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Event hosts, District 6

## Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering

See District 3's Report on page 4 to read all about it!

Janice & Dave Lockwood had the funniest song



## Lew Holt 1929-2024

We will certainly miss longtime OOTFA member, Lew Holt, who passed in September. Next month's issue of the Hoedowner will feature an in-depth account of Lew's life and accomplishments, particularly in his involvement with our great organization.



OOTFA Districts 4 & 10 got together for a joint potluck and jam

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION DISTRICT 7  
PRESENTS A



## Potluck and Jam!

# October 12

Forest Shelter in Memorial Park  
Wilsonville, Oregon

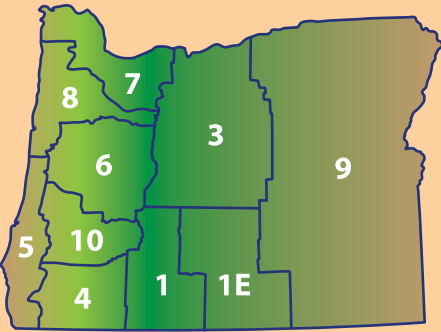
12 pm : OOTFA District 7  
Potluck!

1:30 pm : Jam!  
to 4pm Performance

**Free Performance!**  
(Donations are welcome)

Made possible by a grant from the city of Wilsonville, Or

Hello All,



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I would like you each to think about why you chose to join Oregon Old-time Fiddlers' Association and what keeps you coming back and staying involved. Our organization grows as we attract new members. Let's be sure we show the warm, supportive community that we are and remember to be welcoming.

Our Bylaws state the organization is dedicated "to promote, preserve and perpetuate old-time fiddling and old-time music. To encourage everyone of all ages to play the fiddle and other stringed instruments and appreciate old-time fiddling and old-time music."

Remember our "Standing Rules, Article I. Instruments - All acoustic stringed instruments are allowed. Instruments with electrical amplification, drums and other percussion instruments, woodwind instruments (except harmonica) and brass instruments are not permitted."

Drums, washboards and spoons are considered percussion and are not permitted. As we invite others to join in and play with us, be sure to advise them of the acceptable instruments they can use. Doing so will insure we are complying and avoid uncomfortable situations for our members and guests.

Let's also think about our "stage presence" as we play for the public. If possible, appoint a Stage Manager; someone to assist performers by helping them get ready to play, adjusting mics, stands, etc. and removing unused items from the stage allowing for better pictures, videos. Keeping "down time" between performers to a minimum will keep the audience more engaged and attentive.

Other tips and things to remember:

- Be ready when it's your turn
- Have your instrument tuned and ready
- Have your accompanist ready, too
- Exit the stage with your belongings, assist each other
- Smile! Have Fun!

We gather as a community to make music and friends. Our **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association** is like family. I am proud and encouraged by all of you. Keep playing, singing, dancing and supporting each other!

If someone seems interested in joining us, ask permission to send them information and get their contact information...an email is great. Send them a current membership form and a copy of the latest Hoedowner. Include your District Chair's contact info and copy the Chair on the email. I'd be happy to do this for you, just send me the person's info.

See you soon! ~ Cindy



**Ron & Cindy Crane**

**Beware of Scams!**

**OOTFA members continue to be victims of internet scammers.** The lure is "email" from someone posing to be a known OOTFA representative (often one of our officers). If you accidentally open one, you will see that they will ask for a favor. If you do open one, do not respond, click on "delete".

**Be sure to hover your mouse over or click on "senders" you aren't sure of (at the top of the body of the email).** That will show you the true address of the sender. Do not open if you are unsure.



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### District 1 October Events

10 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
19 Potato Festival start playing at 9:30 am  
Downtown, Merrill  
24 Pacifica 11 am - noon  
24 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm  
Luther Square Practice Wednesdays 9:30  
(subject to change)

We continue with our monthly agenda with the addition of another care center, Pacifica, which has asked us to come and play for them. We used to play there, a few years ago, and we are happy to return.

We want to welcome any one in the other Districts to come down to the 87th Potato Festival in Merrill and kick up their heels. Our very special District 1E is coming to help us out with their sound system and their great talents.

Edna Jenkins attended the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering in Prineville to represent us. I know everyone had a good time.

Special Wishes for all out October Birthdays, "Have a special day."

Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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District 1E is jamming at Rosa Lee McLain's place on Thursday, 4 to 7 (a non-OOFTA jam), then 2nd Saturday at the Chamber of Commerce, noon until we are done.

Had a great time in Prineville at the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering!

Mark your calendar for April 30 to May 4 when we will play at the McLain Family Jam in Christmas Valley at the Booster Hall. Good times!

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

# 2025 OOTFA Membership Dues

## OOTFA Members (excluding Lifetime)

- \$35 for Membership Dues and receive the Hoedowner in a PDF via email
- Add \$15 for mailed, printed Hoedowner (Total \$50 for this option)

## Lifetime Members

- No Charge for Lifetime members who wish to receive the Hoedowner Newsletter in a PDF via email
- Add \$15 for mailed, printed Hoedowner (Total \$15 for this option)

Our Membership year runs from January 1 thru December 31  
Get your dues in early so you don't forget!

Pay dues to your District Membership Chair  
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## New OOTFA Members • October 2024

Elizabeth Gillespie with youth,	Salem (8)
Felicity, Titus, Maximus & Leonitus	
Melanie Julian with youth, Owen	Springfield (6)
Jamie & Robert Kies with youth, Emily & Noah	Oakridge (6)

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### District 3 October Events

**27 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!

**A big Thank You!** to all our members who helped and participated in District 3's **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering**, which was held September 12, 13 & 14 in the **Carey Foster Hall** at the **Crook County Fairgrounds** in Prineville. This 3-day event was well attended from all over Oregon and beyond. The weather was beautiful, and we had lots of fun at the jam sessions, indoor and outdoor. For those who presented workshops, we really appreciate the time and expertise.

We had a "Farmer" theme. **Linda** and **Jerry Parks** won the "Best Farmer Costume" contest, winning a \$25 gift certificate. **Janice** and **Dave Lockwood** won a "chicken pillow" prize for the "Funniest Song." Also, we were honored to have "**Minnie Pearl**" as our guest of honor. **Pat Borden** mysteriously disappeared during Minnie's visit.

This year's raffle was fantastic, with more high quality prizes than ever before. Prizes included musical instruments, music books, music accessories, high quality home crafted items, and other items. Also, **Rhea Bigelow** personally handcrafted a small blanket subject to a silent auction in honor of **Jack Kerr**.

We want to thank **Mary Hanes** for catering our delicious dinners. **Kim Martin** and **Dennis Will** were recognized with plaques for their outstanding work. Kim did excellent public relations. Dennis did outstanding camp reservation management. Both were willing to help anywhere as needed.



**Brad Gray brings his own piano to COAMG**



**Frank Borden, Jerry Parks & Tommy Tucker at COAMG**

On October 27 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 the District 3 **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** for 2025.

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

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

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**If Autumn arrived as the last harvest was reaped** and she spread her ancient hands across the fields and left them bare and dry, and if fruit cobbler bakes in ovens and apple ciders simmer on stove tops, and little ones carve pumpkins and try on scary masks then it must be October! How did we get here? The summer sped by so quickly!

District 4 finished August with many members enjoying the **Fiddle at the Beach** activities sponsored by District 5. District 4 musicians also played for a school reunion in Union Creek in the mountains and gave a performance for the residents at **Fountain Plaza Assisted Living Center**.

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September began with a gig at **Alderwood Assisted Living Center** but was canceled because of illness in the facility. Many District 4 families headed for the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering**.

The October gig calendar begins with a tentative date on October 5, for the **Talent Harvest Festival**. Details have not yet been set for this performance, so as of now, TBA. October 6 will be a performance at the beautiful **Pheasant Fields Farm**. The musicians will play on the deck around the walnut tree, but the time for the performance is still fluid at this time so please check the online calendar and watch for emails from our Chair, **Melissa Taylor**.



**Judy McGarvey, Matthew Baker, Ron & Cindy Crane, Mike Lindgren, Lois Hoeffler and Melissa Taylor in Union Creek**



**Judy McGarvey & Judy Lyons**



**Oran Barr**

A new gig is coming October 11-13 called "**Out in the County**", sponsored by **Ron and Cindy Crane** at their home in the country in Selma. It's a 3 day music event and there is room for RVs and tents. Bring a chair and a dish for the potluck lunch each day or snacks to be enjoyed during the day. The coffee pot goes on the stove top at 8 am. Pets are welcome outside only and on a short leash and be responsible for cleaning up after them. No alcohol or firearms. There's a large shop building if the weather doesn't cooperate. You can contact them at [ronandcindy-crane@gmail.com](mailto:ronandcindy-crane@gmail.com) or Cindy at 530-574-6176.

District 4 musicians will give a performance for the residents of **The Springs at Veranda Park** October 15th 2-3:00. The October District 4 monthly jam will be held on October 26th at the **Fruitdale Grange** in Grants Pass. The jam begins at 2 pm and ends at 4.

The **Tuesday Jammers** meet every Tuesday from 4-6 pm at the **Methodist Church** in Medford. Musicians of all levels welcome. For more info contact **Judy McGarvey** at 541-779-8145.

The Wednesday evening **Slow Strings** and teaching jam meets every Wednesday 6-8 pm at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. For more info contact **Melissa Taylor** at 360-267-4288.

Two very special District 4 members have needed extra "Thoughts and Prayers" this month. **Lenny Ferrara** has had a serious heart surgery and is out of the hospital and home now recovering. **Bruce McGarvey** fell while setting up the sound at a district gig and sustained an elbow fracture that might need surgery. Please continue to keep them close to your heart. Please check the online calendar for all gigs, jams and meetings or call a district officer.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

# HOEDOWNER

## Tune of the Month

Thanks to  
Donna Wynn of  
District 6 for this  
month's tune

“Arran Boat Song” is a slow air from the Scottish Highlands. The title is often misunderstood as the “Aran Boat song” and is therefore widely considered as traditional Irish, but is more often known as **The Highland Boat Song**. It is a very popular melody and although it was published in the collections of nineteenth-century music it was already known in 1700 and combined for example with **Robert Allan’s** poetry “Queen Mary’s Escape From Lochleven Castle”.

Arran is the largest island of the Firth of Clyde, the fjord of the river Clyde, nicknamed the Sleeping Warrior because its conformation seen from the sea is that of a sleeping giant. The isle has been called “a Scotland in miniature”, thanks to its geological conformation, because the landscape is divided into Highlands and Lowlands exactly as it is, the larger the entire Scottish nation. Much the landscape changes between the south and the north of the island: the north is bristly, rocky and sharp; while the southern part is flat, covered with heath and green.

### YouTube Videos

[Instructional Video](#)

[Instructional Video](#)

[Flower City Fiddle](#)

[Liz Faiella](#)

Key of E minor (dorian)

# Arran Boat Song

Traditional Scottish Waltz / Air

The musical score for "Arran Boat Song" is presented in six staves of music. The key signature is E minor (dorian), indicated by two sharps (F# and C#) and one natural (B). The time signature is 3/4. The score includes guitar chords: Em, D, C, G, and D. The melody is written in treble clef. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The second staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The sixth staff also ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.



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### District 5 October Events

- |                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 Pacific View, Bandon           | 1:30 - 2:30 pm |
| 8 Evergreen Court, Coos Bay      | 2 - 3 pm       |
| 15 Inland Point, Coos Bay        | 2 - 3 pm       |
| 19 Members Meeting, finger foods | 11 am          |
| Monthly Jam, Bandon Odd Fellows  | 1 - 3 pm       |
- Other performances TBA*

District 5 was busy in August and September and are all ready to join in the fun of the fall. September saw us playing our regular nursing home gigs and had bonus performances at **Bullards Beach State Park**, the **Dora Corn Feed**, and the **Myrtle Point Harvest Festival**, so our September weekends were busy!

We have played at many of these events for years and enjoy each new circumstance and the opportunity to play. The volunteers at the state park that go to the campsites to round up an audience, have the venue prepared, and join in the fun after by helping our sound masters, **Bill Winfrey** and **Willie Walter**, pack up after, create a family and team atmosphere that makes those shows (this summer we did 6 there) such a pleasure.

We are back at the nursing homes! The folks are so happy to see us returning after the summer hiatus. Tuesdays are our regular days, and we play in Bandon, Coos Bay, and North Bend, so we are getting around, when that is coupled with our Bandon monthly jam. Our district is long and stretches from Florence to Brookings, about 155 miles!

Reaching out to the community is a privilege for all of us. Not only do we share the music, we bring memories and joy while we encourage others to join in the fun!

~ Linda Sweatt, District 5 Reporter



Linda Hill with her new fiddle at Bullards Beach State Park



Bill Winfrey charming the crowd



District 5 playing at Bandon's Pacific View Care Center, one of our favorite performance venues



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### District 6 October Events

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|----|--|----------------|
| 3  | <b>Dave &amp; Jim's Acoustic Jam</b>             | 1 - 3 pm       |
|    | Corvallis Community Center                       |                |
| 5  | <b>Intermediate Fiddle Class</b>                 | 1 - 3 pm       |
|    | River Road Annex, Eugene                         |                |
| 11 | <b>Kids' Fiddle Jam</b>                          | 6:30 - 8 pm    |
|    | Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com |                |
| 12 | <b>Monthly Jam &amp; Meeting</b>                 | 10 am - 3 pm   |
|    | Central Grange, 87200 Central Road               |                |
| 14 | <b>Basic Fiddle Class</b>                        | 1:30 - 3:30 pm |
|    | Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene       |                |
| 19 | <b>Schoolhouse Quarterly Youth Jam</b>           | 1 - 3 pm       |
|    | Camas County Schoolhouse                         | 12:30 - 3 pm   |

**October already. The leaves are turning; more music is moving indoors.** To me, this time of year feels a bit more relaxed after the busy and heat of summer and the upcoming Holiday Season.

The **Intermediate Fiddle Class** (1st Saturday of month, 1-3 pm) resumes this month of October, after being on pause for the last three months. This class meets at the **River Road Annex** at 1055 River Road, next door to **Tio Pepe Mexican Restaurant**. All with fiddles, and all with rhythm instruments for backup are encouraged to come. **Amy Burrow** leads this group of music makers.

The **Basic Fiddle Class** meets the second Monday of each month (1:30 – 3:30 pm) at the **Bethesda Lutheran Church** at 4445 Royal Ave, Eugene. We encourage all comers!

From **Donna O'Neil**: "The Basic Class is made up of folks who play at various levels. **Linda Danielson** and I try to bring a mix of ideas to the class, so for example, we might take a more basic tune and see how to add in a few extra notes to make it more interesting to play or to hear. Or we might take a tune that is played fast in performances and learn how we can take a few notes out to make it easier for a beginner level player to keep up— yet still retain the tune's flavor. So, this is a good class for all of us, and players can develop their performance skills to their own level. With Linda's input, I've been leading the basic class now for 6 months! I certainly don't have the length of experience that our venerable **Ila Mae** brought to the class! And I won't get there in my lifetime! But I am truly enjoying the

experience and all of you musicians (whether a fiddle student or accompanist) who make teaching fun and worthwhile. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve in this way!"

The **Central Grange Jam** for September (2nd Saturday of month) was postponed due to the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** in Prineville that weekend. Instead District 6 planned a **Memorial Jam** on September 28th, honoring **Joe Moyle**, longtime member and avid mandolin player. Reporting on this event will be in next month's Hoedowner.

**Linda Parks'** band, "**Tomato Bucket Pickers**", won first place in the Farmers' Day band competition at the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** in Prineville on September 14. Those in the band were **Linda Parks, Jerry Parks, Nina Hoffman & Hal Weiner** of District 6 and **Matt Cleman** of District 3.

On Sep 25th District 6 members were scheduled to play for the residents at Gateway Living. The planned lineup: **Amy Burrow, Donna O'Neil, Donna Wynn** on fiddles; **Tony Dandurand, Robin Lindsey** on guitar; **Louise Dandurand, David Smith** on mandolin; with **Dale Wynn** singing a couple vocals.

From **Amy Burrow**: "A District 6 ensemble will perform at **North-ern Lights Tree Farm** in Pleasant Hill during their annual **Colonial Harvest Days**. We're hoping to feature a few of our fine, younger players who will play along with a core crew, who may or may not be dressed in costume. The set will be largely built from standard old-time repertoire. We are scheduled to play on Saturday, October 26, from 1-3 pm"

Remember, another way you can support OOTFA District 6 is with your bottle and can recycling. **Patti Luse** has pre-labeled bags that can then be dropped off at the recycling center in Springfield.

A reminder to members: Partial scholarships are available to people for tuition paid for workshops and lessons. Contact the **Scholarship Committee Chair, Gabi Ford** (see her contact info at the top of this report)

~ Tony Dandurand



**Linda & Jerry Parks take the floor at COAMG**

**More District 6 on next page**



## New Quarterly Youth Tune Fest to begin in October

Picture our young musicians playing in an historic schoolhouse in the countryside between Eugene and Junction City, owned and farmed by the **Hunttons of Camas Country Mill, Store and Bakery**. On October 19th, **Amy Burrow**, and a few friends, will host the first of four youth jams at the schoolhouse, located at 91948 Purkerson Rd, southwest of Junction City.

This is an effort to foster youth enthusiasm for Old-Time Music, capitalize on the camaraderie established at **WCFCW** and expand skills and repertoire. This guided jam is scheduled from 12:30-3:00 pm. The last, in June, will be a performance jam with the public invited to enjoy the music. Families were sent information and an invitation, but if folks have questions, they can contact Amy.

We'd like to express appreciation to the **Camas Country Mill** team, and to the **Kielhorn Endowment** for underwriting this opportunity.

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### District 7 October Events

- 5 Tualatin Riverkeepers Gig 4:30 - 5:30 pm**  
Green Heron Auction (fundraiser)  
Alpaca Farm and Gardens  
11785 SW River Road, Hillsboro
- 12 Potluck Lunch (members & guests) Noon**  
Followed by 1:30 jam & Open-to-the-Public  
Performances performances  
Wilsonville Memorial Park, Forest Shelter  
8300 Memorial Drive, Wilsonville
- 18 Cherrywood Village Gig 2:30 - 3:30 pm**  
1417 SE 107th Ave., Portland
- 19 Fall Harvest Festival Gig 10 am - 1 pm**  
Wilsonville Memorial Park  
Stein-Boozier Barn parking area  
8300 SW Memorial Drive, Wilsonville

After a quiet September we are excited to have 4 events in October that will take our musicians all around our district. We start the month with a fundraiser for **Tualatin Riverkeepers**, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the Tualatin River watershed. We'll be playing at the beautiful **Alpaca Farm and Gardens** in Hillsboro. Fundraiser tickets: <https://tualatinriverkeepers.org/events/>

A week later we'll be in **Wilsonville Memorial Park** which is across Wilsonville Road from the **Wilsonville Community Center**. Watch your email for times and details. Seating will be on picnic benches so bring your own chairs if you prefer. Map of the park—Look for the **Forest Shelter**: [https://www.wilsonvillelibrary.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/parks\\_and\\_recreation/page/8121/2021\\_memorial\\_park\\_map.pdf](https://www.wilsonvillelibrary.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/parks_and_recreation/page/8121/2021_memorial_park_map.pdf)



**Greg McAdams at Sunnyside Grange**

Then we are back to one of our regular gig locations with the fine folks at **Cherrywood Village** in SE Portland, and finally a second visit to **Wilsonville Memorial Park** but a different location within the park—the **Stein-Boozier Barn**—for the **Fall Harvest Festival**. Costumes encouraged! This event will feature free pumpkins, face painting, crafts, a costume parade, live music (that's us!), horse & carriage rides, a scavenger hunt, and kid-friendly activities.

Important for November: Our 1st Saturday circle jam will be at the **Wilsonville Community Center** (7956 SW Wilsonville Road). **Sunnyside Grange** is not available. Jamming will start ½ hour 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.

We will return to our regular 1st Saturday circle jam schedule/location in December (1:00-4:00 pm, **Sunnyside Grange Hall**, Happy Valley).

Longtime District 7 member, **Gayl Ratigan**, passed away in September and a service will be on November 2nd. (More in "In Memoriam" in November.)

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

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#### District 8 October Events

- 1 **Martha's Fiddle Class** 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Call Martha for location: 503-393-2271
- 1 **Jam at Marie Bailey's home** 1 - 3 pm  
500 Rice Lane, Amity. Call first: 503-835-7185
- 9 **Brookdale Town Center** 1:30 - 2:30 pm  
NE 27th St, McMinnville
- 15 **Martha's Fiddle Class** 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Call Martha for location: 503-393-2271
- 15 **Jam at Marie Bailey's home** 1 - 3 pm  
500 Rice Lane, Amity. Call first: 503-835-7185
- 19 **All District Jam** 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Yamhill Heritage Center  
11275 Durham Lane, McMinnville

On the fourth Saturday of every month District 8 holds a district-wide jam at Yamhill Heritage Center just outside of McMinnville. Whenever I play there and am surrounded by the museum's displays of early models of washing machines and other household "inventions" (of the time) I think about what daily life must have been like and all the hard work, and what a treat and big event going to a dance would be. To hear music back then you had to either play it yourself or go to where it was being played. Since I am a newer fiddler, I don't yet have all our songs memorized so sometimes, when I'm sitting back and trying to figure out how to play some back-up, my mind wanders to these things. In August the monthly jam at Yamhill Heritage Center happened to coincide with the museum's annual Harvest Fest where they have live demonstrations of most of the older farm equipment. My favorite is watching women in old-time farm/work dresses plowing a field with mules. District 9 had 13 musicians sitting around in a circle jam playing for visitors.



Lynn Gossett with the Guptill kids, Loulu, Bradley & Greta



Ted Hunt & Marie Bailey

As the summer faded into fall, this year District 8 wanted to do something to celebrate the achievements of **Bradley "Mr. Professional" Guptill** for his fiddling this year. In addition to prize money, we wanted to give Bradley a token of appreciation, encouragement, and something he could call his own. **Lynn Gossett**, District Chair, visited Bradley at his home and gifted him a Star Wars Lego set. I don't think it will be long before we see Bradley's little 3-year-old sister, **Loulu**, competing. His sister, **Greta**, competed for the first time in August at the **Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest** in Woodburn.

And finally, I wanted to give a giant thank you to all of the District 8 and state-wide OOT-FA members who helped at the **Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest** this year that is organized and put on by **Sherry** and **Joey McKenzie**. This was its third year, and it was an absolute hoot and holler. I was honored this year to accept the role of emcee at the contest, and calling up each of those kids to showcase their hard work and fiddle chops is something I enjoy almost more than fiddling itself. While judges were tabulating scores we were treated to a few songs from **Aaron Carter** (fiddle and vocals), **Joey McKenzie** (guitar), and **Matthew Mefford** (bass).

Welcome new member, **Elizabeth Gillespie**.

~ Mel Fuller, District 8 Reporter



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[Facebook: High Desert Fiddlers](#)

The fires and smoke and bad air quality continued in Eastern Oregon all of August. This limited activities for many of us.

We had our Friday night jams at **Hines City Hall**, and a huge crowd of musicians and listeners on Fourth Friday at the local assisted living center. As chair **Joan** remarked, "even the pictures were crowded!"

## District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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### District 10 October Events

- 10 Garden Valley Retirement Center
- 22 Bridgewood Rivers
- 26 Monthy Jam, Sutherlin Senior Center

Any questions about our schedule, please contact **Jude Kuether**

We continue to be blessed with a busy schedule. We played at 3 retirement centers, a potluck with District 4 in Azalea, and a 3 day pickout with **Joe Ross** at the **Eagleview Campground** along the beautiful Umpqua River.

Our **Fiddling in the Park** was a big success, and **Scott** and **Kelly** graciously invited us to an end of summer BBQ and potluck at their place. With lots of music and food we all had a great time.

Our music for the **Swift Watch** in **Firgrove Park** has been fun with lots of people coming out to listen to the music. Unfortunately the Swifts are not showing up this year which is a big mystery, but we still celebrate the fall migration of all the birds in our area.

Birthday greetings go out to: **Don Hamlin** (10/10), **Jerry Hash** (10/16), **Sandy Harter** (10/17)

~ Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter



### District 9 performs onstage at Harney County Fair

The highlight of our recent activity was being onstage Friday afternoon at the **Harney County Fair and Rodeo's** 100 year celebration. Four members from the John Day area joined us, and we entertained a big crowd. And held a short jam afterward at the booth we had in the vendor area, along with other arts and cultural groups here.

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter



Jim Kuether at joint jam with District 4



District 10 at Garden Valley Retirement Center

Oregon Oldtime  
Fiddlers' Association  
979 Ascot Drive  
Eugene, OR 97401



A Nonprofit Organization  
Article II:

Purpose: To promote, preserve and perpetuate Old Time Fiddling and Old Time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and other acoustic stringed instruments and appreciate Old Time Fiddling and Old Time music. To provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music.

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District 4's Mike Lindgren (left) & Sylvia Chapman (right) joined District 10 for a joint potluck and jam in September