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District 2

Cabin Fever Party and workshop will help break the winter doldrums

A reminder to all that the District Two winter Cabin Fever Party is set for Jan. 28 at Hoots Cafe in White Bird. Play will start at 10 a.m. A buffet dinner will be served at 12 noon, with jamming the rest of the day. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate for those who might attend from a distance.

We are saddened to learn of the death of Louise Braucher, one of our District Two faithful. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to her husband Warren for his loss.

District Two will hold a workshop for our fiddlers and backup accompanists Feb. 28 at the IOOF Hall in Riggins, starting at 1 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. Fiddlers and accompanists from other Districts and surrounding area are welcome to attend. While this event is a work session and not a show, the public is welcome to listen in, too, and dancing to our fiddle music is certainly accommodated.

The Riggins IOOF Hall is located behind the Riggins Chevron, and the doors will open around 11 a.m. The workshop is planned as a session to familiarize our newer fiddlers and accompanists with more fiddle tunes and their chords, and we will emphasize player participation rather than exhibition. Remember to bring your tape recorder to capture tunes

that are new to you.

This will be our second workshop. Our session last year was not large, but it turned out well, and we are looking forward to another. We intentionally want to expose our newer fiddlers and accompanists to more fiddle music and to give them opportunity to participate in extended group jamming and to learn the tunes and chords by playing them. These working sessions also give our older fiddlers a way to pass on the fiddle tunes and the fiddling tradition to the next generation.

—GMS

District 8

Pizza enjoyed at holiday get-together

Hi, Fiddlers and Happy New Year from District 8!

How has your year started off? We had a play the day after Christmas and the Wednesday after, as usual. Our audiences were still in a festive mood, if a bit smaller due to holiday travel. We have put our Christmas tunes to a lot of use, so it was good to get back to the "regular" fare.

Monday, Jan. 2, was our annual holiday get-together at 5:30 p.m. As Leo's Pizza allows us to use their conference room each month for our jam, we held our

dinner there. Twenty members were in attendance — some couples — with three "extra" spouses spectating. We were served A LOT of really yummy, various pizzas, and pizza "desserts" which were awesome! We then had a very short business meeting, mostly to collect the last dues that were due, and Teresa passed out our membership cards.

We do not have any extra plays this month so no discussion regarding plays.

Teresa asked for volunteers to help with the Fiddlers State Competition being held in Idaho Falls (Iona) Saturday, April 8. We are looking forward to that being as good as the Convention — if possible.

Many new numbers were presented, as well as running over some old ones. As always, with such a wild and crazy group, we had a very fun time.

We are missing our snowbirds, however, more recently gone are Dave Chaffee and Dick and Sonja Saunders.

We hope you all have a warm, good winter, and we will be in touch in February.

—Gail Fielding



Jan. 14 — District 12 Cabin Fever Party, American Legion Hall, 1 p.m.

Jan. 28 - District 2 Cabin Fever Party and Jam Session at Hoot's Cafe in White Bird at 10 a.m.

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District 9

Christmas tunes brings out Jolly Old Saint Nick for a visit at Potlatch

Christmas is past and the kids have gone home so I will try to jot down the fiddler news of the month.

We have been very busy making all of our playing dates along with shopping and all the other events that go along with the season.

Finishing up in November, we played for Ridgepointe Retirement Center in Pullman for a very appreciative audience. They are not on our regular schedule but we do play there a couple of times a year.

Starting December with Bishop Place Retirement Center in Pullman, we played for a festive group of residents in their decorated lobby. They all seemed to enjoy as we practiced on the Christmas tunes.

At Good Sam in Moscow a small number of OTF played to both groups. Entering through the out-

door garden was like walking in a winter wonderland with all the lights and decorations, very nice for the season.

Dec. 11 we had our Christmas potluck, jam, gift exchange and once again Daphne was able to schedule it at the Methodist Church in Moscow. What a nice facility for a party. Daphne, Marilyn and Karen had the hall decorated to make for a festive afternoon. We had about 42 for the ham and turkey dinner with all the trimmings and most stayed for a jam after dinner.

On Dec. 12 we played for the Avalon Care Center in Pullman and then down the street to the Pullman Senior Center for more tunes and a good stew lunch.

Dec. 13 we played for a good size group at the Gritman Adult Daycare in Moscow and finished up with a piece of pumpkin pie. I wonder if we would keep going to so many places to play if we didn't get all these good things to eat.

On Dec. 16 we had good roads to make it to Potlatch for the senior lunch. Mabel Vogt joined us and we played so many Christmas tunes that the door flew open and in walked Jolly Old Saint Nick with candy sacks for all and of course we followed that with a good lunch.

Dec. 20 was a rainy night for Latah Care in Moscow but a small group got there to add Christmas carols to the residents hearts for the season.

By the time we make Aspen

Park, Troy Seniors and the Moscow Seniors, it will be a very full month. As we close out the year of 2005 and move on to '06 we must be extremely thankful that we are alive, our house is standing and our feet are dry after all the natural disasters of the year.

Hopefully the New Year will not be quite so harsh.

Reporting for Lou Stevens as she is visiting family for the holidays,

—Gary Bloomfield

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**2006 Membership
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District Chairman**

56 turn out for Christmas dinner

We had 56 turn out for the annual Christmas dinner followed by an auction of donated goodies. We thank Ken Tooley for his time and efforts to get the bids started until the final going gone. Ken plays with District 4. They are lucky to have a real auctioneer in their group. Not to mention his wife Glenda who stepped right up to help start the bid. Thirty members played on stage. Rex, Owen, Noel and Lyle and spouses came from Mountain Home as well as members from District 4. We enjoyed a good fiddle jam, good food, and good company.

Bonnie Longstreth's members met all their commitments for the month.

Rex Kite, Pete Barbour, Noel Metzger and Owen Montrose were joined by Gooding fiddlers to play at the Seniors in Glenss Ferry.

Rex and Noel then played for a New Year's Eve party at the Elks in Mountain Home.

Maxine's members, Nevelyn and Eldon Leach, Ray Williams, Bob and Marion Baird, Marilyn Williams, Dave Baylor, Darrell Barnard and Betty Gull played for the homeless at the Whitney Church and enjoyed a Christmas dinner afterwards.

Betty had two fiddle practices at her home in December.

To sum up December we ate a

lot, played a lot, partied a lot. Our fiddlers have an incredible amount of dedication and a good-hearted spirit, especially when we are having fun.

So we are looking ahead to 2006.

Maxine's fiddlers will practice Jan. 18 and the 30th at Betty's house.

In addition to the regular plays, we are invited to the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital on Jan. 10 to play at 6 p.m. Then to play on Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. at Southwind.

On Wednesday, Feb 15, we are invited to play at Sunbridge in Meridian at 2:30 p.m.

Several District 5 fiddlers drove over to District 4 in Emmett to sample some of their Elk Stew and join in their fun and songs for a winter party.

New members are Tim and Diage Page and their two boys, Mathew and Mickey. Welcome to Cloud and Bonnie Nelson from Meridian.

Phoenix and Maxine Fullington are going to take some serious time off to get well. Betty Gull will be filling in as chairman of Maxine's fiddlers for the time being.

Until next time.

—Ava Lutteman

Happy Birthday

The Family of Clyde Clymer

Invites you to join us in celebrating his 90th Birthday!

Saturday, Feb. 18

1-4 p.m.

Beacock Music & Education Center Performance Hall

1420 SE 163rd Ave.

Vancouver, WA

98683

District 1B

Great times were enjoyed in Dec.

Happy New Year everyone!

We played all our dates in December and had a great time.

Thanks to everyone who played and came out to support us in good weather and bad.

We are looking forward to a great New Year.

Smile, it's easier than frowning, and uses fewer muscles too!

Keep playing, it's good for your soul!

—Marilyn Wells

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Copy Deadline

Copy Deadline for the February Issue of The Idaho Fiddler is February 5, 2006

All material **MUST** be in our hands by the above date to be included in the Feb. issue.

December filled with lots of jamming

I apologize for not getting the articles in the newsletter for the last two months.

We did have a great December with the district paying for the members' meals at the Golden Corral Restaurant. We did lots of jamming with winter and Christmas songs as well as traditional old-time fiddlin' tunes. We did some sing-alongs and other diners in the restaurant joined in. A good dinner and conversation was enjoyed by all present! Nobody went away hungry. There were many good comments, one being that we quit too soon.

The 2006 calenders were distributed to members present. Those not attending can pick them up in January at the regular business meeting. Ken reminded everyone of the upcoming Glens Ferry Senior Center play on Dec. 12 and the play for the Gooding American Legion Christmas party on Dec. 20.

The upcoming plays for January 2006 are:

Jan. 21 - Gooding Senior Center, potluck dinner and dance starting about 5 p.m.

Regular monthly plays and play at Idaho Auction Barn, Twin Falls the evening of Jan. 9 from 5 to 6 p.m.

Nearly all memberships have been paid. Those of you who are active members and have not paid your dues have until the 15th of January or you will go to auxiliary status. (New ruling by the state board at the fall business meeting.)

We have several members bit by the flu bug and some down with surgery and other illnesses. Let's remember Beth Harkness, Ernie and Elnore Butler, Dolly

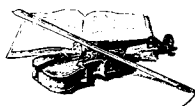
Daniels, Donna James, Loren and Vashti Perkins, Edna Day, Jim Arbaugh and the Maddens.

Best wishes to all of you and hope you get well soon.

2006 promises to be a great year and we all need to pull together to make it a great one. Here's wishing a really good 2006 to each of you!

—Elnore Butler

President's Message



Howdy Folks,

With the joys and rush of the holiday season a fresh memory, the year 2005 must now take its place as history. Looking back over the year I recall several bumps, twists and turns in the trail along with a lot of good fiddle music. I will never forget the expression on Doris Howard's face when I announced the recipient of the Elray Woerman award, got you Doris!

On a more serious note I would like to express my personal thanks and appreciation to you all for your efforts in bringing music to folks all over the state of Idaho, they love your tunes.

Remember the smiles!

Stay tuned,

—President Jerry

District 1A

Fiddlers well received at Festival of Trees

District 1A started December playing for the Senior Luncheon at the Festival of Trees celebration. We played for two hours, with the following playing: Janet and James Sapp, Earl Stephens, Barry Coleman, Jim McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Lorna Lounsbury, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard. We were very well re-

ceived. It was the first time for us to be asked to play for the Festival of Trees and we really enjoyed it.

Then our December Jam Session was held at the Memorial Hall here in Bonners Ferry. We had a small attendance as there were several other Christmas concerts and programs going on at the same time. We still had an attendance of 33 with 11 musicians assisting. Those playing were the Sapp family, Janet, Zane and James, Jim McCalmant, Brad Smith, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson, Barry Coleman, Bob Nelson, Earl Stephens and Doris Howard.

The third place we played was our regular Wednesday at the E.C.F. Wing of the Bonners Hospital with the following playing: The Sapp family, Janet, Zane and James, Eleanor Erickson, Barry Coleman, Jim McCalmant, Earl Stephens and Doris Howard. Very icy roads kept some of our players from showing up to play. This was their Christmas and we were treated royally with food and gift.

The Sapps have been asked to play for the Restorium New Year's Eve party and they have asked me, Doris Howard, to come play a few tunes with them.

We have had a very busy month. Now we need to get our financial report ready and be ready to begin the new year. When I report the next time, I'll be another year older, not much wiser, but sure glad to be alive.

As we leave this year, remember to "Celebrate what you accomplished in 2005, but raise the bar a little higher as you begin your 2006 accomplishments each time you succeed."

—Doris Howard



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District 12

Cabin Fever Party and birthday celebrations enjoyed by fiddlers

Those of us living in Lemhi County are happy to have the month of January behind us. Hopefully the worst of the cold and storms are over.

Besides our usual monthly commitments, we had our first cabin fever party of the season. We ended up with over 20 musicians. Our out of town guests included Gary and MaryLee Huntington, and Margie Collins from District 6, Judy Morris - aunt of Katie Bonn from Buhl, and Gary Moore's girlfriend Debbie from Washington. She is learning to fiddle too. Marty Davis who is a professional country western per-

former from Medford, Oregon, was in the area to do a benefit and he made time to come and play for awhile. Between eating good food, visiting, and playing good music, we played till 11 p.m. It was a super day.

Our next cabin fever party will be March 18. All of you mark this on your calendars.

We also had a couple of birthdays this month — Norma McFarland and Caleb Call. Norma keeps acting younger and Caleb has taken up with another sport — wrestling! He has found it to be quite interesting, especially when at a meet in Montana his opponent



turned out to be a girl! We keep worrying about his arms, hands, and fingers, but so far all he has had are some sore muscles, and bruises. Hang in there Caleb!

Tom and I will be heading to Arizona for awhile, so that means that my co-chairman, Norma will be in charge! Look out folks! Hopefully the rest of the membership of District 12 will keep her in control — if that is possible! All kidding aside, I am honored to be the chairman of such a great group of folks. No arguing and lots of good fun and friendship!

So for now, keep those hot tunes coming!

—Katie Bonn

Are You Ready For More Fun?

If so, plan on coming back to Idaho Falls for the State Fiddler's Contest, Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8 sponsored by District 8.

You thought the convention was great? We are planning to top even that. The contest will be held at the Iona City Building (a little northeast of Idaho Falls).

Watch for more details, registration dates, categories, etc. in upcoming newsletters, but **PLAN NOW TO BE THERE!**

See inside this issue for entry forms.

Gail - District 8



March 18 — District 12 Cabin Fever Party, American Legion Hall, 1 p.m.

April 7-8 — State Fiddler's Contest in Iona at the Iona City Building, sponsored by District 8.

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District 1A

January jam featured several entertaining with special music

Here comes news from District 1A — the northern most district in the state.

After a very busy December we have had a quiet January so far. The Sapps, Janet, Zane and James did play for the Restorium's birthday party in December and yes, I, Doris Howard, did play a few tunes with them.

Our January Jam, held at Western Pleasure Guest Ranch in Bonner County, was attended by 55 that registered. Fourteen were musicians that played to the enthusiastic group. Those playing were: Danielle and Isaac Schoonover, Lee Jackson, Jim McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Doris Howard, Fred and Joann Richards, Alvin and Shirley Opp, Janet Sapp and Wayne Hughes. We had a great time. Danielle and Isaac Schoonover played several specials for us, Lee

Jackson sang and played a couple specials and Fred and Joann Richards did a couple. I for one look forward to these specials, as it gives my 85 year old arms and shoulders a time to rest. It is a pleasure to play at Western Pleasure, as everyone seems to appreciate us so much. Young and old, request Bunny Hops, Polkas, Schottisches and lots of Waltz's, Put Your Little Foot and the Rye Waltz.

Those playing at the E.C.F. Wing of the Boundary County Hospital the third Wednesday were: Jim McCalmant, Janet and James Sapp, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens and Doris Howard. Another fun time.

We will play our February Jam at the Fairgrounds in Boundary County the third Sunday in February, Feb. 19 from 2-4 p.m.

We are happy to report our Financial Report was sent in on time. We have 36 paid up, sent in and two more members for 2006 than we had in 2005.

We have new members, Wayne and Joann Richards from Priest River and we welcome them and are very happy to have them.

I'm also happy District 8 has taken on the chore of having the State Fiddle Contest in their district. Thanks Heaps.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone, though this will probably be read after the day.

In closing, may I remind all of you, "To forgive freely and forgive fully."

—Doris Howard

District 9

Commitments filled by faithful members

The Palouse had much winter snow and ice in December. January has been bleak except for a few days of bright sunshine.

As we drove to Kendrick on Jan. 25 there was snow down the middle of Main Street in Troy although it was dry at Moscow.

None of our district will be attending Cabin Fever at Hoots, Jan. 28.

The members have been faithful filling our commitments. The jam at 1 p.m. on the two Sundays we practice has been well attended — about 20 each time.

Jan. 9 Pullman Seniors had the largest group we have ever played for.

The folks at Good Sam like Clarence to play their requests and he knows them all!

Skip Paznocas joined us at Bishop Place with his mandolin.

We played in the large living room at Gritman Adult Day Care instead of the game room. It's light with comfortable chairs for the residents.

Another full house at Kendrick. Gary, Marge, Ernie, Lou, Clarence and Maxine played before and after lunch.

Jan. 20, Chairman Skip Frink and Carol flew to the Philippines to return Feb. 9. They are visiting family.

Dave has been carting equipment and Gary some also plus keeping us on schedule. They both are hard workers for us, not to mention their neat and upbeat tunes. I think Tom should be mentioned here also.

Till next time, think Spring.

—Lou Stevens

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District excited to be the hosts for the 2006 Annual State Fiddler's Contest

Hi, Fiddlers!

We have survived winter into February...Spring can't be too far away. However, we need a little time to get ready for the 2006 ANNUAL STATE FIDDLER'S CONTEST which we are hosting right here in Iona, Idaho, (suburb east of Idaho Falls.) We are SO EXCITED and look forward to all the amateur, professional, old-time, new-time Fiddlers to converge on District 8 and join in the contests. We have already started planning all the details and hope to make it even better than the convention last Fall.

As mentioned in January, we started off with our annual post-holiday dinner at Leo's, our usual hang-out for our monthly jams. A

lot of good eats and good music, and tonight, Feb. 6 is our Jam for this month. We missed having a play last Monday, Jan. 30, but had a fun time at The Gables Retirement Center on Wednesday. We were very much appreciated by the residents there. The rest of January was filled with our regular venues, from Rexburg on the 4th thru all the Idaho Falls ones.

Through February, we will be getting out mailers, applications, etc. for THE FIDDLER'S CONTEST, so you will be hearing a lot from District 8 very soon!

Until March, keep playing, practicing, participating and pleasing those audiences.

—Gail Fielding

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District 7

Good weather is welcome change

We are getting some good weather for a change but Carl Friedel is back under the weather. We have been playing without him and hope he recovers soon.

Lucille Pattan has been laid up with foot surgery and is healing good. She is back playing with us.

We will play at the Veterans Home on Feb. 8, on the 10th at Ridge Wind, Feb. 13 we travel to Aberdeen to play at the senior center, then on Feb. 15 we play at Cottonwood. We have changed all of our playing times to 2 p.m. so no one has to drive at night on slick roads.

—Clint Shipman

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I wish to enter the State Contest event as indicated:

	IOTFA Member	Non- Member
Old Timer (age 80 and above)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
Senior-Senior (age 70 and above)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
Senior Division (age 60 through 69)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
Adult Division (age 37 through 59)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
Young Adult Division (age 18 through 36)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
Junior Division (age 13 through 17)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
Junior-Junior Division (age 9 through 12)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
Small Fry Division (age 8 and under)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
Open Division (any age, any style)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
Twin Fiddling Division (each competitor)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00

*Please Remember that IOTFA card must be presented at time of registration.

**Note: A \$10 penalty fee will be assessed for registration after 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2006.

Signed _____ Birth Date _____

Name: (Please type or print) _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make checks payable to: IOTFA 2006.

Mail with completed form to: Teresa Tomita, 370 Blossom Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Gamblers' Rules

- Contestant will draw a tune from the hat just prior to stepping on stage, and hand it to the MC, who will announce the name of the tune.
- If the contestant chooses not to play the tune drawn, he/she may draw another tune. At this point, contestant must play the second tune.
- If he/she does not know the tune, he/she must “gamble.” To “gamble” is to “fake it,” and to try to fool the judges!
- Fiddling time begins as soon as the tune is chosen. There is no “get ready” time.

Judging criteria:

- 1 - If a judge does not know whether the tune played was the one drawn, he/she is obliged to give full points.
- 2 - “Foot tapping” ability — does the fiddler make you want to get out and dance?
- 3 - “Showmanship” — any type of presentation allowed: trick fiddling, singing, special effects, etc. The fiddler may play the tune in any style of his/her choice.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____

\$7 entry fee enclosed Check # _____

Signature: _____

Complete the form, include a check for \$7 payable to IOTFA 2006 and remit to:
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Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____

\$7 entry fee enclosed Check # _____

\$12 Non-Member IOTFA

Signature: _____

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Fiddlers attend Jam Session despite snow

Here we are into February already! Where did January go? We still seem to keep busy with regular plays and a few extras. On January 21, we were invited to play for the Gooding Senior Citizens dinner and dance. Due to bad weather a small crowd showed up, but we all had a good time. Those who played were Zora, June, John, Loren, Ken and Dolores.

The Eastside cancelled four of their plays in January due to illness and weather conditions. Some of the Eastsiders drive long distances over lonely roads to fulfill their obligations, and the weather in the last part of January was not fit for those kind of long trips. Our hats are off to you for all you do to fulfill your plays!

On Feb. 1 we had a good jam session at Dolores' home, despite a snowstorm the night before. About a dozen people showed up — Loren and Vashti, Louise, Zora and Dan, John, Ken, June, Barbara and Harold, Ed, Dolores — we had a very enjoyable evening playing old time favorites and introducing a few new ones. Ed Navarro says "the snow isn't going to stop me from getting around." He went out and bought a big new 4-wheel drive pickup. More power to you, Ed.

All of our memberships are in good standing now with 2006 dues paid.

The old flu bug is still hitting some of our members. Those on the sick list are Sadie, Edna, Jim, Elnore, Beth and Dolly. June Worthington had cataract surgery

and is getting along fine. Molly Wolfe is in Warren House in Burley recuperating from an illness.

That's about it. Have a happy Valentine's Day and remember your sweetheart!

District 4

Elk stew enjoyed at January meeting

Dear IOTFA Friends:

It is always good to hear from you good people.

I haven't decided what we could do about the weather, or the ill health. Nothing I guess...I am getting a little tired of the flu bug, broken bones and snow and cold. Enough complaining, no one wants to listen anyway.

Our January meeting was celebrated by dining on the best — elk stew. John and Lonnie Spicer furnished the elk. Joy made the stew. Others chipped in with some veggies, cornbread, etc. Had a good showing. Sure was a good feed, especially for those of us who have never had elk or had been a long time.

Our plays have been going good. We played the first Thursday at The Cottages on 12th Street in Emmett. It was fun, but they didn't want to commit to a monthly play.

The second Thursday is at Apple Valley and the third and fourth Thursdays are at Serenity Living on South Johns. When there is five Thursdays in a month, it will be played at Emmett Rehab near the hospital. All plays are at 3 p.m.

We have a nice congenial group of musicians. It is a lot of fun playing with them. I couldn't ask for a better group.

The flu has been flying around here like mad. I'm ready for it to fly away. Of our group of musicians, about half of them has been sick. God Bless you all.

David Frisbee passed away at home in Emmett, Idaho, at the age of 88 on January 31.

David and others: Lloyd Wanzer, Allen Rice, Manny Shaw, Jimmy Widner, and Clarence Kimble and possibly more met and decided that

an organization was needed to preserve Idaho's Old Time Fiddle Music. Hence, IOTFA was formed.

In 1962 Dave played at the World's Fair in Seattle, and two months later he won his first fiddle contest, the Regional at Weiser, Idaho. He won the Idaho State contest in 1964. In 1966 Dave was secretary treasurer and in 1967 he was president of Idaho Old Time Fiddlers.

Dave enjoyed playing with his friends and for the folks in the nursing homes.

A complete obituary will be in the next newsletter.

One of our Fiddler Friends, Merlin Cornwell, of Horseshoe Bend, pass-ed away on Jan. 6. He enjoyed music greatly and came to our plays and jams when he could. Carole, his wife, plays accordion and mandolin.

—Joy



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Fiddle workshop set for Feb. 25

First, a correction for last month's news: The District Two Fiddle Workshop is set for Saturday, Feb. 25, repeat: Saturday, Feb. 25. Yours truly messed up last month and erroneously put it on the 28th, and I heard about it right away, too!

I really want to thank all who came out to our Cabin Fever Party at Hoot's. Just about all of our active players were able to make it. The weather started out to be dismal and stormy. But the weather let up and we had a nice crowd for the buffet dinner. It was snowing hard in New Meadows that morning, but the New Meadows Senior bus came anyway to take in the music and the buffet dinner.

We did get to do a lot of jamming, with more than a dozen fiddle players present. We started out in the morning playing next to the fireplace. You know, it is really surprising how many people will dance to fiddle music at 10 a.m. in the morning, even when the room was quite cool!

Our upcoming workshop (1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, Riggins IOOF Hall) will be the second one we have held. We want to focus our effort on providing ample fiddle-playing time

to learn tunes and to play the tunes enough times for newer fiddlers and accompanists to become familiar with the music. Our older able fiddlers are growing fewer in numbers and we have a small bunch of student fiddlers in our District. Thus, we have a real need to get in as much playing time together as we can in order for the newer fiddlers to learn the old tunes and develop fiddle playing skills. Equally as important, we are getting short of accompanists who know the fiddle music, so we also need to provide just as much playing time for the accompanists to learn those old fiddle tunes, too. Otherwise, it seems to me that there just isn't much chance that this District can survive if we don't get some younger fiddlers and accompanists trained up to carry on for us.

—GMS

District 5

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing green

Rex Kite in Mountain Home tells us that Lyle Powell went south. So now they are a foursome with Rex, Noel, Owen, and Pete Barbour. They played at the Senior Center in Mountain Home and for church service on Sundays. Rex's members joined several other

players for a jam at Landers.

Bonnie Longstreth's members played for a Christmas party at Valivue Assisted Living in December. Someone made a video of their program and they were all delighted to finally see themselves. She says they were impressed.

The Boise day group had two practice workshops and played at eight different places in January. Two special plays were at the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital and Southwind. Everytime we go to the Elks, there is a new audience. The potluck and jam for the monthly meeting brought out several to pay dues. Betty reminds us to bring our card so she can issue a new sticker to put on the back for current membership.

Betty has scheduled two practices at her home on Feb. 16 for fiddlers and Feb. 27 for a general practice. For our February plays, try to wear red. Wear green in March. The Boise day group has some special plays in February and March.

Feb. 8 from 2-3 p.m. at Spring Creek Manor in Eagle.

Feb. 15 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Sunbridge in Meridian.

March 8 from 2-3 p.m. at Southwind. March 11 from 5-8 p.m. for a potluck and jam at Horseshoe Bend Senior Center.

March 17 from 2-3 p.m. at Hillcrest for St. Patrick's Day. Wear green if you have it. This is in addition to our regular play there on Feb. 28.

Several members traveled to Emmett for a jam at the Heritage House with District 4.

Sadly we have lost a member from Horseshoe Bend. Merlin Cornwell, husband of Carol Cornwell has passed away. He loved old time music and faithfully accompanied Carol wherever she played. On Jan. 12, members from Districts 4 and 5 traveled to Horseshoe Bend to play for his service. Johnny Spicer lent his voice to "He Washed My Eyes With Tears."

—Ava Lutteman

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District 5

District jam session getting to look more like Hoots with 50 attending

It was great to leave February behind but so far March has been a lot of wind, rain, head colds, upper respiratory. Just look ahead to April.

Our jam sessions are getting bigger and better. Fifty were in attendance for the March jam and potluck with at least 30 playing on stage. We are getting to look more like Hoots.

We have several talented new members. Ryan and Trista Hammer and children Sydnie, Kaylee and Caleb from the Junior Jammers with Trista playing fiddle, from Nampa. Also welcome to Loren and Eva Mae Turnipseed from Boise, Loren on guitar. Kathy Werner's

daughter, Kaisa played on fiddle for us at the Kuna Living Center. She presented a good performance with Kathy as backup.

The co-chairmen from the Boise evening members and from Mountain Home report to meeting their regular plays. The Boise day members played at eight Assisted Livings and Rehabs.

Fourteen members played for the first time at the Spring Creek Manor in Eagle. The audience was great with many joining in singing, clapping and foot stepping. Another special play was at Sunbridge in Meridian. We have been invited back to Sunbridge

every other month. Betty hosted two practices at her home in Meridian. It is great to work on each members songs for the coming month. Her house is getting smaller with each practice.

On March 8, we play at Southwind from 2-3 p.m. We have been invited to play on St. Patrick's day at Hillcrest. Wear green and bring some Irish tunes. On March 11, we will travel to Horseshoe Bend to play at the Senior Center. It starts at 5 p.m. and bring something for the potluck. This is always a good jam with a great audience.

We are looking ahead to some extra plays in April. April 8 at Horseshoe Bend Senior Center at 5 p.m. for a jam and potluck. April 12 to play at Heatherwood, 7-8 p.m. in the evening. Heatherwood is off of Kootenae in Boise. April 20 at the Spring Creek Manor in Eagle from 2-3 p.m.

Two of our members are taking some downtime getting themselves fixed up. Jack Cline had heart surgery and Kathy Flaten had hip surgery.

We have lost Weldon Johnson, age 83, longtime member and banjo player. Margee Wright passed away. Her husband, Orin, played fiddle with IOTF for a number of years.

Hoots is May 5 and 6 in Whitebird. Our May meeting is going to be on the third Thursday on May 18. This will be the last meeting for the year.

—Ava Lutteman

Idaho State Old Time Fiddle Contest

Get out your fiddle and rosin up your bow and plan to attend the 44th annual Idaho State Old Time Fiddle Contest in Iona, Idaho, on April 7 and 8, 2006, at the Iona City Building, 3548 N. Main, Iona, Idaho. The state contest follows the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest certification rules.

Excellent judges, excellent facilities and excellent committees offer promising expectations for one of the best state contests ever!!

Friday night will be the challenging Gamblers' contest (play it or fake it!) and the talent of the Flat Pickin' contest with those Idaho individuals so talented on guitar and mandolin. RV camping is available, you can plan on coming in anytime Friday. In an effort to streamline registration and avoid last minute rushes to register, preregistration is requested if at all possible.

Concessions will be provided.

For more details contact: Teresa Tomita, Contest Chairman, (208) 520-9588 or email ttfiddle@hotmail.com or Charlie

Lahm (208) 339-5246 or email admin@iotfa.org.



March 18 — District 12 Cabin Fever Party, American Legion Hall, 1 p.m.

April 7-8 — State Fiddler's Contest in Iona at the Iona City Building, sponsored by District 8.

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District 12

District members are surviving even with the absence of the Bonn's

In spite of Katie and Tom Bonn being away for several weeks, we will survive, but barely. We will surely be happy when they and Rosalie return to jam with us. But we wish them well and hope they are having a ball down south. Which comes to mind, we were informed by a little birdie that Katie took first place in the adult division of the Arizona Fiddlers Contest and that she and Gary Huntington placed pretty high in the twin fiddling. Tom says it was because of the backup they had. Perhaps, but then again, some talented fiddlers and backup resulted in a great showing from Idaho. Congratulations!

We have been continuing with our regular jams and entertainment. We will be hosting another cabin fever party on March 18 at the American Legion Hall at 1 p.m. with a potluck and jamming until whenever. The fiddlers will furnish an entrée of turkey and trimmings. Hope you all can join us.

Norma, our vice chairman, filled in nicely at our business meeting at the

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American Legion, fourth Friday of February. There was some heckling from various members who were trying to rattle our normally very in control Norma. She wasn't intimidated, and conducted the meeting very professionally. Way to go, Norma!!

We welcomed back Tim Gordish from his military training. We are so fortunate to have him as a member for his very able playing ability, his dedication to duty with the armed forces, and an asset to our community.

We will be jamming at our regular sessions through March, they are:

Discovery Center March 2 at 7 and American Legion at 8 p.m.; Senior Citizens on March 9, 7:30; VFW Hall on March 16, 7:30; Cabin Fever Party on March 18, 1 p.m., American Legion; March 30 is open and will be filled in later.

We have two birthdays in March, Rosalie on the 28th and President Jerry's wife, Marian, on the 30th. We understand Jerry is taking Marian to some exotic hideaway for her birthday, is that right, Jerry?

This is my first time to fill in for our able reporter, Rosalie, and her backup, Katie, so pardon this amateur journalism.

Keep a song in your heart and a tune at your fingertips.

—Betty Morton

District 9

Frink's enjoy trip to Philippines

Yipee! Spring-like weather at last.

Our month was well represented at all our commitments. About nine to 15 playing for the various nursing homes and senior centers. One section at Good Sam joined in singing Valentine love songs.

Marge and Dave did a duet "Just Because" with expressions which went

over great. Nice job guys.

When we are shorthanded Clarence comes up with some goodies.

The Gritman Adult Daycare is growing in numbers and we do get refreshments there.

The road was clear to Potlatch on Feb. 17 where a group of 11 found a lively audience waiting.

Lou missed the Feb. 13 play at Avalon House and Pullman Seniors due to an out-of-town funeral.

There is always a big crowd at Moscow Senior noon meal. Feb. 23 had Mabel, Skip, Alice, Lee, Lou, Dan, Ernie and Clarence playing for about 80 folks.

Aspen Park will be our last place Feb. 28. Feb. 26 had 15 out to jam.

District 9 has been asked to host the State Convention in September.

I'm sorry we are having difficulty finding a place and date for a Spring Fiddle Show in Moscow.

Chairman Skip and Carol Frink returned from a visit to the Philippines Jan. 22-Feb. 6. They visited their son's in-laws in the Cebu and Leyte Islands. They witnessed the making of guitars and mandolins, a big plant makes the frame and a small shop puts them together using some primitive tools, hacksaw, blade, etc. The shop puts on the strings, pegs and bridge, eyeballing for accuracy.

Skip bought a mandolin and bag for \$40. Traveling in a Jeepney, boat and on a motor bike he held it by hand to prevent damage.

Well, that's my essay for now.

Happy fiddlin'.

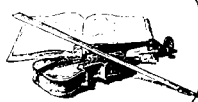
—Lou Stevens

Remember 

It is the time of year again when we must update the *Idaho Fiddler* newsletter mailing list. All names that we do not have current membership slips for will be removed from the list.

If you should suddenly stop receiving your newsletter, please contact your local district chairman to see that your membership slip has been sent to the *Idaho Fiddler*.

**Presidential
Ponderings**



Howdy,

In the natural scheme of things winter seems to be reluctantly stepping aside as spring like weather puts in a much enjoyed appearance with longer sunshiny days and warmer weather. I am sure ready to hang up my heavy coat.

The Panko Scholarship is the thought of the month and time is running short to apply. Contact your district chair people for more information.

The district annual, financial reports are past due. If you haven't already done so see if you all can come up with 4 or 5 hours of time to sit down with your district treasurer and complete the form as best you can.

If you are not going to be able to make it to the 2006 IOTFA state fiddle contest in Iona on April 8, please consider dropping Teresa a note or sympathy card the week following the contest as I reckon she likely will need some help and encouragement to put her life and sanity back together after this one. Stay tuned,

—President Jerry

**Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association
2006 State Contest**

**April 7-8, 2006
Iona City Building
3548 N. Main - Iona, Idaho**

**Schedule of Events:
Friday, April 7 - 7 p.m.
Gambler's and Flat Pickin' Contests
(Idaho Residents Only)**

**Saturday, April 8 - 9 a.m.
Preliminary Rounds
Saturday, April 8 - 6:30 p.m.
Evening Program and Final Rounds**

**Admission
Day: Adults \$3 - Children under 12 free
Evening: Adults \$5 - Children under 12 \$1
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**IDAHO STATE CERTIFIED CONTEST
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Note: A \$10 penalty fee will be assessed for registration after 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2006.

Name: (Please print or type) _____ Birth Date _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make checks payable to: IOTFA

Mail completed form and entry fee to: **Teresa Tomita, 370 Blossom Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401**

District 2 workshop held February 25

District Two's Fiddle Workshop had a very good turnout of District members and students for the session. It turned out to be larger than our first workshop last year, which shows promise for the workshop concept. Besides our District folks, this year we had some guest participants from out of state as well as a couple new fiddle players and a new guitar player from the Riggins area.

I really appreciated the help of our regular players in putting on the workshop, and special thanks to our ac-

companists, Marian and Bob Wikoff, John Purdy, Warren Braucher, Francis and Netta Ellsworth, for their perseverance and hard work in backing all the fiddle playing (and for helping the new guy learn chords to the fiddle tunes, too). It was a job well done.

I know that many beginning fiddle players often avoid performance situations because they are shy and self-conscious, and also because they may have to spend much of their time waiting for their turn instead of playing. The workshop format offers the beginning players a non-threatening setting. It also sets the expectation that it is not a performance but a working session where learners will be welcome

and that their unskilled efforts (and mistakes) are a part of the learning process. This format provides fiddle-players and accompanists with the opportunity to play and record tunes at slower speeds, to play them through numerous times, and to stop and go back over tunes to work out the musical details. Providing such playing opportunities now is vital to us if we are to have fiddle players in the future.

The State Contest at Idaho Falls is coming up fast, and it is gratifying to see that we might have several of our student and member fiddlers attending. Practice hard and do your best!

—GMS

Idaho State Old Time Fiddlers Gamblers' Contest

Dear Idaho Fiddler,

You are invited to compete in the fun-filled Gamblers' Contest to be held on Friday, April 7, 2006, at 7 p.m., in the Iona City Building, 3548 N. Main, Iona, Idaho.

Come join in the fun and encourage other Idaho fiddlers to compete in this event.

Gamblers Rules:

- Contestants will draw a tune from the hat just prior to stepping on the stage, and hand it to the MC, who will announce the name of the tune.
- If the contestant chooses not to play the tune drawn, he/she may draw another tune. At this point, contestant must play the second tune.
- If he/she does not know the tune, he/she must "gamble." To "gamble" is to "fake it," and to try to fool the judges!
- Fiddling time begins as soon as the tune is chosen. There is no "get ready" time.

Judging criteria:

- 1 - If a judge does not know whether the tune played was the one drawn, he/she is obliged to give full points.
- 2 - "Foot tapping" ability — does the fiddler make you want to get out and dance?

Gamblers' Contest

Name _____

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Obituaries

James Everet Arbaugh

James Everet Arbaugh, 82, of Jerome peacefully left his earthly family to join his Lord and heavenly family on Monday, Feb. 13, 2006.

Jim was born on Feb. 10, 1924, in Mt. Sherman, Ark. He was the tenth of 11 children of James Walter and Sarah (Farmer) Arbaugh.

He spent most of his childhood along the Buffalo River. When he was 17, he joined the CCC, and at 18 after the Pearl Harbor bombings, he joined the U.S. Navy where he served in World War II until 1945.

He married Mary B. Luper on April 9, 1945, in Harrison, Ark. After his discharge from the Navy, he joined Mary in Jerome, Idaho, where they have resided ever since.

Jim was a drywall contractor and a farmer. Jim and Mary were a devoted, loving and happy couple. During their 52 years of marriage they have experienced joys, sorrows and the deaths of loved ones.

In spite of the tragedies they shared together their devotion and strength to each other and their family was a loving example to all their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jim enjoyed hunting in the Selway, fishing, camping, motorcycling and snowmobiling with his family. He loved to garden and grow roses. Jim had a great sense of humor and was always quick to smile.

He was a quiet, kind, caring person who treated everyone with respect and in turn was respected by all those who knew him.

Jim is survived by his daughters, Margene Arbaugh, Marlene (Eric) Lewis; his son James C. (Rhonda) Arbaugh all of Jerome. One sister, Josephine Raney of Jasper, Ark., and one brother, Pete (Olgi) Arbaugh of Post Falls, Idaho. He is also survived by five grand-

children and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

David Roy Frisbee

David Roy Frisbee of Emmett died Jan. 31, 2006, of natural causes. He was 88 years old.

David was born Oct 7, 1917, at Hog Creek Missouri in the Ozark Mountains to Jesse and Bessie Frisbee. The family moved to Cascade, Idaho, when David was six to find work in the Boise Payette logging camps. The family later moved to Emmett where he completed the eighth grade which was the extent of his formal education. It was in Emmett that David met Norma Jensen. They married on Aug. 26, 1942, in Winnemucca, Nevada.

David served in the Army Air Force during WWII, where he received an excellent rating as a pilot of both fighter and bomber aircraft. After the war, he returned to Emmett where he owned and operated a fruit farm until he retired.

Music was always a large part of his life. David was a self taught, but very accomplished fiddle and guitar player. He was Idaho State Fiddle champion in 1964 and was one of the original members of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association. David was an entertainer his entire life and always had a joke or comment that would make you laugh. He loved to hunt and fish.

He is survived by his wife Norma, his kids, Rue (July) of Emmett, Bonnie (Charlie) Burry of Boise, Faye (Mike) Hill of Eagle and Pamela Dee of Caldwell. A brother, Bill (Betty) Frisbee of Emmett. Sisters, Verna (Eldon) Ward of Boise and Patti (Carl) Wheeler of Emmett. Ten grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

District 8

Looking forward to seeing everyone at State Fiddle Contest

Dear Fellow Fiddlers!

I just returned from our monthly "JAM" at Leo's Place...we had a good turnout, and we were ALL threatened with ASSIGNMENTS for next months IDAHO STATE FIDDLERS CONTEST!! There is so much to do, and we want everything to go perfectly, so we are trying to cover all the bases.

Oh, Teresa asked me to pass on her

e-mail address. Any and all of you having questions regarding motel/hotel accommodations, AND/OR motorhome parking, just write to Teresa at ttfiddle@hotmail.com. She has the scoop!

The weather here in March so far, is changing hourly from cold rain and snow, to sunny Springy — so it will for sure be beautiful in April.

We are changing this month's play at Good Samaritan to a play at Mallory House. If all works out, we will alternate those two each month.

Always something happening in District 8!

We hope to see ALL of you next month in "Iona," for the State Contest!

'Til early April, have fun.

—Gail

District 7

Spring-like warmer weather welcomed

Hopefully spring is just around the corner. It has been nice to have warmer weather for the last few days.

Carl is still having ups and downs with his medicines, we hope for a full recovery for him.

We will play our regular places which is on the same days this month as for last month and at the same times.

Since an article was in the Journal we have had a lot of calls about the contest in Iona. It looks like a lot of people are wanting to go.

—Clint Shipman

District 6

February was a very busy month

This year February has been as busy as ever, with the weather fighting us as we travel but most of our regular plays were met, and we even had a good jam session on March 1 at the Boss home in Wendell. Thanks to their hospitality, 14 of us gathered, 11 to play, the others to listen and visit.

Our beloved friend and faithful guitar picker, Jim Arbaugh died Feb. 13 and was laid to rest on Feb. 16. We will miss his sweet, quiet smile, and the love we felt when he was around. Our sympathy is with his family.

The time we spend together making sweet harmony are precious to us all, and we grow in appreciation for each other and the music we share. Let us not let disharmony ruin us and our friendships.



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February jam had 40 in attendance

District 1A played for the ECF wing of the Community Hospital the third Wednesday of February with the following coming to play: Barry Coleman, Jim McCalmant, James Sapp, Eleanor Erickson, Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens and Doris Howard. It was another great time of sharing with an appreciative group.

Before I forget I must apologize for switching Fred Richards name to Wayne (Wayne belongs to his friend that always comes with Fred and Joann) when I told you we had two new members for 2006. We hope to gain Wayne as a new

member before too long, but his last name isn't Richards, it is Hughes. Sorry. My age shows more every month.

We had 40 show up for our February Jam. The following played: Lorna Lounsbury (our member that spends part of her time in Alaska) and she brought her friend, Stephonie Brown from Seattle, to sing and play with us, Brad Smith, Barry Coleman, Jim McCalmant, Shirley Opp, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson, Janet Sapp, Zane Sapp, home from the University for the weekend, Bob Nelson Earl Stephens and Doris Howard. It was great to have Zane home so we could hear his Hammer Dulcimer, his spoons and guitar playing.

James was in Troy, Mont., attending a contest, that we all hope he won.

Will tell you more about that in our next news.

That's it for this time. Just remember, "To blot out bad thoughts with good thoughts" and everything will work out better.

—Doris Howard

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Execution and Accuracy - (20 points).

Judges Discretion: dynamics, expression, tonal quality, difficulty of tune, technical proficiency, arrangement and length, tempo, stylistic consistency, intonation, showmanship, crowd appeal - (60 points)

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District 1A

Young fiddlers help with the entertainment at Western Pleasure

District 1A is still doing their thing up here in the north. Those playing for the E.C.F. Wing of Boundary Community Hospital in March were the following: Janet, Zane and James Sapp, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens, Lorna Lounsbury (our member who spends half her time in Alaska), Bob Dudley, visitor from Montana and Doris Howard. A great group to play with. Irish tunes were part of

our program.

We had a large group show up at our jam held at the Western Pleasure Guest Ranch with 88 signing the sign-up sheet. Nineteen were musicians: Roly, Danielle and Issac Schoonovers, Lee Jackson, Walt Murray, Brad Ynek and his daughter, Heather, Mickey Jacobson, Brad Smith, Ruth Hoglan, Janet Sapp, Earl Stephens, Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruby and Rachel O'Connor, Cindy Paulsgrove and

of course me, Doris Howard.

We had five new beginners playing with us. Ruby and Rachel O'Connor, Cindy Paulsgrove, Sonja McCalmant and little Heather Ynek, the three or four year old, they are all doing very well. Give our four year old a few more years and she will make us all sit up and take notice.

I would like to remind all of District 1A we are not to arrive at Western Pleasure before 1:30 p.m. on our Sunday as they have other guests that have rented ahead of us that need time to leave before we start moving in. Okay? Thanks.

I would also like to remind all our members, we are a family, please try and treat each other as such. To expect harmony in our group, we must respect this. We don't have reserved spots to stand to play. If someone sets up ahead of us, please don't expect them to move for us. There's room for all of us in any room.

In closing, remember, "You can never win simply by trying to even the score."

—Doris Howard



May 5-6 — State Jam at Hoot's in Whitebird.



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District 6

Fiddlers to entertain at Boy Scout Jamboree at CSI Expo Center

Besides April being a very wet month, it looks as though it's also going to be a very busy month. Other than regular plays, we have been invited to the Gooding Senior Citizens Center for a Show and Dance on Saturday, April 22. Also on April 29 we have been invited to play for the Boy Scout Jamboree at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center. We have also picked up another regular monthly play at DeSano's assisted living home in Gooding. These folks really look forward to our visits.

In March, we had our regular plays, and despite the weather, and illness among the members, things went pretty well. We had another great jam session in Wendell

at the home of Ferol Boss' son, with Ferol as hostess. We always have such a good time and the time just seems to get away from us. Several of our "snowbirds" have returned home from the south, and we're happy to have them joining us again.

With the beauty of an Idaho spring, we wish you a wonderful Easter holiday, and hope to see you and jam with you again.

— Elnore Butler

New e-mail Address

Hi friends!

Wanted to tell you that we have a new e-mail address. It is kenjoy30@msn.com. The old one is bigskytel and is not working now.

—Ken and Joy Halliwell

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Packed room at Leo's Place produces a lot of "hot air"

Well, three more days until the 2006 State Fiddlers Contest, Flat Picking and Gambler's contests in beautiful Iona, Idaho, Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8. I hear from President Teresa we have acquired quite a number of entry forms. Many "Junior Jammers" have sent in entries, and that is great to have so many interested youth fiddlers. It is quite rainy today in south-eastern Idaho, but, I am sure by the weekend, it will be nice and Spring-y for all of you traveling here to participate.

We had our regular plays in March, but April is already looking good with three additional venues we have been invited to participate in. More on those next month. Monday, April 3, was our monthly jam session at Leo's. We had a packed room of 22 members and four spectators. We had to open the door as there was so much "hot air" in our meeting room, and many onlookers from the restaurant peeked in to watch and listen.

It looks like next month we will split into our Groups A and B for our weekly plays. With all our wonderful snow-birds back, Dave, Ron, Barbara and Joe, Dick and Sonja, and the Weekes', (haven't seen Roy the Banjo-man, yet, and I am for sure forgetting someone) we have a really large group. Splitting up allows everyone more participation, and, each of us some time for the summer vacationing and other activities. We still see everyone at the Jams, and at our "special" invitations, so we don't miss out on too much.

We enjoy hearing from you all through this letter, and, again, hope to see many of you this weekend at the contest.

"Spring is sprung, the grass is 'riz',



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'Til May,

—Gail Fielding

District 4

Fiddlers to entertain and educate at Wagons Ho Days

Darlene Burr has been appointed IOTF news reporter for this district by Chairman Joy Halliwell, so if you have news to share, please get in touch with her at (208) 398-8054.

We have had a very busy March, plays every Thursday as well as our regular first Tuesday play at Heritage Place. We have a great bunch of people and when we get help from District 5, we really have good plays.

Carol Cornwell and Vi Lee from Horseshoe Bend and Neve and Eldon Leach have been joining us quite regularly and we sure appreciate you all.

A couple of our members have had surgery this month. Johnny Spicer had hand surgery in February that didn't go well and had to do it over the first of the month. He was able to play last Thursday so he seems to be doing better. Ken Halliwell, our Joy's husband, had hip surgery the 13th of this month to remove screws that were put in when he broke his hip last summer. He's doing better, but still not up to par. We hope the best for them both.

Joy and Ken Halliwell, Ken Tooley and Glenda Rogers, Darlene and Roy Burr all went to Horseshoe Bend for District 4 and 5's play and potluck, which was the second Saturday of March. There was lots of good food and music on the menu!

The fourth graders at Shadow Butte Elementary School are having their annual "Wagons Ho" Days on the 3rd and 5th of April and they have invited us to come to their classroom and talk to them about the various musical instruments that were brought over the Oregon Trail. That will be the third. And on the fifth, we are to gather at Wild Rose Park below Black Canyon Dam to play at their other activities. That sounds like a fun thing to do and we thank you kids for the invitations!!!!

We and District 5 are getting together a bunch to go to "Hooties" the 5th and 6th of May for the big "JAM" at Whitebird. Hope to see you all there and until then, Happy Fiddling and let's hope Spring will get here soon.

—Darlene Burr

District 5

St. Patrick's Day featured green and good audience

The wearing of the green is behind us for another year. A few old faithful tunes turned out to be Irish tunes after all. I wonder if Maggie is an Irish tune.

Our chairmen report a good attendance at all their commitments. District 4 and 5 traveled to Horseshoe Bend in March for a potluck and jam. Trista Hammer with Sydnie and Kaylee played Rocky Top. I haven't heard that song for a long time. The Boise day group was invited to play for St. Patrick's Day at Hillcrest. It was an all out green day with a good foot tapping audience. In addition to nine performances, we had a meeting and two fiddle practices.

April is looking good too. In addition to our regular commitments, we have some special plays:

April 8 - Horseshoe Bend potluck and jam, 5-8 p.m.

April 11 - Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, 6-7 p.m.

April 12 - Heatherwood, 7-8 p.m. Heatherwood is on Kootenae and Hilton.

April 18 - Southwind, 2-3 p.m. We will play in the new building to the right.

April 19 - Fiddle practice at Betty's, 1-3:30 p.m.

April 24 - General practice at Betty's, 1-3:30 p.m.

Because of Hoots on May 5 and 6, our next regular meeting and jam will be May 18 in Meridian from 5-9 p.m. with a potluck. This will be our last regular meeting for the year and our last chance for a great jam and get together.

Welcome Jan Beckwith who plays fiddle. Also welcome to Jack and Penni Jensen for fiddle and guitar.

We hear through the grapevine that Noel Metzger is in the revolving door at St. Als. But don't be surprised if he shows up at the IOTF contest.

—Ava Lutteman

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Guests and locals enjoy cabin fever party on March 18

First, I would like to thank Katie and Betty for taking over my job for the first three months of 2006. Thanks girls. You did a super job, and, if I am not careful, I will be OUT of a job!

March was another good month for the fiddlers. All commitments were kept. Tom Riley was here for our jam session on March 9 and 16. We are always happy to have him as he adds a lot. Tom is in Salmon with his son, Tommy, until he gets to feeling better. Ron Bate, of Idaho Falls, joined us for our jam on March 23. We just love company.

Our last cabin fever party on March 18 was well attended by musicians. Out-of-towners were Carla, Martin and Aaron Fewkes. Keith Bielby was also a guest, as was Tom Riley. A good time was had by all and, as always, the food was terrific and the music was even better. Gary Moore was able to join us for the jam on March 23. We enjoyed that too. He is one of our members that doesn't get to come very often.

On a sadder note, we will miss our friend, Carl Friedel, and his own special kind of talent. We want Georgia to know she is in our thoughts and prayers. We loved Carl, as we do Georgia.

Our own Norma fell on the 18th and hurt her ribs. However, she is out and about and seems to be feeling better now. You just can't keep a good woman down!

We are looking forward to the state contest in Iona, which will be old news by the time you get this. And we are looking forward to Hoot's the first full weekend in May. Hope we see many of you folks at both functions.

Our calendar for April is as follows:

April 6 - 7 p.m. Discovery Care and 8 p.m. the American Legion Hall.

April 13 - The Senior Citizens Room, 7:30 p.m.

April 20 - VFW Hall at 7:30 p.m.

April 27 - American Legion, 7 p.m. for potluck, business meeting and jam. Everyone welcome.

I just thought I would mention that Betty Morton is having a birthday on April 6. She will be sweet sixteen, plus! Gary Moore is having a birthday on April 10. I am not going to speculate on his age! Tom and Katie Bonn are having an anniversary on April 28. Gerry and Marion Eastman are having another anniversary on April 13. You know? I think they have one every year!

—Rosalie Hawley

District 1B

Old man winter stops only one fiddle event

Well, we made it through the winter. We kept all of our playing dates except one when the roads became too icy to drive.

We are having an open jam at the Post Falls Senior Center. We hope it will build more interest in our organization. It seems to be working.

We helped Jane Smith's mother celebrate her 92nd birthday.

A nice article in the newspaper led us to play for St. Patrick's Day for an assisted living home in Kellogg. We had as much fun as the residents and their guests. I don't know how many were there but we had a great crowd. There was lots of dancing and sing-alongs.

A new assisted living home in Rathdrum has been added to our monthly schedule. So you can see we've been really busy.

I'm doing just fine and so is Rusty. See you at Hoots. Then I

can enjoy seeing all of you.

Remember smiling makes you look younger.

—Marilyn Wells

District 2

Fiddlers keep busy and are looking forward to Spring

Spring is slow in coming around this year, but it hasn't slowed our District players down much, especially those on the Camas Prairie who keep a busy schedule playing music for their area's Seniors and shut-ins.

Given our current membership and distance circumstances, this is a need that I know we cannot fully cover on our own as a District, and I find it encouraging that our District members regularly combine their forces with other local Prairie musicians to provide regular musical entertainment to area Senior Centers and shut-ins in Winchester, Nezperce, Grangeville and Kamiah. Special thanks to Don and Joyce Erikson, Bob and Marian Wikoff, Helen Marshall, Francis and Netta Ellsworth, Max Stephens, Duane Stephens, Brandi Trivett, and John Purdy.

As chairman, I wish to say that I am proud of their dedication in providing this service, as I know they are often doing it in spite of bad weather and life challenges.

A few of us plan to head to Idaho Falls to attend the IOTFA State Contest April 7-8. Also, remember that the State Jam at Hoot's is coming up soon.

—GMS

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Idaho State Fiddle Contest Results

Small Fry - 1st, Natalie Boston; 2nd, Clay Elkington; 3rd, Rachel Mansfield; 4th, Sam Forbes; 5th, Lindsey Jenkins.

Novice - 1st, Rylee McKlellan; 2nd, Michaelen Jacobson; 3rd, Sherelle Christensen; 4th, Crista Buck; 5th, Ken Spencer.

Adult - 1st, Lisa Messick; 2nd, Russ Smith; 3rd, Matt Renner; 4th, Gina Kotter; 5th, Rhonda Rohe.

Open - 1st, Katrina Pierce; 2nd, Lena Stuckenholtz Prescott; 3rd, Nikki Armstrong; 4th, Taylor Kraus; 5th, Lisa Messick.

Junior Junior - 1st, Taylor Kraus; 2nd, Laura Waters; 3rd, Sherica Stoddard; 4th, Kendee Owen; 5th, Tex

Elkington

Junior - 1st, Caleb Call, 2nd, Sally Gold Peterson; 3rd, Nikki Armstrong; 4th, Hannah Wilson; 5th, Brooke Poole.

Twin Fiddling - 1st, Jacie Sites and Lisa Messick; 2nd, Sally Peterson and Caid Jones; 3rd, Kera Elkington and Clay Elkington; 4th, Jacob Marsden and Jared Marsden.

Senior - 1st, Gary Solberg; 2nd, Gary Huntington.

Young Adult - 1st, Jason Fewkes; 2nd, Sylvia Ricks; 3rd, Kera Elkington; 4th, Andrea DeRoche.

Senior Senior - 1st, Doris Howard; 2nd, John Yeates; 3rd, James Wilson; 4th, Ruth Hoglan.

Champion - 1st, Katrina Pierce; 2nd, Jacie Sites; 3rd, Jolinda Pancheri.

District 6

Mannie's Jamboree July 9 in Shoshone

Here we are in May, and a glorious one it is! We report that besides our regular plays in April, we had, on the 22nd, a show and dance for the Gooding Senior Citizens, which they seemed to like.

April 24, Pete and Algie Arbaugh stopped on their return from Arkansas, and we had a jam session at Dolores' in Gooding. We always enjoy their visits and playing the old tunes with them.

On the 29th of April, we played for the Boy Scout Jamboree at College

of Southern Idaho Expo Center in Twin Falls. A good time was had by all.

In May, we have some upcoming plays other than the regular ones. We will be at the Stricker Ranch on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Fossil Days in Hagerman will be held on the 27th in the park. And, on May 29, we will play for Edward Jones Investments in Twin Falls City Park from 5-8 p.m (They'll feed us at 5 p.m.).

Don't forget Mannie's Jamboree held in Shoshone City Park on Sunday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, your instruments, and your snacks, and spend the day with us.

We are grateful for the moisture that

our desert country has been receiving this spring, and the resulting green and flowery spring we have been having. The lilacs are blooming, and the tulips, and the air is filled with wonderful fragrance. We hope all of you are enjoying it, also.

—Elnore Butler

District 12

Caleb Call wins junior division

First, this district would like to send our condolences to Noel's family. We will surely miss him.

We would like to thank District 8 for the great way they handled the state contest. Teresa and all those who helped. You all did such a wonderful job, and we all agree that it couldn't have been better. Thanks to all.

Congratulations are in order to Caleb Call, winner of the junior division. Congratulations to all of the winners, but Caleb is ours!

April was a very quiet month for us. Other than our regular commitments, we didn't have any extra plays. And some of our members have been vacationing, and that makes it even more quiet.

Our calendar for May is as follows:
May 11 - The Senior Center at 7:30 p.m.

May 13 - The M.S. Walk-A-Thon at the Sacajawea Center at 10 a.m.

May 18 - The VFW Hall at 7:30 p.m.

May 19 - Pioneer Day at Island Park for the Brooklyn School fourth and fifth graders at 12 noon.

May 25 - Legion Hall at 7 p.m. for potluck, business meeting and jam. And as always we welcome visitors.

—Rosalie Hawley



June 18-24 — National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Festival in Weiser.

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District 4

Wagon Ho Day at Shadow Butte School featured good music and a lot of fun

It's been a busy April for us, plays every Thursday and our meeting/play on the first Tuesday at Heritage.

Ken Tooley and Joy Halliwell represented District 4 at Shadow Butte Elementary School for their fourth graders Wagon Ho. The kids got into the music with singing and clapping and had a great time. The rest of the activities planned were rained out, and boy did it rain.

Our May will be full as well with our schedule as follows:

May 2 - Heritage - 5:30 meeting, play at 6:30 p.m.

May 11 - Apple Valley, play at 3 p.m.

May 18- Serenity, play at 3 p.m.

May 25 - Sun Bridge, play at 3 p.m.

On the second Saturday, May 13, Horseshoe Bend Sr., at 5 p.m., play and potluck with District 5.

Speaking of Horseshoe Bend, District 4 and 5 have been invited to enter-

tain at the Banjo Contest there on June 3. It will be in the park from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. That is a Saturday and we want to invite any other members to come out and help us.

Also Emmett Cherry Festival has asked us to play in the band shell in the park on June 14th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This is a sort of trade between Districts 4 and 5 as they'll help us out for the Cherry Festival and then we go over to Meridian for their play on Dairy Days. This will be June 15th and Betty Gull will have more information on times. But if any of you are headed to Weiser, drop down to the Valley or to Meridian and help us play. We'd be glad to have you.

Joy has been having a small practice session at her house on Monday evenings at 6 or 6:30. Anyone who likes, may join in and learn new songs or just jam. Call her at 398-8125.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the Metzger family on the passing of Noel. He was a great fiddler and will be sorely missed by all.

By the time you read this, "Hoots" will be history, but hope everyone has/had a great time. Look forward to seeing you there and until next time, Happy Fiddlin' and thank God for Spring.

—Darlene Burr

District 1A

Northern Idaho enjoying Spring

Spring is here in North Idaho. District 1A sure can't complain about the weather. We must be doing something right, for Mother Nature to treat us so good.

Ruth Hoglan and Doris Howard attended the Northwest Regional Con-

test the first of April. Doris came in second and Ruthie would have done better, had she not lost 30 points for playing too long.

The next weekend, Lester Howard traveled with Doris and Ruth to Idaho Falls for the State Contest. Here Doris came in first and received certification to the National Contest in Weiser in June. I hope, after attending the Weiser contest for 32 years in a row, I won't have to miss it this year. Looks at this time, that I may not be able to go. We'll see.

The players in Bonners played for our regular third Wednesday at the Hospital E.C.F. Wing, with the following: Janet and James Sapp, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson, Earl Stephens, Ruth Hoglan and Doris Howard.

On April 23, we held our last planned Jam Session until September. We had a small attendance, but they seemed to enjoy it. Those playing were Barry Coleman, Brad Smith, Janet and James Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens, Bob Nelson, Lee Jackson, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

Doris Howard, Ruth Hoglan and Janet Sapp plan to attend the Jam and board meeting at Hoots May 5-7. See you there.

In closing, "Put a smile on your face, one size fits all."

—Doris Howard

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Obituaries

Noel R. Metzger

Champion Fiddler

Funeral services for Noel Metzger, 91, was held April 20 at the Christian Baptist Church in Mountain Home. He died April 10, 2006, in Mountain Home of a heart attack.

Noel Rolland Metzger was born May 30, 1914, in Remer, Minn., the 12th of 14 children born to Conrad and Cora Metzger. All but two of his siblings have preceded him in death.

June 30, 1939, he married Arlene Cofield. They made their home in Garrison, Minn., where they raised four sons and one daughter. Later they moved to Michigan where he worked as an auto mechanic.

During World War II, Noel served in Europe as a mechanic. He was injured in France and spent six months in a hospital in Essex, England, before returning to duty.

At the age of five, Noel learned to play the fiddle. His mother would hum a tune and he would play it on the fiddle. He had a six-piece band by the time he was 10 and played for a local radio station and for local farmhouse dances every Saturday night.

By the age of 18 he put the fiddle away and didn't play again until 1978 when he retired and moved to St. Maries. He soon became a senior fiddle champion, winning the annual Idaho senior fiddle competition five times. He also won senior fiddle championships in Canada, Washington, Oregon, Arizona and California. He placed third in the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser where he competed against 88 contestants. He was honored by being inducted into the National Old-time Fiddlers Hall of Fame.

He was a past president of the Benewah County Senior Citizens and past chairman of the District 1B of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Associa-

tion.

Noel enjoyed sharing his music and played for nursing home residents, senior citizens groups, and the congregation at Christian Baptist Church in Mountain Home where he played every Sunday. Noel was the oldest Old Time Fiddler at the national contest in Weiser for the past two years.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law James and Carmen Metzger of Mountain Home; Douglas and Evie Metzger of Plainwell, Mich.; his son, Ronald Metzger and friend Diane of Milwaukee, Wis.; and son Richard Metzger of Brainerd, Minn.; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Survivors also include his longtime companion Lou Sundell, and her children, Janet and Max Linnemeyer and Jerry and Vickie Sundell; his sister Dora Durst of Hillsborough, N.J. and one brother, Dell Metzger of Bemidji, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Janet; three brothers and six sisters.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials to the Christian and Baptist Church, 265 N. Fourth East, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647 or the Mountain Home Senior Center, 1000 N. Third East, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647.

In Memory Of

Carl N. Friedel

Date of Birth

March 3, 1917 - Pocatello, Idaho

Date of Death

March 14, 2006 - Pocatello, Idaho

Funeral Service

Saturday - March 18, 2006, 2 P.M.

Today, Dear Lord I'm 80 and there's much I haven't done.

I hope Dear Lord you'll let me live 'till I'm 81.

But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do, would you let me stay awhile until I'm 82?

So many places I want to go, so very much to see. Do you think that you could manage to make it 83?

The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store. I'd like it very much to live until I'm 84.

And if by then I'm still alive I'd like to stay 'till 85.

More plans will be up in the air, so I'd really like to stay, to try to fix and see what happens to the world when I'm 86.

I know Dear Lord it's much to ask (and it must be nice in Heaven), but I would really like to stay until I'm 87.

I know by then I won't be late, but it

would be so pleasant to be around at 88.

I have seen so many things, and had a wonderful time, so I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89. Maybe!!

Thank You

We want to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls and kindness we received at this time of sorrow.

The Friedel Family

District 8

Fiddle Contest ends up in good shape

Hi Idaho Fiddlers!

It is another WINDY, rainy day in Southeastern Idaho, as it was LAST Monday the 1st, at our JAM. However, we had 21 musicians in attendance, with an "audience" of four.

Teresa opened our JAM mentioning the upcoming play at HOOTS, and provided dates to those who might be able to attend.

We then discussed our Fourth of July Float, ideas for decorating, and the times when we could decorate. We have the trailer and driver arranged for, and all who can help decorate can ride on the float. It's coming up FAST!

Our financial report was also addressed. Following the State Fiddle Contest, we are in good shape, good enough that we were able to return funds to the State budget. Teresa asked about hosting the contest again, now that the rough spots are ironed out, and we pretty much know how to put one together. All of we District 8 volunteers had a good time with it, and were so glad for such a good turnout. We still have a few shirts available if anyone is interested, but sold most of them.

We had started rotating Good Sam and Mallory House this Spring, but this month, we will get to do BOTH on the 17th and 18th. On May 13th, the Sheep to Shawl Spinner's Club has asked us to play again at Tautphaus Park on May 13th. Hopefully, it will feel like Spring that day, as it will be outside.

That is the only extra we have this month. As mentioned last month, our long-lost and missed Snowbirds have all returned, so we are a Big Group, and take turns with Group A or B at each play (except the special ones, of course.) We sure look forward to people wanting us at their summer functions.

Well, until June, we hope all is well and progressing all around the great state.

—Gail



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April showers didn't slow down the music

Maxine and Phoenix Fullington turned out for our monthly meeting and jam. It is good to see Maxine gaining strength and able to come out. Also Muriel and Willard Plush have returned from their winter break in Casa Grande, Ariz. Now being retired, Willard has more time for banjo picking. Ken Laudermilk gave us a rendition of his Guitar Boogy. Our thanks to Eldon who manages to bring everybody together for a great jam.

April showers didn't slow us down. Darrel is learning "Wheels" which somehow puts April into focus on the many miles we all traveled to play the fun old time fiddle tunes. The Boise Day Group had some special plays at Heatherwood, Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, Southwind and Horseshoe Bend. They had two practices at Betty's and one at Loren and Eva Turnipseed's home.

The Veteran's State Hospital in Boise invited us all to a volunteer appreciation dinner. While all this was going on, Marion Moore managed to fall out of a tree and did some big time damage.

Darrel needs to get "Wheels" under his fingers because May looks like another event-filled month.

First to Hoots. After this we have all our regular plays and some extras. So get your wheels ready.

May 10 at Southwind, 2-3 p.m.

May 13 at Horseshoe Bend, 5-8 p.m.

May 17 at Bettys for practice, 1 p.m.

May 18 for our monthly meeting, 5-8 p.m.

June is shaping up for the summer breakdown.

June 3 Banjo contest at Horseshoe Bend, 10-11:30 a.m. at the bandstand in the park. Bring chairs.

June 10 Horseshoe Bend potluck and jam, 5-8 p.m.

June 12 Capital Care Center on Ustick, 4-5 p.m. Enter thru the eastside door.

June 14 Cherry Festival in Emmett at the bandstand in the park, 3:30-5 p.m. Bring chairs.

June 16 Capital Care Center, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Enter at the main entrance on the west side.

Among other great things to do in June, there is a National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser, June 19-24.

On June 2nd and 3rd, there is an Idaho Open Fiddle Contest at the Nampa Civic Center.

Other than that, the IOTF state pins are here. Betty needs to get the pins

to you by our last meeting of the year on May 18. Safety pins are \$7 each. Magnets are \$8.24 each. Bring correct change or a check.

Contest Winners: With the contest season just beginning, three of District 5's members have brought back trophies. Just recently in Spokane, Wash., Aaron Fewkes became the Northwest Regional 2006 Young Adult Fiddle Champion and Nichole Armstrong placed fourth in the Junior Division.

Last weekend at the Idaho State Fiddle Contest, Nichole Armstrong placed third in both the Junior Division and in the Open Division. Jason Fewkes became the 2006 Idaho State Young Adult Fiddle Champion. Both Aaron and Jason are now certified to compete at Weiser in the Young Adult Division. These young fiddlers are great role models for the IOTF and do a fantastic job of promoting fiddle music wherever they go. Off the record, there is a possibility that Aaron in my imagination is secretly working on a book, "Fiddle For Dummies."

You have all heard by now that Noel Metzger passed away. Betty, Neve, and Ava traveled to Mountain Home for the service. Together with Rex Kite, Lyle Powell, Owen Montrose, and Noel's church group, we played Noel's favorite gospel tune, "Alley Cat." After the service, we all jammed at the American Legion Hall who served us a great lunch.

—Ava Lutteman

District 9

Fiddlers treated for volunteer month

I'm sorry to miss the last newsletter for District 9.

March had good turnouts at the playing dates. Solos and duets makes for a diverse program. Deary was also on our March schedule.

April was volunteer month and we were treated to lunches and dinner in recognition.

The Gladish School Gym in Pullman was flooded with mostly ladies attending the "Taste of Home" cooking school. There were 10 musicians playing the demonstration and preshow on April 12.

The Pullman annual "Irish Stew" had 10 playing for a continuous line of hungry people on the 16th.

Our last dates for April 25 had an increase in fans listening at Aspen Park. Doug, Willard, Brian, Gary, Herb, Lou and Dave B. kept things lively.

April 28 we will be at Good Sam (no

playing) for a volunteer dinner.

The usual dates for May includes an evening at Clark House on May 4.

Some of our group are ready to go camping and traveling.

Earl Lyon celebrated his 78th birthday on April 9. Our prayers are with him as his brother-in-law passed away in Spokane recently.

Daphne Silha and Carol Frink are busy selecting and working on new vests for us. Daphne is a good seamstress and has been measuring for sizes the last month. If you have not been measured do call her at Moscow 882-4936. We would like them for the September convention.

There will be jamming on May 28 only due to Mother's Day. May 4 we will be playing at Clark House.

District 9 is blessed with many diverse musicians. Every gig is not attended by all but everyone is appreciated.

I thought this might be of interest. We have 17 fiddlers, 9 guitars, 4 bass, 4 mandolins, 1 banjo, 1 auto harp, 5 to play piano and 9 who sing from time to time. Many double on these and one whistles tunes (Skip).

May you all have a great summer!

—Lou Stevens

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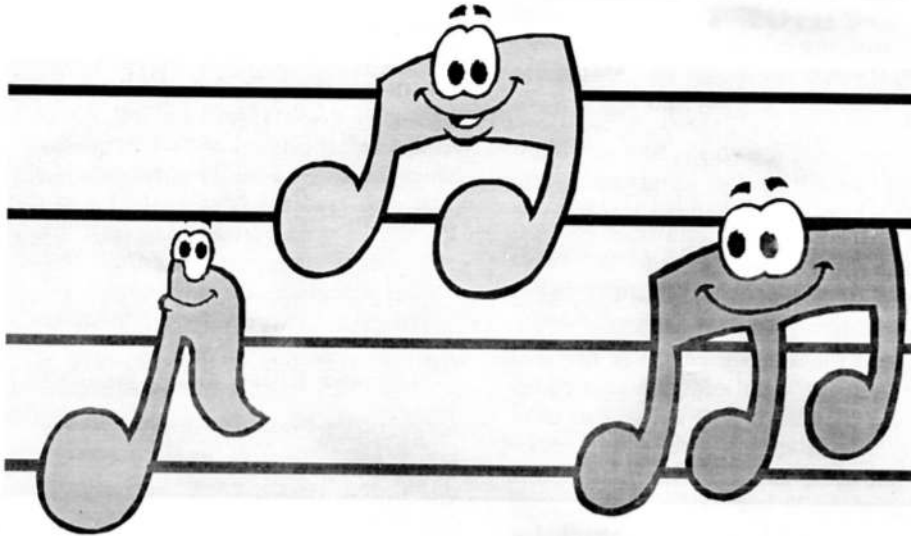


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District 2

Get-together at State Jam at Hoot's was a memorable event

The State Jam at Hoot's this year was a memorable event, especially for our District. I was particularly glad to see old friends Inez and Howard Altman who made it to Hoot's one more time. And Chloe Byrd, one of our District's Associate members, managed to make it to Hoot's again from Vancouver, Wash. Although overall attendance at Hoot's was down from last year, the jam sessions were very good throughout the whole weekend, with some that started as early as Thursday afternoon. (This was a long weekend for yours truly, as I was packing up the sound equipment around 1 a.m. Saturday night when the dancing wound down, and by 9 a.m. I was frying hamburgers in

the Legion concession at the Riggins Rodeo.) Marian and Bob Wikoff departed the activities at Hoot's a bit early so that Marian could provide guitar backup for Sharon Wolfe's fiddle students at her recital in Lewiston.

We are encouraged to see that Netta Ellsworth is again getting around and attending fiddle plays. It never ceases to amaze me how our members still continue to stay involved in spite of some very serious health and age challenges.

With the end of the school year, Fran Caward's student fiddlers in Riggins are starting the break for the summer. Working with student fiddlers is becoming a prominent part of the activities of several of our District members

who actively assist area fiddle teachers on a regular basis.

In the District Two area, there are currently around 30 fiddle students that we have been involved with, and it really is about the only way we now have to pass on the old fiddle tunes and the older ways of playing them. Actually, several of our current regular players started out as students. It is some of these folks who are now starting to pick up some of the fiddle playing load behind those who have gone from us, making it possible for us to still present an hour or more of solid old fiddle music that reflects well on our organization and upholds its main purpose.

Upcoming Play Dates:

July 4 at Grangeville City Park Pavilion at 2 p.m.

The Raspberry Festival at St. Gertrude's in Cottonwood is coming up the first weekend in August, but the hours haven't been set yet. Watch for more details.

—GMS



June 19-24 — National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Festival in Weiser.

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District 9

Musicians entertain at Senior Fair in Palouse Mall in Moscow

We finished out April on the 28th at Good Samaritan recognition dinner for volunteers. Skip, Carol, Ernie and Lou attended. I have certificates of many recognitions to display at a later jam. They go back to 1995.

On May 2 a good group showed at Bishop Place. My good friend there, Dan Goldstein, passed away in May.

Only four took care of Clark House but my what an appreciative audience. Willard, Skip, Gary and Lou gave them a diverse program which they really enjoyed.

Lee Reiber had cataract surgery. Skip has been busy planting 60 trees on his property. Daphne has delivered the cut-out vests to Karen Bloomfield to be sewed. Embroidering will be next and they should be ready for the convention.

Daphne's daughter from Alaska came for a visit. I hear she had some interesting stories.

May 9 had a dozen musicians at the

Senior Fair in the Palouse Mall. Lou's chair went off the stage. She fell backwards into a bunch of guitar and fiddle cases which cushioned the fall but created much shoulder pain. We finished the required time.

Marie filled in for me on May 11 at Good Sam.

All of the scheduled plays are well attended but with summer and camping our numbers will drop, I'm sure. Most of our members are committed and use their gas to be there and some car pooling helps.

There was 11 at the Kendrick Locust Blossom Festival on May 27 including two guest guitar pickers, Kenny Heustis and Polly. Only a little mist at parade time and a great attendance in town.

Watch your e-mail for possible changes in dates, dues and convention plans with Moscow being the host in September.

Skip has handouts for tentative schedules for June, July and August. There was no official business on May 28, due to a small turnout.

Dates in the making:

June 24 - Possible "Life on Wheels" at the University of Idaho.

July 15 - Hardin Born Celebration following Troy Old Timers Day.

Aug. 11 - Appaloosa Horse Club.

Aug. 12 - Elk River Days.

Aug. 5 - Scenic Six Show.

Thank you Skip and Carol for all your hard work.

The hardest years in life are those between 10 and 70.

—Lou Stevens

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District 7

Small group invites visitors at area plays

Hi to all, it's a beautiful day, June 2.

Our small District has been playing at about six places each month. We have any where from 5-7 people that come out to play, Georgia, Lucille, Wanda, Ray, Manuel, Woody, and Charlie.

To take some of the pressure off Georgia, Charlie and Wanda do some singing. Georgia has been keeping us going by playing the fiddle and she has had some days that she hasn't really felt like playing. We just keep trying to do our best.

We miss Carl and we miss Clint since he moved to Tennessee.

If any fiddlers happen to be in the Pocatello area on our play dates they are certainly welcome to come join us.

Our schedule for each month is:

Hillcrest Haven - first Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Highland Hills - first Thursday, 2 p.m.

Aberdeen, Idaho, Senior Center - second Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. we break for lunch, then play again if anyone stays to listen.

Veterans Home - second Wednesday 3 p.m.

Ridge Wind - second Friday, 2 p.m.

Cottonwood Cove - third Thursday, 2 p.m.

We send good wishes to all Districts and hope you are enjoying the hot and cold spring weather we've been having.

God bless all of you.

—Wanda Roper

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Obituaries

Donald Whitmarsh

Donald Whitmarsh, 84, of Emmett, Idaho, was received by the Lord June 1, 2006. At Don's request, no services were held.

Donald was born April 26, 1922, in Spencer, New York, son of John and Alice Whitmarsh. He graduated from Spencer Central High School in 1941. After 46 years in Spencer, he moved with his family to Tucson, Ariz., and later moved to Emmett, Idaho. His main occupation was a tool and die maker, from which he retired in 1984.

Don is survived by his daughters Carol Wheble and Conni Hogan of Tucson, Ariz., his son, James Whitmarsh of Emmett Rehabilitation and Care Center in Emmett. Three grandsons, one granddaughter and three great-grandchildren.

Don's uncle give him a 5-string banjo and Don learned to play "Red River Valley," "Red Wing" and other tunes.

With his mother playing the organ, his brother on the drums and a neighbor on the fiddle, they played at the Townsend Retirement meetings.

Later, Don's father swapped \$25 worth of vegetables for a tenor banjo and some lessons and then over the years, the neighbor found a Gibson Granada which he allowed visitors to play. In 1945 the neighbor said he was going to the County Farm, and was willing to sell the banjo for \$45. Don played that instrument for dances in the '40s and '50s, then put it away for 30 years. He started playing again when he moved to Emmett in 1989.

It was a pleasure over the years to play music with Don. Thank you Don, for being you.

District 6

Many special events played at during May

The month of May seemed to keep us pretty busy. Besides our regular plays, we were invited to entertain at the Boy Scout Jamboree at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center. We were well accepted, and favorable comments were heard.

Then on Mother's Day we played at the Striker Ranch open house barbecue. About 400 people were fed barbecued chicken and all the goodies. They all seemed to enjoy our music. Some even danced on the grass, and we heard many favorable comments.

We also played for Hagerman Fossil Days. It was a cold, blustery day, but people wrapped up in blankets and came out to hear us.

July 4th is always a big day at the Bliss City Park for their celebration.

Don't forget July 9 is the Mannie Shaw Jamboree in Shoshone Park. What a great way to honor the founder of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. Players from all over the state come to take part. It is a great day for family get-togethers.

Even though it is officially still spring, it feels like summer is upon us, the grass is growing, the flowers riz, and I can't remember what day it iz. Hope all is well with all of you and you're enjoying the season.

—Dolores Koonce and Elnore Butler

District 8

Food and music enjoyed at fund-raiser

Hi, Idaho Fiddlers!

Summer is HERE, and it has been so warm and beautiful in District 8. Even the day we played at Tautphas Park in May was VERY warm.

We have been doing all the regular plays, with a few "specials" thrown in.

June 2nd was the Iona City Library Fund-raiser. As last year, they served burgers and all the trimmings, then we played for two hours outside their City Building.

Wednesday, the 7th, we were invited again to the downtown Idaho Falls, "Alive After Five," where just the "Fiddlers 2", Teresa, Harold, Charlie, Bob and Bill, played, while the bulk of

the players played at The Gables Retirement Center.

Monday night, June 5th was our monthly JAM. We had 22 regular members there — a roomful — and Merrill Hadden's grandson on his small guitar, and a friend of Dolores' playing on her guitar, and five "on-lookers." The play lasted 2½ hours, after discussing the 4th of July float, and all the work needing done on that. Twelve to 13 members can ride, so we may need to draw names for riders. The 4th is coming right up and will be here before we know it!

Until July, all of you be safe and have fun fiddlin'.

—Gail

District 1A

Happy Father's Day wishes extended

Happy Father's Day to all you fathers out there. Make the most of the one day we allow you.

Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan and Doris Howard attended the board meeting and jam session at Hoots. They report a good time and feel a lot was accomplished. They urge all who can to be present at the Convention to be held in Moscow in September.

District 1A played for their monthly, third Wednesday, at the E.C.F. Wing of the Boundary Community Hospital with the following playing: Janet and Zane Sapp, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

We have no other places to play, so Sonja and Jim have invited us to their house the third Sunday from 2-4 p.m. to jam during the summer. We sure can use the practice. Those who took advantage of this opportunity this month were the following: Jim and Sonja of course, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson and her sister, Joanne Erickson, Ruth Hoglan and Doris Howard. I felt we accomplished a lot.

Doris and Ruth found a place to stay in Weiser for the first three days of the National Contest, so Doris will receive her 32nd Contestant Ribbon in a row, after all. This will no doubt be the last one. We'll see.

In closing this month I thought I'd ask you, "What's the laziest part of a car?" The tires. They are always "tired."

That's it till the July news.

—Doris Howard

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District 4

Fiddlers to play at Emmett Cherry Fest.

Well, we survived Hooties! What a fun time. All that went from this district reported a good time, although one of our members, Mildred Steiner fell and sprained her ankle quite badly. She's getting better slowly and her daughter has been there helping out. Hope you're up and lots better soon, Mildred. We miss you.

Lots of goings on for us. Since Hoots, we've all been kinda feelin' iffy. Think it's the weather maybe. Got so hot so quickly no one had a chance to adjust. But we're on the mend and rarin' to go! And, Neve, get over that cold!!

Ken Halliwell, our chairwoman's husband, will have to have a complete hip replacement on May 31st. After he fell and broke his hip last summer it just hasn't gotten any better, so it was decided this was the best course. Get well soon, Ken, you're in our thoughts and prayers.

We have eight plays in June!!! Boy, are we going to be busy. Our schedule is as follows.

June 3 - Horseshoe Bend Banjo Contest for Districts 4 and 5. Play 10-11:30 a.m. in the Park. Bring your chairs.

June 6 - Heritage, meeting at 5:30 p.m., play about 6:30 p.m. Everyone invited.

June 8 - Apple Valley at 3 p.m. These people are so sweet to play for and so appreciative.

June 10 - Horseshoe Bend at 5 p.m. District 4 and 5. Play and potluck

June 14 - Emmett Cherry Festival - Bandshell. Play 3:30-5 p.m. District 4 and 5 are asked to attend. Meet on the east side of the bandshell about 2:30 p.m. Bring your chairs. All Idaho members are invited to come help us out. If you're headed to Weiser, drop over the hill or just come

over from the Weiser area. It's not that far to Emmett. Love to have you.

June 19 - Serenity at 3 p.m. (rescheduled).

June 22 - Sunbridge at 3 p.m.

June 29 - Emmett Rehab at 3 p.m.

Wow busy, busy.

Also for your information the Heritage play/meeting has been cancelled for July, as it would fall on the 4th.

Carole Cornwell is headed back to Pennsylvania for her great-grandson's fifth birthday. She hasn't seen him since he was two. Have a fun trip, Carole.

Vi Shiewe's sister (Lee) has been with her for a week or so. Lots of catching up to do.

Joy and Ken Halliwell will be traveling to Hermiston, Ore., for a family reunion for Memorial Day weekend. One son is coming from Canada, (another son lives in Paraguay and will be unable to attend) and a daughter is coming from the Denver area. The second daughter lives in Emmett. Sounds like a good time.

Guess that about does it for this time, so until next time, Happy Fiddlin' and Hello Summer.

—Darlene Burr

District 5

Summer fun to feature picnic

The fiddlers are warming up for the summer fun. The summer picnic is in the planning and scheduled for July 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Meridian Friends Church. The fiddlers will buy the chicken and the rest is potluck. Eat at noon in air conditioning. Bring friends, family and summer drop-ins.

Betty Gull has appointed Pat Ramage to co-chair the Boise Day Group. Right away Pat has scheduled a fiddle practice at

her home on June 15 at 1 p.m. Bring your new and used songs.

We will play at Diamondview June 12 from 2-3 p.m.

Beginning on June 14, plan to play at the Cherry Festival bandshell in the park in Emmett from 3:30-5 p.m. Bring chairs and water bottles. District 4 has it all organized. We show up for the fun.

June 19 thru 24 is the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Festival in Weiser. Check on the many workshops offered for free. Seniors play on Monday.

The June plays at Capitol Care, Summerwind, and Dairy Days have been cancelled.

July 6 - Be at Capitol Care on Ustick from 4-5 p.m. Enter at the west entrance.

July 10 - Play at Diamondview from 2-3 p.m.

July 12 - Play at Heatherwood on Kootenae from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

July 15 - Plan to drive up Highway 21 to the Tool Museum at Dr. Burkeholder's ranch. There will be a fiddle jam and tour from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring potluck and chairs.

July 19 - Pat Ramage has scheduled a fiddle practice at 1 p.m. at her house.

Elks Rehabilitation Hospital has been cancelled.

Hoots lures a lot of old timers. You know it is going to be a good time when you see Lyle Powell from Mountain Home, Mary and Marion Moore from Eagle, Muriel and Willard Plush from Kuna and Mildred Steiner from the wilderness above Emmett. It is great to see their faces come in the door year after year.

—Ava Lutteman





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The IOTFA parade float won first place in the musical float division on Saturday, June 24 in Weiser. Thanks to all of the members who contributed their time and expertise in carrying out the theme of Mardi Gras Fiddle Festival Style and those members that rode on the float and made the music sound so great. We had members from ages 8 to 83, we missed Doris Howard — the first time she was not on board in several years. A special thanks to Dan Randleman Construction of Weiser for providing the shop and equipment for us to build the float.

—Gary Huntington,
Parade Chairmen

District 1

Howard and Hoglan compete in National Oldtime Contest

We are wishing a great summer to all of you.

Doris Howard and Ruth Hoglan made it to Weiser and back for the first three days of the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest. We entered the Senior-Senior Division of 24 contestants. We both played well, after a couple goofs, but we didn't make the first cut, which was cut to 10. We won't know where in the group we placed, until the commit-

tee sends out our scores, probably after the first of July. We had a great time. Wouldn't surprise me if Ruth received a larger score than me.

There were over 300 entered in the whole contest. The Juniors and Young Adults had a larger division than any of the rest of us. Only 21 entered the National Champ division, and their first cut was to 8 or 10. A lot of real good fiddlers didn't get to play any more than me. Too bad. I'll bet next year some of them will go back to their age group, where they stand a better chance of winning money. We'll see.

Now back to what our District has been doing. We kept our regular date,

playing at the Care Center of the Boundary County Hospital. I made it back to Bonners from Weiser for the last 15 minutes. Those playing when I arrived were: Janet Sapp, Earl Stephens, Eleanor Erickson, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman and I.

Then the following played for two and a half hours at the hospital picnic, on Friday of the same week: Janet, Zane and James Sapp, Barry Coleman, Jim McCalmant, Vernon LaChance, Earl Stephens, Eleanor Erickson and me, Doris.

Then the next day, Saturday, we played for three hours for the Ace Care Center for the aged. What a great time we all had, and I'm sure they won't be hollering for more places to play very soon.

Several of our group have been getting together to practice. It has helped a whole lot.

Don't know if we will be very busy in July and August or not, but come September we'll start all over again.

I attended the National Old Time Fiddler's Association meeting and found we are now an Idaho Corporation and will be known as the National Old Time Fiddlers, Inc. or NOTF, Inc.

Well this is enough for this time. Hope you enjoy reading my ramblings. Keep in mind, "Gentle words fall lightly but they have great weight."

—Doris Howard



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District 9

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District 5

Summer picnic to be held July 22

Once again the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest at Weiser is past, the Cherry Festival in Emmett is done, and the Banjo Contest in Horseshoe Bend was another fun time. After the Banjo Contest, several members footed it down the road to Vi's house for a follow up jam. Just couldn't get enough.

The big event coming up in July is our annual summer picnic and jam on July 22 at the Friends Church from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Chicken and air conditioning will be provided. Bring friends, family and visitors for a good old time breakdown.

July is chuck full of important events and special plays.

We are invited on July 12 to play at Heatherwood on Kootenae from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

July 15 we will travel up to Dr. Burkeholders Tool Museum on Highway 21 for a jam and potluck from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring chairs.

July 19 - Fiddle practice at Pat Ramage's home, 1-3:30 p.m.

July 25 - Community Support Center at Orchard and Emerald, 2-3 p.m.

August 14 play at Diamond View, 2-3 p.m. Bring songs for September.

August 16 fiddle practice at Pat Ramage's home, 1-3:30 p.m.

August 28 general practice at Betty Gull's home, 1 p.m. until done.

Rex Kite in Mountain Home plans to entertain at a 4th of July celebration at the Legion Hall in Mountain Home.

EVERYONE HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER. Have fun. Be safe. Make friends. Learn songs.

—Ava Lutteman

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Please indicate if you will need RV parking YES NO (circle one)
Full hook-up \$10 a day upon arrival (early birds get the spots).

Picnics to fireworks keep fiddlers busy

Hello, to all fellow IOTF members.

We have had a very busy month. We played for Edward Jones Investment Co. picnic at the Twin Falls City Park on June 29th. There were several hundred people in attendance. We played for two hours and they really seemed to enjoy the music.

On June 11, we played for a 50th anniversary party in the Wendell City Park. It was well received and we had a lot of fun.

On July 4th, we played for the City of Bliss for their annual barbecue and fireworks in their park. We had a few heavenly fireworks to go along with it, but it didn't rain until we were finished. We managed to make our regular plays as well.

Those traveling to the National Old-time Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser were Ken Worthington, Lena and Gracie Prescott Stukenholtz, Margie Collins, Kevin Conner, Gary and Mary Lou Huntington, Matt and Cheryl Renner, Arvilla Harris, and Kathy Trenkle. Hope we haven't missed anyone. As always, there was as much music in the streets as on the stage. Lena Prescott Stukenholtz did well, she placed 15th out of 73 contestants

Several members of our district have been having some health problems, so please keep them in your prayers. Those on the sick list are Velma Madden, Loren Perkins, Edna Day, Beth Harkness, Barbara Hake, and Dolly Daniels.

July looks to be a busy month as well, with the upcoming Manny Shaw Jamboree at the Shoshone City Park, on July 9th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is always a lot of fun and a wonderful way to honor our founder. We will have plenty of food and drinks and bring a potluck dish if you wish. Everyone is invited!

On July 22 we play for the Idaho

Youth Ranch and on July 29, we play for Arts in the Park at Twin Falls City Park from 3 to 4 p.m.

You all have a great summer and keep a song in your heart as well as your fingers.

—Elinore Butler

District 9

Summer camping & traveling enjoyed

Summer is here and we are trying our best to keep up with all of our playing dates. Some of our members have been camping and traveling so the group of players is sometimes a bit small but still enjoyed by our audiences.

Herb and Marilyn Jeffers have returned from about six weeks on their Kansas farm where Herb helps his brother get the spring work done. Good to have them back.

I am looking at Lou Stevens' notes and trying to fill in the blanks as she has gone to Kelso for about two weeks to visit with her family. That leaves our piano idle unless Alice Rieber is present to fill in.

Some of our members, Marge, Herb, Gary, Daphne, spent the weekend of June 24 square dancing at Elk River with family and friends. The weather was great and lots of good food.

We do need to make one correction in our news. Our new vests are coming along but they are being sewn by Karen Rivera of Moscow and not Karen Bloomfield as reported in the May news.

We are progressing with plans for the State Convention this fall in Moscow and it appears that everything is on track thanks to Skip and Carol doing a good job. We will be using the Latah County Fairgrounds and hope that many of you can make it.

We played at Aspen Care in Moscow on the 25th with a group of 14 musicians. This was about a record for this summer and what a good time we had.

—Reporting for Lou Stevens, Gary Bloomfield

District 4

Memorial jam to honor Don Whitmarsh

Greetings from District 4

We started off our busy June by playing at the Horseshoe Bend Banjo Contest on June 3. Had a great time

and a good turnout.

Played our normal plays until the 14th at the Cherry Festival. We had such a great bunch and so many showed up from District 5. Thanks to all of you for helping us out. What a great time!!!

July schedule as follows:

July 8 - Horseshoe Bend Seniors, 5 p.m. - District 4 and 5. Potluck and play.

July 11 - Heritage - 5:30 meeting, 7 p.m. play. Don Whitmarsh memorial discussion.

July 13 - Apple Valley, 3 p.m.

July 20 - Serenity, 3 p.m.

July 27 - Sunbridge, 3 p.m.

On May 31st Ken Halliwell underwent a complete hip replacement and is doing so well! He is "hanging in there" and getting better every day. It's about time, huh, Ken.

We were saddened by the loss of another of our IOTF member, Don Whitmarsh. Our prayers go out to his family and caretaker, Nancy.

There will be a memorial jam in his honor on July 24 at Heritage Clubhouse on South Johns (behind Albertsons) at 7 until ? The public is invited and refreshments will be served. Come and play a tune for Don. He was a great banjo player and we'll all miss him greatly.

Not going to whine about the cold, not going to whine (maybe) about the heat. Will just sit in a chair with a cold glass of tea and a nice cool tub for my feet!

That's it for this time. Happy Fiddlin' and hello summer! Stay Cool!!

—Darlene Burr

Clyde Clymer writes story of his life

Dear fiddling friends,

I have written a book of my life. As you know I just turned 90 years in February. I wrote the book rather hastily but it covers the most interesting things that I have done or been involved in. It contains 197 pages and 9 chapters and it is very interesting.

I have read it many times but I get input from time to time from readers that have read the book and they say they can't put it down after they start to read it.

I am pricing it at a reasonably low price of \$17. I have sold copies to Leroy Grothaus and Austin Wise if you would like to call them about the book.

To order or for more information contact Clyde Clymer, 15411 S.E. Mill Plain, Vancouver, WA 98684.



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Rain didn't dampen the fun at Post Falls Days

Hi everyone!

We're rollin' along with music and fun. We have kept all of our commitments plus a few extras. We attended all the volunteer teas and activities and enjoyed them by representing Old Time Fiddlers.

We played for Post Falls Days and of course it rained. The proof that our music is enjoyed by all is when people stop under umbrellas to listen. At one point there were at least 10 umbrellas with two or three people underneath each one enjoying the music.

Sadly, we need to report that Lou Metzger Sundell passed away. She was Noel Metzger's former wife and a big supporter of District 1B. We will miss her very much.

Don't forget that this is National Hug Month. Give someone a hug today. I'm not really sure that it's National Hug Month, but it sure should be!

—Marilyn Wells

District 2

Good weather and turnout at Fourth of July show

I received word that Don Erikson passed away this morning. Don was one of our District's most willing and versatile players, always ready to play music of any kind, and he will be missed from our midst. Please keep Joyce in your thoughts and prayers.

We had good weather and a very good turnout of the District's players for our Fourth of July show at the Pavilion in Grangeville City Park. Attending were Max and Duane Stephens, Helen Marshall, Francis and Netta Ellsworth, Warren Braucher, Kathreen Steiner, Marian and Bob Wikoff, Fran Caward, John Purdy, Almon and Virginia Manes, and yours truly. Student fiddlers Leland Seggerman and Brandy Trivett also were there to gain a little experience and hear old tunes. I received a number of compliments from the audience on our fiddle music. Thanks to all for a job well done.

Just after the Fourth, some of our District fiddle players and accompanists were invited to assist fiddle teacher Sharon Wolfe with her second annual fiddle camp for some of her students.

Her purpose for the camp is to put her students into direct contact and participation with old time fiddling, to learn the music and some of the different ways of playing it on the fiddle. For Sharon's students, this is an intensive session held in a backcountry setting where there are few things to distract them from focusing on the music. For us as old time fiddlers, there is a lot of satisfaction in passing on the

tunes and the "licks" to new fiddlers, so that old time fiddling as we know it might have some chance to survive our passing generation.

The next District play date is the Raspberry Festival on August 6 at St. Gertrude's in Cottonwood. The afternoon program is not confirmed yet, so I will be getting in touch with the details when I get them.

—GMS

Resolutions to by-laws

On May 6, 2006, at the annual Spring meeting of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association, the directors voted to publish the following resolutions to change the by-laws. These resolutions are to be voted upon by the general membership at the State Convention in September 2006.

1) RESOLVED: Article IA of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association By-Laws shall be changed to read as follows:

"The name of the said non-profit corporation shall be IDAHO OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION, INC., An Acoustic Stringed-instrument Organization."

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District 4

Whitmarsh memorial was well attended

Our July was a fairly easy one, some plays cancelled because of the Fourth. Hope you all had a safe and happy one.

Yours truly played hooky most of the month as we had our daughter and grandkids home from Georgia for two weeks. Our son-in-law is in the Air Force and was just deployed to Iraq. We ask for your prayers for him.

The memorial jam in honor of Don Whitmarsh was well attended with about 20 musicians from Homedale, Weiser, Eagle, Meridian and Boise represented as well as our bunch. We wish to thank each and everyone who made the effort to come and "jam" for Don. Some of his family came from Montana and did a "family" number for Don. Thanks to all of them, too.

Our plays for August are as follows:

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Aug. 10 - Apple Valley 3 p.m.

Aug. 12 - Horseshoe Bend - cancelled.

Aug. 17 - Serenity 3 p.m.

Aug. 24 - Sunbridge 3 p.m.

Aug. 31 - Emmett Rehab 3 p.m.

Here we are in the last month of summer. Where has it gone? Pretty soon it'll be back to school for kids and thinking about winter. Ugh! I know we can't stop the world but maybe we could stick our foot out to brake a bit and slow 'er down.

Anyway, till next time — Happy fiddlin' and keep cool.

—Darlene Burr



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Oct. 7 — A jam session in memory of Don Erikson will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, starting at 10 a.m. at Hoot's in White Bird.

District 8

Float wins Judges' Choice award at Idaho Falls Fourth of July Parade

Dear Fiddlers:

Well July started out great and ended up just as well. As you can see from the above photo, we had an awesome float with a giant fiddle built by Brian Frickey. We won the "Judges' Choice" Award and had good reception in the parade. The rest of the month, we have had a Senior Citizen breakfast, another play for the community of Iona, suburb of Idaho Falls, an Alive after Five, in downtown Idaho Falls, and a few other extra venues, in addition to our seven Assisted Living Plays. It has been a good summer for District 8.

Charlie Lahm has been very electronically, high tech in recording our plays. We are thinking, as many people

who have asked for a CD of the IOTF in Idaho Falls, we could pad our account a little by selling recordings of our plays. Charlie has caused us a little added pressure to do our very best, and not practice a song for the first time, when a play is being recorded!!

This Saturday, Aug. 5, is our District Summer Party at Dave Chaffee's home and yard. We are bringing potluck and the OTF is furnishing meats.

Our summer is winding down! We hope you all have had a good summer, but mainly a lot of fun and friendliness.

Till September,

—Gail

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Obituaries

Donald D. Erikson

Donald D. Erikson, 77, died July 5, 2006, from cancer. He was born January 25, 1929, and was raised in downtown Seattle. He retired from truck driving for Ryerson Steel of Seattle. He was high in his praise of where he lived in Idaho: Nez Perce and Grangeville.

He is survived by his son David and his wife Misty and their daughter Cleara, his daughters Robin, Jeanne and Kate, his sister Anita, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Especially at this time, Don would want to be sure his friends in Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon, and Canada, knew how much he enjoyed playing music with you, sharing in your knowledge, challenging abilities whether in jam sessions, contests, the Hoot's gatherings, nursing homes, Senior meal sites, the campouts or the many special occasion plays. He may not have remembered your names, but he knew the instrument you played and that their value was more than the offered \$39.00! He would thank you for your friendship in the memorable times.

Everyone is invited to play, dance, or just enjoy a "Jam Session for Don" at Hoot's on Saturday, October 7, starting at 10 a.m., with a buffet lunch at noon.

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Leadore Campout August 18-20

Another month has come and gone, a very hot month! We are in no way ready for winter, but we will be happy to see the weather get a bit cooler.

July was somewhat uneventful. Other than our regular plays, we played for the Northfork Fire Department on July 4. And the campout at Elk Meadows on July 14, 15 and 16 was a lot of fun. Other than horse flies in the afternoons and mosquitoes in the evenings, all else was wonderful. We enjoyed many hummingbirds and friendly ground squirrels and flowers. And, of course, we enjoyed each other and very good music. The food was, as always, fantastic. Carla and her hot cinnamon rolls do not leave much to be desired. I hesitate to mention our little fiddle contest since yours truly was the recipient of the "booby prize," but it was rather unorthodox and very funny and lots of fun! We had 17 musicians there and several "listeners."

Ron Bate of District 8 came over for our July 20 and 27 jam sessions. It's always great to have company. I visited with our friend, Tom Riley, on the 17th for a few minutes. He is doing and feeling much better. He is making his own blood now and his Hgb is up to 11. Prayers do help! It makes us all feel better when our friends are better.

We are all saddened by the loss of our friend, Don Erikson. I know it doesn't help much, Joyce, but our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Leadore Campout is all set for Aug. 18-20. Same as last year, with District 12 furnishing the rest rooms and showers, and the hot dogs and hamburgers for Friday and Saturday nights. The rest will be potluck. We

will also have group breakfasts this year on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Hope to see many of you there. You all are what makes it fun. Campers will pay for their own spaces. If memory serves me, it was \$5 per night per trailer last year.

Our calendar for August is:

Aug. 3 - Discovery Care at 7 p.m. and American Legion at 8 p.m.

Aug. 5 - Jam session at the Bill Stricklan residence for family reunion starting at 2 p.m.

Aug. 10 - Pizza party at the Imperial Apartments at 6 p.m.

Aug. 17 - VFW Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 18-20 - Leadore campout.

Aug. 24 - Jam session only at the Legion.

Aug. 31 - Potluck, business meeting and jam at the Legion starting at 7 p.m.

We are looking forward to the convention in Moscow. Until then have a wonderful time fiddling around.

Everyone please try to attend the business meeting on Aug. 31 as we will have election of officers.

—Rosalie Hawley

District 6

Big crowd enjoys Mannie's Jamboree

Well, again, July had been a pretty busy month for District 6.

Sunday, July 9 was Mannie's Jamboree in the Shoshone City Park. We had a bigger crowd this year than last, but less players, but it was a fine day, and we fiddlers had a great potluck dinner, a banner put up this year, and many compliments and song requests from the crowd.

We were invited to play for the Idaho Youth Ranch near Rupert on July 22 for their annual open house barbecue. We received many compliments and even the president of Idaho Youth Ranch said it wouldn't be like an open house without the fiddlers to entertain, and he was very appreciative.

On July 29, we performed for Arts in the Park at Twin Falls City Park. Again, we were well received.

Things are starting to slow down this month, so we are getting back to regularly scheduled plays.

We had a great jam session in Wendell at Ferrol Boss' son Rick's home, had a good time and a wonderful meal with Rick cooking chicken and hot dogs on the barbecue. These jams are not only for practice, but for us to get together to know each other better and to learn new tunes and ways of playing.

On the second Saturday of August, we have been invited to play at the annual celebration of the crossing at Glens Ferry. The time is 9 a.m. for ½ hour. If you can help, we would appreciate it. The same day we will have our monthly meeting in the usual place at 2:30 p.m., and will also have our annual election of officers at that time.

On our sick list are Edna, Velma, Loren and Bud. Please get well quickly. Dolly says to tell everyone that she is not sick, just old. I wish I was as active as she is, and I'm 20 years younger.

Through the past years, we have enjoyed the companionship, both friendly and musical, of one who we will hold in our hearts for our lifetimes. Our friend, sister, and fellow fiddler, Elizabeth Harkness, fondly known as Beth, who passed away Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, in her home with her loved ones around her. She and her talented husband, Max have for years been some of the most faithful fiddlers in our group. Max and Beth were married June 17, 1983, and went to Mannie's Jamboree a few weeks later. Beth became interested in learning to play the fiddle, and they went to Dolly a short time later, and Dolly gave her her first lesson then and there. She's been playing ever since. The funeral was held Tuesday, Aug. 8. We will miss you, Beth. The fiddlers of District 6.

—EB



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Fiddlers to play at Hillbilly Breakfast

First, a note to all regarding Don Erikson, a longtime District Two IOTF member and a versatile musician who passed away last month.

Don's family and friends are inviting all Don's fellow musicians and friends to a "Jam Session for Don" on Saturday, October 7, at Hoot's Café at White Bird, starting at 10 a.m. PDT with a buffet lunch at noon. This is planned as an open jam session in his memory, for all his musical friends in the area as well as those in IOTF.

As this goes to press, we will be doing our play date at the Raspberry Festival fund-raiser at St. Gertrude's in Cottonwood.

Our next date will be the Hillbilly Breakfast benefit at the New Meadows school cafeteria on Labor Day. This play starts very early, at 7 a.m. Mountain Time and lasts until about 11. Because of the very early time of day and travel distance, some of our northern players may want to consider arriving a bit later if they want to participate in this one. Actually, it is quite a bit easier for the south end players who are closer. After the breakfast is over, we will gather again for jamming uptown, as we have done before, probably at the Sagebrush BBQ.

When I first became chairman, we had enough fiddle players and backups to cover more than one play on the same day at different places. How this has changed in just a few years! Our ability to put together a fiddle show has now been greatly diminished by the effects of time and age to the point that we really can't cover all the playing needs like we used to.

Remember that the State Convention is coming up in September in Moscow. Since it is close by our District, I hope that many of you can make it.

—GMS

District 5

The hills were alive with the sound of music

Hot. Hot. It was 107 degrees on July 22 as Jason Fewkes and Kira Shumway exchanged wedding vows. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fewkes.

The hills came alive with music when the Elk Meadows campout took place. This year was the debut of the



Maxine Fullington

"Fiddling In The Pines Fiddle Contest." Unlike any other contest the fiddlers were required to wear a fiddlers pine bough helmet while playing a breakdown and tune of choice. The contestants were judged on tone and rhythm, crowd reaction, originality, and joke-ability. There were tears of laughter as each contestant played and joked their way through their round. Winners included Jeff Lincoln, Katie Bonn, Jennie Wolverton and Martin Fewkes. Thanks to all who attended. We had a great time. Keep your calendar free for next year. Rumor has it the contest will be even better.

Idaho was well represented at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest. Jason and Aaron Fewkes competed in the Certified Round. For the dress up contest, the Fewkes family dusted off the blow up cowboy costumes and Aaron played "Cattle In The Cain" to a very

loud and rowdy audience. Between the two, Jason and Aaron came away with "Best Dressed" and "Best Male Entertainer."

The rest of us had a good time too. In spite of the heat, several dedicated members showed up to play at Capitol Care, Heatherwood, Community Support Center, Diamondview, Horseshoe Bend and traveled up to Dr. Burkeholders Tool Museum to play outdoors under the shade in a beautiful mountain setting.

Patty Ramage reminds her members about the fiddle practice Aug. 16 at 1 p.m. at her house and the general practice Aug. 28 at 1 p.m. at Betty's house. Bring your old and

new songs.

Marion and Bob Baird have invited everybody to their mountain home on Clear Creek for a potluck and jam on Aug. 26 from 2-7 p.m. See you there for a fun summer party.

Mark on your calendar Sept. 7 from 5-8 to attend the first meeting of the year for a great potluck and fiddle jam. Also to elect officers.

On the day it was 107 degrees, District 5 held their summer picnic inside with air conditioning. It was a time to honor Maxine Fullington for 12 years of dedicated service as co-chairman for District 5. Always a gracious entertainer, Maxine never missed a function where her members played. We appreciate her professional presentation of each member as we played our scheduled song. She often joined in, playing the bucket as her own part to backup her members playing upfront. Stay cool.

—Ava Lutteman

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District 12

Leadore Campout was a great success with 41 enjoying games, music and food

August was so fun, we would like to do it all over again! On Aug. 5, a group of us played for the Bill Strickland family reunion. The afternoon was spent playing fun music, enjoying great food, visiting with old friends and making new ones. We had a clogger join us for a little while...until he danced the taps right off his shoes.

The pizza party at the Imperial Apartments on Aug. 10, was also well attended and much fun. The weather was threatening, so the crowds didn't last as long as the fiddlers did, but the rain held off and we had a great time fiddling. The pizza and salads were very good, and the "Grumpy Old Men" served hot dutch oven deserts that were out of this world.

Thanks to all you musicians who joined us at the Leadore Campout. You made it the success that it was. The campground was full. We counted 41 musicians and many listeners. Everyone joined in the games. The weather was especially cooperative. The company was extremely compatible and the music was so enjoyable, and of course there was an abundance of good food. Everyone must think the fiddlers are a hungry lot. Thank you all. We can't wait until next year to do it again.

We were fortunate to have Ed and Liz join us at the campout. That was special because we have surely missed them.

Elections were held at our Aug. 31 meeting. Katie Bonn will continue as chairman for this district with Jerry Eastman as vice-chairman. Betty Morton will continue as secretary-treasurer.

Rosalie Hawley will continue as historian-reporter with the help of Kay Smith when Rosalie is gone or incapacitated.

Our calendar for September is:

September 7 - Discover Care at 7 p.m.; Legion Hall at 8 p.m.

Sept. 10 - City Park at 11:30 a.m. for the Lutheran Church picnic and raffle (bring your chair).

Sept. 14 - Senior Citizens at 7:30.

Sept. 21 - Imperial Apartments recreation room at 7 p.m.; VFW Hall at 8 p.m.

Sept. 28 - Legion Hall at 7 p.m. for potluck, business meeting and jam.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Moscow fairgrounds. It will be fun!

District 9

Fiddlers help couple celebrate anniversary

August began with Bishop Place with the usual members playing. Good Sam, Pullman and Potlatch seniors, Avalon Care all had plenty to entertain their folks. Moscow Friendly Neighbors and Aspen Park had good turnouts.

Gritman Adult Day Care had seven plus an employee who borrowed Gary's fiddle for a tune. Her name is Nadine Burgemeister, a possible new member, who wants to get back to fiddling.

Eleven descended on the Appaloosa Pony Club near Deary on Aug. 11. It was their annual trail ride finish.

On Aug. 12 we played in the shade on Main Street at Elk River Days. Guest Beverly Hunsacker did a fiddle tune and sang a solo. She is from Clarkston,

Wash.

Our newest member, Ella Steverson, sings great songs and plays guitar. She is to be married Sept. 22 to Marvin Bieker. Congratulations Ella! We'll miss you at the convention.

Carol and Skip took a week off to attend the workshop at Kittitan, Wash. Dave, Tom, Jack, Cherie and Stephen also attended. They report it was great and so big some were turned away.

On Aug. 19 there were 12 playing the surprise 50th wedding anniversary at Viola for Howard and Sissy Musick. This was a fun time visiting and playing on the lawn and eating yummy food.

We have new vests now. Looking forward to the State Convention in Moscow, Sept. 22-23.

Coming Dates:

Oct. 1 - Uniontown Barn celebration, 2-4 p.m.

Oct. 8 - Jam and election of officers.

Oct. 12 - Deary Days, 11:30 a.m.

Of course we play Latah County Fair Sept. 15 at 8 p.m.

—Lou Stevens

Editor's Note

Sorry this newsletter is late. The Signal American went through a change of ownership. But everything is getting back to normal and October's newsletter will be on time. So keep sending me your news and I do enjoy your photos.



Sept. 22-23— IOTFA State Convention, Latah County Fairground, Moscow, Idaho.

Oct. 7 — A jam session in memory of Don Erikson will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, starting at 10 a.m. at Hoot's in White Bird.

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District 9

Plan to attend the 2006 IOTFA State Convention in Moscow, Sept. 22-23

Welcome to Moscow, Idaho, for the 2006 IOTFA State Convention!

We on the Palouse are looking forward to a great "Roundup of Fiddlers." The date is Sept. 22nd and 23rd. We will be at the Latah County Fairground with the grounds to ourselves, so there is room for all of you! There are numerous areas for jamming. We have full hook-ups for six RVs and plenty of "just electrical" hook-up spots. All of the district chairmen were given packets that include maps and information about motels. Ask them for a packet.

The BANQUET will be one of a kind with door prizes and the Junior Jammers providing entertainment. You won't want to miss it! Fill out the pre-registration form below and send it in. Our own Amy Hetrick will have her "Little Kitchen On the Palouse" open most of the time with homemade

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snacks, lunches, coffee and tea available.

Registration opens on Friday and we have our big Fiddle Show on Friday afternoon with a barn dance in the evening. Come early so you don't miss out on any of the fun! For more information: www.iotfa.org/id4.html or district9@iotfa.org or phone 882-1525.

District 8

Two care centers enjoy the music of sixteen fiddlers

Hi, Fiddlers,

First of all, thanks to all those in the Salmon District who were such good hosts to everyone at the "Leadore Campout." From what I hear, a fun time was had by all...AND laughs...AND food.

We just had our JAM at Leo's Place on Tuesday night. This reporter wasn't able to attend, but I heard there was a VERY good turnout.

Teresa thought it was time again to review the FIDDLER BY-LAWS... Some new points were brought up pertaining to our group, and a good discussion was held. The current officers were re-elected, and the playing began.

We have a new couple who are from Challis, but have been in Idaho Falls most of the summer. Ted and Beverly Kirkpatrick have joined us and are such a nice asset to our group. Ted plays a "twirling" standing bass, which enables Bob Butler, our usual bass player, to play his guitar and banjo more. Beverly plays guitar, fiddle and banjo, so these nice, talented people will be a fun asset to our group.

Sixteen fiddlers made the trip to the

two Rexburg Care Centers on Wednesday night. We did two good plays, and had good groups to play for. Ron Bate supplied the camera and Mrs. Dave Chaffee took some group pictures for us for the District scrapbook.

We have as many extra plays coming up in September as in August...a barn dance, a Shelley Community affair, so it should be a fun month.

We hope you all have a healthy, fun September.

Until next month,

—Gail

District 4

Busy summer of fishin' and just doin'

It's been a pretty busy summer for most of us here; playing our plays, some goin' fishin' and others, just doin'. Was so hot for so long, now it's so smoky we can't see across the valley and it's kinda hard to breathe, but we're making it.

We want to welcome a couple of members to our group, Don and Beverly Ikenberry who lived in Boise, but have moved to Emmett and we're very glad to have them here. Don plays harmonica, dobro and sings, while Beverly thumps the gut-bucket. Welcome aboard!

Please note that our play times to accommodate our members whose schedules have changed. Our nursing home plays are all at 3:30 now.

Our scheduled plays are as follows:
Sept. 5 - Heritage meeting 5:30 and play after that.

Sept. 9 at Horseshoe Bend at 5 p.m. with District 5. Potluck and play.

Sept. 14 - Apple Valley at 3:30 (time change).

Sept. 21 - Serenity at 3:30 (time change).

Sept. 22 - 23 IOTFA Fiddlers Convention at Moscow.

Sept. 28 - Sunbridge at 3:30 (time change).

Remember, practice at Joy's Monday evenings at 6:30. It's a good time to try out new songs and review old ones, too. Please don't wait for an invitation, call and come.

Summer days are fading fast, so get out and enjoy them while they last. Fall is coming to turn the leaves to gold and then here's winter to make noses cold!

Happy Fiddlin', hope to see you in Moscow!

—Darlene Burr

Barn Dance party to be held Sept. 23

Guess what? By now you all know I forgot to write news for the August paper. So before I forget again, here goes for our September paper. We really didn't do an awfully lot during August, but we did play our regular hour for the E.C.F. of the hospital. The following showed up to play: Eleanor Erickson, Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Janet Sapp and Doris Howard. We were lucky to have both the Sapp boys, Zane and James, play in July with us, but that will be the last time, except for holidays now, as both will be going to the University of Idaho. They will be missed a lot.

They didn't have regular entertainment at our fair this year, but the Fiddlers were asked to play during the hour the Extended Care group had their lunch. We were very happy to have Don and Audrey Spalding to join with Janet Sapp, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson, Jim McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan and Doris Howard. We had a great time and more than the guests enjoyed our playing.

The next day, Doris Howard with her fiddle, strolled around playing requests. That was fun.

On the third Sunday, District 1 held their last summer practice jam at the home of Jim and Sonja McCalmant. The following attended: Eleanor Erickson, who brought her sister Joanne Erickson and her cousin, Lavonne Otto, who lives in Bonner, Mont. Joanne plays fiddle and we want her to join us this year. Lavonne used to live here and she not only enjoyed our playing

but enjoyed visiting. Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens and Doris and Les Howard were also in attendance. What a delicious supper we enjoyed when we finished playing. Thanks Jim and Sonja.

We were asked to play again for the E.C.F. on Wednesday the 23rd. They are having a party called "Barn Dance." Guess we can fill that bill alright.

I'll be sending out letters to all our District 1A members alerting them dues are soon due and what we expect to do this fall and hold our election of officers for 2007.

As far as I know, only three of our District will be going to the Convention in Moscow, Sept. 22 and 23. Ruth Hoglan and Doris and Les Howard.

Our District extends our sympathy to Don Erickson's family. He and his many accompanist instruments will really be missed an awful lot.

We begin our fall jam sessions the third Sunday in September at Western Pleasure Guest Ranch. Come and enjoy the afternoon. In closing let me remind you of a saying of Winston Churchill, "Courage is the capacity to get from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm."

—Doris Howard

District 6

Creator of 'Fiddling Sam' passes away

I've included the obituary of George Perkins of Jackson, Wyoming.

Though he was not a musician, he did enjoy old time fiddlin.

He was raised in Corral and Fairfield, Idaho, and had the privilege of knowing Mannie Shaw, the organizer of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. They became very good friends.

George was an artist and a cartoonist. Mannie Shaw asked him if he could create or design a logo for the Old Time Fiddlers, which he did.

For this favor, Mannie made George an honorary member of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers.

We call this logo, "Fiddling Sam" and we had pins made, using this logo, which many of the members of the Old Time fiddlers wear. You can see this logo on the front page of this newsletter.

Our chairman, Ken Worthington of District 6 received a call from George's daughter, Ginger Mitchell, requesting

that her father's obituary be printed in both the National Old Time Fiddlers newsletter and the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers newsletter.

We hope this will be of interest to other old time fiddlers.

—Dolores Koonce

Obituaries

George Gordon Perkins

Jackson resident George Gordon Perkins, 84, died Dec. 5, 2005 at St. John's Living Center in Jackson. The following was provided by his granddaughter Amy Passage.

George was born March 29, 1921, in Mountain Home, Idaho, to George and Elizabeth Perkins. He was raised in Corral and Fairfield, Idaho, attending the Camas County High School.

He was married on June 8, 1941, in Fairfield, Idaho, to Clara Rae Jones. She died on Nov. 26. They lived in Fairfield and moved in 1967 to Jackson, where he worked for Valley Power and Light. He was a manager until his retirement in 1986.

George was a Mason, as was his father before him. George absolutely loved woodworking in his garage. He enjoyed working in the yard with his wife Clara. The last thing he made was a special rocking chair for his great-great-grandson, Kaden. He will always be remembered as an easygoing and very fun grandpa. He loved to draw and was a great cartoonist. When his grandchildren came to visit, he loved to visit String Lake with all of us. Thanks so much to all his great friends, Dick and Nancy Riddle, Dick and Glenda Martin, Dr. Dennis Butcher, Eleanor Lawton and all who moved away.

He is survived by his daughter Ginger (Chuck) Mitchell of Pasco, Wash.; a son, Mitch (Tanya) Perkins of Columbia, S.C.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his very special uncle Tom Boardman, his grandparents who raised him and his wife, Clara Rae.

Gramps, I know you are with Grandma and I will never forget you both and the memories we shared. God bless and keep you, love you very much, Amy.



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Three fiddle champs help entertain at Wagon Days

It's hard to believe that Labor Day is over, and school started before that. Summer was hot, but it seemed to speed by like a jet stream. So many things we were planning to do "next week" just got misplaced in the shuffle to keep cool.

We had a few jam sessions, including one while Pete and Olgi Arbaugh were in town, and it was wonderful to make music with them again even for one evening.

Our August IOTFA meeting was held the second Saturday as usual, and it was the day for our yearly voting in of officers. The list was the same as last year, and the voting was unanimous. They did a good job last year, and I'm sure will do a good job again.

Wagon Days was great again this year, and we played for the breakfast crowd both Saturday and Sunday mornings. There were a lot of people attending, and they were an enthusiastic crowd who encouraged us and made us feel wonderful. It also helped to have three National Fiddle Champions playing with us. We had a crowded float in the parade, and loud applause as we went along the parade route. We had great help with our members who could attend, Dolores, John, Zora, Dan, Ed Navarone, Matt Renner, Lena and Gracie, J'uve, Ashley, and Ken all worked hard and made the days successful. Thanks everyone. Some of us camped at the Hayspur Campground, and had great jam sessions when we weren't busy with other things.

On our sick list this month among others was Kevin Conner, who was in the hospital, but is home recovering now. Pete Hathaway had gall bladder surgery, but is also home now. Ken took a nasty fall, and is bruised and battered, but recovering (hopefully).

Barbara Hake's father died in Oregon, and they have been gone. Please accept our sympathy, Barbara and Harold.

Our future dates consist of our monthly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 9, our postponed play at Shoshone Rehab will be held Sunday, Sept. 10 at 2

p.m. We will play Saturday night, Aug. 16 for a dance at the Gooding Senior Citizen's Center. Don't forget the State IOTF yearly meeting at Moscow on Sept. 22 and 23.

Have a great month and enjoy the beautiful fall we'll have this year. We've been enjoying spectacular sunsets the last few weeks. What a glorious country we live in and to enjoy it with good friends and good music is beyond compare.

—ELB

District 5

Wild turkeys enjoy fiddlers jam session

Potluck and jam session was enjoyed Aug. 26 at the beautiful mountain home of Bob and Marion Baird on Clear Creek between Boise and Idaho City. There were 31 members and guests, plus 7 wild turkeys. Lots of good music was played and enjoyed. Special guest was the Baird's neighbor, Rosalie

Sorrell, nationally reknowned folk singer who was nominated for a Grammy award last year. Rosalie played and sang four folk songs from her own album.

It was special also to have Phoenix and Maxine Fullington and their daughter, Patty Roberts, attend. They can't come very often because of Maxine's illness. They were celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary.

Neve Leach, historian, brought the District 5 scrapbook to display so it could be enjoyed before convention.

Bonnie Longstreth and family enjoyed the campout at Leadore with the players from Salmon. Bonnie bought a viola, case and bow at a yard sale. Hopefully we will hear her show it off at one of our meetings.

Patty Ramage's Day Group had a fiddle practice at her home and a general practice at Bettys, getting ready for the new year starting in September. Her members played at Diamondview in August. Patty has a new schedule available for the asking.

—Ava Lutteman

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7-10 Barn Dance

Saturday

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District 2

Fran Caward awarded Elray Woerman award at State Convention in Moscow

I want to extend our thanks to Skip and Carol Frink and all the troops in Moscow for a great job hosting the State Convention. Attending from our District were Joyce Hazelbaker, Bob and Marian Wikoff, John and Mary Purdy, Francis and Netta Ellsworth, Fran Caward, Gary and Patty Solberg.

A note to all from Marian Wikoff, who wants to express her thanks for supporting her in another term as state treasurer.

At the convention, Fran Caward was awarded the Elray Woerman award. I for one feel that this award was greatly deserved. Her devotion to fiddling and her untiring service to the IOTFA over the years have unselfishly served and supported our organization and its leadership. Even yet she continues to cre-

ate and nurture new fiddlers.

Coming up for us at the end of the month is the State meeting and jam at Hoots, October 28 & 29. (I would not be surprised to see some action by Thursday!)

A District get-together to play music is planned for 1-5 p.m. Saturday, November 25 at the Grangeville Senior Center. I encourage all our District players and members to join us there, so that we can get lots of fiddle playing done. I also want us to take the time to help newer fiddle players and accompanists to learn tunes and the chords to the fiddle tunes that our older members play, so that we can pass on the fiddle tradition and not totally lose it.

—GMS

District 1A

E.C.F. residents enjoy the good food-tapping music at barn dance

Five of our District kept the engagement we had to play for the Barn Dance the Extended Care Facility asked us to play for after we had mailed in our September news. We only had a small space to play, but Janet Sapp, Barry Coleman, Earl Stephens, Ruth Hoglan and Doris Howard found room enough and played the hour we were asked to play. It was fun to watch the residents keep time with their feet as they ate their dinner.

We had a great turnout for our first fall jam, held at the Western Pleasure Guest Ranch with over 80 in attendance. Thirteen musicians were as follows: Don and Audrey Spalding, Lee Jackson, Ruth Hoglan, Mickey Jacobson, Earl Stephens, Barry Coleman,

Brad Smith, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Eleanor Erickson, Joann Erickson and Doris Howard. We really missed Janet Sapp, who was in Ireland, Zane and James Sapp who are attending the University of Idaho in Moscow, Danielle Schoonover, at a college in Boise, Issac Schoonover and his Mom Janice and Dad Roly, who were at a horse show, the Opps and Richards were missed, I don't know why they weren't there, but you were all missed. Our bass player Art Burnett wasn't there because he is very ill and we remembered him in prayer for a quick recovery. Bob Nelson we also missed you.

Playing for E.C.F. this month were Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens,



Happy Halloween

Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

Attending the yearly convention, which was held in Moscow this year, were Doris and Lester Howard and Ruth Hoglan. We did vote a dues raise of \$15 for adults, \$25 for each family and life members (if they want the Idaho Fiddler newsletter) \$10. It was also voted to split District 6 in half. District 6A, the north part of 6 and District 6B the south part of 6. Hope things work out. If it doesn't, we will have to figure out something else.

Our member, Lorna Lounsbury, who spends part of her time in Alaska, called and said she hoped to be back in Sandpoint soon. She also said she had been keeping busy fiddling up there and has been teaching several students to play.

I, Doris Howard have been teaching one little girl and have been asked if I will teach another eight year old and maybe her mom also. The last two need to purchase fiddles first.

This is more than enough this time, so in closing may I remind you that "The best thing about growing old is that it takes such a long time."

See you at Hoots the end of October.

—Doris Howard



Oct. 28-29 – State meeting and jam at Hoots.

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District 5

Potluck, jamming and election held

We are all back home from Moscow. Thanks a whole bunch to the 13 gang who made the trip from District 5. Part of the benefit was enjoyed traveling the canyons, the rivers, and seeing again the beautiful mountains along the way North.

District 9 and Carol and Skip, we thank you for your goodwill, good food, good music, and the great place for the Fiddlers' Fall Roundup. Some of us enjoyed the jam going on in the Palouse Kitchen.

And now for the other good stuff. In September our District met at the Friends Church in Meridian for a potluck, jam and election of officers. We did it again. Congratulations to and a thank you to Betty Gull, chairman; Marion Baird, secretary; Charlotte Allen, treasurer and co-chairmen are Bonnie Longstreth, the Boise evening group; Pat Ramage, the Boise day group; Rex Kite over in Mountain Home; historian, Christine Ney; kitchen chairman is Betty Barnard. Actually

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Betty has agreed to organize our potlucks and manage the kitchen committees. So please sign up for a committee. Thank you Betty.

We thank Neve Leach for the work of updating the scrapbook, making it a success as past historian. It's fun to look at ourselves.

Betty Gull has Fiddlin' Sam and Annie pins for sale. They are \$5 each.

The new dues for the coming year are: single membership - \$15; family membership - \$25; auxiliary membership - \$15; lifetime - \$10 if you want the paper (if you don't want the paper there is no charge)

Our new active members voted in are Rena Lute playing fiddle, Christine Ney playing mandolin, Cloyd Nelsen on guitar, Kathy Werner on guitar, Bruce Werner on fiddle, David Van Houten on mandolin and Robin Van Houten on guitar. And welcome to Gayle Sorensen, our new auxiliary member. She plays fiddle and auto harp.

Rex Kite, Lyle and Owen are planning a jam at the Harvest Days celebration at the museum in Mountain Home. Rex says the group played gospel for a funeral last month.

—ALL

District 4

All officers re-elected at September meet

We've all been busy finishing up the summer and getting ready for fall and all the activities that go with it. Apples are getting ripe and the colors are starting to change in the higher country.

Had several members of our area attend the state convention; but our Joy was under the weather and unable to go. Get well, Joy.

At the meeting and play at Heritage on Sept. 5, there was an election of officers. It was moved and seconded that all officers be re-elected: Joy Halliwell - chairman; Ken Tooley - vice chair; Glenda Rogers sec./treas.; Darlene Burr - reporter; and Mary

Ann Holte - kitchen.

Which brings to mind — we over here in Emmett are only a small part of the district. We want to include everyone, so if you have news to report, please call Darlene Burr (208) 398-8054 so we can get it in our newsletter.

Our plays this month are as follows:

October 12 - Apple Valley 3:30 p.m.

October 14 - Horseshoe Bend, play and potluck at 5 p.m. for both District 4 and 5. Last play of the year.

October 19 - Serenity - 3:30 p.m.

October 26 - Sunbridge - 3:30 p.m.

October 27 - 28 - Jam and Fall Meeting of IOTFA at Hooties in Whitebird. See you there.

Remember that our meetings at Heritage are for all of District 4 and any members from all other districts in IOTFA. Y'all come out and join us, Ya hear??

See you at Hoots!

—Darlene Burr

District 7

Small group keeps on entertaining

We have gotten most all our plays for the past few months. We don't have very many players, but we are sure glad to see those that do show up. Our regulars are Georgia on the fiddle, Lucille on the piano, Woody, Wanda and Manuel on the guitar. Kathleen and Jeannie are there as our support also.

We were lucky at our play at Aberdeen Senior Center, Dick and Sondra Sanders came to play with us, thank you. Bob McKee and Roy McKee have been able to come out and join us while Wanda was sick with bronchitis, they were greatly needed, thank you.

October schedule:

First Wednesday - Hillcrest Haven-2 p.m.

First Thursday - Highland Hills, 2 p.m.

Second Tuesday - Aberdeen Senior Center, 11:30 a.m., lunch.

Third Monday - Ridge Wind, 2 p.m.

Fourth Monday - Quail Ridge, 2 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday - Veterans, 3 p.m.

Fifth Monday - Cottonwood Cove, 2 p.m.

We hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall that we are having. God bless ya all.

—W.R.

District honors two dear members

We, the members of District #6A would like to honor two of our dear members that have contributed so much to our association.

First, Dolly Daniels began her career playing in a dance band at the ripe old age of 12, and also appeared with her brother on the radio.

She has crafted violas and fiddles since the mid 1930s and has won many awards for her work.

At the age of 90, she still has 24 students of old time fiddle music. She has forgotten how many students she has had over the years.

She was co-chairman of District 6 for many years and has placed well and won in many contests. She continues to play and has a great enthusiasm for her craft.



Dolly Daniels



Loren Perkins

Next is Loren Perkins. He started playing a fiddle when he joined the Old Time Fiddlers in Challis, Idaho, with Denzel Marker. He later moved to Gooding, Idaho, then played with Sam and Dolly Daniels and Archie Turner. He has been a member for over 30 years. He says the Old Time Fiddlers HAS been great.

Now for a note from Delores Koonce:

The majority of the members of District #6 were disappointed that our petition for not dividing our district was not even mentioned by the board at the state meeting. We don't understand how a handful of disgruntled members can persuade the state leadership into destroying what was a great district.

Sincerely, Delores Koonce.

This is my last epistle to this paper. The North side of District No. 6 has been under seige for quite awhile and I'm sending in my membership card and quitting any association I may have with the Idaho Old Time

Fiddlers. Not of District No. 6 mind you, but I can no longer have anything to do with an organization which has strayed so far from the ideals and principles with which the founders organized it. The IOTF was founded to promote and foster old time fiddle music, entertain people who enjoy it, and enable new fiddlers in learning the skills associated with it. The organization has become a vehicle for a select group to govern the rest of the state by coercion and tyranny. I and many others will not stand for giving of our time, talents, money, and loyalty to something which has been corrupted out of recognition.

—Elnore Butler

Attention: All District Chairmen

Please bring scrapbook pages to the Hoots Fall Meeting

June Worthington



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District 9

Unique milk can dinner enjoyed

Busy, busy month.

We started the month with our regularly scheduled playing dates but soon advanced to the Latah County Fair and followed one week later by the IOTFA state convention. Things were moving right along there for a while. Our stage time was extended at the fair due to some cancellations of other groups.

This wasn't all bad as it gave us a good opportunity to show off our new club vests. Doreen Steenberg, a friend of the fiddlers in Moscow, offered to handle the financial end of getting new club vests for all of our members. Many thanks to Daphne Silha for coordinating the effort, Karen Rivera for sewing and Donna Buzga for the embroidery work. The vests look great with our normal black and white attire.

The "Roundup of Fiddlers" went off very well from our point of view. We started on Thursday with the decorations and getting the sound system set up. Then Friday was the afternoon fiddle show and the evening was finished out with groups from six districts playing and people dancing. Following the Saturday meetings about 90 people enjoyed a unique dinner put on by the ladies of the Mormon Church. It was a milk can dinner which meant just that. All the potatoes, carrots, sausage, ham, cabbage, onions etc., were layered in to 10 gallon milk cans and cooked over propane burners. Then it was served in a long trough, clean thou never used by pigs, and you served yourself and topped it off with corn on the cob, salad and dessert. During dinner the Junior Jammers from Potlatch played followed by the drawing of door prizes assembled by Lou Stevens. After dinner, we moved to the hall next door to be entertained by the Palouse Promenaders Square and Round Dance Club from Moscow who danced to music played by a group led by Mabel Vogt. People were talking about the wonderful food that came out of Amy Hetrick's "Little Kitchen on the Palouse". From District 9, "THANK YOU" to everyone that came to make the convention a success.

We have a few more playing dates to finish out the month which includes the grand opening of the Dahmen Barn in Uniontown, Washington. The unique barn is surrounded by a fence made of old steel wheels and now inside features art galleries and several studios for craftsmen and artists. There have been several write ups and pictures in numerous travel magazines.

Skip and Carol Frink have agreed to serve again as our chairs but after many years as reporter, Lou Stevens has decided to take a rest from writing. Guess you will be stuck with me for a while.

—Gary Bloomfield

District excited about new status

Hello everyone! Due to the majority vote of the IOTFA Board of Directors and members at our annual meeting in Moscow, we are excited and proud to begin our new status as IOTFA District 6B.

Thank you District 9 for the great job you did in organizing the convention and making it such a success!

IOTFA President Jerry Eastman, has appointed Kathy Trenkle to be the new chairperson for District 6B. The first meeting will be held on October 12 at 6 p.m. at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center. Jam at 6 p.m. and the general meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. At this time there will be discussions regarding future dates, times and places for the monthly meetings; upcoming performances, the promotion of old time fiddle music, encouragement of participation, membership and the promotion and encouragement to our young musicians. The first meeting will no doubt be lengthy, but time permitting, we hope to jam afterwards.

We will continue to enjoy playing our monthly engagements at Heritage, Sunbridge, Woodstone, Bridgeview, Capparal, Alterra and the Twin Falls

Care Center. We extend a welcome to anyone that may be visiting the area to join us and there is always a jam session in the wings, just give Kathy Trenkle a call at 735-1580.

Be sure to watch next month's issue as we will have positive news to share.

—Mary Lee Huntington

District 12

Fun time had at State Convention

First, thank you Carol and Skip and all of District 9, for the great convention. All of us who were able to attend from District 12 had a wonderful time. It was all very unique and something we will remember for a very long time. Seeing so many of our fiddling friends is always special and the "heart stopping" music is always fun.

At the show on Friday, there was a lady that suffered a heart attack; and the quick thinking of some of our members quite literally saved her life. Katie Bonn, Margie Collins and Betty Gull responded to her distress and performed CPR until the paramedics took over. If I ever run into such trouble, I hope the three of you are close at hand. Last word we had from the victim's family, on Saturday evening, she was

in the hospital and doing well on her own.

On September 10, we played for the Lutheran congregation picnic held at the city park. The players, as well as the audience, had a good time. There were some tears shed due to the music, but they were tears of joy!

We want to welcome Lisa Jensen as an active member to District 12. Lisa is a talented musician, with a sweet, compatible nature and she will surely be a great asset to the group.

Our calendar for October is as follows:

October 5 - Discovery Care at 7 p.m.; Legion Hall, 8 p.m.

October 7 - at Olson's Pond at 2 p.m., for the Land Trust meeting.

October 12 - Senior Citizens room at 7:30 p.m.

October 14 - the Northfork fire station at 4 p.m. for their fund-raiser and auction.

October 19 - the VFW hall at 7:30 p.m.

October 26 - Legion Hall at 7 p.m. for the monthly potluck, business meeting and jam.

October 27, 28 at Hoots for the fall board meeting and another wonderful time.

Thanks again to our great friends from District 9 and we are looking forward to seeing you all at Hoots!

—Rosalie Hawley.

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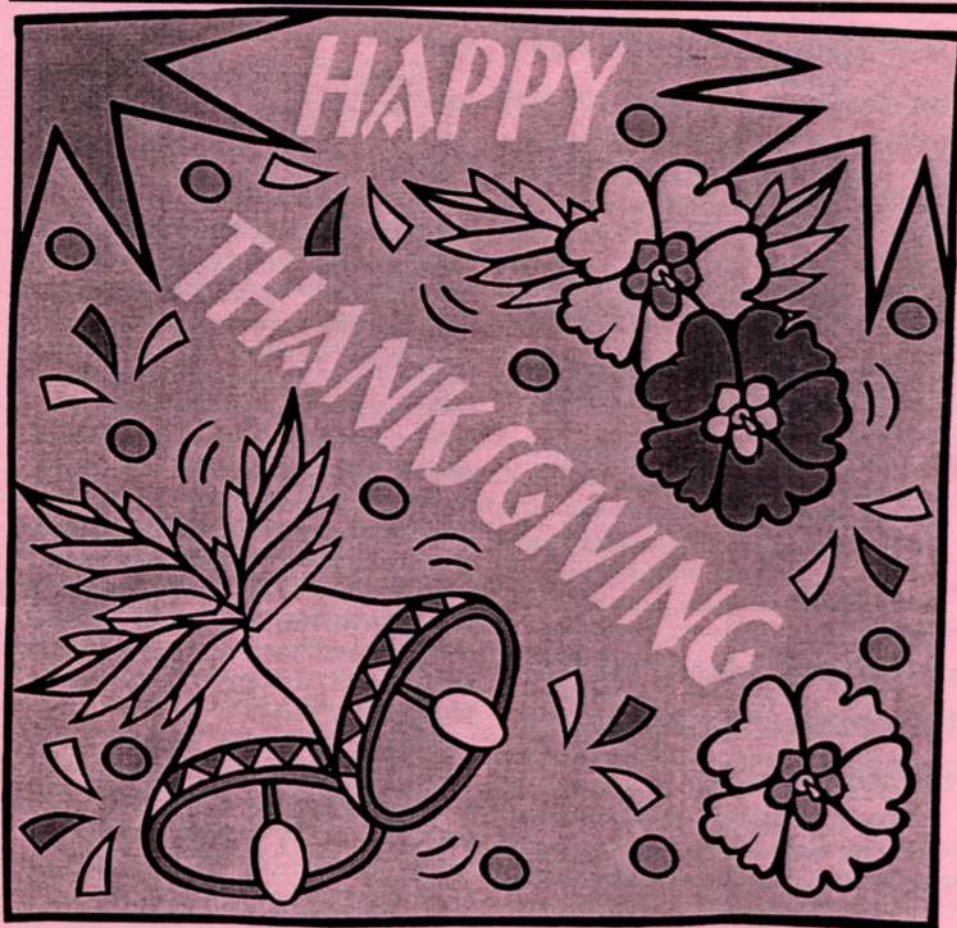


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District 12

Dedicated fiddlers wade through mud and cow 'tracks' to play at Olson's Pond

Halloween is behind us. Get ready for the turkeys.

October was a good month. Other than our regular plays, we had two special ones. One was playing for the Land Trust meeting, held at Olson's Pond on Oct. 7. The weather was not very cooperative. The wind blew, it rained, and it was cold. We were able to stand under a canopy and did manage to fiddle for a while. The crowd liked it and everyone appeared to be happy. Five of our members had just

played for a wedding and stopped at the pond directly afterward. That was a bit tragic and a bit comical; wading through the cow "tracks" and the mud in heels and other finery. What we won't do to fiddle around!

The other play was at the North Fork fire house, for their annual fund-raiser, pancake supper and auction. It was fun. The crowd there is always so fun and so appreciative of our music. And guess who won the raffle of a handmade quilt and pillow shams? Yup, it

was our own Lucky Katie!

Our weekend at Hoot's was great. We didn't see all of the friends we would have liked to see, but we did see a lot of them and enjoyed it so much. Hooty really treats us well and we are so thankful. Hooty, if you happen to see this, please know how much you are appreciated. The board meeting went well and was very positive. With every meeting we attend, our admiration for President Jerry just grows and grows. His is not an easy job!

Our calendar for November remains rather slim, and is as follows:

Nov. 2 - Discovery Care at 7 p.m., American Legion at 8 p.m.

Nov. 9 - The Senior Citizens at 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 16 - The VFW at 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 23 is Thanksgiving so we skip to Nov. 30 at the Legion Hall at 7 p.m. for our monthly potluck, business meeting and jam.

We will also be playing for the Leadore LDS Ward Christmas party on Dec. 1 in Leadore and an Evening of Remembrance on Dec. 9, I think at the Presbyterian Center.

Some of the things we will be thankful for on this holiday are the great music and great friends.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



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District 4

Great time was enjoyed at Hoot's

Here it is November already. Hope you all had a fun and safe Halloween! Pretty soon Thanksgiving and Christmas, my, how time does fly.

It was reported that a great time was had in White Bird. Our group was represented by Joy Halliwell, Carol Cornwell, and Mildred Steiner (who made it there and back with no mishaps this time!)

We have a banjo picker who seems interested in joining us. He would be a great addition to our group.

It was good to hear from Theresa Long of Weiser, a fiddle player, who reported doing some better after her back surgery. Hope she can come and join our plays one day.

A lot of our players are out hunting and some more are going so our plays will be a little light for a while, but we'll keep on pickin'.

Our plays for November and part of December are as follows:

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Nov. 2 - District 5 meeting.
Nov. 7 - Heritage Place, 5:30 meeting
and 6:30 jamming.

Nov. 9 - Apple Valley - 3:30.
Nov. 16 - Serenity - 3:30.
Nov 30 - Emmett Rehab - 3:30.
Dec. 5 - Heritage Place - 5:30 meet-
ing and 6:30 jamming.

Dec. 7 - District 5 meeting in Meridian, 5 p.m.

There will be another newsletter out by that time for the rest of December plays.

We want to wish each and all a very Happy Thanksgiving with family, friends and FOOD!

Be thankful we live in the Great U.S.A. God Bless America.

See you next time.

-Darlene Burr

District 5

Members honored for their help to perpetuate fiddle music

We have 11 dedicated members who are willing and able to run up and down, back and forth across this State for another opportunity to get into the greatest of all fiddle jams at Hoots. It is a test of courage to discover that we can still get on the dance floor. Mary and Marion Moore from Eagle are two incredible old time players who made the trip to Hoots and brought their treasury of fiddle tunes.

District 5 has had no down time in October. In addition to all the regular plays, 11 members traveled to Horse-shoe Bend for the last jam session this year. Eight of us played at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Boise where we were treated to lunch. Their pastor offered us the church's incredible sound system. Neve sang and yodeled "God Put a Yodel In My Heart."

Our Co-chair Patty Ramage, received a thank you note from Summerwind, thanking us for the music and

sending a nice donation. Co-chair Bonnie Longstreth received a thank you note from Wilson Retirement Living Center appreciating and always looking forward to the Old Time Fiddle tunes.

There are members in our District who have put out enormous efforts to bring in new members and help them get started. We want to thank Pat Ramage for her efforts to give encouragement and confidence to new fiddle players. She has offered her home and her time for extra music practice sessions.

We want to acknowledge Don Olson who has mentored Tim Gamage for two years through the Fiddles Forever Program.

We are proud of Darrel Barnard who not only brings a repertory of older tunes but helps us to learn them as well. We nominated him for Rookie of the Year from our District.

We also nominated Velma Benedict for the Elray Woerman Award. She is multi-talented, a professional entertainer and a person who writes music, dances among and visits with people we have come to play for, always beautiful and exciting. When she comes to play, we know we are looking good.

And a big thanks to Kathy Flaten who is gracious to send out get well cards, sympathy cards and keeps in touch with members who can no longer come out.

We want to mention some of the fun stuff going on. We are going to have a Christmas dinner at our next meeting Dec. 7. The District will buy the turkey and the rest will be potluck. Several members have offered to cook the turkey and the rest bring food to match.

Marion Baird has made a quilt I could die for. She has donated it to District 5 for a raffle. So when you come to the Christmas dinner, buy some tickets from her.

The fiddle players will meet at Betty Gulls at 1 p.m. on Nov. 16 for a practice. Bring any Christmas songs you want played in December.

Jack Nolan is back with us so we all need to get ready for Beer Barrel Polka, Irish Washerwoman, and 12th St. Rag.

Rex Kite over in Mountain Home and Lyle and Owen are going to play at the American Legion Hall on Veteran's Day.

That's all.

-Ava L.

Cross country team from Bear Lake adds to the festivities at Hoot's

We are back home from the fall meeting at Hoot's. What fun with all the great jamming. Friday evening saw at least 30 members in the circle and Saturday night the same with the music lasting until 2:30 a.m. The cross country track team from Bear Lake provided a memorable experience for all of us when they stopped by for a break at Hoot's. They showed an interest in the music and dancing and when members approached and asked if they would like to dance they were very enthusiastic and joined in. The kids headed for the bus and we asked the coach if they could stay a little longer, he huddled with the bus driver and they all marched back in and filled the dance floor for a few more tunes, the coach and bus driver too! For an ending to the fun three of the boys gave a rendition of their school song along with a little dance routine.

Nov. 2 we had our regular meeting at the Senior Citizens Center in Twin Falls. Joe and Alice Dusza from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, were guests and danced the night away as the members jammed.

There is no regular meeting scheduled for December as we will meet Dec. 10 for our Christmas party at the Golden Corral at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and jam and each person will pay for their own meal.

We have set the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. to have our meetings. You can contact Kathy at 735-1580 or Mary Lee at 543-6253 for the location and everyone is welcome.

The first person to pay dues for District 6B was Maxine Eldredge from Peoria, Ariz. Maxine was raised in Shoshone. She plays guitar, standup

bass, fiddle and sings. We look forward to her visits to Idaho to play with us.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and Happy Fiddling!

—Mary Lee Huntington

District 9

Traveling was enjoyed by many in October

October was a month of travel for many of our members. Traveling with the Bank of Whitman Heritage Club was Herb and Marilyn Jeffers, Dave and Trish Bezdicek, Marge and Ray Nelson and Gary and Karen Bloomfield. They all went on a "Leaf Peeper" tour of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine. They reported good weather and beautiful colors along with great travel companions. Gary and Karen then rested for three days before hopping on another plane for Burbank, Calif., to visit family for a long weekend.

Lou Stevens flew to Sedalia, Mo., for her 64th high school reunion. She said that they had 32 class members in attendance and had a great time.

As I am writing, Dave and Trish are in Minnesota for a family visit. Clarence Howard had the pleasure of going to Athol, Idaho, to a birthday party for his brother who will turn 90 this winter. To make travel easier, the party was held a bit early.

Skip and Carol just returned from the meeting at Hoots and reported that fun was had by all.

Thanks to those that filled in for all of our playing dates while we had so many traveling.

Our District received a very nice thank you card from the lady that had the medical emergency on Friday of the convention in Moscow. In her words "Thank God for the fiddlers, they were there when I needed them to save my life." She is home now and getting stronger every day.

Even with so many traveling, the open house at the Dahman Barn Art Center in Uniontown, Wash., was attended by 17 players to entertain for a good drop-in crowd on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 30.

All of our other regular playing dates went off well and were enjoyed by those that can't get out and go to things as they would like to.

I remember Elray Woerman always told me when I first started fiddling. "When your brain no longer has to tell your fingers what to do, you can play a fiddle."

—Gary Bloomfield

District 8

Snowbirds on the move but lots of f-u-n is being planned

Hi, all, from District 8 down in Snowland.

So sorry to have not given you our news last month...a busy work schedule and an extracted wisdom tooth kind of handicapped this reporter.

The Fiddlers have been having f-u-n, as usual...There was a large group at our Jam at Leo's on the second of October...26, 27, as I recall. I'm afraid this month's, on the 6th, will not be so full, darn it. All of our Snowbirds are starting to head South. The Chaffees left this past week, the Alberts will soon be leaving, as well as Ron Bate, but the Saunders will wait until after Christmas—barely! I think Roy, the Banjo man and a few others, also vanish when the temperatures begin to drop.

District 8 has REALLY had its share of cold weather. It is promised to warm up next week, but we will be warm wherever we are playing. We have audiences that just love to see us come. Seems we have been staying and playing for more like 90 minutes or more at our plays, instead of just one hour.

There was only one extra play in October, and this month, so far, we only have the "Festival of Trees," on Thursday, the 16th in the evening, at the Shilo Inn, (our home of the State Convention last year.) That is just a 30-minute spot, but the crowd is always receptive, and we crowd in a lot of Christmas music in that short time.

By the time the next letter is written, we will all have stuffed our turkeys and then been stuffed. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and be careful in the cold and snow!

Happy playing!

—Gail



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District 7

Big thanks extended to Dick and Sonya

All of our plays were completed this month.

Our schedule for November:

Hill - first Wednesday at 2 p.m.

High - first Thursday at 2 p.m.

Aberdeen - second Tuesday from 11 a.m. to lunch.

Ridge - third Monday at 2 p.m.

Vets - fourth Wednesday at 3 p.m.

We have really enjoyed the help we have received from Dick and Sonya Sanders.

We will be taking the month of December off. Pocatello schools and choirs and little kids dance groups all play for the places we play each month, so they will have a lot of entertainment.

We wish everyone a happy holiday season, God bless everyone.

-WR

District 1A

Busy group enjoys playing at events

District 1A is still surviving, even though we elected the same officers for one more year. We continue our monthly Jam sessions altering between Bonner and Boundary County and meet any other invitations we receive. As busy as everyone is, there is always enough show up to make a great sounding group. I don't believe you can ask for more.

Playing for our October Jam in Bonners Ferry were the following: Janet Sapp, Mickey Jacobson, a visitor from Oregon, also an aunt to the Smith Brothers in southern Idaho, Katherine Allen, Ruth Hoglan, Sonja and Jim McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson, Cindy Paulsgrove (a new member), from Priest River, Joann Erickson, Brad Smith and Doris Howard. Although our attendance was small, we received many compliments on what a great time they had.

At the E.C.F. Wing in October the following played: Janet Sapp, Eleanor Erickson, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan and Doris Howard.

We are happy to tell you we have Lorna Lounsbury back in Sandpoint for the winter, and really welcome her back to our playing commitments.

Attending the meeting at Hoots will be Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan and Doris Howard.

I can now tell you, please begin sending or giving me your 2007 dues. I need them before Dec. 31, so you won't miss any State Fiddler papers. Remember, family dues are now \$25, single memberships are \$15 and if life members want the monthly paper, they need to send me \$10.

In closing I wish to remind you, a really good friend is someone who lets you be yourself...and still likes you in spite of it.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving from all of us in District 1A.

-Doris Howard

District 6

District to challenge decision of split

It was no surprise to us here in District 6 that things went the way they did at the State Convention concerning the splitting of District 6, but we thought we would try anyway.

After hearing the report, we, the members of District 6 voted to challenge the decision made by the state board and membership. To date, we have had no response. We feel that since this split was not done legally or lawfully according to the by-laws, that we will not recognize or abide by this decision.

Sincerely, representing District 6.

District 2

Fiddlers enjoy teaching dance steps to Bear Lake runners

The Fall IOTFA State Jam and Show at Hoot's is once more behind us and although the group was smaller than last year, the gathering again provided lots of jamming into the late hours.

We had a nice surprise while District Two was on stage playing for the dance Saturday evening at Hoot's. A bus load of high school students from Bear Lake stopped at Hoot's for a break and they checked out our music. In no time at all, our IOTFA dancers split up and took the bus driver and the students out on the dance floor with them, filling the entire dance floor. By the time we finished playing, these kids had been well introduced to old time dancing, and soon many were doing it on their own. It was great to see how

much fun these kids had learning to dance to old time waltzes and polkas, and special thanks are due to all the IOTFA folks who took the time to teach it to these young people.

A get-together for District Two is set for Saturday, Nov. 25 from 1-5 p.m. at the Grangeville Senior Center, to play music (both for ourselves and those who like to listen to us). For this gathering, I would like each player to think of some of their favorite family fiddle tunes to play, so that the others can learn them and keep the music alive. This get-together will also give us a chance to brush up on some Christmas music.

Coming up after the holidays, we will be setting a date in late January for our District Cabin Fever party. And, as we did last year, we are also going to be putting together a fiddle workshop day in mid to late February, to be held in Riggins. Last year's session was the first time we had tried doing a workshop, and it turned out well with more attendance than we expected. This year we would like to take it a little further, with working sessions for both fiddle players and accompanists. I would welcome suggestions for tunes to work on.

-GMS

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District 6B

Sadie Kirk honored for her 25 plus years of membership and service

We are pleased to welcome Bill Morse as our newest member. Chairman Kathy calls Bill our "Diamond in the Rough"! Bill is an accomplished guitarist, both in backup and lead situations.

Sadie Kirk was honored on December 2nd. Kathy presented her with a plaque which recognized her for over 25 years of membership and service to the IOTFA. We enjoy her upbeat personality, smiling face and dedication in accompanying our fiddlers.

We also celebrated birthdays for the

month of December, Mary Lee on the 4th, Jenny on the 6th and Bill on the 8th. No report of ages! There were also two birthdays in the audience so "Happy Birthday" was played for "Rose" and "Tom" during the evening.

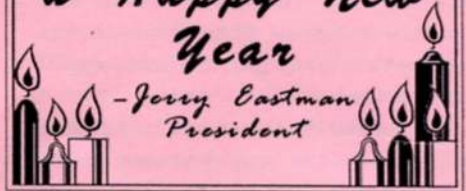
Christmas tunes are in the air as we play all the nursing homes and engagements for this month. Merry Christmas to all and ring in the New Year with fiddle tunes.

Bye, bye to the Snowbirds, see you in the spring!

-Mary Lee Huntington

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

*Wishing
Everyone a
Merry
Christmas
and
a Happy New
Year*



*-Jerry Eastman
President*



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Jan. 27 - District 2 Cabin Fever Fiddle Party, Hoot's Cafe at White Bird, 10 a.m. PST.

Jan. 27 - District 12 Cabin Fever Party, 1 p.m.

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District 9

Picture perfect winter scene enjoyed in Northern Idaho

A bit like winter:

If you like winter, we have had some beautiful days with the snow and cold fog. All the trees are postcard perfect this morning. Along with the beauty comes the fun of driving which has made a few of our playing groups a bit smaller than usual.

We started the month at Clark House in Moscow with only four musicians. Then we added an extra gig at Ridgepoint Retirement center in Pullman. We are invited to play there about twice a year and we always have a large group of players with lots of snacks to share after we play.

Later in the month we made it to Bishop Place in Pullman, Good Sam in Moscow, Avalon Care Center in Pullman and the same day Pullman Senior

lunch. Back to Moscow the next day for the Gritman Adult Day Care and finishing out the month with Latah Care Center, Aspen Park CC, Kendrick and Moscow senior lunches. All of these plus two jam meetings made for a very busy month but made for lots of smiles on both sides of the microphone.

One bit of travel that I forgot to include last month was for Daphne Silha, our treasurer. You all know Daphne if you were at the convention in Moscow. She is the one that spent all of her time at the registration desk. She flew to Phoenix, Arizona, to attend a hands-on sewing clinic and then on to Austin, Texas, to visit her granddaughter and two great-granddaughters. No grass grows under Daphne's feet as she is always busy.

With the Christmas season fast approaching, we are looking forward to our annual potluck and a chance to play the Christmas tunes that bring back so many memories, both glad and sad, for all the people that we play for as well as our members.

From all of us in District 9, we wish you the best of a holiday season and look forward to the start of a new year.

—Gary Bloomfield

District 4

District enjoying holiday season

The holiday season has begun! Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Eating too much was my problem but everything was sooo good!

We had some unseasonably warm weather for November, even for Emmett,

but it looks like Old Man Winter is here to stay. But hopefully, if it's going to be nasty, then give us a white Christmas this year (please).

Our hunters have returned some with good luck and some not, but now we can get back to the job at hand here and have our full compliment of musicians again. Sorry for the ones who came home empty-handed.

We lost a staunch fan (the mother of the Spicer brothers, Johnny and Lonnie) when Ruby Spicer passed away last month. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to them and their families. Ruby will be greatly missed.

Joy's granddaughter, Amy Castle, underwent oral surgery to correct a jaw problem on Nov 16. All went well and she is recovering nicely.

Dues for 2007 are due and need to be sent to our chairperson, Joy Halliwell, 720 Freedom Lane, Emmett, Idaho 83617. Her phone number is (208) 398-8125 if there are any questions.

There may be extra plays this month for Christmas, but none confirmed yet. So our plays are:

Dec. 5 - Heritage, 5:30 meeting, 6:30 play.

Dec. 7 - District 5 meeting, potluck and jam 5 o'clock at Meridian.

Dec. 14 - Apple Valley at 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 21 - Serenity at 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 28 - Sunbridge at 3:30.

The first part of January.

Jan. 2 - Heritage at 5:30 meeting, 6:30 play.

Jan. 4 - District 5 in Meridian.

Jan. 11 - Apple Valley.

Jan. 18 - Serenity.

And so it goes, another year nearly gone with hope and prayers for better days ahead.

We, from District 4 wish each and every one a wonderful joy filled Christmas and the very best for New Year 2007.

Happy Fiddlin' and will see you next year!

—Darlene Burr

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Obituaries

Robert R. Leachman

District Two has lost one of its oldest and longest-serving fiddle players, Bob Leachman at the age of 97.

Robert Roscoe Leachman was born December 26, 1908, to Frank and Annie Roscoe Leachman of Sweetwater, Idaho. He married Anna May Kole on January 30, 1930. Anna passed away February 1, 1991 in Sandpoint, where they resided after Robert retired from Potlatch Corporation.

He played fiddle for dances in Morrowtown, Woodside, Forest, and all over the Winchester area. He also played at the Lewiston and Sandpoint Eagle Lodges. He played at the Somerville Home and Orchards Nursing Home before the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association was organized. He was a member of the Prairie Old Time Fiddlers and the Lewiston District of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers and served as Chairman of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers in Sandpoint.

Robert is survived by his children, Robert L. Leachman and wife Edna Fae of St. Maries and Chandler, Ariz., Joetta Pfeiffer of Mission Creek near Culdesac, and Darlene Williams and husband John of Lewiston, and his many grandchildren, step-grandchildren and great-grand-children.

He was preceded in death by his wife, three grandsons, all of his brothers and sisters, and two sons-in-law.

A celebration of Robert's life will take place at a later date.



Copy Deadline

Copy Deadline for the January Issue of The Idaho Fiddler is January 5, 2007

All material **MUST** be in our hands by the above date to be included in the January issue.

District 12

New Year's Eve fun planned at the Bonn's

Christmas is almost here! Where, oh where, does the time go?

November was a very quiet month in this District. Other than our weekly plays, we had no others. However, on Dec. 1 we played for the LDS Christmas party in Leadore. The little ones in the audience helped us out with a variety of sheep bells. We had a very good time. And on Dec. 2 we played for the local festival of trees. There were many beautiful trees, and a few of the "Charlie Brown" variety, but we had a good crowd and a good time.

Our calendar for the rest of December is as follows:

Dec. 7 - Discovery Care at 7 p.m. and the American Legion at 8 p.m.

Dec. 9 - The Jones and Casey Funeral Home at 4 p.m., for their Evening of Remembrance.

Dec. 14 - The Carmen Grange at 7 p.m. for the Grange Christmas Party. Following that, we will go to the Morton residence, on up the creek.

Dec. 21 - we will be at the VFW Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 28 - We will be at the Legion Hall for our monthly potluck, business meeting and jam, starting at 7 p.m.

On Dec. 31 we will be at the Bonn's home for a New Year's Eve Party, beginning at 6 p.m. The meat will be furnished, the rest will be potluck. And bring your own beverage. Any and all are welcome to come join in. There will be sleeping spots for those who want to make a night of it, with brunch on New Year's Day.

District 12 is having their first Cabin Fever Party on Jan. 27. The District will furnish the meat, the rest will be potluck. We will start with dinner at 1 p.m., break again for supper around 6 p.m., and play music into the night time hours. Hope you can join us.

We wish you many special blessings, from all of us in District 12.

-Rosalie Hawley

District 2

Cabin Fever fiddle party set for Jan. 27

First, a note to all that Bob Leachman, District Two's oldest fiddler, has passed away at the age of 97. A lifelong native, Bob was one of the IOTFA's longest-serving fiddle players.

Saturday, November 25, District Two members gathered for the afternoon at the Grangeville Senior Center to visit and jam together. The turnout was very good and we had a nice jam session; we also took the opportunity to run through some Christmas tunes that only get played once a year.

District Two's players provided music for the annual Festival Of Trees fund-raiser in Grangeville, which benefits the Grangeville Hospital. Our District has provided Christmas music for this event for several years now and playing for this event is becoming somewhat of a tradition for us.

The District Two Cabin Fever Fiddle Party is set for Saturday, January 27, at Hoot's Café at White Bird. This is set to begin around 10 a.m. PST and a buffet dinner is to be served at noon, with a fiddle show and jamming to follow in the afternoon.

Last year we held a fiddle workshop in Riggins in February to help some of our newer players learn more of the fiddle tunes that we play. We ended up having more people attending than we expected and found that these folks really wanted to learn. Because old time music is no longer mainstream in our culture, the rotational performance formats we have traditionally done as an organization for dances and entertainment do not seem to serve the learning needs of these newer fiddle players, and doesn't seem to provide the transfer of the music and playing skills that are vital to our organization's future. Thus, we are going to hold another workshop this coming February in Riggins. As before, we intend that our fiddle workshops must also serve to help accompanists learn the distinctive chord patterns that are intrinsic to the traditional fiddle tunes. I hope to have the date and place and details in the next newsletter.

-GMS

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Fun jam, holiday party enjoyed

Hi Fiddlers!

Wow! December 7, already! Being Pearl Harbor Day, it's a good day to remember our wonderful Vet's, many of whom are our friends and members of IOTFA.

We had a fun JAM/Christmas/Year-End Party Monday, Dec. 4, at "Leo's Place." We had 23 members there, a lot of pizza, beverages, dessert and 11 spectators, with even more wanting to spectate, but we were in a small room due to birthday parties taking other rooms, so it was FULL! Starting at 5:30, we had time for a good visit, and jammed until after 9 p.m.

One thing that's been on my mind for months! Is...I've wanted to list birthdates of our wonderful members, but oftentimes, I don't have my list with me when I do the monthly letter. AND, I am sure I don't have ALL the birthdays, yet...BUT, we missed mentioning Dick Saunders, Nov. 11. And December has many birthdays, (those I have), Dec. 4, was Harold Sorensen's, the 10th will be our Banjo Man, Charlie Lahm's, and on Christmas Day is the lovely vocalist, LuDene Parsons!

Last evening, Dec. 6, the group did their regular play at the Gables Retirement Center. The rest of the month, includes five more regular plays, and nothing extra...yet!

It has been clear and cold here in District 8, with just a skiff of snow. Soon, the Hectic Holidays will be behind us, and we can settle in for the quiet winter months, and get back to our normal entertaining the folks at the various "homes" we visit. Hopefully, we can continue to bring cheer to them until Spring arrives.

District 8 members wish all of you a wonderful, Merry Christmas, and better-than-ever New Year. Until 2007!

-Gail

Velma plays her cherry pie maker to the delight of everyone

November really set the stage for the fall and winter songs. Patty and Darrel put on a good show with Turkey In The Straw. This song always delights our audience and our players as well.

We had two practices at Bettys.

We were invited to a special play at Valley View Assisted Living in Boise. The audience there had a good time singing along, tapping and clapping. This made us all have a good day. They want us back in December.

Then we played at Heatherwood. Velma wore a country hat and gingham dress and played her cherry pie maker to everybody's delight. Our audiences always enjoy Boil The Cabbage Down, played by Gayle. We all can dig into this one.

Rex Kite and Owen Montrose are playing with their church band. They have been jamming with friends. Rex played with another group at the American Legion for their Fish Fry on Nov. 25. They are planning to play at the Elks on Dec. 31st for a retirement party.

Christmas is slipping right in there so our songs have taken a sudden turn in keeping up with the season. It is great to play the carols again and hopefully set the tone for the days ahead.

In addition to our regular plays we are looking forward, on Dec. 15, to again play at Valley View at 2 p.m.

On Dec. 20 we will play at Paramount Alzheimers at 2 p.m.

On Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. there will be a fiddle practice at Darrel's at 2109 No. 8th St. in Boise and a general practice at Darrel's house on Dec. 29 at 1 p.m.

Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. we are to play at Paramount Assisted Living.

Jan. 18, play at 2:30 p.m. at Sunbridge in Meridian.

Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. there will be a fiddle practice at Darrel's.

Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. there will be a general practice at Darrel's.

Coming right up on Dec. 7 is our annual Christmas party where the fun begins with jamming, eating, BUYING RAFFLE TICKETS ON MARION'S QUILT.

Stay well, make new fiddle friends, learn new songs.

-Ava Lutteman

Large attendance enjoys October jam

I'm sorry I missed the November paper. I was sure I'd written and sent in a short item. But I guess I didn't.

Janet Sapp and Doris Howard did attend the meeting at Hoots the end of October. It was the smallest attendance I remember of us ever having since I have been attending. We accomplished some and held a whole lot of jamming.

"Hootie" did a great job with our Saturday night meal, as always. Thanks "Hootie" and crew.

Our District had an attendance of over 50 at our October jam at Western Pleasure. We had 10 musicians: Lee Jackson, Earl Stephens, Ruth Hoglan, Cindy Paulsgrove, Brad Smith, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Roley Schoonover, Barbara Rhodes and Doris Howard.

Those playing for the E.C.F. Wing of Boundary County Hospital were: Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson, Earl Stephens and Doris Howard.

Those playing for the Historical Association on Nov. 28 were: Doris Howard, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens, Janet Sapp, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Eleanor Erickson and Barry Coleman. This is about the fourth year in a row they have requested we play. It's a great bunch to play for.

We will play for the Senior Tea given by the Festival of Trees on Dec. 8. Will let you know next time who all showed up to play.

So far we have 16 paid for the 2007 hear. Hopefully the rest will pay before the end of December.

In closing, remember, "We need old friends to help us grow old, and new friends to help us stay young."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone from us up North.

-Doris Howard

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