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The Boohar Family entertained at the Spring Convention

## **OOTFA Spring Convention Wrap-up**

by Jude Kuether

Another spring has sprung, and the Spring OOTFA Convention and Membership meeting has been completed. This was a real personal first for me, because instead of Chris and I doing all the planning, we had a great committee of OOTFA members who met through frequent Zoom meetings and really worked together to plan it. The result was that we all shared the work and were able to actually enjoy and participate in the jamming and workshops!

### Highlights

- Lots of workshops with wonderful attendance (And excellent reviews by participants!)
- Great participation in both workshops and the concert by the Boohar family
- Meals and food went off without a hitch



Jim and Jude Kuether won the Norm Nash Award

### Negatives

- We were hoping for more youth but have some ideas for improvement in that area for next year

Thanks to everyone who worked, played, and participated in the convention. With yet another Zoom meeting evaluation, we are getting ready for next year!

## **OOTFA Award Winners • 2025**

The Bill Yohey Accompanist Award • Andy Emert

Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award • Jim and Jude Kuether

Homer McLain Award • Dennis Will



Patti Luse received a special Thank You in recognition of her outstanding service as OOTFA Secretary



Jeff & Eileen Walter, Andy Emert at Carol Ann Wheeler's celebration of life. Andy won this year's Bill Yohey Accompanist Award.

Hello All,

**OOTFA President's Report**

**2025 OOTFA State Convention**

was a success and such fun! Many thanks to **Jude Kuether** and the tireless team of volunteers who put it all together for us! Special **Thank You** to the **Booher Brothers, Chris, Rudy and Ned** for the fantastic entertainment! **Christine Cormack** did a wonderful job recruiting for and organizing the workshops. Many thanks to the workshop leaders! There was a lot of jamming, the treasured raffle and lots of catching up with friends. Planning for next year is already underway.

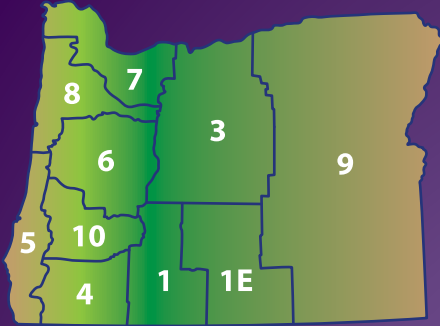
Next stop, the **McLain Family Christmas Valley Campout**, April 30th thru May 4th! Hope to see you all there! Don't forget to have your hat song ready!

The **OOTFA Spring Membership Meeting** was held Saturday morning April 5, 2025. Thank you to all who attended. Election was held for the 2025 -2027 OOTFA State Officers. The elected officers are: **Cindy Crane, President; Terry McLain, Vice President; Christine Cormack, Secretary;** and **Linda Parks, Treasurer**. Many thanks to **Patti Luse** for her years of service as our State Secretary! Patti will continue as **Membership Chair**.

The **OOTFA Board Meeting** took place on Friday, April 4, 2025. The Board was asked to review the Standing Rule Article 1- Instruments. Historically and prior to the Standing Rules version adopted in 2023 this article read: All acoustic stringed instruments are allowed. Instruments with electrical amplification, drums, woodwind instruments (except harmonica) and brass instruments are not permitted. The 2023 version added the words "and other percussion instruments" after the word drums. The concern was, the added words eliminated traditionally played instruments of **Oldtime Music**, specifically spoons and washboards. After much discussion, the majority of the Board voted to remove the words "and other percussion instruments" and return this article to the way it had been previously written.

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

Keep playing and having fun! Hope to see you soon! ~ Cindy



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**Oregon has been invited to be the "Host State" for the 2025 National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Festival in Weiser, Idaho, June 16- 21, 2025!**

This is quite an honor and a lot of fun! The **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers'** will play on stage every evening for 30 minutes prior to the evening contest events and we have been invited to play in the park during the festival. We will play at a couple of the local assisted living facilities and the city of Weiser provides a float for us for the Saturday parade. We get free and/or reduced cost tickets to watch the contest. Thank you to **Donna Rueter** and **Jerry Parks**, who will coordinate and emcee our nightly performances.



**Will you be attending Weiser?** Please let me know who you are so we can coordinate our activities and performances and be able to cheer you on if you are competing. We want to make sure you have your name badge and free passes. Send your name and contact info to me, **Cindy Crane: ronandcindy crane@gmail.com** or phone/text **530 574-6176**. Come join the fun!



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### District 1 May Events

7 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm  
8 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
22 Pacifica 10:30 - 11:30 am  
Luther Square Practice Every Wednesday 9:30 am

**Happy May Day!** I want to give a heads up for June 15th. We have been invited to play for the **Living History Day** at **Collier State Park**, a saw equipment museum on Hwy 97 North. We will be playing 1-2 pm. If you get there early, food will be provided. We would love to have other districts come join us. If you have any questions, contact **Debbie**.



Residents of Rogue River Place dancing to "You Are My Sunshine"

We had a really fun time at one of our care centers this last month. Some of the ladies decided to get up and dance. There were at least nine of them, along with the staff, kicking up their heels. We must have played "You Are My Sunshine" for 5 minutes; it was so much fun for all of us. You will notice that on the calendar, we will be playing at **Rogue River Place** again. **Sandy** has asked us to come back and play for them. Next month we will be playing on the same day as **Pacifica**.

District 1 had our elections. **Debbie Cornelison** will be the new Chair. At this time, Co-Chair is not filled. **Edna Jenkins** will be Treasure/Membership/Secretary.

We are all looking forward to the **McLain Family Campout** in Christmas Valley, a special thank you to the **McLain's family** for hosting this event.

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

Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter  
(this is the last reporting from me for District 1 as I will not be continuing because of health problems)

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We just traveled to see my grandson graduate boot camp with the Army National Guard at Fort Moore, Alabama. Got to spend a few days there with him. It was a great trip.

Had a great time at the **OOTFA Spring Convention**. Thank you, District 10, for hosting and a job well done.

We still holding a non-OOFTA jam at **Rosa Lee McLain's** place, Thursday 4 to 7 pm, but call to make sure it's on if coming from out of town. Sometimes we are out.

Don't forget the 2nd Saturday jam at the **Chamber of Commerce**, starting at noon until you get tired. Good time at all the jams.

By the time this has hit the press the **McLain Family Campout** in Christmas Valley will be history. Hope you all have had a great time and made a memory.

Doing forget how we all started one note at a time, so keep on making a noise and it will all come together.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter



Terry McLain presenting the 2025 Homer McLain Award to Dennis Will at the Spring Convention

**McLain Family Campout**

**April 30 - May 4**  
**Booster Building**  
**Christmas Valley**

Featuring  
**Hat**  
**Night**

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At the March election at the Terrebonne Grange Hall meeting no one stepped up to take the positions of the Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary or Hoedowner Reporter for District 3.

Went to Winston on April 4th for the officers meeting, at the **Spring Convention**, and discussed the options for District 3 to continue or not. The decision is: they will use my name to keep District 3 open and going but there will not be anymore monthly dances at the **Terrebonne Grange**. **Myrna** was notified.

If you are a member and you want to do your own monthly music jam dance under OOTFA, then you will need to report that to the **Hoedowner**. Send to **Judi Seger**. She is in the roster.

Also, if anyone gets a paid gig, please advertise under the **OOTFA name** to make money to support the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering**, September 11-14. Need all the help with money for support of this event. The **Crook County Fairgrounds** building will cost us around \$3500,

**Judi Seger** was asked by **Cindy Crane** to be our Treasurer and she offered to do the Hoedowner reporting, as well. **Pat Borden** said she would be Secretary again.

## 2025 OOTFA Calendar

- April 30 - **McLain Family Campout**
- May 4 **Booster Building, Christmas Valley**
- June 12-14 **High Desert Jamboree**  
Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns
- July 21-24 **West Cascade Fiddle Camp**  
Emerald Christian Academy  
Pleasant Hill
- August 1 **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest**  
Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis
- Aug. 6-11 **2nd Annual Farm Jam**  
32260 SE Belfils Road, Estacada
- Aug. 16 **Youth Fiddle Contest**  
Wilsonville
- Sept. 11-13 **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering**  
Carry Foster Hall  
Crook Co. Fairgrounds, Prineville  
(Includes Board & Membership Meeting)



**Judi Seger serves as District Treasurer and Reporter**

I would especially like to thank Secretary **Pat Borden**, Treasurer **Karen Bennett** and **Kim Martin** for all their help and support. They are awesome people. If anyone wants to step up and take over Chair or Co-chair call **OOTFA President Cindy Crane** to let her know.

I feel honored that I was the Chair for our district. Thanks to all who supported me.

Thank you to **Kim Martin** for sending out all the emails for District 3. Kim will keep you posted if there is anything going on before the September event.

~ Sincerely, Ellen Jakab, District 3 Chair

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**Well... April showers certainly did bring an abundance of May blooms to our little valley.** Eager gardeners are perusing every seed rack in all the stores and many are curling up in bed with a good seed and plant catalog every evening.

The February District 4 monthly jam returned to Ashland and welcomed a full house audience. In the second hour of the program the musicians were joined by 5 very talented youth student musicians from the Ashland area.

About 10 district members attended the **OOTFA Convention** in Winston and really enjoyed jamming and visiting with other members from around the state. In April, District 4 musicians performed at the **Northridge Senior Center** and also **Twin Creeks Center**, for the residents.

On the calendar for May is the annual performance at the Butte Creek Mill which is tentatively scheduled for May 10 the time has yet to be determined, but please put the event on your calendar and look for emails to confirm the time.

Also on the calendar is a performance at **Twin Creeks Senior Center**, May 17th 2-3 pm. Please check the calendar for other events scheduled during the month. The May



Carol & Lenny Ferrara joined the OOTFA family at the Spring Convention in Winston

monthly jam will be held at the **Fruitdale Grange** in Grants Pass May 31, from 1-3 pm. There will be no meeting.

The **Tuesday Jammers** meet every Tuesday from 4-6 pm at the **Methodist Church** in Medford. **Judy McGarvey** reports the attendance at the slow jam from 4-5 has been well attended by beginning musicians and musicians wishing to learn or practice a new tune. In the 5-6 hour the tunes are played faster. For more info contact Judy at (541) 779-8145. The kid's jam are held on May 6 and 20th from 5:30-6:30 on Tuesday at the **Roxy Ann Grange**. For more info contact **Lenny Ferrara** at lencarol2000@gmail.com. The **Slow Strings and Practice Jam** is held at the **Roxy Ann Grange** every Wednesday from 6-8:00 for more info contact Melissa at (360) 269-4288.



Judy & Bruce McGarvey with their daughter, Jill

District 4 members were sad to hear that long time member, **Bruce McGarvey** fell and broke his hip. He had a successful surgery and is recovering well. Please keep him in your prayers, and please continue to keep **Gary Preston** and his family in your prayers as well.

All the District 4 members wish all the OOTFA mothers a very well deserved and **Happy Mother's Day!**

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

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## Tune of the Month

Shared by Joe Ross of District 10

"Echoes of the Ozarks" is a tune I learned it from Fiddlin' Earl Willis (originally from Missouri) shortly after I relocated to Eugene to attend college in 1971. Linda Danielson's interview with Earl and tapes several of his tunes are in the OOTFA archives. ~ Joe Ross



Fiddlin' Earl Willis

### Echoes of the Ozarks

Musical notation for the tune "Echoes of the Ozarks". It consists of four staves of music in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp, and a 2/4 time signature. Above the notes, guitar chords are indicated: D, G, D, A on the first staff; D, G, D, A, D on the second staff; G, D, D, A on the third staff; and D, G, D, A, D on the fourth staff. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together.

### Remembering Carol Ann Wheeler

District 7 hosted a Celebration of Life for longtime OOTFA fiddler, Carol Ann Wheeler.

See more about the event on page 9

Curt Cassingham, Jodi Vaughn, Joan Harrington, Cheryl Mockford, Marcella Easley & Fred Davis





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### District 5 May Events

- |    |  |             |
|----|--|-------------|
| 6  | Pacific View, Bandon   | 1:30 - 3 pm |
| 13 | Evergreen Court, Coos Bay                                    | 2 - 3 pm    |
| 17 | Monthly District 5 Jam<br>Bandon IOOF Hall, Meeting at 11 am | 1 - 3 pm    |
| 20 | Inland Point, Coos Bay                                       | 2 - 3 pm    |

The two big holidays to remember in our performances are **Mother's Day (May 11)** and **Memorial Day (May 26)**. Our audiences might be interested in the song you remember your mother singing to you or sharing a song their mothers sang to them. Most of the folks who love music grew up with music in their home. **Memorial Day** is to honor those who lost their lives in military service, the ultimate sacrifice.

It's time to bid farewell to our friends at the care centers. We have so many folks who enjoy our performances every month. We love coming to their living room to bring them some fun!

We are preparing to head for the beach next month. We love playing at **Bullards Beach State Park** every summer. The amphitheater is a great place to play and to listen, and we attract both visiting players and many listeners who make each performance fun. While we are bidding fond farewell to our regular care center folks, we will return to play for them in the fall. Bullards is north of Bandon, and was named for a family that had a ranch, post office, store, and a ferry to cross the Coquille river there. There is a huge campground, beaches, and river access. Reservations fill up early, so plan ahead for your coastal vacation! We play on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of June, July, and August, from 6 to 7:30 pm. Visitors are always welcome to join in, especially OOFTA!

Meanwhile, we continue with our monthly jams on the third Saturdays and welcome visitors, listeners, and those who want to sit in, too! There are always refreshments and coffee during the 1-3 pm event.

**Please note: Fiddle at the Beach for this year has been canceled.** We will still be holding our third Saturday jam that week in Bandon.

~ Linda Sweatt,  
District 5 Reporter



Two of our hardest working members, Pat and Bill Winfrey. They take care of the sites (yes, that is spelled correctly) and sounds (as in PA systems) of all of our events, making sure doors are open, coffee is on, and a warm welcome awaits all attendees. Their most recent dawn to dusk efforts were at the Brookings Jamboree. They are truly appreciated.

### OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS DISTRICT 5

## ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAM

**THIRD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH 1-3 PM**

Bandon IOOF Hall  
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Come to listen  
or sit in to play  
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Questions? Call Ruth 5412973419



Joe Walker, Barbara Scheierman, Pat Winfrey, Willie Walter, Linda Sweatt and Bill Winfrey, playing in the "living room" at Inland Point.

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### District 6 May Events

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|--|-----------------------|
| <b>1 Dave &amp; Jim's Acoustic Jam</b>     | <b>1 - 3 pm</b>       |
| Corvallis Community Center                 |                       |
| <b>3 Intermediate Fiddle Class</b>         | <b>1 - 3 pm</b>       |
| River Road Annex, Eugene                   |                       |
| <b>10 Monthly Jam</b>                      | <b>10 am - 1 pm</b>   |
| Santa Clara Grange, Eugene                 |                       |
| <b>12 Basic Fiddle Class</b>               | <b>1:30 - 3:30 pm</b> |
| Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene |                       |
| <b>16 Third Friday Jam</b>                 | <b>11 am - 1 pm</b>   |
| McNail-Riley House , 601 W 13th, Eugene    |                       |

**May is here!** The rhododendrons are blooming and everything is wonderfully green. "Wonderfully green" is the thought I had driving down to Winston for the **OOTFA Spring Convention**, the 1st weekend of April. Umpqua country sure is beautiful this time of year.

The convention was great; I especially enjoyed playing backup guitar for the youth jam. The focus and developing talent of the young ones was sweet to observe. Jams everywhere, useful workshops, good food, the Booher Family Concert, truly a good time. Much thanks to District 10 and the organizing committee for hosting and a job well done.

**Intermediate Fiddle Class** (1st Saturday of month, 1-3 pm, at the **River Road Annex**), was a small gathering, with many at the convention, but a fine time per teacher **Amy Burrow**.

The **Basic Fiddle Class** (2nd Monday of month, 1:30- 3:30, at **Bethesda Lutheran**) has been led by **Donna O'Neil** for a full year now. Instead of teaching new tunes, she led a slow jam of tunes learned this past year.



Louie White in Winston

## Schoolhouse Quarterly Jam

by Amy Burrow

The Camas Schoolhouse resonated with old time music on April 19. A dozen young musicians turned out for a rollicking afternoon of fiddling, picking, singing and dancing. We were fortunate to have fine complementary back-up from **Linda Danielson, Allison Lindley (D10), Steve Robare**, and guest bassist, **Tom Di Libererto**.

In each session, we roll out two new tunes. To date, our youth fiddlers have nailed down Dry and Dusty, Snake River Reel, Crooked Stovepipe, The Old Man and The Old Woman, Old Yeller Dog and Red Fox Waltz. The kids are clearly feeling the music, playing with heart and conviction. Our last session is a performance jam, set for June 21, at **Camas Schoolhouse**.

The **District 6 regular monthly jam** was well attended, maybe 30 people making music, and a few dancing when a waltz was played. Noticing that many were leaving before 2 pm, the district board discussed and decided to change the hours of the District monthly meeting/jam to 10 am – 1 pm, still on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Planned gigs in May are at **Churchill Estates** on May 27, from 2-3 pm. Also, a small ensemble will be contributing a short set of music during the **Youth Garden Project Plant Sale** on May 10th from 11:45 – 12:45 (705 Flamingo Ave., Springfield). Our performance will be donated to the garden project, which teaches young people how to grow organic produce that will then be distributed to needy families in our community through **Food for Lane County**. A good chance to pick up garden starts while hearing a little music.



Peggy Mulder & Michael Schneider at Santa Clara Grange

May Birthdays: **Gabi Ford (5/30), Annie Carter (5/5), Evelyn Horner (5/22), Melody Morrell (5/28), Donna Wynn (5/30)**

May Wedding Anniversary: **Ken and Patti Luse (5/24)**

~ Tony Dandurand, District 6 Reporter



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### District 7 May Events

- 1 **Wilsonville Volunteer Appreciation Celebration** 5:30-7:30 pm  
(Be ready to play at 5:30; main performance 6:30) Wilsonville High School, Performing Arts Center, 6800 SW Wilsonville Rd, Wilsonville
- 3 **Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam** 1 - 4 pm  
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley (Sunnyside Road at 132nd Ave.)
- 9 **Cherrywood Village** 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
1417 SE 107th Ave., Portland

"Unorthodox but perfect" was how one attendee described the celebration of life for **Carol Ann Wheeler**, held April 19 at **Sunnyside Grange** in Happy Valley. After a lunch of abundant Chinese food, Carol Ann's son, **Grant Wheeler**, brought intimate memories of his mother to the over 80 people gathered there. More memories and performances followed from **Jeff** and **Eileen Walter**, **Andy Emert**, **Dan Emert**, **Jim Toussaint**, **Randy Yearout**, **John Standefer**, **Jonathan Trawick**, **Carol Ann's brother**, **Roger Ledbetter**, **Jerry Parks**, **Claudia Zinser**, **Marcella Easley**, **Cheryl Mockford**, **Joan Harrington**, **Curt Ryan Cassingham**, **Jodi Vaughn**, other fiddlers and students whose names I missed, and friends from Carol Ann's Summerfield neighborhood in Tigard. The grange hall was lined with tables of photos and other memorabilia from Carol Ann's life and career. The final performance was "Moonlight on the Water" played by **Grant Wheeler**, the **Emert** brothers, and **Jeff Walter**. The afternoon of laughter, tears, memories and music provided a lovely sendoff to a beautiful and talented musician who mattered to us all.



Grant Wheeler was joined by Dan Emert (Andy's Brother), with Jeff Walter & Andy Emert

The **4th Annual Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest** will be held Saturday August 16, 2025, at the **Wilsonville Community Center**, 7965 SW Wilsonville Road, Wilsonville OR. Open to all fiddlers ages 19 and younger.



There will be 5 age divisions this year: 8 & under, 9-12, 13-19, and two novice divisions for first-time contestants: 9 & under, 10-19 - with \$2200 in prizes! Co-sponsored by Districts 7 & 8 of the **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers**, the contest is made possible by a **OOTFA Kielhorn Grant** and a grant from the City of Wilsonville. Co-directed by **Sherry McKenzie** and **Aarun Carter**, all skill levels are welcome!

The **Wilsonville Volunteer Appreciation Celebration** will include remarks from the Mayor, short performances by local students, and an OOTFA performance. Refreshments will be served. You don't have to live in Wilsonville to attend so please join us.

District 7 also had March and April gigs in Charbonneau, Beaverton, and Gresham. A few of our folks joined District 8 members in Salem to perform at the **Ag Fest** on April 26 at the **Oregon State Fairgrounds**. Many thanks to **Cathy Yale** who organized the volunteer musicians and the set list.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

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### District 8 May Events

- 6 & 20 **Martha's Hughes' Beginning Fiddle Class** 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Call Martha @ 503-393-2271  
or watch emails for location
- 6 & 20 **Marie Bailey's Jam** 1 - 3 pm  
Please call Marie if you plan to attend @ 503-835-7185
- 14 **Monmouth Senior Center Jam** 6:30 pm  
180 Warren St. South, Monmouth  
Host: Ted Hunt
- 24 **District 8 Jam Loucks Auditorium** 1 - 3:30 pm  
Salem Library, 585 Liberty Street, Salem

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**Our District Meeting was held March 29th at Marie Bailey's house. Lynn Gosset** was re-elected as District Chair. **Richard Rubicam** was elected as Treasurer. **Marie Bailey** is stepping down from the Treasurer position. Thank you, **Marie**, for all the hard work you do for District 8, and hosting the meeting.

March 20th, District 8 played at Woodburn Senior Estates. We played to a full room.

Finishing off April, after this report goes in, District 8 & friends will have played the **Ag Fest** at the **Oregon State Fairgrounds** on the 29th. At the time of this report, we had 24 people signed up to play, and six of those are youth players! Hope to have some great pictures for next month's report.

**Richard and Karen Rubicam** attended the **State Convention** in Winston in April and Richard reported that the convention was very enjoyable and well organized and sends cudos to the convention committee for all their good efforts. He attended 4 of the workshops, got help from mentors, roamed the jams, reconnected with folks from all over, was entertained by the band scramble and the **Booher Family** concert, and ate plenty of good food.



**Marie Bailey, Sandy Smith, Dennis Brutke, Juli Kennedy, and Rae Parlier at Woodburn Senior Estates**  
The weather was even good. What more could one ask for?

~ Cathy Yale, District 8 Reporter



**District 9 members between tunes**

April 13th was our monthly potluck and open jam at **Harney Hub Senior Center**. A busy day as they are open all days now as a resource place for flood victims. Food boxes and cleaning kits are dispensed, and a **Red Cross** team is set up to aid folks to find all help available. Good food and visiting. Listeners and clappers out-numbered musicians with a great afternoon of music.

Our main event will be the last of the season (until October). We plan a short business meeting and officer elections that day.

Planning continues for our annual **High Desert Music Jamboree**, to be held June 12-14, at the **Harney County Fairgrounds** in Burns. Mark your calendars!

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter

**District 9 Burns, John Day Area**

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[Facebook: High Desert Fiddlers](#)

**District Nine regulars played for a big crowd** at our Assisted Living Center on the fourth Friday in March. We continue jamming all other Friday evenings at **Hines City Hall**.



**District 9's Janet Braymen**

**High Desert Music Jamboree**

**June 12, 13 & 14, 2025**

**Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns**

**Campsites with 50 & 30 amp Hookups  
\$40 with hook-up or \$15 dry camp**



**Evening Stage Shows  
Saturday Afternoon Gospel Show**

**Sound by Cherry City Sound**

**Early arrival is fine - Set up day is June 11**



## District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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### District 10 May Events

1	Oak Park	2 – 3 pm
8	Garden Valley Retirement	2 – 3 pm
16	Callahan Village	12 – 1 pm
21	Callahan Court	2:30 – 3:30 pm
22	Riverview Terrace	3:30 – 4:30 pm
23	Brookdale	2 – 3 pm
24	Monthly Jam at Sutherlin Senior Center with meeting	11 am - 3 pm
27	Bridgewood Rivers	2 - 3 pm

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**Congratulations to Jim and Jude Kuether on winning the Norm Nash award for outstanding service.**

Comments from members of District 10 regarding the 2025 OOTFA State Spring Convention:

"The convention was great, I had so much fun greeting people as they came in. It felt like a big family reunion, getting to see friends from all over the State." **Sandy Harter**

"I had a lot of fun, I really enjoyed the workshops, and the Booher Concert." **Jude Kuether**



**Chris Booher & Sharon Thompson at the Spring Convention**

"The generosity of all the musicians, especially those who taught workshops." **Christine Cormack**

"My favorite part was the concert by Chris, Rudy, and Ned Booher. It was amazing and inspiring." **Liz Crain**

"Playing music with friends from years past was delightful, and soothed my soul so much." **Kelly Wadsworth**

## Booher Family Jam Campout

**June 26-29 • Booher Family Farm  
2058 Scotts Valley Road, Yoncalla,  
Please Text Dolores Booher to RSVP: 541-849-2171**

**Free** (Donations welcomed to cover cost of Portapotties, etc.)

**Camping is free for RVs and Tents**

Lots of room (dry camping only)

Swimming hole available

Sorry but no dogs this year

Bring your chair, non-alcoholic drink and instrument(s) of choice

**Dolores says,** "I will serve waffles and toppings as usual at breakfast, and campers will be on their own for lunch. Potluck each evening "

**It's going to be such a fun time with everyone here.  
We look forward to seeing you then!**



**Linda Danielson & Joe Ross at the Spring Convention**

"I like the way everyone pitches in to make sure the convention is successful, fun, entertaining, and a fulfilling event." **Joe Ross**

"I like the facility and the various jams that go on throughout the convention." **Dan Jacoy**

"I enjoyed the workshops, various style jams, and concert." **Rosemarie Witnauer**

Birthdays: **Alan Clary** (5/9), **Kathy Ross** (5/19), **Marilyn Stephens** (5/25)

~ Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter

## New OOTFA Members • May 2025

Biff & Linda Ewens with youth Roseburg (10)  
Athalia, Athena, JA & Natasha Villegas  
Donnie McIntire Burns (9)  
Sheila Thompson Hines (5)

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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We're on the Web! [www.ootfa.org](http://www.ootfa.org)

### In Memoriam

**Joan Long Fisher**, a Lifetime Member of OOTFA. Passed away on April 12 in Florence. She had just had her 89th birthday. She was a long time member of the Fiddlers in District 6, Corvallis area, before moving to Florence. She played in many of the local nursing homes.

She was primarily a fiddler but also played bass, cello, guitar, piano and sang.

She is survived by her husband, **David Fisher**, and her daughter and son in law, **Kerry** and **Kathrine Adair**. **Cards can be sent to David Fisher, 88042 Lake Point Drive, Florence 97439.**

**Carol Ann Wheeler** of Tigard. a lifelong musician who started out as a classical violinist, but ultimately found a permanent home with the Oregon Oldtime fiddling community, passed away on March 18. She spent her life as a performer, instructor, competitor, recording artist, and author, writing several fiddle instruction books and albums released under the "Joy of Fiddlin" banner. She was the **1979 Women's National Champion** and she was the first woman to ever win the **Oregon State Open Champion** title. She taught hundreds of students over the years, many of whom have gone on to become instructors themselves. Carol Ann wanted to be remembered as someone who contributed to the preservation and propagation of the living art form that is fiddling. A more detailed exploration of her story can be seen in the short documentary **Carol Ann Wheeler: [A Life in Love with Fiddling](#)**

A gathering was held on April 19 in Portland.

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