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## District 2

### Cabin Fever Party at Hoot's featured fun and a great turnout

We had a nice turnout for the Cabin Fever Fiddle Party at Hoot's January 27th, and I think that Hoot was pleasantly surprised at the number of people that showed up for our event and her buffet dinner. In addition to most of our District members, we had several players attending from our neighboring District in Moscow and from as far away as Pomeroy Washington.

Good weather and good roads helped bring folks in from a distance, and the New Meadows Seniors made the trip down and stayed for most of the day. We started jamming around 10 a.m., breaking for the dinner buffet, then put on a small show after the meal. Our session also attracted some old-time dancers who came to take advantage of the music. While most of our party concluded around 5 p.m., some of us stayed and jammed until much later. All in all, we were glad this year's Party went well.

Our upcoming Fiddle Workshop is set for 1 p.m. February 24 at the Riggins IOOF Hall (in back of the Chevron Station). Like last year, this is principally planned as a session for our fiddle players and our accompanists to take fiddle tunes and work on them, in a setting where they can stop and go back over tough parts with assistance from our older players. We especially want to encourage newer fiddle players and prospective accompanists to come and get ac-

quainted with our fiddlers and learn our fiddle tunes, and we also welcome those who just want to listen or would like to dance a little to our music. See ya there.

-GMS

## District 6B

### Snowbirds enjoying Fiddle Contests

I am reporting for Mary Lee who is basking in the sun in Arizona! She and Gary, Jenny and Ralph, and Bill Morse have gone to Arizona. By the way, have you heard about those talented Idaho Snowbirds?

On January 13-14, some of them competed in the Yuma fiddle contest. Katie took first and Gary took third in adult division; Katie and Gary took first in twin fiddling; Katie and Tom took first in the married couple division; and, Katie took second in grand champion. Lyle Powell took first in guitar accompanist! I heard those Arizona folks love IOTFA music!

Meanwhile, our quartet (Margie, Mary, Sadie, and I) are holding down the fort while the snowbirds are gone.

On January 20th we played in Buhl for Travis Miller's 96th birthday party. We are continuing our monthly schedule. Margie flew to sunny Arizona for six days to meet up with our Idaho friends at the Ajo Arizona fiddle contest on February 3-4.

At Ajo, Katie took first, Margie took fourth, and Gary took fifth in adult division; Gary took fourth and Margie took fifth in runner-up division; Katie took third in grand

champion; and Lyle Powell took second in fiddling age 80 and up and also took second in guitar accompanist. Way to go everyone!

On another note: I was born and raised in Shoshone. In the 1960s my grandmother took me to Mannie's Jamboree every summer. In my high school and adult years, several times Mannie invited me to sing and play guitar with them. In those days, thousands of people crammed the park to hear their favorite oldtime fiddle tunes! Now, later in my life, I am learning to fiddle, and I yearn to play those dear, sweet songs I heard (played by many of you) at Mannie's Jamboree, year to year.

As chairman of District 6B, I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to come to the Shoshone City Park on July 8 for an open air jam session reminiscent of Mannie Shaw and his Jamboree. It will be a day-long jam session starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m. or until your fingers ache! Please mark your calendars and plan to support our district in continuing this tradition!



April 13-14 - State Fiddler's Contest will be held in Iona, Idaho, in the City Building.



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District 9

## Senior Center and Care Centers taken care of

January started out with a good showing for Bishop Place in Pullman. Though the lobby was still decorated for Christmas, we moved on to the old-time songs. Due to a very stormy night at Clark House in Moscow on the 4th, a group of three entertained a most appreciative audience.

On Monday the 8th, we played first at the Avalon Care Center in Pullman and then down the hill to the Senior Lunch and after enjoyed a nice meal.

At Good Sam in Moscow on the 11th, we played in two areas so more residents could enjoy the music.

The meeting on the 14th was attended by about 14 members.

To our delight, we had a good

turnout of musicians and audience at Aspen Care in Moscow. Our long-time member, Alice Rieber, was able to come and join us that evening but not quite ready to fiddle yet.

Since Latah Care in Moscow has closed, Aspen seems to be operating at full capacity.

After the Moscow Senior Lunch on the 25th, our next gig was on the 31st for the Kendrick seniors. There we enjoyed a delicious ham dinner.

After almost a month of below freezing temperatures, we had hoped to see a few snowdrops or crocus' peeking out on the valley floor but no such luck. I guess we are just pushing the season for this year.

Our condolences go out to Willard and Barbara George for the loss of her mother. She was a resident at Aspen Park in Moscow for some time and always enjoyed our coming to play for them.

Now that they are retired, it sure is nice to have Dave Bezdicek and Tom Shotzko available for more of the daytime playing dates. Dave is spending a lot of time in

the shop on restoring one of his old John Deere tractors and I think Tom is counting the days until fishing season opens.

Most important, our thanks go to Skip and Carol for doing a great job as leaders again this year.

—Gary Bloomfield

District 7

## Fiddlers keep quiet during winter months

Our district has not played for two months, and, we will not be playing February.

Lucille Pattan had to have her foot operated on again. While she was recuperating from the surgery she got blood clots and they went into her lungs, she passed out and when she fell she hurt both knees and hit her face against a door jam which bruised her very badly. She has been in the hospital 12 days. She may be able to come home by the time this comes out in the Fiddler news. We are praying and hoping for her quick recovery.

—WR

*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*.

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## Obituaries

### Darlene (Peters) Burr

Darlene (Peters) Burr, 59, of Emmett passed away on January 10, 2007, peacefully in her sleep at home.

She was born on May 31, 1947 in Council to Evan (Pete) and Lillian Ford Peters. She was the youngest of two daughters.

Darlene was raised in Riggins and attended school there. She learned to play the rhythm guitar at age 13 and by age 14 became the youngest member of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. She accompanied many of the great "fiddlers", but especially enjoyed playing with family and friends at gatherings and jam sessions.

Darlene met and married Ralph (Roy) Burr in 1965 and moved to Bellevue. There, they had three children: Heather, Kyle and Dusti. They moved to Riggins and remained there until Heather graduated in 1988 and then moved to Klawock, Alaska. When Dusti returned to Riggins to graduate in 1993, they moved to Airway Heights, Wash., to be closer to family. They settled in Emmett in 2000.

Darlene is survived by her husband of 41 years, Roy; her daughters, Heather and Mickey Merrell of Valdosta, Georgia, and Dusti and David Jenkins of New Plymouth; her sister Beatrice and Bruce Shinkle of Lewiston; and uncle Melvin (Tex) and Dorothy Ford of Reedsport, Ore.; three nieces, five grandchil-

dren, many cousins and her other "kids" Frite, the cat and Patches, the dog.

She was preceded in death by her son, Kyle, her parents and grandparents.

Her wish to be cremated has been granted. A celebration of life will be held on or about her birthday, when she would have turned 60. The place and exact time to be set at a later date. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

#### District 4

### District saddened by the loss of reporter

By the time the newsletter got out last month, we lost our little Darlene Burr. Apparently she was having problems with her arteries in her neck. We enjoyed her so much. We have truly been in mourning for our little friend.

Which brings us to the fact that we need another reporter.

This month we are serving stew at our regular meeting. This has been a tradition since the Spicer brothers joined us. Only this year, the tracks made thin soup.

We have been enjoying having Ron and Marlene Moore with us. We were delighted when Marlene showed up with her fiddle at practice. Give her some time and she will show us all up. Good job, Marlene.

Our playing schedule has not changed.

First Tuesday - regular monthly meeting at Heritage Club House 5:30 p.m.

Second Thursday - 3:30 at Apple Valley.

Third Thursday - Serenity at 3:30.

Fourth Thursday - Sunbridge at 3:30.

When there are five Thursdays in a month, we play at Emmett Rehab at 3:30.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Hoots in May.

-ajoy

## Quilt featuring Fiddlers was a great fund-raiser

I didn't win the quilt. Marion Baird donated her handmade quilt as a fund-raiser for District 5. Charlotte Allen drew the lucky ticket. A great thanks to Marion Baird and congrats to Charlotte. The quilt had pictures of our different groups of players imprinted on the top. A real music tribute to our District.

The Boise day players were invited back to play at Sunbridge Assisted Living in Meridian in January. This was in addition to their regular six plays, two practice sessions and our regular monthly meeting.

Rex Kite over in Mountain Home played with a group for a funeral service. He is the only fiddle player there and has two great backups, Owen and Lyle.

February is looking good too. There will be two practice sessions at Betty's home on Feb. 15 for fiddlers and on Feb. 26 for all the players of the Boise day group. This is in addition to the plays that Darrell Barnard is scheduling for us.

Pat Ramage and Rena Lute have teamed together to offer a fiddle workshop for new songs. The first workshop will be at Pat's home. For more information about the cost, call Pat at 895-8775. This is a great opportunity for all fiddle players. A second workshop is scheduled for March 8.

Betty Gull is taking orders for IOTF name tags.

A reminder about the music jam and potluck at the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center on March 10 and again on April 14. This is the place to play songs we are working on.

We have been hit by sniffles, sore throats, bronchitis. Thank goodness Neve is back and in her best voice. Patty Roberts took time to have back surgery. As for yours truly. My sheep ranch is suffering from the full moon fallout.

-Ava Lutteman



### Copy Deadline

Copy Deadline for  
the March Issue of The  
Idaho Fiddler is  
March 5, 2007

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

## Young fiddlers add to monthly events

Rosalie is on vacation so I am the temporary reporter. My name is Kay Smith and have been fiddling since about 2000 when I inherited a fiddle and had the wonderful opportunity to learn in beginners' jams with Diane and Scott Spaeth. Diane got her start playing with Kathryn Bonn and Ed Jenkins. Diane grew up with fiddle music along with her sister Susan Stout who plays guitar. Susan's first guitar was a promotion from Spiegel catalog. If you ordered "an ugly pink black and white TV," you got a free guitar. It is still being played by a nephew. Their dad C.L. Gilpin practiced the old tunes while the children grew up. He built fiddles, guitars and mandolins. Diane and Susan received their homemade instruments with the stipulation that they learn with the Old Time Fiddlers. Son-in-law Scott builds instruments and has Salmon's only music store "Oh Fiddle Sticks" inside Diane's Floral Plaza. Scott and Diane volunteer their evenings and give so much to our fiddling group.

January 2007 was back to normal for our group, having a few visiting players. On Jan. 3 there were 18 of us at Discovery Care Centre, including two of Diane's young fiddlers - fourth graders Emily Fogle and Wyatt Eichner, and then on to the Legion Hall.

Jan. 11 saw us at the Senior Citizens Center with 10 present including Jerry's three young grandchildren from Stafford, Virginia - Elliott (age 2 on 1/8 fiddle) and Shea (age 5) sharing a 1/2 size fiddle with sister Bee Honington. We watched Grandpa Jerry juggle his guitar and fiddle with Elliott on his lap "helping" Grandpa. We celebrated Caleb Call's 18th birthday with cheesecake made by Diane who started Caleb on fiddle and worked with him for eight years. He has won the Idaho State Fiddle Contest three times in his divisions. His award-winning playing inspires all of us to practice, practice, practice. We have watched the progress in his accomplishments with awe. Diane states that Caleb is now teaching her. This correspondent started fiddle in her 50's and thinks these young players are mighty lucky to get that early start. Youth is not wasted on these young ones.

We enjoyed the food and playing at the American Legion on Jan. 27 for Cabin Fever Day. We had visitors who

joined in with guitar and singing - Grant and Susan Wood, Keith Bielby was there with his guitar and fiddle. (His dad Grover was best friends with C.L. Gilpin). It is always a pleasure to play with Keith.

Everyone is welcome to come to our Cabin Fever on Feb. 24 from 1 p.m. to ?

It has been my pleasure to write this.

-Kay Smith

### District 1A

## Extended care wing residents enjoy the good fiddle tunes

Our first get together after Jan. 1, was to play for the E.C.F. Wing of the Boundary County Hospital. Those able to be there to play were: Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson, Ruth Hoglan, Janet Sapp, Lorna Lounsbury, Earl Stephens and Doris Howard. Some of the residents even sang along with us. They weren't ready for us to quit at 5 p.m., but it was time for their evening meal so they have to wait until next month for more.

We have 27 of our 2007 members sent in and hope to have the rest soon.

We were all saddened by the death of another of our Life members, Art Burnett who was 95 years old. He was an active member of our District right up to the last few months of his life, playing and encouraging all of us. I don't have the exact date of when he joined the IOTFA, Inc. but he was a member when I joined in the late '60s or early '70s. He belonged to a little dance band in his community and was well thought of in his community. Some of our District 1A Fiddlers, Danielle and Issac Schoonover, played at his services. He will be remembered for a long time as a wonderful, kind and inspiring man.

Alvin Opp, who has been reported as ill before, is still on the sick list and may have to have surgery on his back. We hope he improves soon and he and his wife Shirley will be back with us.

There were almost 50 in attendance at our January jam at the Western Pleasure Guest Ranch on Upper Gold Creek Road in Bonner County. We had 16 members present and 15 of them played. They were Janet Sapp, Doris Howard, Ruth Hoglan, Lorna Lounsbury, Cindy Paulsgrove, Ramona Baily, Brad Smith, Lee Jackson, Barbara Rhodes, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Eleanor Erickson, Joanne Erickson, and

Ingrid and Bill Spears. Shirley Opp was with us, but didn't play. What a great time we had.

The following sang or played specials for us: Lee Jackson, Mickey Jacobson, Brad Smith, Ramona Bailey, Cindy Paulsgrove and Lorna Lounsbury, Ingrid Spears and Bill Spears. I, Doris Howard, appreciate those specials, for then my shoulders get to rest.

Our February jam will be held on the third Sunday, the 18th.

Enough for this time and in closing...let me remind you, "You don't get harmony when everybody sings the same note."

-Doris Howard

## State Fiddle Contest set for April 13-14

January was a busy month, although we missed our "Snowbirds" as they all departed for the warmer climes. We didn't have any extra plays, but the month went by quickly.

February started late, as our JAM was on February 5th. In attendance were 17 members, and nine spectators. Teresa's son spectated AND played a number.

We had our play at the Gables on the 7th, and next Wednesday, the 14th we'll switch plays going to Good Samaritan, then to Lincoln Court on the 21st.

The different "homes" have things come up, and sometimes need to switch things, but we are more than happy to accommodate, and our "calendar guy," Bill Radtke, makes sure we're kept up to date!

This Saturday, we have a "special" play at a church west of Idaho Falls. They will feed us if we arrive by 6 p.m., and we start the play at 7 p.m.

After much change, the yearly, annual, state Fiddler's Contest will be held in Iona at the City Building as last year, on April 13 and 14. Lots of fun, competition and goodies will be available. "Be There or Be Square!"

The weather in District 8 has been almost "springy" this past week, so we have had a good respite from the bitter cold. Today, though, there is a slight breeze, and it looks like rain/sleet/snow on the horizon and in the high country. By the time next month's newsletter goes to print, we'll be closer to spring, campouts, outdoor plays, and more outdoor summer fiddlin'.

Stay warm and have fun, Fiddlers, 'til next time!

-Gail





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## District 5

### Fiddlers are getting psyched for the fun at Hoots in May

Our fiddlers are getting all psyched up for the trip to Hoots. Practice. Practice. Practice. We are bringing the new songs from Rena's and Patty's workshop. We are starting to unlock the mysteries of Blue Camas Waltz. The workshops will go again on April 12 and 26 at 1 p.m. at Pattys. Unless push comes to shove, workshops will again be on May 10 and 24. There will be a fiddle practice at Betty's on April 19 at 1 p.m. and again on May 17. The general practice will be at Betty's on April 30.

Darrel Barnard has an updated schedule for April and May plays so get it from him. April will be our last meeting and jam for this year.

In March 16 members traveled to Horseshoe Bend for a jam and potluck. It is good to see Jack Nolan come out. We hope to see Jack again on April 14 and May 12 at Horseshoe Bend. We know it is going to be a good jam when we see Jack come in the door.

In addition to our regular plays in March, we ended the month playing at Valley View in Boise. We have a special play April 11 at 4:15 p.m. at Capitol Care. Enter on the West side.

We are going to miss Neve for awhile. She was singing and playing right up until the day she checked herself into the hospital.

It wasn't long before she tired of the hospital bed and is now at home recovering.

Rex Kite out in Mountain Home continues to play at church on Sundays with the Landers group. He says he doesn't get out much.

Two of our life members have passed away. Tom Riley from Lowman and Virgil Arnold from Nampa. Virgil was a past chairman of our district. He was a tireless promotor of old time music. He gave hours and hours and miles and miles of his time to the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. He always signed off with "Here We Have Idaho."

-Ava Lutteman

## District 9

### Plan to attend Fiddle Camp this summer

March is being its usual self on the Palouse this year with cold nights and lots of windy days. The daffodils and hyacinths know that it is spring and are trying their best to bloom but they sure could use some sunshine and warm temperatures.

The group started the month with a small number of players at Clark House in Moscow on March 1. We had a nice audience on March 6 when a bakers dozen played at Bishop Place in Pullman.

We continued the month with our usual monthly play dates: Good Sam in Moscow, March 8, Avalon Care and Pullman seniors the 12th, Gritman Adult Day Care the 13th, Aspen Park the 27th. We ended the month by playing for our lunch: Kendrick seniors the 28th who fed us a good roast beef lunch and Moscow Seniors on the 29th finished the month with a delicious meat loaf.

District 9 is planning a fiddle campout this summer at Three Rivers Resort at Lowell, Idaho. The dates are August 24-26. The facility has RV sites with water and electricity, A frame cabins, motel, tent camping, restaurant, bar, small grocery store, swimming, and hot tub. We would love to have others join us for a good hoedown of music playing. The web site and phone number for Three Rivers is [www.threeriversresort.com](http://www.threeriversresort.com), phone 208-926-4430. Please make your own reservations if you plan to attend.

Happy trails to you.

-Gary Bloomfield



May 4-5 - Hoot's get-together.

June 13 - Emmett Cherry Festival performance on Wednesday, June 13 from 3:30-5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us.

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District 4

## Whew! Fiddlers are busy but are having lots of fun

It's been really busy and everyone has been having lots of fun, with a lot more to come! We've been playing our regular schedule at the assisted living and nursing homes in the area (four this last month) as well as practices, and our regular meeting, and jam session.

At Serenity Assisted Living Center, two of Lonnie Spicer's students joined us. They were great and had a good time. It's nice to see the youngsters join in.

At Sunbridge Nursing Home, we were joined by Vi Schiewe's sister from American Falls. She plays a mean mandolin and sings wonderfully!

Some of us joined District 5 at the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center on March 10 for a great potluck and jam session. Thank goodness the Horseshoe Bend event comes again on April

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14. We can hardly wait for the super potluck dishes and the opportunity to get together and jam it up.

Apple Valley Residence also had us back as usual.

Health Updates — Carol Cornwell is progressing well with her rehab from knee surgery. We look forward to her re-joining us as quickly as she can! Several of us have had colds, coughing spells and aches and pains. Perhaps the nice weather we've been having will heal us up!

On the schedule:

April 10 a few of the group will be helping Shadow Butte School fourth graders in their "Wagons Ho" study by discussing instruments used on the Oregon Trail and playing some music for them. It should really be fun.

May 4-5 is the Hoot's get-together and we hope to renew friendships and swap stories with all of you who make it there.

June 13 — District 4 will once again be performing at the Annual Emmett Cherry Festival at the City Park. Our playing time will be from 3:30-5 p.m. Since the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Festival and Contest in Weiser is the following week, we are inviting any of you who can make it to join us and help us to give the crowd some good old-time music. It's a convenient stopping point on your way to Weiser, and we would love to have you.

—Ron and Marlene Moore

District 1A

## Large crowd enjoys March Jam session

We finally have "Spring" in North Idaho.

We held our March Jam in Bonner County at Western Pleasure Guest Ranch. We had a good enthusiastic crowd with 60 or more present. Thirteen of those present were musicians. Those playing were Lorna Lounsbury, Cindy Paulsgrove, Brad Smith, Ruth Hoglan, Mickie Jacobson, Lee Jackson, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Roly Schoonover, Tom Riley, Todd Murray, Barbara Rhodes, Ingrid and Bill Spears, (of the Washington Fiddlers), Eleanor Erickson, Joann Erickson, Janet Sapp and Doris Howard. Ingrid surprised her older sister with a birthday cake, which we all shared, after we sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

We had the following show up to play for our hour at the E.C.F. Wing of the Boundary County Hospital - Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Sonja and Jim McCalmant, Earl Stephens and Doris Howard.

No one from up here will be able to go to our State Fiddle Contest in Iona, Idaho, this year, but we all wish you well.

At least three of us are planning to go to Hoots the first of May.

Our April Jam will be the fourth Sunday instead of the third one. It will also be the last one until September.

Guess this is it for this month.

In closing, let me quote from Winston Churchill "Courage is the capacity to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm."

—Doris Howard

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# Obituaries

## Loretta Brant

Loretta Brant passed peacefully Feb. 27, 2007, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit.

Loretta was born to Mary and John Holtman on Feb. 5, 1908, at Conception, Mo. Loretta attended a Catholic school in Conception. Loretta helped her parents on the family farm and learned to play the fiddle. She played for dances in the Conception area. Loretta spent her spare time crocheting, tatting and other handy work. Loretta married her long-time friend, John Brant, on Nov. 21, 1939, at Conception. Loretta moved to Jerome, Idaho, where John was engaged in a farming operation after coming to Idaho in 1934. Loretta and John worked on the farm, milking and raising row crops. Two children were born to Loretta and John, Gerald and Francis.

After retiring from the farm and moving to Jerome, Loretta joined the Old Time Fiddlers, playing at various functions. Loretta lived for her fiddle. After the death of John, Loretta lived in her home in Jerome, raising a large garden and flowers until the age of 94. Her health



required she move to St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit where she continued to play the fiddle and do handy work. Loretta will always be remembered for her love of music and her handy work, particularly tatting.

Loretta is survived by her son, Gerald (Barbie) of Jerome; a sister, Agnes Veach of Oelwein, Iowa; granddaughters, Jennifer (Russ) Bartlett of Twin Falls, Kathleen (Richard) Putman and Janet (Dwayne) Hines of Meridian, Idaho, Veleta Nania (Chuck) of Boise, Idaho; grandsons, Raymond LaCombe (Danielle) and John (Kim) Harral; and seven great-grandchildren.

Loretta was preceded in death by her husband, John; her son, Francis; her granddaughter, Crystal Neal; and her brothers, Raymond and Lawrence Holtman.

A vigil service was held for Loretta at 7 p.m. Monday, March 5, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. A funeral mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Father Ron Wekerle officiating. Interment will be in the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Home in Jerome.

## Virgil Charles Arnold

Virgil C. Arnold, 83, of Nampa passed away on Sunday, April 1, 2007, at home with family by his side.

Virgil was born March 23, 1924, to Clyde C. and Mae (Woodward) Arnold at Cuervo, NM, and grew up on a cattle ranch.

He served in WWII in General Patton's Third Army as a medic. After the war, he came to Idaho to visit and stayed.

He worked for more than 30 years for the Union Pacific Railroad and was a member of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees, Inc.

Virgil had a deep love for music

and was a lifetime member of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers and served as Chairman of District 5 (Ada, Canyon, Elmore and Owyhee counties). He spent many hours as a volunteer, playing the guitar accompanying the fiddlers and at the tender age of 75, he taught himself to play the fiddle.

He was an avid fisherman who spent many happy days with his wife and their RVing friends trying their luck at various fishing holes.

Virgil also enjoyed Rockhounding and gardening. His roses and rock gardens were beautiful.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, DoraJean (Dora Smith); son, Roger of Caldwell; daughter, Sue and husband Robert Hewett of Payette; his grandchildren, Sanya Hewett (Tom) Allmaras, Ashley Arnold (Matt) Allen, Heather Arnold (Eric) Zweiback, Bryan (Michelle) Hewett, L.M. (Christine) Hewett; seven great-grandchildren; sister Violet Ford of Nampa and brother Vernon Arnold of Chino, Calif.

He was preceded in death by an infant son and his sister Vetrress Landers.

Memorial services were held Thursday, April 5 at Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel, Nampa. Burial followed at the Melba Cemetery.



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## Snowbirds are back after running wild with burros and road runners

We have our snowbirds back after being gone three months. Welcome back Tom, Katie and Rosalie. I hear they have been running with wild bands of burros and true road runners.

We are on schedule with plays at Discovery Care Centre and American Legion Hall the first Thursday, the Senior Citizens Center the second Thursday, VFW Hall the third Thursday, and then back around to the American Legion on the fourth Thursday. We had no play on the fifth Thursday in March.

My granddaughter Kerigan, who is seven, came for Spring Break from Meridian and had practiced three versions of Twinkle Twinkle for it and was disappointed. She'll be back!!!

Some of us will travel to Iona to take in the State Contest April 13 and 14. Caleb Call and Katie Bonn will both compete.

Katie and Tom will be in Idaho Falls playing and celebrating her parents' 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 21 from 1-4 p.m. at the Idaho Falls Senior Citizens Center. Congratulations Carol and Kenneth Schwarze!

-Kay Smith

## Fiddlers focused on promoting old-time music

All our members are happy to be back home from the sunny south and are back at work fulfilling their playing obligations and getting together to practice fiddle tunes every chance they get.

The Red Hat ladies contacted Chairman Kathy and canceled our scheduled performance for their state convention on April 28th here in Twin Falls.

Because of the poor publicity that our district has received this

past year we are focusing on projecting a positive image and are striving to promote our old time fiddle music and our beloved organization.

We welcome Joyce, Lena and Gracie Stukenholtz as our newest members. Lena and Gracie are planning on playing at the State Fiddle Contest in Iona and will open the program on Friday evening.

We may be small in number but the dedication of each and every member is to make every performance the best ever.

After participating at the State Contest the weekend of April 12 we will be looking forward to seeing all our fiddling friends at Hoots in May!!!

-Mary Lee Huntington

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## Caleb Call to perform with Stonewall Jackson

Caleb Call will be performing with the legendary Stonewall Jackson in Rupert, Idaho, at 8 p.m. on June 1, along with the "Split Second Boys." Stonewall intends to feature Caleb during his portion of the show.

All Idaho Old Time Fiddler Association members are encouraged to come out and enjoy some real country music and support Caleb as well.

Call Mike Pool for ticket information - (651) 734-3792, cell; (651-772-6595, home; or Donna Pool in Burley at (208) 878-1552.

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Members of District 2 are sharing the love of old-time fiddle music by passing on the old tunes and fiddle-playing craft. Pictured here, from left, Fran Widener, fiddle instructor with students Ann Cook, Rachell Hamell, Leland Seggman, Dustin Rinker and Kathreen Steiner. Helping out with accompanying duties is District 2 Chairman Gary Solberg.

## District 2

## Old-time fiddle tunes and style needs to be passed on

I would like to let all of you know about the passing of a couple old timers who played music with our group many times over the years. Joyce tells me that Dale Hazelbaker passed away April 8. Dale was a brother to Ray Hazelbaker, and played old-time music with the District 2 IOTFA Fiddlers whenever he could. Dale also played with the Banana Belt Fiddlers in Lewiston and the Prairie Fiddlers on the Camas Prairie over the years. For our District Two folks who knew him, a memorial service for Dale Hazelbaker will be held June 30 at 11 a.m. at the River City Church in Lewiston.

Inez Altman also gives me word that Fred Marsh of Bruneau passed away this past December. A farmer and guitar player for many years in

the Grandview area and also in Oregon, Fred often played with our IOTFA fiddlers at the yearly state jams over the years and was well acquainted with many of our past old-time fiddlers.

I take a lot of pride in the tasks that our current IOTFA fiddlers regularly complete each week in spite of the long separation distances in our District, the limited numbers of fiddle players and backups, and the ever-present variables of age, health and gas prices. Max, Duane, Helen, Joyce, Bob and Marian, and Netta and Francis all faithfully keep up regular plays each week in the entire Camas Prairie area. And on the Riggins end, Fran holds regular teaching sessions for fiddle students almost every week, which I try to assist as I

can. There are nearly as many student and junior players in District Two now as regular players. The student fiddlers range from beginners to the more advanced levels of learning. Their emerging new fiddling abilities already help us with our local plays for shut-ins.

Times have really changed, I guess. The transfer of our old-time fiddle music and old-time playing styles really cannot happen now unless we intentionally make direct contacts between the older and younger fiddling generations (and do it before the older generation passes on!). I am finding that this means making the effort and devoting whatever time it takes for the older generation to teach the old tunes and fiddling crafts to those few of the upcoming younger generations who have the ability and the willingness to learn old-time fiddle playing.

Seems to me that if we don't make the effort to pass on the fiddle-playing craft and the old tunes to the next generation, we forego our own debt to those who passed it to us.

-GMS



June 13 - Emmett Cherry Festival performance on Wednesday, June 13 from 3:30-5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us.



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District 5

## Fiddlers help Mildred Steiner celebrate her 90th birthday

The road looks good to Hoots.

In April the Boise day group members, Toni and Al Thornton, Betty and Darrel Barnard, Neve and Eldon Leach, Marilyn Williams, Velma Benedict, Pat Ramage, and Betty Gull, who play monthly at the Idaho State Veteran's Home, were treated to a special recognition dinner and entertainment by the Ozark Mountain Music group from Caldwell.

Another fun event was the celebration of Mildred Steiner's 90th birthday at the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center. Mildred continues to be an active performer for the fiddlers, plays the mandolin, and for her birthday, sang "Down In The Old Cherry Orchard." Fifteen IOTF members, and Marion and Mary Moore, helped with the music entertainment. It was a large celebration and dinner put on by her family. There was standing room only.

Ruth Smith from Nampa brought her base, John Larsen from Marsing on gui-

tar, Dave Baylor, just back from Arizona on fiddle, Charlotte Allen on keyboard, Ava, Darrel, and Betty, entertained at the Nampa Civic Center, outside on the patio, for the Association of School Counselors. We received many good comments, among those were thanks for not blasting them out of their chairs. That is thanks to our new equipment which is helping us put on a good show.

We were invited for a special play at the Capitol Care Center in Boise. This is a fun place with lots of old timers, who tap, clap, and sing along on the songs they all know.

Two great entertainers, Dave Baylor and Jimmy Dixon from Yuma, Ariz., helped us out at our Hillcrest play. Dave played Orange Blossom Special and Ragtime Annie. Jimmy played Loon Waltz.

Darrel Barnard is working on the summer schedule. The rumors are that we will be very busy. We will have some ongoing performances in addition to the Cherry Festival in Emmett, the Weiser National Contest, and don't forget our summer picnic in Meridian on July 21.

Pat Ramage and Rena Lute plan to continue the fiddle workshop on the second and fourth Thursday of every month.

Our regular fiddle practice will continue at Betty's on the third Thursday unless the weather changes.

Billie Joane Diffendaffer has passed away. Her husband, Clifford, passed in February, and she soon followed. They were both veterans in the Air Force. They both loved old-time music.

-Ava Lee

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Mannie Shaw

## Open Mic Jam Session Reminiscent of Mannie Shaw's Jamboree

Shoshone City  
Park

July 8 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mannie Shaw (1907-1992) of Corral, Idaho, started this jamboree in Corral and moved it to the Shoshone City Park in Shoshone, Idaho, nearly 40 years ago. Thousands of people have gathered in the park to hear old-time fiddle music at its best. Mannie is the founder of the Idaho Oldtime Fiddlers Association.

This acoustic-string jamboree is in memory of Mannie Shaw. This spotlights IOTFA members and other musicians from the State of Idaho and surrounding states. Please plan to attend! Bring your family, lawn chairs, picnic and join us in the Shoshone City Park. For more information, contact Kathy at (208) 735-1580.



District 12

## Katie and Caleb do well at State Contest

Happy Spring to one and all. What a lovely winter we had. Thank you so much to Kay Smith for doing such a wonderful job of keeping up the newsletter. You are very much appreciated!

By the time you read this, Hoots will be history. But today we are looking forward to wonderful friends and great music and more of Hootie's hospitality. Hope to see many, many of you there.

We all want to extend a great big thank you to District 8, Teresa Tomita, and all of her willing helpers, who did another marvelous job on this year's state contest. Again, they worked very hard to make it the success that it was. Thank you all. And, of course, it couldn't have been such a success without all of the contestants. Thanks to all the participants, too.

Thanks to Katie Bonn and Caleb Call (and Jerry and Ted as backup) District 12 made a good showing at the state contest. Caleb took first in the young adult division. Katie took first in the adult division. Katie and Caleb got first in the twin fiddling and Katie won the gamblers competition. Congratulations kids!

Congratulations are in order for Caleb, also, as he was elected prom king this year. He sure looked spiffy, all dolled up and with his black and white checkered shoes, too. And congratulations to Caleb in his accomplishments, as he is going to open the show for Stonewall Jackson in Rupert in June. District 12 is excited for him.

Our calender for May is as follows:

May 3rd - 7 p.m. - Discovery Care; 8 p.m. - Legion Hall.

May 10th - 12 noon - Island Park to play for Miss Lim's class and have lunch with them; 7:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center.

May 17 - 7:30 p.m. - VFW Hall.

May 19th - 10:30 a.m. - MS Walk-a-thon at the Sacejawea Center, lunch after.

May 24th - 7 p.m. - Legion Hall for

potluck business meeting and jam.

We will be playing for an anniversary party on June 16, at 4 p.m., at Baker, ID. And we will see you all again at Weiser, the third week of June. Fiddling around is so much fun!

-Rosalie Hawley

District 9

## Fiddlers play for retirement center

Along with April came our usual monthly playing dates.

We opened with Bishop Place on the third. When we play there we are always delighted when George Scott (Scottie) brings out his fiddle and joins us. His style is unique as he plays left handed.

On the ninth we played Avalon Care Center in the morning and then entertained the Pullman Senior Citizens for lunch.

In addition to having a good group of listeners in Deary on the tenth, we were rewarded with a yummy pork meat loaf lunch.

On the 13th we played for the folks at Gritman Adult Day Care. There we play such soothing music that some nod off while others tap to the beat. One lovely lady celebrated her 100th birthday last winter.

We enjoyed playing at Fairview Village in Moscow. This is the new retirement community operated by Good Samaritan, a beautiful addition to Moscow, which also happens to be the new home of Evalona Woerman. She was instrumental in setting up that gig.

At our April meeting, Debbie Carlson volunteered to organize treats and several recipes were exchanged for goodies.

They say April showers bring May flowers. Now if only the deer and quail will leave them alone.

Enjoy playing so that many others can benefit from listening.

-Gary Bloomfield

District 8

## Fiddle music goes with the beautiful weather

Hi Fiddlers!

Wow, how time does fly. We're into May already, almost half gone, and District 8 is keeping busy!

Last month, the Shelley Senior Citizens invited us back for their breakfast and 3-HOUR PLAY! It is an early venue, but they love us, and we have been going back nearly five years, now.

This month, we will appear at the Sand Creek Middle School and play from 6-7 p.m. Even I am not sure what organization we're playing for, because I have been too absent the last few weeks. Whether it is the school staff, or another...I'll keep you posted!

Anyway, we have completed our Rexburg visit to their two living centers there. We do one play from 6-7 p.m., then load up and drive a few blocks to the second center, unload, set up and play 7:30-8:30. Charlie and the guys sure get a workout that night with the equipment.

We are sending along the results of the State Fiddlers Contest in Iona held a few weeks ago. A lot of prizes went home with older and newer Fiddlers and "a good time was had by all."

Well, I can't think of a lot of news...we are all — snowbirds and all — present, playing and glad to be here.

All of you have a great month and a beautiful Spring...Our music complements this wonderful weather and time of year with all the outings and get-togethers. Have fun!

-Gail

## Idaho State Fiddle Contest Results

Results of the Idaho State Fiddle Contest:

### Junior Junior Division

1st - Natalie Boston, Boise; 2nd, Sharlee Anderson, Iona.

### Junior Division

1st - Sally Gold Peterson, Boise; 2nd, Jessica Price, Meridian; 3rd, Lena Stukenholtz, Kimberly; 4th, Caid Jones, Eagle; 5th, Gracie Stukenholtz, Kimberly.

### Young Adult Division

1st, Caleb Call, Salmon; 2nd, Katrina Pearce, Boise; 3rd, Gail Bensen, Rexburg; 4th, Diane Koller, Rexburg.

### Twin Fiddle

1st, Caleb Call, Salmon and Katie Bonn, Carmen; 2nd, Teresa Tomita, Idaho Falls and Kathy Trenkle, Twin Falls;

3rd, Gail Bensen and Diane Kolle both of Rexburg; 4th, Caid Jones, Eagle and Sally Gold Peterson, Boise; 5th, Duane Stephens, Grangeville and Max Stephens, Winchester.

### Adult Division

1st, Katie Bonn, Carmen; 2nd, Teresa Tomita, Idaho Falls; 3rd, Kathy Trenkle, Twin Falls; 4th, Jack Montgomery, Blackfoot.

### Senior Division

1st, Gary Solberg, Pollock; 2nd, Dave Schjeldahl, Idaho Falls; 3rd, Margie Collins, Twin Falls; 4th, Don Spaulding, Bonners Ferry; 5th, Bruce Stanger, Iona.

### Senior Senior Division

1st, Max Stephens, Winchester.

### Champion Division

1st, Katrina Pearce, Boise; 2nd, Sally Gold Peterson, Boise; 3rd, Lena Stukenholtz, Kimberly; 4th, Caid Jones, Eagle.



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## Fiddlers keeping busy at regular plays

Everyone has been keeping busy as usual doing the regular plays at Apple Valley, Serenity, Sunbridge, Heritage, and most recently Harvest Church. Several in the District played and sang at the church at their fifth Sunday Sing on April 28, and we also played for fourth graders at their "Wagons HO" study about the pioneers and the Oregon Trail. Two visitors joined us at Sunbridge and both played the mandolin. Our regular meeting and jam session was held and a super time had by all. Thanks to those who came for the fun and companionship.

One of our members, Millie Steiner, was honored at the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center during the play there with a surprise 90th birthday celebration. She loved it. Congratulations again Millie, and thanks to all that participated in surprising her.

An update on Carole Cornwell — she's doing great and getting around really good after her knee replacement. It's nice to have her back!

The District unanimously voted to participate in a scholarship program honoring five children killed in a single vehicle automobile accident in February. These kids were on their way to school when their car left the roadway and came to rest in a pond next to Black Canyon Reservoir. All five drowned. Fifty dollars per child was paid to the scholarship fund which will be awarded in separate payments to seniors graduating from the Emmett School District. The payments will be made each year one of the children would have graduated. Our deepest sympathies go out to the Walker and Probst families of Sweet.

Don't forget — the Emmett Cherry Festival is coming up during June. Come join us on the 13th for a play there at 3:30-5 p.m. Especially if you are already on your way to Weiser for the Fiddle Festival. We look forward to having you join us!

See you at Hoots!!

—Ron and Marlene Moore

### District 6B

## Members do well at State Contest

It has been an exciting month, first the IOTFA State Contest in

Iona on April 12. Thanks to Teresa Tomita and the members of District 8 for a job WELL DONE!! What a great group of dedicated individuals. We are proud of the showing by our members; Lena Stukenholtz opened the Saturday evening performance by playing the Star Spangled Banner, Gracie Stukenholtz placed fifth and Lena Stukenholtz third in the Junior Division, Margie Collins third in the Senior Division and Lena Stukenholtz third in the Championship Division. Our Chairman, Kathy Trenkle, played in the Twin Fiddling Division with Teresa Tomita and they were awarded second place! Gary Huntington was a first time judge and was honored to have that opportunity. He was joined by Duane Stephens from Grangeville and Brian Fricke from Rigby. Brian Fricke of District 8 designed the logo for the T-shirts and that logo was carried through on the unique trophies which were replica of a fiddle bridge and imprinted with lasered lettering. The Amy Stukenholtz award was presented to Sharlee Andersen, an up and coming young fiddler from Iona.

The first weekend of May was the annual spring state meeting at Hoot's. The weather was unpredictable as is usually the case with all elements present at one time or another along the way. Members and friends came from far and near and fiddling enjoyment filled the area inside and outside. So nice to see new faces and make acquaintances and rally around the friends we have missed seeing during the winter months. The show and dances were so entertaining and the music outstanding by all districts.

It won't be long before many will be heading to Weiser for the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in June. It is disappointing that the IOTFA will not have a participant recognized in the certified small fry division. There were no entries in that age group at Iona because fiddling instructors in that area more or less chose to have their students stay away because of the lack of prize money. Fiddling fun?? or prize money?? Which is more important?

The Mannie Shaw Jamboree is coming up July 8th in Shoshone and Chairman Kathy Trenkle wants all districts to know how much she would like to see you there. Another great day of fiddling and camaraderie coming soon.

Keep smiling and supporting our wonderful organization.

—Mary Lee Huntington

### District 1A

## Last jam had 30 present

District 1A held their last Jam Sunday, April 22, and will start again in September, the third Sunday at Western Pleasure Guest Ranch from 3 to 5 p.m.

We had 30 present at our last jam April 22. Spring is here and people are finding other things to do. We had a great turnout to play. They were Janet Sapp, Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Lee Jackson, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson, Joann Erickson, Cindy Paulsgrove, Ramona Bailey, Brad Smith, Don Spalding (we were happy to have him home from Montana), Doris Howard and visitors Bill and Ingrid Spears from the Washington old-time Fiddlers. They are always a great help to us.

Doris Howard and Ruth Hoglan went to Spokane to the Northwest Fiddle Contest and Doris came in second and Ruthie came in fourth in the Senior-Senior Division.

Those playing at the Boundary County E.C.F. Wing of the Hospital were Janet Sapp, Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens, Eleanore Erickson, Elder Bascomb, a missionary from Utah and Doris Howard. We had a great time.

Three of us plan to go to Hoots the first of May. None of us from up here plan to go to Weiser this year, unless Don Spalding makes it. It will be the first time in 33 years I miss Weiser. Yes, I'm getting too old.

This is it for this time so in closing, I'd like to remind you to, "Ask questions all your life. It's the best way to learn."

—Doris Howard

## Emmett Cherry Festival

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## Fun At Hoots



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District 9



A Mixed Up Bunch

*District 2*

## State Jam at Hoot's was lots of fun

The State Jam at Hoot's was a lot of fun and it was good to see familiar faces again. Almost all of our District folks were able to attend at some time over the weekend, and the buffet dinner on Saturday was very well attended. There weren't as many RV'ers attending this year, very likely reflecting the fact that some of the bluegrass folks had attended a bluegrass festival the preceding weekend instead of coming to Hoot's.

Although the overall numbers of fiddle players this year were fewer than they used to be, they still provided the dancers with some good solid fiddle music to dance to. And we had some very good jam sessions with a lot of good old time fiddle tunes played into the wee hours.

We have a couple of upcoming dates to mark on the calendar. The first is the Fourth of July at the pavilion in the Grangeville City Park, where we will plan on playing from 1-3 p.m. Pacific time. Also, we again are on the program to play fiddle music for the St. Gertrude's Raspberry Festival benefit August 5th, scheduled play time is 1 p.m. PDT. Hope to see you there.

-GMS



## Editor's Note:

A special thanks to Teresa Tomita for the pictures she submitted of the fun at Hoot's.

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District 8

## June is busting out all over & warmer weather is enjoyed

Hi Fiddlers across the State:

"June is busting out all over — Wow, what a gal!! Wait a minute, we don't have a June in our group — do we? Anyway, we're enjoying warmer weather now (read that as: 36 to 85 degrees!)"

This is how "Wild Bill" Radtke makes our monthly calendars a little more interesting. He does a great job.

Our month started out on June 1 with the annual Library Fund-raiser at the Iona City building. They fed us hot dogs or burgers, desserts, beverages, then we played (well, most the group did) from 6 to almost 8 p.m.! It was a much larger crowd than last year, good food, and of course they enjoyed our music.

Monday, June 4, we had 24 members at our Jam at Leo's Place and 20 — yes, you read it right, 20 spectators! We are getting good coverage from the older newspaper in Idaho Falls, and real good coverage from the newer paper, The River City Weekly. Maybe that's why more folks are out watching us.

Tonight, was the play at The Gables

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Assisted Living in Ammon.

We will continue with our regular plays clear through the 27th. On the 23rd, we will play the annual Farmer's Market on the riverbank in downtown Idaho Falls. The Market goes from May to August, and they usually invite us once or twice to play there. We will play from 10 a.m. to noon. Hope it's nice that day.

Our part of the state has dropped from 85 degrees last weekend, to 48 degrees today, June 6 and with POURING rain. We DO need the moisture, but it's amazing how the weather can change!

Well, our group is obviously all well and willing to play, judging from the crowd Monday night. We even had our other bass player back from the South, and a new guitar/vocalist joined us, too. What a great group of friends we are lucky to have in our different Fiddlers groups. This reporter appreciates the good people they are, as well as such talented musicians.

We hope you are all having as much fun as we are. Until July, have fun.  
—Gail

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District 12

## Leadore campout planned for August

These months come and go so quickly! May was a fine month. Even the weather cooperated with the fiddlers schedule. Five of us played for the fourth and fifth graders Pioneer Day at Island Park. The youngsters liked the music and really got into the spirit of things with their dancing to the hoe-downs. They fed us a very good dutch oven lunch and we all had a good time.

The MS walk-a-thon, on May 19 was well attended. Again they appreciated the music and the musicians appreciated the lunch and the beautiful surroundings. And it was also lots of fun.

We are all a little disappointed that Caleb couldn't play with Stonewall Jackson as planned. They cancelled the play and there wasn't anything to do about it but be disappointed. We hope you all got your money back.

We have set the last weekend in August, Aug. 23 thru the 26th for the Leadore Campout. As before, District 12 will supply the hot dogs for Friday night and the hamburgers for Saturday night. The rest will be potluck. Also, if anyone wants to bring eggs, fruit, rolls, sausage, etc. we will find us a campfire cook and have community breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Districts 12, 6, and 8, have decided to sponsor the Elk Meadows Campout this year. The dates agreed upon are July 19th thru the 22nd. The campout will be shorter this year, but long enough to have a fun music filled time.

Our calendar for June is as follows:  
June 7th - 7 p.m., Discovery Care Center; 8 p.m. Legion Hall.

June 14th - 6 p.m. - Imperial Apartments Ice Cream Social.

June 17th thru 23rd - off to Weiser, Hooray!

June 21st - 7:30 p.m., VFW Hall.  
June 28th - 7 p.m., Legion Hall, for potluck, business meeting and jam session.

Also, June 16th at 4 p.m., a wedding anniversary at the Williams residence at Baker.

I hear that Katie Bonn will be sweet 16 AGAIN on June 10th.

See y'all at Weiser!

Rosalie Hawlie



# Fiddling for fun and pleasure

We had five attend the board meeting and gathering at Hoots the first of May. We had Don and Audrey Spalding, Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan and Doris Howard in attendance. I came away feeling lots better than I have for two years. I feel we have finally heard both sides of the problem and sincerely hope it is all put to rest and we can get back to what we were founded for, "fiddling for fun and pleasure."

We had the following play at the extended care facility of the Boundary County Hospital in May: Janet and James Sapp, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson, Elder Bascom, the Missionary from Logan, Utah and Doris Howard. This is the last time Elder Bascom can play with us, as he goes back to Utah by June 1. He has been a great help to us.

This is all I can think of to report this month, but it has been said, "A critic is one who knows the way but can't drive a car." I'm wondering then, is one who knows everything our I.O.T.F.A. state officers are supposed to do, but won't take an office themselves, is the same thing? With election of officers coming up this September, think about it, if the nominating committee contacts you.

See you next month.

-Doris Howard

summer it seems harder to get players so we are not scheduling play dates for Deary, Kendrick, and Potlatch. We are also meeting only once a month instead of two. We will resume our normal schedule in the fall.

On May 16th our longtime member, Bea Bunch, passed away at Avalon Care Center in Pullman. She was an avid supporter of the fiddlers and was always there to help in any way that she could. In February she and Ernie celebrated their 65th anniversary. When Ernie played, "You are my Sunshine" on his harmonica, her face just lit up. She will be greatly missed by our group and many others. We hope that Ernie will soon be back with us playing so that Bea can listen from above.

On a lighter note, we played for the Locust Blossom festival in Kendrick on the 26th with nine musicians. The weather was perfect and the beef lunch just hit the spot. A large crowd was in town to enjoy the patriotic parade of red, white and blue. A change in time was noted by this reporter when a small town in north Idaho does not have a load of logs in the parade.

If you plan on joining us at Three Rivers Campground in Lowell for our August 24-26th fiddle weekend, the number for reservations is 208-926-4430.

-Gary Bloomfield

play with and for everybody. Thanks in advance to all of you who manage to make it here to help us play, and a special thanks to Don Ikenberry, and Ken Tooley who have joined with Marlene and I for extra practices during the past several weeks. Don has volunteered his home as a practice site and it has really been appreciated.

Our District Chairman Joy Halliwell has been traveling with her husband Ken to Canada for the wedding of her granddaughter. They enjoyed themselves immensely and had a great time visiting with all four of her children. The kids live on two different continents, three countries, and two states. She thanks everyone who helped to keep the district running during her absence.

We've been really busy during the past month with the regular plays and Hoots. Thanks to all of you who welcomed Marlene and I to Hoots and the IOTFA. Being newbies we felt comfortable meeting and spending time with many of you that were there.

We were joined at Emmett ReHab by George and Polly McKinney who are full-time RVers that are friends of Don and Beverly Ikenberry. George plays the guitar and both George and Polly sing. They spend a lot of time in Quartzsite, Ariz., and know lots of neat songs. Lonnie Spicer's granddaughter "Bright Eyes" (Samantha aka "Sammy") who is 6 years old joined us at Emmett ReHab also and sang a beautiful version of You Are My Sunshine. Thanks Sammy!!!! (Oh by the way - Lonnie did a good job of coaching and accompanying her!)

All in all, we've been really busy and look forward to keeping it that way.

-Ron and Marlene Moore

## District 4

# It's still busy - and FUN

District Four has been really busy getting ready for the Cherry Festival which comes up on June 13. We are looking forward to the opportunity to

## District 6B

# Open mic reminiscent of Mannie Shaw cancelled

As we fiddle on into the summer months our agenda is action packed. In May we played in Jerome for the grand opening of the Jerome Cafe and Hagerman on Memorial weekend for Fossil Days. We were honored to have Lyle and Dorothy Powell from Mountain Home join us in Hagerman. The weather was perfect as were the old time fiddle tunes!

By the time you receive the paper we will have played at Hollister for the Farmer's Market, at the Buhl Senior Citizen's for a dance and appreciation day for D.L. Evans Bank in Jerome.

July 4th will take us to Hollister from 7-10 a.m. to play for a flag raising and breakfast. For a small town they really have a patriotic group of citizens turnout for the occasion.

The Open Mic Jam Reminiscent of Mannie Shaw scheduled for July 8, has been cancelled by the City of Shoshone.

July 14 will take us out to Anderson Camp to play for a family reunion.

Sadie Kirk was under the weather for a few days, but is out and about again, and just drove to Challis to visit old friends and play music. You can't keep a good guitar player down!!

-Mary Lee Huntington

## District 9

# Weather and lunch made for perfect day at festival

Move out May, here comes June and the busy months of gardening, camping, fiddle contests and just lazing in the sun. In May we played our monthly gigs at Bishop Place, Clark House, Gritman Adult Center, and Good Sam in Moscow. With everything going on in the



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## Thirteen enjoy show and dance at Hoot's

Hoots was a great time as usual. Thirteen members from our district showed up to play and enjoy the show and dance. Darrel and Betty Barnard broke down on Horseshoe Bend hill, but went home and got another car. They made it in great time in spite of all the trouble. As for myself, I have been on standby reservation at Hooties for three years, but by golly, I will finally have a room there in the fall. Hot Dog.

Our co-chair, Bonnie Longstreth, and her group plan to continue their programs through the summer. On Memorial Day, they were to play at Valley View Retirement home but lacked some critical players who were out of town. Neve and Eldon Leach volunteered to help fill in. They are both great performers and helped Bonnie to put on a good show.

Rex Kite over in Mountain Home, along with Lyle Powell and Owen Montrose, enjoyed a jam session at the Landers. They play weekly at church as well.

Darrel Barnard's day group performed for a large audience at the Doubletree Inn for the annual RSPV volunteers. They were allowed 30 minutes so had to be fast and play their best songs. For the summer, Darrel's members will continue with two commitments on a monthly basis at Diamond View and Paramount.

Horseshoe Bend is canceled in June but plan to play there on July 14 starting at 5 p.m. Don't forget the Emmett Cherry Festival performance on June 13 at 3:30 p.m. Take your own chairs.

The workshops offered by Patty and Rena are going to continue through the summer on the second and fourth Thursday at 1 p.m. Both Patty and Rena are planning to attend a workshop in Washington and hopefully will bring back some more good tunes. Also plan to attend a practice workshop at Betty's on the third Thursday. It is a chance again to practice the tunes from the workshop.

The annual summer picnic is a potluck at the Friends Church in Meridian on July 21, starting at 11 a.m. and eating at 1 p.m. or thereabouts. With one hundred degree weather predicted, it will be inside with air conditioning.

Good music, good food, good friends.

-Ava Lutteman



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## IOTFA hung in there with Weiser Float



**Third Place Float – National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest Parade**

With a theme of "The Vigilantes Ride Again, A tribute to Cherokee Jones," the IOTFA created another wonderful float. It was hard to compete with the Voluptuous Vigilantes float but we hung in there and got a third place award. A great big thank you to Tom and Katie Bonn, Martin and Carla Fewkes, Rosalee Hawley, Ron Bate, Gary and Patty Solberg, Bob and Marion Wycoff, Caleb Call, Kathy Trinkle and Fran Caward for their hard work and dedication to the IOTFA. Our appreciation goes out to Randleman Construction for the use of his shop, truck and trailer.

The Weiser float is one of the best ways to promote and advertise the IOTFA. The streets are lined with people who may be potential members or supporters. Volunteers for next years float and public performances during Weiser week are desperately needed. Districts 4 and 5, please put Weiser 2008 on your calendars.

### District 8

## Extra playing events keeps fiddlers busy

Hi Idaho Fiddlers!

WOW! What a busy JULY we have lined up in District 8! Besides our regular plays at the nursing centers, this is the month for all the extras.

We had a wonderful crowd at the Jam Monday, July 2nd. Katie Bonn from the Salmon group visited, and sang and played, adding to the fun, and George Franck joined us again as a playing, singing guest. We had 25 members and six spectators in attendance.

We discussed all the other extra events, the campout at Elk Meadows, the Fourth of July float and our

summer picnic being advertised, so we could draw a crowd of spectators, as well as enjoy our picnic. Charlie also enlightened us as to the state of our District funds.

Our float in the parade was great, and there were nine members riding. We did the Rexburg centers on July 5th. On the 15th, we will play at the Cedar Park Golf Course and be treated to lunch. We're invited to the Senior Citizen Center in Idaho Falls, and to a church party the evening of July 24th. The Annual Swan Valley Pioneers luncheon is July 28th, and they asked us back to that. We sure look forward to people wanting us at their summer functions.

The BIG NEWS to start thinking about NOW is our State Convention. It will be held the LAST Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning of September at the Eagles Lodge in Blackfoot, Idaho. District Chairmen, GET THOSE REGISTRATION FORMS passed around to your groups and let Teresa know how many are planning on attending. Friday night, there will be hor d'oeuvres, at \$3.50 a plate, and Saturday, there will be a two-meat dinner for \$15.00 a plate. Let's start planning now for a GREAT STATE CONVENTION.

Well, I hope this makes the deadline. Time sure flies when you're having fun!

—Gail



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Karen Bloomfield kicked up their heels in Coeur d Alene at the Idaho State Square Dance Festival. We are pleased that Ernie Bunch is back with us entertaining on his harmonica. The audience has missed him.

Our condolences go out to Ella and Marvin Bieker for the loss of Marv's father. He was 99 years old and a resident of Lewiston.

-Gary Bloomfield

District 9

## District 9 is still a picking and a playing

What a glorious June, not too hot and not too cold. The weather has stayed cool enough to make for a good growing season.

With summer here it is always interesting to see how many players will show up for the regular scheduled monthly plays. Sometimes it's only one or two at the beginning but as the time draws near, more come to fill in the group. By the toe tapping of the audience you can tell that they look forward to our coming. In fact they are busing in people just to hear us play. When we played at Good Sam on June 14, a small group of residents from Fairview Retirement Center came over to enjoy.

Herb Jeffers returned from his farming trip to Kansas just in time for him and Marilyn to make the trip to Seattle for the birth of their new grandson. Tom Shotzko was busy with the wedding of his daughter in Pullman. Dave

and Trish Bezdicek enjoyed about a week on the Oregon coast to celebrate their anniversary. Marge and Ray Nelson along with Gary and



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# Obituaries



**Mildred 'Millie'  
Steiner**

Mildred went to be with the Lord in the evening of June 24, 2007, at her home on Willow Creek near Eagle, Idaho.

Mildred was born April 24, 1917, in Lapwai, Idaho. The family moved to the Willow Creek area when Mildred was a small child and dry farmed and raised turkeys. Mildred attended schools in the Eagle and Middleton areas. She married Dick Steiner in 1940 and they lived in Boise where the surviving children, Daniel, Joann and Janet were born.

The family moved to Letha, Idaho, where the children grew up before Mildred and Dick moved back to Willow Creek where Dick preceded her in death in 2000.

Mildred has enjoyed the wildlife and flowers of her childhood and relating those stories to children and

grandchildren. She was active with Idaho Old Time Fiddlers.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 30, 2007, at Eagle Christian Church, Eagle, Idaho, with graveside services at Dry Creek Cemetery.

## District 4

### Dist. 4 saddened by Millie Steiner's death

District 4 has lost one of our loyal members. Mildred "Millie" Steiner died June 24th. She was a very delightful lady and always a joy to have her in our group. Her 90th birthday was celebrated recently at the Horseshoe Bend potluck and jam session in April. Thanks to the many members of District 4 and District 5 who played several selections at her services. Her obituary is included in this edition of the Fiddler news.

Many thanks to members of District 4 and District 5 for playing at the Emmett Cherry Festival on June 13th. We had a great time and the music was a big hit...many of the audience stopped us to tell us how much they enjoyed our music! It's always rewarding to know that our efforts are appreciated!

We had our regular meeting and jam session on June 5th with a great turnout. Then on June 9th, since the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center was booked for another event, we hosted the potluck and jam session at our regular meeting place at Heritage Place here in Emmett. And we had another wonderful evening of music...thanks to all who attended! As usual, we had our regular plays at Apple Valley, Serenity and Sunbridge.

Don and Beverly Ikenberry, and Ron and Marlene Moore attended the Weiser Fiddle Contest. It was a fun-filled week! Since it was the first time that we (Ron and Marlene) have ever attended, we really enjoyed the week-long activities.

Other events of the month: Ken Tooley became a grandpa again - welcome to his new grandson "Keegan!" Don and Beverly Ikenberry celebrated their 57th anniversary on June 30th - congrats to both of them! Lonnie Spicer had a bout with the gout which he is now over, but he still has the "itch" - you'll have to ask him about that one! And Marianne Holte had cataract surgery.

Now we're looking forward to attending the Elk Meadows Campout - that sounds like a lot of fun! Hopefully we'll see a lot of you there!

-Ron and Marlene Moore

## District 1A

### Play at E.C.F. brings enjoyment

District 1A won't have much news to write about this month. Our Jam sessions are over until September. I don't know if any of our District 1A fiddlers made it to Weiser this year or not. I know this is the first one I have missed in 33 years. I hope Don and Audrey Spalding were able to make it.

We did play for the Extended Care Facility of the Boundary County Hospital. Those playing were Janet Sapp, Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson and me, Doris Howard. The residents really did enjoy our playing. I have to say, no matter how tired I am, they seem to revive me with their joy of music. I don't know of any plays we have in July except play at the E.C.F.

Earl Stephens, one of our Fiddle members, had back surgery and we send our prayers for a quick recovery. We need you.

So guess all there is for me to do now is leave you with this thought: A therapist told me the other day, to achieve inner peace, just finish what I start. So, I finished two bags of chips and a chocolate cake. I feel better already.

See you next month.

-Doris Howard

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## Historical fiddle music enjoyed

Just before Weiser week, we were honored to host an evening of historical fiddle music in Riggins with over 100 people attending a fiddle concert by Vivian and Phil Williams of Seattle. This was a special presentation of fiddle tunes that were played for dances in the Florence and Warren mining camps in the 1860s. Over 100 of these tunes are preserved in a handwritten manuscript made by Peter Beemer, one of the original musicians, and the music includes the waltzes, polkas, schottisches, and quadrille sets they played for dances in this area some 150 years ago. The manuscript is a treasure of genuine old time music and it is likely that Vivian and Phil, who own and operate Voyager Records, will be making one or more CD's of the Beemer music. Some of those tunes have caught on fast here and are already being played by some of our local fiddle players.

It was heartening to see fiddle players from all over the state up on the stage at Memorial Park in Weiser, giving the audience a good solid program of fiddle music. The IOTFA float in the parade at Weiser had the most fiddles on it of any float in the parade, and earned a third place ribbon.

I would really like to thank all of our District folks who turned out for our show in the park in Grangeville on the Fourth of July. We had a full crew playing, and our audience was larger than last year and stayed longer. I received numerous compliments on our fiddle music from those who watched our show. Well done!

-GMS

## Fiddletown camp was big draw at National contest

District 5 members spent this years Weiser Week helping out with many activities. Aaron Fewkes helped judge the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest this year. Aaron spent many many hours listening to contestants, scoring them to determine the national winners. Martin and Carla Fewkes, along with IOTF members from other districts spent their Weiser Week playing at the Weiser Nursing Home and on the main stage in the Weiser Park. They were also very instrumental in design and construction of this year's IOTFA Weiser float. They would like

to challenge all District 5 members to volunteer their time for next year's Weiser Week activities.

Nearly an entire block at the Fiddletown Campground became the temporary home for Weiser groupies from across the State. The Fewkes and Armstrong camp drew many folks for fun, music, and great food (their smoker was kept busy all week). Carla's cinnamon rolls were a fabulous hit again this year. She baked and distributed over 13 dozen cinnamon rolls throughout Fiddletown. They invite everyone to stop by next year.

Eight members from Darrell's day players entertained with District 4 at the Emmett Cherry Festival. They also entertained at Heatherwood for an outside barbecue. Darrell's players will play at the Senior Center in Horsehoe Bend on Saturday, July 14 from 5-8 p.m. and enjoy a potluck. On Aug. 8, plan to play from 3-4 p.m. at the Karcher Estates in Nampa for Inez Hansen who recently moved there. Please call Darrell if you can help with a play on July 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the LDS Church on State Street in Eagle. Fiddles and backup needed. Some of Darrell's players are on vacation and some are taking time out to get well.

Nevelyn Leach is on vacation and taking time to get well, all at the same time.

District 5 is entertaining members and visitors at their summer picnic at the Friends Church in Meridian on July 21. Plan to come at 11 a.m., eat at 12 noon. They are furnishing the chicken. Please bring a dish and make it a great time for music, friends, and air conditioning.

One of our old time members, Renee Good, has passed. She and her husband entertained with us in past years. Renee played the guitar, and Ken played the fiddle and guitar. She was 83.

-Ava Lutteman

## Fiddle week in Weiser went too fast

Weiser week was a short one this year! Went way too fast. Thanks to those of you who helped play in the park, and those of you who worked and played on the parade float. You made it a great success, and we won third place with the float, even though it was a "hurry-up" job. Thanks again. And, as always, it was so much fun seeing old friends and making new ones and the music is always special. I'm already looking forward to next

year. Katie's award has been a source of great fun in this district.

Our thanks also goes to Dan Randleman of Weiser, who so graciously lets us use his equipment and shop for getting ready for the parade. We appreciate you so much.

We only had two extra plays for the month of June. The ice cream social at the Imperial Apartments on June 14 and the Williams Anniversary at Baker on June 16. Both plays went very well and were greatly appreciated.

Our calendar, so far, for the month of July is as follows:

July 17 - Elks Hall, 1-4 p.m. for Dick and Betty Morton's 25th anniversary.

July 12 - Imperial Apartments rec. hall, 7 p.m.; Senior Citizens 8 p.m.

July 13 - Hays family reunion, in the old bakery building downtown, 7 p.m.

July 14 - Custer Days - in the old ghost town of Custer starting at 11 a.m.

July 19 - Elk Meadows Campout (19th and 22nd) We will have one port-a-potty at the cost of \$150 so we will ask for donations for that.

Reminder: The Leadore Campout is set for Aug. 24-26 at the Leadore City Park. Fee will be \$5 per night per camper or tent. Flush toilets available. Hope you can all make it. We always have fun.

-Rosalie Hawley

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## District 5

### A smokin' good campout at Elk Meadows

Smoke and ash couldn't dampen the Elk Meadows Campout. The smoke was thick as ash continued to fall from the sky and mix with the fiddle music in the air. With the help of Districts 4, 5, 6, 8, and 12 the Elk Meadows Campout is back on track and promises to be an event to look forward to. During the day we jammed, made homemade ice cream and cinnamon rolls. Our evening meals were wonderful. On Saturday evening our camp became the destination for folks looking to enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment as the second annual Fiddlin' In The Pines anti-fiddle contest got underway.

With fiddlin', laughin', and dancin' the contestants were able to show off their artistic talents and creativity. Last year's contest was fun but this year's contest was even better. In addition to our dedicated members and contestants, there were at least 50 people scattered out among the pine trees enjoying the contest. After both rounds and a couple of call backs (tie breaker), the winners were awarded their medals and the coveted first place traveling trophy was presented to Katie Bonn. It was a close contest with last year's winner Jeff Lincoln winning second place, Ed Jenkins taking fourth (there wasn't a third place award). And finally Jerry Eastman who courageously accepted his Runner-Up to Last Place medal. You'll have to ask him how he managed to pull that one off. Also thanks to Charlie Lahm and Kathie Trenkle for being good sports. After the contest and jam, the large crowd and fiddlers were treated to homemade ice cream and Carla's famous cinnamon rolls. Thanks to all who took part. Don't miss next year's contest.

So for those folks stuck here in the valley in the heat and smuck, we all put together a summer picnic and jam

and had a good time.

Birthdays were celebrated for Della Kennel and Hatty Cheney, now in their 90's.

Ralph Peterson's daughter, Datona, joined us for a fiddle jam. A good time was had by all.

Bonnie and Darrel's players met their summer commitments. Neve and Eldon again helped Bonnie fill in for those members gone on vacation. Eight members helped Darrel to entertain for a singles barbecue at the Eagle LDS Church. Patty and Rena's workshops continued to be inspiring events for the fiddle players.

Betty will have a general practice at her house on Aug. 27 at 1 p.m.

In looking forward to September, we will have our fall meeting and general election on Sept. 6 again at the Friends Church in Meridian. Everybody come for a potluck and lots of music.

We are all invited on Sept. 15 from 10-2 p.m. to Dr. Burkeholder's farm on the road to Idaho City. It is a chance to see his tool museum and jam under the trees. Bring chairs and food.

-Ava L.

## District 2

### Rebekah Hillbilly breakfast at New Meadows, Sept. 4

District Two again played music for the Raspberry Festival benefit for St. Gertrude's Museum in Cottonwood. In addition to our regular group of fiddle players, this year we also had Deb Carlson from Pullman and student fiddlers Brandi and Velma Trivett and Leland Seggarman helping us provide fiddle music for the large event. It was nice to have such a good turnout for this event.

The next play date we have coming

up is the Rebekah Hillbilly Breakfast at New Meadows High School on Labor Day, Monday, September 4. The fiddle music starts for the breakfast at 8 a.m. Mountain Time and goes until 11 a.m. Playing for this benefit event has become one of our District's regular play dates. However, it is over 100 miles to travel for some members, so I will respect your choice to attend or not. Although this play is very early in the day for most of us, we usually have a very attentive and appreciative audience for our fiddle music at this event.

I find it encouraging that there are some kids out there who take an interest in playing the fiddle. In the time left to us, I hope that we can help them to learn some of the good old tunes we know.

-GMS

### District Nine Camp Out & Fiddle Show August 24 & 25

Three Rivers Resort, Lowell, ID,

50 miles east of Orofino

Friday, August 24:

Potluck Dinner at 6:30 PM;

Jam following Dinner

Saturday August 25:

Music lessons at 10 AM;

Fiddle Show at 1 PM

Additional Information: Dave Bezdicek:

bezoc@pullman.com



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will need this head count by September 1 at the latest.

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# Obituaries

## Fred W. Marsh

Fred W. Marsh, 71, of Bruneau passed away Dec. 6, 2006.

Fred was born Feb. 3, 1935 in Fairbury, Nebraska, to Fred L. and Rose Marsh. At the age of three months, the family moved to Idaho. He attended school in Caldwell and graduated from Marsing High School.

He worked as a painter with his father till his father's death. He farmed for a time and then became a carpenter. He lived in Oregon from 1986-2000 and then moved back to the Bruneau/Grand View area.

Fred's hobby was playing the guitar and singing and the love of his life was music. He enjoyed playing with the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers and also composed some of his own songs.

Fred had a gentle spirit and a huge heart and made friends where ever he went.

He is survived by three brothers, three sisters, their spouses, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

## 'Oldest Fiddler' is a lot younger in spirit

by David Trigueiro  
*Weiser Signal American*

For the second year running Willard Plush was the oldest participant in the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest, but you wouldn't know it to look at him.

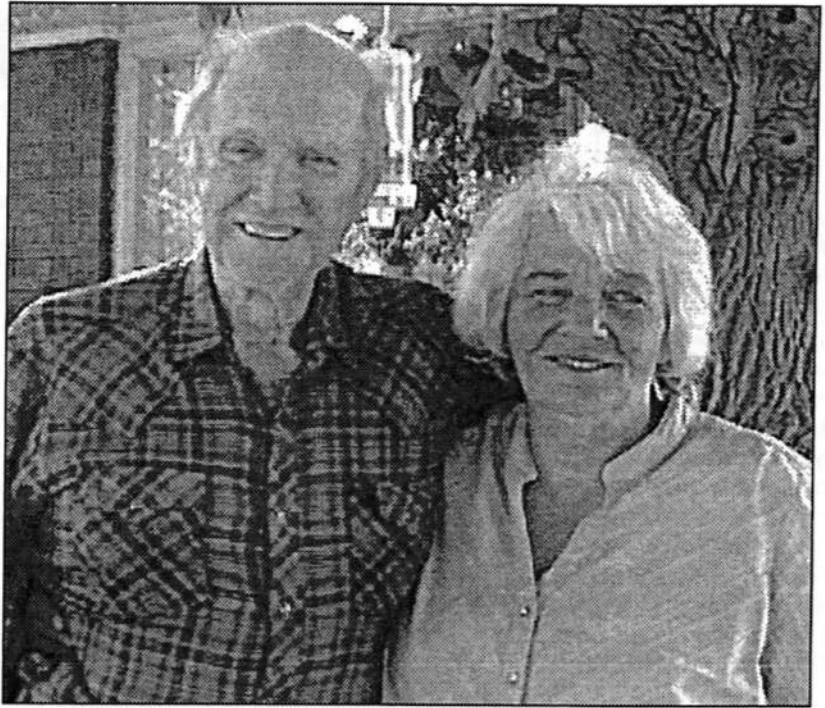
At 93, Plush could easily pass for a man of 65 or 70. There is not a hint of grey on his head of black hair, although it is thinning somewhat on top. There is a bit of a hitch in his get-along, but it doesn't slow him down much.

Nothing slowed Plush down until, at age 90, he decided to quit working his farm near Kuna. "I got tired of irrigating," he said in an interview after receiving his award as 2007 Oldest Fiddler.

His instrument of choice, he said, is really the banjo. When Shakey's Pizza Parlour first opened in Boise in the early 1960s, Willard was the entertainment. He played and led the singing two nights a week.

There is always music in the Plush home with Willard playing his banjo or fiddle and his wife Muriel, accompanying him on the base tub, one of the most traditional stringed instruments.

## Celebrates 80th Birthday



### Don and Ladene Parsons

Don and Ladene Parsons have been members since the beginning I think or shortly thereafter. On May 26th Don had his 80th birthday party and they invited the whole district. There was about 100 people there. WHAT A PARTY. We are honored to have them in our district. Their dedication is greatly appreciated and admired. This is a little late getting in the newsletter but we just want to share this occasion with the membership.

### Happy Birthday Don!

#### District 1A

### Small group plays for residents at E.C.F. Wing

District 1A hasn't been very active since our last report. I, for one, enjoyed the Weiser news in our July Fiddler. When I received my National paper, I saw a lot of new names in the winners. The winners are getting younger and younger. That's great, for now it looks as if "Fiddling" is not going to go by the wayside. (Note I purposely left Old-Time off, for as long as there is fiddling going on, there will always be questions of what it should be. I know what I call old-time is what I was raised with. Rags didn't even come into being until the Roaring Twenties, a few years after I was born). So, just let them play the fiddle.

If you are playing for dances, you have to play what the dancers re-

quest. If they don't dance a schottische, you don't play them. So, play what you can, and enjoy it.

I really missed not being in Weiser this year. Maybe I'm not much help, but I give a lot of uninvited advice. Next year I'll try to go to Weiser.

We had a small group play for the E.C.F. Wing of our hospital in July. Those playing were Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson, Earl Stephens (just getting over back surgery) and me, Doris Howard. We had a great time and the residents seemed pleased again.

We will have more playing to do in August, which we will tell you about in our September paper.

This is all for this time but in closing just remember, "You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you," also, "Anger is only one letter short of danger." Be careful.

-Doris Howard

## Fiddlers keep busy despite the heat

Thanks for a great month!

District 4 has been busy again during the hottest month on record for the Boise area, 98.3 degrees average high for the entire month of July!!! Whew — we knew it was hot, but this was ridiculous.

We've continued to play at our regular assisted living and nursing homes, and had an amazing 13 players at Apple Valley. We were joined by a couple of potential members, and our grandson Logan Castles who played the keyboard for one selection. Lonnie Spicer's granddaughter also joined us at Sunbridge. She has a wonderful voice.

Several of us attended the monthly District 5 play in Horseshoe Bend and had a wonderful potluck.

Don and Beverly Ikenberry and us attended the Annual Stanley Campout at Elk Meadows. It was really a great time, and we want to thank all of you involved in putting such a great venue together. Great people, great music, and great food all combine for a GREAT TIME!!!! THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Well, that's about all for this time. Keep on fiddlin'.

—Ron and Marlene Moore

### District 6B

## Hectic day planned with fish fry and fund-raiser

We have been so busy that I missed sending in the July news, so time to catch up. We have had many wonderful playing engagements for large groups this summer. Thanks to Maxine Eldredge from Arizona for the help while she was visiting Idaho. Maxine plays the guitar and upright bass and we wish she could spend more time in our area.

Sadie Kirk has been on the sick list for several weeks and we are happy to report that she is back playing her guitar with the group. By the time you read this newsletter we will have celebrated her 80th birthday on Aug. 11 with her family and friends. Congratulations Sadie!

We will be playing at the Twin Falls County Fair August 30 at 7 p.m.

September 15 will be a very busy hectic day as we will play from 11

a.m.-3 p.m. at the Stricker Ranch for a fish fry and then put on fancy duds and play for the Arts Council fund-raiser happy hour from 6-7 p.m.

We are looking forward to the State Convention in Blackfoot. Margie Collins will be leaving to tour the northeast with her family at that time so we will miss her.

We will be having future monthly meetings at Idaho Pizza on Kimberly Road the first Wednesday evening of each month. Jam session from 6-8 p.m. and then our meeting. The public is invited and we had several guests at our August meeting. Come join us if you can!

—Mary Lee Huntington

### District 12

## Fun time planned for Leadore Campout

District 12 thoroughly enjoyed the Elk Meadows Campout in July. Joining us were IOTF's from Districts 6 and 8. The Fewkes family came from Boise. They are always fun and they brought a palm tree to light up the evening plays. The games entertained the visitors and fiddlers alike. District 12 earned three awards. The participant donned a helmet decorated with pines and spun a wheel for the type of tune to play. Then it was a lot like Pictionary where you drew a picture on a board so the audience could guess what you would play. Afterwards, the crowd of 50 or so plus about 50 players enjoyed the homemade ice cream and cinnamon rolls.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you fiddlers at the Leadore Campout Aug. 23-26. The campground has been improved to include \$3 showers and a nightly fee of \$5. On Thursday, Aug. 23, we will have a shuttle (6 p.m. or so) from Leadore to Salmon and back so that those who wish to attend our potluck, regular meeting (including election of officers), and jam session may do so. We would love to have you.

Our schedule for August plays is:

Aug. 2 - Discovery Care Centre 7 p.m., American Legion Hall 8 p.m.

Aug. 9 - Imperial Apts. Ice Cream Social 6 p.m.

Aug. 16 - VFW Hall 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 23 - American Legion 7 p.m.

Aug 23-26 - Leadore Campout.

Aug. 30 - The fifth Thursday will be decided later.

Come enjoy our campout at Leadore.

—Kay Smith (for Rosalie Hawley)

### District 8

## Good time was enjoyed at jam at Freeman Park

Hello all fiddlers, AND, banjo-ists, guitarists, mandolin-ists, bass-ists, harmonicists, etc., etc.

This reporter has just returned from our District 8 Annual Summer Picnic/monthly JAM at Freeman Park on the Snake River! Beautiful scenery, weather, good food and, as usual, fun music! We had a huge turnout...the Chaffee's, Charlie, the Sorenson's, Ludene and Don, Teresa, Bill Fager, the Butlers, Harvey, the Alberts, the Kirkpatricks, Richard and Delores, Tex Hightower, Janice and Chuck, Inga, Ron Bate, the Saunders', guest, George Clements, and eight spectators! I hope I didn't miss anyone.

We all wish to express our sympathy for Tex Hightower in his loss of his wife, and long-time contributor to the IOTFA, Denise.

There was enough food for an army, lots of fun visiting, socializing, and reacquainting. The only news items covered was to remind everyone of the upcoming Fiddle Convention in September, here in Blackfoot. (See the copy of the entrance form, and the information on the accommodations, meals, etc. in this issue.)

We started playing music at 7-ish, and the music was probably still flowing over the park long after I arrived home! We are very fortunate to belong to groups of talented musicians and such very nice friends.

We hope you're all staying "cool," and we'll see you in SEPTEMBER! PLEASE complete the entry forms and get them in... Let's have the biggest, best convention EVER!

—Gail

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District 12

## Leadore campout featured good music

I'm not sure where August went but it did go in a hurry!

On Aug. 2, we had a little "going away" party for Caleb Call and Tim Gordish. Caleb is now in Moscow studying hard. Tim has been promoted to Lt. Commander and is now stationed in San Diego. His wife, Aretta, and the children were able to go with him. For the party, there were ballons, finger foods, and gifts for those that were leaving. Among the gifts were address books that we all wrote our names and addresses in, in the hope that they wouldn't forget us. They will be sorely missed. We can't afford to lose any more fiddle players from this District.

On Aug. 9, we played for an ice cream social for the Imperial Apartments. The residents enjoyed the music, but there was a lot of smoke in the air, the wind was blowing, and it turned a bit cool, so most of our audience went home early. Being die-hards that we are, we just stayed on and enjoyed a little jam session. Fun.

On Aug. 22, we played at the pavilion at the fairgrounds, as it was family fun day. It was the first day of the Lemhi County Fair, and the carnival was up and going. We received nothing but praises from the listeners. And since we are not professionals we liked that very much.

A BIG thank you to all of you who came to the Leadore campout. You all made it fun. For those of you who couldn't make it, you missed a good time. We had a good turnout

of musicians, played lots and lots of good music, learned some new tunes, enjoyed each others companionship, and like all fiddler functions, the food was wonderful and abundant. Our plates runneth over! Friday evening it cooled off early, and everyone quit playing shortly after 10 p.m. So we agreed to go to the Velvet Antler Cafe in Leadore and play after 9 p.m. on Saturday evening. And of course it was much warmer that night. But we all converged on the cafe and played in comfort of the indoors and had a wonderful time until midnight. I hope you will all come back next year.

On Aug. 30, we will be playing for the After School Promise Program fund-raiser at Cavaness Park. We also had our District elections in August. We voted to retain all officers, the same as in the past year. We appreciate their willingness to serve and thank them for the good job they have already done.

Our calendar for September is as follows:

Sept. 6 - 7 p.m. Discovery Care;  
8 p.m. the American Legion.

Sept. 11 - 5:30 p.m. Leadore School.

Sept. 13 - 7:30 p.m. Senior Citizens.

Sept. 20 - 7:30 p.m. VFW.

Sept. 27 - 7 p.m. American Legion, potluck, business meeting and jam.

Sept. 28-29 in Blackfoot for the state convention. We hope to see you all at the convention.

Until then...

P.S. Thank you, Kay, for taking care of last month's article. You are appreciated.

-Rosalie Hawley

District 2

## Hillbilly Breakfast had good turnout

First of all, I want to say a big "Thank You" to all of you who got up so early in the day and drove so far to play for the Hillbilly Breakfast in New Meadows on Labor Day. We really had a good turnout and had nice compliments from the breakfast crowd on our fiddle music!

In last month's paper, Doris noted the young age of today's fiddle players. One of the realities we face is the fact that after World War II there were very few fiddle players of any kind created within the post-war age groups now in their 40's and 50's who grew up with TV's, hi-fi's, rock and country-western hit-parade music instead of grange hall dances and old fiddle tunes. For us, this means that there may not be enough fiddle players from these generations within the IOTFA to replace ourselves in kind unless we do something to change the situation.

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District 4

## Great turnout for potluck/jam session

We had our regular meeting and jam session on August 7. Then on August 11, since the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center was booked for another event again this month, we hosted the potluck and jam session at our regular meeting place at Heritage Place here in Emmett. What a great turnout we had!!! We had another wonderful evening of music and an equally great potluck...thanks to all who attended!

As usual, we had our regular plays at Apple Valley, Serenity and Sunbridge, plus since there were five Thursdays in August, we also played at Emmett Rehab.

As you may recall, we reported earlier in the year about Darlene Burr's sudden death in January. At that time her family had requested that a memorial be held later in the year to celebrate her life. The celebration of Darlene's life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15 in New Plymouth, Idaho. IOTFA members from District 4 and District 5 will be playing at the event.

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# Obituaries

## Inez Hansen

Inez Hansen, loving wife of Shirwin Hansen, of Star, Idaho, passed away on Aug. 11, 2007. She is survived by her six children, four devoted daughters: Shirley (Hilton) Turnbow Smith of Eagle, Janice (Sandy) Panzarella of Manhattan Beach, Calif., Clara Sue (Robert) Thacker of Middleton, Marlene (Ric) Attaway of Hayden; two devoted sons, S. Val (Kathy) Hansen of Nyssa, Ore., and Jim (Mary) Hansen of Spokane, Wash.

Inez was the beloved daughter of James Benjamin and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Pearlie Daniel of Siloam Springs, Ark. She is survived by one brother, James Herman (Shirley) Daniel of Medford, Ore. Inez had 19 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren that brought her special joy and numerous other extended family that she loved and kept close to her heart.

Inez was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She had a fabulous spirit that brought joy to all who knew her. She was accomplished at many things but really enjoyed gardening, her birds and most of all her music. She was self-taught on most instruments, but what brought her the most joy was her fiddling accomplishments. Inez won many awards in Idaho, Arizona and Washington for her music. She competed at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser, Idaho, and was Idaho State Champion (Senior Division) for three years in a row. She was

an Old Time Fiddler and played throughout the valley for a number of years. Inez was much loved and will be forever missed. She will be in our hearts forever.

For those wishing to donate to their favorite charities please do so with our blessing!

A memorial service was held at Cloverdale Funeral Home on Sunday, Aug. 19.

### District 6B

## Crowd enjoys the music at jam session

Election night for the district and deadline for the Fiddler news came at the same time. By unanimous decision Kathy Trenkle is still our fearless leader, Margie Collins is our vice chairman, Mary Lee Huntington, secretary/treasurer and Mary Baldwin will be historian/reporter.

Kathy and Margie attended the Leadore campout and came home practicing a few new tunes. They report the fiddlin', friends, fun and food were the greatest! It was Kathy's first time to go to the Leadore campout and she hopes to go back next year.

At our meeting for this month Kathy thanked all of the members for being great team players! She reviewed the Fiddler's Code of Ethics, Fiddler's Code of Conduct and Jam Session and Performance Conduct guidelines and how they apply to all levels of membership, including Juniors.

Each month Kathy distributes a monthly calendar, and our upcoming schedule of events is always discussed at our monthly meetings. She emphasized the importance of each members' responsibility to keep in contact with the district to know the performance schedule.

We were honored to have Marty Holmes from Albion and Dewey Exon from Oakley join us for the September meeting. Marty played fiddle and the hammered dulcimer with Dewey playing bass and dobro. Guests joining us for the 6-8 p.m. jam before the meeting

really enjoyed the fiddle music. The crowd keeps growing as word of our meeting place at the Idaho Pizza is getting out.

Convention time is almost here, see ya all in Blackfoot!

—Mary Lee Huntington

### District 5

## Dedicated fiddlers turnout for plays despite the heat

It is still 100 degrees here in the valley. It's time for summer to go. In spite of the hot weather, members have turned out for plays, campouts, and picnics. We are a dedicated bunch.

Several members traveled to Emmett for a great party, picnic and jam. Thanks a bunch to District 4 for the invite.

Our co-chair, Darrell Barnard is passing out the fall schedule. It will fill up calendars real fast. So everybody take a look at the new songs, some from the summer workshops.

Co-chair Bonnie Longstreth's members kept up a regular schedule all summer in spite of several who were gone on vacation.

We are going to need all the picks and bows to help us get our fall schedule off to a good start.

Mary and Marion Moore over in Eagle celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a big party and of course a lot of music.

Phoenix Fullington has been coming out for plays. He reports that Maxine is enjoying real food again, gaining weight. We hope to see both of them out for plays.

Sadly we have lost two Old Time members. Della Kennel, age 90, from Nampa, a lifetime member. She played a sweet guitar at many gatherings throughout Southern Idaho. She loved the old time music.

Another great loss is Inez Hansen, age 81, from Star. Inez was a mentor to many fiddlers and shared her music willingly. She played a down home style of old time tunes and was a great entertainer.

—Ava Lutteman



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# August was a hopping month with special plays and 60th anniversary

Greetings from the north. We may not have been busy in June and July, but we sure made up for it in August.

We were asked to play for the Catholic Church picnic on Aug. 12 with the following playing: Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Earl Stephens, Eleanor Erickson, Ingrid Spears, from Washington, Joanne Erickson, Ruth Hoglan, Janet Sapp and me, Doris Howard. I give credit to the McCalmants, Barry Coleman and Earl Stephens for arriving at least an hour and a half ahead of the rest of us and entertaining until the rest arrived. Thanks guys.

At the E.C.F. Wing of the hospital, the following played and were appreciated very much. Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Zane and Janet Sapp, Eleanor Erickson, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens and Doris Howard.

Two days later we played at the Boundary County Fair with the following showing up, Janet Sapp, Bob Nelson, Lee Jackson from Sagle, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson, Jim McCalmant and Barry Coleman and Doris Howard.

Then to finish the month off, on Aug. 25 we played for Earl and Tootie Stephens 60th wedding anniversary. Those showing up for it were Janet Sapp, Jim McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Lewis Mace, Earl Stephens, Bob Nelson and Doris Howard. That was a pleasant time. We learned a lot about Earl and Tootie from their kids, we didn't know before.

I've had response back from 15 members and their dues have been mailed in. I hope to hear from the rest of you before the end of December.

Remember, election of officers must be held before our convention in Blackfoot the end of September. So PLEASE send your names in to be on the ballot.

We begin our Fall Jam Session the third Sunday, Sept. 16, from 3-5 p.m. at the Western Pleasure Guest Ranch on Upper Gold Creek Road in Sandpoint. Hope to see all of you there.

In closing, let me leave you with this thought - A smile adds a great deal to face value. Let's be the most valuable bunch of Fiddlers in the State of Idaho.  
-Doris Howard

## District 8

# District running like well greased wheel

Hi, Fiddlers!  
Well, we in District 8 survived the hottest summer EVER, and had fun do-

ing it.

We started on August 1 at the new "Gables" home in Ammon, where a lady got up and danced with us. (I heard she just passed away.) But they enjoyed us.

We then had our "Special" Jam and Play on Monday the 6th, at Freeman Park, where we had advertised a "free play" for the public. I think EVERY member was there...it was good to see Tex Hightower, and spouses and partners of all members.

Also on that Monday, we played for Senior Day at the Zoo from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. as we have for the last 5+ years. That was well-attended, also.

In addition to our six regular venues, we were invited to Blackfoot's Edward Jones Inv. Co's Client Appreciation Day and played from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We just took our turn at Idaho Falls' "Alive After Five," last Wednesday, Sept. 5, so we have REALLY been out in the public eye, in the last month.

At our JAM Monday, we discussed all the plans for the upcoming STATE CONVENTION, in BLACKFOOT, ID, (123 Ash St.) September 28 and 29. Of course, you all know about that and I am sure you are making plans to be in attendance and blow Blackfoot off the map! Really, a lot of planning goes into these events, and we sure hope to see you all there the end of this month.

At the JAM, we also had elections...and, of course, it was moved and sustained that the same people continue to do the same jobs, except the reporter will only do minutes and this letter, and Teresa (Chairman) will fax all the publicity to radio, TV, and newspapers, with her access to a full-time fax.

Other than that, our District seems to be running like a well-greased wheel, or whatever, and are looking forward to seeing all of you in just a few weeks!  
Stay cool, well and happy.  
-Gail

## District 9

# Summer campout a great success

District 9 has been very busy the last couple of months, so busy that this reporter completely forgot to send in the news for July.

We had the Nelsons and the Bloomfields traveling to the Calgary Stampede for a week but all the play dates were met with everyone helping out. Our last function for July was Troy Days for a good buffalo burger and 13 players entertaining to a great crowd.

Along with our care centers that we play every month, we had a number of other things going on in August. Several of our members played at the Scenic Six fiddle show in Potlatch on the 4th. Mabel Vogt puts this show together every year and it always has a good

attendance of players and audience.

We had Dave, Tom, Clarence, Marge, Herb, Gary, Soni, Ernie, and a guest, Beverly to play in the shade of the Huckleberry Lodge in Elk River on the 11th. One of the few places where the audience just set up their lawn chairs in the street and enjoy the music.

A week later we were back in the same area at the Appaloosa trail ride near Deary for a fun evening outdoors and we enjoyed a good supper before going home.

Skip and Carol Frink made a trip to Kansas to visit relatives and arrived home just in time for our campout at Three Rivers Resort on the Lochsa River. This was our first time for a campout so far from home and, from all the comments, everyone had a great time. Dave and Tom came up with the idea and had a lot to do with making all the arrangements. We had about 40 people for the weekend with a good potluck, lots of jamming and a fiddle show on Saturday afternoon. The weather was excellent and while a few enjoyed the swimming pool, others tried their luck at fishing. We are looking forward to maybe doing it again next year.

Lou Stevens had a little difference of opinion with her automobile, incurred a shoulder injury, and has been missing a few gigs which included our campout. She was back with us on the 28th at Aspen Park Care Center in Moscow.

With the nights getting colder and frost just around the corner, please remember those in the care centers and make every effort to help entertain them.  
-Gary Bloomfield

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## 2007 Awards



Two special awards were presented at the 2007 Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association State Convention. Gary Huntington was presented the Elray A. Woerman Memorial Award for outstanding service and Kathy Trenkle was presented the Gene Lowry Rookie Award. Both recipients are from District 6B.

### District 2

## Snow welcomed members at convention

District Two members Bob and Marian Wikoff, Duane Stephens, and Gary and Patty Solberg attended the IOTFA State Convention in Blackfoot last weekend, arriving there just in time for the first snow of the season.

A very special thanks to the Blackfoot Elks Lodge and their staff for hosting our event in their fine facilities and for making us so welcome, and many thanks to Teresa Tomita and her District 8 folks who worked hard to make the State Convention successful.

At the convention meeting, President Jerry was re-elected and Jason Fewkes was appointed to head a

membership committee that will investigate what our organization might do to attract new fiddle players to join the IOTFA. I am sure that there will be a lot to consider when the committee findings and ideas are presented to us.

We are glad to see John and Mary Purdy back with us again.

The summer recess is behind us and we have resumed regular District Two plays.

Also, this is a first reminder that I am now taking membership dues for the 2008 year; dues are overdue by Jan. 15, 2008.

Keep on Fiddlin'.

-GMS

### District 9

## Special play enjoyed for squash cookoff

Well it feels like fall this morning. My rain gauge is reading .49 and that is the first real rain that we have had on the Palouse for most of the summer. Time to gather in the garden and fruit for the onset of winter.

We have had a full month with all of our regular Care Centers along with several other playing dates. Early in the month, we made it to Deary to play for the first time in their new community center. A very nice facility that will be enjoyed by many.

The Latah County Fair was also this month. One change at the fair this year was the removal of the indoor stage which resulted in our playing on the main outdoor stage in the early evening. We were very lucky with the weather and had a large audience to enjoy the music. As usual, we had a real good turnout of players with 18 musicians on stage.

After taking a break from some of our senior lunches for the summer, we resumed playing at Kendrick on Sept. 26 and enjoyed another of their delicious turkey dinners.

We also took on one other playing date. We played for the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute at the 1912 building in Moscow for their squash cook off. I will have to say that I was not looking forward to a bowl of squash soup for supper but the two recipes they served were very tasty.

I hope that this newsletter makes it to your mail box before the 20th of the month so you can enjoy an excellent concert in Potlatch. Daniel and Amy Carwile, professional musicians from Lexington Kent., will be performing at the Log Inn at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. Amy is the former Amy Gilliam of Potlatch. Admission is \$10 at the door.

As we look forward to the holiday season and family, keep in mind those that enjoy our music and cannot travel to places like we can.

-Gary Bloomfield



Oct. 26 - Fall meeting at Hoots.

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*District 12*

### Two special plays enjoyed in September

It seems to have turned from a very hot summer to a very cool fall very quickly. Since we can't do much about the weather, I'll just complain a lot. Thank goodness we can fiddle no matter what the weather does!

September was a good month. We only had two extra plays. The first being at the Leadore School on the evening of Sept. 11. They served a wonderful dinner, and the school choir entertained during intermission. It was all done on the front lawn of the school. They liked our music and treated us very well. The other play was at the Elks Hall, on Sept. 25, for a wedding reception for Molly and Gary Holley. The bride led their guests in some old Swedish folk dances and our own Katie Bonn taught them how to dance the Virginia Reel. It was an enjoyable time and we had as much fun as the guests.

It seems that we are always saying thank you to District 8 for special things, and here we go again. Thank you, Teresa, Dick and Sonja, and all of the members of District 8 for another convention

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well done. The Elks Hall in Blackfoot was a great place for the convention, and the music as always, was the best there is. Thank you all again. It was special!

October is shaping up very nicely also.

Oct. 25 - American Legion Hall, 7 p.m. for potluck, business meeting and jam.

Oct. 26 - Off to Hoots for the fall meeting and more fun! See you all at Hoots.

—Rosalie Hawley

*District 6B*

### Fiddlers enjoy bringing back fond memories

September was a very busy month for District 6B with several outdoor performances in addition to covering our monthly care facilities schedule.

We played at the Farmers Market in Hollister to a small but very appreciative crowd who brought their lawn chairs along for the day. The highlight of the day was watching the antics of the little kids dancing and keeping their families on the run to keep up with them. One little whirl wind capized a shade canopy which unfortunately scratched Ralph and Jennifer, Wolverton's car. During our break, we were thrilled to have a newcomer to the Hollister area, Tony Gojenola, play several tunes on his accordion.

The next day we played at the Buhl Senior Center where their outstanding cooks served a marvelous meal and we had a sizeable group of folks who stayed to listen to our music afterwards. We got many nice compliments about the old familiar tunes and how it brought back memories of their younger days when they were able to dance. One appreciative elderly gentleman commented that, "You just don't get this kind of

music any more." We never get tired of hearing of someone's day who has been brightened because we shared some tunes with them.

The second weekend we also had multiple plays. First we played for the fall fund-raiser at the Historical Stricker Ranch home site. It was cool sitting in the shade and we were thankful that the breeze stayed low. We were treated to a yummy grilled Idaho trout and corn on the cob dinner. That same evening we also played down in the canyon at Centennial Park for a Magic Valley Arts Council fund-raiser. The crowd absolutely loved us and we certainly enjoyed hearing them say how good the music was. We were served a delicious grilled meal afterwards and several of the band stayed until late visiting and enjoying the rest of the beautiful evening. That performance ended our outdoor plays for the month and we just could not have had more perfect weather.

A big thanks to Teresa Tomita and her talented and hard-working members for having such a great, accommodating 2007 convention at the Blackfoot Elks. The atmosphere was real nice and everyone had a good time even though we woke up Saturday morning to snow off and on all morning, Brrr!!!! Congratulations to our District 6 members who received honors at Convention!!!! Gary Huntington is the 2007 recipient of the Elray Woerman Award and Kathy Trenkle is the 2007 recipient of the Gene Lowry Rookie of the Year Award. Our district is very proud of these two deserving individuals who work tirelessly to promote our organization.

We continue to hold our monthly jam sessions followed by a business meeting at the Idaho Pizza in Twin Falls and were happy to see a room full of folks dining and listening to the music. Each month we are more visible to the community and have seen an increase in the number of folks who join us for the evening. The manager has been great to work with and even put our name on the marquee this month. We were thrilled to have Dirk Weeks from Rupert and Mike Loveday from Twin Falls join our musical circle. We also welcomed three children from the Lyman family of Kimberly who are taking fiddle lessons and are looking forward to sharing in their musical progress.

Happy Fiddling and remember to wear a smile, it's contagious!

—Mary Baldwin





**Three Rivers Campout**  
submitted by Gary Bloomfield, District 9

## Obituaries

### Hattie Myrtle Cheney

Hattie Myrtle Cheney, 92, passed away Monday, Sept. 3, at 11:34 p.m., in a nursing home in Boise, Idaho. Viewing was held from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at Cloverdale Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Sept. 10, 2007, at 2 p.m. Services were under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home.

Hattie was born Feb. 11, 1915, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Nora and James Seeley and was raised in Albion, Idaho. In 1932 she married Charles Harry Allen and they moved to Boise, Idaho, where she resided for most of the remainder of her life. They had two children, Fredrick James Allen and Julia Ann Cushman.

In 1976 Hattie married James E. Cheney. Hattie was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where she taught primary for many years. She was also an avid member of the Old Time Fiddlers. She was a practical nurse at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center and the Elks Rehab, she was a long time cook at the Bon Marche, Federal building and what is now called BSU. She loved cooking, camping, dancing and crocheting. (She was famous for her potholders).

Hattie was preceded in death by parents Nora Ankeman and James D. Seeley, a brother Earl Seeley, sister Nellie Davis, her husbands Charles H. Allen and James E. Cheney, a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

Hattie is survived by a brother, Walter Seeley of Preston, Idaho; a son and daughter-in-law, Fredrick J. and Donna Allen; daughter Julia A. Cushman all of Boise, Idaho. Grandchildren, Christopher M. Cushman, C. Jay Cushman,

Charry A. Cushman, Craig B. Cushman, Caroline L. Marcotte, Dale Allen, Barbara Cole, Bonny Allen, Brenda Allen and William L. Allen. She was also survived by several stepchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren; along with numerous nieces and nephews.



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## Jam at antique tool museum in Idaho City

We have come out of the woods after extended campouts and are now trying to settle down to a routine. The routine didn't last. We took off to Horseshoe Bend for a jam with District 4. And then Bonnie Longstreth's players invited us all to a jam at Dr. Burkholders antique tool museum up towards Idaho City. This was put together by Jim Ladd and the Boise Old Tool Club. About 30 showed up to play and enjoy a potluck. We all like to turnout for stuff like that. Players bring their best songs and everybody enjoys.

Patty Ramage offered her home for a workshop of new tunes and Rena Lute had us to her house for a general practice to work on new songs for October. The next fiddle practices are the workshop for new fiddle tunes on Oct. 11 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at Pattys. We will meet at Betty Gull's on Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. for a fiddle practice. There will be a general practice at Rena's on Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. Because of Thanksgiving and Christmas happening, the general practice at Rena's will be on the third Thursday in November and December. Horseshoe Bend jams are cancelled until next spring. It is all clear as mud. Get the real deal from our new Chairman Darrell Barnard.

Our start up crew for the new year is as follows: Darrell Barnard is our new chairman. Betty Gull is there to help out as vice-chairman. Bonnie Longstreth will co-chair the evening players and Marilyn Williams and Pat Ramage will co-chair the day players. Marion Baird will again be our secretary. Mary Lopshire has agreed to be treasurer. Christine Ney is our historian. She is the one who takes pictures.

Christine Ney is in Salt Lake and has received a new heart transplant. She is having a good recovery. We are so proud of her beyond words. She is a great singer and mandolin player.

Other stuff we did. We nominated Bonnie Longstreth for the Elray Woerman award and Bob Baird for Rookie of the Year. They are our heroes.

Nine members from District 5 played for the dance at the State Convention in Blackfoot. Our thanks for Teresa Tomita for the good time, the best place ever, and the good jams. The

Elks was fantastic.

We have lost a very endearing member. Hattie Cheney, age 93, from Boise passed away. Several members played for her service and reception. She and her husband, Jim, were avid supporters of the Old Time Fiddlers. Each year at the National Contest in Weiser, on the wall in the practice room, is a picture of Hattie and Jim footin' it around the floor at an old time dance. Hattie has gone dancing.

-Ava Lutteman

### District 4

## Falls is here and hunting fiddlers are missing

At the regular meeting in September, the current officers were re-elected for the coming year: Joy Halliwell is chairman, Ken Tooley is the vice-chairman, and Glenda Rogers is secretary-treasurer. After the meeting, the usual jam session was held.

On Saturday, Sept. 15, we had a good turnout for Darlene Burr's memorial services in New Plymouth. Those participating were greatly appreciated: Joy Halliwell, Ken Tooley, Vi Scheiwe, Carol Cornwell, and Eldon and Neve Leach. Special thanks to all of you.

As usual, we had our regular plays at Apple Valley, Serenity and Sun Bridge. Several members also attended the Horseshoe Bend potluck and jam session with District 5 members from Boise on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Now that fall is already here and the weather is finally cooling down, we'll be missing several members throughout October since it is also hunting season.

-Ron and Marlene Moore

### District 1A

## Fiddlers promoting the joys of fiddling

District 1A continues to find places to play to promote Fiddling. During September we played our first fall Jam Session at Western Pleasure Guest Ranch. We had a few more than 40 in attendance. Playing were Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Lee Jackson, Cindy Paulsgrove, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanore Erickson, Joanne Erickson, their sister Ingrid Spears and her husband Bill and their daughter, Debbie, Mickey Jacobson and Doris Howard. The Spears are members of the Washington Old Time Fiddlers and we always welcome and

enjoy their help and company. Janet Sapp was missed a lot as she was off to a class reunion in Indiana, I believe.

Then the third Wednesday, we played at the E.C.F. Wing of the Boundary County Hospital with dependable players, Barry Coleman, Sonja and Jim McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

We ended the month playing for a private picnic, Saturday, Sept. 22, with members, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson, Ruth Hoglan, Doris Howard and Lewis Mace also joined us, which we appreciated.

We have 16 dues sent for 2008 and one more to go in, with hopes of having seven or eight more due to come in soon. We have three planning to go to the Convention in Blackfoot.

In closing this month, let me remind you, "Life's questions lie inside you. All you need to do is look, listen and trust."

We will keep the same officers at least one more year, we failed to nominate any new ones. Sorry you are stuck with us until the end of 2008.

-Doris Howard.

## Special Thanks

Thank you to the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers for putting your trust in me by electing me as your treasurer for another year.

Love you all,

-Marian Wikoff

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District 5

## Two young fiddlers entertain stranded volleyball team

Seven members from the Boise Valley managed to psych themselves out and get to Hoots. For those who for many reasons didn't get there, it must have been like holding your breath under water not to go. We had two young players who managed to entertain a bus loaded with high school girls going home from volleyball games when their bus broke down. Caleb and Kelby must have at the very minimum 250 fiddle tunes between them and managed to entertain the girls until 1:30 a.m. in the dining area. The rest of us enjoyed the dance and get together and Hootie's buffet dinner.

In addition to our regular plays, the Boise day players were invited for an evening of entertainment at the Seasons in Eagle. Loren sang his Preacher and the Bear song and Dave played Listen to the Mockingbird with all the bird songs at the end. We played all our best songs to an incredible singing, dancing and clapping audience. We had as much fun as the audience.

Our play schedule for November and December is rearranged due to the holidays, so see your chairmen for the changes.

On Dec. 6 our district is having our Christmas dinner at the Friends Church in Meridian. Be there at 5 p.m. to play songs and eat at 6 p.m. The district is furnishing turkey and ham so bring a side dish and come to enjoy.

I heard that Muriel Plush had a case of appendicitis. I hope it isn't contagious because we need all our players on board for the holidays.

Loren managed to get some repairs also. But it doesn't excuse him because he can still sing. Eve can play the guitar. She knows all the songs.

We have lost Floyd Strickland, an old-time fiddle and guitar player from Caldwell. It has been a pleasure to have known Floyd. He could play all the songs we ever knew.

Dues are due for the coming year. Come and enjoy our Christmas dinner and pay dues at the same time. We hope to see our Lifetime members at the Christmas dinner, so try to get there.

Single member - \$15.

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-Ava Lutteman

District 8

## Chili cook off and Festival of Trees special Nov. events

Teresa here filling in for our regular reporter who has taken a job that keeps her too late at night to be able to play with us. We miss her and hopefully, she will be back with us soon.

Only two of us from our District, Ron Bate and I, went to Hoots. We had a great time as usual. Great friendships, great music and a lot of fun.

We have three special plays this month along with our regular twice a week plays.

On Nov. 10, we played at Lincoln Court for their chili cook off. We all

got to taste the chili and play music for some of our favorite seniors for about three hours.

Then on Nov. 15 we have been invited to play at the festival of trees again this year. We have done this event for several years and it is for a great cause. All the money earned helps the handicapped people that are involved with our local Development Workshop.

Then on Nov. 17, we will play at Barnes and Noble. The mayor and several other high up people of the community will do some readings and we will play for an hour. It should be lots of fun also.

Hope you all have great holidays and always be happy for the chance to "fiddle around" just as much as possible.

-Teresa Tomita



December 31 - New Year's Eve Party at Tom and Katie Bonns, Carmen, Idaho.

January 8 - District 2 Cabin Fever, Hoot's, 10 a.m.



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Members needed to post happenings in the calendar of events can e-mail them to [admin@iotfa.org](mailto:admin@iotfa.org).

## Plan now to attend spring Fiddle Show

District 2 is the site of the annual spring IOTFA State Fiddle Show and get-together, set for April 29, 30 and May 1 at Hoot's Cafe in White Bird, Idaho. The Fiddle show at Hoot's is popular and the accommodations that are situated close to the event usually fill up fast. We advise you to call ahead for information and reservations as folks show up early for the event.

Accommodations: Hoot's Cafe, 839-2265; Whitebird Motel, 839-2308; Swiftwater RV Park and Store, 838-2700; Steelhead Inn, Hwy. 95, 628-3044; Prospector's Gold RV Park, Lucile, 628-3773; River Village RV Park, Riggins, 628-3443. Undeveloped RV boondock camping is also available at the Twin Bridges BLM site six miles south of Hoots. Motel accommodations are also available in Riggins and in Grangeville if the nearby places are full.

See you at Hoot's



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### District 1A

## Internet site gets new playing gig at Beehive Elder Care

Since our last news, I, Doris, the reporter, had another heart attack and spent five days in the hospital in Coeur d'Alene, where I received four stints in the right side of my poor old heart. That's why I didn't make it to Hoots. I feel OK most of the time, but the doctor says to take it easy for a while, and I suppose I should pay attention if I want to be around a while longer. It's hard, but I am trying.

I did go to Blackfoot to the convention the last of September. Ruth Hoglan and Janet Sapp attended with me. We had a very enjoyable trip and felt good about the meeting.

Playing for the E.C.F. Wing of the Boundary County Hospital in October were Eleanor Erickson, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens, Barry Coleman and Jim and Sonja McCalmant. I had to see the doctor and couldn't make it, but it was reported they did a great job and were appreciated a whole lot. Thanks to all

of you.

Our October Jam was held in Bonners. We had a small attendance, but we had a great turnout of musicians, Eleanor Erickson, Janet Sapp, Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Katherine Allen (the South Idaho Smith Brothers cousin from Oregon), Earl Stephens, Brad Smith, Cindy Paulsgrove, Lorna Lounsbury (our member who spends half of her time in Alaska), Joanne Erickson, Ingrid Spears and her friend Pat Duff both members of Washington Old Time Fiddlers, and darn good ones at that, Ruth Hoglan, Lew Mace, Kathy Hooper and Doris Howard. We all had a great time and we really welcome all visitors that stop by.

Sorry no one from our District 1A showed up at Hoots and someone else had to fill in for me planning the line-up for Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening. Thanks a million to all that filled in. I hope to make it up to all of you one of these days.

Three of us were able to fulfill a commitment we made to the Beehive Elder Care Home in Sandpoint, before I had the heart attack, on Monday, Oct. 29. I thought it interesting the lady in charge of entertainment, saw one of our "Blue Fiddle Bumper Stickers" on a car ahead of her, went home, looked it up on the Internet and called me in Bonners to make the appointment. Thanks, all who are responsible for us being on the Internet. It works.

In closing this month, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and also with this thought, "Common sense is wisdom with its sleeves rolled up."

-Doris Howard

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# Obituaries

## Floyd M. Strickland

Floyd Manuel Strickland, 86, of Caldwell, died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, at a Caldwell hospital.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Oct. 20, at Flahiff-Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Inurnment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Caldwell, at a later date.

Floyd was born in Hartford, Ark., on Aug. 25, 1921, to Mattie and Charles Strickland. The family later moved to Antioch, Calif., where Floyd graduated from high school. He worked as a "mill boy" at Fibreboard Paper Products half day while attending school his last year.

He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII as a radio instructor. Floyd then went back to work for Fibreboard and worked there 25 years as a stationary engineer in the power-house.

Floyd met and married Elner in 1955, combining their families. The children are Jack Strickland of Taft, Calif., Jay Rogers of El Dorado, Calif., Denise Behrens of Tonopah, Nev., and Claudine Rogers of Lincoln, Calif. The family continued to live for a time in Antioch, then moved to Jackson, Calif., where Floyd worked at and retired from East Bay Municipal Utility District as a power plant operator at Pardee Reservoir, and lastly Floyd and Elner moved to Caldwell in 1988.

He was an amateur radio operator for many years using the call letters W6NED until the day of his death.

He enjoyed rock hunting and all aspects of that hobby. But the hobby he enjoyed the most was music. His brother bought his first mandolin for him when he was 12 years old and 74

years later, he still had it. He thought everyone should learn to play some sort of instrument. He belonged to the National Oldtime Fiddlers, the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers and the Idaho Bluegrass Association, enjoying the company of all his musician friends.

He leaves behind his wife and four children, 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

### District 9

## Travel seemed to rule the month

This month has been a busy one with all the regular play dates and lots of travel by several of our members.

Our first gig of the month was Bishop Place in Pullman with a group of 12 musicians and a very receptive audience.

The second week is always full with Avalon Care and the Pullman senior lunch on the same day followed the next day by Gritman Adult day care in Moscow.

Good Sam in Moscow on the 11th always brings smiles to many. Potlatch senior lunch was back on our schedule after a hiatus for the summer and all were very glad to see us return.

Travel for the month included Ray and Marge Nelson, Herb and Marilyn Jeffers and Gary and Karen Bloomfield on a group tour to Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, Tenn., to see the fall foliage and listen to some fine music. However it seemed like fiddlers were at a premium as most of the groups did not include one. The Bloomfields stayed a few extra days to visit family and do some genealogy prowling of the back woods cemeteries. Beautiful country back there but always nice to get home.

Dave and Trish Bezdicek made a motor journey to the Minnesota area to visit family where Dave also acquired a tuba which I am sure we will hear at one of our next functions.

Skip and Carol Frink are off to Honduras with their church group to work on building a school. I will have more when they return from their goodwill mission.

As we were waiting to play at Clark House in Moscow the other night, we wondered why Lou Stevens was late as she had indicated that she would be there. The next day I re-

ceived a phone call from her and it became clear why she wasn't there. Being the kind-hearted person that she is, she had taken some food over to her neighbor and tripped on the sidewalk resulting in a nasty fall. She said it was just in time for a real Halloween mask as her face was very colorful with possibly a broken bone.

We are still looking for someone to take the office of chairman of our group. Skip and Carol have done a great job for several years and would like to take a break from their duties.

With the holidays fast approaching, practice your Christmas tunes so we will be ready to entertain in a jolly mood for the season.

-Gary Bloomfield



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hands by the above date to be  
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## Come enjoy a stew potluck on Dec. 4

This was a very quiet month for District 4. We had our regular meeting and jam session during the first week of the month. But now with winter approaching, the Horseshoe Bend potluck/jam session with District 5 will not be held until spring time.

We had our regular plays at Apple Valley, Serenity and Sun Bridge. But we had VERY SMALL turnouts at all of them! We knew we would be missing several members because of hunting season. We had only three of us at Apple Valley, four at Serenity and five at Sun Bridge — quite a contrast from the 13 we had at Apple Valley in August! Sure hope that our hunters were successful with bagging their game and will once again be available for our plays!

Several members attended the Cowboy Poetry Gathering that was held here in Emmett on Oct. 19-21. We enjoyed the poetry presentations and some great old-time music, too!

District 4 will be hosting a Stew Potluck at our next meeting and jam session on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at our regular meeting place at Heritage here in Emmett. We will start the jam session around 5 p.m. and the potluck will be around 6 p.m. we would like to invite District 5 and anyone else in the area to join us. Please bring a salad or dessert (and your own table service). District 4 will be providing the stew and other main dishes and cornbread. We're hoping for a nice turnout!

—Ron and Marlene Moore

## Many members enjoy visiting with relatives

We covered our normal nursing facilities during October even though several members were gone on trips after a busy summer playing schedule.

Margie Collins took a tour of the New England States with her family and reported it was Fantastic!

Sadie Kirk and her daughter, Diana, spent a few days in Challis visiting friends, playing music and having a good time.

Kathy Trenkle also spent a few

days in Nevada and Arizona on vacation.

Ralph and Jennifer Wolverton have been traveling to see their children in different places and we were honored to meet their daughter, Denise, from Denver who recently came to see her folks.

Right now Gary and Mary Lee Huntington are visiting relatives in the Mid-West and Bill Morris and his wife, JoAnne, are gone to Tennessee.

We miss each and every one when they are unable to play with our group but are glad they can spend precious time with family, enjoy new traveling experiences and are grateful when all return safely.

We would like to recognize our fiddler, Jennifer Wolverton from Jerome, who has spent a lot of her time cutting out, sewing and fitting our new vests. We have received numerous compliments and think they look mighty professional. Thank You, Jenny!!

Kathy, Margie and Gary enjoyed Hoots weekend and Kathy reports the board meeting was pleasant and she believes much was accomplished. We missed many of you at Hoots! If you didn't go, or if you've never experienced Hoots, please plan to go May 3 and 4, 2008. We play non-stop music and have so much fun. They say, "What happens at Hoots, stays at Hoots," so hope you will consider attending in the Spring.

Until next time, keep that fiddle humming and remember to smile, it will brighten someone's day.

—Mary Baldwin

## October was a fun-filled month

Halloween has slipped away and Thanksgiving is here. And this District is filling up fast with playing dates for December.

October was another fun-filled month. On Oct. 6 we played for the American Legion Convention during their lunch at the Senior Citizens Center. It was very impressive to see them all in their dress uniforms, and gratifying because they were very appreciative of our music.

On Oct. 13, we played for the North Fork Fire Department at their annual pancake supper and auction held in the firehouse. Everyone there had

such a good time! It was just fun, fun, fun.

And our trip to Hoot's for the board meeting, dances and jams was as great as always. It is so special to see so many friends and hear such great fiddle playing. And even though our group was smaller than usual, Hooty had our banquet as usual and made us feel so welcome. On Saturday night a bus load of girls broke down on White Bird Hill. They were volleyball players from Raft River. They were shuttled to Hoots to await another bus to come rescue them. Just in time for the dance! So many of the fiddlers proceeded to teach them to dance. I'm sure a lot of them had as good a time as we did. We were happy to have Caleb come join us from school at Moscow. It was good to see him and we miss him.

November (so far) is pretty quiet. October 15 will see us at the Imperial Apartments Recreation room at 7:30 p.m. for a jam. October 29 we will be at the Legion Hall for our monthly potluck, business meeting and jam.

Tom and Katie Bonn are going to host the New Year's Eve party again this year. Why don't you plan on joining us? It is always a fun time.

Wishing all of you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. I hope it is a special day for all of us.

—Rosalie Hawley

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