

OREGON • OLD TIME • FIDDLERS' THE HOEDOWNER

Volume 33, Issue 9

Established 1964

ootfa.org

September 2025

Music, Meetings and Magic in the High Desert

It is almost time for the OOTFA District 3 2025 Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering! It's happening September 11th, 12th, and 13th in the **Carey Foster Hall** at **Crook County Fairgrounds, 1280 Main Street, Prineville**. We would love to see you there! Please come join in the fun.

Some volunteer positions are still available; please review the list being emailed and see where you can help with making this event successful. Email or text **Ellen Jakab, Pat Borden** or **Kim Martin** or stop by the registration table sign and let us know that you can help.



Cindy Crane and Ellen Jakab
at the 2024 COAMG

If you are camping, go ahead and park in an available RV site, then pay at the registration table in the **Carey Foster Hall**. Planning to arrive before Thursday? Contact the **Crook County Fairgrounds Office, 541-447-6575** to make camping arrangements

Event information: schedule, where to eat and places to stay close to the fairgrounds is being emailed to all members to aid in your planning.

There will be a **Hospitality Table** with coffee, tea, bottled water, popcorn and snacks available for all with donations gratefully accepted. Donations of snacks to share are also welcomed!

Friday is **Potluck Dinner** time. Please bring a dish to share. There will be someone to set up potluck dinners to be served. We will not have a caterer this year, but will have use of the kitchen.

A colorful poster for the Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering. The background features a sunset over a desert landscape with silhouettes of musicians playing acoustic instruments. The text on the poster includes: "CENTRAL OREGON ACOUSTIC MUSIC GATHERING", "September 11, 12, & 13", "Jamming All Days & Nights", "Acoustic Old-Time Music", "Country & Fiddle Music", "Dancing & Stage Shows", "Mini Workshops", "Gospel Show Saturday 1 pm", "Free (Donations Accepted)", "Public Welcome", "Bring Your Instruments", "Crook County Fairgrounds", "Carey Foster Hall", "1280 Main Street, Prineville", "RV Camping with Electricity/Water", "Dry Camping Available", "More Info: centraloregonfiddlers.com", and a logo for the "CENTRAL OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION".

The **Raffle**, always a fun part of the event, will be happening again this year. Please bring your treasures or instruments to donate to the raffle. **This is an important fund raiser for District 3.** Please help ensure the continuation of this great event with your generosity. Donate items and purchase lots of tickets. It's great fun too!

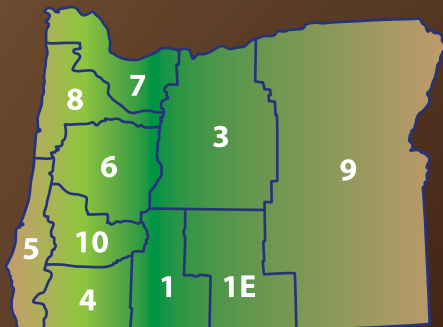
Minnie Pearl may be coming back to MC the stage this year. Please plan to participate and enjoy this event. Check out the workshops too.

Bring your friends and family members to share your favorite songs! Hope to see you all soon!

~ Ellen Jakab, District 3 Chair

**Schedule of COAMG Events
See Page 5**

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest **Wrap-up and Results
See Page 3**



OOTFA Officers

President

Cindy Crane

530-574-6176

202 Draper Valley Road

Selma, OR 97538

ronandcindycrane@gmail.com

Vice President

Terry McLain

541-219-6152

1011 South "J" Street

Lakeview, OR 97630

terry233.tm@gmail.com

Secretary

Chris Cormack

541-679-0553

284 W Hickory

Roseburg, OR 97471

Ccormack57@gmail.com

Treasurer

Linda Parks

541-905-2313

36989 Deadwood Drive

Lebanon, OR 97355

LindaParks1980@gmail.com

Hoedowner Editor

Robin Lindsey

458-205-9215

845 Taylor Street

Eugene, OR 97402

qat_boy@msn.com

Webmaster

Jodi Vaughn

503-901-1158

ootfawebmaster@gmail.com

Hello All,

Just a few more days until we

are heading for **The Central Oregon Acoustic Gathering at the Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville, September 11-13**. I look forward to seeing all of you there! This is always a fun time! Our **Membership Meeting** will be during this event on Saturday, please plan to attend. We will be voting on the proposed Bylaw Amendment regarding Lifetime Membership I wrote to you about.

District 3 has been working hard getting ready. Let's all pitch in to help.

Set up will be Thursday the September at noon with jamming to follow. Friday and Saturday will be full of great opportunities to play, learn and have a good time.

Next month, **Ron and I** will be hosting the second annual **"Out In the Country" Jam/Campout** at our place in Selma, OR. We'd love to have you join us. The dates are October 3rd thru 5th.

So, let's keep showing up, making friends, learning, playing music, singing, supporting one another, and having fun! When others see us having fun they want to join in!

Welcome to our new members! ~ Cindy

OOTFA President's Report

2025 OOTFA Calendar

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)

Oct. 3-5

2nd Annual Jam in the Country Jam

at Ron & Cindy Crane's, Selma

Looking forward to 2026

Jan. 17

OOTFA Board Meeting

9:30 am at Lebanon Senior Center, Lebanon

March 26-28

State Convention

OOTFA Board Meeting & Membership Meeting

Assembly of God Church Winston

New OOTFA Members • September 2025

Florencia & Gwendolyn Anding

Eugene (6)

Nathan, Brooke, Adelle

Oregon City (7)

& Youth Elijah, Moses & Annabelle Bubna

Will, Erin & Youth Mabel, Carolyn, Lucy, Lyla & Harley Dowdy Eugene (6)

Ed & Martha Giesbrecht

Medford (4)

Leo Helm

Ashland (4)

Brad Holst

Grants Pass (4)

Naomi Katz

Phoenix (4)

Judith Lebzelter

Portland (7)

Melody Nydam

Creswell (6)

Stell, Sonny & Kerry Rigby

Grants Pass (4)

Davey & Amy Romero

Springfield (6)

Bobbie Sterling

Rainier (7)

Anne Taylor & Youth Daniel Morris

LaGrande (9)

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest

Wrap-up

The **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest** was held August 1, 2025 at the **Benton County Fair** in Corvallis. This is an **OOTFA** sponsored event that brought in a lot of great fiddlers! It is amazing what a hotbed of fiddling there is in Oregon. If you get a chance to hear some of these winners play in their bands, or you can feature them in performances, please do so. People need to hear fiddling like this! The contest could not take place without generous donations from **OOTFA Districts 10, 8 and 6** as well as the **Kielhorn Foundation**. We also appreciate the **Benton County Fair** for their contribution of the stage, sound system, ribbons and a donation to help support the judges. We plan to raise enough to increase prize money for contestants next year. If you have PeeWee fiddlers (8 and under) or are a Novice (never played in a contest before), this is the time to start preparing for next year's contest!

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers, many who have been on hand for the past 26 years! **Julie and Frank Eisenhower** who manned registration and herding contestants (alone with **MaryAnn!**), **Suzie Maresh** and **Leslie Darland**, our faithful scorekeepers, and **Cat McClintock** who did the livestream (if you didn't see it live it is still on the **OOTFA** and **WVFC Facebook** pages for another month and then on the **OOTFA YouTube Channel**). Cat particularly wants to remind people to donate to the contest using the **Venmo** account that the video stream provides or just send a check to the **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, c/o McMullen 866 NE Thousand Oaks Drive, Corvallis OR 97330**.

Thanks to all who came and played and also the great crowd that showed up to listen! See you next year!

This list of winners also indicate those who were Certified to play at the **2026 National Fiddle Contest** in Weiser, ID in June.

~ Starr McMullen, WVFC Contest Chair

District 1E Lakeview, Silver Lake Area

Chair: Ann Stover 541-621-5265 snag44@earthlink.net

Vice-Chair: Arlene Henry 541-947-5026 ziggyh@centurytel.net

Secretary-Treasurer/Membership: Sharilyn McLain 541-219-0896
P.O. Box 603, Lakeview, OR 97630

Reporter: Terry McLain 541-219-6152 terry233.tm@gmail.com

Well, we don't have much to talk about. **It's pretty slow in Lake County**. Hoping to play at the **Lake County Fair**, August 30. Don't have a time, but in the morning sometime. Missed the **Farm Jam** as the **McLain Reunion** was the same dates. I'm sure it was a great time.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

WVFC 2025 Winners

Championship Division

1. Celeste Johnson, Portland OR (Champ Certified)
2. Luke Price, Portland OR
3. Doug Fleener, Eugene OR
4. Shira Ellisman, Umapine OR
5. Andy Emert, Portland OR
6. Donna Reuter, Hood River OR

Adult Division

1. Libby Rogers, Boise ID (Young Adult Certified)
2. Dan Emert, Walla Walla WA (Adult Certified)
3. Aedan Seaver, Eugene OR
4. Jeremy Sher, Eugene OR
5. Anne Sumner, Umapine OR

Senior Division

1. Nancy Padilla, Portland OR (Senior Certified)
2. Scott Sumner, Umapine OR
3. Eileen Walter, Portland OR (Senior-Senior Certified)
4. Tim Carter, Bonney Lake WA
5. Janet Shelby Otis, Orchard WA

Junior Division

1. Tristan Paskvan, South Lake TX (Junior Certified)
2. Adrienne Jenson, Meridian ID
3. Megan Nave, Bend OR
4. Kambri Jenson, Meridian ID
5. Sapphire Rain, Dallas OR

Junior-Junior Division

1. Trevor Jenson, Meridian ID (Junior-Junior Certified)
2. Caselin Clark, Bend OR
3. Anwen Cramer-Dickinson, Eugene OR
4. Amelia Mehloff, OR
5. Annabelle Bubna, Oregon City OR

Accompanist Division

1. Darin Meeks Priest, River ID \$100
2. Scott Sumner, Umapine OR
3. Anne Sumner, Umapine OR
4. Rod Anderson, Spokane WA
5. Terry Ludiker, Post Falls ID

Novice Division:

1. Brooke Bubna, Oregon City OR
2. Greta Guptil, Keizer OR
3. Dean Gadda, Portland OR

Pee Wee Division:

1. Bradley Guptil, Keizer OR (PeeWee Certified)
2. Miriam Pearce, Nampa ID
3. Loulu Guptil, Keizer OR

Judges and MC:

Erin McMullen, MC Philomath OR
John Francis, Judge, Salt Lake City UT
Joey McKenzie, McMinnville OR
Kimberly Meeks, Priest River ID

District 1 Klamath Falls Area

Chair: Debbie Cornelison 541-281-5222 rdcorn@charter.com
Co-Chair: Vacant
Treasurer/Secretary/Membership: Edna Jenkins 541-891-9155
ednaspics@yahoo.com
Reporter: Debbie Cornelison

District 1 September Events

Luther Square Practice Every Wednesday 9:30 am
11 Rogue River Place 11 am
11 Pelican Pointe 2:30 pm
25 Pacifica 10:30 am

District 1 played for the Sky Lakes Medical Center's annual picnic on August 9. Big thanks to Reid, hospital staff coordinator for this event, for inviting us to play and sing at their annual picnic. We were set up under the shade of the park trees, which was perfect due to the hot weather that day. We also enjoyed lunch which was provided for us. District 1 performed for 3 hours. Big thanks to Mel (district 1 member) for all of his help with this event also!



Mel Ylarraz

New District 1 member, **Mel Ylarraz**, plays guitar, mandolin and sings (sung in his high school choir). He brings his love for old-time songs forward for us to learn. Mel is one of 4 children and was raised on sheep farms in both Flagstaff, Arizona and New Mexico. His parents immigrated to the United States from Spain and are Basque. Music was

part of growing up as both of his sisters went to college on voice scholarships. Mel is the only one to pick up playing an instrument (or 2) and did so as a result of his fire crew cabin mate teaching him. Mel used his marketing degree and Spanish minor to work in marketing for a forest products company in both Mexico City and Guatemala. Back in the states, he was also a banker and became bank president. He now volunteers at our local hospital. Mel met his wife in college and they have 3 children. He has passed his love of music to his daughter who has passed it on to her son. They have even joined us for practice. **Nice!** We welcome Mel to District 1.

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

Keep a tune in your heart from District 1!

~ Deb Cornelison, District 1 Reporter



We had two girls that watched our performance at the Sky Lakes Picnic and each made a sketch of our group. WOW! The sketches are included in this issue and are really special. What a surprise treat for us. Thank you Maya and Aurora. What a great day for all of us doing what we love, playing music.

District 3 Bend, Redmond, The Dalles

Chair: Ellen Jakab 541-548-2387 iamejs@webtv.net
Vice Chair: **Volunteer Needed!**
Secretary: Pat Borden 541-408-7181 pattyann335@gmail.com
Treasurer: Judi Seger 541-485-8487 jlseger22@gmail.com
Reporter: Judi Seger

District 3 Website: centraloregonfiddlers.com

Hello from Central Oregon! I would like to remind folks that **Don and Debbie Greenfield** have a jam going at their home in Bend. Septembers jam will be at 2 pm on Saturday, September 20. They live in Suntree Village, 1001 SE 15th St., Space #145 in Bend. They kindly request that you call ahead to let them know if you are coming, and to confirm the jam information. Don's number is (541) 589-4977. Normally the jam will be every 2nd Saturday of the month, but Septembers jam is a week later since they will be attending the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** the week before.

Happy strumming, picking, and bowing to all!

~ Judi Seger, District 3 Reporter



2025 CENTRAL OREGON ACOUSTIC MUSIC GATHERING

Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY , SEPT 11

We will be doing: Event Set-Up, and jamming when we're done. Come give us a hand!

Set-up begins at 11 am - All are welcome!

Visit: centraloregonfiddlers.com

FRIDAY , SEPT 12

Carey Foster Hall will be open at 7:00 A.M. with Coffee Brewing!

Jamming and Socializing Encouraged throughout the Day!

9:00 A.M.- 5 P.M.	Welcome-Registration and Information Table Open
	<i>NOTE: Sign up for OPEN MIC and Favorite Artist Bands on White Board at Welcome Table by Noon!</i>
9:30 AM.-10:30 A.M.	Workshop: Ditch the Binders - Music on your tablet (MobileSheets) -Cindy Crane
11 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.	Workshop: Introduction to Strum Machine - Jerry Parks
11:45 A.M. - 1 P.M.	Lunch Break
1 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	OPEN MIC
4 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	OOTFA State Board Meeting - Room behind Registration Table
4 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.	Workshop: Counting In (Making Potatoes Make Sense) - Steve Robare
5:00 PM	Bring Potluck items to kitchen
5:30 P.M. -6:30 P.M.	Dinner - Pot Luck
7:00 P.M. - 7:20 P.M.	OLD TIME FIDDLERS ON STAGE! Showcasing Old Time Fiddle Music
7:30 P.M. - 9 P.M.	Favorite Artist BAND Performance! MC'd by Minnie Pearl...Howdy !
9:00 P.M. -12:00 M	Night Owl Jamming until the last man locks up the Carey Foster Hall for the night!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

Carey Foster Hall will be open at 7:00 A.M. with Coffee Brewing!

Jamming and Socializing Encouraged throughout the Day!

9:00 A.M.- 5 P.M.	Welcome-Registration and Information Table Open
	<i>NOTE: Sign up for DANCE BANDS at the Welcome Table by Noon!</i> <i>DANCE BANDS performance tonight! Public Welcome - Donations Appreciated</i>
10 A.M - 11:30 A.M.	OOTFA Membership Meeting - Carey Foster Hall
11:30 AM - 1 P.M.	Lunch Break
1 P.M. - 3 PM P.M.	Gospel Show
3 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.	Workshop: Banjo - Jeff Stevens
4 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.	Workshop: Basic Guitar Back Up - Steve Robare
5:00 P.M. - 7 P.M.	Dinner Break
7 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	OLD TIME FIDDLERS ON STAGE! Showcasing Old Time Fiddle Music
7:30 - 9:30 P.M.	Dance Band Performances! MC'd by Pat Borden
9:30 P.M. -12M	Clean-Up of Carey Foster Hall accompanied by last minute Jamming!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

FAREWELL! Linger for some campground jamming, or help with final clean-up!

Carey Foster Hall will close at about 11:00 a.m. Don't forget your Instruments!

District 4 Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland

Chair: Melissa Taylor 360-269-4288 melissataylormlt@gmail.com
Co-Chair: **Volunteer Needed!**
Secretary: Ron Bolstad 541-488-3593 bolstad@mind.net
Treasurer: Christa Price 503-267-1577 Darysta@gmail.com
Membership Chair: Carol Ferrara lencarol2000@gmail.com
Fiddle Rustler: Cindy Crane 707-489-8954 roncindy@gmail.com
Reporter: Judy Lyons 541-956-0618 blacklyon317@gmail.com

District 4 Facebook

September brings a bountiful harvest of fruits, vegetables and flowers that have been carefully tended throughout the heat of July and August. Now we can begin to make plans for the upcoming **Harvest Festival Season**.

District 4 musicians concluded July with a performance at the **Jackson Country Fair**. The performance was made special when several of the students from the **Fiddle Camp in the Park** came and performed. Many thanks to **Len and Carol Ferrara, Melissa Taylor, Jeanette Bondsteel** and all the other teachers and volunteers who made it a success.

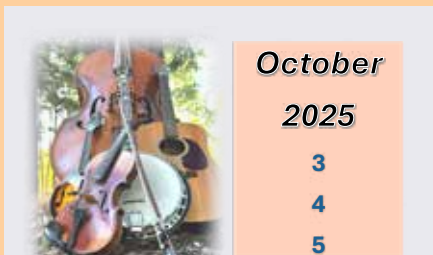
August brought the last performance of the summer at the beautiful **RV Park** in the mountains. **Bob's String Band**, also performed for the residents of the **Central Point Assisted Living Center** in August.

Looking forward at September's calendar first scheduled is the **Central Oregon Acoustic Music Festival** in Prineville, September 11 thru 13th. This is a popular venue and several musicians and family from District 4 are planning to attend. It will be held at the **Crook County Fairgrounds** and will be hosted by District 3.

On September 20 **Bob's String Band** will play at the **Central Point Assisted Living Center** in Central Point from 2-3 pm. It also is a tentative date for the **Alzheimer's Walk**. Time and place TBA.

It's not too early to look ahead to October to the "Jam in the Country" hosted by **Ron and Cindy Crane** at their lovely home

in Selma. It will begin Friday afternoon, October 3rd, and continue until Sunday evening the 5th. There will be potlucks to bring your favorite food to and snacks to share. There will also be some RV parking and room for tents. More info is available on the District 4 website calendar or contact **Cindy at (530) 574-6176, ronandcindy@gmail.com**.



October 2025

3
4
5

Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association - District 4
"Out in the Country"
Acoustic Jam - Potluck - Campout
202 Draper Valley Road, Selma, Oregon

Come jam with us under the trees (or in large shop, if weather indicates).
Coffee will be on by 8 am. Bring snacks to share if you'd like.
Potluck dinner Saturday at 6:30 pm. We'll have water. Let's have fun!
Ok to arrive Thursday afternoon, stay thru Sunday if you'd like.
Room for RVs and tents (dry camping only, flat ground).
Pets not allowed in buildings, must be on short leash and picked up after.
No alcohol, drugs or firearms.
For info: Cindy Crane (530) 574-6176 ronandcindy@gmail.com

September 27th has scheduled the first performance at the **Pheasant Fields Farm** in Phoenix from 1-4 pm. The musicians will be performing under the ancient walnut tree which is surrounded by a wooden deck. There will be tiny tots, some dressed as pumpkins, and many visitors to the farm who will be stopping to hear the music while hunting for the perfect pumpkin.

The **Kids Jam** is held every Tuesday from 5-6 at the **Roxy Ann Grange**. Contact **Len Ferrara** at lencarol2000@gmail.com.

The **North Josephine county practice jam** is held every Tuesday from 2-4 pm at the **Redwood Country Church** in Grants Pass. For more info contact **Cindy at (530) 574-6176 or ronandcindy@gmail.com**.

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

Check the District 4 calendar for all gigs, jams and meetings for updates, revisions and maps.

See you in the Fall! ~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

District 5 Southern Coast Area

Chair: Ruth Weyer 541-759-3419 mapaweyer@frontier.com
Vice-Chair: Luke Verhagen 541-808-2493 lukenchar@gmail.com
Secretary: Verna Lee 541-888-3560
Treasurer: Pat Winfrey 541-808-2493 bill1938@outlook.com
Membership: Pat Foht 541-412-8169 plfoht@gmail.com
Sound Manager: Bill Winfrey 541-808-2493 bill1938@outlook.com
Kitchen Mgr.: Ruth Weyer 541-759-3419 mapaweyer@frontier.com
Publicity: Jolly Hibbits 541-982-4445 egretflatsfarm@gmail.com
Reporter: Linda Sweatt 541-756-5454 lindaswtt@yahoo.com

District 5 September Events

- | | | |
|-----------|--|---|
| 2 | Pacific View Assisted Living & Memory, Bandon | 1:30 - 3 pm |
| 9 | Evergreen Court North Bend | 2 - 3 pm |
| 13 | Dora Corn Feed | eat at 1 pm, then pie judging, then we play, Dora Community Center |
| 16 | Inland Point Care Center | 2 - 3 pm |
| 20 | Monthly District 5 Jam | 1 - 3 pm |
| | Bandon IOOF Hall on Highway 42S | |
| 27 | Myrtle Point Harvest Festival | 1 - 3 pm |
| | in front of Cherry Creek Floral, Myrtle Point | |

For information on performances, please call Ruth at 541-297-3419

September might be one of the busiest months! We have plenty of events going on all month, from the return to our regular performances at the care facilities to community events like the **Corn Feed** and the **Harvest Festival**.

The **Corn Feed** is a longtime tradition in the **Dora Community** and features a pie contest! It is held at the community center in the heart of Dora and offers plenty of

continued on next page

pot luck food, fellowship, and a chance to enjoy the beauty of the community, The family of our own **Mapril Combs** donated the land for the community center and it is a fire station, library, meeting/kitchen/ church area, and is the heart of the community. It also has wifi, a rarity in some places nearby. The



Ruth Weyer (center) sings one of her crowd pleasers, accompanied by Willie Walter, Linda Sweatt, Mapril Combs, Pat Winfrey, and Bill Winfrey at a late July Bullard show

Harvest Festival gets the Myrtle Point Folks together for a full day of classic cars, farm equipment, booths and events, and a chance to greet the neighbors! Any **OOTA members** are welcome to join us in these opportunities for fun!

~ Linda Sweatt, District 5 Reporter

Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers

FALL INTO OOTA

District 5 Performance schedule

First Tuesday, 1:30-3, Pacific View Care, Bandon
 Second Tuesday, 2PM, Evergreen Ct, Coos Bay
 Third Tuesday, 2PM, Inland Point Care, Coos Bay
 Other dates TBA

ACOUSTIC JAM
3rd Saturday
1-3PM Bandon IOOF Hall, Hwy 42S Bandon

Come to listen or join in!

For information, call Ruth at
 541- 297-3419

District 6 Eugene, Corvallis. Lebanon Area

Chair: Jerry Parks 541-905-2312 fiddlecratcher67@gmail.com
 Vice Chair: Peggy Mulder 541-912-4040 peggyjm2@icloud.com
 Secretary: Amy Burrow 541-998-6294 aru.bur6294@gmail.com
 Treasurer: Bernie Roberts 541-689-5764 beroberts285@comcast.net
 Membership: Linda Parks 541-905-2313 LindaParks1980@gmail.com
 36989 Deadwood Dr. Lebanon, OR 97355
 Scholarship Chair: Gabi Ford 541-231-3330 gabiford@hotmail.com
 Publicity: Amy Burrow 541-998-6294 aru.bur6294@gmail.com
 Reporter: Tony Dandurand 541 726 8147 tdandurand@comcast.net

District 6 September Events

- 4 Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam 1 - 3 pm**
Corvallis Community Center
- 6 Intermediate Fiddle Class 1 - 3 pm**
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 8 Basic Fiddle Class 1:30 - 3:30 pm**
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave.
- 13 Monthly District 6 Jam 10 am - 1 pm**
Santa Clara Grange, Eugene
- 19 Third Friday Jam 11 am - 1 pm**
McNail-Riley House, 601 W 13th, Eugene

Looking Ahead to October

- 11 District Quarterly Meeting 11 am**
October, 2025 at the Santa Clara Grange Jam

September has arrived; the garden is still overflowing, but the days are getting shorter and cooler.

On August 3rd, dozens of OOTFA members, were among the nearly 200 friends and family that filled the **Norkenzie Christian Church** for the celebration of life for **Ken Luse**. A touching eulogy, a **Military Navy Flag Ceremony**, memories from family and friends, a picture show of Ken's life; quite the mix of emotions.



Just a few of the folks at the Celebration of Life of District 6's beloved Ken Luse

A talented OOTFA Ensemble (**Lucy Bragg, Amy Burrow, Linda Danielson, Jerry and Linda Parks, Lisa Ponder, and Steve Robare**) performed "Ashokan Farewell", "You Are My Sunshine", and "Amazing Grace" during the event. Afterwards, at the reception, more than a dozen OOTFA members played music while Ken's favorite **Tillamook Oregon Strawberry Ice Cream** and cookies were served.

Ken said (regarding music), "It's all about the Bass" but I'm sure he knew that (regarding life), the Bass is Family and Friends. He had a good Bass.

Both the **Intermediate Fiddle Class** (River Road Annex, 1st Saturday of month, September 6th, 1 – 3 pm), and the **Basic Fiddle Class** (Bethesda Lutheran Church, 2nd Monday of month, September 8th, 1:30 – 3:30 pm) have been on summer hiatus and are resuming in September.

The monthly **Santa Clara Grange Jam** (2nd Saturday of month, 10 am– 1 pm) had about a fifteen people attend in August, making music and singing songs, including two new members, **Davey** and **Amy Romero**; Welcome to you both. In September this Jam will be on September 13th.

continued on next page

District 6 continued

Linda and Jerry Parks and **Steve Robare** represented District 6 at the **Farm Jam** (Aug 6 – 11th) in Estacada.

District 6 has a scholarship funds available for district members to help offset costs for musical lessons for acoustic stringed instruments (like the **West Cascades Fiddle Camp**). This pot of money can only be used for this purpose. Info and application form available from **Gabi Ford** at gabiford@hotmail.com.

On Friday, August 22nd, an OOTFA ensemble of **Linda Danielson, Amy Burrow**, fiddles; **Nina Hoffman, Tony Dandurand** on guitars; **Louise Dandurand**, mandolin; and **Lynette Kristine** on bass played a set for the residents of **Merrill Gardens**. I think Amy's rendition of 'Ghost Chickens in the Sky' was the crowd favorite. At least 50 people were in the appreciative audience; several came up to thank the musicians.

District Vice Chair, and dear friend of many, **Peggy Mulder** had a stroke that affected her swallowing. She is home now recovering after several days in the hospital and a rehab facility. We all wish her the best in her recovery, and hope she can rejoin music making as soon as possible. Send cards to 1574 Coburg Rd #312, Eugene 97401.

~ Tony Danurand, District 6 Reporter



The 3rd Friday Jam at the McNail-Riley House at 601 W 13th in Eugene, is another fine opportunity to grow your musical experience. Thanks to **Jim and Gabi Ford** for hosting.

OOTFA Name Tags - Help others remember your name!

Name Tags include the OOTFA logo and your district number

Specify whether you want a pin or a magnetic back.

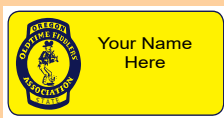
State your name, as you want it to appear, address and district number

along with a \$13 check payable to:

Patti Luse 979 Ascot Drive
Eugene, OR 97401

Order forms available online at

ootfa.org/pdf/BadgeOrderForm.pdf



For the first time in recent memory, an OOTFA ensemble was invited to perform at the **Junction City Scandinavian Festival**. We played a lively set of traditional Scandinavian dance tunes, many that we had learned from **Jesse Knudsen**, to whom we dedicated our performance. The music drew dancers to the floor and there were appreciative smiles and enthusiastic applause during the show. The ensemble included **Linda Danielson, Lucy Bragg, Elin Casper, Anne Rasch**, and **Amy Burrow** on fiddles, with **Steve Robare** on guitar.

Meg Graf and **Donna Wynn** performed daily on various instruments with the **Junction City Polka Band**.

~ Amy Burrow



Back row: **Michael Schneider, Hal Weiner, Keith Barr, Bill O'Sullivan, Margot O'Sullivan, Mike Brantley** (behind). **Louise Dandurand, Tony Dandurand, Lisa Kaufman, Betsy Janeczek & Allison Adams**
Front row: **Amy Romero, Davey Romero and Lisa Ponder**

District 7 Portland, Northern Coast Area

Chair: Thomas Clausen 408-402-2283 t.b.clausen@gmail.com
Vice-Chair: Mike Elston 506-866-7487 mykylykzyt@yahoo.com
Secretary: Claudia Zinser 503-630-3950 czmusic@aol.com
Treasurer: Tom Faith 408-772-4820 seaspider@protonmail.com
Scheduler: Marcella Easley 503-855-3535 marlueasily@gmail.com
Membership: Marcella Easley 503-855-3535 marlueasily@gmail.com
Reporters: Nancy Christie 503-348-5374 nancy.d.christie@gmail.com
Larry Vining 360-878-5871 larryvining45@gmail.com

District 7 September Events

6 Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
(Sunnyside Road at 132nd Ave.)

Our August 13 gig at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby had a great turnout of District 7 and 8 members. A highlight was **Grant Wheeler** playing a tribute to his mom, the late **Carol Ann Wheeler**. Grant was also our announcer at the fair, and he always does a great job of keeping us on track and managing to find humor while doing it.

Three days later we were enjoying the upcoming generations of fiddlers who competed at the **2025 Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest** at the **Willsonville Community Center**. Again we had a great announcer, Mel Fuller. Mel's commentary kept us entertained, especially during those minutes when the scores are being tallied, and the contestants were invited to tell jokes. The kids had a wide variety of funny stuff to share, and even some dads and moms found their comedic voices! The contest budget was sufficient for every child who entered to receive a cash prize. We thank all the sponsors, contestants, parents, volunteers, and audience members who are helping this contest grow every year!



Simon Rich



Mel Fuller

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

We welcome participants and listeners to our monthly circle jam at the **Sunnyside Grange** in Happy Valley and we hope to see you there. Any additional District 7 September performances will be announced by email so please contact **Marcella Easley** to be added to the email list.

District 8 Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport

Chair: Lynn Gossett 503-831-1505 gossettylynn@yahoo.com
Vice-Chair/Reporter: Cathy Yale 503-551-7012
rosecomets@gmail.com
Secretary/Membership: Martha Hughes 503-393-2271
mh.hughes8@gmail.com
Treasurer: Richard Rubicam 503-560-9005
richard.rubicam@gmail.com
Scheduler: Rae Parlier 503-474-7544 raeparlier@gmail.com
Scholarship: Cathy Yale 503-551-7012 rosecomets@gmail.com
Leanna Heiman 204-723-0528 leanna.heiman@gmail.com
Darlene Byrant 503-362-0172 darlenebryant33@gmail.com

District 8 Facebook

District 8 September Events

Martha's Hughes' Beginning Fiddle Class on Summer Break
2 & 16 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.

10 Monmouth Senior Center Jam 6:30 pm
180 Warren St. South, Monmouth
Host: Ted Hunt

27 District 8 Annual Picnic, 10 am - 3:30 pm
Jam & Meeting
Potluck – bring something to share. Lynn Gossett's House, 364 SE Davis Ct., Dallas

July 26th, District 8 held their monthly jam in the Chapel at Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community. We had around 14 players there.

Several District 8 members competed at the **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest** on August 1st:

Pee Wee (8 & under): Bradley Guptill, 1st Place,
Loulu Guptill, 3rd Place

Novice: Greta Guptill, 2nd Place

Junior Junior (12 & under): Amelia Mehlhoff, 4th Place

Junior (13-17): Sapphire Rain, 5th Place

Adult (18-59): Mel Fuller, Leanna Heiman

Senior (60 & up): Martha Hughes

Congrats to everyone that competed!

continued on next page



Sapphire Rain



Bradley Guptill

District 8 continued

The **Sunnyside Fiddle Contest** took place in Wilsonville on August 16th. There were 5 competitors from District 8:

Novice Division (13-19):

Ella Gallagos, a District 8 Scholarship recipient,
1st Place

Sapphire Rain, 5th place

Division 9-12:

Gretta Guptill, 7th place

Under 8 Division:

Bradley Guptill, 1st Place

Loulu Guptill, 5th place

We also had District 8 members volunteering: **Mel Fuller** emceed the event, for the third year in a row, **Martha Hughes** and **Cathy Yale** tabulated the judges scores.

~ Cathy Yale, District 8 Reporter



Loulu Guptill

District 9 Burns, John Day Area

Chair: Joan Suther 541-589-1087 Jsuther10@gmail.com

Vice-Chair: Ronda Metler 541-620-1849

rmetler@highdesertoffice.com

Secretary/Membership: Lynn Mims 541-589-1649

lynnandreb@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Janet Braymen 541-589-1481 jbraymen16@gmail.com

Reporter: Lynn Mims 541-589-1649 lynnandreb@hotmail.com

[Facebook: High Desert Fiddlers](#)

Crazy weather in the High Desert!

On **July 4th**, it rained on the parade; and then the down-pour stopped just before the fiddlers went onstage at the **Hines Park Celebration**.

We are still jamming on Friday evenings.



Doug Guinn, Cynthia Thomas, Lee Tiller & Gene Thomas



Wendy Cates (top), Ronda Metler, Edna Jenkins (middle), Lynn Mims (bottom) at the Grant County Fair on Ron Phillips' stage

On August 7th, several members of the group played at the local **Library's Block Party**, then re-grouped and played for two hours, for the first time, at the **Palace lot**, downtown Burns. We had a good crowd of listeners. Two members of the audience joined in to sing their favorite songs.

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter



Bonnie Adams & Joan Suther at the Fair

District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

Chair: Jim Kuether 503-260-5972 j.kuether@yahoo.com
Co-Chair: Kelly Wadsworth 541-643-7113 queenkellybee@gmail.com
Secretary: Dan Jocoy 541-733-7890 danjocoy@gmail.com
Treasurer: Rosemarie Witnauer 541-848-8739

banjorose10@gmail.com
Fiddle Wrangler: Jude Kuether 541-430-2080

Jude.kuether@gmail.com
Publicist: Joe Ross 541-673-9759 rossjoe@hotmail.com
Sound Person: Rick Kreofsky 541-530-6883 rkreofsky@gmail.com
Reporter: Sandy Harter 541-430-3430 sandharter@gmail.com

District 10 Facebook

District 10 September Events

4	Oak Park	2 - 3 pm
9	Roseburg VA	10:30 - 11:30 am
11	Garden Valley (Now Solista)	2 - 3 pm
17	Callahan Court	3 - 4 pm
19	Callahan Village	12 - 1 pm
23	Bridgewood Rivers	2 - 3 pm
25	Riverview Terrace	3:30 - 4:30 pm
26	Brookdale	2 - 3 pm
27	Monthly Jam	12 - 3 pm
Sutherlin Senior Center		

We have been having a very busy and fun summer. We played at our seven retirement and assisted living facilities, the VA, a party at Littlebrook Mobile Home Park, Senior Day at the Douglas County Fair, our regular monthly jam in Sutherlin, plus Monday mornings Fiddling in the Park classes.

Christine Cormack invited us for an evening jam at her house. Her brother was here visiting and she wanted to have special jam for him. It was a very nice evening in her back yard and all who came had a great time.



Amy Burrow joined the kids at Fiddling in the Park



Kelly Wadsworth with grandsons, Leo Wadsworth and Asa Brewster

We had a couple of special visitors join us for Fiddling in the Park. Starr McMullen was here one Monday. She is always such an inspiration.

Amy Burrow was here on another Monday. This is what Amy had to say: "It was a joy to make music with you today at Fiddles in the Park. What a good time and a great way to learn new tunes and to stay in practice! Thanks for inviting me to sit in. I'll look forward to seeing you again at a future jam or camp."

September Birthdays:
Doris Stayer (9/11),
Jude Kuether (9/11),
Karen Bennett (9/26).

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

~ Sandy Harter,
District 10 Reporter



The evening jam in Christine Cormack's back yard

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.

Web Index

Online Resources for Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers

[Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association](#)

[OOTFA Facebook](#)

[National Fiddle Contest](#)

[West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshop](#)

[Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest](#)

[District 3 Website](#)

[District 4 Facebook](#)

[District 6 Website](#)

[District 6 Fiddle Tunes](#)

[District 6 Instructional Videos](#)

[District 7 Website](#)

[District 7 Facebook](#)

[District 9 Facebook](#)

[District 10 Facebook](#)

[Hoedowner Archive](#)

[Join OOTFA!](#)

[Tune of the Month Archive](#)

Official Website for State

Facebook Page

Weiser, Idaho

Pleasant Hill

Benton County Fair

Central Oregon, Bend, Redmond, The Dalles

Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland

Eugene, Corvallis, Lebanon

Alphabetical listing of Fiddle Tune Sheet Music

YouTube Videos

Portland, Northern Coast Area

Portland, Northern Coast Area

Burns, John Day Area

Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

OOTFA Newsletter Since 1967

Registration Form to Join OOTFA

We're on the Web! www.ootfa.org

In Memoriam

John MacDonald, a lifetime member from Costa Mesa, California, passed away on August 16. John was the brother-in-law of two of our OOTFA District 6 members, **Judy Clements** and **Pem Winqvist**, both of Eugene. **John** and his wife, **Bonnie** (sister to Judy and Pem) encouraged John and Bonnie to come to the **West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops**, early in the camp's beginning years in Westfir, to hone their skills; Bonnie on Fiddle and John on Guitar. He was always so friendly and eager to help when needed. They came back for several years. Condolences can be sent to **Bonnie MacDonald and family at 1635 Briar Rose, Costa Mesa, CA 92626**.

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

Lucy Bragg
at the
Scandinavian
Festival in
Junction City
with guitarist,
Steve Robare

