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**Saturday, March 16
8 am - 10 pm**

**Lebanon Mennonite
Church
2100 S. Second Street,
Lebanon OR**

**Show Off Your
Fiddlin' Skills**

or

**Come Enjoy Oregon's
Finest Fiddlers**

**Volunteers needed. To register or
volunteer contact Cat McClintock
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or register at ootfa.com

See Schedule in February Hoedowner



Grant Wheeler won the Adult Division at
2023's Oregon Open Fiddle Contest



Hello All,

Here hoping we see the end of Winter soon! Plans are in full swing for this upcoming Spring so all to come together and share our music!

Reminder: Get your nominations for the **Norm Nash** and **Bill Yohey Awards** in to me by March 1st. Nomination forms are on the website at OOTFA.org.

If you haven't already, look at the OOTFA.org website and see the updates being made. It looks good!

The **Oregon State Fiddle Contest** is coming up quickly, Saturday, March 16th in Lebanon. You can pre-register online! Plan to participate! If you don't want to enter, there are many opportunities to help with the event. Hope to see you there!

The **State Convention** will be held April 4th thru 6th in Winston. Info is available on OOTFA.org. Please help us get ready by submitting the RV reservations and workshop intention sheet. The OOTFA Membership Meeting will be Saturday morning April 6, 2024, at 8:30 am. Please plan to attend.

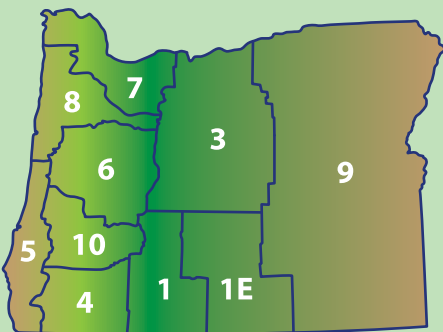
Don't forget to register and get your dues in if you haven't already. **Patti Luse** is working on the 2024 Roster, and we want to see your names in there!

Remember why you joined OOTFA and why it is important to you. Share with those you meet and invite them to come and participate. Make guests and newcomers feel welcome. Encourage others and be supportive of one another. Let's make our organization, our OOTFA family, grow!

All the best! Looking forward to seeing you soon! ~ Cindy



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2024 OOTFA Calendar

- 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, Christmas Valley
- May 19** District 7 Workshop/Performance
Charbonneau Arts Commission, Wilsonville
- 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. 8 - 11** Farm Jam Campout
32260 SE Belfils Road, Estacada, Oregon
- 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 March Events

14 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm
 28 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm
 We are now having practices at Irene Ruddock's house at 9:30 each Wednesday

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone. The Klamath Basin is starting to feel like the Willamette Valley. We have had rain and snow with mostly cloudy weather the month of February. We don't want to complain because we need every drop we can get. Our two care centers went well with all enjoying the love songs and the **Valentines** that we passed out.

Our big highlight of the month is that we were asked to come play for the **Sons of Norway**. We had a very special day, with many thank yous for coming and playing. **Mike Borelli** came over from Lakeview (District 1E) with his big bass and played with us. Thank you, Mike.

Don't know at this point if March will come in like a lamb or a lion, but for Klamath Falls you just look out the window for the weather report.

Special wishes for all of our March Birthdays, have a special day.

Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1!

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

2024 OOTFA MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Available APRIL 1st at \$3 each

The 2024 OOTFA Roster will be available on April 1 (no joke) in time for the **OOTFA Convention** in Winston beginning on April 4-6. After that date, it will be at state events as well as via mail for an additional \$2. The Roster will be available in a PDF format, sent upon request. For security reasons, it **WILL NOT** be on the OOTFA website.

Therefore, I need everyone to be a **registered OOTFA Member** by March 15, 2024. If you know of a member who hasn't registered, please encourage them to do so. A "last ditch effort" email was sent on February 14 to all those who **Have Not Registered** with OOTFA this year. If you didn't receive it and received this **Hoedowner** either via mail or PDF, then **YOU ARE REGISTERED**. If any of your information has changed since you registered in 2024, contact **Patti at pattiluse@comcast.net** or 541-915-3231 by March 15.

Honored Lifetime Members were automatically re-registered each year but if they want to receive the Hoedowner in the mail, they must pay \$5 this year. Otherwise they will receive the Hoedowner via email. With Lifetime members about 40% of our total membership, we do accept donations to OOTFA.

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We just had a great jam here in Lakeview. Lynn Mims and **Edna Jenkins** visited and we all had a great time. How nice to have them here!

Been having some good jams at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday nights, 4 to 7. One shouldn't be allowed to have that much fun!

Hope all is well around the state. We had a taste of winter but it went away. Almost like summer but a bit colder. Keep the strings tight and keep playing the tunes you enjoy.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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District 3 March Events

9 **Jamming with Ellen Jakab** 1 pm
 15484 SW Hahlen, Powell Butte, OR Contact Information: 541-548-2387 or iamejs@webtv.net
 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!

Our next dance is Sunday, March 24, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Terrebonne Grange. That's the 4th Sunday of the month. See the address and location directions above. If you don't dance, bring your instrument or singing voice, and provide music. Or just come, listen, and enjoy. Coffee and goodies are available, and we are grateful to **Myna Colvin** and the other grange members for their hospitality. Bring your musical dance songs to share with others.

At our January **Terrebonne Grange Dance**, we had 9 musicians, a total of 16 members, and 10 guests. We welcome new members **Karen** and **Rick Thommen**, **Sonja Morgenthaler**, and **John Leitzel**. Another new member is **Peter Tilton**.

Looking for an informal potluck and fun place to jam? Come to **Ellen Jakab's** home in Powell Butte. The March 9th jam starts at 1 pm ending at midnight. This is the last jam until November, 2024.

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After a cold, snowy January and February here in Central Oregon, Spring is welcome. Planning for the **2024 Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** in September is

in the works. **Happy Birthday** and **Happy Anniversary** to our members whose special day is in March. We wish a speedy recovery to those with health issues.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter



District 3 perform at the Terrabonne Grange each month

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With joy we welcome the arrival of Spring this month. After a spring shower you might spy a wee gnome hiding his pocket of gold at the rainbows end and children will be in their gardens searching for colored eggs hidden by a mysterious bunny.

The January monthly jam was held in Grants Pass at the **Fruitdale Grange** and was well attended by musicians and audience who enjoyed chili and cornbread provided by the grange members while they listened to the old time tunes.

The District 4 board members met this month with an extensive agenda to discuss. They covered: The possibility of establishing a dress code for performance jams; expanding the publicly for the jams; ways to improve the sound quality of the jams; group and individual music instructions for both youth and adults and how to provide financial support for the instructions. These will be part of the discussion at the March meeting.

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District 4 musicians on stage at the Fruitdale Grange for the January jam.

District 4 continued

There are several gigs already on the district calendar for March beginning with a performance at the **Alderwood Assisted Living Center** in Medford on March 6 at 1:30. The district will play from 2-4:00 at **Waverly Court**, in Medford, on March 13th. A nice little drive through the Valley will bring you to Grants Pass and a gig at **Rogue Valley Retirement** on March 14th 1-2:00. A gig to celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** (only a day late) at the **Sacred Heart School** in Medford on March 18th. The time TBA.

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District 5 March Events

- 5 Pacific View Sr. Living gig 1:30 - 2:30 pm**
- 12 Evergreen Court gig 2 - 3 pm**
- 16 Performance Jam (place TBA) 1 - 3 pm**
- 19 Inland Point gig 2 - 3 pm**

Play "Bile 'em Cabbage Down" and hail the month of March, when we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and at long last welcome spring.

We in District 5 are preparing for the annual Brookings Jamboree, slated for Friday, April 19th, through Saturday, the 20th and held at the Chetco Grange located at 97895 Shopping Center Avenue in Brookings. This state-wide event is always a bright spot after a seemingly long winter, so mark your calendars! Wild River motor Lodge gives us fiddlers a discount, so be sure to mention your association with OOTFA. They can be reached at 541-469-5361. Tell them Mapril sent you! There is limited room for some self-contained RV parking at the Grange. Coffee's on at 8 am each day and the welcome mat is out.

We recently got a little attention from freelance reporter, Dean Brickey, who interviewed some of our members about our organization in order to write an article for The World Newspaper. At this writing, we are awaiting his piece in the paper. Dean was editor/publisher of the Newport Newspaper and is retired. He and his wife enjoyed one of our performance jams in Bandon recently and he became interested in what we are all about. We have no doubt that Dean will be instrumental (pun intended) in drumming (pun not intended) up interest in our group.



Linda Sweatt and Bill Winfrey in harmony

The **OOTFA State Fiddle Contest** will be held all day Saturday, March 16th, in Lebanon. Several musicians from District 4 are planning to compete in the contest and volunteers to help during the day are welcome. It's a very pleasant experience, just coming to listen, for anyone interested in fiddling and fiddle music.

The March monthly meeting and jam will be held at the **Rogue River Community Center Annex** in Rogue River on March 23rd. Meeting at 11:30, warm up jam 12:30, sign up jam 1-3:00. Bring snacks to share.

The **Tuesday Jammers** meet at the Methodist Church in Medford every Tuesday from 4-6:00. Contact **Judy McGarvey** for more info. 541-779-8145.

Have a lot of fun enjoying **St. Patrick's Day** and have a blessed **Easter** celebration from all of District 4.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

A very sweet and silly duet was performed by our Linda Sweatt and Bill Winfrey which delighted our Inland Point Assisted Living fans as well as charming their fellow musicians. Linda summoned Bill up to the piano when it was her turn to lead a song and they both delivered a bluesy and soulful rendition of "I'm Going to Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter," which elicited an actual standing ovation from some of our audience. Linda said she thinks we ought to sing more happy duets and also observed that our audience is "so hungry for silly!" If we are having fun, the folks we play for will too. You can see from the photo of Linda and Bill performing their song, that they were adorable!

On a more sober note, our long time member, Pat Casey passed away recently and our Jolly Hibbits paid tribute to him at our Pacific View performance. She dressed in black as Pat commonly wore and spoke a few words in

his honor. She then led us in one of his favorite songs, "Red River Valley," that he played on his Dobro guitar. We appreciated Jolly's sentiments and kind delivery.

We hope to see you at our spring event, the Brookings Jamboree. This is always a spirited, well-attended event and lots of fun. It's good to play with one another and visit together after months of a quieter winter. Until next month, keep the music and friendship flowing!

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

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Tune of the Month

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

Irish jigs are performed by one or more soloists or by couples dancing the solo dance. The music is in 6/8 time. The hop, or slip, jig is a similar step dance (solo dance) in 9/8 time. When set dances, or figure dances for several couples, are danced to music in jig time, they are also called jigs.

This blackthorn stick has a rich history that dates back to ancient Ireland, and its origins can be traced back centuries to the traditional Irish martial art of bataireacht, which involved using sticks as weapons. The blackthorn tree was believed to have magical properties and was used by druids for medicinal purposes.

[YouTube Videos](#)

[Fiddle Lesson](#)

[Fergal's Tune a day](#)

[Peter Miln & Daniel James](#)

[Dulahan Ireland](#)

[Shane Farrell Banjo](#)

Blackthorn Stick Jig

Traditional

Jig (♩.=112)

Violin Melody

Violin Harmony

5

9

13

1. 2.

Chords: G, C, G, Am, G, D7, G, D7, G, C, G, C, G, D, G, G, C, G, D7, G, C, G, C, G, D, G, G

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District 6 March Events

- 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 Monthly Jam & Meeting 10 am - 3 pm**
Central Grange, 87200 Central Road
- 11 Basic Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene
- 16 Oregon Open Fiddle Contest**
Lebanon Mennonite Church

District 6 is gearing up for the **Oregon Open Fiddle Contest** on March 16 at the Lebanon Mennonite Church. See the front page for details, including a call for much needed volunteers. Even if you are not participating this is a great event just to observe (in their very comfortable auditorium). Many of the finest fiddlers and back-up players in the state will be there in top form.

That Old-Time Feelin'

~ by Amy Burrow

The annual **Frontier Heritage Fair**, held in February at Eugene's **Lane County Events Center**, offers an opportunity for visitors to step through a time-travel portal to the 1800's, where they'll mix and mingle with, and learn from, traders, vendors, reenactors and exhibitors of period artifacts and replicas, including spinning, weaving and quilting,



District 6 at the Frontier Heritage Fair

The jams at **Central Grange** are as popular as ever. In February 35-40 people attended. There is a break in the jam for folks to enjoy the yummy foods that people bring for the informal potlucks. The jam in March will include a District 6 meeting at 11 pm followed by the potluck.

Also popular are the intermediate and basic fiddle classes. See the calendar above for times and places for these exciting get-togethers.

Birthday Greetings: **Linda Danielson (3/7)**,
Patti Luse (3/11)

Wedding Anniversary: **Wayne and Annie Carter (3/30)**

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter



District 6 at the Frontier Heritage Fair

muzzle loading, trapping, wood and metal working, bead-working and crafting. The Fair offers something for everyone, even lovers of old time music.

Twenty of our District 6 musicians performed in various ensemble configurations to provide an authentic soundscape, with tunes drawn mainly from before the turn of the 19th century. We received many compliments and folks throughout the hall could be seen smiling, tapping toes and dancing through two days' of sets.

Melody Morrell acts as the liaison between Fair organizers and District 6 personnel and has served in this role for over twenty years. **Amy Burrow** recruited players and organized most of the ensembles and sets. Our cast of musicians included **Louise** and **Tony Dandurand**, **Linda Danielson**, **Clint Epps**, with daughters **Susanna** and **Lillie**, **Gabi** and **Jim Ford**, **Kim Hall**, **Nina Hoffman**, **Betsy Janaczek**, **Jerry** and **Linda Parks**, **Misty Payne**, **Lisa Ponder**, **Steve Robare**, **Chuck Roerich**, **Carolanne Suderth**, **Henry Strid** and **Amy**, herself. Plan on joining us at the Fair next year, either as players or listeners!

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District 7 March Events

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13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley

We had 18 members of District 7 who traveled to the **Eagle Creek Grange** to perform for the annual **Sweetheart Dinner** on February 10. If you missed it, put it on your calendar for next year—it's usually the 2nd or 3rd Saturday in February.

Keep an eye on the **Facebook** page (labeled, as you might expect, **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association**) as **St. Patrick's Day** approaches. You'll find events and updates, interesting music videos, historical photos, and more. If a leprechaun hides a 4-leaf clover in your fiddle case, you might want to know the Irish word for fiddle: It's fidil (or veidhlín for violin).

On Sunday, May 19, we'll perform at the **Charbonneau Country Club/Activity Center**. Details will follow but there's a possibility that our upcoming community workshop sessions may be combined with this event. Charbonneau is a community within Wilsonville; it was named for **Jean Baptiste Charbonneau**, the son of **Sacagawea**.

District 7 will host a **workshop/performance** event on May 19. The workshop format will be similar to what we did last fall, meaning there will be 3 one and a half hour fiddle workshops in a row, starting at 12 noon until 4:30 pm. The bass workshop will be with **Jodi Vaughn** (12-1:30 pm), the guitar workshop will be with **Andy Emert** (1:30-3:00 pm), and I will do the mandolin workshop (3:00-4:30 pm). **Eileen Walter** hosts the only fiddle workshop set at this time. The performance will be 5:30-7:30 pm with 11 ten minute sessions which we are still organizing.

This event is part of a concert series sponsored by the Charbonneau Arts Commission and will be held at their complex of facilities in the Charbonneau neighborhood of Wilsonville. Thanks in advance for seeing if we can get this included.

We've confirmed Saturday, July 27, 2024 for the 3rd annual **Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest** at the Wilsonville Community Center. The contest is 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



District 7's Jodi Vaughn and Cheryl Mockford at the Eagle Creek Sweetheart Dinner.

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District 8 March Events

5 Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm
6 Gig, Brookdale City Center 1:30 - 2:30 pm
721 NE 27th St, McMinnville
7 Beginner's Jam 9:30 - 10:30 am
Call Martha for location
14 Beginner's Jam 9:30 - 10:30 am
Call Martha for location
19 Practice Jam 1 - 3 pm
Marie Bailey's home
21 Beginner's Jam 9:30 - 10:30 am
Call Martha for location
23 District Jam 1 - 4 pm
11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville

Daffodils blooming and spring just around the corner! Our thanks to **Sheila Hunter** for all her good efforts in serving as acting vice chair and reporter these past several months. Hats off to **Loita Colebank** for her years of playing the bass and supporting our jams and gigs with her presence!

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February found us playing gigs at **Marian Estates** and **Jefferson Lodge**, along with our district jam and monthly meeting at our new venue, **Yamhill Valley Heritage Center** at 11275 SW Durham Road in McMinnville. In March we will be back at **Brookdale Senior Living** in McMinnville. Continued well wishes to **Amelie Redman** who is undergoing treatments at the **Salem Hospital**.

~ Lynn Gossett, District 8 Guest Reporter

A Gayle Force Storm

~ submitted by Joe Ross

I had a nice chat with **Gayle Clarity** recently. Here's a story about her. She's now 87 and lives in Woodburn. Originally from Washington, Gayle was a Music Major at **Western Washington College** (now University) and graduated in 1958. She planned to be a music educator but never really pursued that. She spent five years living in Arkansas but for the past twenty (since 2004) has made her home at **Woodburn Senior Estates**. Her children live up in Washington.

As a youngster, Gayle played French horn in her college band, violin in orchestras, and sang in choirs. She's only been fiddling since 1995. She really enjoyed playing for dances, and fiddling kind of corrupted her and forced her to use a different part of her brain. She doesn't change the melody of the tunes but plays more by ear, from her heart, and does simple things like make the bowing easier. Using that other part of her brain, she also enjoys jamming in RV parks on country songs and finding harmonies to embellish a group's overall sound.

After becoming a fiddler, Gayle's first OOTFA campout was in Burns. Then, she went to Merrill where she and **Evelyn Horner** taught fiddle classes. That jam moved to Prineville. She relates a story about how fiddlers and singers found ways to collaborate even though they weren't used to performing together. With her prior training, she was able to accompany a vocalist who wanted to sing in the key of Gb. As a youngster, she diligently practiced her scales in all keys so she knew to play six flats in the key of Gb. Good thing the vocalist didn't want to sing in Cb or she would've had to use seven flats!



Gayle on stage with the late Les Tucker

New OOTFA Members • March 2024

David & Ginger Allard	Coos Bay (5)
Laura Lee Feiner	Lebanon (6)
Matthew & Elsa Keesler	Beaverton (7)
Cedar Leard	Grants Pass (4)
John Leitzel	Redmond (3)
Sonja Morganthaler	Redmond (3)
Tracy Stewart	Lebanon (6)
Debra Taevs	Portland (7)
Rick & Karen Thommen	Redmond (3)
Peter Tilton	Bend (3)
Maggie, Pater, Sarah & Rose Watkins	Tigard (7)

Gayle shared a memory recently about a fiddling friend to many, **Les Tucker**, who passed away in November in Idaho. "I met Les at a Bluegrass Festival in Arkansas around 2000. Les was born in Arkansas, but he and **Peggy** were living in Louisiana at the time. This was during the time that I was living in Mountain View, Ark. It turns out that Les and some of my local friends spent January and February in Mission, Texas. I joined them from 2001 - 2007. We all had lots of fun jamming. Les also had friends in Oregon, such as **Bob Crump** and his wife. Around 2002, Les and Peg moved to Woodburn. I decided that I needed to move back to the Northwest - to Oregon, not Washington (too much traffic up there!) So I moved to Woodburn and played a lot of music with Les in Oregon, as well as during winters in Arizona."

Gayle used to play in a lot of fiddle contests, as many as six each year, but she hasn't competed much since 2010. She won the **Senior-Senior Division** at **Weiser** in 2008 against some stiff competition like **Les Tucker** and **Judy McGarvey**. A couple years later (in 2010), Gayle placed 4th at the **National Old-Time Fiddle Contest** in that division. Now, she much more enjoys entertaining and playing for dances than in contests.

Fiddlin' Gayle has transcribed and shared many of her favorite fiddle tunes like "Woodchopper's Reel", "Georgiana Moon", "Clearwater Stomp", "Moonlight on the River Colorado", "South and Seeking Turf". Her repertoire also includes a number of fiddle tunes from around the world; Mexican, Scandinavian, Canadian, Scottish and Irish. On YouTube, you can watch Gayle playing in 2017 at **JT's Fiddle Off** at the **Landmark Saloon** in Portland. Her three tunes were "Billy in the Lowground", "Festival Waltz" and "Sunrise on the Guinea Farm". Gayle Clarity often jumps in her motorhome and heads south for winter. Besides Oregon, you might also find her fiddling at winter campout jams in the Yuma area.

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We continue to meet Fridays, 6:30 pm, at the Hines City Hall, except for fourth Fridays at the Aspens. We in Burns are thankful for the support from fiddlers from John Day, who travel 70 plus miles for jam sessions, Aspens Assisted Living gigs and 2nd Sunday afternoons at the potluck and jam at the Hub (senior center). We are enjoying the addition of a cello player, Mira, who also plays in the Chamber Music Orchestra. We are pleased to perform for the Crossroads Ranch Benefit Dinner February 17th. Crossroads provides equine therapy for those with PTSD and other disorders and special needs.

Life member Karan Gibson passed away February 10. Services were February 24. She enjoyed many Sunday jams over the years and often helped at the registration table during the jamboree. We extend condolences to her husband Irvin and family.

The annual Chamber Music Society Spring Concert on March 17 will have several OOTFA musicians participating including Don Greenfield directing the choir, ringing bells in the bell choir and playing baritone in the orchestra.

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Our Keilhorn grant application was approved for small, compact, light-weight, wireless equipment. Jim Kuether and Jim Leninger will take the lead on upgrading and running our new sound system.

Beginning Fiddle Class will be held once this month (March 16). Contact Kelly Wadsworth for the 2024 schedule. Loaner fiddles are available. Weekly classes will resume in spring/summer.

Rosin up your bow for the State Open Fiddle Contest on Saturday, March 16 in Lebanon! Judges have been announced. Registration form and schedule are at www.ootfa.org. Info: Cat McClintock CatMcc@gmail.com

The State Convention at Winston Assembly of God Church will be April 4-6. Can you help with set up, deco-



Ronda (from John Day) and Ben (from Prairie City) join District 9 for some music-making

Kari and Lars Hagbom play saxophone and Janet Braymen is a percussionist. It's great to have such talented folks in our small community!

We met to identify plans and needs for our upcoming High Desert Music Jamboree June 13, 14, & 15 at the Harney County Fairgrounds. Fiddlers in District 9 have enjoyed jamming with fiddlers from other districts in the state, other places in the country and even other countries! Keep on keepin' on with the fiddle tunes!

~ Don Greenfield, District 9 Reporter

District 10 March Events

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| 4 | Monday Jam | 2 - 4 pm |
| | Winston Assembly of God Church, 360 SE Darrel Ave. | |
| 5 | The Landing | 12 - 1 pm |
| 11 | Monday Jam | 2 - 4 pm |
| | Sandy's place, Oak Grove Apartments, 2403 NW Edenbower, Roseburg | |
| 14 | Garden Valley Retirement | 2 - 3 pm |
| 16 | Beginning Fiddle Class | 9 - 10 am |
| | Contact Kelly Wadsworth for details | |
| 18 | Monday Jam | 2 - 4 pm |
| | Jim & Jude's, 2723 Golfview Court, Sutherlin | |
| 21 | Riverview Terrace | 3:30 - 4:30 pm |
| 23 | Sutherlin Senior Center | 12 - 3 pm |
| | Potluck & Jam | |
| 25 | Monday Jam | 2 - 4 pm |
| | Kelly & Scott's, 4420 N. Umpqua Hwy, Roseburg | |
| 26 | Bridgewood Rivers | 2 - 3 pm |

rations, posters, publicity, camp hosts, stage managing, workshops, refreshments, raffle or clean up? Please let Jude know. Christine Cormack has put together an action-packed workshop schedule with offerings by Jerry Parks, *continued on next page*

Steve Robare, Judy McGarvey, Joe Ross, David Altman, Jeff Stevens, Allison Lindley, Marlene Stevens, Kelly Wasdworth and Hal Weiner. There will be slow jams, band scramble, dance, and scheduled jams specifically for Celtic, Swing and Bluegrass. **The Bearded Guy** food truck will be on site, and **Judy Kennedy** will organize Saturday breakfast before the membership meeting. Shuttle service will be provided for campers between **Four-square Gospel Center** and **Winston Assembly of God Church** (0.5 mile). RVs should pre-register for a campsite. A \$20/night donation is suggested. All the schedules and registration forms are on-line at www.ootfa.org.

In 2024, we'd like to again schedule **Joint Potluck/Jams** with our friends in adjacent Districts 4, 5 & 6. They were a lot of fun last year. **Mapril Combs** and **Joe Ross** have been tossing around the idea of a May or June jam in Dora. We may gather again at **Pass Creek Park** in Curtin during the summer with our friends from up north. **Camas Valley & Azalea Granges** would like music events there in 2024.

We now have 23 households signed up in District 10. My last reminder ... Please hand or mail dues to **Sandy Harter**, 2403 NW Edenbower, Apt 312, Roseburg, Or. 97471. Get listed in **OOTFA's 2024 Membership Roster** (available at the State Convention in April).



Scott & Kelly Wasdworth hosted this jam at thier home. There was an hour-long slow jam for all the kids and beginning fiddlers. Everyone is coming along nicely and they are getting quite adept at leading tunes, calling out the keys, playing them confidently at a steady tempo. Several are going to enter the **State Fiddle Contest**.

Sharon Thompson is training **Rosemarie Witnauer** to be our next District Treasurer. Some funds are currently invested in CDs and earning interest. District members have agreed to contribute \$1,000 to the **Convention** and \$1,000 to the **State Fiddle Contest**.

In March, we celebrate birthdays of **Jean Hanson** (March 1), **Frank Moore** (March 10) and **Gene Hodson** (March 24). Happy Birthday to All! **Jim** and **Jude Kuether's** Anniversary is on March 10.

Refresh your jigs, reels, hornpipes, polkas, slides, marches, flings, airs, O'Carolan tunes, pub songs and sing-alongs. Besides **The Session** (on-line), good reference books (with CDs) are **Patrick Steinbach's "Irish Reel Book,"** and **Waltons'** three volumes of **"Ireland's Best Session Tunes"** collected by **John Canning**. An **Umpqua Celtic Session** is on the Third Thursday every month at **Oran Mor Meadery** from 6-8 pm.

Paddy was recently summoned to court. After an eight hour trial, he pleaded guilty. The judge said, "Why didn't you plead guilty at first and save the court all this time?" Paddy replied, "I thought I was innocent until I heard all the evidence!"

May the Luck of the Irish be with you!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

Jr. Hoedowner

Cyrus Wadsworth, a five year old residing in Roseburg, is a member of District 10. He has been observing his sister and several cousins play music for several years and recently decided to join them.

When a 1/10th violin became available from the **OOTFA Lending Library**, Cyrus eagerly embraced the opportunity. He is excited to learn the tunes he has heard others play, having recently performed "Hot Cross Buns" and "Boil The Cabbage" at a District 10 Jam.

Apart from music, Cyrus enjoys riding his bike, playing with his siblings, swimming, and building things. Additionally, he is a kindergartner at **Maple Corner Montessori School** and is also learning a bit of piano.



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Marianne and Gordon
Andrews of District 9 find
some floor space

In Memoriam

Pat Casey, a lifetime member from Coos Bay (District 6) passed away on January 18, 2024 at the age of 80. He was a longtime dobro player in his district. District member, **Jolly Hibbits**, paid tribute to him by dressing in black as Pat commonly wore and spoke a few words in his honor. She then led District 5 in one of his favorite songs, "Red River Valley", that he played on his Dobro. Our condolences are with his family at this time. No address is available.

Howard Smith, a member from Oregon City (District 7) passed away on Saturday, January 20th of Alzheimer's. He was a long time, loyal member of District 7, and also played with the **East County Community Orchestra** for several years. He was born in Chatsworth, California April 2, 1943. He played violin as a child, then returned to it and the guitar when he was 60. He was very talented and played by ear as well as reading music. He had 2 daughters and was married to his long time sweetheart, **Nilda Miranda**. He retired from the **Oregon Department of Corrections**. He was much loved and respected and is missed by many. No service is planned. **Condolences can be sent to Nilda Miranda at 15075 Pebble Beach Dr., Oregon City, OR 97045.**

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