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LouLu & Greta Guptill



District 8 Musicians take the stage at AG Fest

2025 OREGON AG FEST MORE PIC ON PAGE 9!

Joe Ross walked away from the Spring Convention with something special. He was high bidder in the silent auction for Jesse Knudsen's electric fiddle. Proceeds went to West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops.



Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest

August 10, 2025
Benton County Fair

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and How to Get Involved



Hazel Mehlhoff

High Desert Music Jamboree

June 12, 13 & 14, 2025

Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns

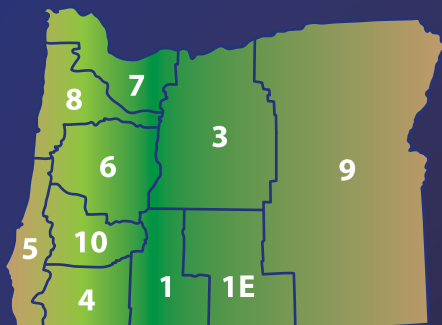
Campsites with 50 & 30 amp Hookups
\$40 with hook-up or \$15 dry camp

Evening Stage Shows
Saturday Afternoon Gospel Show

Sound by Cherry City Sound

Early arrival is fine - Set up day is June 11





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Hello All,

The McLain Family Christmas Val-

ley Campout was loads of fun, as always. Thank you McLain Family (District 1E)!

Looking forward to District 9's **High Desert Jamboree**, June 12th thru 14th, at the **Harney County Fairgrounds** in Burns, Oregon. Hope to see you there. There will also be an OOTFA Board Meeting during the gathering.

Next stop, Weiser, Idaho for the **National Fiddle Contest**, June 16th thru 21st, where the **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers** will represent Oregon as the **Host State** for the contest. Please let me know if you can attend, join in the fun, cheer on the contestants from Oregon and help represent our organization.

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

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: ronandcindycrane@gmail.com

or phone/text **530 574-6176**. Come join the fun!



District 6's Linda Danielson is one of the instructors who will be at Fiddle Camp

West Cascades Fiddle Camp is only two months away!

Some classes are close to maximum limit. Don't wait until the last minute and try to find a spot! Don't take a chance on missing out on 4 fun-packed days of music, friends, jammin', ice cream social, dancing.

Remember: t-shirt orders must be received by June 15 to order one this year. See the website fiddlecamp.net or contact **Linda Parks at 541-905-2313** or **lindaparks1980@gmail.com** for more information or answers to specific questions.

Don't Get Scammed!

Beware of untrustworthy emails. Many of us have received emails that purport to be from one of our OOTFA family members, but they are not. They are from scammers who want to get personal information from you. With that personal information they can possibly access your finances.

These scams are not going away. **The best way to avoid clicking on something you don't want is to hover over the email address of the sender, without clicking it open.** It will show the true address of the sender. If it is not an address you know, send it to the trash. Do not open, no matter how tempting the come-on may be.

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest

I'd like to thank Districts 6, 8 and 10 for their donations to the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest! Other Districts or individuals are welcome to contribute by sending a donation to the **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, 866 NE Thousand Oaks Dr, Corvallis, OR 97330**. Remember this contest is an official OOTFA event and your support is greatly appreciated!

The 2025 contest will be Friday, August 1 on the **Oak Grove Stage** at the **Benton County Fair** in Corvallis, Oregon. Registration will start at 8 am, contest starts at 9, finals from 2:30-5 pm. Come enjoy the music and the fair!

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District 1 June Events

12 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm

18 Sky Lake Hospital 10:30 - 11:30 am

26 Pacifica 10:30 - 11:30 am

26 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm

Luther Square Practice Every Wednesday 9:30 am

Special event: June 15th, 1-2:30 pm, for **Living History Day** at **Collier State Park**. We are all looking forward to playing music for this event and this venue will be a new adventure for our group.

Things are beginning to green up here at 4,200 feet in elevation. Our **District 1 Oldtime Fiddlers** would like to thank **Noranne Sparks** for her dedication to our district as the Chairperson for the past 2 years. We wish you, **Noranne** and **Del**, the best in your next adventures!

Also, in June, we have to say our good-byes to **Jenny Merrill**, our junior fiddler, as her family will be moving out of state. **Keep on Fiddling, Jenny!** It has been enjoyable for all of us to watch Jenny grow as a fiddler. She also has a beautiful singing voice.

Big thanks to one of our District 1 fiddlers, **Irene Ruddock**, for her dedication as Jenny's fiddle teacher.

The **Christmas Valley Campout** (April 30-May 4) was so much fun. There were 3 from our district, (**Edna**, **Shiela** and **Debbie**), that made the trip and enjoyed the jamming. We performed a **Hat Skit** to the tune of "Margaritaville" along with District 1E, **Terry McLain** and his wife, **Shari-lyn**, and won the prize for the funniest skit. A big thanks to the **McLains** for hosting this yearly event.

The Contest certifies winners for the [National Fiddle Contest](#). The Novice Division (not certified) is a great way to experience a fiddle contest for fiddlers who have never played in a contest before, so practice up and come and enter!

Judges this year are **Joey McKenzie**

(McMinnville, OR and Burleson, TX), **John Francis** (Salt Lake City) and **Kimberly Meeks** (Priest River, ID). Contestants come from all over the Northwest and beyond.

Check out our the [Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest FaceBook page](#) or contact the contest organizer at mc-mulles@hotmail.com or 541-602-1224.



Starr McMullen, Founder & Chair of the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest



Jenny Merrill and Irene Ruddock

We continue to enjoy playing for our assisted living residents and putting a smile on their faces and a spring in their step. Oh, thank you to our surprise visitors from District 1E (**Terry** and **Larry McLain**) for playing with us at **Rogue River Place** on May 8. What a treat!

Special wishes for all of the June Birthdays. Happy Birthday and have a fabulous day!

Keep a tune in your heart!

~ Deb Cornelison, District 1 Reporter

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We had a great time in Christmas Valley. Lots of folks turned up to play a tune. It's always amazing to see who shows up. They come from everywhere and that is what makes it work,

We still have a non-OOTFA jam on Thursdays, at **Rosa Lee's**, from 4 to 7 pm. Always a good time. Then we have second Saturday at the Chamber of Commerce here in Lakeview.

We had **Edna Jenkins** here for our May jam, along with **Vi Riley** from Alturas. She's a lot of fun! **James Barry** came down from Christmas Valley, **Rosa, Larry** and **Terry McLain** made up the rest, don't forget how we all began; one note at a time. Be patient and help where you can. It's spooky to get out of the comfort zone, my pant legs still get nervous.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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Reporter: Judi Seger

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District 3 is currently not holding any dances or gatherings. We are working on other ways to put music opportunities together for members. Any ideas would be appreciated. For now, District 3 will be in a "holding pattern".

At the Convention in Winston, **Judi Seger** volunteered to be Treasurer and Hoedowner Reporter. **Pat Borden** continues as Secretary. **Ellen Jakab** will continue as Chair. We have no one as Co-Chair.

Currently, we are planning to rent the **Crook County Fairgrounds** in Prineville for the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** and OOTFA meeting September 11, 12, and 13th. This may be a simpler event than past years, unless we get some volunteers who want to organize more. We welcome volunteers from all districts to help make the Fall Gathering a successful event.

~ Judi Seger, District 3 Reporter

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[District 4 Facebook](#)

At the April District 4 monthly meeting, election for officers was held. Melissa Taylor agreed to continue in the position of Chair for another term and **Judy McGarvey** retired from the position of Co-Chair. Judy had held an office for many years and had supported the district as an officer many times and her volunteer work is much appreciated. The Co-Chair position remains open and any member who has been a member for at least 1 year is eligible to hold the position. **Ron Bolstad** has agreed to continue on as the district Secretary, **Christa Price** will continue as Treasurer and **Carol Ferrara** will continue to serve as Membership Chair. Many thanks to these members for their continued dedication.

On a beautiful day in May District 4 musicians performed at the **Butte Creek Mill** for **Heritage Day** in Eagle Point.

The musicians will kick off June playing the old time music for **Gold Dust Days** in Gold Hill, June 7th from 1-2 pm, in the city park, which is a tree shaded garden next to the city museum.

Around the state, the **High Desert Jamboree** will attract many members to Burns, June 12-14. Some members will pack up and head on a little further down the road to Weiser, Idaho for the **National Fiddle Contest**, the week of June 16-21. Oregon is the "Host State" this year and this gives all musicians attending from the state of Oregon to open the program each evening which is open to the public. It's an honor and a lot of fun too.

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District 4 plays Heritage Day at the Butte Creek Mill in Eagle Point

District 4 continued

On June 21st, from 2-3 pm, **Bob's String Band** will play for the residents of **Twin Creeks Facility** in Central Point. June 28th will be the first performance of the summer at the **RV Park** in the mountains in Prospect, Oregon. The musicians will play from 7-9 pm. This is a much loved gig the musicians have been doing for several years and we need a good attendance. So come play the old tunes and even enjoy roasting a hot dog on the bonfire and have a couple of s'mores for dessert.

Judy McGarvey has retired from her **Tuesday Jammers** program at the **Methodist Church**. Judy has been hosting this event for many year's and has helped beginning musicians get started and other musicians improve their skills and everyone attending learn new/old tunes. Thank you Judy for your loving support for our district. She has asked those who usually attended the jam to join the Wednesday night practice jam held at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford from 6-8:00 For more info contact **Melissa** at (360) 269-4288.

The **Tuesday Afternoon Jam**, held at the **Redwood Country Church** in Grants Pass, is attracting many musicians of different levels and string instruments. It's held from 2-4 pm and for more info contact **Cindy** at (530) 574-6176.

The **Kid's Jam** is held every first and third Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 at the **Roxy Ann Grange**. For more info contact **Lenny Ferrara** at lencarol2000@gmail.com

District 4 member, **Bruce McGarvey**, who suffered a broken hip from a fall, has had surgery to repair it and is now recovering at a skilled nursing facility in Medford. Bruce is receiving physical therapy and is beginning to recover, but he, Judy and the family still need your prayers. They thank everyone for their support and continued thoughts.

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

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District 5 June Events

- 11 Bullards Beach State Park 6 - 7:30 pm**
(just north of Bandon) campground amphitheater
21 Monthly District 5 Jam 1 - 3 pm
Bandon IOOF Hall
25 Bullards Beach State Park 6 - 7:30 pm
(just north of Bandon) campground amphitheater
Other events TBA

What a great summer it is going to be! We love playing at **Bullards Beach State Park** every year and enjoy welcoming audience members from around the country and globe in the glorious tree-sheltered amphitheater area. We have the best view: the woods to the east and the smiling faces of the folks who come out to join us. OOFTA members who are nearby are always welcome to join in the playing, too!

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District 5 entertains the residents at Pacific View

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Tune of the Month

Shared by Joe Ross
of District 10

Miss Rowan Davies is a beautiful tune, in $\frac{3}{4}$ time, with a Scottish flair. An upper and lower harmony are also included for adventurous fiddlers who would like to sound like sort of orchestral. If anyone would like parts written for cello or bass, just drop me a line. I'd be happy to email you a JPG with those.

~ Joe Ross (rossjoe@hotmail.com)

Videos

[Don Jones](#)

[Folky MacFolk Face](#)

[Boys of the Lough](#)

[Phil Cunningham](#)

Scottish Slow Air / Slow Waltz

Miss Rowan Davies

Phil Cunningham

arr. Peter Macfarlane

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G D Em G C G Am D

G D Em G C D G G

C Am G Bm Em C Bm G7

C D G Em C D G G

Scottish Slow Air / Slow Waltz

Miss Rowan Davies

~ Lower Harmony

arr. Peter Macfarlane

G D Em G C G Am D

G D Em G C D G G

C Am G Bm Em C Bm G7

C D G Em C D G G

Scottish Slow Air / Slow Waltz

Miss Rowan Davies

~ Higher Harmony

arr. Peter Macfarlane

G D Em G C G Am D

G D Em G C D G G

C Am G Bm Em C Bm G7

C D G Em C D G G



District 10 at Callahan Village



District 6's Donna Wynn & Barbara Curtis

District 5 continued

Bullards is an award-winning campground and state park with all sorts of amenities, beach and river access, "Circles In The Sand" labyrinths nearby, hiking, and a recently refurbished campground. It is a wonderful destination for all ages and interests.

Of course, we will be hosting our regular **3rd Saturday Jam** at our home base in Bandon, 1-3 pm, at the **IOOF Hall**, 88184 Hwy 42 S in Bandon. There will be refreshments for all!

Fiddle at the Beach has been postponed until the third week of August of 2026 and the site proposed is the grange hall we have used in the past for our **Brookings Jamboree**. Plans are being made for this event and if you are interested is helping out, please call **Ruth Weyer**.

~ Linda Sweatt, District 5 Reporter

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District 6 June Events

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| 5 | Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam | 1 - 3 pm |
| | Corvallis Community Center | |
| 7 | Intermediate Fiddle Class | 1 - 3 pm |
| | River Road Annex, Eugene | |
| 9 | Basic Fiddle Class | 1:30 - 3:30 pm |
| | Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene | |
| 14 | Monthly Jam | 10 am - 1 pm |
| | Santa Clara Grange, Eugene | |
| 20 | Third Friday Jam | 11 am - 1 pm |
| | McNail-Riley House , 601 W 13th, Eugene | |

June is here; the month with the most daylight (if not always the most sunshine). The garden is in, soon there will be cherries and strawberries. There will be strawberries and Old-Time Music at the **Lebanon Strawberry Festival Parade** on Saturday, June 7th. Contact **Jerry Parks** at **fiddlecratcher67@gmail.com** to get on the 'band wagon', a trailer full of hay bales, and entertain the parade watching crowd.

Much thanks to **Amy Burrow** for leading the **Intermediate Fiddle Class, River Road Annex**, 1 – 3 pm, 1st Saturday each month. (also June 7th this month)

And much thanks to **Donna O'Neil** for leading the **Basic Fiddle Class, Bethesda Lutheran Church**, 1:30-3:30 pm, 2nd Monday each month (June 9th this month).



District 6 members entertain at the Youth Garden Project Plant Sale in Springfield

Whether one plays fiddle, or some accompanying instrument, we in District 6 are fortunate to have these classes, both to improve our individual musicianship, and to enjoy the camaraderie that making music together brings.



Shirley & Tony Humphreys, Hal Weiner with Lynette Kristine on bass at the McNail-Riley House

The **District 6 Regular Monthly Jam**, 2nd Saturday of the month, 10 am – 1 pm was a good time in May, with about 20 people making music and singing songs. (I, for one, like this new earlier time, as it leaves more of the afternoon available.) It was a somewhat smaller crowd than some jams. At the same time a quintet of OOTFA musicians (**Linda Danielson, Amy Burrow, Donna Wynn** on fiddles; **Louise Dandurand**, mandolin; **Steve Robare**, guitar) was playing a set at the **Youth Garden Project Plant Sale** in Springfield.

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The 3rd Friday jam at the **McNail-Riley** green house at 13th and Jefferson in Eugene was a wonderful surprise. Coordinated by **Gabi Ford**, it had modest attendance the first couple months, but May's jam had a room filling 16 players (and a couple more listeners). Fun, fun music making, a great time had by all.

Two district gigs were scheduled later in May (after this writing), one at **Junction City Residential Center** on May 20th, where (per **Amy Burrow**) "It's been over a year since we've been invited and residents have begun to clamor for our return." The other gig was at **Churchill Estates**, on Tuesday, May 27, "where they LOVE us". Thanks to the dozen or so musicians who helped make these happy events.

On June 21st, come and cheer on the youngsters at the **Schoolhouse Youth Jam and Performance**, at **Camas Schoolhouse**, from 12:30-3pm. The schoolhouse is located at 91948 Purkerson Road, just south of Junction City, a short jaunt west of Hwy 99N. The aroma of fresh baked goods may lure you to the site! This will be a performance jam to which we will invite the public to enjoy our music.

Birthday Greetings: **Ken Luse** and **Lena Stubbs** (6/6), **Peggy Schneider** (6/16), **Linda Parks** (6/28)
Wedding Anniversary: **Lisa Ponder & Chuck Roehrich**

~ Tony Dandurand, District 6 Reporter

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District 7 June Events

7 Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm

13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
(Sunnyside Road at 132nd Ave.)

16-21 National Old Time Fiddlers' Contest

Weiser High School

690 W, Indianhead Road, Weiser, Idaho

How to watch contest online—free, but donate if possible:

<https://www.fiddlecontest.org/buy-tickets-online/>

More events this summer: get them on your calendar now:

Mon, July 14 Homewoods on the Willamette 2:30-3:30 pm
Retirement Center, 17971 SE River Road, Portland

Wed, August 13 Clackamas County Fair 2:30-4:00 pm
Clackamas County Event Center, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby

Sat, August 16 4th Annual Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest
Wilsonville Community Center

7965 SW Wilsonville Road, Wilsonville

Open to all fiddlers ages 19 and younger. There will be 5 age divisions this year: 8 & under, 9-12, 13-19, & 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 Aaron Carter, all skill levels are welcome!

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters



Thomas Clausen, Larry Vining (hidden), Marcella Easley, Fred Davis, Nancy Christie and Joan Harrington at a recent gig

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS
YOUTH FIDDLE CONTEST!
WILSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
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Wilsonville, OR 97070
AUGUST 16, 2025
OPENS AT 10AM FOR WARMUPS
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District 8 June Events

3 & 17 Martha's Hughes' 9:30 - 10:30 am

Beginning Fiddle Class

Call Martha @ 503-393-2271

or watch emails for location

3 & 17 Marie Bailey's Jam 1 - 3 pm

Please call Marie if you plan to attend @
503-835-7185

11 Monmouth Senior Center Jam 6:30 pm

180 Warren St. South, Monmouth
Host: Ted Hunt

14 Sons of Norway Lodge Gig 5 - 6 pm

Salem Masonic Temple
625 Brush College Road NW, Salem

28 District 8 Jam 1 - 3:30 pm

Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community
7693 Wheatland Road North, Keizer

April 26th, District 8 & friends played Ag Fest at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. We had over 24 people playing on stage, including 7 youth players! Five of the youth players led tunes at the mic including: **Bradley Guptill**, recent State Champion in the Small Fry Division; **Hazel Mehlhoff**, recent Small Fry competitor at State; **Amelia Mehlhoff** recent Junior Junior competitor at State; and **Gretta & Loulu Guptill**. Youth playing backup were **Sapphire Rain** and **Clarissa Kroontje**. Our youngest player onstage was **Clarissa Kroontje** at 2 years old. Our youngest player at the mic was **Loulu Guptill** at 4 years old. **Marie Bailey** did a wonderful job emceeing the event. It was great fun for all!

Mel Whisler Fuller, (D8 member, past Hoedowner reporter, and recent emcee for the evening leg of the State Fiddle Contest), has been busy on the campaign trail for a Salem/Keizer School Board position. She takes her fiddle to every campaign event and rally. She emphasizes music & literacy in schools. She found time in her busy schedule to step up to the mic at Ag Fest. **Way to go Mel!**

OOTFA D8 congratulates member **Dennis Will** for being awarded the **Homer McLain Service Award**, for faithful service, at the **State Convention** in Winston.

~ Cathy Yale, District 8 Reporter



**Amelia Mehlhoff
2025 AG FEST**



Bradley Guptill



David Altman & Mel Whisler Fuller

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[Facebook: High Desert Fiddlers](#)

The group played for a nice crowd at Aspens Assisted Living Center on April 25th.

Cynthia Thomas and Lynn Mims traveled to the McLain Family Campout for a day trip visit-great fun

Don and Debbie Greenfield from Bend joined the first May Friday night jam, as well as a traveling couple from Yuma (friends of Bonnie and Jim Adams). A small group, but lively music and good "catch-up" visiting

Ron Phillips and Ben Richardson joined the May 9th Friday night jam. It's always good to have some of the Grant County folks.

Our May potluck and jam was attended by a large crowd of listeners and clappers. We held a planning session for the upcoming jamboree event; also a short business meeting which included re-election of all current officers and a treasurer's report

We hope to see lots of you at the High Desert Music Jamboree, June 12,13,14, at the Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns. Pack Mosquito Spray!

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter

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"

OOTFA Photo Roundup

Every month there are a number of photos that don't make it into the Hoedowner due to space limitations. This is a collection of some that didn't quite make it. All are from this year.



Tom Clausen
(District 7)

Sandy Harter
(District 10)



Michael Mavris & Cheryl Simons
of District 7



From District 6, Peggy Mulder
(above) & Margot O'Sullivan (right)



District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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District 10 June Events

2	Umpqua Valley Rehab	12 - 1 pm
3	Roseburg VA	10 - 11 am
5	Oak Park	2 - 3 pm
12	Garden Valley Retirement	2 - 3 pm
20	Callahan Village	12 - 1 pm
24	Bridgewood Rivers	2 - 3 pm
26	Riverview Terrace	3:30 - 4:30 pm
27	Brookdale	2 - 3 pm
24	Monthly Jam	12 - 3 pm
Sutherlin Senior Center		

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In May we played at our six regular retirement and assisted living centers.

After school is out, **Kelly, Allison, and Amanda**, will be starting up **"Fiddle in the Park"** for all ages: classes for beginners, intermediate, and advanced, from 10:00 – 11:00 am, throughout the summer, then a music jam for anyone who wants to participate for the next hour or so. **Location: Firgrove Park, off Harvard Ave., Roseburg.**

In April we held our **Election of Officers** for the next year:

Chair: Jim Kuether
Co-Chair: Kelly Wadsworth
Secretary: Dan Jacoy, with
Jude Kuether as backup
Treasurer: Rosemarie Witnauer

Other positions recognized:

Jude Kuether: Fiddle Wrangler
Publicist: Joe Ross
Sound Person: Rick Kreofsky

A big thanks for all the hard work they have been doing.

In June we celebrate the following Birthdays: Dennis Oswald (6/1), Ann Hodson (6/15), Sharon Thompson (6/23)

~ Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter



District 10 entertains at Brookdale

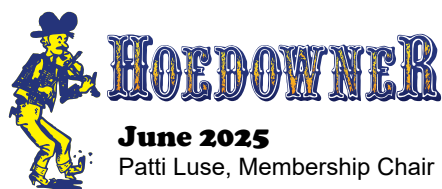


Joe Ross making a Birthday Wish



"Welcome back" Frank & Karen Moore

Oregon Oldtime
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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
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Time music. To provide
regular times and places
to meet to play
this kind of music.

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2025 OOTFA Calendar

- 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)

New OOTFA Members • June 2025

Patrick Landau	Springfield (6)
Dan Rossetta	Medford (4)
Gail Walker	Washington (OS)

In Memoriam

Ruth Cushman, a Lifetime Member of OOTFA, passed away in Shady Cove on May 1, 2025. Ruth was 89. She was born in Fort Bragg, California and was the sister to 3 younger brothers, one of which is OOTFA member, **Dan Gillespie**. She was married to **Lee Cushman**, who passed away in January 2022. She didn't play an instrument but supported Lee on their musical adventures, wintering at Quartside, Arizona with many other OOTFA Members. She is survived by 2 children and several grandchildren, numerous step-children/grandchildren and her brother, **Dan**. Condolences can be sent to **Dan Gillespie, 76446 London Rd., Cottage Grove, Or 97424** and he will make sure Ruth's children and grandchildren see it.

(Editors Note: Please send any recent obituaries of OOTFA members or past OOTFA members to

Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Dr., Eugene, OR 97401.)