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District 9

Winter continues on the Palouse with lots of snow

When you read this news I can only hope that the weather is better than it is right now. We have a lot of snow on the Palouse with drifts four feet and better. It is hard to determine how much snow has fallen as we have had white-out conditions to limit the visibility and make for some tricky driving.

I am sure that many of you had to adjust your Christmas plans to fit airline schedules as we did with the weather.

Some of our play dates have been attended by a small group of players but the Christmas songs were enjoyed by all.

We held our annual Christmas potluck at the Methodist Church in Moscow with a good turkey and ham dinner and a fair size atten-

dance even though a cold and flu bug took its toll. Daphne Silha has always been active in planning this dinner and she was greatly missed as she is spending the winter with her daughter in Kentucky.

It was good to hear from Lee and Alice Rieber this holiday season. Alice is now at their home near Troy after a stay at Aspen Park Care Center in Moscow.

—Gary Bloomfield

District 5

Snow drifts and ice fields do not stop the fiddlers

All the Jingle Bell songs have been played and now are back on the shelf. Now the fun songs begin.

—Ava

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A few of us traveled to the Chateau of Boise for a special play. The Chateau offered us a warm welcome and the audience was just upbeat and showed overwhelming support for the songs we brought to them. They are really into Christmas. We helped Christmas get started at the Chateau.

The District 5 Old Time Fiddlers had a Christmas bash at the Chuck-a-Rama on Dec. 11. About 40 members came for the buffet and a chance to again visit with those old timers who these days stick close to home.

Several fiddlers and backup met at Rena's for a general practice for the songs played for the new year. Everybody had a chance to try them out. The next general practice will be at Pat's on January 28 at 1 p.m. Bring your new songs and be there.

Our District 5 fiddle workshops are going forward at Ron Thurburns once a month. Be there and in place by 10 a.m. There will be one on Jan. 10 and Feb. 7.

So far most of us are welcoming the chance to come out and play in spite of the snow drifts and ice fields, snow plows and sand trucks. We are trying to stay well and doing a good job of staying out of trouble.

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