

## Getting ready for the new year

Hope everyone had wonderful holiday season. Hard to believe it's already 2009...seems like just yesterday, we were all anticipating the year 2000 transition!

In December we had our usual meeting/jam and plays at Apple Valley and Serenity. We had lots of fun playing at the Emmett Library's Christmas Program/tour night. Several people listened for a while before they went on the Little Family Mansion Tour and then returned to the library to listen again.

For our meeting this month on January 6, we are planning an Elk Stew dinner party with potluck dishes.

We'll have all of our usual plays this month with five Thursdays. It'll be fun to get back to all of the plays again. Plus we're planning a special Open Acoustic Jam at Cold Mountain Creek Restaurant here in Emmett. This will be held on Saturday, January 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. We're hoping to recruit some new members and have a fun jam session!

—Marlene Moore

## Fiddlers to share love of fiddle music with students and families

Greetings from District 8

I hope all of you are staying warm. It is just plain cold here. I am ready for summer.

My reporter has decided to give the newsletter up since she has a new job and cannot make it as often and I did not get it in time for December, so a belated Happy New Year.

December was quiet for us. We did not have very many special plays, just our normal weekly ones. And they were fun.

We lost a long time member of the Old Time Fiddlers on Christmas Eve. Jerry Cotterell passed away after fighting cancer for many years. He played guitar and dobro for our district for many years. He could not come out for the last few years, but he will be missed greatly. Our condolences go to his family.

We have a new venue to play for this month. The Turtle and Crane Assisted Living has asked us to come so we will try them this month and possibly go there bi-monthly if it works well.

I mentioned once I e-mailed all the schools in the area to try to get us into them to show the students how much fun we are. So far I have only gotten into two elementary schools. We are going to Iona Elementary School on

the 21st for 1½ hours to show them and their families you don't have to be old to have fun with the fiddlers. I will start e-mailing again now that the holidays are over to try to get into more schools.

We are trying to get more interest in our organization. I will let you know if this effort does us any good.

I was so close to making it to the Bonn New Year's Eve party this year, but at the last minute, could not make it, but from what I understand, it snowed a bunch so I guess somebody up there was looking out for me. Hope all that made it had enough fun for me.

Until next month, keep fiddlin' round and having as much fun as you possibly can. Stay warm.

—Teresa Tomita

