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Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest
Saturday, March 14 2026
Lebanon Mennonite Church
2100 S. Second Street
Lebanon OR

SEE PAGE 3 FOR INFO ABOUT THE FIDDLE CONTEST!



As part of the Celebration of Oregon's 167's Anniversary on February 14th, District 9 performed in the State Capitol Rotunda. More pics from the event in District 9 report.



District 6 friends Shirley Humphreys, Peggy Mulder and Ila Mae Carmickle together once again. There are over 256 years of life-time experiences in this picture.

SEE PAGE 4 FOR INFO ABOUT OOTFA SPRING CONVENTION!



OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION 2026 STATE CONVENTION

Thursday, March 26
Jamming All Day!

Friday, March 27
Jamming & Workshops All Day!

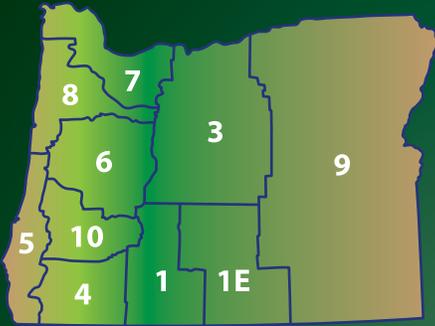
6 pm Evening Show featuring **Jacie Sites** 2025 National Fiddle Champion

Saturday, March 28
8 am to 8 pm Workshops & Jamming
11 am Membership Meeting

Winston Assembly of God Church
360 SE Darrell Ave, Winston, OR



The "Meyer Lemons" band at this year's Heritage Fair in Eugene: Dave Smith, Tony Dandurand, Lucy Bragg, Amy Burrow, Donna Wynn, Julie Rudolph, Nina Kiriki Hoffman and Louise Dandurand



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Wow! March is going to be a great month! First, we have our **OOTFA State Open Fiddle Contest**, Saturday, March 14th in Lebanon. This will be a day packed with fantastic music, an opportunity to see fiddlers of all ages giving it their all. There is still time to get your entries in. Volunteers are so important for the success of the event to keep it running smoothly. We can't do it without you. Please consider volunteering. See page 3 or contact **Cat McClintock** for more info: catmcc@gmail.com or **970-219-0256**. **Come join the fun!**

Our **OOTFA State Spring Convention** will be March 26th thru 28th at the **Assembly of God Church** in Winston. We have a special treat this year, **Jacie Sites**, reigning **National Champion Fiddler** and **OOTFA member**, will perform Friday, March 27th at 6 pm. You won't want to miss this!! Jacie will be giving a workshop on Saturday morning March 28th which will be followed by our **OOTFA Membership Meeting** at 11:00 am. See page 4 or contact **Jude Kuether** for more info: Jude.kuether@gmail.com or **541-430-2080**.

It is so important to let **everyone** know what is happening: Invite your family and friends, share the event posters, share the Facebook posts advertising the events, get the info out to the public all over the state. Press releases are available to share with your local paper.

I want to thank everyone for their tireless contributions in putting these events together. This include all our OOTFA gatherings. We are grateful for all of you! Together we make everything better!

I'm very excited to announce our new modern website is in the process of being built! I want to thank our **Website Review Committee** and each of you who contributed by sharing your ideas and suggestions. Our timeline is approximately 14 weeks to completion. The **Website Development Project** is being funded by member donations, a **Kielhorn Grant** and we have applied for a grant from the **Oregon Cultural Trust** that looks promising. We will have the web presence to let those far and wide know about OOTFA and what we have to offer at their fingertips!

It's going to be a great year! See you soon and all the best until then!

~ Cindy Crane, OOTFA President

Coming Soon: New & Improved OOTFA Website

At the OOTFA Quarterly Board meeting last month in Lebanon, the Board unanimously approved to research and acquire a web designer to upgrade our website to a "new and improved" totally functional website, incorporating all the suggestions from the **Website Review Committee** who requested input from all members. (This means, yes, we will be able to take online payments!) We now have a contract with a very impressive designer, who will be creating a website to meet our initial requests. We are able to begin this project with funds received from a **Kielhorn Grant** and a very generous donation from **Sabrina Moyle**, in honor of her late father, **Joe Moyle**, of District 6.

If you would like to donate to the OOTFA website project, we welcome any size donation, earmarked for "**Website design/maintenance**". Your checks can be made payable to OOTFA (memo: Website) and mailed to **Linda Parks, 36989 Deadwood Drive, Lebanon OR, 97355**. Remember, all donations are tax deductible. If you have further questions, contact **Cindy Crane, OOTFA President**.

Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest

Saturday, March 14 2026

Lebanon Mennonite Church, 2100 S. Second Street, Lebanon OR

Registration is now open: ootfa.org/ContestForm.html

Oregon State Fiddle Contest: Five Moments You'll Want to Be There For
The Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest is a full day with a rhythm of its own. Whether you come as a contestant, listener, volunteer, or curious first-timer, here are five moments worth planning your day around.

1. Championship Division (Evening)

This is where things really heat up. By the end of the day, players are looser and more willing to take musical risks. The tunes swing harder, the tempos bite a little more, and you'll hear the most daring fiddling of the contest. If you can only stay for one stretch, make it this one.

2. The On-Stage Jam (Dinner Hour)

All acoustic musicians are invited to the stage for the classic OOTFA jam—fiddles, guitars, mandolins, bass, and even banjos. This year's jam leader is District 7's Tom Clausen, who's expanded the jam to a full one hour. Running late from supper? Tom says come on up anyway—joining mid-jam is always welcome.

3. Entertainment Division (Afternoon)

This is the wild card. You might see a hot fiddler showing off swing chops, a contestant in a cow costume, or small fry playing twin fiddle. Judges are community members seated right in front of the stage, and the outcome is never predictable. Does cheering louder sway the results? Officially no. Spiritually? Worth testing.

4. Lunch at the Church

Yes, lunch makes the list. The church is selling lunch again this year, and the food has earned a stellar reputation. Think of it as a restaurant that opens just one day a year—and only for the fiddle contest. Not to be missed.

5. The Judges' Show (End of the night, before awards)

After being thoughtfully locked in a room all day, the judges finally emerge to play for you. This is your chance to hear exactly why they were chosen.

Bonus Moment (morning):

Our junior-junior division includes a small fry contestant who won too many times to stay in his own age division—it's the rules. This year, he takes on the tall kids. You'll want to be there to cheer him on.

Whether you come for an hour or stay all day, whether you're playing, helping, or listening from the pews, there's a place for you at the contest. Check the schedule, mark a few favorites, and come be part of the day.

Tentative Schedule

Updated 2/19/2026

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

6:00-7:00 On stage jam with Tom Clausen

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

Jump In and Volunteer

Even if you can't commit to a full shift, there are always small ways to help. We may need someone for quick jobs such as assisting the emcee or carrying a box inside. Let the registration desk know when you arrive that you can help.

Contest Registration Form:

ootfa.org/ContestForm.html

Contest Rules:

ootfa.org/pdf/ContestRules.pdf

2026 OOTFA SPRING STATE CONVENTION

March 26, 27 & 28 • Assembly of God Church
360 Darrell Ave, Winston

STATE CONVENTION DETAILS

The OOTFA Spring Convention is just around the corner and will be held at the Assembly of God church, located at 360 SE Darrell Avenue in Winston, Oregon. The event will take place on March 26, 27, and 28. To kick things off, there will be a meet and greet with a finger food potluck on the evening of March 25, providing a great opportunity to start the jamming early.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND AMENITIES

RV parking is available onsite at the church, with additional pull-through parking nearby. For your convenience, showers will be accessible in the church. A food truck will be present on Thursday and Friday, and on Saturday, breakfast will be offered by donation, and supper will be available for those who prepay.

MEETINGS

The board meeting is scheduled for 4 pm on Friday. The general membership meeting will take place at 11 am on Saturday.

JAMMING AND WORKSHOPS

Responding to feedback from members wanting more jamming time, the schedule has been adjusted to allow fewer workshops and more space and time dedicated to jamming sessions, including slow jams. Each workshop will have its own dedicated space and is designed to appeal to a variety of interests. Notably, National Champion Fiddler Jacie Sites will be presenting and leading a workshop. For further details, please see the interview with Jacie, featured in the Hoedowner.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS ASSISTANCE

If you have any travel limitations, please reach out. Carpooling and assistance with accommodations may be available. Contact me to discuss your needs and see what arrangements can be made. Jude – 541-430-2080.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE! BE SURE TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILIES TOO.

INTRODUCING A SPECTACULAR FIDDLER

by Jude Kuether

We are thrilled to announce that an extraordinary fiddler will be featured at the upcoming spring convention in Winston. After having the pleasure of interviewing Jacie Sites recently, I am excited to share some fascinating details about her journey and achievements.

EARLY BEGINNINGS AND MUSICAL JOURNEY

Jacie Sites grew up in Pendleton, Oregon. She first discovered the fiddle at the age of six, but it wasn't until she turned fifteen that she began playing seriously. Her story shows that you don't have to be a child prodigy to excel at the fiddle; with dedication and passion, success is within reach.

At fifteen, Jacie entered her first fiddle contest, finishing fifth out of five in her division. Despite this humble start, she was hooked, and her commitment paid off. By the age of twenty-one, she was performing at the Grand Ole Opry, having earned that honor by winning the Grand Masters competition.



2025 National Fiddle Champ,
Jacie Sites

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Jacie pursued her music studies in college, majoring in cello. She has since enjoyed helping orchestras bring a "fiddlized" touch to their music, incorporating violas, cellos, banjos, and of course, violins, to play pieces ranging from Bach to Jay Unger.

While living in Idaho, Jacie and her husband, Joe, dedicated their time and resources to bringing music education to public schools. Their volunteer efforts enabled hundreds of children to learn to play string instruments, fostering a love of music in the community.

INFLUENCES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Jacie credits her husband Joe, Andy and Dan Everett, and Star McMullen as her biggest influences. When asked if she kept track of all the contests she has entered, she admitted there were simply too many to count. Notably, Jacie has won the national championship five times, with her most recent win in 2025.

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES AND WORKSHOPS

Jacie and Joe will be performing for the general public on Friday evening from 6 to 7 pm at the Assembly of God Church, located at 360 SE Darrell Ave. in Winston, Oregon.

On Saturday morning at 9 am, they will lead a workshop titled "Spring into Confident Fiddling." In addition, Joe, whom Jacie affectionately calls the "fiddle whisperer," will share valuable tips on fiddle maintenance and general care.

JOIN US AT THE CONVENTION

Don't miss the Oregon Old Time Fiddle Association Convention, taking place from March 26 through 28. We look forward to seeing you there!

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District 1 March Events

Luther Square Practices Wednesdays 9:30 am
12 Rogue River Place 11 am
12 Pelican Pointe 2:30 pm
14 Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest
Lebanon Mennonite Church
18 Sky Lakes Medical Center 10:30 am
26 Pacifica/Klamath Falls Sr. Living 10:30 am
26-28 Spring Convention featuring OOTFA
Board & General Membership Meetings
Assembly of God Church Winston



Gary Shaeffer joins in for practice

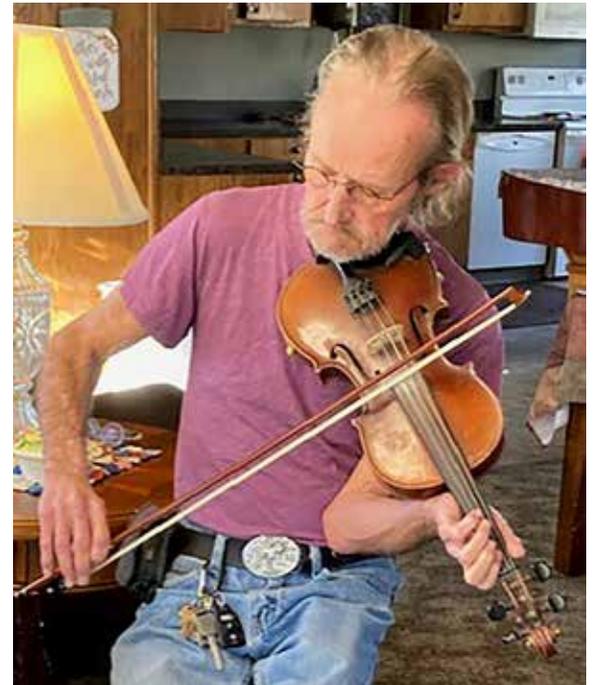
Practices continue to be fun. We have had some friends of members come and play with us during practice. **Jim Hughes** invited his friend, **Gary Shaeffer** (guitar player) and also a fiddle player who renewed his membership. That person is **Virgil Schmoe**, and is this month's featured musician. Born in Klamath Falls, where he and his wife currently live, Virgil learned to play fiddle around age 8/9. He has played in contests (Canyonville/Redding) and has taught a workshop. He was a log truck driver, a school bus driver and currently drives for an excavating company. Virgil credits **Homer McLain** for encouraging him to get on stage and play for his first time. This is a saying Virgil remembers Homer telling him years ago, "As long as it fits in the chord progression and sounds good, it's not a mistake. It's an interpretation or improvisation". Welcome back, Virgil. **Jenny Dreyer** will be featured in the next issue.

We continue to enjoy playing for our assisted living facilities and have again been invited to play at **Collier State Park** for **Living History Day** in June.

Happy St. Patricks Day to all!

Special wishes for all of the March Birthdays. **Happy Birthday** and have a fabulous day! **Keep a tune in your heart from District 1!**

~ Deb Cornelison, District 1 Reporter



Virgil Schmoe plays a fiddle tune

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Hard to believe how fast time is going by. April 29 is the **Christmas Valley Jam** at the **Community Hall**, east end of town. Should be a fun time. Coffee will be on, I hope. I'm not too good of a coffee cook, although last year I had help and all I needed to do was plug the pot in. I didn't get the stem in the pot, so I made hot water. Not good for the first pot of mud.

We still holding the non-OOFTA jam at **Rosa Lee's** on Thursday nights 4 to 7 pm. Call to make sure it's happening. Sometime things come up.

Also the second Saturday jam at **Chamber of Commerce**, noon until we are done. We been having folks from Alturas, California. **Vi Ryle** and her friends from Likely, CA, and good old **James Barry** comes all the way from the North about 100 miles one way. James plays the banjo and sings. Nice to have him in our group.

Enjoy the tunes and the good times we get to share with each other. Life is short, so have some fun!

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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District 3 March Events

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

Greetings from Central Oregon where the weather has been mild and the music has been happening at the Redmond VFW the last Sunday of every month.

The gatherings have been well attended with a variety of musical instruments including an accordion played excellently by **Joan Coleman**. **Ron Phillips** travels all the way from John Day to attend, bringing other talented folks including **Ben** on Bass. We have 2 new members, **Raymond** and **Deborah Roeder**, who we would like to welcome to our group and look forward to their musical contributions!

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The icy grip of freezing fog has released our valley and allowed the sun to shine on us for a few days. It

was enough to coax the spring bulbs to venture above ground and have many of us curled up in front of the fireplace consuming the latest garden catalogs. Hope springs eternal.

There will be two exciting opportunities to gather around the state this month beginning with the **OOTFA** sponsored **State Fiddle Contest** held March 14th in Lebanon. The event will run the entire day and Fiddlers from tiny tot to Senior Citizen will be performing their favorite old time tunes to serenade the judges. It's a treat to attend as a contestant or to help stage the event or be there to encourage the musicians. Volunteers are needed.



Cindy & Ron Crane

Clive McGlohin, long time OOTFA member and avid dancer, sadly passed away in January. Clive turned 100 last year and was married for 76 to his wife **Donna** who preceded him in passing. He was a distinguished member of the **Marine Corps** and served admirably in **World War Two**. Clive loved to dance and was seen dancing with grace the week before his passing. Clive and his contributions will be missed.

Bend/Sunriver fiddlers will meet on Saturday, March 14 at the **Suntree Village Clubhouse** at 3 pm for a jam session. Email **Don Greenfield** at dongreenfield0@gmail.com (0 is a number) or text to **541-589-4977** for info.

~ Rob Quitmeyer, District 3 Reporter



Judy McGarvey, Cindy Crane, Matthew Baker & Ron Bolstad at the Roxy Ann Grange monthly jam

The **OOTFA Spring State Convention** is slated for March 26-28. It will be held in Winston. Attending the convention is always an opportunity to visit and jam with members from all around the state. There will be workshops to attend and evening entertainment to participate in or just enjoy and 5 days to jam, learn some new "old" tunes and pick up some fresh techniques from some of the best musicians around the state.

First on the calendar for District 4 is a gig at the **Prestige Arbor Home** for an hour-long performance for the residents and the time will be announced soon. The musicians are scheduled to play for the **Assembly of Students** at the **Sacred Heart School** in Medford on **St. Patrick's Day**, March 17th from 12:30-1:30. This will be an opportunity to exhibit fiddling and old time music to an audience of students.

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District 4 continued

The **March monthly meeting** and jam will be held at the **Roxy Ann Grange** on March 21st. Meeting at 11:30, warm up jam, 12:30, sign up jam 1-3:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting and be involved in the planning and development of each month's and the annual events of the district.

Don't forget the opportunities to practice playing music with other musicians and improve your skills that are offered in our district. It's the kids turn to jam every Tuesday afternoon from 5-6:00 at the **Roxy Ann Grange**. For more info contact **Lenny** at lencarol2000@gmail.com. Tuesday afternoon at the **Redwood Country Church** in Grants Pass from 12 noon to 1:00 is a practice session and from 1-3:00 is a circle jam. For more info contact **Cindy** at (530) 574-6176. Wednesday evening from 6-8:00 at the **Roxy Ann Grange** a practice jam is held for more info contact Melissa at (360) 269-4288. Keep playing those old tunes and welcome Spring with a smile.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Anthony Trill from District 5

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District 5 March Events

- 3 Pacific View Care Center Gig 1:30 - 2:30 pm**
Pacific View Memory Care 2:30 - 3 pm
Bandon
- 10 Evergreen Court Gig 2 - 3 pm**
North Bend
- 17 Inland Point Care Center Gig 2 - 3 pm**
Coos Bay
- 21 Oddfellows Hall, Bandon Jam 1 - 3 pm**
Bandon IOOF Hall, Hwy 42S, Bandon

With March, comes the advent of spring and New Life.

I wonder if we can think of some ways to breathe new life into our music and our gatherings? It's also time to explore seed catalogues and think about growing a productive and perhaps beautiful garden! It's a time of year we also feel renewal the most clearly. Our Old Time music often reveals a strong connection to nature and the changing seasons. This often resonates with our listeners, evoking feelings of nostalgia for all the past springs we have lived. Does anyone know the lively fiddle tune, Spring in the Valley? That might be a good tune to start our spring season! But there are many, many others. See if you can learn a new one!

St. Patrick's Day is the 17th and we will be playing that day at **Inland Point**. We usually try to stick to the theme and our audience gets right into the spirit! We have played Annie Laurie, Berl 'em Cabbage Down, Danny Boy (thank you, Joe!), When Irish Eyes are Smiling, Maggie (and thank you, Luke!), My Wild Irish Rose and so many many others. Of course we enjoy the "wearin' of the green" and some of us often put a pot of corned beef and cabbage on the stove and enjoy the warm, homey smell in our homes. In fact, **Ruth Weyer**, our Chair and the person who manages our kitchen and is our very own chef, says she just makes her Irish dish "off the top of my head," but usually adds onions to the mix. Many folks just like to make a variation of an Irish stew, which can be called a "Slumgullian," and originated in the 18th century and involved a large pot of potatoes, onions, carrots and other root vegetables and usually a meat. But I have digressed into food, when we ought to stick to music! Regardless, enjoy the season and the music and food it has to offer and keep that music and friendship flowing!

Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Guest Reporter



Verna Lee, Linda Sweatt & Ruth Weyer

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District 6 March Events

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| 5 | Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam | 1 - 3 pm |
| | Corvallis Community Center | |
| 7 | Intermediate Fiddle Class | 1 - 3 pm |
| | River Road Annex, Eugene | |
| 9 | Basic Fiddle Class | 1:30 - 3:30 pm |
| | Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave | |
| 14 | District 6 Monthly Jam | 10 am - 2 pm |
| | Santa Clara Grange | |
| 20 | Third Friday Jam | 11 am - 2 pm |
| | McNail-Riley House , 601 W 13th, Eugene | |

March here already? Daffodils and crocuses are up everywhere; it's time to begin garden planning, and to look forward to the OOTFA State Convention in Winston (March 26 – 28th).

February may have been a short month, but it had a full complement of old time music. The **Intermediate Fiddle Class** at **River Road Annex** (1st Saturday of month, 1 – 3 pm) had 24 players – 16 fiddles, a banjo, couple of mandolins, and the rest guitars – making happy music in the light filled room. Thanks to **Amy Burrow** for leading the class.

Just 2 days later, The **Basic Fiddle Class** at **Bethesda Lutheran Church** (2nd Monday of month, 1:30 – 3:30 pm) gathered 13 people, with 9 fiddles, 2 mandolins, and 2 guitars. Both classes focus on a handful of tunes (or a musical concept) for the 1st half, then fun jamming for the remaining time. Thanks to **Donna O'Neil** for leading the class, and to **Linda Danielson** for her wisdom and insights on all things fiddle.

The monthly **District 6 Jam** (**Santa Clara Grange**, 2nd Saturday of month, 10 am – 1 pm) had much music and singing, and a **District Quarterly Meeting**. Distilled from the meeting minutes:

Scholarship Funds Available for Music Lesson Costs

The District 6 Scholarship Committee wants District Members to know that Music Scholarships are available for music lessons or camp/workshop costs.

Contact the scholarship Chair, Gabi Ford, gabiford@hotmail.com

All Board members were present with nearly 30 members. We were thrilled to have **Peggy Mulder** and **Bernie Roberts** at the meeting! They are looking and feeling well. (It was great to see Peggy playing stand-up bass).

Members voted to donate \$1,000 to the **OOTFA State Convention**. Members voted to donate \$1,250 to the **60th Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest** (set for Saturday, March 14th in Lebanon). **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest**, the oldest outdoor contest in Oregon, will receive a \$1,000.00 contribution from District 6. This contest will be held Saturday, August 1, at the **Benton County Fairgrounds**.

Several District 6 groups performed at the **Frontier Heritage Fair** in Eugene February 14 – 15th, providing background music (with tunes mostly before 1900) for the event.



Kim Hall, Clint Epps, Amy Burrow and Susie Epps perform February 15th at the Frontier Heritage Fair

The **3rd Friday Jam** at the **McNail-Riley House** at 601 W 13th in Eugene is another gathering for your musical camaraderie. Approximately a dozen gathered in this historic house in February.

Regarding the **Camas Schoolhouse Youth Jam** on Saturday, February 21, **Amy Burrow** writes:

The youth jam had eight young fiddlers from Eugene, Corvallis, Roseburg, Monmouth, Wilamina and Alvadore. They learned "Sugar Hill" and "Arran Boat Song" and smiled their way through the moves of "Take a Little Peek", a square dance. We charmed the Camas team with "Sugar Hill" and "Angelina Baker" (of course!), serenading them from outside the bakery door. The fiddlers were backed up by the stellar ensemble of **Linda Danielson, Steve Robare** and **Tom DiLiberto**. Guest musicians included **Kelly Wadsworth** and **Karen and Steve Johnson**. What a sweet treat! Our next Schoolhouse Youth Jam will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 12:30-2:00.

The **West Cascades Fiddle Camp website** is updated and ready for your registrations. A mandolin class and workshop return this year for the 8-string pickers among us. Find what you need to know at: Fiddlecamp.net

~ Tony Dandurand, District 6 Reporter

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District 7 March Events

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

We don't have confirmed gigs in March, but there may be some by the time you read this. Be sure you are on **Marcella Easley's** email list so you don't miss any announcements. See the list of District 7 officers above to contact Marcella.

If you're seeing this **Hoedowner** issue on the last day of February, you might still have time to attend the **Westside Jam Session** hosted by **Jeanine Orme**: 3-5 pm on Saturday, February 28, at the **Portland Christadelphian Church**, 8970 SW Murray Blvd. in Beaverton.



Larry Vining with Marcella Easley of District 7

The next **Westside Jam Session** will be on Saturday, May 9, at the same time and location. **Jeanine** reports that about 20 people have been attending the Westside Jam sessions, but there's plenty of room for more. Our **Eastside Jam** at **Sunnyside Grange** also continues to be well attended. We would love to see all of you at both East and West jams!

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

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District 8 March Events

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

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

28 District 8 Jam 1 - 3:30 pm
Willamette Lutheran Ret. Community, 7693 Wheatland Rd. N., Keizer

District 8's monthly jam happened January 24th at Willamette Lutheran Retirement. Unfortunately, many members had been sick with the virus/cold/flu going around. Turnout was small. People stayed home to get better for our big gig at the **State Capitol** in February.

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Cathy Yale, District 8 Chair & Hoedowner Reporter

District 8 continued

February 14th was **Oregon States 167th Anniversary**. **Oregon Old Time Fiddlers District 8 and friends** were the featured entertainers. We performed twice in the Rotunda, at 10 am and 12 pm. Most of our performers wore some kind of time appropriate clothing. We had cowboys, cowgirls, fur trader, blacksmith, prairie grandmas, prairie kids, & a saloon lady. We also had a table in the Rotunda featuring old time instruments the kids could touch. On the table we had an old-fashioned cigar box guitar, autoharp, fiddle, and mountain lap dulcimer. We had membership info and our local jam info available for people to take. **The Oregonian** did a phone interview with me, and wrote a great article about us featuring three pictures my husband took. Performers were **Bradley Guptill, Cathy Yale, Cheryl Mockford, Chuck McConnell, Claudia Zinser, Connie Smith, Dean boring, Dennis Brutke, Fred Davis, Gretta Guptill, Natalie Guptill, Jeff Andrew, Juli Kennedy, Loulu Guptill, Martha Hughes, Mel Fuller, Phil Drain, Rae Parlier, Richard Rubicam, Sandy Smith.**

~ Cathy Yale, District 8 Reporter

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Friday night jams at Hines City Hall are ongoing, and we play for residents at our assisted living facility on each fourth Friday.

Mark Your Calendars: First planning sessions are happening for our annual **June Jamboree** to be held at **Harney County Fairgrounds** in Burns on June 18, 19, 20th.

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Bradley & Loulu Guptill, who was celebrating her 5th birthday, with Connie Smith & Martha Hughes behind



Richard Rubicam, Dennis Brutke Chuck McConnell, Julie Kennedy & Bradley Guptill



Joan Suther, Ben Richardson & Ron Phillips

District 9 continued

Our February potluck and jam hosted a good group of listeners, and four musicians from Grant County joined us. We had a short business meeting to approve some donations and other purchases.

Burns members **Janet Braymen** and **Cynthia Thomas** traveled to John Day on February 9th to join the **Grant County Jammers** at the **John Day Senior Center** for a morning of great music and fun.

Our group will be onstage at **Burns Elks Lodge** on February 28th in the evening to provide three hours of music during the annual fundraiser dinner and silent auction for the **Crossroads Ranch**, an equine therapy center.

~ Lynn Mims, District 9 Reporter



Cynthia Thomas and loyal listener Jim Schultz at a District 9 Friday night jam

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District 10 March Events

- 3 Rosehaven 2 - 3 pm
- 5 Oak Park Retirement 2 - 3 pm
- 10 VA Riverhouse #81 10:30 - 11:30 am
- 12 Solista 2 - 3 pm
- 18 Callahan Court 3 - 4 pm
- 20 The Landing 12 - 1 pm
- 24 Bridgewood Rivers 2 - 3 pm
- 25 Meet & Greet for Convention 7 pm
- 26, 27, 28 Spring Convention 8 am start

Winston Assembly of God Church

No Monthly Jam in Sutherlin due to convention

In February we've been keeping busy by playing at seven Retirement Centers, a memorial service, practice jams, our regular monthly jam, and getting ready for the Annual Convention, March 26-28. Please read **Jude Kuether's** info regarding the convention on page 4. Looking forward to seeing everyone here.

Happy March Birthday to: Frank Moore (3/10).

~Sandy Harter, District 10 Reporter



Jude Kuether & Chris Cormack of District 10



Allison Lindley, Rick Kreofsky, Kelly Wadsworth, Jim Kuether, Jude Kuether & Chris Cormack

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Online Resources for Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers

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National Fiddle Contest	Weiser, Idaho
West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshop	Pleasant Hill
Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Benton County Fair
District 3 Website	Central Oregon, Bend, Redmond, The Dalles
District 4 Facebook	Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland
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Bob & Dela Dunn	Scio (6)
Rena Dunn	Lebanon (6)
Marguerite Garrison	Azalea (4)
Jennifer McBride	Medford (4)
Ava McKinley	Medford (4)
Kathy Perry	Roseburg (10)
Debra & Raymon Roeder	Redmond (3)
James Ruff	Corvallis (6)
Gary Schaffer	Klamath Falls (1)



2026 OOTFA Calendar

March 14	Oregon State Open Fiddle Contest Lebanon Mennonite Church
March 26-28	Spring State Convention OOTFA Board & Membership Meetings 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 1	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis
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