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Several young musicians wowed the audience at the District 4 December Jam playing and singing Christmas Carols

Show Off Your Fiddlin' Skills Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest

Saturday, March 14

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2026 Winter Gathering & Board Meeting

January 16 & 17 · Lebanon Senior Center

Friday: Jamming 6 - 9 pm

**Saturday: Board Meeting 9:30 am,
Potluck Noon, Jamming 1 - 4 pm**

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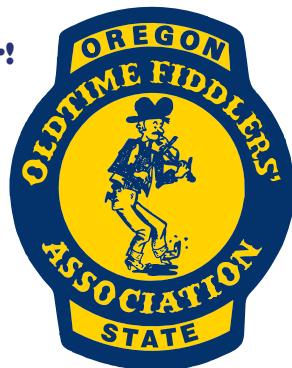
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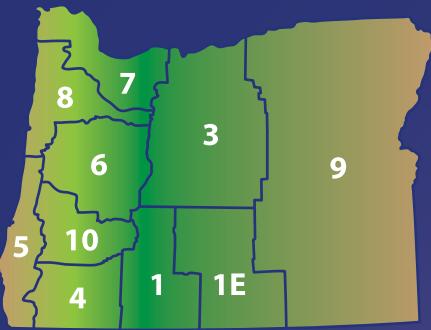
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How Jude & Jim Kuether go to Walmart



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Hello All,

Happy New Year!

OOTFA President's Report

Looking forward to seeing you at the OOTFA Winter Gathering 2026, January 16, from 6 to 9 pm and January 17, from 8 am to 4 pm at the **Lebanon Senior Center**, 94 Tangent Street, Lebanon, OR.

The **Website Review Committee** will be presenting their report at the **Board Meeting** being held there, thank you all for your input! Stay tuned.

Remember to get your nominations in for the **Bill Yohey** and **Norm Nash** awards by **March 1, 2026**. Nomination forms can be found at ootfa.org under "forms". Send completed forms to me. Contact me if you have questions.

The **OOTFA State Open Fiddle Contest** will be held March 14 at the **Lebanon Mennonite Church**. **Cat McClintock** will need volunteers to help with the contest. Please say "yes" when she reaches out. Stay tuned. Plan to enter, help and have fun.

OOTFA's **Spring Convention** will be March 25 thru 28 at the **Winston Assembly of God Church**, 360 SE Darrell Avenue, Winston, OR. Get your tunes ready to jam! **Jude Kuether** has her team ready to make this a great time. There will be a **Membership Meeting** on Saturday morning of the convention. Your participation is always important.

Donations to support the Contest and Convention are always welcome and appreciated.

Keep bowing, plucking, strumming, singing, learning, smiling and supporting one another as we continue to keep the music alive! See you at the next jam!

All the best ~ Cindy

2026 OOTFA Calendar

Jan. 16-17	OOTFA Board Meeting 9:30 am at Lebanon Senior Center, Lebanon
March 14	Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest Lebanon Mennonite Church
March 26-28	State Convention OOTFA Board Meeting & Membership Meeting Assembly of God Church Winston
April 29-May 3	Christmas Valley Campout Community Hall, Christmas Valley
June 18-20	High Desert Music Jamborees Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns
July 20-23	West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops Emerald Christian Academy, Pleasant Hill
August 7-10	3rd Annual Farm Jam Camping August 6th through 11th 32260 SE Belfils Road, Estacada
August 13-15	Fiddle at the Beach Harbor Grange Hall (just south of Brookings)
Sept. 10-12	Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering Crook Co. Fairgrounds, Prineville
Oct. 2-4	Out in the Country Jam/Campout Ron & Cindy Crane's place, Selma, Oregon

60th Annual Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Lebanon Mennonite Church

2100 S. Second Street

Lebanon OR

Judges will be announced
around January 14

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

ootfa.org/ContestForm.html

Registration: Registration is now open!

How to Register: Sign up at

ootfa.org/ContestForm.html

If you prefer to enter via email or phone, contact Cat McClintock at (970) 219-0256 or catmcc@gmail.com.

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

Volunteers: As always, the contest relies on the generous efforts of OOTFA volunteers to be successful. We always need help with registration, door, contestant wrangling, stage hands, etc. This year, we're also hoping to fill some new roles, including help with awards, shopping, and video streaming. If you can help, contact **Cat McClintock** catmcc@gmail.com or **(970) 219-0256 text/phone**

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

Nearby Lodging

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

Tentative Contest Schedule

For most recent schedule:

tinyurl.com/h4u2h6a3e

8:00 Registration Opens
8:30 Judges & Contestants Meeting
9:00 Senior Round 1
9:30 Senior-Senior Round 1
10:00 Adult Round 1
10:30 Young Adult Round 1
11:00 Junior-Junior Round 1
12:00- 1:00 Lunch
1:00 Junior Round 1
1:30 Small Fry (one round only)
2:00 Senior-Senior Round 2
2:30 Senior Round 2
3:00 Junior-Junior Round 2
3:30 Adult Round 2
4:00 Entertainment Showcase
4:45 Awards – Small Fry,
Junior-Junior, Adult, Senior, Senior-Senior
5:00 – 6:30 Dinner Break
6:30 On stage jam
All acoustic musicians are welcome!
7:00 Championship Round 1
7:30 Young Adult, Round 2
8:00 Junior Round 2
8:30 Championship Round 2
9:00 Judges Perform
9:30 Awards – Entertainment Showcase,
Junior, Young Adult, Accompanist, &
Championship

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

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

District 1

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District 1 January Events

Luther Square Practices Wednesdays 9:30 am

8 Pelican Pointe 2:30 pm

22 Rogue River Place 11 am

22 Pacifica/Klamath Falls Sr. Living 2:30 am

On November 18th, Greg, the Executive Director and Erika, the Activities Director for Pacifica/Klamath Falls Senior Living, (one of our venues), presented Deb Cornelison (Chairperson) and District 1 with a gift of 2 mandolins and a ukulele from one of their residents

(Jerry) who had sadly passed. Jerry had joined in with District 1 on a couple of occasions, playing his mandolin. District 1 members were humbled to receive these precious gifts from our friend. **Edna Jenkins** is pictured playing one of the mandolins. We are honored by this gift and may Jerry rest in peace.

On December 8th, we played for the **Senior Center**. Had a great time!



Dean Oliver

This was the first time we had used a speaker with two microphones hooked in. We are still working out the kinks. **Jay Schindler** (banjo) and **Dean Oliver** (stand-up bass) are pictured having fun at the senior center.

Our long time fiddler, **Irene Ruddick**, celebrated her 96th birthday in December. We had cupcakes and snacks and great visit time. Irene, keep on fiddling! She also loves to quilt!

We enjoyed playing **Christmas** tunes at our venues in December and look forward to a prosperous New Year. **Happy New Year** from all of our District 1 members.

Up-coming events: **OOTFA Board Meeting** in Lebanon on January 17. Let's have another good meeting and lots of jamming.

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

Keep a tune in your heart from District 1!

~ Deb Cornelison



Deb Cornelison accepts musical gifts donated to District 1 by an appreciative resident who sadly recently passed



Edna Jenkins with donated mandolin



Irene Ruddock celebrates her 96th birthday

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Here we are 14th of December and no snow. It's hard to believe it is so dry. Guess I should mow the lawn.

We are still jamming at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday nights, 4 to 7 pm. It's a non OOTFA jam, but all are welcome.

Second Saturday Jam at the **Chamber of Commerce** from noon until we are done. We had two visit from Klamath Falls; **Edna Jenkins** and **Dean Oliver**. **Vi Riley** came up from Alturas. Always good to see them.

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District 3 January Events

10	Ellen's Jam	1 pm
	15484 SW Hahlen Ave., Powell Butte	
24	Ellen's Jam	1 pm
	15484 SW Hahlen Ave., Powell Butte	
25	Redmond VFW Hall	1 - 3 pm
	North Bend	

Happy New Year from Sunny and Balmy Central Oregon! We need snow, but I am sure enjoying writing this **Hoedowner** report on a 60 degree day.

The big news this issue is that **Ellen Jakab** has secured a new place to play music. It will be at the **Redmond VFW Hall**, which is at 1836 SW Veterans Way in Redmond. The dance will be on the 4th Sunday of each month. The first one will have happened by the time this Hoedowner comes out, so circle your calendars for the second dance which is on Sunday January 25, 2026 at the **Redmond VFW Hall**, 1 – 3 pm.

Don Greenfield will hold another jam at the **Suntree Village Clubhouse**, 1001 SE 15th Street in Bend, on Saturday January 17 from 3 – 5 pm. Typing "**Suntree Community Hall**" in **Google Maps** will clearly lead the way! Or call Don for directions: 541- 589-4977. Fiddlers and other acoustic music welcome! (And one accordion... you know who you are!)

~Judi Seger, District 3 Reporter

Rosa Lee, Larry and Terry McLain, along with **Mike and Ann Stover**, played for the **Christmas Fair** at the fair-grounds. It was fun! Larry's granddaughter joined in on a few songs. Wow, what a voice she has!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for April 29 to May 3 for the **Christmas Valley McLain Campout**. We have the **Community Hall** on the east end of town, behind the gas station.

Keep a tune in your heart, and play as much as possible. Good for the soul.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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The end of the joyful holidays and we gently pack our old fragile ornaments and unwrap the shiny new calendars and hang them in visible places ready to post the dates of upcoming fun events. We are well into the Winter season and the weather can be dreary with rain, snow and in our little valley...FOG! Here's a thought to cheer you: A small quote from a favorite poem. " I heard a bird sing in the dark of December...we're closer to Spring than we were in September."



Some of our youngest fiddlers entertained the audience at the November jam in Grants Pass

District 4 finished November with a well attended jam at the **Fruitdale Grange** in Grants Pass. Our young fiddlers have been enjoying playing at the monthly jams and the audiences are loving it. Their performance at the December monthly jam at the **Roxy Ann Grange** included their playing and singing "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" along with the fiddle tunes they have perfected.

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District 4 continued

The December monthly meeting consisted of year end reports and discussions on plans for gigs, jams and summer fiddle camp. Data is very fluid at this time so it's prudent to keep track of the new posts to the District 4 online calendar.

Membership Chair, **Carol Ferrara**, reminded everyone that membership dues should be paid by January 2026 and also quoted the new policy that was voted in effect for 2026 that even "Lifetime Members" must now pay dues to receive the monthly **Hoedowner** report. \$35 a year to receive it in PDF form or \$50 yearly to receive it in the mail. That's still a good bargain and will keep you informed about all your favorite musicians and friends.

There are many ways to practice your Old Time Tunes and learn "new" old music. at the 3 different practice sessions around the district. Every Tuesday afternoon from 5-6 you will find our youth musicians practicing their techniques at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. For more info contact **Lenny** at lencarol2000@gmail.com. Tuesday afternoon from noon to 3 at the **Redwood Country Church** in Grants Pass you'll find a mixture of fiddling, guitar and banjo picking and couple of mandolin strummers playing the old tunes in the north side of the district. For more info contact Cindy at (530) 574-6176. Wednesday evening at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford, from 6-8, a group of musicians regularly meet to practice their favorite tunes to improve their technique for our monthly jams. For more info contact **Melissa** at (360) 269-4288.

All of the District 4 members wish all OOTFA members a blessed New Year.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Gail & Paul Weller of District 4



District 4's John Hatmaker

District 5

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District 5 January Events

6	Pacific View Care Center	1:30 - 2:30 pm
	Pacific View Memory Care	2:30 - 3 pm
	Bandon	
13	Evergreen Court gig	2 - 3 pm
	North Bend	
17	Oddfellows Hall District jam	1 - 3 pm
	Bandon IOOF Hall, Hwy 42S, Bandon	
20	Inland Point Care Center gig	2 - 3 pm
	Coos Bay	

Hi everyone! I'm here as your pinch-hit reporter until February, when I will revert back to being a member with a fiddle and a smile."

Meanwhile, I hope this January issue of the **Hoedowner** finds you happy, warm and surrounded by music, this season. As I watched our five year old grandson rip into the Christmas packages, I thought that this is sometimes the way it feels like we launch into a year. And it's now time to begin this year and see what it holds for us. Time to make our resolutions—maybe it'd be a good resolution to practice more and to play more with our friends! There should be plenty of opportunities to do just that.

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District 5 continued

We enjoyed our performance gigs the month of December, since we play Christmas music for our friends who are our loyal audiences at the assisted senior living facilities. **Verna** and **Luke** combined forces to delight everyone with "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer"! Our repertoire included novelty songs like this one, and all the traditional songs, too. This is Christmas season for Old Time Fiddlers!



Linda Sweatt with Bill Winfrey

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District 6 January Events

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| 3 | Intermediate Fiddle Class | 1 - 3 pm |
| River Road Annex, Eugene | | |
| 10 | District 6 Monthly Jam | 10 am - 2 pm |
| Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Drive | | |
| 12 | Basic Fiddle Class | 1:30 - 3:30 pm |
| Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave. | | |

Please Note:

Monthly Jam at Irving Grange for January
Third Friday Jam is Canceled for January

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe we are already in the 2nd quarter of the last century most of us will ever know. Wishing all health, happiness, and good music throughout the year.

The Intermediate Fiddle Class at River Road Annex (1st Saturday of month, 1-3 pm) for December had 22 players. This last class of 2025 had a 'let's review the year' feel to it, with many tunes learned this past year, along with other favorites, played and shared. Basically a wonderful 2 hour jam with cookies and brownies during the break. Thanks to **Amy Burrow** for leading this fun gathering (and the snacks), and to **Linda Danielson** for her always insightful advice on fiddle technique.

Chair, **Ruth Weyer**, and cohort, **Luke Verhagen** are planning to present the idea of bringing back our much favored and formerly annual gathering, "Fiddle at the Beach," traditionally held the third weekend in August. There will be more information forthcoming, following our planning meeting in February.



Verna Lee yodels Chime Bells at Inland Point

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Guest Reporter



District 6 at the Festival of Trees

Your reporter was unable to attend the **Basic Fiddle Class at Bethesda Lutheran Church** (2nd Monday of month, 1:30 – 3:30 pm) in December. Class leader **Donna O'Neil** writes:

"The class this month was a little small. There were 10 of us, apparently because people have so much going on around the holidays! But, nothing kept **Sherrill Beck** from driving over the mountains from Sisters just to be there!

We had a fun time playing our tunes, including a passel of Christmas favorites, and a new one to some, "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella". It was a party, with some delightful goodies which were brought!

We are mourning the loss of **Tony Humphreys**...one part of the **Humphrey Duo**...who passed away on December 26, 2025 in Springfield. He and wife **Shirley** could always be seen playing their fiddles together. You can read his obituary on page 12. Another passing to note is **Val Adams'** husband recently passed away. We send condolences to both these families.

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District 6 continued

Twenty or so people attended the monthly **Santa Clara Grange Jam** (2nd Saturday of month, 10 am – 1 pm) in December. Though a smaller group than the November Thanksgiving gathering, the music and camaraderie were great.

The **January Monthly Jam** will be at **Irving Grange**, 1011 Irvington Drive. Drive north on River Road about a mile past Azalea Drive (the street **Santa Clara Grange** is on), then turn west on Irvington Drive.

The **OOTFA Winter Gathering** in Lebanon is the 3rd weekend in January. District 6 will be sponsoring the **OOTFA State Quarterly Board Meeting** on January 17, 2026 at the **Lebanon Senior Center**. There will be jamming Friday night (16th) 6-9. Board meeting Saturday morning at 9:30, potluck at noon, then jamming (open to the public) from 1-4 pm.

The **3rd Friday Jam** at the **McNail-Riley House** at 601 W 13th in Eugene, filled this old house with music. Thanks to **Gabi** and **Jim Ford** for hosting this gathering.

~ Tony Dandurand, District 6 Reporter



An enthusiastic eightsome of young players attended the November Camas Schoolhouse Youth Jam. We fiddled and danced and then carried our merriment to the door of the bakery to serenade the folks inside, playing "Angeline the Baker" and "Turkey in the Straw", our featured tune. **Linda Danielson, Tom DiLiberto** and **Amy** provide instruction and backup. Not pictured, but also there to support the group were **Steve Robare, Jerry Parks** and **Robin Lindsey**. Our next jam at the schoolhouse will be on Saturday, February 21.

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District 7 January Events

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| 2 | Westside Jam | 3:30 - 5 pm |
| | Portland Christadelphian Church | |
| | 8970 SW Murray Blvd, Beaverton | |
| 3 | Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam | 1 - 4 pm |
| | 13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley | |
| | (Sunnyside Road at 132nd Ave.) | |
| 13 | MorningStar Asst Living Gig | 1:30 - 2:30 pm |
| | 14475 SW Barrows Road, Beaverton | |



District 7 members at the Oregon Retired Educators Association's holiday gathering

We need a volunteer to serve as the District 7 Treasurer. Free training and mentoring will be provided. Contact Thomas Clausen at t.b.clausen@gmail.com for details.

Save the date: On February 14 (Valentine's Day) we will play for **Eagle Creek Grange** at their annual **Sweetheart Dinner**, a Grange fundraiser. This has become an annual event for us too, and it's always lots of fun! A few of us even manage to dance in the aisles. This event will have a set list and assigned players. Watch your email for updates from **Marcella Easly**.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

Some of our District 7 musicians entertained members of the Oregon Retired Educators Association (OREA) at their holiday gathering in Tigard on December 4. We appreciated the invitation extended again this year by **Barb Petrin** of OREA, who is also a past board member of the **Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association**. Barb, and her husband **Jay**, are frequent audience members at our monthly circle jams and we thank them for their ongoing support of OOTFA. Participants at the OREA event were **Tom Widman, Tom Clausen, Jim Toussaint, Joan Harrington, Larry Vining, and Nancy Christie**.

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District 8 January Events

- 3 District 8 Quarterly Meeting & Jam 1 pm**
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Watch for email with more info

6 & 20 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.

6 & 20 Martha Hughes'
Beginning Fiddle Class 9:30 - 10:30 am
Call Martha or watch emails for location:
503-393-2271

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

24 District 8 Jam 1 - 3:30 pm
Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community
7693 Wheatland Road North, Keizer

On November 16th District 8 members played for the “Open On Sunday Celebration” at the Salem Public Library. Attending were Martha Hughes, Natalie Guptill, Cathy Yale, Bradley Guptill, Mel Fuller, & Leanna Heiman.

November 22 was District 8's monthly jam at **Willamette Lutheran Retirement**. Attending were **Dennis Brutke, Dirk Powell, Sandy Smith, Martha Hughes, Leanna Heiman**, and two guests from District 6 (sorry, their names were not given to me).

On December 6, eight members of District 8 performed for an hour at **Vineyard Heights Assisted Living & Retirement Community** in McMinnville. Lots of Christmas Music, and a few old-time tunes. Lots of fun & singing! Performing were **Sandy Smith, John Gray, Phil Drain, Marie Bailey, Darlene Bryant, Sapphire Rain, Dennis Brutke, and Cathy Yale.**



Dennis Brutke, Darlene Bryant, Sapphire Rain & Marie Bailey



John Gray & Sandy Smith



Dennis Brutke & Cathy Yale



District 8 at the Salem Library

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We continue to jam on Friday evenings at Hines City Hall.

Mid-November was the Friday night to play for residents at **Aspens** assisted living rather than after Thanksgiving.

We are losing our very active player **Bonnie Adams**, and her husband **Jim**, to District 3, due to a move to the Bend area. We wish them well in their new home close to several family members

We held our holiday potluck and jam on December 14, where members and guests enjoyed two hours of music and a great turkey (with all the trimmings) holiday dinner.



District 9 Hoedowner Reporter, Lynn Mims

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter



Doug Guinn. Steve Moyer. Janette Tiller, Cynthia Thomas. Lee Tiller & Ron Phillips at The Aspens

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December has been a very busy month. We played at six retirement centers, the VA, our monthly jam in Sutherlin, Chris Cormack's birthday party, the Christmas Craft Fair, and four Mondays at the Roseburg Walmart for the Salvation Army Bell Ringers. Lots of

District 10 January Events

1	Oak Park	2 - 3 pm
2	The Landing	12 - 1 pm
8	Solista	2 - 3 pm
13	Roseburg VA	10:30 - 11:30 am
16	Callahan Village	12 - 1 pm
21	Callahan Court	3 - 4 pm
23	Brookdale	2 - 3 pm
24	Monthly Jam, Meeting at 11 Potluck at Noon	11 am - 3 pm
		Sutherlin Senior Center
27	Bridgewood Rivers	2 - 3 pm

shoppers stopped by to say "Hi", donate, and enjoy the music. They looked forward to seeing us there each week and we had a lot of fun playing a variety of music. Bell Ringers from other stores saw us and wished we could play for them, too.

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Jim & Jude Kuether, Jim Leininger, Ester Case, and Sandy Harter participated in the Fair Oaks Community Church Singspiration Friday 12/12. Everyone loved them and hopes they will come back again.

Wishing everyone a very prosperous and Happy New Year!

Happy January Birthdays to:
**Sherri Chambers (1/6),
Allison Lindley (1/30)**

~ Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter



Allison Lindley & Sandy Harter



Jim Leininger

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Name Tags include the OOTFA logo and your district number.

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District 10 played four holiday gigs at the Roseburg Walmart



Another show at the Roseburg Walmart



District 10 at the Christmas Craft Fair

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

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January 2026
Patti Luse, Membership Chair

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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.



Tony Humphreys

New OOTFA Members January 2026

Katie Buckley	Pleasant Hill (6)
Doug Roberts	Christmas Valley (1E)
Kim & Nancy Robertson	Portland (7)
Richard and daughter, Kim, Schwieren	Burns (9)

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In Memoriam

Lifetime Member, Tony Humphreys of Springfield passed away at the age of 83 on December 26, 2025. He was the husband of **Shirley Humphreys** for 57 years and you could always see them playing fiddles together at many OOTFA jams. Tony was born in Eugene and graduated from Marshfield High School in Coos Bay. Over the next decade, Tony studied at several colleges plus served our country from 1962-1966 in the **US Navy** aboard the USS Springfield CLG-7 Flag ship in the sixth fleet. Beginning in 1971, Tony worked at **Willamette Industries** (bought out by Weyerhaeuser) for the next 32 years. In addition to Shirley, he is survived by his children, **Tammy Lantis, David Humphreys, James Humphreys** and **Robert Humphreys** (little Tony); his 12 grandchildren; and a plethora of great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, **Daniel Humphreys**. A Celebration Jam for Tony will be held at the Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Rd, Eugene on Saturday, January 10 from 10 am-1 pm during District 6 Monthly Jam.

Condolences can be sent to Shirley and the family at 1076 N 65th, Springfield, OR 97478.

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