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Amy Burrow, Lucy Bragg, Tony & Louise Dandurand entertaining passerbies out enjoying the change of season (District 6)



Joan Suther & Ron Phillips performing for an appreciative crowd (District 9)



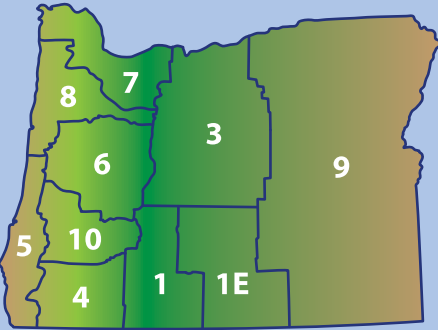
David Allard & Pat Winfrey visited Selma for Ron & Cindy Crane's "Out in the Country" (District 5)

Autumn  
is a  
**GOOD  
TIME  
FOR  
OLD  
TIME**

Matthew Baker is a fine fiddler from Eagle Point (District 4)







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Hello All,

It has been a busy October, filled with music and friends. We just got home from playing with District 1 and 1E at the **Potato Festival** in Merrill. What fun! Thank you for the invite.

As fall arrives and we get ready for the shorter days and cooler weather and traveling slows down we start getting ready for holiday gatherings. **I wish you and all our OOTFA Family and friends a wonderful Thanksgiving!**

Plans are being made for our **2025 OOTFA gatherings and events!** I can hardly wait! See you there!

~ Cindy



**Out in the Country**

**Ron and Cindy Crane of District 4** hosted the "Out in the Country" jam at their place in Selma, Oregon. The first OOTFA members arrived Wednesday, October 9th and the last departed Monday, October 14th. Pot-luck meals were shared each day. Members represented Districts 1E, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 2 from out of state. Guests came from California, Nevada and locally. Everyone had a great time and requested we do it again! So mark your calendars for the first weekend in October 2025!

**Jerry Parks** helped a young guest, who brought her violin she has had for one month, learn "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and play it for the group!

Thank you to all who came and made this a great event! Many thanks to all who pitched in!



**Great music and friends!**

**Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star**

**New OOTFA Members • November 2024**

- Emily & youth, Naomi Brazel Salem (8)
- George. Remy & youth, Ella Gallegos Salem (8)
- Lynn Gordon Camarillo, CA (OS)
- Jennifer Gorski Canby (7)
- Steven, Julie & youth, Lilly, Clara & Emma Jesentz Keiser (8)
- Meagan, Keith & youth, Finnley & Ember Mapes Eagle Creek (4)
- Crystal, Charles & youth, Simon Weller Salem (8)

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### District 1 November Events

7 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
14 Pacifica 11 am - noon  
14 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm  
Luther Square Practice Wednesdays 9:30

(subject to change) We so appreciate our Old-time Players, Johnny Rogers and Irene Ruddock, for their encouragement they give us to keep on playing and keeping our District going.

**Dec. 6 Holiday Dinner 11:30 am**  
District 1 will provide the meat, everyone can bring a side dish. We welcome any who can come from other Districts to join us.

**Happy Thanksgiving**, doesn't seem possible that November is here. Soon we will need to be practicing those **Christmas tunes**. We had a great time playing for our new care center, **Pacifica**. What an audience we had; they enjoy singing along and the staff joined in too. One special gentleman came in with his mandolin and played with us. We are looking forward to playing for them again.

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The other day I received word that the **Booster Building** may sell, so I ran to **Christmas Valley** to find another place to hold our annual jam. Our jam, April 30 to May 4, will be at the **Christmas Valley Community Hall**, right behind the gas station. We have the fairgrounds to park in and a few plugs for the ones that need them. Address is 87345 Holly St., Christmas Valley, OR 97641. (on the east end of town).

We are still jamming at **Rosa Lee's**, Thursday nights 4 to 7 pm. We missed the last couple of months **Second Saturday** at the **Chamber of Commerce**, but those jams are back on! Hope all can make our **Christmas Valley Jam**. Good times!

Had a great time at the **Ron and Cindy Crane's "Out in the Country"**. Good to see everyone!

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

I have not given information about our new member that started with us in May, **Debbie Cornelison**. Debbie is the 11th of twelve children. Everyone in the family played a musical instrument. Debbie started playing a guitar in the 5th grade. Debbie and her husband **Ron**, who will be married 44 years on the 25th, came to Klamath Falls from Medford, where she was raised, and worked as a Special Ed. Teacher. After getting a Master's Degree, she rewarded herself with buying a mandolin. As life went on and raising three sons, she found herself wanting to play with a group of people. Debbie went to **Christmas Valley** and **Fiddle Camp**; needless to say, she was hooked, playing with the fiddlers. Debbie likes going back and forth between the guitar and mandolin, when playing with us, and she is also a great singer. She has been a great addition to District 1.

On another note, we had a great time at the **Merrill Potato Festival**, a special thank you to those who came and played with us. A special thank you to District 1E for coming over and setting up their sound system. As I write this there are special get well wishes for **Del Sparks** getting better from a shoulder replacement. He will be back with us in maybe a month strumming that mandolin, because his wife said so.

Special wishes for all of the November Birthdays, Happy Birthday and have a special day.

Happy Tails and Best Wishes from District 1

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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### District 3 November Events

9 Jam at Ellen Jakab's home 1 pm  
Email iamejs@webtv.net for directions  
23 Jam at Ellen Jakab's home 1 pm  
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!

**We thank all the people who supported and helped with the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering. It helped to make things run as smoothly as possible.**

Now we are well into autumn and, before we know it, the holidays and winter will be here. We'll be spending more time indoors, where we can practice playing and trying out tunes that we've never done before or would like to improve upon.

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**Pick out a few tunes to practice.** If you're a "play by ear" type, go to **YouTube** on the internet & learn tunes that way. There's the old question --- Is it OK to read music, or is "playing by ear" to only way? The important thing is to play music. People who rely on written music can pick out just a few relatively simple or common tunes and learn to play those by ear. Examples are "Old Joe Clark", "Redwing", "Golden Slippers".

Our monthly dance for November is set for the Sunday, just after **Thanksgiving**, starting at 1 pm. We look forward to hearing your good danceable tunes --- ones that our other musicians can play along with. If you have family or friends visiting from out of the area, feel free to invite them along to listen and dance. Coffee & goodies are available. We wish a happy **Thanksgiving Day** to all of you. We also wish Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries to our members whose special day is in November. We wish a speedy recovery to those with health issues.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter

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**Colorful falling leaves, warm mugs of a favorite drink, glowing embers in a fireplace and cool evenings persuade our senses to enjoy the changing season.**

District 4 musicians took a little drive up to Azalea to be the guest of district 10 and the members of the **Azalea Grange**. The members were so welcoming and, after a lovely potluck dinner, both districts performed for the grange members and guests. Members of both districts had the chance to hear and play the tunes each district loves to play. It was a very enjoyable day for all attending. Thank you District 10, we hope you'll invite us again next year.

The September monthly meeting was eventful with discussion about the benefits of moving the dates of the jams to a different Saturday; the continued support to youth music lessons and next year's camp. It was wonderful to see **Lenny Ferrara** back at the jam after his surgery, playing his mandolin and looking forward to being able to play his fiddle.



**District 4 Chair, Melissa Taylor**



**Frank & Pat Borden at the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering in September**

District 4 musicians charged right into the "**Harvest Festival**" season with gigs on both weekend days. Saturday morning was the 3 hour performance at the beautiful **Pheasant Fields Farm**. It was well attended by musicians and visitors to the farm. The little ones dancing and bouncing around the deck under the ancient walnut tree to the old tunes gives hope that the music we play will continue to live in the future generation. The following day, Sunday, about 15 district 4 musicians came to play for the **City of Talents' Harvest Festival** which has grown in vendors from last year. Vendors filled the streets near the park and the green lawn before the stage. The visitor attendance was large and some lucky ones found seats in the shade and stayed for the entire hour and half performance.

It all began with a comment from **Lois Hoeffler** to **Cindy Crane** that, wouldn't it be great if district 4 would sponsor a gathering similar to **Winchester Bay** inviting all the districts to come. The little idea grew in Cindy's head (with some more encouragement from Lois) into. "**Out In The Country**". A 3 day gathering with an open invitation to all districts, which came to life at **Ron and Cindy's** lovely home in Selma.

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The weather was perfect and members from 7 districts and guests from California and Nevada came to enjoy three days of bountiful potlucks where fellowship was enjoyed along with the meal. Jams with over 30 musicians were enjoyed by everyone from Wednesday afternoon to Sunday night.



District 4 musicians under the huge walnut tree at Pheasant Fields Farm

The kitchen was never without helpers for host Cindy and Ron's huge shop and his display of antique machines and some new ones was toured by everyone. Some came in their RV to stay the 3 days and many who live closer came for the day and all who came, and some who couldn't come this year are encouraging Ron and Cindy make it an annual event.

The November monthly meeting and jam will be held November 23 at the **Roxy Ann Grange**. Meeting at 11:30, warm up jam 12:30 sign up jam 1-3:00.

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

Every Wednesday evening from 6-8 pm there is a slow strings teaching jam at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. For more info contact Melissa at 360-267-4288.

Please check the District 4 online calendar for all gigs, meetings and jams or call a district officer they are happy to help.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



District 4's Sylvia Chapman

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District 5 November Events

- 5 Pacific View gig, Bandon 1:30 - 2:30 pm
- 12 Evergreen Court gig, Coos Bay 2 - 3 pm
- 16 Thanksgiving Dinner & Jam 10:30 - 3 pm  
Bandon Odd Fellows Hall
- 19 Inland Point gig, Coos Bay 2 - 3 pm
- Other performances TBA

Thanksgiving! What a grand time for the family to get together and be reminded of the warmth of community and friends. For years, our own Ruth Weyer has demonstrated her superb cooking skills by creating a tasty and bountiful meal for our district and visiting friends on the Saturday before the holiday. She supervises a bustling kitchen, contributions from members, and makes sure



Hal Weiner (District 6) and Larry Gallagher (District 5) onstage at the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering in September

everyone has a full plate, even those with dietary limitations. A feast for the eye and the palate, and, for many, their biggest, best, and most memorable Thanksgiving meal.

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# HOEDOWNER Tune of the Month

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

Composed for Joe Ross, champion of traditional music in Oregon. Joe asked if I could write a tune for him after hearing and playing "Waltz for Frank" and "Arizona Twilight Waltz". He suggested a schottische or mazurka.

Thanks, Joe, for sharing my music and keeping jams going in Oregon!  
~ David Brinkman



Joe Ross of District 10

## Joe Ross Schottische

Or play faster with straight eighth notes and it becomes  
Joe Ross Reel

[David Brinkman on YouTube](#)

♩=82

Am G Am

5 Am G Am

9 Am G F Am

13 Am G F G Am

Variation

17 Am G Am

21 Am G Am

25 Am G F Am

29 Am G F G Am



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We are so grateful for **Ruth** and her assistants **Charlotte Verhagen, Sharon Gallagher,** and other member volunteers who make this meal special! All are welcome to the tables and to join in the jam afterwards!

**Members, last names A-H bring salads, I-P bring veggies, Q-Z bring desserts, please. Arrive after 10, eat at 11, jam 1-3!**



**Ruth Weyer, Queen of the Kitchen & our District Chair, just celebrated her 87th birthday on October 15. Her nickname is "Rambling Ruth" because she travels so much! We truly appreciate her service to OOTFA!**



**Pleasing the crowd at the Harvest Festival in Myrtle Point**



**Lisa Marchetti of Bandon**

~ Linda Sweatt, District 5 Reporter

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**District 6 November 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 District 6 Thanksgiving Meeting 11 am, Potluck Noon, Jam 1 pm**  
10 am - 3 pm  
Central Grange, 87200 Central Road
- 11 Basic Fiddle Class 1:30 - 3:30 pm**  
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene

**November already. The leaves are falling, the days are shortening, Earth preparing for its winter rest.**

It was a perfect, sunny, early autumn day  
Nearly 60 people came to sing and play  
The songs Joe knew, there were quite a few . . .  
Goodbye Joe, it was really good, knowing you.

On September 28th, District 6 had a **Memorial Jam for Joe Moyle**. It was the biggest crowd I've seen at **Central Grange**, 9 from Joe's family, a few not with OOTFA, but friends of Joe from other music circles.

Many shared stories of how they met Joe, and of the good times, musically and socially. Then to show music runs in the family, 2 grandsons showed their musical skills...James belted out a tune on piano and Alex played the guitar.

**Patti Luse** wrote: There were 59 people in attendance, and everyone enjoyed the jamming from 10 am-3 pm **plus** the bratwurst, mac & cheese, mashed potatoes, green salad and non-alcoholic beverages all provided by the **Moyle Family...Sabrina and Eunice**, who at the beginning of the celebration presented District 6 with \$5000...a gift Joe wanted to give. **Thanks to all who attended and to the Moyle Family.**



**Joe Moyle**

Sabrina and Eunice, Joe's daughters, spoke and thanked OOTFA for this memorial, "Just what Joe would have wanted".

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**The Basic Fiddle Class** (2nd Monday of month, 1:30-3:30 at **Bethesda Lutheran**) had 18 players, 9 with fiddles, 1 bass, 1 mandolin, 2 banjos, and 5 guitars making music, led ably by **Donna O'Neil**. **Steve Robare** highlighted counting in procedure, to help get everyone starting together. **Linda Danielson**, as always, offered many good insights on various techniques to improve one's playing.

**The Intermediate Fiddle Class** (1st Saturday of month – 1-3 pm at the **River Road Annex**) had a successful return after its summer break. **Amy Burrow** led the 11 fiddles, with back-up from a mandolin, a banjo, a bouzouki, and 3 guitars, through a number of lively tunes.

All are encouraged to come to these classes, whether beginner, intermediate, accomplished, or just learning to play back up, like me. All are welcome!

Our annual **Thanksgiving Potluck** will be held at noon, November 9, at **Central Grange**, following the **District Meeting** at 11 am. **RSVP to [pattiluse@comcast.net](mailto:pattiluse@comcast.net)** if you plan to attend the potluck. More information will be sent to District 6 members in an email.

October's **Central Grange Jam** had 22 or so people, the playing of good songs and music. For me the highlight was after lunch, when **Ernie Connelly** challenged **Hal Weiner** to a round of "Dueling Banjos".

District 6 planned gigs for November: **Churchill Estates** on Tuesday, November 5th, 2-3 pm; **Gateway Living** on Thursday, November 14th, 2-3 pm.

There are gigs in December that could use more players. Contact **Amy Burrow** at [aru.bur6294@gmail.com](mailto:aru.bur6294@gmail.com) if you can help with these.

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**Lisa Ponder at Jam for Joe**

### **Schoolhouse Quarterly Youth Jams**

On a glorious autumn afternoon, surrounded by sunlit fields of grain, and next door to **Camas Country Bakery**, we convened at the historic **Lower Fern Ridge School** to play traditional music and to dance. Nine of our youth fiddlers came to make merry in this one-room schoolhouse, built in 1888, and relocated from **Alvadore** to the **Hunton Farm**, south of Junction City.

One aim of the **Schoolhouse Quarterly Youth Jams** is to build a bank of common jam-worthy tunes that can be shared in multigenerational gatherings. The fiddlers learned "Dry and Dusty" and "Snake River Reel", both by ear.

**Linda Danielson** and **Allison Lindley** modeled variations and harmonies for our tunes, while **Steve Robare** and a couple of family members provided steady guitar backup for our players. **Amy Burrow** led the group and received **Kielhorn Grant** funds to underwrite the venture.

The next **Quarterly Youth Jam** will be at the schoolhouse on January 18, 2025.



**Amy Burrow conducts the "Schoolhouse Quarterly Youth Jam", a new learning opportunity for young fiddlers**



*District 6 continued*

Finally, sadly, **Addison Talbot** passed away on October 15th. More in the 'In Memoriam' section. I first met Addison, 10 – 12 years ago, when, at his encouragement and suggestion, my wife **Louise** performed in public for the 1st time as a guest with his band **Bigfoot Lane**.



**Addison Talbot**



**Paula Sanders of District 6 was "Out in the Country"**



**Dan Gillespie & Jean Seiger of District 6 also traveled to Selma for some good times "Out in the Country"**

**Birthdays:** Louise Dandurand, John Gent, Peggy Mulder (11/3), Darlene Fiducia (11/5), Gideon Edwards (11/6), Teresa Bowers (11/9), Jim Hoots (11/13), Shirley Humphreys (11/27)

**Anniversary:** Tony & Louise Dandurand, 44th (11/16)

~ Tony Dandurand, District 6 Reporter

**Don't be a Turkey - Pay your Membership Dues!**

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**District 7 November Events**

**2 First Saturday Circle Jam 1:30 - 4:30 pm  
Wilsonville Community Center**

*(Different location/time, November only)*

7956 SW Wilsonville Road

Turn your clocks back Saturday night

**Important for November:**

Our 1st Saturday circle jam will be at the **Wilsonville Community Center**. Jamming will start ½ hour later than usual; 1:30 - 4:30.

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

**About 10 of our members negotiated multiple road construction sites and road closures to reach the Alpaca Farm and Gardens** in Hillsboro on October 5 where **Tualatin Riverkeepers** held a fundraiser and we played outdoors for the guests while watching dozens of alpacas cavorting in a field. It was worth the drive!



**District 7 at Tualatin Riverkeepers' fundraiser**

Our potluck with jamming and performances on October 12 at **Wilsonville Memorial Park** had mostly good weather to make this well-attended outdoor event possible. Our Wilsonville events are organized by **Dave Altman** and funded by a grant from the **City of Wilsonville**.

In this month of **Thanksgiving** we are thankful for our many opportunities to play the music we enjoy with our communities that invite us to share that music at their homes, farms, and diverse venues all year long.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters



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## District 8 November Events

**5 & 19 Martha's Beginning/ Intermediate Fiddle Class** 9:30 - 10:30 am

Venues vary, so please keep watch your emails announcing where they will be, or call Martha at 503-393-2271.

**5 & 19 Marie's Jam** 1 - 3 pm

Marie's home at 500 Rice Lane in Amity.

Marie requests that if you plan to come you let her know ahead of time and call her at 503-835-7185

*\*\*Martha's class and Marie's jam are on the same day of the month, but at different times. Make it a whole day of fiddling!*

**15 Jefferson Lodge gig** 3 - 4 pm

664 SE Jefferson St in Dallas.

**23 All-District Jam** 1 - 3 pm

**Yamhill Heritage Museum**

11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville

Our scholarship committee is now under the leadership of Cathy Yale with members Mel Fuller, Leanna Heiman, and Darlene Bryant. Marie Bailey is officially retiring from chairing the committee and will be greatly missed. Thank you, Marie, for your years of service on this committee and helping make sure so many fiddle kids had access to money for lessons. Darlene is planning to retire as well from the committee once she shows the new members the ropes.

It's raining District 8 new members! **Cindy Platter** and her daughter, **Brooke** (age 12) joined. Brooke is the player as well as she is active in volleyball and lots of other school activities. Brooke takes lessons from Marie Bailey once a month, and she has expressed a keen interest in attending a fiddle camp.

**Vicki McGowan** recently moved from Eugene to Newport. She plays banjo, guitar, and fiddle, and has recently started learning Cajun accordion since she lives in Louisiana for part of the year.

**Mike and Linda Jones** joined OOTFA about 18 months ago down in Sutherlin where their son and grandkids play. Now they live in District 8. Neither Mike or Linda play themselves, but they are lovers of music and attend performances to hear us play.

District 8 has also welcomed new members, **Julie Kennedy**, and **Julie and Richard Rubicam**. District 8 Chair, **Lynn Gossett** said, "I am over the moon that we have nine new households members in just the last few months!"

~ Mel Fuller, District 8 Reporter

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### Facebook: High Desert Fiddlers

**Janet Braymen and Cynthia Thomas attended the fall festival in Christmas Valley to jam with Lorretta Peyrollaz and others.**

Our **Grant County** musicians continue to stay busy playing twice a week in John Day.

**Ned Booher** and family recently moved to LaGrande. Ned plays guitar and has a son who wants to learn fiddle; he wants to meet up with any fiddlers in that area. Ned is a member of Oregon's **Booher family** who made musical history from their Yoncalla, Oregon home many years ago. **Janet and Joan** of District 9 have his contact information for anyone who would like to welcome him there.

We entertained a big crowd at **The Aspens**, our assisted living facility, on September 27th.

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Joan Suther provided the banner for the "Birthday Blowout"



Lee Tiller, Cynthia Thomas, Bonnie Adams and Ronda Metler



*District 9 continued*

We continue our weekly Friday night jams at **Hines City Hall**, and had our first potluck and open jam of the fall season at the local senior center on October 13th. We had a **"Birthday Blowout"**, presenting cards to give our members for this month. Good music, good food and a good group of listeners.

At our next potluck on November 10th, we will have a business meeting.

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter

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**District 10 November Events**

- 14 Garden Valley Retirement Center** 2 - 3 pm
- 15 Callahan Village** 12 - 1 pm
- 23 Monthly Jam** 12 - 3 pm  
Sutherlin Senior Center
- 26 Bridgewood Rivers** 2 - 3 pm

**October was a very busy month for us**, starting with playing 2 hours at **Lehne's Farm Stand Fall Harvest** celebration.

We started up our Monday afternoon home jam/practice sessions, and performed at three of our regular retirement centers during the month.



Each month District 10 members entertain at a variety of retirement communities

District 10's banjo expert, Don Jocoy



Jude Kuether "Out in the Country" in Selma

Several of us attended the 3 day **"Out in the Country"** at **Ron and Cindy Crane's** in Selma and had a great time playing music and visiting with friends from all over the State. Ron and Cindy were great hosts. We hope they will do it again next year.

Happy November Birthdays to: **Dan Jacoy** (11/26), **Jim Kuether** (11/27), **Dolores Booher** (11/29)

Happy Anniversary to **Dennis & Mary Oswald** (10/23)

~ Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter

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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### In Memoriam

**Lew Holt**, a true OOTFA Member for nearly all the 60 years of our organization, passed away on September 12 in Corvallis. Lew was our historian...making hundreds and hundreds of VHS Tapes, documenting contests and conventions, collecting newspaper articles and even writing several books on OOTFA. Hope you will look at these treasures in the coming years! A Celebration of Lew's Life will be held from 1-3 pm at the January OOTFA Winter Gathering at the Lebanon Senior Center on Saturday, January 18, 2025. Please put this date on your calendar. Alice and family will be delighted to see us recognizing his contributions to OOTFA. More information on Lew will appear in our January Hoedowner, prior to the celebration. **Condolences can be sent to Alice Holt and family at 1352 NW Dixon St., Corvallis, OR 97330.**

**Gayl Ratigan** a lifetime member of District 7 passed away on September 18 at the age of 94. She was born in North Bend and raised in Medford. With her violin case strapped to her bicycle handlebars, along with a stewing hen or fryer and pint of cream in exchange for her weekly lesson, Gayl peddled, rain or shine, the five miles into town. She was very active in her community opening the Kings Road Kindergarten and PreSchool as these were not offered in the public schools. One of the last things that Gayl did on the day she died was to play her fiddle. She is survived by her 3 children, **Janice, Ronald, and Laura.** **Condolences can be sent to her family at 8339 Cason Rd #106, Gladstone, OR 97027**

**Dave Stubbs** from District 6 and a lifetime member, passed away on September 26th.  
**Condolences can be sent to Lena and the family at 86788 Central Rd., Eugene, OR 97402.**

**Addison Talbot**, Lifetime Member of District 6 and husband of District 6 Vice Chair and OOTFA State Parliamentarian, **Peggy Mulder**, passed away on October 15, just two months past his 80th birthday. Addison was a very active musician, performing over the last several years in his band, BigFootLane. While he was born in Louisiana, his family moved to Salem, OR. They lived just east of I-5 at the Talbot Road interchange #242 (named after his family) before moving to Roseburg. Addison graduated from Roseburg HS in 1962. After graduating from U of O, Addison pursued his doctoral studies at University of North Carolina, where he later taught medical sociology and became the first editor of the Family Medicine Review. Moving back to Oregon was great as he met Peggy. The two of them ventured out on the road and drove semi trucks for 16 years before staying home in Eugene. Addison was preceded in death by his only son, Dylan, in 2018. A Celebration will be held November 8, at Unity of the Valley Church in Eugene at 11:00 am.

**Condolences can be sent to Peggy Mulder and Family at 1574 Coburg Rd. #312, Eugene, OR 97401.**

Please send any recent obituaries of OOTFA members or past OOTFA members to  
**Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Dr., Eugene, OR 97401**