

## Obituaries



### Billy Joe Cummings

Billy Joe Cummings, age 79, of Weiser, passed away Oct. 5, 2008, after a courageous battle against Waldenstroms, a rare blood cancer. Memorial services were held Oct. 11, 2008, at the Ontario Senior Citizens Center.

Billy Joe was born with twin sister Betty Jean on Sept. 29, 1929, in Wilson, Okla. He lived in California where he graduated from High School. He then served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Bill married Wanda Safrit in 1954. They lived in California and Nevada before moving to Idaho in 1994. His passion was playing the fiddle and teaching others to play the old time fiddle music he so enjoyed. He was a past president of the California Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. and belonged to several other fiddle organizations including the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Assoc.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda, of Weiser, and several children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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## Minnie Ha Ha entertains on stump fiddle

We are all back safely from Hoots, the Entertainment Capital of the World. It is the best place to see so many old people (my age and older) dancing and having so much fun. It is as if nobody ever told us when we reach a certain age, you're supposed to act it. Maybe we were told but didn't bother to listen.

The Boise day players went to a few fun places in October. We played at Heatherwood, the hide-out for the Prime Time Swingers who entertained us at the convention. Velma entertained all of us as Minnie Ha Ha, an Indian maiden and played her stump fiddle for us. The Prime Time Swingers passed the hat for us as we did for them.

Thirteen members squeezed into a postage stamp area at Diamondview for an afternoon entertainment. Marlene Moore drove over from Emmett to join us. All had a good time. Afterwards we stopped off at Pattys to share some of our tunes with Marlene. We are fortunate to share some play time with Dist. 4.

For the play at Hillcrest, we were entertained by Boyd Robinson on his banjo. He played Wednesday Night Waltz. Thanks Boyd for coming out to help.

Several traveled to Horseshoe Bend to jam at the last session for the year. It was a good turnout. Jason offered his time and talent to give us a lesson on Natches Under The Hill fiddle tune. Ron Thurber has offered us a place to have a fiddle workshop. Thanks a bunch to Jason and Ron.

It is good to see Maxine Fullington out for plays. Maxine's health has much improved. She is gaining weight. Phoenix says she is looking around the house and sees jobs for him to do next. It is good to have them both to come out to help us with plays.

—Ava Lutteman

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