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## District 9

# Contests and travel make for a busy summer

We have had a very busy month with all the play dates and everyone starting to do some summer travel. Most of our dates have been filled with a small group of musicians but it seems like the audiences still love to hear the music that brings back memories.

With summer upon us, we have started our reduced schedule that will leave Potlatch seniors, Kendrick seniors and Moscow seniors off the list until fall. A little rest from our music will make all the tunes seem new and fresh when we start up again.

On Saturday, April 18, several District 9 members competed in the NW Regional Fiddle Contest in Spokane. Mabel Vogt won first place in her division. Debby Carlson took fifth in her division and Jack Lyman won second place on the guitar in a very competitive acoustic picking contest. Also competing were several of Mabel's young fiddle students and District 9 member Sue Akin from Palouse. This con-

test was started in 1969 and, as usual, it drew hot competition from Montana, Idaho and Washington. Then in May, Mabel and Sieg attended the 2nd annual Hood River Fiddle Contest in Oregon and Mabel won first place in the Senior division.

Lou Stevens continues to recuperate and was able to join us at the Moscow senior lunch on the 28th. She would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls and thoughts during her long recovery.

Ernie Bunch has missed a few play dates and is looking to have some surgery. We wish both of these members well and hope that they are back on our regular schedule soon.

We finished the month by playing for the Kendrick Locust Blossom Festival on the 30th to a large crowd in the park. It was a very warm day and everyone was looking for a shady spot, including the fiddlers as the stage was out in the sun.  
-Gary Bloomfield

## District 4

# June means Weiser and Emmett Cherry Festival

It's already June which means it's time for the Weiser Fiddle Contest and for us here in Emmett, the annual Cherry Festival. We're looking

forward to both events.

During May, we had the usual health care facility plays along with the Horseshoe Bend Senior Cen-

ter potluck/jam, where we had another wonderful turnout of musicians.

Then the last week of the month, Ron and I went over to Rigby for District 8's Fiddle Show and Campout at the Cedar Park Golf Course. We had a really great time over there and met quite a few members from the area, which is always a big plus! And as usual for fiddlin' get-togethers, there was a never-ending supply of both great food and lots of wonderful music.

Thanks to Teresa and her district (and of course, Cedar Park Golf Course - Ted, Margo and Greg) for sponsoring the event!

Hope to see ya'all at Weiser!  
-Marlene Moore



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