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Weiser's Charlie Scoles, left and Duane Stephens, White Bird, were part of Monday's National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest certified contest Stephens has been at the NOTFC since 1965.

District 6

Wind and flying crock pots didn't stop the Fiddlers and their great music

Spring found our members who are snowbirds returning and our play schedule including several additional outside plays, our monthly open-jam at Idaho Pizza and the six monthly assisted living facilities commitments.

In June our group played at the Twin Falls Western Days celebration where we were grateful for a tremendous crowd and balmy weather.

When we played for the 100 years Hollister Presbyterian Church celebration we had to contend with the wind a bit, but clouds and wind waited until we were finished. At the Smith family reunion, held at the beautiful 1,000 Springs Resort

in Hagerman, we were glad to be inside the building as wind and hard rain caused a tree to crush a tent and send one of the supper crock pots flying. However, in spite of that catastrophe, there was ample yummy food for everyone plus the sight of a \$100 bill in the donation hat made us feel very blessed.

June also included plays for the Jerome branch of the DL Evans Bank customer appreciation picnic where the wind sent the shade canopy sailing across the street into the grocery store parking lot before the band even arrived but settled down for a nice play with a good turnout of patrons.

We had a pleasant evening playing for the Edward Jones Investment Group customer appreciation picnic at the city park in Twin Falls and enjoyed a prime rib supper accompanied by potluck salads and topped with ice cream and pastries.

July has already started off with a bang with the group up early to entertain the community of Hollister as they supported their annual Boy Scouts breakfast. It looked like rain at first but the sun came out hot and fierce so we were all perspiring by the time we ended our performance.

During July our group is also scheduled to entertain at the annual Pioneer Picnic in Fairfield.

Our group anticipates a good old summertime providing happy tunes for many people and enjoying the friendship within our district.

—Mary Baldwin



**Fifth Annual
Idaho Old Time Fiddlers
District Nine Campout
August 19, 20 & 21, 2011
Three Rivers Resort,
Lowell, Idaho
Friday, August 19
Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Jam Following Dinner
Saturday, August 20
Music lessons at 9:30 a.m.
Afternoon and Evening Jam
Sunday August 21
Breakfast**

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District 5

Fiddlers keep busy through 'summer off' months

We all thought we were taking the summer off. But it hasn't been anything like that. Bonnie's players have continued to play every Monday evening. Then there have been the monthly jams at Horseshoe Bend and Heritage in Emmett, invites from District 4 to play at the Cherry Festival and other events in Emmett, play for Marion and Bob Baird's 60th at the Boise Municipal Park, and June Cheney's 17th family reunion in Boise at the LDS Church.

We were invited to a volunteer appreciation ROCK Festival at the Idaho State Veterans in Boise. Everywhere we went there was lots of food.

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The day players welcomed Dave Daley and Jim Dickinson back for the summer. Two great players. It was our surprise that when we played at Good Samaritan, there was Marion Moore wheeling himself around in one of those cadillac walkers, telling us he had fallen and was recuperating from a broken hip. He had his fiddle and joined in with a song or two.

When I was at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Festival in Weiser this summer, I again looked at the old newspapers on the wall in the practice room. Those people are already on the other side of the grass. The losses have been great. We are adding another two.

Our Donnie Brubaker from Mountain Home, age 88. Donnie loved to play the fiddle and guitar and sing old cowboy songs and hymns. She could hear a song once and be able to play and sing it perfectly. Her husband, John, would second on the guitar or harmonica. She was a member of the Old Time Fiddlers.

We have also lost Darrel Stikes, age 89 in Meridian. After retiring from farming, he joined the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, was an accompanist for the Junior Jammers and volunteered at many fiddler celebrations around the valley.

—Ruby Ann

District 4

Cherry Festival was an enjoyable event

Thanks to all the players for helping us out at the Cherry Festival in June again this year. Many District 5 players joined us along with Kathy Trenkle from Twin Falls. Thanks to all of you for your efforts!

The potluck/jam at Horseshoe Bend Senior Center on the third Saturday of the month has been well attended. We've been doing our normal plays at the health care facilities here in Emmett. They always enjoy us coming to brighten up their day.

We're looking forward to the upcoming Lowman campout (formerly Elk Meadows Campout) scheduled for Thursday, July 14th through Sunday, July 17th. Ron and I attended the Rigby campout in June. It was lots of fun again this year! Thanks to Teresa Tomita and her district for organizing the fun weekend!

That's about all for this issue. Hope everyone has a fun-filled summer!

—Marlene Moore

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