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Pictured here are members of District 9 at their Christmas dinner. Pictured front row, from left, Lou Stevens, Ernie Bunch, Alice Rieber, Lee Rieber, Daphne Silha, Clarence Howard and Mabel Vogt. Second row, Herb Jeffers, Skip Frink, Carol Frink, Jenni Light, Jodi Birk, Soni Main, Jack Lyman, Marge Nelson. Back row, Tom Schotzko, Brian Brent, Shirley Steffen, Gary Bloomfield, Dave Bezdicek, Jon Grimes, Sue Akin and Debra Carlson. Photo by Bill Blair.

District 2

Fiddlers enjoy passing on the great sounds of old-time music

The Christmas Holidays are past and a new year is here. I hope we have the good fortune to carry on this year as well as we made it through 2007.

Special thanks to all who gave of their time and musical talents to bring Christmas music to our local shut-ins.

One bright spot for me is the student fiddle players, as we now have about as many students as we do regular players. It takes time (and a lot of practice) to learn fiddle playing skills, and our District student players have shown gratifying progress over the past year. In the last couple years, some of our regular District players (both fiddle and guitar) have

become increasingly involved with teaching others to play fiddle music, something that we have not done in the past. It takes both time and patience, but it is probably the only avenue that those of us old time folks that are still around have to pass on what we know.

The preliminary footwork on the State Fiddle Contest is almost complete as I write this. The contest date is set for Saturday, April 5, 2008, at the Grangeville Elementary School auditorium in Grangeville, Idaho. Tentative commitments from judges are now in hand and a full listing of judges and contest information will be coming in the February and March issues.

Don't forget the District Two Cabin Fever fiddle gathering at Hoot's Café in White Bird is set for January 26, starting at 10 a.m.

-GMS

Presidential Ponderings



As is customary this time of year I find myself looking over our back trail. 2007 was interesting and challenging to say the least. The difficulties surrounding old District 6 comes to the top of the list.

Even though the dust stirred up by this matter has settled a great deal the last chapter is only now being written. When the book is finally and completely closed I will endeavor to explain, in this column in greater detail, at that time. Adversity develops character (Boy Howdy)!

As we exit 2007 I see the resolve, enthusiasm and music stronger than ever in the IOTFA.

2008 promises to be exciting as we explore the fertile fields of fiddles throughout Idaho and they in turn are offered an opportunity to explore and experience us.

Stay tuned,

-President Jerry



January 26 - District 2 Cabin Fever fiddle gathering, Hoot's, 10 a.m.

April 5 - State Fiddle Contest, Grangeville Elementary School auditorium.

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District 6B

Residents enjoy the memories the old-time music brings

Our members enjoyed a nice meal together followed by dancing for our District Christmas party at the Jerome Elks Lodge on Dec. 15. It was nice to listen to someone else's music too although several people asked us why we didn't bring our instruments. All musicians are complimented by similar remarks.

We played at Bridgeview for their annual Christmas celebration. A very personable dancing Santa made his appearance to visit and pose for pictures with the residents as he handed out candy canes. The residents were served punch and cookies while they sang the old familiar Christmas carols and the management provided the members with cups filled with candy as a token of their appreciation for our dedicated performances during the year.

The residents of all our facilities keep telling us how much they look forward to hearing our music each month

and beg us to come more often. The current generation of re-sidents grew up hearing the older tunes we play and we feel happy and honored to share a part in bring-ing back fond memories for them with our music. One has to wonder if the next generation of nursing home residents will be treated to performances of people beating on pots and pans. That is what the modern music sounds like to this reporter!

We held our January jam session and meeting at Idaho Pizza Company on Kimberly Road in Twin Falls last evening. The management of the Idaho Pizza Company has been very gracious, accommodating and supportive to our organization and even puts our name up on the marquee which helps draw additional visitors. There were 21 signatures on our most recent guest list. All the crowd from young to old seemed to enjoy the music and we are seeing some regular followers each month which is encouraging. One little tyke in a high chair was clapping his little hands, wiggling in time to the music and making sign language for "More, More"!! One woman told us that we had certainly made "an old lady happy this evening" by playing her requests for several tunes. She jumped up and danced in the aisle a time or two as well. We were happy that Dirk and Teri Weeks from Rupert also joined our jam session.

We invite all members statewide to join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. or any other time you are in the area or traveling through. Give Kathy Trenkle a call at 735-1580 to check on our play schedule.

Some of our snowbirds will be heading South soon and although

we will miss them, we are glad they can enjoy warmer weather and more activities.

Information will be forthcoming regarding a possible dance around Valentine's Day. We want to wish a speedy recovery to all with health concerns. Until then, keep that instrument tuned up and a smile on your face.

—Mary Baldwin

District 4

Ready for another great year of fiddle music

During December we played at the usual places – Apple Valley, Serenity and Sun Bridge. We also played at a Christmas Party that was lots of fun. Then on New Year's Day, we had our regular meeting and jam session along with a Pizza Party. We had a nice turnout, lots of good music, lots of great pizza and other goodies provided by some of the members! We had 14 musicians and 12-15 guests. Thanks to all of you for coming for a great kick-off for 2008!

We're still planning to do the normally scheduled Horseshoe Bend jam here in Emmett at Heritage Place, but it will be on the third Saturday of both January and February. There will not be any potluck, just a jam session. And the time has been changed to start at 5 p.m. (not 6 p.m. as previously reported in the Fiddler Newsletter). Hope to see you on January 19th and February 16th!

Since there are five Thursdays in January, we'll be playing at Apple Valley, Serenity, Sun Bridge and Emmett Rehab this month.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's! We're looking forward to another great year!

—Ron and Marlene Moore

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Obituaries

Marguerite Chase

Marguerite Chase passed away December 27, 2007, at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa. She was 86 years old. Born Oct. 4, 1921, in Melba, Idaho, she was raised on her parents farm. While attending Melba schools she fell in love with a tall, good looking fellow named Lyle Chase who married her on March 12, 1941.

During her lifetime, Marguerite had many accomplishments that always gave pleasure to others. Her greatest loves were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as music, and always the welfare and happiness of all the people she knew over her lifetime.

She attended college, and graduated from Northwest Nazarene with honors. After trying her hand at teaching school for a year, she started working for the Idaho Health and Welfare Department as a social worker. It was during this time she started the "gleaning" program for the Nampa area, and continued the program with the Salvation Army.

Traveling and music filled her time during the retirement years. Traveling with the Good Sam Club, and playing music with the Old Time Fiddlers, gave her many memories and friends who continued to be close after she moved to Sunbridge Retirement Home, where she made many new friends and always had a kind word and smile for them.

Marguerite is survived by her four children, Larry (Patsy) Chase, Linda (Iver J) Longeteig, Steve (Lynn) Chase, and Susan (Rick) Myers. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her sisters, Virginia Allen and Louisa Workman of Nampa. She was pre-

ceded in death by her parents, her brother Kenneth, and her husband Lyle.

Services were held at the Nampa First United Presbyterian Church (400 Lake Lowell Ave.) at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31. Burial followed at the Melba Cemetery.

The family thanks the many people who made her life happy, with a special thank you to the staff at Sunbridge, and the very many friends who will remember her as a bright beam of sunshine who smiled her way through life and saw good in all she knew and loved.

District 9

Fiddlers enjoy parties and goodies galore

Happy New Year from all of us in District 9. I hope that everyone had a good Christmas season and is looking forward to 2008.

We had a very busy month with all of our regular playing dates along with a few extras.

At Bishop Place in Pullman, we were sorry to hear that George Scott had been in the hospital and has since moved to Richland to be closer to one of his sons. The group will surely miss him and his left handed fiddling.

Lou Stevens has had another fall and is recuperating at home. She's playing the piano some but not getting out to any gigs. She says thank you for all the cards and calls that she has received.

On a lighter note, on Dec. 9 we had a great Christmas potluck with all of the yummys and goodies at the Methodist Church in Moscow. Long time District 9 treasurer, Daphne Silha, was honored with a photo and a gift certificate for all of her years of service. She has decided to turn those duties over to Tom Shotzco. Also honored at our dinner was Brian Brent who has played his fiddle and sang with the group while attending the U of I. He has graduated and is moving back to his home area of Weiser. Hopefully, he will join a group on that end of the state.

After that big dinner and a day of rest, we had a marathon day with four gigs. Starting at 10 a.m. in Pullman, we played the Avalon Care Center. Then it was downtown to the Pullman Senior lunch at 11:30. We traveled over to Moscow to Gritman Adult Day Care to play at 1:30. We fin-

ished the day at Ridgepoint Retirement Center in Pullman for a nice evening of Christmas songs. We had a great audience and enjoyed lots of snacks afterward.

On Dec. 14, we had a delightful evening playing for Pullman Avalon Care. The residents dressed in their best party fashion. We not only played Christmas tunes, but other music to which some danced. After we were through playing, we were invited to join them in a feast that they had helped prepare.

At the Potlatch senior lunch we were joined by Cindi Osborne on the fiddle as she was home from college in Arizona. Cindi is the granddaughter of Bob and Doris Tuttle who have been members of our district for many years.

With all these parties and snacks it is now time to take off a few pounds and get back to a normal schedule.

Once again Happy New Year.

—Gary Bloomfield



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District 5

Special plays included Bishop's House at Pen

December is out of here. Our gang leaders arranged four additional plays for Christmas events in the valley. Most members managed to arrive on time and to the right event. Others, Well—.

We all enjoyed playing at the Bishop's House at the old historic penitentiary. Following that we played at the Chateau in Boise, the Seasons in Eagle and at Valley View Assisted Living. The audiences were exceptional and joined in with us on carols with smiles and clapping. Each IOTF member received a personal thank you from the veterans at the Idaho State Veteran's Home for bringing our music there each month.

Our District enjoyed a Christmas dinner at the Friends Church in Meridian. A thank you to the volunteers who cooked the turkey and ham.

District 4 invited us to a holiday party event with food and music on the agenda. They treat us so nice.

Welcome to Sharon and Jerry Van-Buren from Nampa as new members. We are fortunate to have these two gifted musicians with us.

Mary Lopshire and Donna Allen just insist on taking time out to get well, and get old parts replaced. Our Historian Christine Ney, remains in Salt Lake following her heart transplant. She will be back with us in the spring, good as new.

Our lifetime member, Marguerite Chase, age 86, Idaho native and mandolin player has passed away. Marguerite and her husband, Lyle, were avid Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. Lyle served as chairman for District 5. Beyond that, Marguerite left us a lasting memory. She designed our little Annie pin. At the time, it was felt the lady members were not represented by the little Sam pin, so Marguerite presented her Annie pin design. We are grateful for this delightful little pin to be worn alongside the little Sam pin. It is truly an endearing legacy she has given us.

—Ava Lutteman

District 1A

Snow and fiddle music keep members busy

District 1A isn't completely snowed in. We get some, then snow plows get out, clean the roads, fill our drive-

ways, we clean driveways again, sun comes out and melts the rest. What a vicious circle.

Most of the Christmas parties were held, a couple weren't.

During December, the following played at the Festival of Trees: Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Janet Sapp, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

Then at the Jam Session in Bonners the third Sunday the following played: Janet Sapp, Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Brad Smith, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard. We only had a crowd of between 30 and 35, but they really enjoyed our playing, and even sang along with us as we played old tunes and Christmas Carols.

Our next jam will be in Sandpoint the third Sunday in January at Western Pleasure Guest Ranch.

We played at the Bonners Hospital E.C.F. Wing the third Wednesday, right after their Christmas party, so everyone was in the day room and they all stayed, clapping, singing and humming and keeping time. It was a fun hour. Those playing there were Janet Sapp and her son James, home from the University of Idaho, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

We have most of our 2008 dues sent, with several more to collect. Next is getting our financial report made out and sent to our state president.

In closing this month, I'd like to remind all of us, as we begin 2008 to keep our words soft and sweet, just in case we have to eat them.

A little late but, Happy New Year to everyone.

—Doris Howard

District 8

Good fiddle music is drawing new gigs

Hi Idaho Fiddlers!

WOW! We made it through another year! I love a New Year, a new start, and wondering what will happen THIS year.

December was so fun for the Fiddlers in District 8. We did all of our regular plays, doing all of the Christmas songs we know to help the residents of the Assisted Living Centers celebrate the season. We also played at Rosetta Assisted Living where we haven't played before, and the Dept. of Commerce and Labor (Idaho Job

Service) invited us to play at their Christmas Party. It seems a lot of different organizations are hearing how good "The Fiddlers" are, and have invited all, or some of us, to different venues.

One not-so-good piece of news took place during the holidays. Ted and Beverly Kirkpatrick were involved in an accident on Lost Trail Pass. Beverly sustained serious injury and they have been in all our thoughts and prayers. They are so talented, Ted is so much fun, Bev is so beautiful, and we have missed them a lot. Please "send up" a positive thought for Beverly's full recovery.

On Wednesday, January 2 to start off the new year, we did our Rexburg plays at the two facilities in Rexburg. Tonight, at our monthly Jam, we are actually having our "Holiday Pizza Party." November/December were so busy, with extra things going on, we waited to have a fun party until tonight.

We are already missing our many snowbirds who leave us each winter. We are missing at least 6-8 of our large, regular group. Oh, well, more pizza for the rest of us tonight! We are looking forward to playing for our friends at Lincoln Court, Parkwood Meadows, Good Sam, Fairwinds, Elk Creek and Mountain Falls in January.

Let's all have a GREAT two thousand EIGHT and keep the "fiddlin" going. We hope all is well with all of you.

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District 2

Stephens featured on 'Evening of Memories program for heritage center

The Riggins Heritage Center puts on a monthly program called "Evening of Memories," featuring local folks and recording their stories and recollections of the area's past. January's program featured Duane Stephens and a solid two hours of fiddle music, including many tunes that were passed down within his fiddling family. The crowd loved it and the time flew by!

The Cabin Fever gathering at Hoot's drew more folks than I expected, considering the wintry conditions outside. Even the New Meadows Senior Bus made it to White Bird. We started playing before 10 a.m. and broke at noon for Hoot's buffet dinner. We had almost two dozen signing up for the afternoon show. Brandi and Velma Trivett play-

ed their fiddles especially for their grandmother, Ruth Vavra. I am saddened to report that Ruth passed away this past week, not long after hearing her grandkids play.

We are finding this winter to be pretty old-fashioned, too. With the key elements of the State Fiddle Contest now in place, the legwork is underway regardless of winter. The contest is set for April 4 and 5 at the Grangeville Elementary School Multipurpose room, in Grangeville.

I know that contest work will keep us busy these next two months, but I find the local enthusiasm from the community to be very encouraging, with many offers of help and support for the State Fiddle Contest.

-GMS

District 9

Winter dominates our spare time

Fun play enjoyed at farmers market in historic 1912 building

January is supposed to be a winter month in this country and believe me, it has been. I have about 24 inches of snow although it is hard to measure as there are drifts 60 inches deep and some places with only 8 inches. I have a friend that sent me some pictures from Deary and the snow is really deep there. I only hope that by the time everyone reads this, we will see signs of melting and in a mild way so flooding is not a problem. A couple of our play dates were cancelled due to snow but, for the most part, we have made our commitments.

One extra play date this month was

at the 1912 building in Moscow for a farmers market. It was a great time as we played on the balcony from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. We had 14 musicians and played about every tune that we knew with a good response from the crowd.

We were saddened to learn this week that long-time member George "Scotty" Scott had passed away. George, who was a barber in Pullman for many years, loved to play fiddle. He was a left-handed fiddler who good naturedly took a lot of jokes about playing his fiddle backwards. George will certainly be missed by our group as well as members from other districts.

-Gary Bloomfield

District 1A

Northern Idaho fiddlers jams help keep them warm

The new year, 2008, started very cold. We in Northern Idaho haven't had it this cold for years now, and we have to get used to it again.

We had our first jam session in 2008 at the Western Pleasure Guest Ranch in Bonner County on Sunday, Jan. 20. It was a cold day. We had some snow but a few were brave enough to venture out and we did have a good time. Around 25 were in attendance. Those playing were Mickie Jacobson, Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Eleanor Erickson, Barbara Rhodes, Cindy Paulsgrove, Danielle Schooner (we were happy she took time out of her busy life to come help us) and of course, Doris Howard.

The third Wednesday we played for the E.C.F. Wing of the hospital in Bonners. Those playing were Earl Stephens, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson, Janet Sapp, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman and Doris Howard. Another fun time which pleased a lot of older folks and made their day a little more pleasant.

We are looking forward to a little warmer weather as we face the rest of the New Year. Keep in mind - Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future.

-Doris Howard



April 4-5 - State Fiddle Contest, Grangeville Elementary School auditorium. See inside this issue for more information and entry form.

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District 8

Plays cancelled due to bad roads and lots and lots of snow

Hi Idaho Fiddlers!

District 8 is trying to keep our heads above the snow, but making it to almost every play.

Last Wednesday, January 30, "Mountain Falls Apartments" called to say they did NOT want us out on the roads, so we didn't play for them. Luckily, we didn't have our play at the Rexburg Centers, as the snow is REALLY getting deep up north.

Our monthly JAM was held last Monday, Feb. 4, as usual. Tonight, we have our play at The Gables, and are switching Good Sam and Lincoln Court on Feb. 13 and 20, as Good Sam wants us on Feb. 13 for their Valentine party. "Anything to make 'em happy."

The GOOD news is, Beverly Kirkpatrick is out of ICU, breathing on her own, and getting better and better. We are so glad to hear that...she and Ted have had a long haul.

The not-so-good news is, Joe Albert is in ICU this week. We are hoping all goes well and he will be going home soon.

Well, this month is all about staying safe on the roads, hoping everyone stays healthy, and getting to our plays as if we weren't "buried" in snow!

We hope all of you are having a safe, warm winter and warming the hearts of those you play for with your music.

Until next month when it is closer to spring, fiddle and have fun!

-Gail



Obituaries

Donna Rae (Jones) Allen

Oct. 17, 1941-Jan. 29, 2008

She will go to have fun in Heaven!

Donna was born in Sioux City, Iowa, and moved to Boise in 1959. She had recently retired from the Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare in 2007 after being with them for 42 years.

Donna loved camping, the outdoors, and especially snowmobiling. She held many different positions with the Boise Snowmobile Club, including being named "Snowmobiler of the Year" in 2000, and especially loved helping others, both at snowmobiling events and in daily life.

Donna was preceded in death by her father, Glen Jones; and her sister-in-law, Lynda Jones. She is survived by her husband, Fred Allen; son, Bill Allen; her mother, Lois "Grandma" Jones; her brother, Rich Jones; her nephew and his wife, Jason and Lisa Jones; and by her grandniece and nephew, Haidyn and Tyler Jones...all are of Boise.

Funeral services for Donna were held on Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at the Cloverdale Seventh Day Adventist Church, across from the Cloverdale Funeral Home, beginning at 1 p.m. A celebration of Donna's life was held at the church after the funeral service. Services were under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home.

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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*.

2008 Idaho State Old Time Fiddle Contest

The 2008 Idaho State Old Time Fiddle Contest is set for April 4 and 5 in Grangeville, Idaho. The contest will be held in the multipurpose room at the Grangeville Elementary School. Sponsored by the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association, Inc., the Idaho State Fiddle Contest is a statewide competition offered to Idaho resident fiddle players.

Contest preliminaries start Friday evening, April 4 with a Gamblers Contest and Flat Picking competition. The first rounds of the Fiddle Contest will start bright and early Saturday morning April 5 with the judges meeting starting at 8:30 a.m. (all times Pacific time zone). The evening events start at 6:30 p.m. Saturday night, kicking off the championship rounds in the contest divisions, closing with the championship division finalists.

The Idaho State Fiddle Contest uses the same contest rules used at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser. Competitors will be required to play a hoedown, a waltz, and a tune of choice (not a waltz or a hoedown) within a four-minute time limit for each contest appearance. Judging scores each performance for its danceability, rhythm and timing, tone quality, and old time fiddle playing style.

Competition categories will be as follows: Small Fry (age 8 & under), Junior-Junior (ages 9-12), Junior (ages 13-17), Young Adult (ages 18-36), Adult (ages 37-59), Senior (ages 60-69), Senior-Senior (age 70 plus), and Championship Division (all ages). A Twin Fiddle Compe-

tion is also planned. The Idaho State Fiddle Contest is certified by the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Association and winners in each category will be certified to the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser in June. Entrants may enter only one certified category, and entries received after 9 p.m. Friday will be subject to an additional \$10 late fee.

Judges for this event are Patsy Mercer, Prosser, Wash.; Dan Emert, Pendleton, Ore.; and JayDean Ludiker, Spokane, Wash.

Entry forms, rules and contest information are available online at <http://www.iotfa.org>. Contest information and entry forms will also be available on request by contacting Gary Solberg, (208) 628-3633, Marian Wikoff (208) 983-1704, Duane Stephens (208) 983-2506.

Motels available in Grangeville are: Super 8 Motel: 983-1002; Gateway Inn: 983-2500; Elkhorn Lodge: 983-1500; Downtowner Inn: 983-1110. Motel rooms are also available at Hoot's Motel in White Bird (18 miles south) 839-2265.

RV Parks with hookups - Grangeville area: Bear Den RV Park 1-800-539-3658; Sundowner RV Park 983-9113; Mtn. View Trailer Park 983-2328.

RV Parks, White Bird Area (18 miles south): Angel's Nook RV Park 839-2880.

Check also with Hoot's Café in White Bird or check with registration personnel at the door for dry camping opportunities in the area..

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I wish to enter the State Contest event as indicated:

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*Senior Division (age 60 through 69)	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Adult Division (age 37 through 59)	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Young Adult Division (age 18 through 36)	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Junior Division (age 13 through 17)	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Junior Junior Division (age 9 through 12)	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Small Fry Division (age 8 and under)	\$5.00	\$10.00
Twin Fiddling Division (each competitor)	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Championship Division (all ages)	\$10.00	\$15.00

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Applicant's Name: (Please print or type) _____

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Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Please make checks payable to: IOTFA

Mail completed form and entry fee to: **Marian Wikoff, 1113 Scott St., Grangeville, ID 83530**

District 4

Ready for winter to end and for warmer weather

Winter this year seems to be going on way too long...even down here in the southwestern part of the state! We're ready for winter to end and to have some warmer weather. We used to have winters like this, but we've sure been spoiled in the recent years with not very much snow and bad roads. With the road conditions like they've been, we've had smaller turnouts for our jam sessions. We miss those who haven't been with us recently and look forward to having you all join us once again!

We had some of our usual plays this month at Apple Valley and Sun Bridge, plus the fifth Thursday this month at Emmett Rehab, but missed our play at Serenity due to a scheduling conflict. We held the Horseshoe Bend jam here in Emmett on January 19, with a very small turnout, but we had lots of fun!

At our meeting/jam session this month on Tuesday, February 5, we again had a small turnout, but more snow is still being predicted and kept some folks home.

The Horseshoe Bend jam session for February will be held at Heritage Place here in Emmett on Saturday, February 16 at 5 p.m. - but again this month, there will not be a potluck, just a jam session. We're hoping for better weather and nice turnout!

Then in March, we'll be returning to Horseshoe Bend for the usual potluck and jam session. This year these potluck/jam sessions in Horseshoe Bend at the Senior Center will be held on the third Saturday of the month instead of the previous second Saturday as before. The jam sessions will start at 5 p.m. and the potluck around 6 p.m., with more jamming following dinner. So mark your calendars for the third Saturday of each month in Horseshoe Bend beginning March 15. Hope to see y'all there!

-Ron and Marlene Moore

District 6B

Fiddlers entertain for Sweetheart's Dance

We are thrilled to have some new players join us recently. Dale Willard who plays the guitar and his wife Betty who plays the fiddle and Mike Love-day playing fiddle have been helping us

out whenever they can.

Some of our members have already gone South. We sure miss them but glad they can play music in warmer weather.

Gary Huntington and Mary Baldwin are both home recovering from surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bev Kirkpatrick as she struggles to get better and for her family during this difficult time.

Our group will be playing for a Sweetheart's Dance at the Buhl Senior Center on February 22, from 7-10 p.m.

We would love to have you join our jam session on the first Wednesday of each month at the Idaho Pizza Company in Twin Falls from 6 to 8 p.m. if you are in this area or just traveling through.

Stay well and play a tune whenever you can.

-Mary Baldwin

District 5

Love songs are featured for February's programs

We can now close the book on Christmas music, and put it back on the shelf.

Following the Christmas rush, we are glad to sit back and cool our heels in January. There were no special plays.

We hosted a jam and potluck at the Friends Church in Meridian. There are members with new fiddles and new guitars. We had a great workshop and practice. It is time to rearrange my music book, put in the good songs I should have done, and take out the bad ones I did do.

February is the loving song month and that is our program emphasis for February.

Sharon and Jerry VanBuren entertained with "The Chicken in the Sky" song. It was a real treat for our audience and ourselves as well. We can depend on them to make us look good all the time.

Neve continues to keep up with her yodeling songs. At every play she gets special requests and always puts on an exceptional performance.

Most of us were too busy in December to think about ourselves. So the time has come to settle in for some medical care and get it taken care of because Hoots will be here before we know it.

Betty Barnard had a knee replacement. Charlotte Allen and Kathy Flaten have rented rooms at the hospital as well. Ava has signed up for physical

therapy. She just wants to be able to hold up her fiddle and to walk up to the microphone. Now it would also help if she could just hear the song she is playing.

There are members in the Old Time Fiddlers who work for us behind the scenes, always helping out where they can, sending cards, flowers, thank yous, helping in the kitchen, setting up for parties, working our telephone hot line in emergencies, and keeping us looking good. These are our auxiliary members. They are a dedicated bunch and have our profound respect. Some of us stand around with a piece of music in our hand, but somebody has to be there to pick up the pieces and do the work. Many thanks to our auxiliary.

Today we are sad to lose Donna Allen, a great auxiliary member and always there supporting us in the cheering and clapping section at our monthly meetings and jams. It was our pleasure to play at the reception following her service.

-Ava Lutteman

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District 1A

Enthusiastic crowds enjoy fiddle music with audience members joining in

February started out a wee bit warmer than January did, but not much.

Our Fiddlers were asked to play for the Senior Citizen center on Feb. 6. We played for an hour to a very enthusiastic crowd. We even invited one of their regular dinner goers to play her harmonica (which she just happens to carry around with her in her purse) with us on a couple tunes. Then we were served a very delicious lunch. We are asked to play in March on the first Wednesday. Those playing were Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Earl Stephens, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

We held our February Jam in Bonners with 35 in attendance. Those playing were Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens, Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Doris Howard and

we were happy to have Cal Beebe and his banjo and yodeling and Les Schewchuk and his guitar and singing join us. It has been a while since the Canadians have been down. We even had several dancers take advantage of our danceable music.

Playing for the E.C.F. wing of the hospital were Bary Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard. One of the residents joined us on a tamborine and her singing.

We have one more place to play in February. Friday, Feb. 29, we will play for the Restorium Birthday Party. I'll tell you about it in the next Fiddler.

In closing this month let me remind you, "People get most tired when they are standing still." Sooo, keep moving. This is it for this month.

-Doris Howard

District 12

Cabin Fever Jam will be held March 15

District 12 had a fun Cabin Fever get together at the Carmen Heritage Hall in February. We had some old friends and new ones participate. We invite you all to our Cabin Fever Jam to be held Saturday, March 15, at the American Legion Hall at 1 p.m.

Our schedule for March is:

March 6 - Discovery Care Centre, 7 p.m., Jam at American Legion Hall, 8 p.m.

March 13 - Jam at Diane Spaeth's Home, 7:30 p.m.

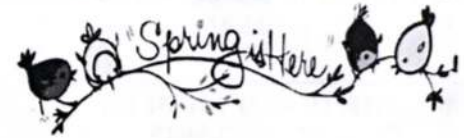
March 15 - Cabin Fever Jam, American Legion Hall, 1 p.m.

March 20 - Jam at Susan Stout's Home 7:30 p.m.

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

We are planning to play at the Mule Sale on April 18.

Come enjoy our Cabin Fever Jam!
-Kay Smith (for Rosalie Hawley)



April 4-5 - State Fiddle Contest, Grangeville Elementary School auditorium. See inside this issue for more information and entry form.

Aug. 22-24 - District 9 campout at Three Rivers Resort in Lowell, Idaho.

**Don't Miss The Fun
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District 2

Plays cancelled due to bad roads and lots and lots of snow

The Idaho State Fiddle Contest will be held April 4-5, in Grangeville at the Elementary School Multipurpose Room. See the events page at www.iotfa.org for forms, rules, and general information.

It is nice to have warm weather and good roads again. We had a pretty stiff dose of winter, and the Fiddle Contest committee folks are now busy with preparations and fund-raising for the State Fiddle Contest. I notice that the local folks and Main Street are enthused about having the Contest in Grangeville, and I am encouraged by the offers to help out coming from them.

I have also heard from folks who are glad that the State Fiddle Contest is located close enough for folks from north Idaho to participate in this year, and I expect to see a good showing

from this region in spite of the price of gas.

Note: Because of a conflict, Jaydean Ludiker had to opt out of judging the State Contest and she has been replaced by Aaron Lowe.

See you at the State Contest on April 5!

—GMS

District 4

Glad it is almost spring time – finally™

The weather has finally started to look like maybe spring will get here after all! We're certainly ready for the winter to end and some warmer days.

For February, we had our usual plays at Apple Valley, Serenity and Sun Bridge. We only had four of us at Serenity, but at Sun Bridge we had all 10 of our normal group – Joy Halliwell, Ken Tooley, Don Ikenberry, John Spicer, Lonnie Spicer, Earl Holte, Vi Schiewe, Carole Cornwell, and Ron and Marlene Moore. Good to have the entire group back again! We also had our regular monthly meeting and jam on Tuesday, March 4, at Heritage Place in Emmett.

We had the "Horseshoe Bend jam" here in Emmett on Saturday, Feb. 16, but without the potluck. For March, we will be back in Horseshoe Bend at the Senior Center for the regular potluck and jam on Saturday, March 15 at 5 p.m. We hope to have a good turnout! Remember to mark your calendars for this event on the third Saturday of the month. Hope to see y'all there!

Enjoy spring!

—Ron and Marlene Moore

Obituaries

Denzil Earl Marker

Denzil Earl Marker, an 86-year-old former resident of Burley, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, at the home of his daughter in Rexburg, Idaho.

He was born March 8, 1921, in Clayton, Idaho, to Elizabeth (Fisher) and Frank Denzil Marker. He attended Clayton School.

Denzil was a hard worker. He had his first job at age 10, helping trail cattle for a month. He graduated from the eighth grade, then worked with lumber, at a cattle ranch, his dad's mine (Poverty Flat) and surveying for a new road over Galena Summit.

He was in the Air Force (Radio Intelligence) from 1942-1969 and retired as Sr. Master Sergeant. After that he worked for the Challis National Forest Service in 1970 and the BLM from 1973-1983.

He married Dorothy Gilbert, Aug. 3, 1946. They were true sweethearts until her death in 2003. Their family settled in Challis in 1963. In 1978 they bought their RV trailer and began spending time in Quartzsite, Ariz., for the next 18 years. In 1983 they began living full-time in their trailer, as they traveled around. They formed a new band called the Why Knots in Arizona, playing at parties and dances and recording many songs. They moved to Burley in 1998, and then Denzil moved to Rexburg in 2005.

He joined the Old Time Fiddlers in 1970, and was the president for two years. Denzil founded the Salmon River Juniors Fiddling Group, playing for several functions in two counties. From 1972-82 he taught music skills to 145 people, ages 5 to 77. He still had students up until he passed away. He composed over 450 songs and liked to write ballads and poetry.

He is survived by his sister, Sadie Kirk, of Twin Falls; son, Frank (Kathy) Marker of Burley; and daughters Marge Gardner, of Rexburg and Peggy (Clyde) Raabe, of Northern Idaho; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Payne Mortuary.

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2008 Idaho State Old Time Fiddle Contest

The 2008 Idaho State Old Time Fiddle Contest is set for April 4 and 5 in Grangeville, Idaho. The contest will be held in the multipurpose room at the Grangeville Elementary School. Sponsored by the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association, Inc., the Idaho State Fiddle Contest is a statewide competition offered to Idaho resident fiddle players.

Contest preliminaries start Friday evening, April 4 with a Gamblers Contest and Flat Picking competition. The first rounds of the Fiddle Contest will start bright and early Saturday morning April 5 with the judges meeting starting at 8:30 a.m. (all times Pacific time zone). The evening events start at 6:30 p.m. Saturday night, kicking off the championship rounds in the contest divisions, closing with the championship division finalists.

The Idaho State Fiddle Contest uses the same contest rules used at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser. Competitors will be required to play a hoedown, a waltz, and a tune of choice (not a waltz or a hoedown) within a four-minute time limit for each contest appearance. Judging scores each performance for its danceability, rhythm and timing, tone quality, and old time fiddle playing style.

Competition categories will be as follows: Small Fry (age 8 & under), Junior-Junior (ages 9-12), Junior (ages 13-17), Young Adult (ages 18-36), Adult (ages 37-59), Senior (ages 60-69), Senior-Senior (age 70 plus), and Championship Division (all ages). A Twin Fiddle Compe-

tion is also planned. The Idaho State Fiddle Contest is certified by the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Association and winners in each category will be certified to the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser in June. Entrants may enter only one certified category, and entries received after 9 p.m. Friday will be subject to an additional \$10 late fee.

Judges for this event are Patsy Mercer, Prosser, Wash.; Dan Emert, Pendleton, Ore.; and JayDean Ludiker, Spokane, Wash.

Entry forms, rules and contest information are available online at <http://www.iotfa.org>. Contest information and entry forms will also be available on request by contacting Gary Solberg, (208) 628-3633, Marian Wikoff (208) 983-1704, Duane Stephens (208) 983-2506.

Motels available in Grangeville are: Super 8 Motel: 983-1002; Gateway Inn: 983-2500; Elkhorn Lodge: 983-1500; Downtowner Inn: 983-1110. Motel rooms are also available at Hoot's Motel in White Bird (18 miles south) 839-2265.

RV Parks with hookups - Grangeville area: Bear Den RV Park 1-800-539-3658; Sundowner RV Park 983-9113; Mtn. View Trailer Park 983-2328.

RV Parks, White Bird Area (18 miles south): Angel's Nook RV Park 839-2880.

Check also with Hoot's Café in White Bird or check with registration personnel at the door for dry camping opportunities in the area..

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I wish to enter the State Contest event as indicated:

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*Senior-Senior (age 70 and above).....	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Senior Division (age 60 through 69).....	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Adult Division (age 37 through 59).....	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Young Adult Division (age 18 through 36).....	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Junior Division (age 13 through 17).....	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Junior Junior Division (age 9 through 12).....	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Small Fry Division (age 8 and under).....	\$5.00	\$10.00
Twin Fiddling Division (each competitor).....	\$10.00	\$15.00
*Championship Division (all ages).....	\$10.00	\$15.00

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Applicant's Name: (Please print or type) _____

Signed _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Please make checks payable to: IOTFA

Mail completed form and entry fee to: **Marian Wikoff, 1113 Scott St., Grangeville, ID 83530**

District 5

March flies in with great Irish music

March flew right in here without anyone knowing or having a chance to argue about it. All those lovin' songs went out with February. Now we'er wearing green and speeding up the bow. When Jack Nolan shows up to play *Irish Washerwoman* and Buck Lee Owens playing *Shamus O'Brein*, we know we are looking good.

We are so fortunate to be kin cousins to District 4 over in Emmett. Darrel and Betty, Eldon and Neve and Marilyn Williams took part in their February jam and party. The next big jam and party will be on March 15 at 5 p.m. at the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center. Bring food for the potluck and plan to try out new songs. And in the hereafter, always put the third Saturday of the month to go to Horseshoe Band for a good time.

The chairmen kept us on track to keep our commitments in February. We welcome John Edwards and his banjo. A great player, he has moved here from Ontario. Welcome back John.

Mike Hillman is trying out his new eight-string dobro guitar. He has a few Hawaiian tunes on there already.

And now for the life and times of the Old Time Fiddlers. It is truly a love for music when Marion and Bob Baird come from their mountaintop home up towards Idaho City, committing to every play and practice and getting here before everybody as if their trip was no different from the rest of the players. But we know they have four feet of unplowed snow and miles to go to break a trail every day to the main road.

Now for the rest of us. There are those getting tune-ups, new body parts. Christine Ney is back with her new heart. After anesthesia, there is all that brain fog that shrouds our consciousness, wipes out tunes, and sends us back to memorizing our old stuff again. So speed it up because Hoots is right around the corner. Plan to be there for May 2 and 3.

—Ava Lutteman

District 6B

Cajun tune adds to the joy of Sweetheart Ball

We are happy to report that the Sweetheart Ball that we played for at the Buhl Senior Center on Feb. 22,

was a big success. Over a dozen couples enjoyed the evening of dancing and visiting and they requested more dances in the future. The Fewkes family came to help us out and they were able to accommodate several special song requests. The gentleman who requested a Cajun tune was truly amazed and overwhelmed with joy when Aaron and Jason just whipped out "Jodie Blon" so easily and said he didn't figure he would ever hear that tune again after leaving Louisiana. All of us are very appreciative of the family's musical contribution and the effort they made to join us after a long day at their jobs and a long drive from Boise.

Also, Martin has helped us several times recently at our nursing home plays which has been a true blessing with some of our members being gone for the winter, feeling under the weather or having medical challenges. Our newer members have been very faithful to attend the plays and continue to learn more tunes so we are all thrilled to have them in our group as well.

We extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to our chairlady, Kathy Trenkle, with her knee replacement and hope that she will feel much better soon.

Gary Huntington and Mary Baldwin continue to make slow progress recuperating from surgery.

Our condolences to Sadie Kirk and her family in the loss of her brother, Denzil Marker. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Evelyn Drown. Evelyn and her husband, Tim Drown were members of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers for many years and were very active in our organization. We will miss seeing her cheerful smile among the residents of Alterra Brookdale who always enjoyed her favorite tune, "Sweet Evalina."

Until next time, keep that fiddle tuned up and a song in your heart.

—Mary Baldwin

District 9

Palouse is starting to look like spring

As I sat and wrote the news last month telling of how deep the snow was, I could only hope that by the time I wrote again things would be melting. Well, I am happy to report that most all of our snow is gone except for some very deep drifts on

the north hillsides of the Palouse country. Some of those will still be there when the farmers can no longer sit still. I have snowdrops and crocuses in bloom so spring is on it way.

We started the month out with a blizzard the night Feb. 5, when we played at Bishop Place in Pullman. Dave was snowed in and only Willard braved the storm to drive from Moscow to join four of us, Herb, Tom, Debbie and myself. They were very glad to see us as we had cancelled our January date because it fell on New Year's Day.

By Feb. 11, the roads had cleared and a small group of players made it to Avalon Care in Pullman, Pullman senior lunch and Gritman Adult Care all in the same day.

On Feb. 13 we played for their gala Valentine evening at Good Sam in Moscow. A good turnout from the sororities and fraternities came to visit and dance with the residents. It took us a while to hit upon the right songs but we did manage to get some dancers on the floor.

Feb. 15 we drove to Potlatch on dry roads to play for the senior lunch. Aspen Care in Moscow was on Feb. 26, Troy Seniors Feb. 27 and Moscow seniors Feb. 28. All of those, plus two jam/meetings, make the gas gauge go down pretty fast. With gasoline at \$3.30 a gallon, we need to thank all of our musicians that continue to make most of the play dates.

It was good to see Lou Stevens and Lee and Alice Rieber out on Feb. 28. Lee and Alice have been snowbound and Lou is scheduled for surgery to repair her neck damage from her fall.

Summer will soon be here so save this date:

District 9's campout at Three Rivers Resort, Lowell, Idaho, Aug. 22, 23, 24, 2008. Good times to include fiddle show, jamming, lessons, fishing, hiking, and swimming.

—Gary Bloomfield



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District 8

Fiddlers to play at Shelley Senior Center and for Earth Day celebration

Hi Idaho Fiddlers!

District 8 is still looking for Spring, but today the wind has a real chill and it is spitting SNOW! On April 5th! Will Spring ever come?

Last Monday, the last in March was no play. Then Wednesday, we played at The Gables on Ammon Rd. We have rearranged our monthly schedule a bit to accommodate one more retirement center, which will make them happy. All of our centers wish we could play for THEM every week, but we spread ourselves around.

Beverly Kirkpatrick is still in the hospital and we are still sending best wishes to her and Ted. Best wishes also to Bill Radtke and his wife through her surgery and recovery.

Our snowbirds are slowly returning to us. In another month, when they are all back, we'll have to split the group for our plays. We have many long-standing venues during the spring and summer, and with our large group, many of us are always available to play.

We didn't have a lot of extra invitations to play in March, but next Saturday, we are invited again to the Shelley Se-

nior Citizen's Annual Breakfast which we have enjoyed playing for nearly 10 years! We get a good breakfast, then play for two hours. It is a fun, well-accepted venue.

We are also playing for Earth Day Celebration at Tautphaus Park Saturday, April 26th. There will be a lot of old and new fans, and the event draws a larger crowd each year.

The longer I am a member of IOTFA, the more I respect and admire the many talents so many of our group have. District 8 must be the friendliest, most fun group in Idaho, RIGHT?

Until next month when it might be spring, keep fiddling and have lots of friendly fun!

-Gail

District 6B

Pizza Boogie enjoyed at monthly meeting

We are thankful that our snowbirds have returned home safely and we are glad to see them once again.

We held our monthly meeting this week at Idaho Pizza Com-

pany in Twin Falls with a good turnout of members. We were pleased to have William Aekin from Jerome as a guest guitar player and hope to see more of him. Some of our faithful music fans were there as well and enjoyed a meal while listening to their favorite tunes. This reporter gets a real kick out of watching the kids in the audience do the "Pizza Boogie" as they traipsed back and forth to the self-serve pizza, salad and drink areas. What a wonderful blessing good health and bountiful energy is.

We discussed our summer play schedule and already have numerous commitments in addition to our regular care centers. We are pleased to have annual invitations from several organizations and groups.

We extend wishes for a speedy recovery to those with health issues and hope to see them again soon.

Happy Spring and keep a tune in your heart!

-Mary Baldwin



May 2, 3 and 4 - State Jam at Hoots Cafe in Whitebird.

Aug. 22-24 - District 9 campout at Three Rivers Resort in Lowell, Idaho.

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District 5

March was great opportunity for fiddlers to play Irish love songs

March was a great time for this opportunity again to play jigs and reels and Irish love songs. According to all the songs, the Irish are great on love and dancing. District 5 and 4 played to a packed house at the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center. It was a fun time. It is always a great time when District 4 and 5 get together.

We were privileged to have visitors. Boyd Robinson, old-time banjo player came to help us out at the Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center. Mike and Kelby Sommer played with us at the Veteran's State Home. They were on spring break. Our thanks to

them. John Edwards is no longer a visitor. He has joined us full-time. Welcome.

Our fiddle workshops will be at Betty Gulls on the second Thursday of the month. This is to work on new songs. Our appreciation to Pat Ramage and Gail Sorensen for offering their homes and scheduling the workshops these past few months. The District 5 summer picnic is in the planning. It will be on Saturday, July 26, at the Friends Church in Meridian in air conditioning. More on that later.

The Old Time Fiddle convention for the fall is in the planning. We have a great chairman for this event. Rena Lute is putting it all together. She put in a lot of time with phone calls, travel to look at halls, going to other towns outside of the Boise Valley. Some places were old digs from bygone days. The final decision is to have the convention at the Marriott Courtyard, 1789 So. Eagle Road between Meridian and Boise. It is right off the freeway and easy to get to. We have a special room rate and the Marriott will hold those rooms for us. Room rate is \$79 a night, one king or two queens. The phone number there is 208-888-0800. The dates will be Sept. 26 and 27. More to

follow will be a map, info about the Marriott and a schedule of events. In the Boise Valley and outlying towns, halls are scheduled even into December. Bear in mind, the Boise Valley ranks 15th as the fastest growing metro area in the nation. Our thanks to Rena for making all this happen.

—Ava Lutteman

District 12

Good time held at Cabin Fever Party

Hi there Fiddlers. I am not too sure what has been going on in District 12, but I do know that I had a most wonderful winter in Arizona – fiddling around whenever possible.

By the time we read this, the contest will be over and we will be looking forward to Hoots.

District 12 held a Cabin Fever Party at the American Legion Hall on March 15. From what I hear, it was a good one.

Our playing dates for April are:

April 10 - Imperial Apartments rec room, 7:30 p.m.

April 12 - American Legion Hall, 1 p.m. for Lola Andrews birthday party.

April 17 - Imperial Apartments, 7:30 p.m.

April 18 - Salmon Fairgrounds (inside), 5 p.m., Fred Snook's mule sale.

April 19 - time to be announced later, Salmon Fairgrounds (continuing mule sale).

April 24 - American Legion Hall, potluck, business meeting and jam, 7 p.m.

My thanks to Kay Smith for taking over my duties for the winter months.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Hoots, May 2, 3 and 4.

—Rosalie Hawley

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2008 Idaho State Fiddle Contest Results

The 2008 Idaho State Fiddle Contest was held April 5, at the Grangeville Elementary School in Grangeville, with over 50 Idaho fiddlers entering the competitions.

Judges for the event were Patsy Mercer of Prosser, Washington, Dan Emert of Pendleton, Oregon, and Aaron Lowe of Spokane, Washington.

At 9 a.m. the contest kicked off with the Small Fry Division, finishing with the Championship Final Round after 10 p.m. Saturday night.

The youngest fiddler participating at State was 4-year-old Halsey Hope Grose of Dingle, Idaho, and

the oldest fiddler was Doris Howard, 87, of Bonners Ferry.

Results of the 2008 State Contest:

Small Fry Division: 1st place - Rachel Mansfield, Boise; 2nd place - Kelly Makela, Boise; 3rd place - Bryson Grose, Dingle.

Junior-Junior Division: 1st place - Brock Grose, Dingle; 2nd place - Ellie Shaw, Eagle; 3rd place - Annie Armstrong, Eagle.

Junior Division: 1st place - Nikki Armstrong, Eagle; 2nd place - Caid Jones, Eagle; 3rd place - Dustin Horn, Post Falls.

Young Adult Division: 1st place - Aaron Fewkes, Boise; 2nd place

- Caleb Call, Moscow; 3rd place - Katy Reiersen, Boise.

Adult Division: 1st place - Kendra Clark, Meridian; 2nd place - Katie Bonn; 3rd place - Beth Weber, Cocolalla.

Senior Division: 1st place - Mabel Vogt, Potlatch; 2nd place - Duane Stephens; 3rd place - Gary Solberg, Pollock.

Senior-Senior Division: 1st place - Max Stephens, Winchester; 2nd place - Fran Widener, Riggins; 3rd place - Doris Howard, Bonners Ferry.

Championship Division: 1st place - Tim Hodgson, Victor; 2nd place - Monique Ruwe, Nampa; 3rd place - Jason Fewkes, Boise.

Schoonover teaches Bunny Hop at jam

District 1A

Our District had the following playing for the Restorium Birthday Party the end of February - Janet Sapp, Eleanor Erickson, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Barry Coleman and Doris Howard. They all seemed to be happy with our choice of tunes.

The first Wednesday of March 23, played for the Senior Citizens lunch crowd. Those playing after finishing a really good meal were Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson, Jese Scroggie and Doris Howard.

The second Wednesday of March we traveled to Sandpoint where we spent an hour at each of the two BeeHive Homes. Those going to Sandpoint to entertain were Janet

Sapp, Eleanor Erickson, Ruth Hoglan, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman and Doris Howard. Both homes were very happy with us and would like us to come back more often than once a month.

There are many, many more musical groups in Sandpoint than the Fiddlers. I don't understand why they aren't helping out more so the residents aren't so hungry for entertainment.

The third Sunday of March we held our March Jam at Western Pleasure Guest Ranch on Upper Gold Creek Road in Sandpoint. Around 40 plus were in attendance. We had a great group of dancers present. They kept four or five couples on the floor for most of the two hours we played. Those providing the danceable music were Janet Sapp, Cindy Paulsgrove, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Tom Murry, Barbara Rhoades, Ruth Hoglan,

Eleanor Erickson, Earl Stephens and Doris Howard. Danielle Schoonover took time off from school assignments to help some young and older people learn the Bunny Hop. We are looking forward to the day she'll be back full time.

The last place we played in March was at the E.C.F. Wing in Bonners Ferry's Hospital with the following playing, Janet Sapp, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard. One of the residents even recognized we had played some different tunes than we ever had before. Others followed us as we left, to tell us we could come every day. I took this as a compliment.

We plan for at least two from our District going to Grangeville to the State Contest, April 4 and 5. So guess we will see some of you there. In closing, let me remind you - Your mind is like a parachute, it works better when it is open.

-Doris Howard



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State Contest was a great success

The IOTFA State Jam at Hoots is set for the first weekend in May – May 2nd and 3rd. I have heard from several people who thought the Hoots jam was set aside to have the State Contest in Grangeville, but this is NOT the case! Remember: State Jam at Hoot's Café in White Bird the first weekend in May.

As I write this, the State Fiddle Contest in Grangeville is just finished and the results posted. For the fiddle contest committee, it has been a very busy time for the past few weeks. Our small District would not have been able to do such a big statewide event just on our own, and we owe a big debt of gratitude to the people and the merchants of Grangeville whose financial and personal support made it possible. The Grangeville Elementary School provided an excellent fiddle contest site, and we had a great group of the area's community volunteers who helped us make it happen. For a bunch of people who had never done a fiddle contest before, I am quite amazed at how well it functioned!

I am also honored to tell you that our own Marian Wikoff won the accompanist award for the most times on stage backing up fiddle players (old and young) at this year's state fiddle contest. Any guitar player who accompanies that many fiddle players for that many times on stage has to know an awful lot of fiddle tunes. She is very dedicated to fiddle music even though she doesn't play a fiddle!

Our District folks received a lot of compliments on the State

contest. While several of our District folks have put their personal efforts into making this event happen, I have to say that much of the credit for our event really must go to the personal and financial commitment we received from the people and businesses of the Grangeville community. My thanks to all.
-GMS

District 4

Looking forward to Hoots in Riggins

During March, we played at the regular places – Apple Valley, Serenity and Sun Bridge.

On March 15, we returned to the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center for a great jam session and potluck dinner. We had a wonderful turnout for the evening events ... even had some door prize drawings! And the food was superb, of course!

We'll be back in Horseshoe Bend on the third Saturday which will be April 19, with the jam starting at 5 p.m. and potluck at 6 p.m. Hope to see another nice turnout!

We (Ron and Marlene) are looking forward to this coming weekend up at Grangeville. This will be our first time to attend the State Fiddle Contest and it will be nice to see some of the great people we've met at other fiddle gatherings. We're also planning to attend Hoots in May, which should be another fun-filled weekend as it was last year for us. Let's hope the weather is good for both of these events.

-Ron and Marlene Moore

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Winter continues in the Palouse

March on the Palouse has been very typical but it seems much longer than normal.

We have driven in snow, rain, hail, wind and sunshine (with little of the latter) to make it to all of our regular play dates. The nights have been staying so cold that the grass and flowers are struggling to emerge and green-up but one of these days we will be wishing for some cool weather, we hope.

Our group has been able to make all of our care centers and senior meal sites even though the cold and flu bug has been very popular with some of our members.

As we did last year, we are planning to drop some of the senior meal sites for the summer months. With vacations and other functions, it is hard to get enough players for the day time gigs. We will stay with all the care centers for the people that can't get out to other things.

Plans are still on track for our summer campout at Three Rivers Resort, Lowell, Idaho, on August 23 and 24. We hope for good weather and a fun time for all that attend.

Lou Stevens continues to be house-bound with her neck injuries but I talked to her this morning and she said she thinks she can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Upcoming x-rays should let her know when the brace comes off so she can start getting around and back to playing. She thanks everyone for their cards and calls and is anxious to be mobile again.

-Gary Bloomfield



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Ralph and Jennifer Wolverton of Jerome were honored for 10 years of outstanding service to the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association.

District 4

Grangeville and Hoots were fun. Now get ready for Cherry Festival and Weiser

During the first week of April, we had our meeting and jam session at Heritage Place here in Emmett with a very small turnout, but we had lots of fun!

Then we (Ron and Marlene) traveled up to Grangeville to attend the State Fiddle Contest. We had a super time up there and enjoyed all of the festivities. District 2 did a wonderful job of hosting the event!

For April, we had our plays at the regular places – Apple Valley, Serenity and Sunbridge.

On April 19, we drove up to the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center for a great jam session and potluck dinner along with District 5. We had a wonderful turnout for the evening events. The next potluck/jam session at Horseshoe Bend will be Saturday, May 17 with the jam starting at 5 p.m. and potluck

at 6 p.m. Hope to see another nice turnout!

This last weekend, we went up to Hoots along with our District Chairman Joy Halliwell for the meeting and jam sessions. It was another fun-filled weekend with lots of great music and visiting with many of you. It was great to see one of our District 4 members from Weiser up there... Theresa Long. And we added a new member up there as well...Barbara Garrett from Weiser. Welcome Barbara to IOTFA!

On Wednesday, June 11, 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 to 5 p.m. We look forward to having District 5 join us at this event...we really appreciate their support! Since the Weiser Fiddle Festival and Contest 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 join us!

And speaking of Weiser, we've already made our reservations at Fiddle Camp and bought our tickets for the week-long activities. We look forward to seeing everyone again, having some great jam sessions, and lots of great fiddle music!

—Ron and Marlene Moore



June 11 - Emmett Cherry Festival performance on Wednesday, June 11 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. All are invited in the association to join us.

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District 12

Fiddlers entertain buyers from all over the northwest at horse sale

Hi Fiddlers! By the time we read this Hoots will be just another fine memory. Time just keeps passing...even if the weather isn't aware of it. What a long, cold spring we are being blessed with.

April was a fun – if cold – month for District 12. On April 12, we played for a birthday party at the American Legion Hall. It was a surprise party for a lovely lady who was celebrating her 86th birthday. I'm sure there were more than one hundred people in and out during the afternoon and we received almost that many compliments on the music.

On April 18, we played at the

Mule Sale at the Salmon Fairgrounds, and for the horse sale on April 19. There were huge crowds in town for the 36th annual Salmon Select Horse Sale, the proceeds of which brought in \$432,350. There were buyers and spectators from all over the northwest. We had a great time playing and everyone seemed to enjoy the music. We even had people dancing on the concrete floor of the craft barn, where we were set up.

We are happy to welcome some musicians who are new to our group. Aaron Gilpin, who plays guitar, Scott Edwards, also on the guitar, and Tricia Miller, Tessa Gilpin and Emily Fogel who are all learning the fiddle and doing real good.

Our calendar for May is as follows:

May 8 - 12 noon at Island Park for Ms. Limm's class for Pioneer Day. Lunch served.

May 8 - 7:30 p.m., Imperial Apartments Rec. Room.

May 15 - 7:30 p.m., Imperial Apts. Rec. Room again.

May 22 - 7 p.m., American Legion for potluck, meeting, and jam.

May 29 - To be announced later.

Keep smiling and fiddling and we will see you at Hoots!

–Rosalie Hawley.

District 8

Members have a blast at Hoot's

Hello to all Idaho Fiddlers!

Wow! Lucky you's who were able to attend the HOOT'S gathering last weekend! I have never been, but our members, Teresa, Ron, Ted, Charlie and others who DID, had a BLAST! Well worth the 500+ miles and 3-4 days travel time IF you have time to go. I hope they don't cut those get-togethers down to once a year.

Our April was a good month. We did all our traditional plays, PLUS the Shelley Senior Citizen's Center Breakfast on Saturday, April 19. They fed us breakfast and we played and entertained for THREE hours. That crowd always is large and they like us!

We were invited to the Earth Day Celebration on the River scheduled for April 26, but too many members were otherwise involved, so we had to cancel for this year. We are into our second month of not having a jam session on the first Monday, enabling us to play for more retirement homes and other invitations. We can always hold a practice for a short time before each play, if needed, and we hold a short business meeting each month after our Parkwood Meadows play in their activity room. This plan seems to be working just as well, and putting those two to three hours to better use.

On a more solemn note, all who know and love Bill Radtke could send him a note of condolence in his recent loss. He is a strong and faithful man.

Otherwise, most of us are healthy, happy and...loving what we do in District 8.

'Til next month, Happy Spring (finally!) to all of you.

–Gail

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Obituaries

Edna Ford Day

Edna, the oldest of five girls, was born in Neosho, Mo., on January 14, 1924. Edna's family moved to Shoshone, Idaho in 1940. She attended school in Neosho, Shoshone and Dietrich. Edna married Oscar Ford in 1942 and to this union were born three daughters.

Edna and Oscar joined the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association in 1975. Edna played the fiddle and Oscar played the "spoons." Oscar passed away in 1987. Edna was a hard working member of the organization serving as District 6 secretary and historian for many years and also state historian. She was awarded the attendance trophy for District 6 in 1985. In addition, Edna contributed greatly to the IOTFA activities statewide by doing volunteer work in the kitchen during organizational dinners as well as taking tickets and working in the tally room during contests.

Edna married Wallace Day in 1994. Wallace passed away in 1998. Edna lived in Burley for several years participating in numerous activities with the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association. In her spare time throughout her life, Edna helped teach square dancing to various groups and worked in her community as a 4-H leader, helped with Campfire, taught at summer camp, and served as church circle leader.

Edna accompanied Mannie Shaw, Archie Turner and other Idaho musicians who made the Fiddling Tour of Romania in 1979 where she helped

teach the Virginia Reel to some of their audiences.

Edna spent some time as a resident of Alterra Assisted Living in Twin Falls where she was faithful to attend the IOTFA District 6 monthly performances and annual Christmas party celebration.

We extend our sympathy Edna's family in their time of loss.

District 1A

Oldest Fiddler award was received by member

Our District started the month of April by playing for the Senior Center on April 2. Before we enjoyed a delicious noon meal, we played for one hour. Around 40 attended the meal. Those playing were Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Earl Stephens, Ruth Hoglan and Doris Howard.

The second Wednesday, four of us traveled to Bonner County to play for the two Bee Hive Homes for the elderly. Those playing were Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant and Doris Howard. They even had requests for us, one being for us to sing "Happy Birthday" to one of their workers.

On the third Wednesday those playing at the E.C.F. Wing of Boundary County Hospital were Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Doris Howard, Jim and Sonja McCalmant and Barry Coleman.

Our last Jam Session until September was held April 20, with a great crowd present. We had two Canadians, Cal Bebee and Les Shewchuk join the following players from Bonners and Priest River, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Earl Stephens, Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson, Doris Howard and Cindy Paulsgrove from Priest River. Everyone had a wonderful afternoon.

We hope to have at least two attend the board meeting in Hoot's the first weekend of May. We'll see.

For the summer our group knows we will play for the Ace Elder Care's picnic the end of June, for our County Fair in August and we have already been asked to play

for the Festival of Trees in December. We'll let you know whatever else happens. This is it for this month.

We did have three attend the State Fiddle Contest in Grangeville the first weekend in May. We brought home a third place trophy and the oldest fiddler trophy. In closing, may I remind you, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Doris Howard

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Good music and fellowship enjoyed

April seemed to go by quickly so that must mean that our members have been busy playing lots of music. We continue to work on our song portfolio and seek to improve each tune as much as possible. Our thanks to Gary Huntington who made a practice CD for each member containing some of our most requested tunes. The residents of our nursing facilities are faithful in their attendance at our monthly performances and are genuinely appreciative of the time and efforts our members put forth.

Our District just received word that lifetime member Edna Day has passed away. Edna played the fiddle and many folks statewide will remember her eager willingness to help at conventions and contests. A short tribute to Edna will appear elsewhere in this newspaper.

On a happier note, we would like to recognize Ralph and Jennifer Wolverton of Jerome for 10 years of outstanding service to our organiza-

tion. Jennifer plays the fiddle and Ralph plays guitar and also the harmonica. They have been faithful participants in our monthly nursing home play commitments and also any other scheduled performances.

In addition, we would like to extend our hearty congratulations to Ralph and Jennifer as they celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary this month. They are definite proof that fast dancing is indeed good for your health and we wish them many more healthy years together!

Best wishes to our Chairlady Kathy Trenkle as she continues to improve her mobility after knee replacement surgery.

Chairlady Kathy reports the spring meeting and jam session at Hoots was well attended. Good music and good fellowship were enjoyed immensely by all who participated. The hospitality of the management and staff at Hoots is truly appreciated by the IOTFA.

—Mary Baldwin

District 9

Fiddlers open for large crowd at show in Moscow

No rest in getting the month of April started as we played for Bishop Place in Pullman on April 1.

Seniors at Deary enjoyed our music on the 8th as we enjoyed a good lunch of sweet and sour pork with rice. The 14th was our triple play date with Avalon Care in Pullman at 10:15, Pullman senior lunch at 11:30 and Gritman Adult Care in Moscow at 1:30.

I think it went well as this reporter was off to southern California to visit our grandkids and their parents. We drove to Potlatch in a very strong wind on the April 18 for the senior lunch where Mabel Vogt joined us to help pick up the pace.

A special gig that we took on this month was the Barbershop Quartet show in Moscow. We played about a half hour to open the show for a crowd of over 600 at the high school auditorium. I had to leave right after we played but from the reports that I heard, the entire show was wonderful with groups from all around the area.

Finishing out the month with Aspen Park Care Center on the 22nd made for a busy month.

The Lewiston Tribune has been running a series on soldier stories in their Monday paper and the 28th of April edition featured none other than our own Ernest Bunch. We know him as Ernie who does a good job on the harmonica, guitar and the mouth harp but the military knows him as an award winner. Ernie was drafted at age 18 and soon found himself landing on Omaha Beach to do the best that he could. Ernie has received the bronze star, two purple hearts, a European middle east campaign medal, a WWII Victory medal, a combat infantry badge and an expert rifleman rating. Thank you Ernie!

As we move from winter into summer without much of a spring, we hope that everyone will keep busy with their music so those who can't get out to work in the flowers can enjoy the sounds.

—Gary Bloomfield

Fiddlers are recognized as being out of this world

Hoots and May go together like birds, etc. Decisions are critical. It may be spendy but well worth every penny to get there. Do we go without eating the rest of the month or do we dip into our burial fund?

Our co-chairmen are working on the summer plays. Bonnie's players will continue their regular Monday evening events throughout the summer. Patty's players will continue with two plays each month and Horseshoe Bend on the third Saturday where we get together with players from District 4.

Our day players will continue with the fiddle workshop and practice throughout the summer. Practice will be held at Betty's house on the second Thursday of the month. We appreciate Betty's efforts to offer us the opportunity to work on songs.

Bonnie says her players are having most of the fun. They notice that when they play familiar old time songs, more people are willing to abandon their walkers and chairs and step out on the floor with a few dance steps.

Nine members stayed up past their bedtime to attend a celebration at the Idaho State Veterans Home where we were honored with music, food and door prizes. It was to recognize the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers as volunteers that are "Out of this world."

District 5 has been invited to play with District 4 at the Cherry Festival in Emmett on June 11. We will play from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the bandshell in the Emmett Park. Bring your chair and your stuff.

The State Fiddle Convention is being held in Boise on Sept. 26 and 27. It will be at the Marriott Courtyard within shooting distance from I-84 off Eagle Road. We hope to have a workshop on linedancing, so bring your slicky slidy shoes. To arrange for a room at the Marriott, this can be done at (208) 888-0800. They would appreciate knowing how many rooms will get our special rate.

—Ava Lutteman



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During a special program honoring Mylie Barron, Canada, who was a longtime participant of the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest, Mabel Vogt, Potlatch, with accompaniment from Starr McMullen and John Francis performed before the audience during the Junior competition on Wednesday. Barron passed away this past spring at the age of 97. On Thursday, Vogt competed in the Senior division and placed third.

District 5

Come join District 5 for their summer picnic July 26 at Friends Church

We have moved right into our summer schedule. There for about a week it was set in concrete but not for long. It reminds me of the song "Time Changes Everything," (song not included).

With the Cherry Festival in Emmett and the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser, in addition to our

regular summer plays, workshops, etc., there is going to be very little downtime. The fiddlers have been under this illusion about the summer going on vacation. See Darrell for the changes. The one date for sure is the summer picnic on July 26. But the time for the summer picnic has changed. It is a potluck at the Friends Church in

Meridian, to start at 1 p.m. District 5 will provide the meat for the potluck. Think air conditioning, bring your friends and your summer songs for a good time.

District 4 has graciously joined us in putting together the State Fiddle Convention in the fall. There will be an agenda coming and a registration form. If you have a computer, check out the IOTFA Website and go to Jason Fewkes' page for recent and upcoming events.

Our co-chair, Patty Ramage, tripped and broke her arm. But Patty, that is not a legitimate excuse for a summer vacation. Betty Barnard just had her second knee replacement and is up and going. Sharon Van Buren is not feeling well and sends Jerry to play for both of them. The rest of us have a few minor scrapes but are good at covering it all up.

Jack Moon is back helping us out. Jack plays the fiddle, guitar and fills in on the bucket. Also we are fortunate to have Carina Ravelly, a really great fiddler, visiting for part of the summer. She is here visiting her family.

-Ava Lutteman



July 24-27 - Elk Meadows Campout at Stanley, sponsored by Districts 6, 8 and 12.

Aug. 15-17 - Leadore Campout at the Leadore City Park, sponsored by District 12.

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District 9

Locust Blossom Festival featured farm theme

May has been a busy month from the 1st to the 31st. We played Clark House in Moscow on the 1st and the Kendrick Locust Blossom festival on the 31st.

The theme for the Locust Blossom festival was "Getting back on the farm" and the parade included a nice display of antique tractors and equipment. The weather was very nice and we enjoyed a good lunch of barbecued beef before playing for an overflow crowd in the park. Maxine Larson joined us with her accordion and good voice as a special treat. Also playing were Dave, Tom, Marge, Clarence, Carol, Skip, Marsha, Jodi, Shirley and Gary. The locust blossoms were in full bloom and made for a nice sweet aroma.

On the 6th we played for Bishop Place in Pullman and Good Sam in Moscow on the 8th. The 12th we made our triple play with Avalon Care in

Pullman, Pullman senior lunch and Gritman adult day care in Moscow.

The evening of the 27th must have been a busy time for everyone as I was the only fiddler to show up with three guitars, a mandolin and Lou on the piano. I have always dreaded the time that would happen but I sur-

vived it ok. Speaking of Lou Stevens, she now has her neck brace off after wearing it for more than five months and is back to playing with the group on the piano.

Clarence celebrated his birthday at our meeting on the 18th with a surprise cake arranged for by Dave.

Our group will be playing on the summer schedule for the next three months. We drop a few play dates with the senior lunches to allow for everyone more time for vacations and other summer functions. All of the care centers will still be played as usual.

We now have a new address for District #9. It is: P.O. Box 9974 Moscow, Idaho 83843.

-Gary Bloomfield



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Obituaries

Beverly Jean Kirkpatrick

Dec. 2, 1931 - May 24, 2008

Beverly Jean Kirkpatrick, age 76, of Rigby, died at her home Saturday, May 24, 2008.

Beverly was born Dec. 2, 1931, at Sentinel Butte, N.D., a daughter to Earl Benton Bird and Norma Lebo Bird. She graduated from Medora DeMores High School in 1949.



She married Ted LeRoy Kirkpatrick Sept. 2, 1954, in Medora, N.D. She worked on the White Sands Proving Grounds, for Swagger Accounting, and Ken Brown Accounting, and, with her husband, owned Paramount Lockers in Rigby and a Meat Business in Salmon. She also worked at the Cedar Park Golf Course near Rigby.

She attended the Lutheran Church and Rigby Community Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed music, playing the banjo and fiddles, and was a member of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. She taught her granddaughters to play the fiddle. She enjoyed going to North Dakota for reunions each year. She was a member of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Women's Posse.

She is survived by her husband, Ted Kirkpatrick of Rigby, two daughters, one son, four brothers, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 27, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Rigby under the direction of Eckersell Memorial Chapel. Burial was Friday, May 30, in Sentinel Butte, N.D.

District 8

Wet spring has not resulted in webbed feet

Hello Fiddlers!

Last month, I closed with, "Have A Happy Spring!" Is everyone still waiting? We haven't grown webbed feet, yet, and we have not floated to all our plays, and our audiences seem to appreciate us maybe more, due to the continuing clouds and rain.

May has been a busy month. We played both Rexburg Centers on Wednesday, May 7, and besides Parkwood Meadows on May 12 and Good Samaritan on May 14, we did a special play on Saturday, May 17. Then after Fairwinds, Liberty Square, Mountain Falls Apartments and Elk Creek, on the 31st we did the "Sheep to Shawl" dinner and convention, as we have done for at least six years.

June promises to be just as busy. This Friday, June 6, we are doing the special Iona Library Fund-raiser. Again, they have invited us for at least the last four years. Outside barbecue eats served at 5:30 p.m., and we play from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (I sure hope it's dry, but I'll BET it won't be real warm!) Our regular four plays on the last two Mondays and Wednesdays, then on Saturday, July 5th (or the following weekend) we will play once again at the largely visited Farmer's Market on the river on West Broadway.

We have not split into our "A and B" Groups YET this summer. It seems our attendance is a bit sporadic, so unless ALL of us start attending ALL of the time, we just go with the bigger crowd and give our audiences MORE variety in music. People are busy in the summer, so we haven't overflowed our stage area, yet. BUT, last Monday at Lincoln Court, we had SEVEN fiddlers! That was a first! During the winter when many fiddle players have escaped to warmer climes, we have had as few as two to three fiddlers. Now, Charlie is playing his fiddle more, and with Laura, our new member, and Dave, Barbara and Joe, Dick and Teresa, we actually LOOK like the Old Time FIDDLERS! There is surely diversity and multi-talents in our group.

You will notice in this newsletter, an obituary for a beautiful and talented IOTFA member, Beverly Kirkpatrick. We were honored to have her and Ted join our group a few years ago. The IOTFA was repre-

sented at her services with members from Salmon, Challis, Boise and Idaho Falls. Members of the IOTFA played the prelude music, then a Jam was held afterwards. Everyone's spirits were lifted with music and dance. Due to that, many said it was the nicest service they had ever attended. We love Ted and his ever-present smile, and hope you will think of him, or contact him, to send some comfort his way.

Until next month, everyone stay safe and well, and mostly HAVE FUN!

-Gail

District 12

Elk Meadows Campout planned for July 24-27

Here it is, the first of June, and the weather still doesn't know it is almost summer.

Hoot's was a HOOT! What a fun time we had. There were less people in attendance this time, but the fellowship and the music and Hooty's hospitality were unsurpassed. The meeting went well, and I believe all of us who were lucky enough to attend really enjoyed ourselves.

On May 8, we played for the grade school children's Pioneer Day on Island Park at noon. We were treated to a dutch oven lunch, and played music while the kids learned to dance the Virginia Reel. We had a good turnout. The youngsters had fun and we did too.

We are saddened at the loss of our long-time friend and fellow musician Beverly Kirkpatrick. We would like to send condolences to Ted and the rest of the family. And also to Bill Radtke and family for their loss. Words are just not enough.

The dates have been set for the annual Elk Meadows Campout at Stanley. The dates are July 24 thru July 27. This year it is being sponsored by Districts 6, 8 and 12. So mark your calendars. We will have more information in the next paper. Also, the annual Leadore campout, at the Leadore City Park, is set for Aug. 15 thru Aug. 17. The Leadore campout is sponsored by District 12. More info on that in the next paper also.

Our calendar for June is as follows June 26 - 7 p.m., Legion Hall for potluck, business meeting and jam.

We are hoping to see many of you at Weiser. Hopefully we can do a little jammin' together. Until then.

-Rosalie Hawley



Copy Deadline

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

District 2

Fiddle music being passed on to next generation thanks to members

Play dates: July 4, Grangeville City Park; first week in August - Raspberry Festival at St. Gertrude's in Cottonwood.

With the increasing gas prices, I am finding that some of our regular players now must cut back on their travel because of the expense, and trips for health reasons must take precedence over trips to play music. Thus it is no surprise that some of our regulars now must decline to participate in some of the more distant events. It sure looks like much of our fiddle playing is going to get a lot more local as we are forced to stay closer to home. Longer playing times, central locations, appreciative audiences and worthy causes will very likely influence what we do and how and where we do it.

Working with fiddle students has been a priority with Fran Widener, and her teaching efforts have helped keep our fiddler numbers up as the older generation passes on. District Two student fiddlers Brandi Trivett and Leland Seggarman were first-time competitors in the recent state contest at Grangeville, and I found it very gratifying to see another generation of fiddle players stepping up to play.

-GMS

District 4

Summertime activities are in full swing

By the time this newsletter is published, the Weiser Fiddle Festival will be entered into the history books, but I know it will be another great week of fun, fiddlin' and great friendships! At the present time, we're just looking forward to the upcoming event!

The Emmett Cherry Festival will also be over. We are looking forward to a great turnout for this event.

Several District 5 members attended our June meeting/jam session and will be helping us out at the Cherry Festival. We had a wonderful turnout for the June meeting. District 5 reviewed their plans for the State Convention coming up the last weekend of September, and it looks like they have some great things in store for

for expanding our exposure to additional residents of a different level care wing of the facility. The thoughtful and gracious staff are reliable providers of chairs for any music performance, offer refreshments and even small gifts for our musicians at the annual Christmas party. It is a comfort to know that the administration and staff of some nursing facilities recognize and meet the needs of their residents. In view of the residents' faithful attendance, our members voted to continue our regular play schedule during the summer months.

During this past month, we had our three regular plays at Apple Valley, Serenity and SunBridge, plus Emmett Rehab since there were five Thursdays in May. Starting with our June plays, we will now be playing from 3 to 4 p.m. at these health care facilities.

Also, in May the regular Horseshoe Bend potluck and jam session was held on May 17. The June potluck and jam session will be on the third Saturday which falls on June 21...which is the final night of the Weiser competition, so some of us will not be able to attend...but I'm sure they'll have a great time! The July potluck/jam at Horseshoe Bend will be Saturday, July 19.

During May, we lost the wife of our faithful bass player. Earl Holte's wife, Marianne, died on May 14. A memorial service was held on May 20 here in Emmett. We were asked to play for the services. Thanks to the following for playing: Joy Halliwell, Ken Tooley, Don Ikenberry, Neve and Eldon Leach, and Ron and Marlene Moore. Our condolences are extended to Earl.

Coming up in July will be the Elk Meadows Campout which is scheduled for the last weekend of July. Several of our District members are planning to attend this fun-filled event. We're really looking forward to seeing everyone again up there in the mountains!

-Ron and Marlene Moore

District 6B

Cheery tunes bring smiles to residents on cold gloomy evenings

During May our members spent the cold gloomy evenings sharing cheery tunes with the residents of seven nursing facilities in town. Several times the residents begged us to stay longer and come more often which are sweet words to the ear of a musician. We were pleasantly surprised to have Martin Fewkes join us at Bridgeview one evening. The residents there also enjoyed root beer floats, our music and a great view of the Snake River Canyon last week in addition to our regular scheduled monthly play. I commend the activities director and staff at Bridgeview

for expanding our exposure to additional residents of a different level care wing of the facility. The thoughtful and gracious staff are reliable providers of chairs for any music performance, offer refreshments and even small gifts for our musicians at the annual Christmas party. It is a comfort to know that the administration and staff of some nursing facilities recognize and meet the needs of their residents. In view of the residents' faithful attendance, our members voted to continue our regular play schedule during the summer months.

Our group did not have any additional community performances this month but did spend extra time with practice sessions to work on timing issues and challenging tunes. Those quick chord changes keep our accompanists on their toes and offer opportunities to learn additional less commonly used chords.

Our monthly open jam and business meeting was held at the Idaho Pizza Co. yesterday evening. A large number of diners, including the cast of the Magic Valley Symphony Orchestra, seemed to enjoy the music immensely. According to the restaurant staff, the attendance is increasing each month and they think the music is getting better each time as well. Our Chairlady Kathy was able to play with the group for a while and conducted the meeting. We are happy to see her doing so well after recent foot surgery. She has acquired a cute mini-wheelchair to help keep the weight off her foot as she becomes more mobile. We invite anyone traveling in our area to give us a call to check our play schedule.

We extend our sympathy to Ted Kirkpatrick and his family. Several of our members have fond memories of playing music with Ted and Bev and share in the loss.

Until next time, remember to smile when you are playing. It's a reflection of the joy in your soul and gratefulness for the blessing of music.

-Mary Baldwin

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District 4

Fiddle Festival and parade was loads of fun and lots of fiddlin'

We had a great turnout for the Emmett Cherry Festival with 18 musicians! Thanks to all of you who participated! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Weiser Fiddle Festival was loads of fun and fiddlin'. It was great to see everyone up there. We had lots of fun driving the truck pulling the IOTFA float in the parade and watching the little kids (and adults too!) dancing and clapping to the fiddle music coming from the float! Those playing on the float sounded wonderful and the float looked great!

During June, we had the regular plays at Apple Valley, Serenity and SunBridge. Even though several of us were up at Weiser, there was still a nice turnout at the potluck/jam at Horseshoe Bend.

At our recent meeting on July 1, our Chairman Joy Halliwell announced that she would be stepping down as District 4 chairman at the upcoming election. Her husband, Ken, has been having some health problems. She will

still be an active member of our group playing at the health care facilities and the jam sessions. We thank Joy for all of her efforts and her years of service, especially in District 4!

Later in July, several of us will be attending the Elk Meadows campout. We're looking forward to this event again this year. It should be lots of fun...in addition to lots of great food, fiddlin' and friendships!

And the last item we have to report for this month is that we're planning to have a Barbecue/Potluck/Jam session at the Emmett City Park on Saturday, Aug. 9 starting at 2 p.m. We're hoping to have a really great turnout for this and perhaps even recruit some new members. Hopefully, many District 5 members will be able to come join us for this event. More details will be discussed at our meeting/jam on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Heritage Place. So please contact any of our members to get the full scoop on the plans. See ya' there!

-Ron and Marlene Moore

District 1A

Entertaining in North Idaho keeps Fiddlers busy

District 1A is still entertaining in North Idaho. The first Wednesday in June we played before the noon meal at the Senior center with the following playing: Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Earl Stephens, Barry Coleman, Lewis Mace, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

The second Wednesday the following traveled to Bonner County to play for the HeartStone Village Homes: Eleanor Erickson, Doris Howard, Sonja and Jim McCalmant and Barry Coleman. They would like us to come every week, but with gas at \$4 a gallon, we just can't.

Then the third Wednesday we played at the Extended Care Facility of the Boundary County Hospital, which we have been doing for over 23 years, with the following playing: Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

To close out the month of June we will play for the Ace Elder Care Homes this weekend, June 28, for their picnic to celebrate the third year of them owning the facility. I will tell you more about this in our next paper.

I'd like to sign off with this thought, "God put a tear in your eye so that you could see a rainbow."

Have a great summer.

-Doris Howard



Aug. 9 - barbecue, potluck, jam session, Emmett City Park, 2 p.m.

Aug. 15-17 - Leadore Campout at the Leadore City Park.

Aug. 22-23 - Three Rivers Campout.

Sept. 26-27 - 2008 State Convention at the Courtyard by Marriott in Meridian.

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with the Kansas City Banjo Band for 30 years. Then he decided to take up the fiddle. He could fill in with both banjo and fiddle. He has played with the IOTFA for the past 10 years. And sadly we have lost Sharon Van Buren, exceptional performer and gospel singer, and .song writer. She was blessed with a good voice and her singing is on five different recordings. Her song, Wayfaring Stranger was a welcome treat. And then there was The Chicken In The Sky song.

—Ava Lutteman

District 9

Late snow on the Palouse with 1½ inches on June 10

We all thought that winter would never end (and with 1.5 inches of snow here on June 10, it almost didn't) and spring being so cold and windy no one was satisfied. Well, now we are all of a sudden into summer and temps in the 90's so we should all be happy; however, a nice rain would be great on the Palouse.

The group has been busy playing at all the normal play dates but with a small number of players. With summer activities and vacations it makes it hard to get to all of the sites.

Herb and Marilyn Jeffers have returned from a month in Kansas where Herb helps his brother on the family farm that they share. They are now entertaining their granddaughter Audrey who is visiting from Seattle for a few days.

Mabel and Siegfried Vogt enjoyed another great week at Weiser along with Sister Debby Carlson and good friend Marge McFaul from Spokane. Mabel won third in the Senior

Division and Marge won second in the Senior Senior division. After having just finished 10 weeks with a splint on her finger, Debby did not compete but enjoyed workshops and campground jam sessions. Jack Lyman took full advantage of over a week of jamming.

Mabel, Debby and Marge enjoyed playing downtown at the Elk's and Huckleberry Coffee before watching the grand parade on Saturday. Thank you Debby for this report.

We are all looking forward to our Three Rivers Campout Aug. 22 and 23. Last year we had a great time and lots of good food along with hours of fiddle playing.

—Gary Bloomfield

District 5

Fuel costs impacting long distance plays

We are fiddling at some fun places. We played at Summerwind with 14 members playing. We are being impacted by the cost to drive long distances. More members come to play when the distance is less.

We are looking forward to our summer picnic on July 26 at the Friends Church in Meridian.

We had several families camping out at the Weiser Oldtime Festival.

Darrell has put out a summer play list and it's full. There will be a workshop for fiddles Aug. 14, at Betty's. Then a general practice at Betty's on Aug 25.

The IOTF State Convention is right around the corner. We need to know who will be coming by Sept. 1. We appreciate your efforts to get those registrations in. A reminder, we are asking each District to bring a door prize. Just come for a good time.

Maxine Fullington is in Samaritan Rehab recovering from a fall and hip surgery. Fourteen members went to play for her and to wish her a speedy recovery.

Bill Eddy, old time banjo player, and his wife both passed away. Bill played

District 8

Time flies by fast with all the fun events

Hello Fiddlers!

Can you believe it is July already? Winter ended and summer began five days later...and how it is flying by. Of course, time flies when we're having fun, so of course, for we IOTFA members, it does go fast.

Wow! Have we had a busy 4th of July weekend. Thursday the third, we decorated our fabulous float, some were at the parade site at 6:30 a.m. on the fourth, where we rode in the two hour GOOD parade. The audience along the streets were "clapping their toes and tapping their fingers" as we went by. The IOTF's are well known, and people are always glad to see us, and heartily wave as we go by. By the way, we all had a safe fourth and didn't drink a fifth on the third.

June was basically our eight regular plays and the Iona City Library fundraiser on June 6th at the Iona City Building. Of course, we had the 30th off, then our crew went to the two Rexburg centers on July 1. After doing the parade on the fourth, we were invited to play at the Farmer's Market down by the river for two hours on Saturday, July 5!

Tonight, we just finished the play at Lincoln Court Retirement. The poor residents have had no air conditioning for a week, and was it ever hot in their dining room!

We have our six regular plays plus a play at the Ucon Stake where they'll also feed us!

Our group is so well-liked by all our audiences and we have such a good, friendly, talented, kind, considerate group, we are all very lucky to "Have It All" and get to play, too!

Enjoy your July and make it last as long as possible.

Until August,
This is Gail, signing off.

—Gail

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Obituaries

William Robert Eddy Dorothy Irene Eddy

William R. Eddy passed away June 21, 2008, at the age of 93. Dorothy I. Eddy passed away at the age of 90 on June 18, 2008.

William was born in Dubuque, Iowa, on March 29, 1915, and Dorothy was born in Milford, Mich., on Aug. 30, 1917.

They would have been married 74 years on July 20. They had been inseparable for over 74 years and they are not going to be separated now.

Bill's parents moved to Detroit, Mich., when he was 10 years old. After graduating from Cass Tech High School during the Great Depression, he worked at various jobs in factories and businesses in the area.

Bill met Dorothy McCurdy in the Milford, Mich., area and they were soon happily married. He was soon employed by Phillips Petroleum Company in their research division and the company soon moved them to the headquarters in Bartlesville, Okla.

After 15 years in Bartlesville, they transferred to Idaho Falls, where Bill worked as the Senior Design Engineer at the NRTS where Phillips had a contract. They were in Idaho Falls for eight years and when Phillips finished their contact, they moved back to Bartlesville.

A few years later they transferred to the Seal Right Division of Phillips in Kansas City, Mo. Bill finally retired in KC after 43 years with Phillips. He obtained 33 patents during his career with Phillips.

In 1997 they moved to Nampa to be near their children and families and that is where they have resided until now.

They were always very active in their churches. In KC they belonged to the Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church for over 30 years. They served as Sunday School teachers, Deacons, Elders, Scout Masters, and they served on many committees and boards in Milford, Bartlesville, Idaho Falls, Kansas City and Nampa.

They enjoyed camping, fishing, antique cars, spending time with cherished friends and much more together. Bill enjoyed flying, and playing his tenor banjo with the Kansas City Banjo Band for 30 years and then the Idaho

fiddlers for another 10 years after moving to Nampa. The KC Banjo Band played over 180 engagements a year. Dorothy loved doing art work, reading, writing poetry, playing the organ and accordion, and teaching children in Sunday School.

Bill and Dorothy had three children, Robert B. Eddy, Richard E. Eddy and Carol A. (Eddy) Funderburg.

Sharon Louise VanBuren

Sharon Louise VanBuren passed away June 22, 2008 in Nampa, Idaho. She was born December 16, 1943, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 26, at 11 a.m. at the Broadway Avenue Baptist Church in Boise. The Reverend Bob Charlton officiated. Interment followed at Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise.

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• Thanks for all your telephone
• calls and get well cards. I
• hope to be out of this
• wheelchair and see you all
• at the State Convention.
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Kathy Trenkle

2008 IOTFA State Convention Sept. 26 and 27

It's time once again to start thinking about the Convention. We have a lot of fun things planned so get your registration form in early.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

e-mail _____

Cost of banquet on Saturday evening will be \$20. Choice of entree –

_____ Honey Baked Ham - slow roasted with a vanilla honey glaze served with seasonal chutney.

_____ Baked Chicken Breast - stuffed with a mushroom risotto and topped with a sun-dried tomato basil cream sauce.

Both include tossed salad, fresh market medley vegetables and a baked potato.

Please include banquet fee with registration. Return registration by Sept. 1, with a check made payable to **IOTFA District 5** and mail to:

Darrell Barnard, 2523 Arthur Street, Boise, Idaho 83703

Questions? Call Darrell Barnard at (208) 371-9378 or email at iotfadist5@cableone.net.

No outside food and beverage is permitted to be brought by groups into hotel unless for consumption in guest sleepingrooms. Snacks and beverages are available in the restaurant and canteen. No host bar to include pop, water, coffee, tea, etc., available Saturday afternoon and evening.

Each District is responsible for bringing a door prize gift

Fiddlers enjoying the good old summer time

Greetings to all from District 6B.

Our members had a busy June with coverage of our monthly plays at six care nursing facilities and five additional performances.

In early June, the kitchen staff at the Buhl Senior Center provided a scrumptious dinner followed by a dance. We were pleased that out of state visiting family members of Margie Collins joined us. Margie's brother, Jim, is quite a photographer so we spent a lot of time trying to capture pictures of the group. That is no small feat when several people are spread out and dealing with background as well as overhead lighting plus microphones, cords, speakers and other equipment. We are appreciative of his efforts and have some nice pictures for our scrapbook.

We also provided music for the Heritage Days at the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum. Members of the Jerome Historical Society carried the pews and antique pump organ outside of the small church building for the occasion. Chairlady Kathy Trenkle played an eloquent, "His Eye is One the Sparrow" accompanied by Gary Huntington prior to the church service. After the pastor's brief sermon, a local farmer gave a short history about his family's homesteading experiences. The Lickley family donated the land where the Heritage Farm presently occupies. If you are an antique machinery fan, you might like to visit this site located close to I-84 at the Petrol Exit near Jerome. The morning sun was pretty warm so we didn't tarry long after playing a few tunes at the conclusion of the church service.

Our plays for the D.L. Evans and Edward Jones customer appreciation events also turned out well. The windy, blustery weather in Jerome forced the musicians and crowd into the D.L. Evans building but a cozy time was had by all. Dedicated bank employees ran barbecues outside for yummy hamburgers and hot dogs. We also had our choice of white or chocolate cake that tasted great with milk donated by the Idaho Dairyman's Association. Those of us who grew up milking the family cow appreciate dairymen who get up early every morning and stay up late each evening 365 days a year to provide that milk for the grocery store.

The weather was a bit more cooperative for our play for the Edward Jones client appreciation picnic at the Twin Falls City Park. It was a perfect evening for playing music and visiting with neighbors. The potluck salad dishes

the fireworks. We played inside a portable tent structure shaped like an amphitheater. The sound was GREAT since the curved roof bounced our sound waves right back to us like a monitor. We enjoyed watching the "dancing dog" that stood on its hind legs and danced with her owner. A sweet lady in a motorized wheelchair buzzed downtown to buy a cold Diet Pepsi for Kathy and even got a cup of ice too which she truly appreciated! We accommodated several song requests as well and made notes on others we hope to have in our future song repertoire.

Our June schedule concluded with a play for the Heritage Preservation event held at the old Albion State Normal College. With Idaho Statehood came the opportunity for federal land-grant money for the building of higher education facilities. The college in Albion and another in Lewiston were established to educate people in the art of teaching. The local residents built and furnished the first building in 1893 which today houses the Museum, filled with interesting and informative pictures, displays and memorabilia. The Albion State Normal College was closed in 1951 and the State offered the campus to the City of Albion in 1970. Since that time a group of hard working and dedicated folks have undertaken the massive task of boarding up the windows of unused buildings and restoring other buildings. One dormitory has been refurbished to show the original architecture yet contains modern kitchen appliances available for usage as a type of bed and breakfast. For you history buffs, Albion Valley has a lot of historical gems well worth traveling to see and it is a beautiful place to relax. For those families who like to ski, the area would be a great place to stay as well. You can get more information on the internet via www.albionvalley.com

July started with our monthly meeting and jam session at Idaho Pizza Company. Our guest sign-up sheet quickly filled up and I believe that we had the largest crowd yet for this year. We try to play "When You and I Were Young, Maggie" for our favorite manager who does a great job putting our name and the date we will be playing on the marquee each month.

An early breakfast sponsored by the City of Hollister on the Fourth of July brought in the friends and neighbors for a scrumptious meal cooked and served by the local men. We were thrilled to see a nicely matched pair of gray mules pulling a buggy down the road in front of the park so we played, "The Flop Eared Mule" for the occasion. We know that the mules appreciated our gesture since their ears were twitching in perfect time to the music! This reporter had an opportunity to visit with the owner who shared that one of the mules was part Missouri fox trotter. All of you horse and mule lovers would have appreciated seeing the nice gait of that Molly mule.

The second play of the day was in the evening at the park in Buhl prior to

the fireworks. We played inside a portable tent structure shaped like an amphitheater. The sound was GREAT since the curved roof bounced our sound waves right back to us like a monitor. We enjoyed watching the "dancing dog" that stood on its hind legs and danced with her owner. A sweet lady in a motorized wheelchair buzzed downtown to buy a cold Diet Pepsi for Kathy and even got a cup of ice too which she truly appreciated! We accommodated several song requests as well and made notes on others we hope to have in our future song repertoire.

Our district is saddened by the loss of lifetime Auxiliary member, Rex Madden, and we extend our sympathy to his wife Velma. Velma plays the violin and Rex played the snare drum.

Until next time, keep that fiddle tuned up and sharing those "hot" tunes with others.

—Mary Baldwin

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers 2008 State Convention to be held Sept. 26 & 27

This year's convention is sponsored by District 5. It will be held at the Courtyard by Marriot, Boise West-Meridian. It is located near I-84 at Eagle Road, 1789 S. Eagle Road.

Tentative schedule will include the usual items, as well as a membership drive concert put on by members of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers and other musicians in the community. We encourage participation from anyone who would wish.

At Saturday night's banquet we will be entertained by the Heatherwood Swingers. They are residents of a local retirement home that play instruments ranging from a washboard to the "piddle fiddle" (a guitar made from a bedpan). They are very entertaining.

There will also be lots of time for open jamming.



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District 9

Members enjoy Kittitas fiddler's workshop

July was a hot and windy month on the Palouse which brought the crops along toward harvest quicker than expected. Even with the lack of June rains harvest is still running about two weeks later than normal.

Our regular summer schedule is Bishop Place (senior living) in Pullman the first Tuesday of the month. Clark House (senior living) in Moscow the first Thursday of every other month. Good Samaritan (care center) in Moscow the second Thursday of the month.

The second Tuesday of the month we play Avalon (care center) in Pullman at 10:15, then Pullman Senior lunch at 11:30, followed by Gritman Adult Day Care in Moscow at 1:30. The fourth Tuesday is Aspen Park (care center) in Moscow.

All of these along with a couple of jam/meetings keep us very busy and when you throw in a few fishing trips, vacations and grandkid visits we have been short a few players at some gigs.

Several of our members spent most of last week in Kittitas for the Washington fiddler's workshop and reported that it was time very well spent.

The Potlatch Scenic six fiddle show was a great success again this year. Mabel Vogt and the Potlatch arts council have put this show on for 16 years and several members of District 9 always participate. It makes for a fun evening with the young and older players entertaining to a good audience

Lou Stevens has had a bout with pneumonia and spent four days in the hospital and is now home. The good news is that she is continuing

to recover from her broken neck and has been playing with us up until the pneumonia.

—Gary Bloomfield

District 2

Young fiddlers help keep the music flowing at Raspberry Festival

As I write this, we just finished playing fiddle music for the annual Raspberry Festival at St. Gertrude's Convent, and it was larger than ever. In fact, I think it was the largest attendance at this event we have played for and the District Two fiddlers had an uninterrupted two hours of playing time.

It wasn't all that long ago when there were enough members in District Two that the players from just the Grangeville and Cottonwood area were all that was needed to provide the fiddle music for the Raspberry Festival. I wish that those days were still here, but the reality is that most of the old regular Prairie players who used to play for the Raspberry Festival have since passed on. The event goes on, though, and we still have a few local upper Camas Prairie players like Francis and Netta Ellsworth and Helen Marshall from Ferdinand and Nezperce to continue the tradition.

One of the main reasons that District Two is still able to play fiddle music for the St. Gertrude's fund-raiser is because we have Fran Widener who has taught some new fiddle players the old fiddle tunes, and those newer players now step up to help.

Special thanks to Ann Cook, Kathreen Steiner, and Rachelle Hamell from Riggins who helped carry the fiddle-playing load this year. Also, thanks to Leland Seggarman, a be-

giner fiddler in our District. Leland, who recently moved with his family to American Falls, came back to visit and to help us play at the Raspberry Festival.

Adapting to current times is going to require some changes, I think. I never thought I would see the time when \$50 was not enough money to fill up a Subaru. I am finding that gas prices and the long distances we have in District Two are probably now the main decision factors for most of what we do or don't do in the way of fiddling, the costs of which must come out of our own pocket. I already see a trend toward centralization in order to limit travel distances and its expense.

The Labor Day play for the Rebekah Hillbilly Breakfast fund-raiser at the high school in New Meadows is on again for this year, starting at 7 a.m. Mountain Time, Monday, Sept. 1, with music going until 11 a.m. As before, because of the early time, travel distance, and gas prices, we will rely on those who are willing and those who are the closest to play at this event. It might be early in the morning, but for four hours, we do get to play a lot of fiddle music for a lot of folks!

—GMS



Sept. 1 - Rebekah Hillbilly Breakfast fund-raiser at the New Meadows High School, starting at 7 a.m.

Sept. 26-27 - 2008 State Convention at the Courtyard by Marriott in Meridian.

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District 6B

Sizzling tunes played on a sizzlin' hot day

July started off with a bang with two plays on the Fourth and then continued as our members covered our regularly scheduled care facilities and also a variety of additional events.

We are pleased to get requests to play at family reunions, a happy occasion for families to gather.

Mid-month our group provided music for the Abbott family reunion at the scenic 1,000 Springs Resort, formerly Sligars Resort, in the beautiful Hagerman Valley. We enjoyed playing music, seeing the river tour boat chug up and down the river and watch the gorgeous waterfalls in all their splendor.

The next day we played for another family's annual reunion at Andersons RV Park near Eden. We played inside the meeting hall this year and were grateful for the fans provided. The family owned business has a swimming pool, RV spots, cabins, covered picnic spots, meeting hall, convenience store, and is easily accessible from I84 so is a great place for groups to gather.

The next week found some of our members entertaining guests at the backyard wedding reception in Boise for Lisa and Michael Decker. Lisa is

the daughter of Gary and Mary Lee Huntington. The Fewkes family also joined the band and we greatly appreciated their contributions.

The very next day our group played at the 50th wedding reception for Loren and Virginia Allison of Jerome. Our congratulations to both couples with hearty wishes for many, many years of marital bliss.

Last Saturday, our members played "sizzling tunes" under a canvas shade at the city park in Twin Falls for the annual Arts in the Park event. A few listeners sat on the bleachers provided in the sun but most browsed amongst the covered vendor booths.

On July 29, we provided background music for a Breast Cancer Awareness, "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" spaghetti dinner fund-raising campaign held at the Filer fairgrounds merchant building. Our sound system provided the challenge of the evening as we all sweltered and wondered where the ventilation system was located. As we played for our supper, the hosts awarded some VERY nice door prizes and we were honored to participate in such a worthy cause.

Our month concluded with another event associated with the fine arts. A small group seated in the hallway provided background music at a downtown building as prospective buyers critiqued local artwork sponsored by the Magic Valley Art Council.

We are thrilled to have Becky Bingman playing guitar with us this month. She has also helped with our sound system and we certainly hope to see her join our organization soon.

Our district is saddened by the loss of lifetime member, Annie Hooper. We will miss seeing her face light up when we played her favorite tune, "Happy Boy Schottische." Annie played the fiddle with us for many years.

Until next time, remember to smile as you share the joy of music with others.

—Mary Baldwin

District 12

Great time was had at Elk Meadows Campout

The highlight, for this district, for the month of July was the annual Elk Meadows Campout. Approximately 40 musicians participated. Thank you to all who were there. I hope you all had as good a time as I did. On Saturday evening there was a fiddle competition put on for the entertainment for some 40 other campground tourists who came to listen to the music. It was very informal, with the competitors doing a dance, answering questions about Idaho trivia, telling a joke, and fiddling three tunes.

Katie Bonn retained first place with the traveling "cardboard" fiddle. Ed Jenkins won the musical note, Rosalie Hawley won the fiddling clown for the best (?) joke and Jason Fewkes won the talking beer mugs for his interpretive dance. What a hoot! Quincey Kirkpatrick was crowned the camp princess and was able to sit at the judges table and give them suggestions. She was the youngest fiddler at six years old. The judges were Aaron Fewkes and Jeff Lincoln. For the visiting crowd on Saturday night, Carla Fewkes made lots of her famous cinnamon rolls and Carla and Katie made the homemade ice cream. Thanks girls. Most of the rest of the time was spent socializing, eating and making music. The weather was perfect with cool nights and mild days. Even the horse flies and mosquitos weren't so bad.

On Aug. 2, District 12 traveled to Birch Creek, approximately 20 miles northwest of Dillon, Mont., to play at the old CCC camp there. The Forest Service holds a reunion there every 20 years. There were none of the old CCC boys in attendance as they would surely be in their 90s or older by this time. But it was very informative and an interesting piece of our nations history. The public enjoyed the music and the fiddlers enjoyed playing. We were treated to a lunch that the CCC boys were fed. It consisted of boiled potatoes, boiled meat, and not quite done beans. During depression days, it was surely quite a feast.

Our calendar for the rest of August is:

Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m., Imperial Apartments rec room.

Aug. 28, 7 p.m., American Legion for potluck, business meeting, and jam. (Don't forget — we will have the election of officers).

We hope to see many of you at the Leadore campout. For extra fun, there will be games and prizes. See you then.

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Obituaries



Anna 'Annie' Elizabeth Carter Hooper

Anna "Annie" Elizabeth Carter Hooper, 95, died Thursday, July 17, 2008, at Wynwood in Twin Falls, where she had resided since November 2006.

She was born June 13, 1913, in Twin Falls, to George Sitcher Carter and Nellie Catherine Hanson on their farm, which is now 2005 Eldridge Ave. Her parents came to Twin Falls in March of 1913 from Osage City, Kan. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in the Class of 1931. In 1937, she married Wallace O. Larson, also a member of the Class of 1931. They divorced in 1946. From 1938 to 1947, Annie lived in Rio Tinto, near Mountain City, Nev., where she worked in the post office as the postmistress until 1947, when the mining camp closed after World War II had ended.

She married William H. Hooper in 1947 and they moved to Kennewick, Wash. Annie resumed employment with the U.S. Postal Department retiring in 1983 after 37 years of service. While in Washington, she became involved with the Old Time Fiddlers through Archie Turner of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. Until the Hoopers moved to Boise in December of 1984, she was active with the Old Time Fiddlers of Washington. In November 1986, her husband, William Hooper, died in Boise. While in Boise until 1991, she was a member and served as treasurer of Idaho Old

Time Fiddlers, District 6.

In 1996, she moved to Twin Falls. In addition to her active participation with the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, she regularly played with Archie Turner's dance groups on weekends in Buhl and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Twin Falls.

She survived her parents; her sister, Edna H. Carter Jakway; and her brother, David F. Carter. She had no children. She is survived by her nephew, George E. Jakway of Los Angeles, Calif.; and her sister-in-law, Bernadine Mulder Carter, widow of David F. Carter.

Over the past several years, Mary Plackett Williams, Wayne Bues and Mario Gauna have provided special care and management for Annie's special needs.

In addition to her avid interest in fiddlin', Annie was also a devotee of natural history and contributed to the Idaho Museum of Natural History on the campus of Idaho State University in Pocatello. It is suggested that in lieu of flowers that memorial contributions be made to Idaho Museum of Natural History in Pocatello.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 21, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls followed by interment in the Twin Falls Cemetery.

District 1A

Members keeping up with commitments

I don't know what has happened to the June news I sent in for our District, but I will fill in with a few things before I give you what our calendar will look like for August.

First I would like to let you all know, District 1A, is still keeping up with our usual commitments as well as doing a few extra. The first Wednesday in July we played one hour before the Senior Meal at the Senior Center, the third Wednesday we played for the E.C.F. of the Boundary County Hospital and the last Saturday of June we played for the Ace Elder Care two homes. They provided a wonderful picnic for all their residents and their relatives and friends.

The following played for all three places: Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson, Earl Stephens and Doris Howard. Playing at one or two of these places were Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Jesse Scroggie and Lewis Mace. On the third Saturday of July the following played for a birthday party: Eleanor Erickson, Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens and Doris Howard.

Our August calendar will be as follows: The first Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon, we play an hour before the Seniors noon meal, on the second Wednesday, we will play for the Hearstone Villages two homes in Kootenai, in Bonner County, the third Wednesday we play for the E.C.F. Wing of Boundary County Hospital and the third Friday we will play at the Boundary County Fair.

We have been enjoying warm, warmer and really HOT weather this summer.

In closing this month I'd like to give you this thought to think about. "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Have a great time the rest of the summer.

—Doris Howard

District 8

District 8 members enjoyed a wild time at Hoot's

Hello Fiddlers!

I'm sliding in right under the wire, 11 p.m. the night of the deadline for this letter.

I tell ya', July has been SO FUN for District 8 OTF's. From the BIG 4th of July Parade, decorating the float, riding the long, hot route, playing all the way, UN-decorating the float, to just this last Saturday, having a District picnic and jam at Chairwoman Teresa Tomita's home. Fifteen of us and partners arrived, stuffed ourselves, and most stayed to play and visit.

Yes, we had all the regular plays, and a few extras.

Just this last Monday, eight of the group played at Tautphas Park's Senior Citizen Day, but played until the food was all gone. It was very, very warm at the zoo that day. That evening, 10+ of us showed up at Lincoln Court Retirement Center (where their air conditioning isn't really working, either) and had a very fun play with the usual HUGE crowd that really like the Fiddlers.

I guess all of you who made it to Hoot's in July know all about the wild antics of the District 8 members. It sounds as if a great time was had by all. It is a LONG way to go, so must be well worth the drive.

Speaking of, this newswriter is leaving Idaho Falls at 7 a.m. for Montana so I am cutting this short. As fall approaches, life will be less hectic, and we will have a bit more indoor time to write longer letters.

Have a great August, and we'll hear from y'all in September.

Best regards from all of District 8.

—Gail



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Fun events planned for State Convention

It was great to have our summer picnic inside with air conditioning. It was almost a necessity since some members are unable to tolerate the heat outside. So we had a good turnout of about 40 members who enjoyed the good music and good food.

About ten members played for an afternoon at the Chateau of Boise to a large audience. One of our Old Time members live there so we are always glad to be invited to play there.

On Aug. 12, the Fewkes attended the Wild West Fiddle Contest in Kuna, Idaho. Aaron won first place in the open division. Carla won first place with her bass fiddle in the other instruments division with her rendition of Wabash Canon Ball. Marion Moore won second place with his mandolin. This is a fun contest close to home and taylorred to all abilities.

There was a great turnout and a wonderful time at the Elk Meadows Campout. Saturday evening we held our third annual Fiddlin' In The Pines Fiddle Contest. There were about ten fiddlers in the contest. The contest not only involved fiddling but also

some Idaho trivia, joke or story telling. A new twist this year was a double points dance. The winners this year were Katie Bonn, grand champion, Rosalie Hawley, best joke, Teresa Tomita, best musical ability, Charlie Lahm, best gospel Tune, Ed Jenkins, the velvet fiddle award, Jason Fewkes, the bud trio award for the best double points dance, and Quincy Kirkpatrick (age 6) won the fiddle queen award. After the show the crowd was treated to homemade ice cream and Carla's famous cinnamon rolls baked fresh in the pure mountain air. We had a large audience with a representative from the Stanley Chamber of Commerce wanting us to post next year's event on their calendar. We want to thank all those who came and made it a success. You got to put this event on your calendar for next year. I hear it's going to be a ripper!

Looking forward, we are invited back to Dr. Burkeholder's Tool Museum on Sept. 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., for a potluck and jam. It is always a good time in the mountains under the shade of the pines. The museum is on the road to Idaho City.

Our first meeting to start the year will be on Sept. 4, starting at 5 p.m., at the Friends Church in Meridian. Everybody come for the election of

officers for the coming year.

We have several fun events planned for the State of Idaho Old Time Fiddle Convention on Sept. 26 and 27. Get those applications in. See you there.

-Ava Lutteman

District 4

District picnic and jam held at Emmett City Park

During July, we had the regular plays at Apple Valley, Serenity and SunBridge, and with the fifth Thursday, we also played at Emmett Rehab. We had a really nice turnout at Horse-shoe Bend for the potluck and jam on Saturday, July 19. It was great to have lots of musicians from both District 4 and District 5! And as usual, the food was excellent and lots of it!

The Elk Meadows campout was another great fiddling extravaganza! Ron and Marlene Moore attended again this year, and enjoyed every minute of it! There was lots of fiddling, fun and food, as usual!

The Fiddling in the Pines was another fun-filled evening...and lots of good laughs! Thanks to all of the organizers of this campout.

Our District picnic and jam will be held this coming Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Emmett City Park. We hope to have a nice turnout from District 4 and 5 again. It should be lots of fun!

At our recent meeting on Aug. 5, we had our election of officers for the next year. The newly elected chairman will be Ron Moore. Ken Tooley was re-elected vice chairman, and Glenda Rogers was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Ron is looking forward to helping District 4 in his new capacity, and attending the State Convention in September in his new role.

We are saddened by the death of one of our life-time members, John Sankey. Our condolences are extended to his family.

See ya'all in September at the State Convention in Boise!

-Marlene Moore

2008 IOTFA State Convention Sept. 26 and 27

It's time once again to start thinking about the Convention. We have a lot of fun things planned so get your registration form in early.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

e-mail _____

Cost of banquet on Saturday evening will be \$20. Choice of entree -

_____ Honey Baked Ham - slow roasted with a vanilla honey glaze served with seasonal chutney.

_____ Baked Chicken Breast - stuffed with a mushroom risotto and topped with a sun-dried tomatobasil cream sauce.

Both include tossed salad, fresh market medley vegetables and a baked potato. Please include banquet fee with registration. Return registration by Sept. 1, with a check made payable to IOTFA District 5 and mail to:

Darrell Barnard, 2523 Arthur Street, Boise, Idaho 83703

Questions? Call Darrell Barnard at (208) 371-9378 or email at iotfadist5@cableone.net.

No outside food and beverage is permitted to be brought by groups into hotel unless for consumption in guest sleeping rooms. Snacks and beverages are available in the restaurant and canteen. No host bar to include pop, water, coffee, tea, etc., available Saturday afternoon and evening.

Each District is responsible for bringing a door prize gift

2008 State Convention to be held Sept. 26 & 27

This year's convention is sponsored by District 5. It will be held at the Courtyard by Marriot, Boise West-Meridian. It is located near I-84 at Eagle Road, 1789 S. Eagle Road.

At Saturday night's banquet we will be entertained by the Heatherwood Swingers. They are very entertaining.

There will also be lots of time for open jamming.



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Jamming at the Three Rivers Campout. Photo by Barbara George.

District 9

Summer campout a great success

It was a very busy month of playing with several extra activities.

On Aug. 8, we played for the Appaloosa Pony club campout at Deary. Under the veranda cover, the small crowd enjoyed the old-time songs and watched the rain, lightning and listened to the claps of thunder.

The next day we played for Elk River Day in the shade of the Huckleberry Heaven Lodge. We had a good jam but once again the audience was very small. In guessing, gas prices are affecting how much people are traveling.

The Nelsons and the Bloomfields made a weekend of it by camping

at the Elk Creek campground. On Sunday morning they left for Coeur d'Alene Lake to visit friends and on the way stopped at the St. Maries Care Center to visit Earl Lyon who was a long-time club member playing the guitar and singing. He was glad to see us and hear that we were still playing some of the songs that he used to play.

The weekend of Aug. 23, found the group at the Three Rivers Campground on the Lochsa River for our second annual fiddle show and campout. For the Friday evening meal the club furnished the main dish - Chalupa (pulled pork with beans). The rest of the meal was potluck with yummy salads and desserts. On Saturday, lessons were in the morning and a show at 2 p.m. After the dinner hour, jamming proceeded well into the night allowing for no song to be played twice. The club provided

the Sunday breakfast which consisted of scrambled eggs, ham, fruit cup and a cinnamon roll. Our thanks go to the Nelsons, and Bloomfields who were the food committee and the Georges who were helpers.

If I do say so myself, everyone ate pretty high on the hog. For the weekend, we had a good turnout (approximately 37) of participants, guests, and other fiddle members from the Grangeville area. Even State President Jerry Eastman, his wife, and family members from Riggins attended. Thanks to everyone for making it a successful weekend.

Thirteen musicians enjoyed the afternoon of Aug. 30 playing at the Palouse City Park for Ernie Bunch's family reunion. Ernie has been a long-time member of the Old Time Fiddlers so it was fun playing right along with him for his family who had traveled from all parts of the United States to attend this reunion.

Our medical list has also been busy this past month. Herb Jeffers is recovering nicely from a heart valve replacement and will be glad when he can get out for more than just short walks. Lou Stevens had another turn of bad luck when she had to have gall bladder surgery. She is recuperating at the Aspen Park Care Center in Moscow and on Aug. 26, played a few songs along with the group. Alice Rieber, who also is now a resident of Aspen Park, and her husband Lee enjoyed the music. Alice used to play the fiddle and Lee plays the autoharp.

I just flipped the calendar and it looks like September is going to keep us busy. So to all of our members, please try to make as many play dates as you can. The practice is good and the music is enjoyed by those who can't get out and go.

-Gary Bloomfield

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District 6B

Veterans enjoy the old-time music at Twin Falls American Legion

August found our members playing at five outside plays as well as our normal care center schedule.

We started our month with a small group playing for the Magic Valley Arts Council in downtown Twin Falls for an art show which also included some splendid photography displays of local bridges and barns. Art and music appreciation seem to be soul mates and there was a nice crowd strolling the hallways sipping wine and nibbling on cookies during the evening.

The next day found our group providing background music for the Farmer's Market in Hollister. Produce has been slow coming on this summer so not too much available that day but several vendors offered various handmade crafts and to

our delight a yummy lunch and homemade pies.

Our August jam session at the Idaho Pizza Company included a record crowd this month. It was good to see so many families in attendance and we hope some of the youngsters will become interested in learning music. We were glad to have Ron Wade join the band and he later awed the listeners with a good rendition of "Orange Blossom Special." Even though Ron is a busy man playing with the local community symphony and giving private music lessons we hope he will continue to come play with us when possible. Robert Kinsel recently moved to Twin Falls and occasionally plays with us so we are hoping he will become a member of our organization.

Later in the month a small group of players provided music for the veterans gathering at the Twin Falls American Legion Hall. Our music was well received and we heard many favorable comments about the tunes familiar to our older citizens. Our veterans are very deserving of honor and respect for their service to this country. Even though they may limp or move slowly, they still wear their uniforms with pride and dignity. One just wishes that our younger generations were truly appreciative of the many sacrifices of our veterans.

Another community event our group participated in this month was an ice cream fest fund-raiser

for the Mini-Cassia area Senior Citizen Centers' Meals on Wheels program. Our music followed a well presented mens' choir group and preceded lively bluegrass music by a local band. The amphitheater located along the Snake River was a beautiful setting on a perfect summer evening for a very worthwhile cause that we were honored to share.

Our group ended August with a performance during the Twin Falls County Fair on a cool, windy evening. Some faithful fans bundled up to listen and we certainly appreciated their tenacity.

We held our monthly jam session the early part of September at the Idaho Pizza Company. We were thrilled to have Fran Caward and Ann Cook from Riggins joins us for some mighty fine tunes. Becky Tupper from Hagerman also played guitar with us and we are hoping to see more of her as well. We held our monthly meeting and yearly election later in the evening. We enthusiastically welcome William Aekin of Jerome, Becky Bingman of Hagerman, and Jaime Ogilvy of Twin Falls as new members.

Gary Huntington is our new chairman. Margie Collins will continue to be our co-chairman. Becky Bingman was elected as secretary and treasurer. Mary Baldwin will continue as historian and reporter.

District 6-B sincerely extends a big "Thank You" to Kathy Trenkle for all the hard work and time she has given to our organization the past three years as chairlady. Kathy has done an awesome job promoting a positive image of our organization statewide, obtaining community plays, organizing and publicizing our performances, and improving the quality of our music. We all wish her well in her pursuit of better health and certainly hope she continues to play with our group as frequently as she can.

We wish all safe travel to state convention and look forward to seeing everyone there.

—Mary Baldwin

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Fall doesn't keep District reporter down for long

District 1A of the IOTFA, Inc., is still keeping up with requests for our playing. As in the past, we begin the month playing for the Senior Center before their noon lunch, on the first Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to noon. The following filled that commitment, Sonja and Jim McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens and Doris Howard.

The second Wednesday, the following traveled to Bonner County to play at the two HearthStone Village Homes, Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Cindy Paulsgrove and her husband, Eleanor Erickson, Ruth Hoglan and Doris Howard.

The third week was the Boundary County Fair and the following played on Friday of that week for an hour and a half, Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Doris Howard, Brad Smith, Eleanor Erickson, Barry Coleman, Earl Stephens, Jim and Sonja McCalmant.

The fourth Wednesday, we played at the E.C.F. Wing of the hospital in Bonners Ferry, with these faithful members playing, Janet Sapp, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Ruth Hoglan, Earl Stephens, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

Friday, Aug. 30, we are to play for a dance by the Senior Center. More about that in our next paper.

We are in the process of elect-

ing officers for 2009, so new officers can be reported at the convention held the end of September.

I'm sorry to report I fell around five feet onto the cement floor of our basement about two weeks ago. Really played heck with my left side. I know God was watching out for me, and sent my guardian angel to cushion my fall, or I'm sure I would have been knocked out. Anyway, all I suffered was a cut by my eye, my left arm is all colors, red, purple, blue and yellow from shoulder to tips of my fingers, black and blue hip and two black and blue knees. The stitches, seven or eight, have now been removed. I look a little less like a clown, and ventured out of the house a few times. I did play with our group for the E.C.F. Wing. Yes it was painful, but a commitment is a commitment and you do what you have to do. I'm also sorry I will be unable to attend the convention this year, I hope you will miss me, just a little bit.

In closing, let me remind you, "The important thing is not being afraid to take a chance. Remember, the greatest failure is not to try."

-Doris Howard

District 8

Workshops add new flavor to monthly gigs

Hello Fiddlers!

Wow! What a busy month August was! District 8's calendar was FULL, with many "extra plays" and invitations to many different venues.

Following our District 8 party at Teresa's, we were invited to Senior Day at the Tautphaus Zoo on Monday, Aug. 4, for lunch time before our evening play. On Saturday, Aug. 9, we played for a class reunion in the little berg of Shelley, south of Idaho Falls for an hour in the evening.

Of course, everyone on this side of the State knows where most of

us were August 15, 16, and 17. The Leadore Campout is SO FUN with everyone who makes it there. Those of us who missed it remember the fun, camaraderie and MUSIC that fills that weekend.

Besides our two plays in the second week, we held our first, monthly Fiddler's Workshop at Leo's. These are held on a Tuesday, where there are no "usual" plays. We had a hard time getting into the room we'd reserved, but we did make an effort to learn NEW songs. Each member was to choose a new song, and then the group practiced it until we all felt comfortable with it. Introducing some new tunes at our plays will be a good thing. We know a lot of great music, but tend to stick to the same songs because they take no effort. But, with our monthly "workshops," we will have a lot of new flavor added to our plays. This month, our workshop is on Tuesday, the 16th.

We have also been invited to play at Idaho Falls' "Alive After Five" on Wednesday, the 10th. A big crowd gathers at downtown's "Pocket Park" each Wednesday, with food stands and a different group each week. We have played that venue for four to five years, now.

After that, just the three regular plays until the 24th, then nothing until the first week of October. So it does look like summer is coasting into fall, and activities are slowing down somewhat.

Well, that is all of our news...we're still here and enjoying the music and fun plays with the audiences that enjoy us so much.

Until next month-October?!- Best regards from All of us in District 8.

-Gail

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Fiddlers help heat up afternoon with music

We had some brave members who showed up to play for the Collister Neighborhood Association annual barbecue in Boise. Buck, Darrell, Neve, Eldon, Bob and Marion, Loren, and Phoenix volunteered the music. This happened at 5:15 p.m. in Catalpa Park under sunny skies in 98-100 degree heat. They said it was worth the sacrifice because they played to a boisterous, clapping, singing and foot stomping audience who put on a good feed that all enjoyed. The electricity provided to the musicians was laid from the Collister School to a shade tree 350 feet away.

Then there are the rest of us who are wimps and like to play where there is air conditioning, so we had a good turnout and entertained at the Meridian Cottages. The audience there knew the old time songs, sang along and said later it was good to just hear the songs again.

Rena, Darrell and Betty braved the heat and played at the park in Emmett with District 4 for their summer picnic. After that, several players traveled to Horseshoe Bend to play at the Senior Center and enjoyed a jam and potluck with District 4. We love District 4.

Bonnie's evening players are dedicated to their audiences. They become attached and get personal with their fans. It so happens that fans move to other places to live. Well, Bonnie and her group just pick up and move to the new place along with their fans. The message is that we love you in our life, we don't want to miss you or lose you.

We hear that Gladys Shook has fallen and broke her leg. She is home and mending well. This is a message to all of us to take extra care, look before you leap and try to avoid all those unnecessary side trips to the emergency room.

Betty Gull's mom passed away in Horseshoe Bend. She was 90 years old. In her life, music was a big part of her enjoyment. Our feelings are with Betty in overcoming this loss.

There was a good turnout for our first meeting and election of

officers. Those elected were: Chairman Rena Lute from Eagle; Secretary Marion Baird from Idaho City; Treasurer Mary Lopshire from Boise; Historian Pat Ramage and Christine Ney; Co-Chair Bonnie Longstreth from Boise for the evening group and Co-Chair Christine Nay from Boise for the day players.

We welcome the new officers. We support you. We love you.

Please note a change beginning with our next District meeting on Oct. 2. We will start jamming at 5 p.m., the potluck will begin at 6 p.m., we will not be using the kitchen, so place your dishes right on the table ready to go (wrapped if needed). After our business meeting, look forward to a fun friendly time of more jamming.

-Ava Lutteman

District 12

Montana livestock produces better 'pies'

The month of August has flown by - not slowing down for this bunch of fiddlers.

Other than our regular plays, we played at the old CCC camp, near Dillon, Mont. I believe I have already mentioned that.

On August 14, we played for the Imperial Apartments ice cream social. A big thank you to Martin Fewkes for being here to play with us. Tom had gone fishing in Canada. Norma had had surgery on her shoulder, Susan was pre-occupied as was Doyle, so if Martin hadn't been here we would have had to play "naked." (That is without any backup).

Thanks to those of you who made it to the Leadore Campout. Without you, it wouldn't have been the fun time that it was. We had 20 musicians on Saturday, a few listeners from the area, and Rosalie's daughter brought a van load of folks from Idaho Falls to listen and share supper with us. They said they had a wonderful time.

The games were a little different this year. We had a cow pie throwing contest and a road apple toss. The supplies were quite unique. They were biodegradable, sun dried, different sizes, and gathered by our esteemed president, Jerry, from the wildernesses of both Montana

and Idaho. (The livestock in Montana, I think, are better fed than those in Idaho as the supplies from that area were larger and well formed and held together better).

The long distance winner of the cow pie throw was Martin Fewkes. The contest was judged by having a line on the ground, measuring the distance of the throw, then subtracting the distance that the pie was to the right or left of the line. Quincy Kirkpatrick threw the shortest distance of 15 feet. Ed Smith won the road apple toss. He is very good at throwing road apples from short distances as well as longer distances. Honorary mention for the best form went to Ed Jenkins and Martin. It was akin to watching an outdoor ballet. Ed Smith won a horse that whinnies while Martin won a plastic cow pie. When the contest was over, we all enjoyed a candy cow tail then got down to playing music.

At our election meeting, we voted to retain the existing officers. We are all so thankful that they were gracious enough to accept to continue their positions.

Our calendar for September is as follows:

Sept. 4 - 5 p.m., Cavaness Park to play for the Lemhi Afterschool Promise Barbecue; 7 p.m., Discovery Care; 8 p.m., Legion Hall.

Sept. 11 - 7:30 p.m. Imperial Recreation Center.

Sept. 13 - 3 p.m., Jack Griset's memorial service at Jack's house at Carmen.

Sept. 18 - 7:30 p.m., Imperial Rec. Center.

Sept. 20 - 4 p.m., the Clayton Museum at Clayton, Idaho.

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

Sept. 26, 27, 28 - IOTFA State Convention in Meridian.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the convention.

-Rosalie Hawley

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District 2

Stephens elected as new chairman

District Two members attending the State IOTFA Convention in Meridian were: Duane and Max Stephens, Fran Widener, Gary and Patty Solberg, Kathreen Steiner and Rachelle Hamell. I am encouraged by the discussions at this year's meeting about ways to deal with the realities we now face as an organization. Also encouraging is the fact that new and younger blood has stepped up to fill District officer voids left by the inevitabilities of age. It was notable that there were five new district chairmen officially seated in office at the State Convention.

Duane Stephens of Grangeville is the new chairman of IOTFA District Two, replacing Gary Solberg. Duane comes from a longtime fiddling family and he has been a member of IOTFA for more than 40 years. Duane brings with him a wealth of old fiddle tunes. His address is: Duane Stephens, 3224 E. No. 6th, Grangeville, Idaho 83530.

The new IOTFA membership year is now started. Membership dues for 2009 are now payable to the chairman and must be in to Duane no later than Jan. 15.

This is my last news column as District Two chairman. It doesn't seem like it was that long since I assumed the District Two chairman's duties. I know that at that time we had enough players in D2 that we could cover three plays at once. But those days are gone; time has taken its toll on our fiddlers and many of those friends have now

passed on. I treasure the memories of playing with them over the years.

I want to thank all of you who have so many times helped play at all the various performances we have had during my tenure as chairman. Your support and dedication to fiddling has helped keep the tradition going in District Two.

—GMS

District 4

Convention was great — now on to Hoots!

Since our last newsletter article didn't get printed, I'm including some items from August. Our summer district picnic and jam was held on August 9 at the Emmett City Park. We started the day with our new chairman, Ron Moore, cooking breakfast for us. Then we had our picnic in the afternoon, followed by a fun jam session. We invited the public to come hear us play and we had quite a nice turnout for the afternoon. Thanks to District 4 and District 5 members for coming!!

We played for the Gem County Historical Society's annual fundraiser event, "Chuck Wagon Dinner" in the Emmett City Park on September 6th. We played mostly pioneer era songs to follow their pioneer program. It was lots of fun! Ken Tooley helped them out by auctioneering the left-over food items.

During August and September, we had the regular plays. We had really nice turnouts at Horseshoe Bend for the potluck and jam in both months. It was great to have

lots of musicians from both District 4 and District 5! Thanks to Ken Tooley and Don Ikenberry for helping out with the PA setups!

We had a very small turnout for our September meeting...but we had a fun jam session. In October, we'll have the usual plays plus Emmett Rehab on the fifth Thursday. We'll also be at Horseshoe Bend for the potluck and jam session on Saturday, October 18th at 5 p.m. Please note that this will be the last Horseshoe Bend event until February or March...depending on road conditions.

And the last item...but certainly not the least...was the great State Convention! We had a wonderful time at all of the functions and seeing everyone again. Our District 4 members helped out where we could with decorations, the raffle and door prize drawings. Thanks especially to our auctioneer Ken Tooley for his great help again! And a great big thank you to Rena Lute and District 5 for putting it all together!

See ya'll at Hoots at the end of October!

—Marlene Moore



Nov. 14 and 15 – Country Harvest Hoedown at the Nampa Civic Center.

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District 1A

Northern Idaho fiddlers hanging in there

We are still hanging in there, up here in the north. We elected new officers for 2009, and already, one has resigned, after thinking it over. Cindy Paulsgrove has decided she didn't want to be chairman of District 1A, so, we'll see if our vice-chairman will move up to chairman, if not, we'll have to figure out something else, or throw in the towel. As soon as we get things figured out we'll let you know.

We played for our second senior dance the end of August. We didn't have a very large crowd, but I blame it on it being the Labor Day weekend. Anyhow those playing were Janet Sapp, Doris Howard, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson, Joanne Erickson, their sister from Spokane, Ingrid Spears and her friend, Pat Duff, Jim and Sonja McCalmant and Barry Coleman. A man from across the border in British Columbia played several songs and sang. Those who attended had a great time, teaching each other to dance and eating.

Those playing at the Senior Center meal sight were Ruth Hoglan, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

At our first fall jam session at Western Pleasure Guest Ranch the followed played, Cindy Paulsgrove, Ruth Hoglan, Janet Sapp, Jim and Sonja McCalmant and Doris Howard.

Finishing the month playing for the E.C.F. Wing of the Boundary County Hospital were Janet Sapp, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman and Doris Howard.

I was sorry that I couldn't make it to the convention, but I will try to get to the next meeting, whenever it is. We elected a new reporter for 2009, Sonja McCalmant, so you will only have to read my wandering news two more months. In closing, let me remind all of you, "You can observe a lot by watching."

-Doris Howard



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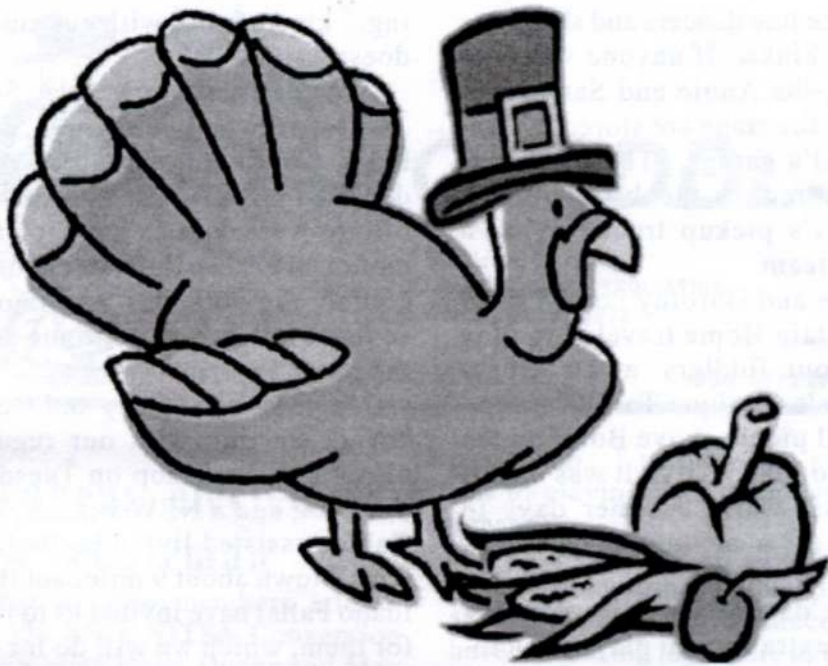
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District 9
**Latah County Fair
featured for the month**

As fall sets in, we are back to our normal schedule for the senior lunches. We played at Deary and Kendrick and next month Potlatch is back on the roster.

Some of the play dates were a bit short of players due to travel and vacations.

Dave and Trish Bezdicek enjoyed a trip to Minnesota to visit family. Gary and Karen Bloomfield visited Nashville, Tenn., and took a barge trip on the Cumberland, Ohio, and Mississippi Rivers to St. Louis Missouri. The Mississippi was in flood stage due to the rain from hurricane Ike which added to the adventure. Ray and Marge Nelson made two short trips to the Puyallup Fair and to Leavenworth's Fall festival.

We did have a good size group make it to the Latah County Fair on the 13th. We took center stage at mid day and played to a nice audience that enjoyed not only the good weather but the good music.

—Gary Bloomfield

District 5
**Prime Time Swingers
were hit at state
fiddle convention**

We slipped through September on a banana peel. I personally want to thank Rena, Mary, Christine, Patty, Marilyn, Ron and Marlene, Ken Tooley. They were the glue that put the convention together, put in the long hours and closed up Saturday night. And to thank Jason and Aaron for the special visitors show and recital. We were entertained by the Prime Time Swingers Band. When I grow up, maybe I can get a chair in their circle of 80 and 90 year olds. If it all wasn't enough, those with rigor mortis from the meetings could

join the line dancers and shake out a few kinks. If anyone wants to know, the Annie and Sam decorating the stage are stored in Toni and Al's garage. The hay bales are stored in the back of Ken Tooley's pickup truck. What a great team.

Lyle and Dorothy Powell from Mountain Home traveled to play with our fiddlers at Dr. Burkholder's Antique Tool Museum annual picnic above Boise on the road to Idaho City. It was one of the last warm summer days to play at a mountain get-a-way under the pines.

The day players are planning some extra special plays in October and November so keep in touch with Christine Nay, our new co-chair, the amazing lady with the new heart, and computer whiz. Her computer skills were some of the glue that kept the convention on track.

Hoots is on for Oct. 24 and 25. See you there.

One of our members, Kelby Sommer, will be performing for the Country Harvest Hoedown at the Nampa Civic Center on Nov. 14 and 15. I am going.

—Ava Lutteman

District 8
**Fiddlers 'wow' the
residents at
Lincoln Court**

Hello Fiddlers!

Wow, the convention at Boise sounded awesome! Too bad the only one from District 8 that made it was our chairperson, Teresa! She and Margie Collins were also the ONLY ones who made it through all four Line Dance classes. What a great idea to include line danc-

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ing... kind of goes with our music, doesn't it??

At our last meeting, Monday, Sept. 2, at Parkwood, elections were held...well, kinda-sorta. Dave S. declared that everyone in existing offices were doing a good job and motioned to keep the status quo. Of course, the vote was unanimous, so these letters will continue as in the past.

September was busy and October is starting with our regular plays, our workshop on Tuesday, the 14th, and a NEW venue! The Gables assisted living in Shelley, (small town about 9 miles south of Idaho Falls) have invited us to play for them, which we will do for the first time, Wednesday the 15th.

We had a huge crowd of us at "Lincoln Court" tonight, the 6th. SIXTEEN members showed up and "wowed" the residents there. They always love us.

We're thinking of a few of our male members that are having health issues right now, and hope they will soon be back with us.

The weather is beautiful here in Idaho Falls, but it IS getting cooler, and we know what is right around the corner, don't we? But we will stay warmed up with our music, and will keep learning new stuff. The Holidays will be keeping us busy before we know it!

"Happy Harvest and Fun Fall" to all of you, until November.

—Gail

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Members of District 6 recently received the best presentation award. Pictured here, from left, Jennifer Wolverton, Margie Collins, Ralph Wolverton, Candy Coltrin, Gary Huntington, William Eakin, Sadie Kirk, Becky Bingman, Kathy Trenkle and Mary Baldwin.

District 6

District honors Idaho Pizza owners with honorary membership

Members started October with our monthly jam at the Idaho Pizza Co. by playing to an enthusiastic crowd. The musicians were amused to see the toddlers respond to the polka tunes by wiggling out of their chairs and the adults could hardly keep their feet still.

Our group covered all the regularly scheduled care centers last

month as well. Sometimes we get some pretty challenging tune requests from the residents and we do try to add the more frequently requested ones to our practice list.

We also played at the Buhl Senior Center during mid October which has a more modern color scheme along with a new site manager. We are saddened to see

that some of our faithful dancers are slowing down as they do battle with the Ritus boys, primarily that old cussed Arthur but they still enjoy just sitting and listening to their old favorite tunes.

Some of our district members attended the fall meeting at Hoots and reported having a whale of a good time jamming. We are grateful for the beautiful Indian summer traveling weather.

We are pleased to report that Sadie Kirk is back playing after a bout with some health concerns. We all miss her lively participation when she is gone.

At our jam session on November 5, Kathy Trenkle and Gary Huntington presented the owners of the Idaho Pizza Company, Todd and Candy Coltrin, a plaque along with an Honorary Membership to the IOTFA. Mr. and Mrs. Coltrin have actively supported our organization in both Boise and Twin Falls along with their Twin Falls branch Manager, Maggie.

We have started practicing Christmas tunes and hope to get the kinks worked out before the special plays of the season begin.

Until next time, keep that fiddle tuned up and a smile on your face.

—Mary Baldwin



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District 4

Hoots was fantastic as usual

In October we had our usual plays and meeting/jam. The Horseshoe Bend potluck/jam was the last one for the year. We'll resume this event in February or March depending on the weather. We had a wonderful turnout of 22 musicians! Thanks to everyone for a fun evening.

And with October came our final Hoots gathering for the year. It was another fantastic weekend with lots of great fiddling and fellowship. It's always great to see everyone at these statewide gatherings! And the drive up to Hoots was really nice with all of the Fall colors.

We are saddened to report that Billy Joe Cummings, a lifetime member who lived in Weiser, died on Oct. 5th. On Oct. 11, memorial services were held with lots of fiddling music. Katie Bonn and Teresa Long played Blue Violet Waltz that was one of Bill's favorites.

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For November, we're holding a memorial jam session for John Sankey, another one of our lifetime members who died earlier this year. This will be held on Friday, Nov. 14, at Heritage Place here in Emmett. We're hoping to see many of John's friends gather with us to pay tribute to him.

Then in December, we're scheduled to play for the Emmett Library's Christmas Party.

That's about all for now...until next month, keep warm for winter's coming!

—Marlene Moðre

District 8

District 8 shows up in the cold and snow

Hello-o-o-o Idaho Fiddlers!

I am sliding in under the wire, hopefully not missing the deadline! I didn't even drive to Rexburg to attend the TWO plays on Wednesday...There's no excuse for not getting this off to the publisher! After all, DISTRICT 8 is a "happenin' district" with alot to report.

First, to report we had 15+ members at our venue at Lincoln Court Retirement Monday, the 3rd!! We had a big audience, too, who said later, it was our best show EVER! How Seniors love the Old Time Fiddlers.

I am happy to report that the two members I was concerned about LAST month were both there, and are lookin' good. Of course I can't say how many loyally drove to the two plays in Rexburg on Wednesday, as I didn't. We do those every

other month, and squeeze in two plays at very nice Centers located only two blocks apart.

This Saturday, the 8th, we are invited to play for an hour at the Rigby Senior Citizen Center. There are a lot of people from that area who know the District 8 Fiddlers.

A report on our short appearance at the "Idaho Falls Autumn Festival" the first weekend of October: This was their third or fourth year, and in the past Freeman Park has been PACKED with people and many, many vendor and food booths. THIS year, they invited us to play, and it was our FIRST SNOW in Bonneville Cold, windy and FREEZING! There was a crowd of about 20, but they crowded around the stage, wrapped in blankets, or with hoods on and withstood the cold tapping their toes as they listened to us. Only SIX of us showed up, so they wouldn't think the IOTF were slackers, and played for about 45 minutes. That was long enough for the metal strings on the instruments to completely freeze to the fingers pressing on them. It was cold, but we had a lot of audience appreciation and applause...from the 20 spectators.

Coming up this month are our six more plays, our "workshop" on the 18th, and playing for the annual "Festival of Trees" at 4 p.m. on Nov. 20th at the Red Lion. Then it will be Thanksgiving, and before we know it...December!!!

Oh! Does anyone have any ideas on getting to Hoots faster, easier, or to bring it closer to all of us? Teresa and Ted report a most wonderful time, again, with music and dancing 'til all hours. They're wondering why more of us don't/can't make it? But it is TEN HOURS from Idaho Falls. I would think those of you who live closer would go and enjoy. As for some of us in District 8, maybe someday...Sigh.

Hope you all have a wonderful THANKSGIVING! Among ALL the things we have to be thankful for EVERY DAY, is our music, our God-given talents, the enjoyment we receive and can GIVE to so many others. Let's keep up the good work thru the Holidays!

Til December.

—Gail

Obituaries



Billy Joe Cummings

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

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

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

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Minnie Ha Ha entertains on stump fiddle

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

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

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

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

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

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

—Ava Lutteman

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Fiddlers close out month playing at Historical Assoc.

District 1A is sorry no one represented us at the Convention this year or the fall executive meeting at Hoots. We intended to have someone at the convention, but our newly elected chairman, Cindy Paulsgrove, found she couldn't continue in the office, so resigned. The District elected to move Barry Coleman to the chairmanship and Eleanor Erickson, our secretary, will fill in as chairman, if Barry can't. I, Doris Howard, will hold the chairmanship until the financial report for 2008 has been sent in after Dec. 31, 2008. As far as we know, things will go on as it has.

The first Wednesday in October, we, Barry Coleman, Sonja and Jim McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan and Doris played the hour before the Senior Citizens served their noon meal. Dorothy Lamson entertained with several harmonica numbers and we were very much enjoyed.

The second Wednesday in October, traveling to Sandpoint to play at the two Hearthstone Village Homes were: Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Doris Howard, Phyllis Tritt (driver for Ruth and Doris) and Barry Coleman. The group we play for down there is very happy to have us come every other month.

The third Wednesday we were at the E.C.F. Wing of the hospital in Bonners Ferry. Playing were Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman and Doris Howard.

To close out the month, the Historical Association asked us to play on Tuesday, Oct. 28. We were happy to have Don and

Audrey Spalding able to play with us as well as the following: Janet Sapp, Barry Coleman, Ruth Hoglan, Sonja McCalmant, Doris Howard, Bob Dudley from Troy Mont., Jim McCalmant and Patty Burlingame. It was a happy one and a half hours.

In closing let me just say, "A penny saved is a government oversight."

Until next month, get ready for a Happy Thanksgiving and keep on fiddlin.

-Doris Howard

District 9

Fall colors enjoyed in Northern Idaho

With a very early cold night in October, many of the trees have lost their leaves in a frozen brown state so we have had very little in the way of fall colors. One exception was the oak trees at Good Sam in Moscow. They have been beautiful the last couple of weeks. Winter is just around the corner as we had a few snow flakes mixed with the much welcomed rain yesterday.

We played for Bishop Place in Pullman on the 7th and Good Sam in Moscow the 9th. Monday the 13th was once again our busy day with three play sessions in one day. Avalon Care in Pullman at 10:15, Pullman Senior lunch at 11:30 and Gritman Adult Center in Moscow at 1:30.

This was our month to return to Potlatch Senior lunch after a summer hiatus. We played for a nice audience and enjoyed a mid

day breakfast.

The 28th we played for Aspen Park Care Center in Moscow and finished out the month with Moscow Senior lunch on the 30th.

Ray and Marge Nelson recently returned from a train trip to San Diego which connected up with a cruise ship to Mexico and then back home by train. They enjoyed the trip but did not think that sleeping on the train was the best.

Today is the 5th of November and the deadline for news. The best part about this day is that the election is now behind us and the TV will have something to watch other than the ads that we all got so tired of.

Hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving and then it is time to start practicing our Christmas tunes that so many of our audiences enjoy.

-Gary Bloomfield



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Happy New Year!

District 1A

Reporter retires after 30 years of writing the news from up north

This will be the last article I will send in. It's been a responsibility for the last 30 some years, but I have enjoyed it. I can't complain, for I volunteered when I asked why District 1A didn't have any news in our paper. I was told, no one wanted to do it. So, I volunteered. We are lucky Sonja McCalmant volunteered to replace me. Thanks Sonja.

We kept fairly busy in November. The first Wednesday we played an hour before the senior meal at the Senior Center. Playing were the following: Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Ruth Hoglan and me, Doris Howard.

We have missed, and are still missing, Earl Stephens, Eleanor Erickson and Bob Nelson because of

illness. Earl had a two-way bypass and while doing ok is still under doctor's orders. Eleanor has been battling several things wrong with her, and Bob has also been battling physical ailments. That hits my Fiddlers hard.

I have been looking for fiddlers, but so far, no luck. If we don't find more musicians, I don't know what will happen to District 1A. We will just hang in there and keep trying.

We had a small crowd at our third fall jam, held at Western Pleasure the third Sunday of November. We had the following play, Lee Jackson, Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Ruth Hoglan, Mickie Jacobson, Cindy Paulsgrove, Janet Sapp, Doris Howard, Tom Murray,

Danielle and Issac Schoonover and Brad and Heather Yunek. We were happy to have a dancing crowd, for there is nothing that makes a fiddler happier, than to have people dance to their music.

To finish off the month the following played for the E.C.F. Wing of the Boundary County Hospital, Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman and Doris Howard.

This is all for this month, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you from all of us up North.

Please remember, "There's no greater gift at Christmas than to have everything you want, before you open presents."

—Doris Howard

Editor's Note

If your December report did not appear in this month's newsletter please accept my apologies as I had e-mail difficulties.



Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Party at Tom and Katie Bonn's home, Carmen, Idaho, 6 p.m.

Feb. 7 - District 2 Cabin Fever Party. Fiddling starts at 10 a.m. with a buffet at high noon.

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District 12

Fun New Year's Eve Party planned at Tom & Katie Bonn's

I apologize for not getting the newsletter in last month. I was away from my typewriter.

Immediately following our fall meeting at Hoot's (which we enjoyed very much), a few of us were fortunate enough to enjoy two weeks in fabulous Hawaii. It was, as Laurence Welk might have said, a-wonderful, a-wonderful.

So I missed half of November with my fiddler family; but I understand, other than our regular plays, there weren't any extra play dates.

We want to welcome Sue Harris as a new active member of District 12. Sue plays the fiddle; she does it very well, and besides that she is pretty and funny and fits right in. Glad to have you, Sue.

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Things are going to pick up a little in December.

Dec. 4, will find us at the Discovery Care Center and the American Legion.

Dec. 6, we will play for the Celebration of Remembrance at the Jones and Casey Funeral Home at 3 p.m.

Dec. 11 we will play for the Christmas Party at the Carmen Hall at 7 p.m., and at the Morton's home (on up Carmen Creek) immediately following the party.

Dec. 13, we will play at the Festival of Trees at the Presbyterian Center at 1 p.m.

Dec. 18, we will meet at the Imperial Apartments rec room at 7:30 p.m., at which time we will have a brief business meeting and a jam session.

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Last but not least, on Dec. 31, we will gather at Tom and Katie Bonn's home for our annual New Year's Eve Party starting at 6 p.m. If you have been to one of these before, you know how fun it is. And if you haven't, you had better come and see what you have been missing.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone. Love is really what Christmas is all about. (Well love AND music.)

—Rosalie Hawley

District 2

Cabin Fever Party at Hoot's Cafe on Feb. 7

Not a lot of activity in District 2 except for the Riggins area, where the fiddlers in that area have played for several functions.

By the time you receive your December issue, we will have played for the annual Festival of Trees, on Dec. 4, in Grangeville. Benefits from this event go to the Syringa General Hospital.

One of our lifetime members, Al Steele passed away in November. Al was active in the Lewiston area with the fiddlers in the 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s. Our condolences go out to the family.

Our annual cabin fever party will be held at Hoot's Cafe on Feb. 7, 2009. Fiddling will start at 10 a.m., with a buffet at high noon, and then back to more fiddling.

Here's wishing all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

—Duane Stephens



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Obituaries

Verla Bedwell

Verla Bedwell, 76, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, passed away on Dec. 4, 2008, with her family at her side as she passed peacefully from this existence.

Verla was born in Spokane, Wash., on July 16, 1932. She spent her life in service to others through music and hard work. She was dearly loved and will be missed by many.

Her passing makes celebrating the birth of our Savior this season that much more meaningful. Verla's family wishes all a pleasant holiday season.

District 4

Holiday greetings to all from District 4 fiddlers

It seems hard to believe that another holiday season is upon us! The years sure do roll by fast. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

In November we had our usual meeting/jam and plays but without Sunbridge, since their play date would have been on Thanksgiving. That occurs again in December with the Christmas holiday.

We held the memorial jam session for John Sankey on Nov. 14, with a turnout of around 15 musicians, and a nice gathering of John's family and friends.

We had our Christmas Party at our Dec. 2 regular meeting and jam session. The district provided the pizza and members brought some very delicious salads and desserts!



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We sure do have some awesome cooks! And we'll have a repeat performance of more delectable goodies at our January 6 meeting/jam when we're going to have our Elk Stew dinner party...everyone is to bring a can to add to the stew plus a side dish. It should be lots of fun, too!

We're scheduled to play for the Emmett Library's Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 13. This is the library's fund-raiser while they are selling tickets to the Christmas tour of the Little Family Mansion here in Emmett that is open that same evening. We'll be practicing some Christmas songs for this event at our practice on Friday night.

Merry Christmas to all! Until next year...keep on fiddlin', strummin' and singing!

-Marlene Moore



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Christmas season is keeping fiddlers busy

Our Christmas season is shaping up real fast. Our chairmen are scrambling to cover for illnesses which are keeping players from coming out.

Eldon and Neve find themselves playing for the day plays as well as the evening plays. They are meeting themselves coming and going so to speak. We have been really short on guitar. The good side is the audience. We are always supported by toe tapping, sing along audience who share with us the familiar songs we bring to them.

Welcome to Chia Wood from Boise, a great addition to the fiddlers. She has a great repertoire of songs to offer.

We traveled to Emmett to attend a memorial jam for John Sankey who has passed on. He was remembered well.

We are looking forward to the workshop at Ron Thurber's and a practice later in the month at Rena's. Our main event is going to be a sit down Christmas dinner at a famous restaurant.

Dues are due.

-Ava Lutteman

District 6

Fiddlers enjoy bringing joy to faithful followers

Our group was able to cover our regularly scheduled care center plays during the month and also entertained at the Senior Citizen Center in Buhl two times. The evening dance was not as heavily attended as the Sunday luncheon event but all attendees seemed to enjoy our music both times.

It is very gratifying to observe our faithful followers singing or humming along with their favorite tunes and we sincerely hope the tunes inspire fond memories of their younger days. Our members always like to hear positive and flattering compliments about the qual-

ity of our music.

Our group also had an extra practice during the month and we feel that our group works very hard to keep improving the dance tempo of our tunes. We have concentrated most of the practice time on perfecting the Christmas season tunes which seem to have some tricky, quick chord changes.

Earlier this week we held our December monthly meeting and jam session at the Idaho Pizza Company. We saw some new faces in the listening crowd this time and several stayed to listen a while after completing their meal. Our business meeting was very short this time; prospective December plays were discussed and we decided to gather together for a mid-December evening of dining and dancing in celebration of Christmas. A couple of members are on vacation and our snow birds will be heading South before long.

Until next time, best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season to all.

-Mary Baldwin

District 9

From 'Turkey in the Straw' to 'Silent Night'

By now, everyone should have their fill of turkey on the table and playing "Turkey in the Straw," ready to move on to the Christmas season.

The care centers are all becoming so beautifully decorated that it puts us in the mood to play the old favorite Christmas songs.

We were set to start the month at Bishop Place in Pullman but a flu bug crept in on them and they cancelled.

On the 6th, seven of us played to a very small audience at Clark House in Moscow.

We had a good turnout for our meeting Nov. 9th, to jam and plan our Christmas potluck.

The 10th was once again the day that we play for three different sights.

Lou Stevens made it with her

family who was visiting from Kelso. She is continuing to recover and has made several play dates lately.

Good Sam in Moscow had a good audience but a small group of players.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, we played for a craft fair at the Nazarene Church in Moscow. A call for help went out when it looked like we were going to be short of players. Were we fooled as we had 12 to play for the afternoon. It was kind of a noisy crowd so it gave us an opportunity to play Christmas songs for practice without anyone hearing a wrong note.

Monday night, Nov. 24th, we played for the Ridge Pointe retirement community in Pullman. This is not one of our regular gigs but they do ask us about twice a year for an evening of fun and treats. We had 11 players show up including, for the first time since his heart valve replacement, Herb Jeffers. Good to have him back in the group and to see him feeling so great.

The Kendrick senior meal was on the 26th and, after playing to a good audience, we enjoyed a delicious roast beef lunch that was more like a dinner.

I suppose by the time you read this, Christmas will be over and the New Year upon us. We can only hope that in 2009 we will see things back on the up-swing in the country's finances and maybe a little hope for a more peaceful world.

From all of us in DISTRICT NINE, we hope you had a great holiday season and enjoyed playing for those who couldn't get out to do all the things that they wanted to.

-Gary Bloomfield

NEW YEAR
Greetings