

# OREGON • OLD TIME • FIDDLERS' **THE HOEDOWNER**

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## Lettin' Loose in Lebanon



Chris Booher, Jacie Sites and Andy Emert were sounding sweet at the 2025 Winter Gathering & Board Meeting

OOTFA members from around the state gathered January 17th & 18th at the Lebanon Senior Center. The gathering featured a Celebration and Remembrance of Lew Holt's Life and Contributions to OOTFA.



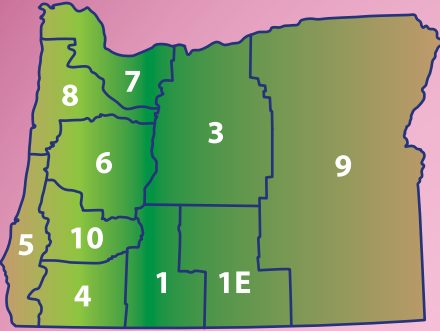
District 9's Janet Braymen with Jude Kuether and Christine Cormack from District 10

Getting together, socializing and jamming with friends from around the state is one of the dearest features of OOTFA gatherings. I'm sure Lew would have had a good time!

**OREGON**  
Old Time Fiddlers  
Presents  
59th Annual Oregon State Open  
**FIDDLE CONTEST!!**  
March 15, 2025 8:30am-10:15 pm  
All Ages & Abilities Welcome  
Info and registration forms available at  
[WWW.OOTFA.ORG](http://WWW.OOTFA.ORG)  
Lebanon Mennonite Church  
2100 S. Second Street, Lebanon, OR  
(Exit 228 off I-5)  
Pre-register online by March 10, 2025 for discounted entry fees  
**SEE PAGE 3 FOR INFO ABOUT THE STATE FIDDLE CONTEST!**



Alice Holt joined in the celebration of her dear Lew



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Hello Everyone,

## OOTFA President's Report

**2025 is off and running.** It was wonderful to get together for the **Winter Gathering** in Lebanon a couple of weeks ago. We had a good time getting together for music, potluck lunch and visiting and for remembering **Lew Holt**. Thank you, **Starr McMullen**, for organizing the memorial, Well Done! **Thank You** to all of you who participated and helped!

Nominations for the **Norm Nash** and **Bill Yohey Awards** are due March 1st. Please get your nomination in. You can find the forms on the website at **ootfa.org**, or contact me and I'll email you the appropriate form. If you have a suggestion for the **Homer McLain Award**, let them know.

The **State Open Fiddle Contest** is set Saturday, March 15th in Lebanon and our **State Convention** will be held April 4th and 5th in Winston. We are asking for your help with these important events again this year and hope members and districts will consider making contributions and volunteering. It's great fun!

Remember it's time to **renew your membership for 2025** if you haven't already. Please do this through either your **District Membership Chair** or our **State Membership Chair, Patti Luse**.

All the best! ~ Cindy Crane

## 2025 OOTFA Calendar

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|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>March 15</b>             | <b>Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest</b><br>Lebanon Mennonite Church  |
| <b>March 21-22</b>          | <b>Brookings Jam</b><br>Chetco Grange Hall, Brookings  |
| <b>April 2 - 5</b>          | <b>OOTFA State Convention</b><br>Winston Assembly of God   |
| <b>April 30 -<br/>May 4</b> | <b>McLain Family Campout</b><br>Community Hall, Christmas Valley   |
| <b>June 12 - 14</b>         | <b>High Desert Jamboree</b><br>Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns  |
| <b>July 21 - 24</b>         | <b>West Cascade Fiddle Camp</b><br>Emerald Christian Academy<br>Pleasant Hill  |
| <b>August 1</b>             | <b>Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest</b><br>Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis  |
| <b>Aug. 6 - 11</b>          | <b>2nd Annual Farm Jam</b><br>32260 SE Belfils Road, Estacada  |
| <b>Aug. 13 - 17</b>         | <b>Fiddle at the Beach</b><br>Bandon   |
| <b>Sept. 11 - 13</b>        | <b>Central Oregon Acoustic<br/>Music Gathering</b><br>Cary Foster Hall<br>Crook Co. Fairgrounds, Prineville<br>(Includes Board & Membership Meeting) |

# 59th Annual Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest

Saturday, March 15, 2025

8:30 am - 10:15 pm

**Lebanon Mennonite Church**

2100 S. Second Street  
Lebanon OR

**Fiddlers:** Choose from 9 divisions, each paying up to \$300 for 1st through 5th place. For divisions, age requirements (where applicable), and fees, see the registration page at <https://ootfa.org/ContestForm.html>

**Rule Changes:** Note that in 2025 we are not enforcing time limits. We have also changed how we judge the Entertainment division—this year we're inviting OOTFA and community members to join in the judging! Updated rules can be viewed on the OOTFA website at <https://ootfa.org/pdf/ContestRules.pdf>.

**Registration:** Registration is now open!

**How to Register:** Sign up at <https://ootfa.org/ContestForm.html>. If you prefer to enter via email or phone, contact Cat McClintock at (970) 219-0256 or [catmcc@gmail.com](mailto:catmcc@gmail.com).

**When to Register:** Register before March 10, 2025 for discount entry fees.

**How to Pay:** Whether you pre-register (to take advantage of the discount) or register on the day of the contest, all fees are paid at the contest by cash, check, or credit card during check-in.

**Volunteers:** The contest needs you. Volunteer for a few hours or the whole day – it's fun! Be a Front Door Greeter, Contestant "Wrangler," Order of Play Poster, or one of several other positions. Competitors can volunteer too; we'll work around your contest rounds. To help out, contact Cat McClintock [catmcc@gmail.com](mailto:catmcc@gmail.com) or (970) 219-0256 text/phone

**Food:** The Mennonite ladies will again be serving food throughout the morning and afternoon. Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks available for purchase. Evening meal on your own.

## Tentative Contest Schedule

(Updated 1/19/2025)

For most recent schedule:

<https://tinyurl.com/OOTFASchedule>

- 8:00 Registration Opens
- 8:30 Judges & Contestants Meeting
- 9:00 Senior Round 1
- 9:30 Senior-Senior Round 1
- 10:00 Adult Round 1
- 10:30 Young Adult Round 1
- 11:00 Junior-Junior Round 1
- 12:00– 1:00 Lunch (Hot food for sale on site throughout the day.)
- 1:00 Junior Round 1
- 1:30 Small Fry (one round only)
- 2:00 Senior-Senior Round 2
- 2:30 Senior Round 2
- 3:00 Junior-Junior Round 2
- 3:30 Adult Round 2
- 4:00 Entertainment Showcase
- 4:30 TBD 4:45 Awards – Small Fry, Junior-Junior, Adult, Senior, Senior-Senior
- 5:00 – 6:30 Dinner Break
- 6:30 On stage jam led by Donna Reuter. All acoustic musicians are welcome!
- 7:00 Championship Round 1
- 7:30 Young Adult, Round 2
- 8:00 Junior Round 2
- 8:30 Championship Round 2
- 9:00 Judges Perform
- 9:30 Awards – Entertainment Showcase, Junior, Young Adult, Accompanist, & Championship

Note: In the event of a time crunch due to an unexpected number of contestants, the following measures may be taken:

1. Round 1 and/or Round 2 in some divisions may consist of a Hoedown and a Waltz.
2. The Entertainment Showcase may be limited to the first 5 contestants who registered or it may be canceled entirely.

### Nearby Lodging

**Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn** 505 Mullins Drive, 541-451-1000  
**Shanico Inn** 1840 S. Main Street, 541-259-2601  
**Cascades City Center** 1296 S. Main Street, 541-258-8154  
**Valley Inn** 2885 S. Santiam Highway, 541-258-8184

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### District 1 February Events

5 Skylakes Hospital 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
13 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
27 Pacifica 10:30 - 11:30 am  
Luther Square Practice Every Wednesday 9:30 am  
Except 1st Wednesday of the month. We will be playing at Skylakes

### February, already. Time to play those sweetheart tunes.

January was an exciting and not-so-exciting month. The exciting news: We have had two new members that have joined us, **Melvin Yoariatz** and **Jim Hughes**, both guitar players. Both Mel and Jim are excited to be with us. Mel is a go-getter; he has already got us set up for a new gig at the hospital which he volunteers at.

The first Wednesday of every month, instead of our usual practice, we will be playing at the hospital. This should be a really fun venue, come join us. **Jenny Merrill**, our junior fiddler, has been a wonderful addition to our group. She is quite outgoing. There will be more about her in the next Hoedowner.

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**Ellen Jakab**, with **Pat Borden's** help, will be the reporter for District 3 until elections in March. We are looking for someone to train in this position ASAP. Send an email to Ellen if interested to "iamejs@webtv.net"

Last month we had a great turn out at our **Christmas Party at Terrebonne Grange**. Our dance jam followed that afternoon. We had a total of 30 to 35 people, 16 of which were musicians. Great turn out!

We welcomed a couple from Prineville that heard about our dance and will bring **Brasada Ranch** dancers to our monthly event.

At our Christmas party to raise funds we had donations to win the stuffed tiger with a drawing. Congratulations to **Gerry**.

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Our not so exciting news was our **Mary Mitts** fell and broke her hip. She was so excited to get into the care center where we were playing that she fell. We were all there, so help was very nearby. Mary is at home but it will be a while before she is back sharing her pretty voice with us. We wish her a speedy recovery. Our bass player, **Karen Ayers'** mother passed away. She was 96. Our condolences go out to her and Frank.

This is our news from District 1, looking forward to February. Special wishes for all of the February Birthdays, Happy Birthday and have a special day.

### Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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**We had a good turn out at the OOTFA Winter Gathering & Meeting.** Thanks to all that came out. It was good seeing everyone.

We're still jamming at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday from 4 to 7. It's a non-OOFTA gathering, but all are welcome. We also jam first Saturdays at the **Chamber of Commerce**, here in Lakeview, starting at noon 'til it ends.

The **McLain Family Campout** is looking to be a good time. The new location is the **Christmas Valley Community Hall** on the east end of town, behind the gas station. All are welcome, from April 30 to May 4. Lots of room for dry camping and a few 110 plugs, so it will be fun. Don't forget: The Saturday Evening **Hat Jam**. All ya need is a hat to match your song. It's fun!

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

### District 3 February Events

**1 & 15 Ellen Jakab's Jam 1 pm - midnight**  
15484 SW Hahlen, Powell Butte  
Info: 541-548-2387 or iamejs@webtv.net

**23 Dance at Terrebonne Grange 1 - 3 pm**  
8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, just a block off Highway 97, behind the Pumphouse Grill  
*What is a dance without music? We need your danceable songs. Many of us got our start performing music at dances like these. Coffee and snacks are available. Open to the public!*

### District 3 continued

January is our membership renewal month for all members. Please pay your membership dues, if you haven't already. All dues go to **District 3 Secretary, Pat Borden**. She will be collecting membership renewals at the February 23rd dance with renewal forms. Please renew by sending your payment to **Pat Borden** ASAP.



**District 3 musicians know how to get 'em out on the dance floor**

Upcoming voting for **District 3 Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary** in March 23, 2025 at the **Terrebonne Grange** hall from noon to 1 pm, with our dance to follow. All members must be present.

**Kim Martin** does a great job at informing district members of events! She will be sending out emails to all District 3 to let everyone know of any future scheduled OOTFA events to play at or what is going on in District 3.



**District 3 Chair, Ellen Jakab**

District 3 would like to say Happy Birthday, Anniversaries to all members celebrating. Condolences to anyone sick, injured or getting surgeries. Get well soon.

~ Ellen Jakab, District 3 Reporter

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[District 4 Facebook](#)

**We are half way through winter and our thoughts turn to spring**, which is only seven weeks away. Brave little shoots of Oregon grape hyacinth and daffodil are peeking thru the rain soaked garden soil, brightening our world.

The youth group in District 4, that are taking fiddle lessons, now are enjoying another opportunity to learn new and familiar tunes with a "kid's jam" every first and third Tuesday at the **Roxy Ann Grange**, 5:30-6:30. The class is a circle jam and is led by their teacher, **Zoryn Thompson**. The jams will continue through March.

On February 15th from 2-3 pm **Bob's String Band** will perform for the residents of **Twin Creeks Assisted Living Center** in Central Point. If you've interested in joining the fun contact **Bob Panel** at 541-773-7993.



**District 3 Secretary, Pat Borden**

The February monthly meeting and jam will be held on February 22 at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. Meeting at 11:30, warm up jam 12:30, sign up jam 1-3. It's not too early to begin preparing your 3 tune program for the **Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest** held at the **Menno-nite Church** in Lebanon. It happens Saturday, March 15, beginning at 8:00 am and continues all day. Three seasoned fiddlers have been chosen to judge the contest. Fiddlers will be familiar with the name of one of the judges, **Jay Dean Ludiker**, who is a champion fiddler, teacher and has written many books to teach and improve fiddling. If you're interested in competing or wish to volunteer to help during the day, contact **Cat McClintock** (970) 219-0256.

The **Brookings Jam** will be held in Brookings at the **Chet-co Grange** all day Friday and Saturday March 21 & 22. There will be jamming all day Friday and also Saturday with a stage show at 1:00 on Saturday. There will be RV parking available and there will be food on site. For more info contact **Ruth** 541-297-3419.

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# HOEDOWNER

## Tune of the Month

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

**Loggieville Two-Step:** Canadian, Two-Step (2/4 time). Canada, New Brunswick. D Major ('A' and 'B' parts) & G Major. ('C' part). Standard tuning (fiddle). AA'BB'CC'. "Loggieville Two-Step" was composed by New Brunswick fiddler and composer **Matilda Murdoch** (1920-2019), of Miramichi. She learned to play the fiddle as a child and played and performed throughout her life, and her compositions numbered into the hundreds. Many of her tunes were 'covered' by other musicians, including **Don Messer**. She was inducted into the **Order of Canada** and the **Order of New Brunswick** and received a lifetime achievement award from **Music New Brunswick** in 2016.

## Loggieville Two-Step

Matilda Murdoch  
Arr. Calvin Caims

D D A<sup>7</sup> D  
D D A<sup>7</sup>  
D D D A<sup>7</sup>  
G D D  
D A<sup>7</sup> D



Eileen Walter & Andy Emert in Lebanon

## New OOTFA Members February 2025

Susan Carter	Happy Valley (7)
Debbie Cornelison	Klamath Falls (1)
Thomas & Kathleen Faith	Oregon City (7)
Pamela Hulbert	Keizer (8)
Jan Jorgensen	Chimilum, WA (OS)
Lisa Jorgensen	Silverton (8)
Ron Pembleton	Eugene (6)
Chris & Sayda Parker	Blachly (6)
Vi Riley	Alturas, CA (OS)
Sandy Smith	Sheridan (8)

## District 4 continued

One of District 4's most loved members has suffered a traumatic event. Here, in the family's own words, is an update: For the past 10 years, 98 years old **Lillian Orlowski**, District 4's most ardent fan and adopted Aunt, has loyally attended the monthly district jams and **Judy McGarvey's** weekly jams. She has unfortunately broken her hip after a recent fall. Deciding against surgery due to her age and frailty, she returned home to her niece and nephew and other caregivers with hospice providing comfort. With her loved ones she enjoys watching classic movies and soap operas on TV and listening to fiddle music. Please keep Lillian in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your well wishes.

Please, also remember **Gary Preston**, his wife Laverne and family, in your prayers. Gary is in hospital recovering from several surgeries.

The **Tuesday Jammers** meet every Tuesday from 4-6 pm at the **Methodist Church** in Medford. All skill levels are welcome. For more information contact **Judy McGarvey** at 542-779-8145

There's a slow strings and teaching jam every Wednesday from 6-8 pm at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. For more info contact Melissa at 360-269-4288.

**Happy Valentines Day to all from District 4!** ~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



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**MARCH 21&22  
2025**

March 21, jamming  
all day  
March 22, stage show  
at 1

**Raffle!  
Food on Site!  
RV Parking!  
Fun!**

**Chetco Grange Hall  
97895 Shopping Center Ave,  
Brookings/Harbor, Oregon**

**FREE TO  
ALL!  
Y'all come!**

**Brookings Jamboree**

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**February is time to dig out some special tunes for our audiences.** We have **Valentine's Day** on the 14th as well as **Oregon's Birthday**, and **Presidents' Day** on the 21st. It's so nice to remind our audiences of old-time love songs and remind ourselves of "Oregon, My Oregon" and "Yankee Doodle" and "America" (some people call it "My Country 'Tis of Thee"), a favorite of George Washington and "Dixie," which was Lincoln's favorite song. Other songs that Lincoln probably enjoyed would be "Old Dan Tucker," "Rosin the Beau," and "Annie Laurie", songs his mother sang to him. We have plenty of music to pass on during February! Don't forget those love songs any time!



Linda Sweatt and David Allard



## District 5 February Events

- 7 Pacific View, Bandon 1:30 - 2:30 pm
  - 14 Evergreen Court, Coos Bay 2 - 3 pm
  - 18 Monthly Jam, Bandon Odd Fellows 1 - 3 pm
  - 21 Inland Point, Coos Bay 2 - 3 pm
- Other performances TBA



Birthday boy Luke VerHagen (2/11) and Pat Winfrey

The **Brookings Jamboree** is coming March 21-22! Time to get to the coast for some great tunes and companionship. Make your reservations at **Wild Rivers Motel** (ask for the fiddlers discount) or at any of the wonderful motels and RV parks in area. More information is coming in the March edition of HOEDOWNER!

~ Linda Sweatt, District 5 Reporter

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### District 6 February Events

- 1 **Intermediate Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm  
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 6 **Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam** 1 - 3 pm  
Corvallis Community Center
- 8 **District 6 Monthly Jam** 11 am - 2 pm  
Santa Clara Grange, Eugene
- 10 **Basic Fiddle Class** 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene

January, with its short days, some cold and foggy, help one appreciate when the sun does break though. And when there's an opportunity to join with others and make happy music. Thankfully, OOTFA provides many such opportunities. Winter can be a productive time to improve one's playing.

January had the first Monthly Jam (2nd Saturday of month) at our new location, **Santa Clara Grange**, just off River Road at 295 Azalea Dr. About 40 people came, and made much happy sounds with fiddles, guitars, mandolins, basses, banjos, and piano.

On Monday, January 13th, dozens of OOTFA members from near and far went to **Jesse Knudson's** funeral service in Junction City. A most touching service; military honors with "Taps"; **Jude** and **Jim Kuether** played a beautiful rendition of "In the Garden"; 87 bell tolls to mark his years; a sweet and meaningful eulogy from **Pastor Stuart Holland**. Then, an amazing lunch provided by the **Danish Ladies of the Faith Lutheran Church**, followed by jamming for an hour. Tears and joy.

Afterwards Jesse's daughters sent the following: *"Jesse Knudsen's daughters would like to extend their appreciation to the musicians who came to play at his memorial service. Both our parents enjoyed your music and your friendship for many years, and it meant a lot to us to share that day with you and the music they both loved. Thank you."*

**Donations In Memory of Addison Talbot** for District 6:  
Send to **Bernie Roberts**, 285 Jonquil, Eugene, OR 97404

For **Donations In Memory of Jesse Knudsen** for **West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops**: Send to **Linda Parks**, 36989 Deadwood Drive, Lebanon, OR 97355



### A lot of love at Jesse Knudson's memorial service

On March 8th, District 6 will have its quarterly **Business Meeting** at the regular monthly jam at **Santa Clara Grange**. Elections will be held for district officers for the 2025-2027 term.

On February 15 – 16th the **Frontier Heritage Fair** happens at the **Lane County Fairgrounds**. This fun event includes historical re-enactors, displays, and demonstrations of artifacts and replicas of items used in the everyday lives of people in Oregon before the 1870's, and OOTFA provides good ol' time tunes for musical background. Contact **Amy Burrow** aru.bur6294@gmail.com to volunteer to help with this event (and other performances).

~ Tony Dandurand, District 6 Reporter



### Schoolhouse Quarterly Youth Jam

~ Amy Burrow

As sunbeams streamed in through the windows of the old schoolhouse, they highlighted smiles on the faces of a dozen youth who came from near and far to play fiddle at the second **Schoolhouse Quarterly Youth Jam** at **Camas Mill Schoolhouse** south of Junction City. The next one will be held at the schoolhouse on Saturday, 4/19/25. The ambience of the school, filled with old time fiddle music played with friends, is a throw-back to earlier eras and a mighty lot of fun. Thanks, always, to our adult enthusiasts: **Linda Danielson, Steve Robare, Kelly Wadsworth**, the bakery staff and our guest bassist, **Tom DiLiberto**.



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### District 7 February Events

- 1 **Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam** 1 - 4 pm  
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley  
(Sunnyside Road at 132nd Ave.)
- 8 **Eagle Creek Grange #297 Sweetheart Dinner Music** 5:30 pm Dinner Guests 6 - 7:30 pm  
24491 Eagle Creek Road, Eagle Creek
- 12 **Brookdale Senior Living** 2 - 3 pm  
1201 SW Cherry Park Road, Troutdale
- 26 **Brookdale Wilsonville Care Facility** 3-4 pm  
8170 SW Vlahos Drive, Wilsonville

Our monthly circle jams continue to be well attended by old friends and new, in the jam circle and in the audience. Join us to play, listen, or dance to your favorite old-time tunes.

The **Sweetheart Dinner** organizers at **Eagle Creek Grange #297** have invited us to play for the dinner guests. It's a lovely community project and grange fundraiser, and an amazing \$12 bargain for a full dinner and beverages (free for participating musicians). We are honored to be invited back each year.

The **Valentine's Day** sweet love songs will make way in March for the Irish tunes that mark **St. Patrick's Day**. We are excited to be playing a mix of Irish and old-time music on March 17 at **Edgewood Downs Senior Living** in Beaverton. Find all those green clothes in your closet and practice "The Irish Washerwoman"! Details will be in the March Hoedowner.

If you're interested in volunteering for OOTFA, we have a few folks who would like to retire from their volunteer roles, or take on new roles. **Treasurer, Scheduler, Reporter, and "cookie provider"** are volunteer positions that keep our district functioning smoothly.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining,  
District 7 Reporters



**Musicians at 2024 Eagle Creek Sweetheart Dinner**



**District 8 Beginning Fiddle Class: Connie Smith, Dirk Powell, Martha Hughes, Cathy Yale, Pam Hulburt, Juli Kennedy and Sapphire Rain**

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### District 8 Facebook

### District 8 February Events

- 4 & 18 **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.
- 4 & 18 **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
- 5 **Marian Estates-McKillip Bldg. Gig** 2 - 3 pm  
590 SE Conifer Circle, Sublimity
- 8 **Salem Library Loucks Auditorium Jam** 1- 4 pm  
585 Liberty St., Salem
- 12 **Monmouth Senior Center Jam** 6:30 pm  
180 Warren St. South, Monmouth Host: Ted Hunt
- March 1 **Salem Library Loucks Auditorium Jam** 1 - 4 pm  
585 Liberty St., Salem

**New members are Sandy Smith and Pam Hulburt.** Membership has increased 30% since June 2024.

**Fun membership facts:** 5 of our current District 8 officers or board members started in **Martha Hughes' Beginning Fiddle Class**. We have 6 families with active student age fiddlers, 5 that started in the Beginning Fiddle Class, and 4 of these are scholarship recipients of \$250 each. Two of these students are planning to participate in the novice division at the **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest** in August! Great results from our Beginners Fiddle Class!

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**Sapphire Rain** was invited to play fiddle with a group of musicians for a live nativity put on at her friend's church. She said it was a freezing cold night. The stars shone and twinkled, smiling down on the small group of musicians. The musicians provided the background music for the live nativity performance. "Go Tell It On The Mountain", "Angels We Have Heard On High" and many other songs were played.

**Emma Gallegos** is a current District 8 Scholarship recipient of \$250. She studies fiddle with **Martha Hughes**. Also, she is this season's principal viola in the annual **All City Festival Orchestra** and second chair in the **Salem Youth Symphony Philharmonic**.

**Martha Hughes** and **Juli Kennedy** attended the **Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas Fiddle Camp** in Seabeck, Washington, Jan. 17th, 18th, & 19th.

December's District 8 jam was held at the **Oak Grove Grange Hall**. Approximately 14 people attended. Our past jam location in Yamhill is starting a remodel project.



**Emma Gallegos received a District 8 scholarship**

Thank you **Mel Fuller** for being our reporter this past year.

**Cathy Yale is the new District 8 reporter.**

~ Cathy Yale, District 8 Reporter

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In the Burns area of District 9, we are tired of winter already, so we are thinking about summer, and of course, the **High Desert Jamboree!** Save the Dates: June 12, 13, 14, 2025.

The group jams are on Friday nights at **Hines City Hall**, and on fourth Fridays we play at **Aspens**, the local assisted living center. It is always a good time.

Our monthly potluck and open jam was January 12th, where ten of us entertained eight other members and listeners.

We had a nice variety on the food table. A special shout-out to those who chipped in and helped with set-up and clean-up.

We have been asked to play music for the annual **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** for local **Crossroads Ranch**. This year's event will be February 22nd, starting at 5 pm, at the **Burns Elks Lodge**.

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter



**Grant County contingent; Steve Moyer, Ronda Metler, Ben Richardson & Ron Phillips**



**District 9 is in the planning stages for the High Desert Jamboree, June 12-14**

## District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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### District 10 February Events

6	Oak Park Retirement	2 pm
13	Garden Valley Retirement	2 pm
21	Callahan Village	noon
22	Monthly Jam/Sutherlin Senior Center	2 pm
25	Bridgewood Rivers	2 pm
27	Riverview Terrace	2 pm

(small group 4 - 6 max)

We had a busy month playing at three retirement centers, our monthly jam at the Sutherlin Senior Center, a special jam at the Kuethers with Banjo Stan. We also had a very wonderful and touching memorial service for our dear friend, **Gene Hodson**, who passed away at home, peacefully, on January 3rd. A big thank you to all the **Old Time Fiddlers** in District 10, and friends and neighbors, who were able to spend time with **Gene** and **Ann**, helping through this very difficult time.

Happy Birthday to everyone in February. I don't have any one listed, so if we missed yours, please let **Sandy** know and I will be happy to add you to our list.)

~ Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter



A tribute to Gene from the Swiftwater Bluegrass Band he used to play with, featuring Liz Crain, Rosemarie Witnauer, Bill Kline, and Jim Leininger



A rare performance from Francis Stephenson (right), a good friend of Gene's, who used to also play in his bands, with Jerry Zumwalt



Bethany Lander and Kelly Wadsworth passing the fiddling torch onto to the next generation, Annabeth, Cora, and Leo Wadsworth



Bethany Lander

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- \$15 for Lifetime members who wish to receive the Hoedowner Newsletter by US Mail.

## In Memoriam

Eugene "Gene" Hodson, lifetime member of District 10, passed away on January 3, 2025 at the age of 80. Gene and his sister, **Ann Hodson**, were valuable members of OOTFA for many years, living in Myrtle Creek at this time. Gene was born in Modesto, CA. He attended San Rafael High School. He worked for a few years as a shoe salesman before going to work at Redwood Chevrolet car dealership. He then went to work for the Mercedes-Benz dealer before he and Ann move to Sutherlin in 2008. He was one of 8 children and is survived by brother, **Ken**, and sister **Ann**.

**Condolences can be sent to  
Ann Hodson at 111 Margie Ct,  
Myrtle Creek, OR 97457.**

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