convention in Winston on April 4-6.

Happy New Year!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

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Contact Joe Ross in Roseburg at 541-673-9759 (land), 541-670-9120 (cell) or e-mail ross-joe@hotmail.com



Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest Schedule

Join us on Saturday, March 16, for the **Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest**, set again at the **Lebanon Mennonite Church** in Lebanon, Oregon. This musical tradition dates back almost 60 years in Oregon and is always full of fun tunes, warm camaraderie, and toe-tapping excitement.

Let's keep it going! This contest is intended for everyone from national champions to nervous beginners looking for a supportive contest experience. We also welcome accompanists, volunteers, and enthusiastic audience members. Contestants: Take advantage of our early bird special: Pre-register by March 9 and enjoy a \$5 discount on your entry fee.

Volunteers: We're always looking for dedicated volunteers to keep the contest running smoothly. Many roles available. Sign up for a few hours or the whole day. Contestants may also volunteer; we'll work around your rounds. Contact Cat McClintock, contest chair to sign up.

What: Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest

Who: Musicians, volunteers, music lovers

When: Saturday, March 16, from 8 am - 10 pm

Where: Lebanon Mennonite Church, 2100 S. Second Street, Lebanon OR

**Contact: Cat McClintock (970) 219-0256
catmcc@gmail.com**

Tentative Schedule for the 3-16-2024 Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest – subject to change depending on registration*

7:00 Registration Opens

8:00 Judges & Contestants Meeting

8:30 Senior Senior Round 1

9:15 Senior Round 1

10:00 Adult Round 1

10:45 Young Adult Round 1

11:30 Junior Junior Round 1

12:30– 1:30 Lunch

1:30 Small Fry

2:00 Senior Senior Round 2

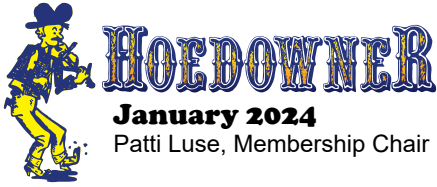
2:30 Junior Junior Round 2

3:00 Junior Round 1

3:45 Entertainment Showcase

4:45 Awards – Small Fry, Senior Senior, Junior Junior, Youngest Fiddler, & Oldest Fiddler

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In Memoriam

Les Tucker, a lifetime member of District 8 and most recently of Sandpoint, Idaho passed away on November 5 in Sandpoint at the age of 97. Les had been a member of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers for many years. He served as State Vice President in 1978-1979 and was President from 1979-1981. Les was born in Arkansas in 1926 and survived the Great Depression. He retired as a Major in the US Air Force where he worked on top secret nuclear projects. He served for 20 years. He spent 20 years teaching elementary and junior high. He played fiddle, guitar and sang in many Western swing bands all the way thru his 97th year.

He and his wife, **Peggy** whom he was married to for over 70 years, lived in Woodburn before moving to Sandpoint in 2018 but continuing their membership in OOTFA. There was no local Oldtime Fiddlers group so he organized a local chapter of the Idaho Oldtime Fiddlers and served as President. After Peggy passed away, he eventually moved into an assisted living community in Sandpoint, and wanting to continue playing oldtime music, he formed a music group, calling themselves "The Last Chance Band". Besides music, his passion was building things such as violins, guitars, mandolins and more. He reconstructed car engines and taught his grandson many of his talents. His grandson said, "my grandpa was a model of a giving and loving man." At this time, we do not know the address of his grandson as it comes from Facebook but once we get one, we will put it in a future issue in this column.

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