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The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association was the host state at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho



CONTEST NOTES by Donna Wynn

The National Fiddle Contest in Weiser was really a great experience. Seeing the amazing musicians from all over the country rehearse in the "Warm-up Room" with the musical cacophony of many different tunes being played simultaneously, was a bit ear-bending.

There were many members from District 6 in the Oregon contingent this year, and it was fun to get to do the "Host State" activities. We played at Senior Living facilities, the City Park and opened the evening portion onstage every night. We also played as we rode on a float in the Saturday Parade. The people of Weiser were so friendly and the festival atmosphere was wonderful to experience

OOTFA MEMBERS AT WEISER

Jacie Sites, 1st in Adult

Jeanine Orme, 4th in Senior

Nancy Padilla, 5th in Swing, 18 & Older

Judy McGarvey, Oldest Fiddler at Contest, accompanied by her husband, Bruce

Rod Anderson

Allison Lindley

Jerry & Linda Parks

Bev Schriver

Andy Emert

Starr McMullin

Peggy Price

Hal Weiner

Bradley Guptill

Peggy Mulder

Dayne, Gretchen & Saxon Ropp

Donna Wynn

The Enitre Guptill Family (Dist 8) who brought Bradley to compete in Small Fry

Gary Schuh, of District 7, President of the National Fiddle Contest



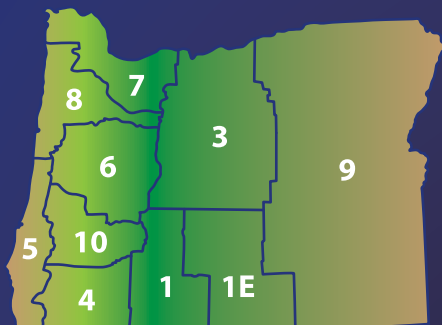
Fun in the park at the High Desert Music Jamboree in Burns

**Willamette Valley
Fiddle Contest
Benton County Fair
August 1**

**West Cascades
Fiddle Camp
& Workshops
July 21-24**

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OOTFA on parade, downtown Weiser

West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops

July 21-24

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.

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.

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest

August 1

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!

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!

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

2025 OOTFA Calendar

- 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)

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District 1 July Events

10 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm

24 Pacifica 10:30 - 11:30 am

24 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm

Luther Square Practice Every Wednesday 9:30 am

District 1 hopes everyone has a happy and safe 4th of July!

District 1 was represented at the June 13 state meeting at the **Burns Jamboree**, by our chairperson, **Deb Cornelison**, and our Treasurer/Membership and Secretary, **Edna Jenkins**. The meeting was informative. Edna put together a Dance Band with the name, **Teacher's Pets**, (some members were retired teachers) for Friday night at the jamboree with 8 tunes played and sung.

June 15: District 1 Oldtime Fiddlers played for the **Living History Day** held at the **Collier State Park Logging Museum**. We had a slot from 1:00-2:30 and ended up playing until 3:00 (we still had an audience). We even had 2 little boys just dancing away. Shout out to the park rangers, especially **Jody Uerlings**, for setting up our venue, providing the sound system, the ambience of the beautiful hanging plant and for having such enthusiasm. Thank you! We sat on straw bales to perform (keeping with the theme) and had the view of Spring Creek off to our left. The public also had straw bales to sit and listen from. Beautiful setting and a great time! The Living History Day celebration included venues that demonstrated the operation of vintage logging equipment, blacksmithing, log carving with chainsaws, spinners and much more.

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

Keep a tune in your heart, from District 1!

~ Deb Cornelison, District 1 Reporter



Members of "Teacher's Pets": Edna Jenkins, Deb Cornelison, Larry McLain (behind Edna)

District 1 welcomes one of our newer members, Jim Hughes. Jim was born into a musical family. In fact, some of you might remember **Bud and Francis Hughes**, members of OOTFA District 1 back in the 1980's. Jim mentioned music was the focus when the family would gather, often playing until way into the night. Jim has 1 other sibling, a brother, who is also musical. Jim's father taught Jim to play guitar when he was 12 and he also played cello until he entered high school. Word is that he plays harmonica, too. We love what Jim brings to our District 1 group. He plays both rhythm and lead guitar, sings and has brought forth some of his tunes for us to play. He has a great heart and a great sense of humor. Jim was a carpenter by trade and continues to do work for the church he and his wife attend. His other hobbies include: riding dirt bikes, riding adventure bikes and gardening. Jim and his wife have been taking in foster children for 7 years. Bless their hearts! Jim is a fabulous addition to District 1 and we thank you, Jim, for sharing your musical talents with us and those we play for. Welcome Jim!



Welcome, Jim Hughes



Living History Day players: Jay Schindler (Banjo), Deb Cornelison (Guitar/Mandolin), Jim Hughes (guitar), Irene Ruddock (fiddle), Frank Ayres (fiddle), John McCormick (guitar), Edna Jenkins (mandolin)

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Burns was a great jam! District 9 did an awesome job putting the event together. The grounds are being worked over and water and restrooms out of order but, all and all, it was a lot of fun.

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A few District 3 members were represented at the **High Desert Music Jamboree** in Burns last month, including **Ellen Jakab, LeRoy Newport, Judi Seger, Barbara Higgins, Don Greenfield, and Frank and Pat Borden.**

Don Greenfield has been having the occasional jam at the clubhouse of **Suntree Village** in Bend. Please send him a message at dongreenfield0@gmail.com if you would like to be put on his mailing list to be reminded of the days his jams occur. (Note - that is a "zero" in his email name!)



Don Greenfield singing "Grandma's Feather Bed" at the High Desert Music Jamboree

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 would like to organize more. We welcome volunteers from all districts to help make the Fall Gathering a successful event. Have a great summer, and stay hydrated - speaking from experience - heat stroke is a scary thing!

~ Judi Seger,
District 3 Reporter

Here in District 1E it's a little slow. Still jamming at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday nights, 4 to 7 pm. It's a non-OOTFA jam. If coming, please call, as sometimes we are out of town.

We also jam on second Saturdays at the **Chamber of Commerce** here in Lakeview, noon to when ever you have to go.

No upcoming event around here, but keep playing and helping others.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter



District 3 lost a longtime membership at the end of May, when John Schultz passed away. More information in the IN MEMORIAM on Page 12



Frank Borden at the High Desert Music Jamboree

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Hello and happy summer! I hope all is well and the flowers you planted are beautiful and blooming profusely and the vegetables are about to produce fruit. I can't wait for that first ripe Heirloom tomato!

District 4 closed out the month of May with a rousing performance at the **Fruitdale Grange** in Grants Pass. Then the musicians opened June in the park in Gold Hill with a performance to celebrate **Gold Dust Days**.

July's calendar is filled with opportunities, locally and across the state to play the old music and fellowship with other members. July 4th holds an opportunity to play at the **Jackson County Fairgrounds** to celebrate America's Birthday. **Len Ferrara** is in contact with officials and hopefully a date will be announced soon. Watch for an email from **Melissa**. July 12th will be the second performance of the summer at the beautiful **RV Park** in the mountains. The fun starts at 7 pm. Don't miss out. The week of July 14-18 will be the beginning of the **OOTFA District 4 Fiddle Camp for Kids**. The camp will be held at the **Donahue-Frohmeyer Park** in Medford from 9 am to noon. This is the perfect opportunity for kids in the area to learn to play the fiddle or improve their fiddling. Also, it's a great opportunity for District 4 musicians to come out and support the kids by playing the tunes so that they will hear how they sound. Contact **Lenny Ferrara** for more details at 541-499-0011. This week is also the **Jackson County Fair** and we have a tentative gig but the actual date has not yet been announced.

On Saturday, July 19, **Bob's String Band** will perform at the **Twin Creeks Senior Facility** in Central Point from 2-3 pm. July 21st-24th will be 4 fun filled days of learning new music techniques and music at the **OOTFA West Cascades Fiddle Camp** in Pleasant Hill. For more information on to register contact **Linda Parks** at **541-905-2313** or **lindaparks1980@gmail.com** or you can visit the website, **fiddlecamp.net**. Also tentatively that week is the **Britt Children's Festival** on July 21st and on July 22 the tentative **Oregon Trail Days** sponsored by the city of Talent.

Looking forward into the month of August we will be expecting a date to play at the **Josephine County Fair**. Stay tuned for emails from **Melissa** who will keep everyone updated.

As of what's happening lately, many OOTFA members enjoyed the **Jamboree** in Burns. **Bruce McGarvey**, who has been recovering from hip surgery and experienced severe complications, spent many weeks in acute care and then more weeks in skilled nursing care. He has been released to go home. He, **Judy** and their daughter, **Jill**, traveled to join the fun in Burns and continued to Weiser to enjoy the **National Fiddle Contest**. Judy has been a consistent contestant in the contest and has for several years won the "**Oldest Fiddle Contestant**". They also enjoy seeing and sharing with friends from across the country who come every year. We're sure Bruce will have quite an update to tell about this year. All of District 4 and members from across the state are so very happy he has recovered and wish him continued good health.

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

The Wednesday night practice jam is held every Wednesday at the **Roxy Grange** from 6-8 pm. For more info contact **Melissa** at **360-269-4288**.

The **North Josephine County Jam** is available every Tuesday at 2-4 pm in Grants Pass at the **Redwood Country Church**. For more info contact **Cindy** at **530-574-6176**.

Please watch for emails from **Melissa**. You don't want to miss an opportunity to perform the great old time music. **Happy 4th of July** to everyone from all of us at District 4. Celebrate safely.

~ See you there! Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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District 5 July Events

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| 9 Bullards Beach State Park | 6 - 7:30 pm |
| (just north of Bandon) campground amphitheater | |
| 19 Monthly District 5 Jam | 1 - 3 pm |
| Bandon IOOF Hall on Highway 42S | |
| 23 Bullards Beach State Park | 6 - 7:30 pm |
| (just north of Bandon) campground amphitheater | |
| Other events TBA | |

We are certainly enjoying our time at Bullards Beach State Park. The audiences are so friendly and happy, and we love sharing old-time music with them in such an extraordinary and beautiful outdoor setting.

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District 5 continued

The Bullards family gave such a great gift to our state: access to both beach and river, rolling hills of mature timber, so much land for hiking, picnics, and camping. The Coquille River flows under the bridge where the Bullards family had a store, post office, and ferry that was in use until the 1950's, and the river's mouth and a very picturesque lighthouse are favorite photo opportunities for campers and visitors. The park is for day use in addition to the state-run campground.

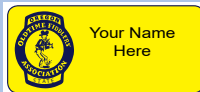
~ Linda Sweatt, District 5 Reporter

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June/July/August 2025
2nd & 4th WEDNESDAYS
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Our first night at Bullards with 120 people and several dogs in attendance, enjoying Bill Winfrey playing "You Are My Sunshine" and singing along



Practicing at Bill and Pat Winfrey's house before Bullards shows



After rehearsal at Bill and Pat Winfrey's house, we gathered for a group photo. From left to right, Bill Winfrey, John Bealey, Pat Winfrey, Mapril Combs, Willie Walter, Barbara Scheirman, Verna Lee, Linda Sweatt, Jolly Hibbits, Bruce Seguire.

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District 6 July Events

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| 3 | Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam | 1 - 3 pm |
| | Corvallis Community Center | |
| 12 | Monthly Jam | 10 am - 1 pm |
| | Santa Clara Grange, Eugene | |
| 18 | Third Friday Jam | 11 am - 1 pm |
| | McNail-Riley House, 601 W 13th, Eugene | |

Hello Summer! May we all have plenty of opportunities to make music outside during these long days (and evenings) of July.

Intermediate Fiddle Class will not be meeting in July or August but will resume on September 6th. In June there were sixteen enthusiasts for nonstop fiddle play. The feature tune was the "Waverly Two-step", a lively Canadian dance tune. Also played were several tunes that have been introduced since last October and fiddlers hashed out problem phrases that cropped up.

Basic Fiddle Class also will not be meeting this July or August. Class will resume on September 8th.

Attendance was less than usual at the **Santa Clara Grange Jam** (2nd Saturday of month, 10 am– 1 pm), with some of our regulars in Burns and then on to Weiser for the **National Fiddle Contest**.



Snail races and old time music; not your usual combination. But on June 1st, **Jenny Jonak** and family hosted a summer party in their 'music barn' at their country place. Great food, exciting snail races, and perhaps a dozen District 6 musicians making music in the sunshine. Fun time!



Gabby and Jim Ford at Santa Clara Grange

The **High Desert Music Jamboree** was in Burns on June 12 – 14th at the **Harney County Fairgrounds**. **Linda and Jerry Parks, Saxon, Gretchen, and Dayne Ropp, Michael Schneider, Hal Weiner, Beverly Schriver, and Steve Robare** represented District 6 at this event. Most then moved on to the **National Fiddle Contest** in Weiser, Idaho, where **Peggy Mulder and Donna Wynn** joined the festivities.

The **McKenzie Lavender Festival** near Leaburg is on July 11-13th, from 10-5 pm. **Linda Danielson and Janet Naylor; Donna and Dale Wynn with Robin Lindsey; and Donna, Nina Hoffman, and Amy Burrow** will perform sets during the course of the festival. The **Camas Schoolhouse Youth Fiddlers** will play a set on Saturday, July 12th at 10 am during the Festival.



Linda & Jerry Parks back up Gretchen, Saxon & Dayne Ropp at the High Desert Music Jamboree

District 6 is getting ready for next month's 13th **West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops**, and we're super excited! This camp is held July 21-24 in beautiful Pleasant Hill, Oregon. We could use help filling one of our classes: **Advanced Beginning Adult Fiddle**. It's terrific for adults with *some* background in fiddle/violin but who would like to learn more of the basics - learning tunes by ear, practicing some jam favorites, and the basics of fiddle and bow technique. Contact the registrar, **Linda Parks** at 541-905-2313 or lindaparks1980@gmail.com for more info on this class, as well as the others offered for Fiddle, Guitar, Banjo and Bass over the 4 day camp.

Soon after Fiddle Camp is the **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest**, Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, August 1st.

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Ken Luse

District 6 continued

The world lost longtime OOTFA member and bass player extraordinaire **Ken Luse** on **Memorial Day**. My first memory of Ken was some 25 years ago, at the **Barn Dances** held at **Spencer Creek Grange**. Ken liked to play upfront, off to one side, so little kids could touch and feel the vibrations from his bass. In October of 2024, A **Celebration of Life** will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025, at 2 pm at the **Norkenzie Christian Church** on Crescent in Eugene. Read more in the **In Memoriam** section on the back page.

~ Tony Dandurand,
District 6 Reporter



Dean Boring, Claudia Zinser & Gary Evans at Sunnyside Grange, warming up for the June Circle Jam

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District 7 July Events

- 5 Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm**
 13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
 (Sunnyside Road at 132nd Ave.)
- 14 Homewoods on the 2:30-3:30 pm**
Willamette Retirement Center
 17971 SE River Road, Portland

In addition to the "official" District 7 events, our Secretary, Claudia Zinser, invites us all to her 82nd birthday party on Sunday, July 13, from 1-5 pm. There will be birthday cake, other food and beverages, jamming, **plus a guitar concert by Claudia's son, Gregory Horner**. RSVP by leaving a message at 503-630-3950. Bring your instruments and a chair to 22651 South Reid Road, Estacada, 1:00-5:00 pm.

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

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

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS
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District 8 July Events

Martha's Hughes' Beginning Fiddle Class on Summer Break

1 & 15 Marie Bailey's Jam 1 - 3 pm

Please call Marie if you plan to attend @ 503-835-7185. This is a group to practice gig tunes and learn new tunes.

9 Monmouth Senior Center Jam 6:30 pm

180 Warren St. South, Monmouth
Host: Ted Hunt

26 District 8 Jam 1 - 3:30 pm

Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community
7693 Wheatland Road North, Keizer

May 24th, District 8 held their monthly jam in the Loucks Auditorium at the Salem Public Library. We had a smaller turnout than normal as it was Memorial Day weekend. We had lots of fun!

June 14th, District 8 played for Sons of Norway. We had ten people there to play. Sons of Norway held their business meeting, then had strawberries and ice cream for everyone, District included. Then District 8 played for an hour. Playing were Lynn Gossett, Marie Bailey, Dennis Brutke, Darlene Bryant, Richard Rubicam, Sandy Smith, Ron Henderson, Dave Smith, Della Frost, and Katharin Allen. ~ Cathy Yale, District 8 Reporter



Lynn Gossett, Ron Henderson and Marie Bailey



Dave Smith, Sandy Smith and Lynn Gossett

Dennis Brutke, Darlene Bryant, Richard Rubicam, Sandy Smith, Ron Henderson, Dave Smith, Della Frost, and Katharin Allen. ~ Cathy Yale, District 8 Reporter



Dennis Brutke



District 8 at the Sons of Norway

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The 2025 High Desert Music Jamboree is a wrap! We had a great time, in spite of the construction project at our fairgrounds. Three-plus days of visiting and great music!

One group of our musicians went to the **Hines Park** and played music during the **Obsidian Days** event on Friday and again Saturday morning, held on the second weekend in June.

On Saturday, ten folks played for about an hour for a 3-family reunion at **Geno's Gym** in downtown Burns. Saturday evening's show included a successful raffle-drawings for nine items, and a special presentation for the 50th wedding anniversary of **Bonnie** and **Jim Adams**.

About 150 people registered during our three day event, including a couple from Germany, a good number representing several other OOTFA districts, and approx. 40% local folks.

We will be on stage June 28th at the **Archeology and Culture Keepers Roadshow** at **Hines Park**. Maybe the mosquitoes will be gone by then?



Rhea Bigelow's quilt was won in a raffle at the High Desert Music Jamboree by District 9's Steve Moyer

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter



OOTFA members from around the state joined together at the High Desert Music Jamboree



Musicians attending the Jamboree took a little side trip to Hines and made some music at Obsidian Days

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3 Oak Park	2 – 3 pm
10 Garden Valley Retirement	2 – 3 pm
16 Callahan Court	3 – 4 pm
18 Callahan Village	12 - 1 pm
21 - 24 West Cascades Fiddle Camp	
22 Bridgewood Rivers	2 – 3 pm
25 Brookdale	2 – 3 pm
26 Monthly Jam	12 - 3 pm

Sutherlin Senior Center

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Our group played at 5 of our regular retirement centers, plus we enjoyed playing at 3 new venues in June: For the patients at the **Umpqua Rehab Center**, for the Vets at the **Roseburg Veterans Hospital** and outside at **Ford's Pond's** new pavilion area.

July looks like it is shaping up to be a busy month with our (6) regular retirement centers, **Kelly's Fiddle Classes** at **Fir Grove Park**, Monday mornings at 10 am, and then an Open Jam, from 11 – noon, as well as the **West Cascade Fiddle Camp**, that many from here like to attend, plus our Monthly Jam, the 4th Saturday at the **Senior Center** in Sutherlin.

In July we wish **Very Happy Birthdays** to:
Kelly Wadsworth (7/6), **Rosemarie Whitnauer** (7/11),
Liz Crain (7/26), **Jerry Ashford** (7/28)

~ Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter

New OOTFA Members • July 2025

Alison Adams	Pleasant Hill (6)
Beau Burk	Emmett, ID (OS)
Lissa Forbes	Christmas Valley (1E)
Jim & Cheryl Kinley	Junction City (6)
Gordon Lee	Christmas Valley (1E)
Tara Murphy	Grants Pass (5)
Leora Rohssler	Fort Bragg, CA (OS)
Angela Rosemeyer	Baker City (9)
Gail & Paul Weller	Cave Junction (4)



District 10 at the Roseburg Veterans Health Care System's Lodge



...at Bridgewood Rivers



...and at Ford's Pond



Allison Lindley competed in the Adult Division in Weiser, backed up by Rod Anderson and Andy Emert

Oregon Oldtime
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979 Ascot Drive
Eugene, OR 97401



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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

Ken Luse's 20 years membership in OOTFA came to a sad end on May 26, 2025 (Memorial Day) with family by his side. He was born on June 6, 1942 (it became D-Day when he was 2). Ken grew up in McMinnville, graduating in 1960. His musical talents were fostered during that time. After serving in the **United States Navy**, he attended college (**U of O, Lane Community College & OSU** class of '71). He sold glue to the Wood Products industry. Ken's love of music was evident in his *"It's all about the bass!"* bass playing.

Ken served as State VP in 2012-2013 as well as **District 6 Chair**. He helped start the **West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops** in 2011 where he taught an Upright Bass Class for 10 years. This is the 13th year, and the camp committee is dedicating it in Memory of Ken. Condolences can be sent to his wife of 56 years, **Patti Luse and family** at 979 Ascot Drive, Eugene, OR 97401 or pattiluse@comcast.net. A **Celebration of Life** will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025, at 2 pm at the **Norkenzie Christian Church** on Crescent in Eugene. Besides family & friends, *music was his life*, and remembrances can be made to **OOTFA Fiddle Camp c/o Linda Parks, 36989 Deadwood Dr, Lebanon, OR 97355**.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of John Schultz, a lifetime member from Prineville (District 3). John proudly served in the **U.S. Navy**, where he learned to play guitar and harmonica and discovered his lifelong passion for music. Music remained the one constant throughout his life, as he became an accomplished musician and founding member of the country music band **Just4Fun**. John was also a skilled artisan, excelling as a wood carver, painter, and builder of rustic furniture. He cherished the outdoors, enjoying hiking, camping, and cross-country skiing. John is survived by his lifelong partner, **Kim Martin**. His legacy of music, craftsmanship, and love of nature will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him. Condolences can be sent to **Kim Martin at 185 NW Harwood #5, Prineville, OR 97754** or crgypsy@live.com.

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