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## Fiddle at the Beach

See page 7 for Linda Sweatt's Report on District 5's Popular August Get-Together!



*Clockwise from bottom-left:*

1. Jerry Parks, Joe Ross, Linda Parks, Pat Winfrey & Bob Shaffar
2. Steve Robare
3. Sandy Harter
4. Ed Kelly

## Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering

September 12, 13 & 14

See page 3 to find Registration Information, Schedule of Activities & Workshops, Food Menu & Map

## Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest

Wrap-up of Event & Contest Results on Back Page



Connie Smith hosted the first Farm Jam Campout, August 8-11, at her place near Estacada

Hello All,

**OOTFA President's Report**

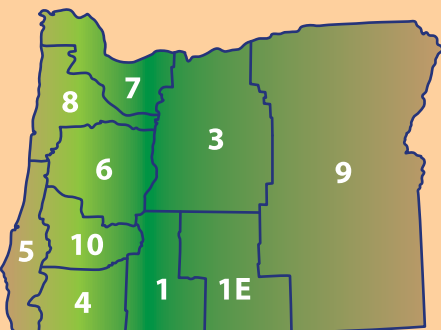
We just got home from the Winchester Bay Gathering, Fiddle at the Beach. What a great time! Thank you District 5 and everyone who came, helped and participated. It's great to see old friends and make new ones. The cinnamon rolls each morning were scrumptious, thank you **Ruth Weyer**.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon in Prineville for the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering!** We will be having our Membership Meeting so please plan to attend. District 3 has been working hard getting ready. Let's all pitch in. This is always a fun time. I'll be sharing basic info in a workshop about getting your music onto your tablet...lighter than those big binders. There are so many other good workshops planned.

So, let's keep showing up, making friends, learning, playing music, singing, supporting one another, and having fun! When others see us having fun they want to join in! Welcome to our new members! ~ Cindy



**Cindy & Ron Crane incognito at Fiddle at the Beach**



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**2025 OOTFA Membership Dues**

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Our Membership year runs from January 1 thru December 31.

Get your dues in early so you don't forget!

Membership dues should be given to your **District Membership Chair**.

Find your Chair's name on your District Page in this Hoedowner.

or mailed to **Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Drive, Eugene, OR 97401.**

**New OOTFA Members • September 2024**

<b>Michael Brantley</b>	<b>Corvallis (6)</b>
<b>Tana, Chip and Casselin (youth) Clark</b>	<b>Bend (3)</b>
<b>Mitch Cline</b>	<b>Portland (7)</b>
<b>Mark Creighton</b>	<b>Hines (9)</b>
<b>Gene Ezman</b>	<b>The Dalles (3)</b>
<b>Norm, Jill, Joey (youth) &amp; Madison (youth) Hetzel</b>	<b>Medford (4)</b>
<b>Todd, Crystal, Emma (youth) &amp; Xavier (youth) Moyer</b>	<b>Medford (4)</b>
<b>Cindy &amp; Brooke (youth) Platter</b>	<b>Carlton (8)</b>
<b>Valina Rivera, Jeremy Schaefer &amp; Estela Eichman (youth)</b>	<b>White City (4)</b>
<b>Richard &amp; Karen Rubicam</b>	<b>Lafayette (8)</b>
<b>Cynthia Thomas</b>	<b>Hines (9)</b>
<b>Rosalee &amp; Matthew (youth) Wirfs</b>	<b>Medford (4)</b>
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### District 1 September Events

12 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
26 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm  
Wednesdays Luther Square Practice 1 pm  
October 19th, 9:00 Potato Festival  
in Merrill, Oregon (save the date)

**Not sure we are ready for fall, but the calendar says September.** We are thankful for some cooler weather.

We are still enjoying our practices and playing at the care centers. **Debbie Cornelison** came back from fiddle camp very excited. This was her first experience and couldn't say enough about the classes and the music. Debbie is looking forward to next year.

At our practice this morning, we had **Irene's** new fiddle student, **Jennie Merrill**. Jennie is thirteen and is home schooled. Jennie is on her way to being a great fiddler; she is going to be such a fun addition to District 1.

**Edna Jenkins** and **Irene Ruddock** are planning to be at the **Central Oregon Music Gathering**. You all have a great time. We want to put in an early invitation for anyone to come and play for the **Potato Festival** in October, put it on your calendar, October 19th. We will start playing at 9:00.

Special Wishes for all of our September Birthdays, "Have a special day!"

Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1!

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter



District 1 with our very special Junior Fiddler, Jennie Merrill

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**All is well in District 1E.** Still jamming a non OOFTA jam at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday nights, 4 to 7, and 2nd Saturday at the **Chamber of Commerce** here in Lakeview, noon to when ever,

Had a great time at the **Farm Jam** in Estacada. Thanks to **Connie Smith** for such a good time.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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### District 3 September Events

12-14 Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering  
See next page for all the info you need!  
22 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've been very busy getting ready for the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering, which is happening September 12, 13 & 14 at the Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville.** This 3 day event is open to the public, with attendees from all over Oregon and beyond. You are encouraged to invite your friends, do a little socializing, jamming and help with setting up and take down. Admission is free

This year we are having a "Farmer" theme, including a "Dress as a Farmer" costume contest on Saturday evening. So, get out your farmer gear --- overalls, coveralls, John Deere cap, appropriate accessories. Another interesting feature scheduled for Friday evening is "Have A Funny Song: Costume Optional." What's your favorite funny song? Can you take a regular song and change the lyrics? Have you written a funny song? There will be a \$25.00 Amazon gift card to the winner of the costume contest.

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Activities planned for Friday and Saturday include workshops and performances. There's a rumor that "Minnie Pearl" will be visiting us this year. She attended some of our events in prior years and it is a great honor to have her.

Camping with water and electric hook-ups is \$30 per night. Dry camping is \$20 per night. Dinner for Thursday, Friday and Saturday is \$17, starting at 5:30 pm, and the kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We recommend registering for camping and meals prior to the Gathering. You can find the registration forms at [centraloregonfiddlers.com](http://centraloregonfiddlers.com) and [ootfa.org](http://ootfa.org). Questions about camping? Contact **Dennis Will** at 503-931-2105 or [dennisw312016@outlook.com](mailto:dennisw312016@outlook.com) or **Karen Bennett** at 208-869-0343 or [bennetk@msn.com](mailto:bennetk@msn.com).

The Gathering is a popular event and you can help with publicity and flyers. At the event site you can help with set up and take down, information table, the raffle, signs and banners, and run errands, etc. Contact **Ellen Jakab** at 541-548-2387 or email [iamejs@webtv.com](mailto:iamejs@webtv.com).

The raffle is an important part of the Gathering and we are asking for your raffle prize donations, which can be used to pay the cost for next year's event. Raffle prizes can be musical instruments or accessories in new or lightly used condition. Other appropriate raffle prizes are artistic or crafted items, and appropriate general merchandise or gift cards. Raffle winners will be drawn on Saturday night. Contact **Pat Borden** at [patt Yann335@gmail.com](mailto:patt Yann335@gmail.com) or (541) 408-7181. You may bring your raffle prize to the event.

In October at noon, before the monthly dance, we will have a meeting at the **Terrebonne Grange** hall to discuss what went well and what can be improved for **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** for 2025?

Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries to our members whose special day is in September. We wish a speedy recovery to those with health issues.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

# OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS PRESENTS Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering



Sept. 12th thru the 14th. Thurs. thru Sat.

At the Carey Foster Hall  
Crook County Fairgrounds  
1280 Main St. Prineville, Oregon

- ★ Free Admission
- ★ Dancing
- ★ Instrument Sales
- ★ Jamming
- ★ Music Workshops
- ★ Old Time Fiddling
- ★ Raffles
- ★ Stage Shows
- ★ Youth Fiddle Showcase

Donations  
Welcome!



**ALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be held on Saturday, September 14 at 9:30 am. This is where you have a voice on the directions of OOTFA.

**MENU** • Full details of the menu for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner for all three days with reservations for dinner requested. You can do that on the registration form or at the event.

**FILLABLE REGISTRATION FORM** • This is for you to fill out to reserve a camp spot at the Crook County Fairgrounds for the days you plan to attend. It is fillable so should be easy for you to complete and mail with money owed to: Karen Bennett, 6421 SW Shad Rd, Terrebonne, OR 97760.

**SCHEDULE** • The schedule has been updated. See OOTFA website or District 3 website for newest details.

**MAP** • See websites to find out how to get there.

[OOTFA.org](http://OOTFA.org) or  
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With only three more weeks of summer days and nights how many can we fill with picnics, hikes, bonfires and wiener roasts before, suddenly, all the trees are bare and silly ole Jack Frost comes tripping though the garden gate?

Many District 4 musicians gave performances at both the **Jackson and Josephine County Fairs** this summer and the last performance of the season, at the lovely **RV Park** in Prospect is just, now a sweet memory.

The district monthly jam held at the **Roxy Ann Grange** was a success with a large audience of senior citizens from assisted living centers in the area attending and some couples also enjoying the dance floor. The first **Fiddle Camp in the Park** is completed with many students and assistants participating.

The District 4 September calendar of events will begin with a performance on September 2, Labor Day, at **Weatherly Court** in Medford, 11:30-1:00. The following Saturday, the 7th, the district musicians will drive to the mountains to perform at the **Prospect Community Center** from 1-3:00. Many district members will travel to Prineville to attend the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering**, September 12-15, to enjoy playing old-time music and fellowship with members in other districts and maybe do a little dancing.

On Saturday, September 21, a joint jam and dinner potluck will be held with Districts 10 and 4 meeting together at the **Azalea Grange** from 3-6 pm (details TBA). This event was so successful and fun it's been scheduled again this year.

Saturday September 28th will be the District 4 monthly meeting and jam at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. Meeting 11:30, warm up jam 12:30, sign up jam 1-3:00. Do not bring snacks to share, only bring a personal snack if needed.

September 29th from 1-4:00 will be the first District 4 performance of the Fall Season at the beautiful **Pheasant Fields Farm** in Phoenix under the huge, spreading, ancient walnut tree. This is a much loved and anticipated gig so we need a great turnout of musicians to cover the three hour performance and perform our best program, please.

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

The Wednesday evening slow strings and teaching jam meets every Wednesday at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford from 6-8:00 for more info contact **Melissa Taylor** at 360-267-4288.

Please check the online calendar for all gigs, jams and meetings or call a district officer.

~ See y'all there, Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



District 4 musicians played for the Josephine & Jackson County Fairs

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**OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS' DISTRICT 4**

"Out in the Country"

Acoustic Jam and Potluck

**202 Draper Valley Road Selma, Oregon**

Come jam with us under the trees (or in large shop if weather indicates) and enjoy potluck lunch.

Coffee will be on by 8:00 am. Bring a chair, side dish and or snacks to share. We'll have water. Let's have fun!

Arrive Friday afternoon - Stay thru Sunday if you'd like. Room for RVs and tents (dry camping, flat ground).

Pets - Not allowed in buildings, must be on short leash and picked up after. No alcohol or firearms.

For info: [ronandcindy@crane.com](mailto:ronandcindy@crane.com) Cindy Crane (530) 574-6176

# HOEDOWNER

## Tune of the Month

Thanks to  
Robin Lindsey of  
District 6 for this  
month's tune

"Happy Boy Schottische" is a lively Scandanavian tune. Playing or listening to this tune makes me a happy boy. It will make you a happy boy or girl, too!

Usually played in G Major. Standard tuning (fiddle). The melody is the vehicle for the 1950's movie theme song "Ballad of Thunder Road", starring Robert Mitchum. I listened to Mr. Mitchum sing it on YouTube and have to admit, I'm not hearing a lot of schottische in there.

The schottische can also be heard in the 1940's movie "Commandoes Strike at Dawn", a movie of occupied Norway in World War II starring Paul Muni, played by an accordion band in the background of one scene.

### YouTube Videos:

[Ila Mae Carmickle  
Fiddle Class](#)

[Keynotes Polka  
Band](#)

[Fiddle with  
Guitar](#)

[Myllie Barron  
with Accordion](#)

[Normie Dogs &  
the Melody Boys](#)

[Robert Mitchum,  
Ballad of Thunder Road](#)

# Happy Boy Schottische

E. Olzen

The musical score for "Happy Boy Schottische" is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music, each with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chord markings are placed above the staff at the beginning of each measure. The chords are: G, D7, G, D, D7, G, C, G, D7, G, C, G, D7, G, C, G, D7, G. The score includes repeat signs at the beginning and end of the piece.

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**District 5 September Events**

- 3 Pacific View Sr. Living gig** 1:30 - 2:30 pm  
Bandon
- 10 Evergreen Court gig** Coos Bay 2 - 3 pm
- 17 Inland Point gig** Coos Bay 2 - 3 pm
- 21 District 5 Monthly Jam** 1 - 3 pm  
Bandon Odd Fellows, Hwy 42 S of Bandon
- 28 Myrtle Point Harvest Festival** TBA  
Main Street, outside Cherry Creek Floral

**See you in September**, they say, and we will be back seeing our longtime friends at local care facilities on our regular performances during the month. After the excitement of the "Fiddle At The Beach," it will be nice to get back into a more relaxed schedule! We will once again be playing for the **Myrtle Point Harvest Festival** on September 28, too!

The **Myrtle Point Harvest Festival** is always a highlight of September, and we welcome all to our happy semicircle outside **Cherry Creek Floral** on the 28th! Food, music, old cars and farm equipment, and exciting booths make this festival a can't miss event! Fall is an exciting time on the coast!

**Fiddle at the Beach Wrap-up**

**Stew and biscuits and some delicious salads** greeted the Thursday night arrivals at **Fiddle at the Beach**. **Ruth Weyer** continued her magic in the kitchen and even had ice cream sundaes for all. It's a great way to get started on the weekend and the dinner was followed by an evening show emceed by **Linda Sweatt**. Friday, the contest, judged by three secret judges, resulted in winners in the costume, theme, and best performance categories. Winners received prizes for their songs using the theme "**Funny Songs That Make You Laugh**," and there was plenty of laughter all evening, thanks to the performances and emcee **Luke Vanderhagen**. Saturday night followed jamming all day, inside and outside, and the final big show was emceed by District 10's very impressive **Joe Ross**, who manages to balance a microphone, camera, and his instruments simultaneously!



**Best performance, Linda and Dana Sweatt**

The Sunday gospel time was attended by about 25 members who shared some of their favorite gospel tunes in a circle jam before farewells. District 5 is so grateful to **Bill and Pat Winfrey**, who managed to survive the entire weekend being first up and last to leave. Their hard work with all aspects of the event, especially the sound, are truly appreciated.



**Best Costumes, Verna Lee and Bill Winfrey**



**Best Song for Theme, Luke Vanderhagen**

All in attendance were able to look through the huge collection of music, CD's, and instruments from the **Gail Triplett** estate, and many of the items went to happy new homes. We are grateful for **Robert Triplett's** contribution to OOFTA in her memory, and to **Dawn Vonderlin** for organizing, transporting, and administering the many items made available.

~ Linda Sweatt, District 5 Reporter

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- 5 Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam 1 - 3 pm**  
Corvallis Community Center
- 9 Basic Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**  
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene
- 13 Kids' Fiddle Jam 6:30 - 8 pm**  
Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com
- 28 Celebration of Life for Joe Moyle with Lunch Provided 10 am - 3 pm-ish**  
Central Grange, 87200 Central Road

September is here, the garden looks tired in spots, and overly productive in others. School starts soon. Hope everyone's summer has been wonderful.

The **Intermediate Fiddle Class** (1st Saturday of month) remains canceled for September. It is planned to resume in October at the **River Road Annex** as before.

From **Donna O'Neil**: The **Basic Fiddle Class** meets the second Monday of each month at the **Bethesda Lutheran Church** at 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene. We encourage all comers! We're exploring and reviewing old and new tunes. The goal is to keep repeating the new ones frequently enough to get them under our belt! In addition to new tunes, each month, we take an old basic tune and explore ways to help it come more alive, in simple and engaging ways. For example, **Linda Danielson** had us look at "Whiskey Before Breakfast" and try some new ideas within the basic tune. Just some simple scale runs made the tune fun and interesting!

I shared some ideas on how to play "Cluck Old Hen" with some slides and shuffles, a simple tune that feels more authentic with those little extras!

The **Central Grange Jam** (2nd Saturday of month) for August featured an hour of jamming, a quarterly business meeting, a potluck lunch, and then another hour or two of music making for the 30 or so attendees.

In September, the next meeting will be a **Memorial Jam honoring Joe Moyle, a longtime member and leader in District 6**. The event will be held on September 28, at **Central Grange**, 10:30-3:00, in lieu of the usual second-Saturday jam. Joe's daughter is going to design an invitation and they are providing all the food for the lunch.

On Aug 13th, **Lucy Bragg, Barry Breen, Amy Burrow, Linda Danielson, Robin Lindsey, Donna O'Neil and Steve Robare** performed a knock-out show at **Churchill Estates**. It was a packed and appreciative house with lots of audience interaction. Smiles all around, requests for an encore and more gigs there soon.

On August 24th, District 6 members performed for a dance at **Lakeridge Community Center**. **Nina Hoffman, Louise and Tony Dandurand, Peggy Mulder, Lucy Bragg, Amy Burrow, and Linda Danielson** provided the tunes. **Jerry and Linda Parks** taught and led the dancers through a number of waltzes, schottisches, two-steps, and polkas. About thirty people attended and cheered on the music makers; about half took to the dance floor. A good time had by all.

**Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest: Starr McMullen, Contest Chair**, shared that there was a full field of participants for this year's contest under sunny skies and supported by many volunteers and accompanists. Thirty-eight fiddlers representing Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Utah and Texas competed in their divisions. District 6 notables included **Doug Fleenor, Champion** from Eugene, **Donna Wynn** (Springfield), **Kiersten Doggett** (Albany), **Talley Richardson** (Albany) and **Sapphire Rain** (Monmouth).

Two performances are on the gig calendar for September: 9/18 at **Solvang** from 1-2 pm, 9/25 at **Gateway Living** from 2-3 pm. Contact **Amy Burrow** at aru.bur6294@gmail.com to help with these.

~ Tony Dandurand, District 6 Reporter



### Nancy Yialouris makes a surprise appearance



District 6 performed for a dance at the Lakeridge Community Center



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### District 7 September Events

**7 Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm**  
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley  
(Sunnyside Road at 132nd Ave.)

Our biggest event in August was performing at the **Clackamas County Fair in Canby**. Thanks to **Marcella Easley** for organizing this event. Over 20 musicians filled the stage, which happened to be near the beer garden, and quite a few of the beer enthusiasts also found some enthusiasm for old-time fiddle music! Our many regularly performing members were joined by some of the national and state champions who call District 7 home, including emcee extraordinaire and performer **Grant Wheeler, Gary Schuh, Eileen Walter, and Carol Ann Wheeler**. Grant talked/coerced/pressured an audience member into waltzing on the grass to the "Tennessee Waltz", but she had no dance partner. **Larry Vining** came to the rescue, revealing that besides fiddling, he can also dance quite well.

On August 17 **Maggie Dickerson** and **Nancy Christie** joined an OOTFA District 8 group for a jam at the **Harvest Fest**, held at the **Yamhill Valley Heritage Center** in McMinnville.

Planned for October (details to follow): October 12 lunch in Wilsonville for District 7 members, family and friends,



**Cheryl Mockford & Gary Schuh  
at the Clackamas County Fair**

followed by jamming and an open mic, the latter open to the public.

For November only, our 1st Saturday circle jam will be at the **Wilsonville Community Center** because Sunnyside Grange is not available. Jamming will tentatively start slightly later than usual, 1:30-4:30. Our Wilsonville events are organized by **Dave Altman** and funded by a grant from the City of Wilsonville.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

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### District 8 September Events

**3 Martha's Hughes' 9:30 - 10:30 am**  
**Beginning Fiddle Class**

**3 Jam hosted by Marie Bailey 1 - 3 pm**  
5001 Rice Lane, Amity. Call Marie if you plan to attend: 503-835-7185

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**20 Jefferson Lodge Memory Care gig 3 - 4 pm**  
664 SE Jefferson St, Dallas

**28 District Jam at Yamhill 1:30 - 3:30 pm**  
**Heritage Museum**  
11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville  
**Board meeting is an hour and a half before at Noon**

### West Cascade Fiddle Camp:

This July, District 8 member **Leanna Heiman** took part in the **West Cascades Fiddle Camp** for the first time and came away beaming at all she accomplished. One of the things that impressed her was the quality of the instruction, plus she loved being immersed in music for those three and a half days. "I have never had the chance to play music all day like that. It was heaven!" Leanna said. She took part in the Intermediate Fiddle Class with **Jenny Humphrey** which was a good challenge for her since the class focused on learning several tunes without sheet music. **She also got a lot out of Kim Hall's workshop, "Get Offa That Page!"** where they learned "John Ryan's Polka" by ear. What surprised Leanna the most was how much she enjoyed the square dancing that the camp held in the gym on Wednesday night.

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To cap things off, each class performed on Thursday afternoon and Leanna's class chose two Celtic tunes, "Crested Hens" and "Cat Out of the Bag". Leanna says she looks forward to playing these two tunes for friends at an upcoming neighborhood talent show. "The other thing that was so great about the camp was that it offered something for every skill level, plus the community of musicians, and the encouragement we give one another can't be beaten."

This year three District 8 members competed in the **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest: Bradley Guptil, Leanna Heiman, and Mel Fuller.**

~ Mel Fuller, District 8 Reporter



**District 6's Talley Richardson won 1st place and Sapphire Rain, of District 8, took 2nd in the Novice Division at the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest**

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**Cough--choke--major fire broke out north of Burns on July 10th.** Storms with wild winds and lightning caused several more fires within the next couple of weeks. We are still dealing with unhealthy air quality, which keeps many folks indoors. Several events were canceled or postponed.

A few of us continue to jam on Friday evenings.

Three of the Burns members went north to John Day to play music on **Ron Phillips'** stage at the **Grant County Fair** on August 8 and 9.

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter



**Our two newest District 9 members, Cynthia Thomas and Steve Moyer**



**Ron Phillips, Janet Braymen, & Ben Richardson**

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### District 10 September Events

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 10 Garden Valley Retirement Center                            | 2 - 3 pm       |
| 18 Callahan Court   | 3:30 - 4:30 pm |
| 21 Potluck & Jam with District 4<br>Azalea Grange             | 3 - 5 pm       |
| 24 Bridgewood Rivers  | 2 - 3 pm       |
| 27 - 29 Potluck & Jam with District 4<br>Eagleview Campground |                |
| 28 Meeting & Jam<br>Sutherland Senior Center                  | 11 am - 3 pm   |

August has been a very eventful month for our team. Besides playing at three retirement centers and a monthly jam, they also played at Pioneer Days in Canyonville, and the Oakland City Park Pavilion during the Oakland Street Fair.

Kelly Wadsworth said the Fiddling in the Park was extra special with National Fiddle Champion, Starr McMullen, coming from Corvallis to inspire and play for us. She also taught "Wood Choppers Reel" to anyone who wanted to learn it. A huge shout out and thank you to Starr for coming and sharing your amazing talent and skill.



Starr McMullen & Kelly Wadsworth were with a gang of young fiddlers for District 10's "Fiddling in the Park" which wrapped up the final weekend in August. Kelly says she may continue at her house starting in October, so stay tuned for more on that...



Joe Ross at District 5's "Fiddle at the Beach"

We also thank all the who have been participating to make the Fiddling in the Park successful this summer.

September birthday wishes to:

**Jude Stensland Kuether (9/11), Karen Bennett (9/26)**

~ Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter



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## 2024 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Wrap-up by Starr McMullen

The contest went well! In addition to 38 fiddlers and 16 accompanists, we had a great audience. **Cat McClintock** did a video stream which is available on the OOTFA website. The live stream brought in almost \$280 in donations! You can donate any time for next year!

The Grand Champion this year was **Doug Fleener** from Eugene Oregon. **Julie** and **Frank Eisenhauer** came down from Portland and handled registration. Judges were **Dani Jo Meeks** from Spokane, **Jaydean Ludiker** from Spokane, and **Alex Sharps** from California. Alex was the **2024 National Young Adult Champion**. Scorekeepers were my son, **Brendan McMullen** and **Suzi Marsh**. MC was **Erin McMullen**. **Dorry Eldon** was the Co-Chair of the contest and she handled getting lunches for all the contestants as well as helping me make sure we got all the prize money handed out correctly!

A nice surprise was to see **Cindy Crane**, **OOTFA President**, at the contest and she competed as well! We had fiddlers from all over Oregon, including Eugene, Portland, Corvallis, and Salem. In addition we had awesome fiddlers from Washington, Idaho, Utah, California, Texas, and Arizona!

Next time, encourage all the novice people who have never played in a contest before to come and play! we only had two contestants this year... which probably means people are playing in more contests!

A great time was had by all! I ran into a county worker who had been working the fair last week and he said they were really very impressed with the turnout that we got for the fiddle contest. Counting the years it turns out that this actually was the 25th year for the contest here in Corvallis.

I'd like to thank District 6 for sponsoring this event and making it happen! You've all been great and I hope to see you all again soon.

### Novice Division (first contest ever!)

1. Talley Richardson, Albany, OR
2. Sapphire Rain, Monmouth, OR

### Peewee Division (8 and under)

2. Bradley Guptill, Keizer, OR
4. Greta Guptill, Keizer, OR

### Junior-Junior (9-12)

1. Casselin Clark, Bend, OR (certified Jr-Jr)

### Junior (13-17)

5. Isabella Matthews, Eugene, OR

### Adult (18-59; Young Adult (YA)18-36; Adult (37-59)

1. Gary Schuh, Portland, OR (certified Adult)
3. Grant Wheeler, Portland, OR
4. Kiersten Doggett, Albany, OR
5. Anne Sumner, Milton Freewater, OR

### Senior (60+) Senior (60-69) Sr-Sr (70+)

2. Scott Sumner, Milton Freewater, OR
4. Donna Wynn, Springfield, OR (certified Sr-Sr)

### Championship (anyone!)

1. Doug Fleener, Eugene, OR (certified Grand Champ)
2. Celeste Johnson, Portland OR
3. Aaron Carter, Portland, OR
5. Andy Emert, Portland, OR

### Accompanist:(# times backing)

1. Anne Sumner, Milton Freewater (33x)
2. Scott Sumner (26x)
3. Andy Emert (22x)
4. John Francis (19x)
5. Celeste Johnson(11x)

## Oregon Participants' Placings