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## OOTFA Winter Gathering Rings in the New Year



Evelyn Horner (6), Marie Bailey (8),  
Nancy Yialouris (6) & Larry Gallagher (5)



Alan & Kim Clary from Roseburg (10)



OOTFA Members from around the state enjoy a circle jam

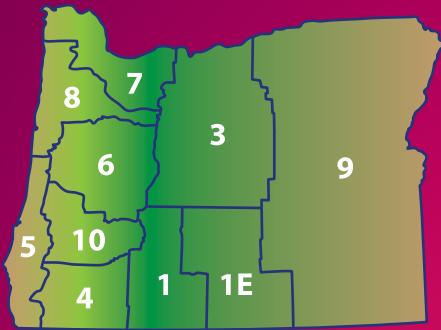
**Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest**

**Saturday, March 14 2026**  
**Lebanon Mennonite Church**  
**2100 S. Second Street**  
**Lebanon OR**

**Registration & Schedule Links**  
**Plus Backup Guitar Tips by**  
**Rod Anderson on page 3**



Sandy Harter (10) & Patti Luse (6) greet members as they enter the OOTFA Winter Gathering



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Hello All,

## OOTFA President's Report

**2026 is off to a good start!** The **Winter Gathering** in Lebanon a couple of weeks ago. There was a good turnout making for some really good music and it was so good to see so many of you there! The potluck was awesome. After the gathering, **Jerry Parks** arranged for us to play as the dance band at the **American Legion** in Lebanon. Thank you, Jerry, and all the OOTFA members who participated.

The **Website Review Committee** presented their report at the recent board meeting, and it is currently being reviewed to plan for the next steps. I'll keep you posted. Thank you for your input when the committee reached out.

Keeping track of our history and preserving it for the future is important. I would like for us to have a **Historian**. We have a lot of video, pictures and other items that have been collected and stored. Are there any of you would like to accept this challenge and responsibility to lead this effort and/or to volunteer to help. Let me know. Let's see how we can save our history.

Nominations for the **Norm Nash** and **Bill Yohey Awards** are due March 1st. Please get your nomination in. You can find the forms on the website at [ootfa.org/forms](http://ootfa.org/forms) or contact me and I'll email you the appropriate form. If you have a suggestion for the **Homer McLain Award**, let them know.

**State Open Fiddle Contest** is set Saturday, March 14th in Lebanon and the **Spring State Convention** will be held March 26th thru 28th in Winston. We are asking for your help with these important events again this year and hope members and districts will consider making contributions and volunteering. It's great fun!

Remember it's time to renew your membership for 2026 if you haven't already. Please do this through either your **District Membership Chair** or our **State Membership Chair, Patti Luse**. Remember to invite others to join us, have fun and support our mission, keeping the music going!

All the best! See you soon! ~ Cindy

## 2026 OOTFA Calendar

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

# Ask an Accompanist: Rod Anderson on Backing Contest Fiddlers

If you've spent any time at fiddle contests in the Northwest, or at Weiser, you've probably seen Rod Anderson. A guitarist from Spokane and a member of OOTFA, Rod has been backing fiddlers for more than 30 years and consistently places among the top accompanists at state and national contests.

But if you ask him about rankings, he'll wave them off. For Rod, accompaniment has always been about something else. "From ice cream trucks to cartoons, I've just always really liked the music," he says. "Backing up fiddlers lets me be part of things instead of just hearing the music from my couch."

## From Weekly Workshop to Contest Stage

Rod started out by attending workshops led by Frank Wagner in Spokane in the 1980s. "A friend of my sister told me about these weekly gatherings," he says. "I stuck my head in, and they could tell I had a guitar in my car and invited me to come in and play."

From those early workshops, Rod's circle widened. The Washington Old Time Fiddlers and others began asking him to play retirement homes and other gigs, where he spent years learning tunes and watching other guitar players. Being around experienced fiddlers like Sheila Wright helped him learn to hear key changes and play comfortably in different keys.

### Q&A We asked Rod Anderson a few of the questions fiddlers worry about most.

**How good does a fiddler need to be before you'll back them?**

"It doesn't matter," Rod says. "I try to make it easy for everybody to do the best they can."

**Do contest accompanists care about making the top five?**

"It's an honor," he says, "but that's not why I'm there. I'm just there to be part of the music."

**What if a player crashes in the middle of their tune?**

"A lot of it is nerves," Rod explains. "I just keep listening to stay with them and help them get back on track."

**How do you feel about contestants who want both you and a parent to play with them on stage?**

"That's what keeps it going," he says. Parents and family members are part of the tradition. Rod focuses on keeping everyone together rhythmically, no matter their level of experience.



**Rod Anderson  
has your back**

His first real step into contests came when a fiddler asked him to work through rounds for the Washington State contest in Richland. From there, one contest led to another. The more he got involved, the more fiddlers he met, and the more he wanted to be part of it.

So he began showing up in the back rooms at contests, making himself available to anyone who needed help. Today you'll still find him in contest practice rooms throughout the Northwest, but now often with a line of fiddlers waiting to run through their rounds with him.

### How can fiddle players help you do your best?

"Practice together before your round if you can," Rod says. "And if your tune is a little different, write the chords down. A sticky note goes a long way."

### What is the most important thing a guitarist should think about when backing a fiddler in a contest?

"The rhythm," he says. "As long as you've got a steady rhythm, you're helping the fiddler."

**Rooting for You** One of the most striking things Rod shares is that his biggest fear on stage isn't making a mistake—it's letting a fiddler down. That sense of responsibility drives him to help fiddlers of any ability to do the best they can on stage.

Contest stages aren't just for polished veterans. They're places to learn, connect, and grow, supported by accompanists who are rooting for you. Whether it's your first contest or your fiftieth, we hope you'll join us at the 60th Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest on March 14, 2026, in Lebanon, OR.

## 60th Annual Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest Saturday, March 14, 2026

**Registration:**  
[ootfa.org/ContestForm.html](http://ootfa.org/ContestForm.html)

**For most recent schedule:**  
[tinyurl.com/h4u2h6a3e](http://tinyurl.com/h4u2h6a3e)

**See Last Month's Issue of The Hoedowner for More Information!**

**Lebanon  
Mennonite Church  
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## District 1

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### District 1 February Events

Luther Square Practices Wednesdays 9:30 am

12 Pelican Pointe 2:30 pm

18 Sky Lakes Medical Center 10:30 am

26 Pacifica 10:30 am

We had most of Christmas break without playing and came back in full force with practice and playing at 2 of our Assisted Living Facilities right away. It was great to get back into playing and visiting with each other. **Deb Cornelison, District 1 Chair**, went up to the **State Board Meeting** in Lebanon. It was another productive meeting and a blast jamming both Friday and Saturday. So nice to hear the different tunes each district plays. We continue playing for our venues and searching for new opportunities to play for special events. **Happy Valentines Day to all!**

Special event: District 1 has been invited back to play at **Living History Day** in June. Yeah!

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

Keep a tune in your heart from District 1!

~ Deb Cornelison, District 1 Reporter



Jim Hughes and his grandson



Noranne Sparks enjoying playing at Pelican Pointe



Del Sparks getting ready for the next tune

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We have had a great start to the year, lots of tunes, good jams, as we still have a non OOFTA jam at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday nights 4 to 7 pm, and second Saturday of the month at the **Chamber of Commerce**, noon until we are done. Good time there!

Our Christmas Valley Jam is April 29 to May 3. Come and play a tune!

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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### District 3 February Events

|    |                                    |          |
|----|------------------------------------|----------|
| 7  | Ellen's Jam                        | 1 pm     |
|    | 15484 SW Hahlen Ave., Powell Butte |          |
| 21 | Ellen's Jam                        | 1 pm     |
|    | 15484 SW Hahlen Ave., Powell Butte |          |
| 22 | Redmond VFW Hall                   | 1 - 3 pm |
|    | 1836 Veterans Way, Redmond         |          |

**District 3 has two candidates to replace Treasurer and Hoedowner reporter.** We welcome and extend our thanks to **Rob Quitmeyer** as our new **Hoedowner Reporter** and **Sonja Morganthaler, CPA** as the **Treasurer**.

**Judi Seger** gave up her position as Treasurer and Hoedowner Reporter. Thanks to Judi for her volunteered services.

**We need a volunteer for Vice Chair.** Call **Chair, Ellen Jakab** at 541-548-2387 if interested.

On December 28th, District 3 had 19 musicians and 20 visitors/members were present from 1 to 3 pm at our 1st **VFW Hall Dance**, 1836 SW Veterans Way in Redmond. The turn out and music was great!

Our OOTFA dances will be 4th Sunday of each month. Next dance is February 22, starting at 1 pm. Do

come out, enjoy music, dance and support your District 3 musicians! This is also a reminder to renew your membership for 2026. **Pat Borden** will be there with the forms and accept your payment.

Hope to see all at the next OOTFA dance and thank you for your support.

~ Ellen Jakab, District 3 Chair



VFW Hall in Redmond



District 3 is now performing for the public on 4th Sundays at 1 pm at the VFW Hall in Redmond

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### District 4 Facebook

Aaah February, supposedly, the month when a young man's fancy turns to Love. Here in our little valley we would Love to see some Sun. The weather person keeps predicting sunny days but we continue to endure the freezing fog. But.. Spring is coming next month!

Our faithful and industrious leader, **Melissa Taylor**, early in January, filled our email inboxes with the calendar of gigs, jams and meetings for the upcoming year. What a beautiful job she has done and how wonderful it is to look forward to returning to all our regular venues and also to return to **Pioneer Hall** in Ashland and **Eagle Point Grange** in Eagle Point. Thanks, Melissa for your hard work .



Judy McGarvey and Ron Bolstad were awarded the Children's Guild Storytelling Award for their faithful performances at the Britt Children's Festival for 20 years

A gig at the **Springs at Anna Maria** on February 6 from 3-4 pm will get District 4 musicians tuned and warmed up to give a performance at the **Sacred Heart School** on the 19th from 12:30-1:30. **Bob's String Band** will play at **Twin Creek assisted living facility** in Central Point on February 21, from 2-3 pm and his group of District 4 musicians play at the **Central Point Senior Center** every Monday from 11-noon and any musicians are welcome to join the fun.

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## District 4 continued

The **February monthly jam** will be held on February 28 at the **Eagle Point Grange** in Eagle Point from 1-3:00. No meeting this month. There is a ramp at the grange for anyone not wanting to use the stairs. The jam will be in the upstairs auditorium.

Don't forget all the opportunities for gathering to practice your skills during the month. The kids meet for practice every Tuesday from 5-6:00 at **Roxy Ann**. For more info contact **Lenny at lencarol2000@gmail.com**. There's a jam every Tuesday from 12-3:00 in Grants Pass at the **Redwood Country Church**. The first hour is devoted to fiddle practice and from 1-3 all musicians practice. For more info contact **Cindy at (530) 574-6176**. Every Wednesday evening at the **Roxy Ann Grange** there's a practice jam from 6-8:00 for more info contact **Melissa at (360) 269-4288**.

## District 5

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So, here comes February already and with it also comes Valentines Day and the opportunity to celebrate the friends and sweethearts in our lives. It also brings us more chances to share our music with everyone for whom we have the occasion or privilege. This is a Valentine gift to us all, players and audiences alike! Another version of this was reported by **Jolly Hibbits** who was present at the **Pacific View** performance and witnessed **Mapril Combs** making a significant observation to the audience gathered there. Mapril said, "I think of us as being a musical museum. That, when we go to museums and see old things we say things like, 'Oh my mom used one of those in the kitchen when I was growing up.' or, 'Grandma had one of those!'" And so it is with our songs...we may sing or play something that Mom or Grandma knew, years ago, or a fiddle tune from Grandpa, and we keep it alive to bring back memories, and that can be viewed as a Valentine from the past. Or it is musical history brought to life through the **Oldtime Fiddlers**, at least!

This month also brings a membership meeting to be held at the **Oddfellows Hall** in Bandon at 11:00 am. Following



District 4 ready to play at the Roxy Ann Grange

**Happy Valentines Day** to all the OOTFA members and friends from all of us at District 4. We hope everyone will practice love to everyone throughout this year.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

## District 5 February Events

|           |  |                       |
|-----------|--|-----------------------|
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Pacific View Care Center Gig</b>      | <b>1:30 - 2:30 pm</b> |
|           | <b>Pacific View Memory Care</b>          | <b>2:30 - 3 pm</b>    |
|           | <b>Bandon</b>                            |                       |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Evergreen Court Gig</b>               | <b>2 - 3 pm</b>       |
|           | <b>North Bend</b>                        |                       |
| <b>17</b> | <b>Inland Point Care Center Gig</b>      | <b>2 - 3 pm</b>       |
|           | <b>Coos Bay</b>                          |                       |
| <b>21</b> | <b>Membership Meeting</b>                | <b>11 am - 12 pm</b>  |
|           | <b>Oddfellow Hall, Bandon</b>            |                       |
| <b>21</b> | <b>Oddfellows Hall Performance Jam</b>   | <b>1 - 3 pm</b>       |
|           | <b>Bandon IOOF Hall, Hwy 42S, Bandon</b> |                       |



District 5 Family Portrait

the meeting, there will be a lunch hour of snacks and finger foods provided by our talented District members. After lunch, we will adjourn to the big room and give our monthly performance jam to all who gather to hear us from 1:00 until 3:00 pm. Y'all come!

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## District 5 continued

We welcome two new members into our group, a couple married for some 50-plus years, **Bruce** and **Nancy Seguine**. Bruce plays a mean mandolin and Nancy is a supportive listener, although, I suspect she has some musical "chops," as well, since they both played at **Sixes Grange** for square dancing there. They have a fascinating history, some of which includes piloting their own aircraft, including aerobatic flying. Nancy served in the Senate in Washington D.C., explored the depths through skin diving and both earned brown belts in Judo. The list goes on, but they can be our "Sweethearts of the Month!" Just see their photo and you'll agree.

Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Guest Reporter

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## District 6 February Events

|    |  |                |
|----|--|----------------|
| 5  | <b>Dave &amp; Jim's Acoustic Jam</b>       | 1 - 3 pm       |
|    | River Road Annex, Eugene                   |                |
| 7  | <b>Intermediate Fiddle Class</b>           | 1 - 3 pm       |
|    | River Road Annex, Eugene                   |                |
| 9  | <b>Basic Fiddle Class</b>                  | 1:30 - 3:30 pm |
|    | Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave          |                |
| 14 | <b>District 6 Monthly Jam</b>              | 10 am - 2 pm   |
|    | <b>Quarterly Business Meeting at 11 am</b> |                |
|    | Santa Clara Grange                         |                |
| 21 | <b>Camas Schoolhouse</b>                   | 12:30 - 3 pm   |
|    | <b>Youth Jam</b>                           |                |

The music started early in 2026. Louise Dandurand hosted her 3rd annual New Year's Day 'Who'd rather play music than watch football' jam. Several people gathered and bowed, picked, and strummed happily into the New Year.



Intermediate Fiddle Class at Santa Clara Grange, second Saturdays



Bruce and Nancy Seguine of District 5



District 6's Meg Graf at the Winter Gathering

Two days later, the **Intermediate Fiddle Class** at **River Road Annex** (1st Saturday of month, 1 – 3 pm) met for January and had 20 or so players. **Amy Burrow** wrote

"Our focus this month will be on finding ways to support vocalists, enhancing their songs without getting in the singer's way. We'll explore ways to use rhythmic techniques, simple harmonies, counter melodies and complementary fills to plug gaps in the music. We'll also learn how to accommodate and embrace arrangements as defined by the singers." Interesting stuff to learn, and as always, a great time.

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## District 6 continued

The following Saturday, our monthly **District 6 Jam** (usually at the **Santa Clara Grange**, 2nd Saturday of month, 10 am – 1 pm) convened at the **Irving Grange**, both to make music, and for the **Celebration of Life for Tony Humphreys**. More than 60 people gathered, played lots of Tony's favorite songs, and then heard many a story from family and friends about his full and interesting life. You will be missed, Tony. It was good to know you.

### The Basic Fiddle Class at Bethesda Lutheran

**Church** (2nd Monday of month, 1:30 – 3:30 pm) in January had ten fiddlers playing, but only 1 person doing back-up: myself on guitar. Additional back-up on guitar(s) and/or bass would add fullness to music, and be appreciated.

The **3rd Friday Jam** at the **McNail-Riley House** at 601 W 13th in Eugene returns in February after last month's hiatus.

The **OOTFA Winter Gathering** in Lebanon was January 16-17, 2026 at the **Lebanon Senior Center**. It was wonderful seeing friendly faces from around the state, and making music with so many people (70+ signed in on Saturday). Good food, good camaraderie, great music; at one point there were 4 basses playing, putting some thump in the music. Thanks to all those involved creating this winter bright spot.

There will be a **District Quarterly Business Meeting** at the February 14 **Santa Grange Jam**.

The next Camas **Schoolhouse Youth Jam** is Saturday, February 21 from 12:30-3:00.

The **Frontier Heritage Fair** in Eugene is on the 14th and 15th of February. Unavoidably, it conflicts with our monthly jam and quarterly meeting. **Amy Burrow** is playing a set from 2-3, after the meeting, with some musicians from Corvallis. There are many slots open on Sunday, the 15th, so people can contact Amy if they want to put together an ensemble to play for an hour or 90 minutes.

~ Tony Dandurand, District 6 Reporter

Just a few hours after the Winter Gathering, an OOTFA group did a show at the **Lebanon American Legion**. **Jerry Parks** writes: "The American Legion show was very successful and we earned \$325 for OOTFA. We had 15 musicians from several locations around the state that rotated in the lineup for the three hour gig. Also had a good crowd of listeners."



**Jerry Parks of District 6**



**Sandy Provins of District 6**

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### District 7 February Events

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

14 **Sweetheart Dinner (Fundraiser)**  
**Dinner for Musicians:** 5:30 - 6 pm  
Eagle Creek Grange #297  
24491 SE Eagle Creek Road, Eagle Creek, OR

18 **Spring Ridge at Charbonneau**  
**(1) Assisted Living Center** 2:45 - 3:45 pm  
**(2) Independent Living Center** 4 - 5 pm  
32200 SW French Prairie Road, Wilsonville

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](mailto:t.b.clausen@gmail.com) for details.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters



**District 7 & 8 members at Morning Star Assisted Living, Beaverton**

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#### District 8 February Events

**3** **Dist. 8 Quarterly Meeting & Jam** 1 pm  
Cathy Yale's house, 503-551-7012  
Watch for email with more info

**3 & 17** **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.

**3 & 17** **Martha Hughes'**  
**Beginning Fiddle Class** 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Call Martha or watch emails for location: 503-393-2271

**14** **Oregon Statehood Celebration** 10 - 2  
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**11** **Monmouth Senior Center Jam** 6:30 pm  
180 Warren St. South, Monmouth  
Host: Ted Hunt

**19** **Woodburn Senior Estates Gig**  
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**28** **District 8 Jam** 1 - 3:30 pm  
Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community  
7693 Wheatland Road North, Keizer

December 27th was District 8's monthly jam at Willamette Lutheran Retirement. Performing were Dennis Brutke, Sandy Smith, Juli Kennedy, Martha Hughes, John Gray, Dean Boring, Cathy Yale, Mel Fuller, and Sherry McKenzie. A great time was had by all!

January 3rd was District 8's quarterly meeting & jam held at **Cathy Yale's** home. Attending was Dennis Brutke, Jan Nugent, Sandy Smith, Darlene Bryant, Richard Rubicam, Rae Parlier, John Gray, Martha Hughes, and Cathy Yale.

~ Cathy Yale, District 8 Reporter



Cathy Yale, Mel Fuller, Martha Hughes, Juli Kennedy



Sherry McKenzie leads group



Sherry McKenzie, Sandy Smith, Juli Kennedy, Dennis Brutke, Dean Boring, John Gray



Martha Hughes, Darlene Bryant, Rae Parlier, Sandy Smith, Cathy Yale, John Gray, Jan Nugent, Dennis Brutke, Richard Rubicam

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District 9 musicians at Sunday jam, January 11

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### District 10 February Events

|    |   |                  |
|----|---|------------------|
| 5  | Oak Park  | 2 - 3 pm         |
| 6  | The Landing   | 12 - 1 pm        |
| 10 | Roseburg VA   | 10:30 - 11:30 am |
| 12 | Solista   | 2 - 3 pm         |
| 20 | Callahan Village                                    | 12 - 1 pm        |
| 24 | Bridgewood Rivers                                   | 2 - 3 pm         |
| 26 | Riverview Terrace                                   | 3:30 - 4:30 pm   |
| 27 | Brookdale   | 2 - 3 pm         |
| 28 | Monthly Jam with Meeting<br>Sutherlin Senior Center | 11 am - 3 pm     |

**In January we played at our 8 Retirement Centers.**  
The first week, while the kids were on Holiday break from school, we had a lot of fun with the kids joining us. It's fun to see the faces of the seniors light up when the kids come in.

Unusual winter weather in the High Desert -- very little **white stuff**. We will likely pay for it later in summer if things don't change.

Friday night jams, our monthly visit to the assisted living facility, and monthly potluck and jam are all the group has been doing



Janet Braymen and Steve Moyer

We will play music at our local **Equine Therapy Center's Annual Fundraiser** dinner at the **Burns Elks Lodge** on February 28th.

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter



Kelly Wadsworth (2nd from right) with family at Brookdale

We received a very nice letter from the **Salvation Army** thanking us for playing for their **Bell Ringers** 4 Mondays in December. They said this was the first year they actually reached their goal.

Several of us from District 10 went to the meeting in Lebanon. We had a great time playing music and visiting with friends from all over the State.

Happy February birthday to Erin Maidlow (2/3) & Diana Bailey (2/8).

~ Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter

*More District 10 pics on next page*



District 10 at Oak Park



New members, Erin & Juniper Maidlow with Jude Kuether at Oak Park



Playing with Kelly Wadsworth's grandkids at Oak Park



Dan & Wendi Jacoy with family at Brookdale



## State Board Meeting at the 2026 OOTFA Winter Gathering in Lebanon

OOTFA Officers & District Representatives (left to right): Sandy Smith (8), Tom Clausen (7), Janet Braymen (9), Linda Parks (State Treasurer), Larry Gallagher (Parliamentarian), Cindy Crane (State President), Terry McLain (State Vice President & 1E), Christine Cormack (State Secretary), Deb Cornelisen (1), Jim Kuether (10) & Jerry Parks (6).

Melissa Taylor (4) & Ellen Jakab (3) joined on ZOOM.



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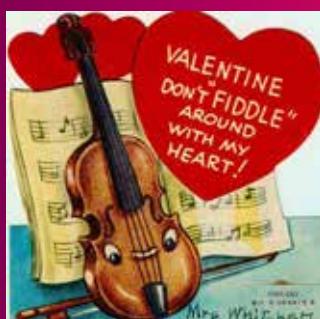
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Ann Hodson (10)



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Jay Schindler (1)



### New OOTFA Members • February 2026

David Cautley

Independence (8)

Margarite Garrison

Azalea (4)

Mary Geary

Corvallis (6)

Sonja Morgenthaler

Redmond (3)

Allyssa Newman

Albany (6)

Bobbie & Gary Nicolaides

Christmas Valley (1E)

Keri Phipps

Albany (6)

Ian, Jessica & Youth Liam Webb

Medford (4)

Harvey Williams

(6)