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After more than 12 hours of fiddling competition, the 58th Annual Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association named **Jacie Sites** from Rigby, Idaho, as this year's **Oregon State Champ**

~ Cat McClintock, Fiddle Contest Coordinator
Sites opened the first championship round of the contest with a searing performance of "Sally Johnson". Not to be out-"Sallied," **Doug Fleener** of Eugene, Oregon, followed with a foot-stomping rendition of "Sally Gooden". Over the course of the night, each played five more tunes, and when the smoke cleared it was evident that the judges struggled to pick the best fiddler. The final score: 1669 to 1671.



Open Championship contestants, **Starr McMullen, Grant Wheeler, Andy Emert, Jacie Sites and Doug Fleene**

Contest Goes Digital

Registration: New this year, contestants were able to sign up online, and nearly all of them did. A total of 53 people pre-registered from the OOTFA website. The rest registered in person on the day of the contest. All together, 61 fiddlers, ages 5 to 83, competed.

Livestream: If you missed the excitement (or you want to relive it), there's good news. We streamed the entire event live, so you can watch it on OOTFA's Facebook page (note: morning, afternoon, and night shows are posted separately) or YouTube channel. And hey, if you enjoy watching online, consider donating to the contest via PayPal @oregonfiddlers. This will help fund better equipment for future contests with higher quality sound and video.



Read all about the Spring Convention on Page 11!

See Contest Results on Page 3!



April 19-20
Harbor Grange Hall
Doors will open early on Friday and Saturday
More in District 5's Report on Page 7!

Hello All,

OOTFA President's Report

The State Convention starts April 4th in Winston. If you need more info check

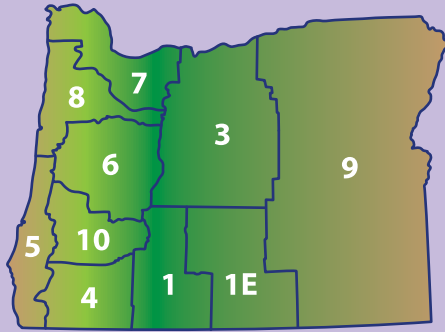
OOTFA.org or contact **Jude Kuether**. The OOTFA Membership Meeting will be Saturday morning, April 6, 2024, at 8:30 am. Please plan to attend. Don't miss out on the wonderful workshops or the jamming with friends, new and old.

The State Open Fiddle Contest was held Saturday, March 16th in Lebanon and it was a fun time! I admit I was nervous entering, but I am so glad I did. It's about challenging yourself to do something out of your comfort zone. I felt a great sense accomplishment at being able to play my songs, at my level, the best I could and just for participating. The support I received was amazing. I even won a prize! I want to encourage each of you to go ahead and step out of your comfort zone, you'll be surprised at what you can do!

Again, remember why you joined OOTFA and why it is important to you. Share with those you meet and invite them to come and participate. Make guests and newcomers feel welcome. Encourage others and be supportive of one another. Let's make our organization, our OOTFA family, grow!

All the best! Looking forward to seeing you soon! Convention, here we come!

~ Cindy



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2024 OOTFA Calendar

- April 4 - 6** OOTFA State Convention
Winston Assembly of God
- April 19 - 20** Brookings Jamboree
Harbor Grange Hall
- May 1 - 5** Christmas Valley Campout
Booster Hall, Christmas Valley
- May 19** District 7 Workshop/Performance
Charbonneau Arts Commission, Wilsonville
- June 13 - 15** High Desert Jamboree
Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns
- July 22 - 25** West Cascades Fiddle Camp
Emerald Christian Academy, Pleasant Hill
- July 27** Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest
Wilsonville
- Aug. 2** Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis
- Aug. 8 - 11** Farm Jam Campout
32260 SE Belfils Road, Estacada, Oregon
- Aug. 15 - 18** Fiddle at the Beach
Winchester Bay
- Sept. 12 - 14** Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering,
Cary Foster Hall, Crook Co. Fairgrounds, Prineville

2024 OOTFA MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The 2024 OOTFA Roster will be ready April 1 Send CASH or CHECK made out to OOTFA to Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Drive, Eugene, OR 97401 or email pattiluse@comcast.net for a PDF Copy

- 2024 OOTFA Roster - Picked up at Events \$3
- 2024 OOTFA Roster - Mailed \$5
- 2024 OOTFA Roster in PDF FREE





Contest Results

Small Fry:

- 1st Bradley Guptill
- 2nd Hazel Richards
- 3rd Clark Huguenin
- 4th Leah Fewkes
- 5th Sunny Kunze

Junior-Junior:

- 1st Megan Nave
- 2nd Roslyn McCarver
- 3rd Leo Kuhl
- 4th Helen Huguenin
- 5th Thomas Richards

Senior:

- 1st Martha Hughes
- 2nd Donna Reuter
- 3rd Kelly Wadsworth
- 4th Cheryl Mockford
- 5th Cindy Crane

Senior-Senior:

- 1st Barbara Curtis
- 2nd Mary Cooper
- 3rd Bob Heinith
- 4th Donna Wynn
- 5th Randy Warner

Junior:

- 1st Lorelei Hein
- 2nd Leah Huguenin
- 3rd Nina Kuhl
- 4th Lydia Richards
- 5th Isabella Matthews

Young Adult:

- 1st Libby Rogers - O/S
- 2nd Cadhla Norris - O/S
- 3rd Matthew Baker
- 4th Saxon Ropp
- 5th Ryder Johnson

Adult:

- 1st Ben LiaBraaten - O/S
- 2nd Jeanine Orme
- 3rd Allison Lindley
- 4th Leanna Heiman
- 5th Mel Fuller

Open-Championship:

- 1st Jacie Sites
- 2nd Doug Fleener
- 3rd Andy Emert
- 4th Grant Wheeler
- 5th Starr McMullen

Accompanist:

- 1st Ben LiaBraaten
- 2nd Rod Anderson
- 3rd Andy Emert
- 4th Aaron Carter
- 5th Doug Fleener

Entertainment Showcase:

- 1st Jacie Sites
- 2nd Donna Reuter
- 3rd Libby Rogers/
Roslyn McCarver
- 4th Andy Emert
- 5th Bob Heinith

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District 1 April Events

11 Pelican Pointe 2:30 - 3:30 pm
 26 Rogue River Place 1 - 2 pm

We are now having practices at Irene Ruddocks house at 9:30 each Wednesday

As I write this today, we have a promising weather report that we are to have a few days of Spring. March came in like a roaring lion so we are looking forward to some warmer temperatures and sunshine.

District 1 has had a change in our Co-Chair. **Jay Schindler** has graciously accepted the position. Our Care Centers went well last month. **Edna Jenkins** went out in the audience and got them singing and laughing they loved the extra attention. Edna gives our district such a happy and fun vibe. Hope you all had a **Special Easter**.

Special wishes for all of our April Birthdays, have a special day.

Happy Trails and Best Wishes from District 1

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter



District 1 playing for The Sons of Norway, with guest, Mike Borelli of Lakeview

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It's March already and it's half gone. We have enjoyed the jams here in town. We had three come up from Alturas for the jam at the **Chamber of Commerce** what a great time it was. Our monthly jam at the Chamber of Commerce is the second Saturday.

Rosa Lee's non OOTFA jams have been a blast, each Thursday night, 4 -7 pm.

Don't think we had anyone going to the **State Open Fiddle Contest**. I'm sure it was a good time. Looking forward to the **State Convention** in April, and the **McLain Family Campout** in Christmas Valley first weekend in May.

Don't forget how we all got started playing the tunes we play, I know for myself it was a long road. I'm still playing a lot of bad notes but keep it moving. If it was easy everyone would be doing it, so help them out with a little kindness and let them make a bad note. It all pays the same. I tell people "If they don't like it, hold on to my wages".

Enjoy your music life is short make the most out of it!

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

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To OOTFA members in other districts: Spring is beautiful in Central Oregon. Come visit **Smith Rock** or some of our lakes. Then, on the 4th Sunday of each month, come on over to our dance at **Terrebonne Grange** starting at 1:00.

At our February **Terrebonne Grange Dance**, we had 17 musicians, and 25 guests. We appreciate that **Edna Jenkins** from District 1 has been to our dances several times, and the songs she performs really bring back the memories. Edna also did a request. In February, she brought two guests, **Joyce Capehart** and **Carole Vorce**.

A big "Thank You" to **Ellen Jakab** for hosting many potluck jam sessions at her home this season. They were well

District 3 April Events

28 Dance at Terrebonne Grange 1 - 3 pm
8286 11th Street, Terrebonne, just a block off Highway 97, behind the Pumphouse Grill
Open to the public!

If you don't dance, bring your instrument or singing voice, and provide music. Or just come, listen, and enjoy. Coffee and goodies are available, and we are grateful to Myna Colvin and the other Grange members for their hospitality. Bring your musical dance songs to share with others.

attended and lots of fun. We look forward to November, 2024 when the jams are scheduled to resume.

Planning for the **2024 Central Oregon Acoustic Music Gathering** in September is in the works. Your input will be appreciated. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our members whose special day is in April. We wish a speedy recovery to those with health issues.

~ Karen Bennett, District 3 Reporter



District 3 performs for music lovers and dancers each fourth Sunday at the Terrabonne Grange

Q: How can you tell the difference between old-time fiddle tunes? A: By their name.

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There's a much quoted adage, "April showers bring May flowers." Here in the Rogue Valley March has set a lovely precedent for April with a profusion of blooms on many trees and tulips and daffodils blooming around every corner.

April also brings the much anticipated **OOTFA** annual **Spring Convention**, this year being held, April 3-6 at the **Winston Assembly of God Church** in Winston, practically in our back yard. The gathering will open Wednesday evening with a meet and greet finger food potluck and jamming 4-10 pm. State Secretary, **Patti Luse**, has sent out an informative email to all members just jam-packed with all the information you need to fill your days there with educational workshops, jams, dances and gatherings with fun and fellowship. There will be tables filled with lovely and useful treasures a raffle ticket will put in your possession. All members will want to attend the biannual membership meeting for a final discussion of by law changes, Saturday 4/6 at 8:30, preceded by a fundraiser breakfast.

The District 4 February monthly meeting and jam was held at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. On the agenda were discussions on the Action Plan first presented to the district by **Chairman Melissa Taylor**, included securing teachers for music instructions, work on the website and financial support for the upcoming convention and fiddle contest. **Lenny Ferrara** also presented to the members and distributed a new version of business card for members with listings for the upcoming monthly jams and a place for members names and their email address or telephone number.

District 4 performed at **Alderwood** and **Waverly Assisted Living Centers** in Medford and **Rogue Valley Retirement** in Grants Pass. The April monthly jam is scheduled to be at the **Phoenix Grange** in Phoenix, Oregon, Saturday April 27th, with a different time frame, 2:30-4:30. There will be no meeting and this performance is a fundraiser for the Grange.

Also coming in April 19-20 is the **Brookings Jamboree** on the magnificent Oregon Coast. This is always a fun music festival with lots of jamming, fellowship, delicious fresh seafood and breathtaking views of our Pacific Coast.

The **Tuesday Jammers** meet at the Methodist church in Medford, 4-6 every Tuesday. For more info call **Judy McGarvey**, 541-779-8145. Check the online calendar for all gigs, jams, meetings times and places and maps or call a district officer they are always happy to help.

District 4 members are looking forward to seeing you at the **Convention** and the **Brookings Jamboree**. Happy Spring.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



A small group of District 4 musicians played for the residents at Rogue Valley Retirement Center

The Rakes of Mallow

Traditional

G Polka (♩=80)

Violin Melody

Violin Harmony

Violin Off-beat

Musical notation for measures 1-4. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is 3/2. The tempo is marked as Polka with a quarter note equal to 80 beats per minute. The notation includes three staves: Violin Melody, Violin Harmony, and Violin Off-beat. Chords G and D are indicated above the first two measures.

5

G D G

Musical notation for measures 5-8. The notation includes three staves. Chords G, D, and G are indicated above the first, third, and fifth measures respectively. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

9

G D G D

Musical notation for measures 9-12. The notation includes three staves. Chords G, D, G, and D are indicated above the first, second, fourth, and fifth measures respectively. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

13

G D G

Musical notation for measures 13-16. The notation includes three staves. Chords G, D, and G are indicated above the first, third, and fifth measures respectively. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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District 5 April Events

2 Pacific View, Bandon gig 1:30 - 2:30 pm
9 Evergreen Court, North Bend gig 2 - 3 pm
16 Inland Point, Coos Bay gig 2 - 3 pm
19-20 Brookings Fri: 8 am - lights out
Jamboree Sat: 8 am - 4 pm
Jamming All Day Stage Show Sat. 1 pm
Grange Hall on Hwy 101 South of Brookings
All OOFTA are welcome to join in the fun!

Make your plans: the Brookings Jamboree is coming right up! It's held at the **Harbor Grange Hall**, right on Highway 101, in Harbor, and the doors will open early on Friday and Saturday, April 19-20. It is always so much fun to see people from the southern end of our district and those who come over from the valley to enjoy our beautiful weather and scenery! Special thanks go to **Ruth Weyer** (raffle and auction), **Mapril Combs** (general administrator) and **Bill and Pat Winfrey** (sound and hospitality) and other volunteers for their efforts to make all of the jamboree run smoothly. Final plans are not in place, but there is usually a food truck and/or food available in the hall, thanks to the Grange, for those who can't bear to leave the fun. **Wild Rivers Motor Lodge** in Brookings is offering a discount to OOFTA members and there are many RV parks and motels in all price ranges nearby. Ruth Weyer promises some exciting raffle prizes and is always happy to accept contributions for more.

The usual jam at the **Bandon IOOF building** was canceled for March (Spaghetti Feed at Hauser), and April (Jamboree at Brookings), but we will be back at our "home" hall at Bandon in May, when we will have a general meeting at 11 and a jam from 1-3 PM. We will resume monthly Bandon jams on the third Saturday starting in September.

We had a great time at the **Hauser Spaghetti Feed** on March 16 and were thrilled to welcome back longtime member and cowboy yodeler **Cliff Lint!** **Ruth Weyer** made her special tropical cake just for us, and we played favorites for the crowd. Oh yes, we also "earn" a delicious spaghetti dinner for our efforts!

Here's our chair **Mapril Combs** holding the meeting authority for the exciting times that occur when we all get together!

~ Linda Sweatt, District 5 Reporter



Joe Walker, one of our favorite fiddlers!



Mapril Combs will be at the Jamboree!

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District 6 April Events

- 4 **Dave & Jim's Acoustic Jam** canceled
- 6 **Intermediate Fiddle Class** 1 – 3 pm
River Road Annex, Eugene
- 8 **Basic Fiddle Class** 1 - 3 pm
Bethesda Lutheran, 4445 Royal Ave., Eugene
- 12 **Kids' Fiddle Jam** 6:30 - 8 pm
Contact Jenny Jonak for details: jenny@jonak.com
- 13 **Monthly Jam** 10 am - 3 pm-ish
Central Grange, 87200 Central Road

District 6 is currently playing at a variety of assisted living facilities each month. We are planning for a very busy summer with the **West Cascades Fiddle Camp**, July 22-25 in Pleasant Hill and the **Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest** on Friday, August 2 at the **Benton County Fair** in Corvallis.

Update on the **Fiddle Camp**: as of 3-24-2024 there are 106 registered. This is about 2/3 of our annual capacity. A few of the more popular classes and workshops are filling fast, so don't wait until the last minute to register. Deadline is June 30. For more information, check out our website – fiddlecamp.net

We had a great night recently in Eugene where one of our youngest district members and a **fantastic** banjo player, **Henry Strid**, played his first paid professional gig at **Tsunami Bookstore**. He made a special appearance on stage with a 6 time **National Fiddle Contest Champion**, **Luke Bulla**. Henry is a student at **South Eugene High School**.

We look forward to **OOTFA State Convention. April 4-6**, in Winston and providing part of the music for the dance on Friday Night.

Dave and Jim's monthly jam in Corvallis is canceled for the month of April.

Help Wanted:

District 6 Hoedowner Monthly Reporter

Qualification: Have 300-350 words to share each month. Don't have to be a Journalism Major!

Spell check works Great!

Time: 1 hour monthly includes emailing officers for info. **Apply: Jerry Parks ...We Can't Do it All!**

~ Patti Luse with Linda & Jerry Parks, District 6 Reporters



Intermediate Fiddle Class Instructor, Donna Wynn, took fourth place in the Senior-Senior Division at the State Fiddle Contest



Tony Danduran at Central Grange

New OOTFA Members • April 2024

Helen & Jerry Berrett	Medford (4)
Deborah & David Brock	Sweet Home (6)
Anne Duston	Portland (7)
Mike & Linda James	Dundee (8)
Cadhla, Angie & Stephen Norris	Conrad, Mt (OS)
Jennie Sperling	North Bend (5)
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Felicia Winn	Hillsboro (7)

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District 7 April Events

7 Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam 1 - 4 pm
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley

We (your reporters) truly enjoyed ourselves at the **March 16 Oregon Open Fiddle Contest**. Kudos to all who organized, volunteered, entered, judged, attended, and did anything else to make this event happen. We stayed in the audience but managed to catch our District 7 member, **Cheryl Mockford**, dressed for **St. Patrick's Day**, in the sunny parking lot. She was hunting for a good spot to practice her Round 2 tunes. Cheryl placed 4th in the Senior Division.

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District 8 April Events

2 Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm
4 Class/Jam at 9:30 - 10:30 am
Martha Hughes' home
11 Class/Jam at 9:30 - 10:30 am
Martha Hughes' home
16 Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1 - 3 pm
18 Class/Jam at 9:30 - 10:30 am
Martha Hughes' home
19 Jefferson Lodge Memory Care Gig 3 - 4 pm
664 SE Jefferson St, Dallas
27 4th Saturday jam at YVHC 1 - 4 pm

In February we had a nice crowd at Yamhill Valley Heritage Center where we played our 4th Saturday Jam and received generous donations from an appreciative audience and where we will be playing for our 4th Saturday Jams from now on as it is good publicity and facilitates attracting new members.

We are pleased to welcome new members **Linda** and **Mike James** of Dundee. We thank and congratulate **Joe Ross** on his informative and interesting tribute to the musical life of **Gayle Clarity** in the March **Hoedowner**.



Cheryl Mockford at the 2024 fiddle contest

On Sunday, May 19, we will hold our **Spring Jamboree** beginning at 12 noon, starting with workshops on fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and bass, followed by performances by the instructors and other OOTFA members. The event will be held at the **Charbonneau Clubhouse**, 32000 SW Charbonneau Drive in Wilsonville. Information is at [OOTFA.org](#) and also on the **Facebook** page named "**Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association**".

On Saturday, July 27, the **3rd Annual Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest** will be held at the **Wilsonville Community Center**. The Spring Jamboree and the Sunnyside Youth Fiddle Contest are funded by a grant from the City of Wilsonville, and co-hosted by OOTFA Districts 7 and 8.

~ Nancy Christie & Larry Vining, District 7 Reporters

District 8 was represented at the March 16 **State Fiddle Contest** by **Bradley Guptill**, **Leanna Heiman**, **Mel Fuller**, and **Martha Hughes**. Our best and warmest congratulations to **Martha Hughes** for being awarded first place in the Senior Division!

Gayle Clarity will be representing District 8 at the April **Spring Convention** and holding a workshop there as well.

~ Lynn Gossett, Acting District 8 Reporter



Mel Fuller, Leanna Heiman, Darlene Bryant, and Martha Hughes at the March Fiddle Contest (Martha placed first; Mel, 4th, and Leanna, 5th) Congratulations to all!

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We continue to play at the Aspens Assisted Living on fourth Fridays. We typically have a contingent from John Day: **Ron Phillips** brings an assortment of instruments and provides room in his car for **Ben Richardson** to stow his upright bass. **Ronda Metler** and her husband drive down in their camper.

On second Sundays we meet at **The Hub** (senior center) for a potluck dinner at 1 pm then jam for two hours starting at 2. Last time we had quite a turnout, including **Ronda, Lee** and **Doug** on their harmonicas. We had quite an assortment of instruments, including violins, mandolins, a variety of guitars including an acoustic bass guitar, cello upright string bass, hammer dulcimer and, of course, harmonicas. We were joined by **Frank Borden** from District 3.

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April's Beginning Fiddle Class will be at the OOTFA Spring Convention. **Kelly Wadsworth** will have one Beginning Fiddle Class in May (Saturday May 11) at 10 am. **Fiddling in the Park** will run on Mondays from June 10 - September 2 at 10 am at **Fir Grove Park**. Each week, there will be two groups: 1) Beginning Fiddle and 2) Advanced Beginning Fiddle. Call **Kelly** for more info at 541-643-7113. Loaner fiddles are available.

Congratulations to all the fiddlers and accompanists who participated at the **State Fiddle Contest** on Saturday, March 16. We appreciate **Cat McClintock**, her staff and judges for a successful event. Special kudos to D-10 members **Allison Lindley** (Third in the Adult Division) and **Kelly Wadsworth** (Third in the Seniors Division). District 10 would also like to thank everyone for their help at the **State Convention** at **Winston Assembly of God Church** on April 4-6. Several from our district will attend the **Brookings Jamboree** on April 19-20.

We'd like to again schedule Joint Potluck/Jams with our friends in adjacent Districts 4, 5 & 6. They were a lot of fun last year. For locations, we are considering Dora,



Frank Borden, Lee Tiller and Ron Phillips at The Hub

Marianne and Gordon joined us at the Aspens, dancing to fiddle tunes and entertaining the residents.

We are busy planning the Jamboree in June and look forward to seeing many of you from other districts in the state.

~ Don Greenfield, District 9 Reporter

District 10 April Events

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| 1 | April Fools' Day Monday Jam | TBA |
| | OOTFA performs 1:30 – 2:25 pm on Sat Sep 30 | |
| 2 | The Landing | 12 – 1 pm |
| 4 - 6 | OOTFA Spring Convention | |
| | Assembly of God Church, Winston | |
| 8 | Monday Jam | Time & Location TBA |
| 11 | Garden Valley Retirement | 2 – 3 pm |
| 15 | Monday Jam | Time & Location TBA |
| 22 | Monday Jam | Time & Location TBA |
| 23 | Bridgewood Rivers | 2 – 3 pm |
| 27 | Sutherlin Senior Center | 12 – 3 pm |
| | Potluck & Jam | |
| 28 | April Birthday Party | 12 - 6 pm |
| | JosephJane Winery (Old-Time Fiddle Jam 1-3 pm;
Western Swing & Country Dance with The Sunny Sky
Boys 3-5 pm. Order your wood-fired pizza by 5 pm.) | |
| 29 | Monday Jam | Time & Location TBA |

Coquille, Myrtle Point, Scottsburg, Drain, Yoncalla, Pass Creek Park (Curtin), Camas Valley, Azalea, Sunny Valley, Glendale and Canyonville.

Let's celebrate birthdays of **Frank McCracken** (April 2), **Mike Gillespie** (April 4), **Nancy Wolf** (April 9) and yours truly on April 26. If we forgot your special day, let us know. We'll celebrate all the April Birthdays at **JosephJane Winery** on Sunday afternoon April 28. We offer our sincere sympathy and condolences to **Allison** and **Kevin Lindley** after the recent passing of Alli's younger sister.

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Any OOTFA member (for at least five years and who is 80+ years old) qualifies as a “**National Treasure.**” Apply to **Ruth Weyer**. She has the form to fill out, or find it on **OOTFA’s webpage** under “Forms/Documents.” If you see a little yellow “National Treasure” tag below a person’s name tag, they are special.

District 10 owns five copies of **JayDean Ludiker’s “Learn to Play Fiddle”** book (for beginners). District members can check them out. JayDean also has books called Gospel Fiddling, Learn to Play More Fiddle Tunes, Twin Fiddling, Christmas Fiddling, and Old Time Fiddle Tunes Our Dads Played. All have notation, fiddle tab, chords, and CD. Info: www.LudikerMusic.com, call (509)927-7529 or e-mail jaydean1@earthlink.net

Election of our new district officers will take place at our May meeting. If you’d be willing to serve in a leadership role, please let **Co-Chairs Dan Jocoy** and **Christine Cormack** know.

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Cyrus Wadsworth at Sandy Harter's new home

2024 OOTFA Spring Convention is your next Destination!

by Jude Keither

It’s almost TIME!!! The annual state OOTFA convention and membership meeting will be April 4, 5, and 6 at the Assembly of God Church at 360 Darrell Ave, Winston, OR and we are so excited! This church is set up with lots of rooms for jamming and for workshops. There is a big stage with great acoustics and in-house sound with a dedicated sound master who will manage it. Convention committee members **Chris Cormack, Jude Stensland-Kuether, Allison Lindley, Steve Robare** and **Margot O’Sullivan** have been hard at work putting this together. The committee members will also be your “Boots on the ground” helping with the day to day working of the convention.

For lots of other details about the convention, go to **www.OOTFA.org**. This is also where you sign up for the workshop offerings. Some of these include:

- Irish fiddle • Rags for the fiddle
- Harmonies and double stops on fiddle • Irish mandolin
- Vocal harmonies by ear • Learn how to count in your song
- Transposing on the fly • Beginning clawhammer banjo
- Advanced movable chords for guitar

There will be slow jams, teaching jams, youth centered jams, Celtic jams, Bluegrass jams and even a hosted Swing jam! Come find your group!

The **Band Scramble** Thursday night which is always fun. There will be a **District Dance Band** on Friday night. Smaller districts will combine to fill out some hybrid bands. There will be a nice big dance floor and our dancing friends **Rick** and **Susan** and **Jerry** and **Linda** will be fun to watch. We might even have a **Virginia Reel** or two.

Saturday will start off bright and early (7:30 AM Breakfast) with the business meeting at 8:30 AM. We will conduct OOTFA business as quickly and efficiently as possible. To make it more pleasant, we will have a wonderful (District 10 fundraiser) breakfast with a local chef extraordinaire, **Judy Kennedy**, who promises to knock your socks off!

Mid-afternoon we will have the **Fiddle Contest** participants/youth showcase. This should be extra special this year because we have some up and coming young fiddlers who are sure to entertain!! Then comes the raffle reveal (Be sure to bring your district Raffle baskets and your raffle items).

Saturday evening we are going to try something new. We will have a time of remembrance for those we have lost in the last few years, but especially 2023. Bring the special songs that they sang, funny stories and let’s make it a joyous time of remembering (but we will have some tissues handy!).

Please go to www.ootfa.org and make your reservations for RV parking and for your workshops as soon as possible. If unable to access the website, please TEXT or call **Jude at 541-430-2080**. Leave a message if no answer.

We are hoping to see our friends from all over the state. Come play with us!!!

Oregon Oldtime
Fiddlers' Association
979 Ascot Drive
Eugene, OR 97401



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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.

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- Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland
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- 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
- The Rakes of Mallow

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

In Memoriam

We have been notified of the passing of these Lifetime Members. No information is available but many may remember them.

- **Leah Canady**, Lifetime member from Eugene in District 6
- **Loita Colebank**, Lifetime member from Aurora in District 8 (more info in May Hoedowner)
- **Sandy Eichenlaub**, Lifetime member from North Bend in District 5
- **Ron Halsey**, Lifetime Member from Redmond/Prineville in District 3
- **Loretta Meeds**, Lifetime member from Jacksonville in District 4

Charlotte Dow, Lifetime member from Bandon passed away on February 23 at the age of 95. Charlotte was the widow of guitar player, **Shorty Dow**, who died in November of 2015. A memorial was held on March 2 in Bandon. She is survived by three of her six children, **Bud, Lloyd** and **Vickie**. Condolences made be made at westrumfuneralservice.com.

Karan Ann Gibson. Lifetime Member from Burns passed away on February 10 at the age of 79. She lived most of her life in Harney County and married **Irvin Stanley Gibson**. She worked at the **Harney County Senior Center**. After retiring, she provided in-home care for many elderly people and truly loved this work, being able to serve and care for people in their final days. Karan was a member of **Faith Baptist Church** of Harney County. She is survived by her husband, **Irvin Gibson**, son **Randy** and Daughter **Zola Ryan**. Condolences can be sent to Irvin and the family at PO box 12, 4Hines, OR 97738

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