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Kathy Trenkle was presented a plaque for her service as chairlady from 2006-2008 from Chairman Gary Huntington.

## Idaho birds left in the cold

### District 6

December seemed like a cold and dreary month but the weather did not keep our members from spreading holiday joy and cheer all month.

Our monthly jam and meeting was held early in the month as patrons of the Idaho Pizza Company in Twin Falls enjoyed lively music while feasting on delicious morsels. We are thrilled to see some of the same folks each month who share how much they look forward to eating out and hearing old tunes

that they recognize and can sing along with.

We managed to cover all our regular care facility plays and were also requested to perform for some of their holiday parties. One evening we were double booked so we split the group in order to accommodate a holiday party at Bridgeview Assisted Living and also a holiday party for the Idaho Truckers held at the new Convention Center in Twin Falls. The audiences at both gala affairs expressed enthusiastic

appreciation for the holiday tunes and regular fiddle tunes as well.

Our district members gathered the evening of Dec. 12, at the Jerome Elks for dinner and dancing to usher in the holiday season. A plaque was presented to retiring District Chairlady Kathy Trenkle for all her hard work and leadership from 2006-2008 by current Chairman Gary Huntington. We do hope Kathy will continue to play with our group whenever health permits. Becky Bingman and Ralph Wolverson performed some individual numbers with the dance band later that evening.

The following week we entertained a wonderful crowd at the Buhl Senior Center for their weekly Sunday dinner. Boy, those girls in the kitchen certainly put out a fine meal and also had holiday goodies for sale with proceeds going to the Center. Each district member was also presented with a small loaf of pumpkin bread in appreciation for our performances during 2008.

Some of our snow birds have already flown South leaving the rest of us poor birds here in the cold and wind to cover our District plays the best we can.

We wish all our friends and families the best for 2009, good health, safe traveling and a whole lot of musical fun.

—Mary Baldwin



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



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*District 9*

## Winter continues on the Palouse with lots of snow

When you read this news I can only hope that the weather is better than it is right now. We have a lot of snow on the Palouse with drifts four feet and better. It is hard to determine how much snow has fallen as we have had white-out conditions to limit the visibility and make for some tricky driving.

I am sure that many of you had to adjust your Christmas plans to fit airline schedules as we did with the weather.

Some of our play dates have been attended by a small group of players but the Christmas songs were enjoyed by all.

We held our annual Christmas potluck at the Methodist Church in Moscow with a good turkey and ham dinner and a fair size atten-

dance even though a cold and flu bug took its toll. Daphne Silha has always been active in planning this dinner and she was greatly missed as she is spending the winter with her daughter in Kentucky.

It was good to hear from Lee and Alice Rieber this holiday season. Alice is now at their home near Troy after a stay at Aspen Park Care Center in Moscow.

—Gary Bloomfield

*District 5*

## Snow drifts and ice fields do not stop the fiddlers

All the Jingle Bell songs have been played and now are back on the shelf. Now the fun songs begin.

—Ava

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A few of us traveled to the Chateau of Boise for a special play. The Chateau offered us a warm welcome and the audience was just upbeat and showed overwhelming support for the songs we brought to them. They are really into Christmas. We helped Christmas get started at the Chateau.

The District 5 Old Time Fiddlers had a Christmas bash at the Chuck-a-Rama on Dec. 11. About 40 members came for the buffet and a chance to again visit with those old timers who these days stick close to home.

Several fiddlers and backup met at Rena's for a general practice for the songs played for the new year. Everybody had a chance to try them out. The next general practice will be at Pat's on January 28 at 1 p.m. Bring your new songs and be there.

Our District 5 fiddle workshops are going forward at Ron Thurbers once a month. Be there and in place by 10 a.m. There will be one on Jan. 10 and Feb. 7.

So far most of us are welcoming the chance to come out and play in spite of the snow drifts and ice fields, snow plows and sand trucks. We are trying to stay well and doing a good job of staying out of trouble.

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# Obituaries

## Jerry Cotterell

Jerry "L" Cotterell, 78, of Idaho Falls, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008,

after battling cancer. He was able to pass away peacefully in his home. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.



Jerry Cotterell

Jerry was born May 23, 1930, the only child of Leslie and Mary Maurine Bird Cotterell. He was born and raised in Idaho Falls, Idaho. At a young age, Jerry took an interest in playing the guitar and learned it so well that he was able to join a band called the Range Riders in his teenage years. Jerry shared his love of music with many guitar students and with his three children and 10 grandchildren.

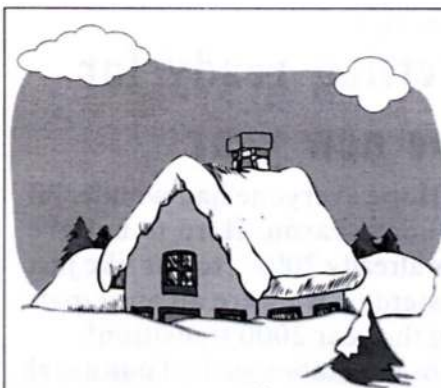
Jerry served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He worked at the Idaho Falls post office until his retirement. During this time, he served as the union president and remained active in the union after retirement. After retiring from the post office, Jerry spent many years teaching guitar and spending time with family and friends.

Jerry was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

day Saints and had a firm testimony of our Savior Jesus Christ. He loved working with youths and contributed for many years to the 4-H program. He was the 4-H leader for his children and many neighbor kids and was able to share his love of geology with them.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene; children, Janice (Rich) Rankin, Jim (Gretchen) Cotterell and Joseph (Nicole) Cotterell; grandchildren, Joshua (Charlee) Rankin, Christopher (Melissa) Rankin, Lindsay Rankin, Brian Rankin, Andrew Rankin, Maren Cotterell, Jordan Cotterell, Jaksen Cotterell, Emily Cotterell and Tyler Cotterell; and great-grandchildren, Austin Rankin and Abigail Rankin.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at the Idaho Falls LDS Church. Burial, with military rites by the Bonneville County Veterans Memorial Team and the Idaho Honor Guard, was at Fielding Memorial Park Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [woodfuneralhome.com](http://woodfuneralhome.com).



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## Getting ready for the new year

Hope everyone had wonderful holiday season. Hard to believe it's already 2009...seems like just yesterday, we were all anticipating the year 2000 transition!

In December we had our usual meeting/jam and plays at Apple Valley and Serenity. We had lots of fun playing at the Emmett Library's Christmas Program/tour night. Several people listened for a while before they went on the Little Family Mansion Tour and then returned to the library to listen again.

For our meeting this month on January 6, we are planning an Elk Stew dinner party with potluck dishes.

We'll have all of our usual plays this month with five Thursdays. It'll be fun to get back to all of the plays again. Plus we're planning a special Open Acoustic Jam at Cold Mountain Creek Restaurant here in Emmett. This will be held on Saturday, January 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. We're hoping to recruit some new members and have a fun jam session!

—Marlene Moore

## Fiddlers to share love of fiddle music with students and families

Greetings from District 8  
I hope all of you are staying warm. It is just plain cold here. I am ready for summer.

My reporter has decided to give the newsletter up since she has a new job and cannot make it as often and I did not get it in time for December, so a belated Happy New Year.

December was quiet for us. We did not have very many special plays, just our normal weekly ones. And they were fun.

We lost a long time member of the Old Time Fiddlers on Christmas Eve. Jerry Cotterell passed away after fighting cancer for many years. He played guitar and dobro for our district for many years. He could not come out for the last few years, but he will be missed greatly. Our condolences go to his family.

We have a new venue to play for this month. The Turtle and Crane Assisted Living has asked us to come so we will try them this month and possibly go there bi-monthly if it works well.

I mentioned once I e-mailed all the schools in the area to try to get us into them to show the students how much fun we are. So far I have only gotten into two elementary schools. We are going to Iona Elementary School on

the 21st for 1½ hours to show them and their families you don't have to be old to have fun with the fiddlers. I will start e-mailing again now that the holidays are over to try to get into more schools.

We are trying to get more interest in our organization. I will let you know if this effort does us any good.

I was so close to making it to the Bonn New Year's Eve party this year, but at the last minute, could not make it, but from what I understand, it snowed a bunch so I guess somebody up there was looking out for me. Hope all that made it had enough fun for me.

Until next month, keep fiddlin' round and having as much fun as you possibly can. Stay warm.

—Teresa Tomita







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District 6

## Foot tapping young listener squirms out of his shoe

January came and went by quickly with our members braving the ice and cold to provide entertainment for the area care facility residents. Their days get pretty long and boring so they seem to especially look forward to our music. It does our hearts good to see them singing along with their favorites.

Our group has also been brushing up on some tunes that we haven't played for a while along with tunes with a "love theme" for February which has been fun. We are pleased to have Chris Leazer join us again with her guitar.

We miss our snowbirds and hope they are having fun making music along with getting a nice tan down South. We look forward to their returning with new tunes they have

picked up from those they met this winter.

Last evening we held our monthly jam session at the Idaho Pizza in Twin Falls. A nice crowd of both familiar and new folks attended. We noticed all age groups tapping their feet and one little guy in a booster chair squirmed right out of his shoe. Kids in general seem to like the more lively tunes and we hope that will influence them to pester their parents to buy them a fiddle. If our organization is to exist in the future, we must keep pursuing the talent in the younger generations.

Until next time, stay warm, safe and tuned up.

-Mary Baldwin

District 9

## Long-time member honored

*Ernie Bunch receives personal invitation to Presidential Inauguration for military service*

With winter off and on, we continue to make our play dates with varying sized groups.

Jan. 6 was our first gig of the year at Bishop Place in Pullman. Several braved the strong wind that night to help entertain.

Good Sam in Moscow on the 8th must have been a busy time as we had just a few players but an enthusiastic audience.

Monday the 12th was the day that we made three locations, Avalon Care in Pullman, and then the Senior lunch in Pullman and on over to Moscow to play for the Gritman Adult center.

The 15th we entertained at Clark House in Moscow to an audience that wanted more and more tunes. It is always good when the crowd asks for more.

The last week of the month was busy as usual with Aspen Care in Moscow on the 27th then down to Kendrick Seniors the 28th where we had the pleasure of being joined

by Maxine Larson on the piano and accordion.

The following day we played at the Moscow Senior meal site. Most of these daytime gigs have been played with a small number of musicians, so if anyone in our group or any visitors can come and help out it would be appreciated

One of our long time members, Ernie Bunch was honored with a personal invitation to the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. Ernie was selected for his military honors of which include two Bronze stars and as he said "more than he can remember." However, with the timing, the weather, and a visit with his doctor, he decided that he would not make the trip although he did watch it on TV and wished that he was there. Congratulations Ernie!

Lou Stevens has been missing our play dates again and she is scheduled for back surgery on Feb. 11. So by the time you read this, we hope that all is well and Lou can come back and join us as we move into more spring-like weather.

Daphne Silha has been spending the winter in Kentucky with her daughter. When we talked to her last week, they were in the middle of that horrible ice storm and without electricity or heat. She said they had on all the clothes that they owned to stay warm. We will be glad to see her return when the days are warmer.

-Gary Bloomfield



May 28, 29, 30 - District 8 Fiddle Show, Idaho Falls, Idaho. More info coming.



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District 8

## District to host fiddle show the last weekend of May

Hello to all.

Hope everyone is still wintering well. I know a few of our fiddlin' family members are down in the sunny south staying a lot warmer than us and we just hope that they are thinking of us once in a while cuz we are most definitely thinking thoughts of them.

District 8 has reserved a spot to host a fiddle show the last weekend in May. We will be having a fiddle show May 28, 29, and 30. I think anyone that wants to can come in late on the 27th to get your spot if you are camping. There will be dry camping available. Ted Kirkpatrick's daughter owns the golf course in Rigby and she has been gracious enough to let us use their facilities at no charge. We

want to thank her and her family for their kindness. I don't have agenda down yet but hopefully soon we will all know what to expect. All I can tell you right now, is be ready for a great time of fun, fiddlin, and just being with all of our friends again. This will be open to the public for most of the activities. And Ted's son-in-law has agreed to barbecue for us for at least one of the dinner pot lucks.

I know this is gonna be a great time. So everyone, reserve that weekend to come to Idaho Falls.

We had a good time playing for Iona Elementary School on Jan. 21. We had some of the kids dancing and clapping and having a great time. Hopfully, this will pay off with maybe even one child be-

coming interested in playing old time music. We keep our fingers crossed.

We are still continuing with our workshops. Once a month to learn new songs and practice them until we all know them good. I think our goal should be to sound the best we can at any performance. This means backup playing same chords and fiddles knowing the melody. If you do not know the song, play quietly in the back to learn it. That includes backup and fiddles. The workshop helps to learn songs, but it also takes practice to get them in your head completely. When people sing, sometimes, they are hard to hear, play a little quieter in the back to back them up not overpower them. All of these things help us as a group to better entertain the people we play for. They love this music and want to hear every note or word.

We will do our normal two plays a week and we have one extra so far this month. Rosetta Assisted Living has asked us to come back for a special night at their place on the 12th.

Keep watching for more information on the Idaho Falls Fiddlin show in May and until we all can get together. Stay warm, keep smiling and never give up on fiddlin round.

-Teresa Tomita

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# Cabin fever welcomed event for district

Greetings from District 2.

Hope you are all staying warm and cozy. We have been having lots of cool nights here in Grangeville, (below freezing). We are looking forward to some warmer weather.

We held a District 2 meeting on Jan. 17 at Hoots Cafe in Whitebird. We elected John Purdy as our new secretary/treasurer. Many thanks to Marion Wikoff and Fran Widener who have been acting as treasurer and secretary for the past several years. After the meeting we fiddled for several hours.

We held our annual Cabin Fever Party at Hoot's Cafe on Feb. 7. This is always a welcomed event since we don't usually get together a lot in December and January and Hootie always has a nice buffet dinner for us.

We will be playing on March 15, at the Whitebird IOOF Hall for their second annual sausage feed. We played there last year and all had a wonderful time, so come on out this year, if you can, and have some fun fiddling and enjoy a really good sausage breakfast.

That's all for now.

Duane Stephens

# Looking forward tasty chocolate fund-raiser

Somehow we lost touch so there may be January and February news from District 12 this month.

We missed our play at the Discovery Care Centre as it fell on Jan. 1st.

The month was pretty normal

after that with regular jams and at the American Legion Hall and the Imperial Apts. Recreation Room.

We have purchased some new folding chairs for the recreation room as the old ones there had you leaning either back too far or to the side so far that we had a few laughs waiting to see who would go down. We like the location as the price is right - free!!

After the frigid January temperatures, we expect relief in February. We look forward to playing at A Date With Chocolate, a fund-raiser for Salmon River Industries (developmental and handicapped agency) at the Elks Hall on Saturday, Feb. 7. They will be accepting twin chocolate items to sell and be tasted for judging. Could make for tasty playing!!!

We are seeing so many elk north of Salmon and also elk and wolf sightings on the high bar hill in and above the city limits. Diane and Susan have frequent wildlife visitors. The deer that have been raised in town are preparing to multiply again. They know no other home! I'm sure that the new shrubs, trees, and gardens will be a wonderful banquet again this summer.

We have had a few new faces at our jam sessions so hope to see

them return. Don't want to scare anyone off. We do try to be on our best behavior most of the time!

Filling in for Snowbird Rosalie.  
-Kay Smith



Happy St.  
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March 17

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# Northern Panhandle Fiddlers keep busy

December was a very busy month for the fiddler. We played at the senior center, Festival of Trees, the ECF Christmas party and then on the third Sunday at the fairgrounds exposition hall on a very wintry day that wasn't fit for a dog to be in.

Well January started off very different. The senior center got canceled due to extreme icy roads. We should have played at the nursing home in Sandpoint but had to cancel. We did make our appointment at the nursing home ECF here in Bonners Ferry. Those playing included: Doris Howard, Janet Sapp, Barry Coleman, Jim McCalmant and Sonja and to our surprise Earl Stephens was able to make it.

On the third Sunday we played at the Western Pleasure Ranch. We had a very good crowd. The sun came out and so did the people. Present on fiddle was Doris Howard, Ruth Hogan, Mickie Jacobson, Cindy Paulsgrove, Jason Palmer, and Sonja McCalmant. On guitar Jim McCalmant, Lee Jackson, Barbara Rhodes, and Tom Murry on the mandolin. Janet Sapp on the piano. We had 34 present. Barry Coleman our new chairman was unable to be present due to a previous obligation. He was greatly missed and everyone asked about him. I forgot to mention that the very talented Daniele Otis was also present on fiddle. We truly enjoyed her being there.

Hopefully February holds more sunny days and less snow. We are ready for spring in the northern Panhandle. So till next month may the good Lord Bless and keep all safe and warm.

## District 4

### Snow birds are having fun and keeping busy

This will be a short version since we (Ron and Marlene) are down in Arizona trying out the Snow Bird scene...we're too busy having fun and playing down here!

We've met lots of wonderful musicians, and renewed acquaintances with others...and of course, there are lots of Idahoans to jam with down here. In fact,

a couple of jams were mostly all Idaho folks!

In January, we had our usual plays plus the Open Acoustic Jam at Coldwater Creek Restaurant that we mentioned in the last newsletter. The Open Jam was a great success...we had over 20 musicians and a wonderful time. The restaurant patrons and the owner were all delighted with the evening. It was lots of fun! We also were successful in having two new members officially join our group. We welcome our new members Dave Thomas and John Goslin!

Thanks to Ken Tooley and Don Ikenberry for keeping the home fires burning and keeping up with our scheduled plays while we're gone. It makes it nice for us to know that we have such a great support team!

Hope winter is treating everyone OK up north!

-Marlene Moore

## District 5

### Two day blizzard keeps fiddlers close to home

January started out with a two day blizzard. We cancelled our first play for the month and stayed at home by the fire. After that the weather cleared and we made all of our regular plays.

Bonnie and Jason led the fiddle workshop at Ken Thurbers house. We worked on Coo Coo's Nest and reviewed Still on the Hill and Missouri Waltz. The workshops are a great way for the day players and evening players to come together on songs. Check with Bonnie for the time and list of songs for the next workshop.

Patty Ramage invited us to her home for a general practice on the February songs for the day players. It is always a good time. Our group is really serious to get it right. Nothing in the universe travels faster than a bad song. The trouble with playing a song right

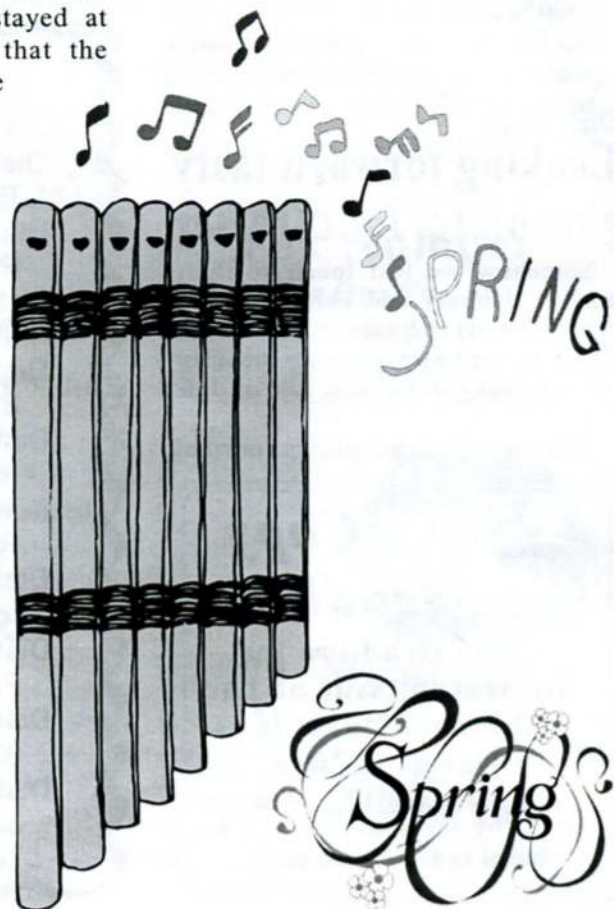
the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was. It is so rewarding when we play songs that are familiar and we see so many sing-a-longs, clapping to time, and the "thank you" afterward. Jack Nolan doesn't come to our general practice. All he needs to do is play Redwing and the Irish Washerwoman to make us all look good and to get the best applause. We are sure to get invited back after that.

Several members are planning on the Hoots get-together and the deja moo when we know we've heard those songs before.

Dr. Maurice Burkholder has passed away. He was not a member but has been a big supporter of the Old Time Fiddlers. He always invited us to play at the annual gathering of the antique tool member picnic where we played in the shade under the pines at his mountain ranch.

Our Marilyn Williams has had some sadness creep into her life. She has lost a dear friend. We share this loss for her.

-Ava







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District 4

## Open acoustic jams are huge success with large attendance

Again in February, the Open Acoustic Jam was a great success. It was well attended by musicians and restaurant patrons at Cold Mountain Creek here in Emmett. The main purpose of the jams is to try to recruit new members, which happened in January but not in February. The restaurant owner is delighted with the format and wants us to continue. So we are holding another jam on Saturday, March 14. Hopefully, we can find some other new members. In order to meet this main goal, this jam is limited to District 4 members along with prospective new members.

We (Ron and Marlene) have returned from the Arizona desert...just in time for our March meeting last night. We were delighted to have Marian and Bob Baird join us along with Coy from Eagle. We also had a couple of spectators. It's always nice to have others join us. We had a wonderful time down south and enjoyed playing music at many different places. Plus it was wonderful to travel with other IOTFA members! But now, we'll have to wait until Hoots to get together again!

In February, the usual plays at the health care facilities were held. Thanks again to Ken Tooley, Glenda Rogers and Don and Beverly Ikenberry for doing the set-up work, refreshments and planning/preparation to keep up with the scheduled plays, meetings and the Open Acoustic Jam while we were gone. We really appreciate all of your efforts!

Now that we're into March, we will be returning to the Horseshoe

Bend Senior Center for the potluck/jam sessions on the third Saturday of each month. The jam starts at 5 p.m. with the potluck at 6 p.m. We'll plan to play until around 8:30 or so. Hope to see everyone there on Saturday, March 21!

-Marlene Moore

District 5

## Music of the season keeps fiddlers busy

District 5 hometowners (not snowbirds) have made it through another winter. We are looking forward to the spring and summer campouts, maybe workshops, Hoots, Weiser, and picnics. The love songs are finished and we are now onto Irish songs. We need a workshop on Irish songs to get ready for next year.

I have been checking on some of our lifetime members so here are a few rumors about them.

Ruth and Dee Smith over in Nampa are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary at the New Hope Baptist Church on March 28, at 1:30 p.m. Only yesterday they were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to Ruth and Dee.

Marion and Mary Moore are sticking close to home. Marion is getting treatment for his back.

Willard and Muriel Plush, last we heard, were at Karcher Estates. We hope Willard got there with his banjo so he can keep on entertaining those around him.

Our chairmen report a good show for the regular plays where some new songs are being presented. For our play at the Veterans in Boise, Buck Lee played "Over The Waves," an all time favorite with us. Buck is truly an old time player. Old time fiddle is an art. It requires instinct and memory rather than exact measurements.

We were honored by a visit from our President Jerry Eastman. He really gets around and we enjoyed getting him for our meeting.

I have another rumor. The National Oldtime Fiddlers' Office will be moving from their current location to Slocum Hall. This is one of the buildings at the Institute across from the Weiser High School. It is the one next to the Snake River Heritage Museum. This will give them much needed room to develop the Fiddle Hall of Fame and Museum. So when we go to the National Contest we can check it out.

Bonnie is planning to go ahead with her monthly workshop. That is a help to us all. Thanks Bonnie.

And that's about all.

-Ava



May 1 and 2 - Spring Jam at Hoot's Cafe at Whitebird.

May 29, 30, 31 - State Fiddle Show at Cedar Park Golf Course, Rigby, Idaho. More info coming.



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District 6

## Young fiddler entertains jam session crowd at Idaho Pizza

Our small group of faithful members managed to cover our monthly care facility plays during February but did not have any out of town plays. We are anxious for our snowbirds members to return.

We held our monthly open jam session at Idaho Pizza last evening to a large crowd of happy diners. We were pleased to have a young fiddler named Elizabeth join us for a few tunes. She ended each tune with a flourish, "shave and a haircut - six bits." We certainly hope she comes to play with us again. We were also pleased to have Kathy Trenkle join us for the evening; her harmony fiddle certainly contributed to a fuller music sound.

Since the fiddle is usually the lead instrument in our group plays, it seems like a good idea for each fiddle player to individually prac-

tice being the lead instrument. One never knows when illness or other circumstances will change the dynamics of the group and it might become necessary for a different person to be the leader. An individual fiddle player might write down a few tunes he/she feels comfortable playing and then practice at home, perhaps in front of the mirror. Verbally announce the name of a tune and the key, then proceed to draw your bow across the appropriate string for the first note of your tune. You might ask one of the guitar players for a chord strum in the chosen key to cue the other players of the group. Another technique might be for each fiddle player to start the tunes that they select within the group circle for additional practice.

We extend hearty "get well wishes" to those with health concerns and sincerely hope they can return to the group soon.

Our district is saddened with the loss of two dancers, Mrs. Quigley and Wayne Evans. Both were regular dance attendees and we will miss their cheerful and smiling faces. Our district has also lost a life-time member, Lennie Eisenhauer. Many will remember her sweet fiddle harmony that Archie Turner especially enjoyed for many years. Our sympathy is extended to the families of these dear people.

Until next time, keep that instrument tuned up and a smile on your face. You never know when a song you play might inspire someone else to become a musician and you want them to think you are having fun.

-Mary Baldwin

District 8

## State Fiddle Show in Rigby, May 29-31

Hello fellow fiddlers. Hope you all are feeling the hope of spring just around the corner like I am. Sunshine and melting snow are a very welcome sight. I am so ready for summer. And this summer, in Idaho Falls, we are going to start it off right with a State Fiddle Show on May 29, 30, and 31. It will be at the Cedar Park Golf Course at 4429 E 234 N in the big city of Rigby, Idaho.

Ted Kirkpatrick's daughter and her family own the golf course and have offered it to us for this show for FREE. Absolutely no cost. Anyone that chooses to play golf will, of course, have to pay for that, but the fiddle show itself will be at no charge. They have a shelter we can play in, dance in, fiddle around in, or they have a big shop to go into if the weather does not cooperate with us. They also are closing down the driving range and we can camp there. There are five hook-ups there and plenty of room for dry camping. And I am sure the hotels in Idaho Falls will be available for anyone not wanting to camp. Idaho Falls is only about 12 miles from Rigby and Greg, Ted's son-in-law, has agreed to make us a delicious rib dinner for Saturday night for a small fee of somewhere around \$10 per person.

As for the schedule of events? We don't have it all down yet, but we are working on it. What we are asking, is a head count of all that will be coming. This is needed for the dinner, and to let them know about how many will be at the golf course. Please let your chairman know, or email me at [district8@iotfa.com](mailto:district8@iotfa.com) or call me 208-520-9588.

We need this by the end of April. The more the merrier. There will be more details in next month's letter, but start gearing up for the fun now. We always have a great time when we all get together.

Nothing more to report here. We are busy as always with at least two plays a week and one workshop a month. We have one extra play in March for a church luncheon so far.

Keep a smile on your face and an instrument in your hands and life is sure to be the best it can be.

See you all in May.

-Teresa Tomita

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## Lennie L. Eisenhauer

**FILER** - Lennie L. Eisenhauer, born Dec. 16, 1929, to Leone W. and Russell Dille, was raised to the sound of music as her father fiddled and her mother accompanied him on the piano at many weekend gatherings in the ranching community of Holbrook, Idaho. Later in life, she and her father would be not only charter members of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association, representing Idaho at the Seattle World's Fair and later in the country of Romania, but they were also National Trick Fiddler Champions at an annual Weiser contest. She was also a charter member of Fiddlers Inc.



Lennie was a member of the LDS Church, in which she and Glenn Baum raised four daughters, Glenda Moyes (Dan) of San Antonio, Texas, Jan Lambert of Moscow, Idaho, Carolyn Baum-Buttorff (Mark) of Nampa, Idaho, and Laurie Henderson (Kim) of Casper, Wyo.

Lennie married Gerald Eisenhauer on July 15, 1984, who was her loving and caring spouse throughout their marriage and through many medical challenges to which she finally succumbed on Monday, March 2, 2009.

Her life is celebrated by Jerry's family, Cindy Galvin (Mike), Julie Hartman and Judy Loughmiller (Larry); her four daughters; her siblings, Robert Dille (Tina) and Margaret Brackenbury (Phil). She is loved by her grandchildren, Derek, Ann, Joel, Ben and Jennifer Moyes; Jerry Lambert

Jr., Brent Buttorff; Misty Welsh (Niel) and Tevis Henderson; Greg, Brian and Scott Hartman; Anna Peterson (Craig) and Christopher Galvin; Kate Tatton (Josh) and Kari Griffiee (Adam); 16 great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Myrna Dille. She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Russell Jr. and George Dille; and one stepson, Jerry D. Eisenhauer.

A public viewing was held Thursday, March 5, at Parke's Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with funeral services at 11 a.m., Friday, March 7. Interment followed at Sunset Memorial Park.

## Almon D. Manes

Almon D. Manes, 85, a lifelong resident of Clearwater, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston.

He was born Oct. 3, 1923, at Clearwater, a son of Jesse and Bertha Curtis Manes. Almon was a rancher, fiddle maker and pilot. He was a member of the Clearwater Baptist Church and served the Lord through his deeds and his music. Almon was an Idaho National Fiddle Champion in 1968. He served his country in 1944 in the 79th Infantry

Division, Company A, 113th Regiment of the Army.

He had many interests and often said he viewed life with an open mind. He enjoyed playing the fiddle, fiddle-making and embraced a challenge, whether problem solving or mechanical in nature. Almon could make anything work. His talent, ethics and love of friends and family will be remembered.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Jesse and Bertha; brothers, Lee, Milfred and Alfred; and sister Zola. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughter, Jessi Miller; sister Verda; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and his loyal friends.

Services were held at Blackmer Funeral Home, Grangeville. Burial followed at Clearwater Cemetery.

Family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Clearwater Baptist Church.

Send condolences to the family to: [Blackmerfuneralhome.com](http://Blackmerfuneralhome.com).



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# Fiddlers love to entertain at parties

This has been a relatively calm month.

We started out playing at the Senior Center the first Wednesday of the month. The second Wednesday we played for Heartstone in Sandpoint with Barry Coleman, Doris Howard, Ruth Hogan, Jim and Sonja McCalmant helping.

The third Sunday we had fiddlers in Bonners Ferry. It turned out to be a really good session. Those attending were: Janet Sapp, Mickie Jacobson, Doris Howard, Ruth Hogan, Barry Coleman, Jim and Sonja McCalmant.

Then came the boys from Canada. We were totally surprised to see them. They are truly a joy when they come. Just wish we had more of a crowd. They played guitar and banjo, yodeling and singing and ac-

companying us with our music. Shewchuk and Beebe, we really thank you for your entertainment.

On the third Wednesday we played for the ECF nursing home. Earl Stephens joined us for that occasion.

On the last Friday of the month Doris Howard, Ruth Hogan, Janet Sapp, Eleanor Erickson, Barry Coleman, Earl Stephens, Jim and Sonja McCalmant played for the Restorium for their birthday party.

Wherever there is a party we love to play. Cake and ice cream yum yum. So we ended the month off on a sweet tooth.

Next month we start all over again. Only we will be at the Western Pleasure.

Till then Happy Trails.

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# Cabin Fever jam held in Salmon

Our musicians know how much their music means to the residents of Discovery Care Centre the first Thursday evening of the month. As usual, the residents were enthusiastic for our efforts on Feb. 5. We will be happy to get our snowbirds home soon.

A Date With Chocolate, a fundraiser for Salmon River Industries (developmental and handicapped agency), was held at the Elks Hall on Saturday, Feb. 7. We were out in full force and played seated in a jam circle instead of the more formal stage style. It was fun for all.

We plan to have a Cabin Fever jam session starting at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, March 14. These go on until we are too tired to continue. You are all welcome to attend. We like to play with other acoustic musicians who are learning or are very accomplished. We never know who will be there, and it is great to learn from someone new or help that beginner.

Happy birthday to Rosalie from all of us in District 12.

Filling in for Snowbird Rosalie.  
-Kay Smith

# Cabin Fever Party was a big success

Our District 2 Cabin Fever Party held on Feb. 7, was a big success. We had a good turnout of musicians and people who came to listen. Hootie had her usual noon buffet and was very happy to have 70 people at the buffet.

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of one of our longtime members, Almon Manes, who passed away Feb. 11, 2009, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Another one of our longtime fiddle supporters, Howard Altman, passed away in March. Howard's wife, Inez, played guitar for the fiddlers for many years. They almost always attended the May Jam at Hoot's

Cafe.

Our District 2 Fiddlers from the Grangeville area played for a benefit at the Eagles Lodge in Grangeville on Feb. 27. The benefit was for George Elliott who had cancer. We played from 5 to 8 p.m. with a short break to eat some good chili and cornbread.

The Fiddlers from the Riggins area played the same evening for the New Meadows Senior Citizens.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the first weekend of May (May 1 and 2). This is the annual Spring Jam at Hoot's Cafe at Whitebird. Hope to see you all there.

That's all for now.

-Duane Stephens.

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District 4

## Get ready for Hoots and Emmett Cherry Festival

It's time again to start thinking about Hoots and the upcoming summer months. We're looking forward to seeing everyone in May at Hoots. It's always such a great time! And then not much after that, it'll be time for Emmett Cherry Festival on Wednesday, June 17. We'll be playing from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and hope to have lots of musicians join us!



Wednesday, June 17  
from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

for 2009. We were delighted to have a wonderful turnout of District 4 and District 5 members for the evening festivities. It's always such fun to have a good group of musicians! We'll be continuing with the potluck/jam sessions on the third Saturday of the month from now through October with the

jam starting at 5 p.m. and potluck at 6 p.m. Hope to see another good turnout on April 18th!

See ya' all at Hoots!

—Marlene Moore

District 12

## Mules dance to District 12 fiddling

It has been brought to our attention that at the annual Salmon Select Horse and Mule Sale at the Fairgrounds one year ago, the mules were jumping and dancing to our music. They were outside the building and on the other side of the wall from where we were playing in a barn.

Fred Snook, the sales host, has

arranged for the fiddlers to relocate for the sale this year as the owners want a quieter spot for the sale animals. So, we will be on the other side of the barn on April 17 and 18. You are welcome to join us. We can all play Flop-Eared Mule together! We really have fun at this event.

The rest of the month will be as usual with the Thursday jams and meeting on the last Thursday. As I write this, I am listening to my CD called "Old Time Fiddle Tunes Our Dads Played" by Ludiker Music. I would highly recommend the different CD's they produce for learning in tablature or music notes. I have several of them. JayDean Ludiker plays fiddle and Becki Stevens accompanies her. Becki grew up in Salmon and her father Dr. Richard Young was my dentist. Her mother taught music in the schools and at home. Small world!!

Remember that a fiddle is a violin with an attitude.

—Submitted by Kay Smith  
for Rosalie Hawley



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*District 5*

## Wild West Fiddle Contest in Kuna promotes old-time fiddling

March blew in here like a lion. But now it is April and March is unwilling to look at the calendar. In spite of the weather, we had as many as six fiddlers show for plays. We are lucky to have fiddlers who also play guitar and are willing to fill in with back-up as well.

Phoenix Fullington tells us that Maxine is at Good Samaritan in Boise after she fell and broke her arm. We are planning on visiting her there this month to cheer her on and help her get well.

We had an awesome jam at our April meeting. It was decided to participate in the Wild West Fiddle Contest in Kuna on July 18. This is one more way to promote old-time fiddling in the valley.

We are looking forward to jam-

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ming at Loren and Eva Turnipseed's home on April 29.

Be sure to pick up a summer schedule.

Our last meeting for the year is on May 7, jamming and potluck with a 7 p.m. meeting. By then we will know more about any special plays that are coming up.

Our next venture is to Hoots. The rooms up there are tight as usual.

We hear that Sally Turner has passed away. She was the grit and steel behind Archie. Sally was a tireless worker for Idaho Old Timers. The loss is for the whole state of Idaho.

-Ava

*District 8*

## State Fiddle Show has plenty of fun activities

Hello fellow fiddlers. I hope you are all enjoying the spring weather that we are finally having. And keep your fingers crossed that it stays this time. We have a lot of outdoor plays coming up.

The schedule for the State Fiddle Show in May is shaping up nicely. I went out to the golf course with Ted Kirkpatrick and Katie Bonn and I think this is going to be a lot of fun there. There is a lot of open space, a great area in the trees for camping and an amphitheatre (of sorts) that nature has provided for us. The cost for camping will be \$15 full hook-up and \$7 dry

camping. We will also be taking donations for the porta potty which we all know is of the utmost importance. We have some great activities planned and a lot of fun.

The rib dinner on Saturday night will be \$10. We will have a community breakfast both Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Please let me know if you are coming so I know how much food to buy. This should be a lot of fun and I hope to see a bunch of you.

These state shows are a great way to have fun, learn and play some great music with some great musicians and a way to get us out there to the public which is where new members come from.

So everyone, come have fun and help us put on a great show May 29, 30 and 31. Please, please let me know who is coming. I really would appreciate the head count.

We only have a couple of specials coming up. We are playing for the annual Shelley Senior Breakfast on April 18 and then for the Earth Day celebration on April 25. Both should be a lot of fun.

Happy fiddling everyone and we will see ya all in May.

-Teresa Tomita

*District 2*

## Spring State Jam at Hoots May 1 and 2

Greetings from District 2.

Weather here in Grangeville has been a little bit warmer. We just had a couple of days with temperatures in the 60's.

Not much activity in District 2. We played at the Second Annual Joe Wilson Sausage Feed at the I.O.O.F. Hall in White Bird on March 15. We all had fun and enjoyed a good sausage breakfast.

Don't forget the first weekend of May - May 1 and 2. This is the annual Spring State Jam at Hoots Cafe at White Bird, Idaho, and board meeting on Saturday morning.

That's all for now.

-Duane Stephens



# Obituaries



## Alberta (Sally) Turner

Alberta (Sally) Turner, 79, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at her home.

Sally was a twin, child number 12, born to Benjamin Chess and Clara Davis on June 7, 1929 in Priest, Idaho (now Picabo.) She attended schools in Blaine and Lincoln counties, graduating from Hailey High School in 1947.

Sally married Archie Turner in Twin Falls on Dec. 4, 1949. To this union they had three children: Carol, Pete, and Tom, as well as helping to raise their nephew, Wayne.

Sally learned to work hard on the family ranch on Silver Creek. She held several positions through her life in Twin Falls including car hop, waitress, painter, housekeeper, bookkeeper and secretary. However, her most enjoyable was the

volunteer position of right-hand assistant to her husband, Archie, in their many years of service to the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. She was active in PTA during her children's years in elementary school.

She became involved in Camp Fire Girls when her children were young, and remained active in the organization for 43 years. Once partially retired, she and Archie and a few fiddling friends would take a trip to the Camp Fire Camp in the South Hills each summer to teach the campers how to square dance. These trips were as enjoyable to them as the participating children.

Sally enjoyed family, children, and animals. She loved handy crafts and needlework, making many quilts totally by hand during her lifetime. She even made quilts for her "grand dogs!" She spent many hours playing cards and games with her grandchildren over the years. She became active with friends as leaders in 4-H, eventually taking on the challenge as the leaders of their children's 4-H Club.

Sally is survived by daughter,

Carol (Kelly) Carpenter; son, Pete (Jackie) Turner; and nephew, Wayne (Connie) Courtney, all of Twin Falls. She has eight grandchildren: Mike, Rick, and Randy Carpenter; Casey, Libby, and Kendall Turner and Andrea and Jeremy Courtney; and 10 great-grandchildren; as well as two brothers, Lester (Irene) Chess of Jerome, Idaho; and David (Jackie) Chess of Paso Robles, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Archie; son, Tom; her parents; five brothers and seven sisters.

A memorial service was held Saturday, April 4, 2009, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to Idaho Youth Ranch, c/o Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at magic-valleyfuneralhome.com.

*Happy Mother's Day*

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# Palouse fiddlers alive and well

District nine is alive and well although this reporter did goof and not get a report in for last month. We made all of our regular play dates even with the weather a little messy.

Speaking of the weather, I am sitting here on the 29th of March looking out at new snow drifts of up to 20 inches deep. The storm last night dumped a real winter blast of snow with a lot of wind. I can only hope that by the time this hits the mail we will have some better weather.

I guess we should be thankful that we are not back in the Midwest facing the floods that are on the news. March has been a typical cold spring month on the Palouse.

We played at all of our regular dates, sometimes with a small number of players due to colds and other illnesses.

At Bishop Place in Pullman on the 3rd we played to a good audi-

District 6

# Need an instrument? Look in the kitchen

To the delight of our members who endured a long, lonely winter, our snowbirds have returned looking younger, sporting nice Arizona tans and full of scary snake stories and new tunes.

We had a full band for our jam session at Idaho Pizza Wednesday evening including Martin Fewkes from Boise who was traveling through and joined us for the evening. Martin kneeled close to the circle of youngsters sitting on the floor around us and gave them a close up view of his "fancy finger guitar chord patterns" which certainly impressed the kids. It was nice to see a full crowd of folks, both young and mature who seemed to enjoy the music as they dined. We also had a gentleman get a pair of metal spoons from the kitchen and play along with us. Just goes to show that you can always find an instrument to play even if you had not planned in advance by bringing your own.

We recently learned of the passing of Alberta (Sally) Turner of Twin Falls, who was a hard-working Auxiliary member and actively

ence.

The 9th was our busy day with three places to play all in the day-time. We started at Avalon Care in Pullman at 10:15, then to the Pullman senior lunch at 11:30. After we had lunch we drove over to Moscow to play at Gritman Adult Care. It makes for a fun day and is a good practice for all those who can attend.

Good Sam in Moscow the 12th and Clark House the 19th. Then the next week was almost as busy with Aspen Care in Moscow the 24th, Kendrick senior meal site the 25th and Moscow senior lunch the 26th.

Lou Stevens has returned home after having back surgery and a recovery period at the care center in Lewiston. Sieg Vogt is in the process of recovering after having had eye surgery in Philadelphia. We wish them both a speedy recovery so they can return to the group.

-Gary Bloomfield

promoted our organization while her late husband, Archie, was District 6 chairman for numerous years. We extend our sympathy to the family.

We send speedy get well wishes to Dorothy Bryson who fell and broke her arm. Dorothy is recuperating in Boise at the home of her daughter. She may figure out some ingenious way to practice her piano playing with all this extra time on her hands. Dorothy is up in years but you sure wouldn't know it by the way her fingers fly all over the keyboard and we will sure miss seeing her around for a while.

Until next time, we wish everyone a Happy Spring filled with lots of good music and pretty spring flowers.

-Mary Baldwin

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District 9

## April flowers bring more snow

It seems like all I write about is the weather but I am sitting here on April 28 watching it snow and the lawn is covered with wet snow. I did plant a bit of a garden yesterday and the ground was dry on top so this will help to make things emerge when it warms up, who knows when that will be.

Our group was very saddened to hear of the passing of Louise Carscallen from Potlatch. Louise was always a lot of fun and loved to play Faded Love, Kaiser's Waltz, Bill Bailey and Oklahoma Hills on her fiddle. Although she has not played for the last year or so, she will be greatly missed by everyone.

We started the month at Bishop Place in Pullman with a very small group of musicians, but a nice size crowd. Our newest member, Charles "Whitey" Eagen, played his mandolin along with Herb, Clarence, Willard, and Gary.

Good Sam in Moscow was also a small group as it was Easter weekend.

On the 13th we played our triple play day between Pullman and Moscow with seven musicians.

The weather was good on the 14th and we had 12 show up to play at Deary for the senior lunch. Actually it was not a lunch but a full fried chicken dinner. Joining us was Chuck Maple on guitar, a guest of Kathi Arbiter.

Potlatch senior lunch on the 17th

was also well attended with 10 players including Clarence, Dave, Tom, Sue, Marge, Skip, Carol, Doug, Gary and Mabel. We all enjoyed a good roast-beef lunch before we headed home.

I am writing this report a bit early as Karen and I will be traveling to New Mexico for the end of the month for a vacation. I will have to include our last three play dates in next month's news.

—Gary Bloomfield

District 12

## Fiddlers bring oldtime music to Pioneer Days

It must be spring finally in Lemhi County as tulips are blooming and there is only an occasional snow storm! We survived playing at the mule and horse sale with a few allergy symptoms among the group.

On May 7 we will play at three locations: for the grade school Pioneer Days next to the Salmon River at the Island Park Pavilion at 11:30 a.m., 7 p.m. at Discovery Care Centre and then on to our jam session at the American Legion Hall until around 10 p.m. On the 14th and 21st at 7:30 p.m., we will be jamming at the Imperial Apts. Our monthly meeting will be held at the Legion Hall at 7 p.m. on the 28th with the jam to follow. The 29th will begin the campout at Rigby for the State Fiddle Show. Let's all go!!

Diane Spaeth continues to instruct beginning to advanced fiddlers. There are three adults and 10 youth, second to seventh grade, who enjoy her wit and talents. Some of the tunes they are learning are: Bells of St. Mary's, Arkansas Traveler and Old South.

Snowbirds Katie and Tom have returned and are playing with us again. Ted Kirkpatrick played his bass when we met on April 30th. We love to have him visit us. Rosalie has had some problems and is in Idaho Falls. If you would like to contact her and wish her a speedy recovery, please write to: Rosalie Hawley, c/o Leanne Bush (her daughter), 4087 Birchwood Circle, Ammon, Idaho 83406.

—Kay Smith  
for Rosalie Hawley



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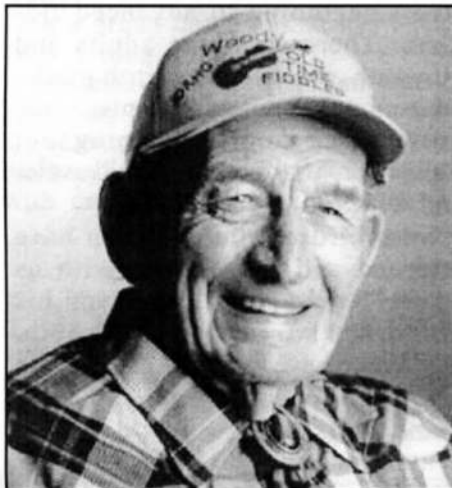
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## Obituaries



### Woodrow 'Woody' James Crawford

Woodrow "Woody" James Crawford, 96, passed away March 16, 2009 after a very short illness at a local health care center.

Woody was born in Carmen, "Alfalfa County", Oklahoma, Dec. 18, 1912, to

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Aldyn Timothy and Pearl Burnaugh Crawford. His family moved to Harper, Kan., when he was 8-years-old where he graduated from Harper High School and then attended and graduated from Northwestern State College at Alva, Okla.

Woody graduated from Harper High School in 1933. While a student there he was on the Harper's squad or football team, Bearcats Meow being the mascot. Woody played halfback. He also ran for the Harper County Track and Field and won second place for the 880 yard run on May 6, 1933. While attending high school, Woody had lead roles in numerous plays. Woody always brought home certificates of excellence in spelling and his report cards always showed 92-93% or higher on all his grades signed by his father which Woody still kept over the years.

After graduation Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys asked Woody to play in his band and Woody said, "No, I'm going on to college." Woody went on to Alva, Okla., to attend Northwestern State College and graduated there.

Woody moved to Idaho in 1936 working in the potatoes on the Hyrum Bilyeu Farm. He also worked for Kraft Cheese.

He started as a fireman for Union Pacific and was promoted to locomotive engineer on the old coal-burning steam engines. He then graduated to diesel. He retired with the railroad in 1976 after 40 years. On the railroad he was well-acquainted with every railroad tie from Pocatello to Huntington, Ore. He moved cattle for Avril Harriman - now Harriman Park, and was the first engineer to run a diesel snow plow, Queen of the Hill run, to clear snow in the spring to West Yellowstone. This was considered as a "hell of a place to build a railroad."

The most enjoyable was being an engineer on the passenger trains to West Yellowstone and Sun Valley and seeing tourists from all over the world

traveling on his trains. He also worked freight runs all over Southern Idaho.

Woody met his wife, Florence Jckowki, at Boyd's Café in Kemmerer, Wyoming and they were married March 20, 1942 in Pocatello at the Central Christian Church.

Woody came from a musical family with his father and brothers being guitar, banjo and fiddle players. He played with the Crawford Brothers Band, Floyd Darr's Band in Alva, Oklahoma, and Light Crust Dough Boys on Radio in Enid, Oklahoma and with Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys.

Woody joined the Old Time Fiddlers in 1973. In 1975 he was elected chairman for District 7, which he held for many years with his wife, Florence being secretary. Woody played at many civic functions with the Veterans Home as his favorite and his last being with the 4 Notes with Edsel and Manual Rosales and Max Carey every Thursday for dancing and music at the Pocatello Senior Center.

He was an avid hunter, gardener, rancher, and fisherman on the East Fork of the Salmon River and The White Clouds. Woody loved animals and the outdoors for all seasons.

He is survived by daughters, Floreen (Stan) Thyberg and Jeanne Crawford; sons, Doug (Laura) Crawford, all of Pocatello and Jim (Bobbie) Crawford, Kimberly, Idaho; grandson, Carl Thyberg and great-grandson, Cameron Jensen, of Pocatello; Daryn (Gail) Crawford, and their sons, Spencer and Parker, of Granite Bay, Calif.; Gina (Earl Jensen), Pocatello; Mark (Lorraine) Crawford, West Yellowstone/St. George, Utah; Clark Crawford, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bart (Nicole) Crawford, and their daughters, Holly, Kimberly, Alexis and Tosha, Jerome, Idaho; Tim (Julie) Crawford, and their sons, TJ and Tyler, St. Paul, Oregon. He was preceded in death by his wife, Florence, June 1, 2001, parents, daughter-in-law, Janice Crawford and six brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. Fourth Ave., Pocatello. Interment followed at Mountain View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made to the Greater Pocatello Senior Center, 427 North 6th Ave., Pocatello, ID 83201.



# Obituaries

## Louise A. Carscallen

Louise A. Carscallen of Potlatch died Saturday, April 18, 2009, at Gritman Medical Center of age-related causes.

Louise was born Jan. 22, 1913, in Potlatch to John Valentine and Elmira (Gibbs) Katzenberger. She was the last survivor of nine children – five sisters and three brothers. Her family made a living by selling cream, eggs and bread and her dad practiced as a rural veterinarian.

Louise graduated from Potlatch High School in 1933. She married Wilmer (Bill) Carscallen on May 10, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1995. Bill owned a sawmill, worked in the woods, did carpenter work and was a general handyman. She was a homemaker, but helped with bookkeeping for his logging jobs. She served as treasurer for the Elmore Methodist Church for many years.

The Elmore United Methodist church sits on land donated by her father. She was a member of the church since her childhood, and became the senior member in the last few years. She participated in Bible study, missionary meetings, choir and attended church regularly.

Louise enjoyed being with her large family, playing the fiddle, camping, hunting, grandchildren's sporting events, playing cards, eating out, working crossword puzzles, watching the Mariners and crocheting. She was a member of the Old Time Fiddlers and an honorary member of the Silver Spurs Remuda saddle club.

Louise was one of the first women to join District 9 Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. She was a lifetime member.

Survivors include her children, Betty (Don) Nagle, Janice (Donovan) Palmer of Potlatch and Rod (Penny) Carscallen of Viola. Also, she is survived by her grandchildren, Marcia Nagle (Joe) Harrison; Brad (Kay) Palmer of Potlatch; Denise Palmer (Bob) Scully and Laura Palmer Telin, both of Bothel, Wash.; Luanne Palmer (David) Briggs of Boise; Dan (Debbie) Carscallen; Toby (Lisa) Carscallen; and Bryan (Wendy) Thompson; seventeen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, her son, Byron; her sisters, Rose Bysegger, Elsie Gaebel, Bertha Munger, Beth Adams and Doris Whiting; and three brothers, Vincent (Doc), Curtis and Homer Katzenberger.

The family suggests memorials be made to Elmore Methodist Church or Potlatch Ambulance Fund.

## May G. Kirsch

May Gunhild Kirsch, 81, of Weiser, Idaho, passed away on April 26, 2009. She was born in Oakland, Calif., in 1928.

She was a very musically talented girl when growing up. By the time she was a young adult, she was playing various musical instruments, finally settling on the violin. She started to get interested in Old Time Fiddling later in life, playing in many local and state fiddle contests over the years.

She always looked forward to the third week in June; that's when the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest is held in Weiser. She enjoyed seeing her many friends and family that came to listen to her play the fiddle.

May was preceded in death by her husband, Curt Kirsch.

She is survived by her children, Marsha Dodson (Milton), Marlaine Aly (Mostafa), Steven Kirsch, Calvin Kirsch (Janet), and daughter-in-law Wallie Moore (Andy); 12 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Helen Van Tassel; and two brothers, N. Donald Lindahl (Laura) and Roy Lindahl (Cathy).

A memorial was held on Saturday, May 9, at 11 a.m. at Thomason Funeral Home, Weiser, Idaho, with burial later this summer in Ronan, Mont., next to her beloved husband, Curt.

District 2

# Good jamming at Hoots Cafe

Hello from District 2.

Just got home a couple of days ago from a wonderful time of fun fiddling at our annual spring State Jam at Hoots Cafe in White Bird. The weather cooperated (a little bit). Friday was a nice sun shiny day but it clouded up on Saturday and had some showers Saturday night. Lots of good jamming went on and Hootie had her usual scrumptious buffet on Saturday evening.

If you didn't make it, you missed a good time. We were blessed to have Bill Molenda from Darby, Mont., back with us again. And Clovena Byrd from Vancouver, Wash., who comes every year was there.

We're always happy to have you folks come pick and grin with us.

—Duane Stephens



## District 9 Campout

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Sunday, August 23: Breakfast.

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Anyone who plays an acoustical stringed instrument or enjoys listening to old time music is welcome.

Additional information: Dave Bezdicek: [bezoc@pullman.com](mailto:bezoc@pullman.com).



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# Fiddlers honored with pizza party

Shame on me. I missed the last report due to this computer acting up. So this is a double whammy.

In the month of March we started off with our Senior Center. We did the nursing home and ended the month with a fantastic Sunday at the Western Pleasure Ranch. We had an excellent turnout not only of fiddlers but a real nice crowd that danced their hearts away. It really gives us great pleasure to see such a group come out. It has been such a long winter.

The month of April started pretty much the same playing at the Senior Center and nursing home. Then on the third Sunday we were blessed with another great crowd here in

Bonnors Ferry. It is so good to see people coming out after this long hard winter that we had here in the Northern Panhandle. Hopefully spring is on its way, though sometimes you start to wonder around here.

We ended the month being invited to a pizza party at the Restorium for all the volunteers. Our only job there was to eat our hearts out with pizza, salad and dessert. Believe me we did do our best. Well now that spring is trying to spring we will lay down our bows and pick up the shovels and start digging and do some gardening.

Until next time just keep those bows rosin up and ready for that next tune.

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District 5

## Great fiddle rendezvous enjoyed at Hoots Cafe

It was time to get out of town again and join the great fiddle rendezvous at Hoots, Idaho. Thirteen of our players experienced the beautiful drive up. All had a good time. Thanks to District 4 for keeping us entertained.

District 5 had a good month. Several booted over the hill to Horseshoe Bend and helped District 4 play to a packed crowd. I believe the building was at capacity.

Phoenix and Patty invited us to Good Samaritan to play for Maxine who is in rehab there. Thirteen of us played to a full house. Our snowbirds, Dave and Liz Baylor are back and helped us out at Good Samaritan. They look good with their summer tans.

Thanks to Eva and Loren Turnipseed for the use of their home for a practice. A good turnout to look at new songs for the summer. And thanks to Bonnie for the workshop. Bonnie reports her group will continue the regular Monday evening plays through the summer. Their music generated some dancers from the audience. Folks get energized to lay their walkers and oxygen aside and just go for it. Did you see Marion and Mary Moore footin' themselves around the dance floor at Hoots?

Our summer schedule is heating up. We have several members who are planning some get-togethers at Weiser so we will look forward to that. And that's about all.

-Ava

District 4

## Lots of fiddlin' events coming up

Hoots will be all over by the time this newsletter is published. I know it will have been another great time of fiddlin', fun and friendships...as usual.

At the end of May, Ron and I are going over to Idaho Falls for the State Fiddle Show, which should be lots of fun! Then, we'll be getting ready to play at the Emmett Cherry Festival on Wednesday, June 17. We'll be playing from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and hope to have lots of musicians join us! And right after that, it'll be on to Weiser for another week of great jams. So it'll be lots of fiddlin' time coming up over the next couple of months!

We had our last Open Acoustic Jam at Cold Mountain Creek Res-

taurant on April 11, which was also a benefit for Bob Blaser. We were very pleased to have collected over \$400 to help him out with his medical bills! We currently aren't planning any more open jams due to all of the other fiddlin' events coming up over the summer.

We had the regular plays in April along with the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center potluck/jam. We had around 20 musicians at Horseshoe Bend with lots of great music. The potluck/jams will continue on the third Saturday of each month through October.

Hope to see lots of you at the State Fiddle Show, Emmett Cherry Festival and at Weiser!

-Marlene Moore

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## District 9

# Contests and travel make for a busy summer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

—Gary Bloomfield

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

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

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

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

## District 4

# June means Weiser and Emmett Cherry Festival

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

forward to both events.

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



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*District 6*

## Fiddlers provide background music for indoor carnival

Our District seems to keep busy covering our regular monthly nursing facilities and some outside plays as well.

In May we were invited to play background music for an evening indoor carnival at the Twin Falls Immanuel Lutheran School while wagon rides were given to students outside. We enjoyed watching the kids try their skills at various exhibits such as tossing a straw cowboy hat at an orange traffic cone. Sounds easy but more challenging than one would think, and especially more so after an

electrical fuse failure left part of the gymnasium in the dark. Fortunately the partial blackout did not affect our sound equipment so some of the students started dancing.

Our monthly jam session at the Idaho Pizza this week was

well attended by both musicians and diners. Everyone seems to enjoy the music but our senior citizens especially have fond memories of many of our tunes.

We were pleased to help May celebrate her 90th birthday and certainly wish her many more happy and healthy years.

Chairman Gary brought up several requests for additional plays so it appears we will have numerous opportunities for community exposure this summer.

We are pleased to welcome Julia who plays an autoharp as a new member and also glad to see Chris rejoin us in the guitar section.

Until next time, safe traveling and much music fun wishes to all our musical friends.

—Mary Baldwin

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# Obituaries



## Willard Plush

Willard Plush, 95, of Nampa passed away peacefully on May 22, 2009 at a local hospital. A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at Cloverdale Funeral Home. Burial followed at Cloverdale Memorial Park.

Willard was born April 28, 1914, near Hazelton, North Dakota. His family had a farm in Sioux County near Selfridge, North Dakota where he and his brothers helped his father farm several hundred acres of wheat and raised Black Angus cattle.

On November 30, 1941 Willard married his sweetheart, Muriel Nultemeier, and they had 67 wonderful years together. They moved to Idaho during the blizzard of 1949 where they owned

and operated a farm for 55 years southeast of Kuna.

Willard loved to till the soil and the smell of fresh plowed ground or new mown hay was like perfume to him. It was a joy for him to see the grain pouring into the granary when combining time came. He retired at the age of 90 and they moved to Nampa where they have resided since 2004.

Willard loved animals and had horses and cattle his entire life. He raised, trained and raced many quarter horses and won many ribbons and trophies through the years. He was a lifetime member of the Kuna Kave Riding Club.

Music was the joy of his life. Willard made his first guitar at the age of 5 from apple box slats bending them by soaking them in a water tank. He obtained used strings from a neighbor and that was the beginning of a lifetime of music. He played many instruments including banjo, fiddle, mandolin, guitar, saxophone, steel guitar, and nearly any instrument he held.

At the age of 14 he rode to town on a horse carrying his banjo and played in a dance band for one dollar a night.

He was honored as oldest fiddler for three consecutive years at the age of 92, 93, and 94 at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser, Idaho. He was a lifetime member of District 5 Idaho Old Time Fiddlers.

Willard played banjo at Shakeys pizza parlor in Boise for many years and in several bands throughout the valley.

He was preceded in death by his parents William and Mary (Krausch) Plush; brother Samuel Plush of Oregon; Ralph Plush (Irene) of North Dakota; sisters Violet Hardy (Wilbur) of Washington; and Irene Howard (Roy)

formerly of Nampa, Idaho.

Willard is survived by his wife Muriel Plush; three daughters, June Miller (Robert) of Melba, Idaho; Donna Woodall of Halfway, Ore.; and Barbara Daniel (Jimmy) of Casa Grande, Ariz; three grandchildren, Shannon Grenz, Pamela Reyes, Michael Grenz and one great-grandchild, Miranda. In addition he is survived by one sister Betty Schober (Wesley) of Nampa, Idaho.

Condolences for the family can be submitted online at [cloverdalefuneralhome.com](http://cloverdalefuneralhome.com).



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# Beverly Kirkpatrick Memorial

## Campout was a great success

Hello fellow fiddlers: Sorry I missed getting a letter in the May newsletter. I got so busy planning the State show, I totally forgot. But the show has now come and gone and I think it was a great success.

We had a great turnout of fiddlers and a pretty good amount of our public came to listen and dance. We are hoping to make this an annual event at the end of May.

For the first one, I think it went smoothly and we learned a few things to make the upcoming shows better successes. I would like to extend a thank you to all of the members in District 8 who donated more of their time to get this show up and running and make it a success. It takes a team of folks to pull these things off. And thanks to everyone else for their help also.

We had fiddlers from Emmett, Salmon, Twin Falls, Buhl, Pocatello, and of course Idaho Falls.

I hope I did not miss anyone there. Maybe next year, more of you will be able to attend also. The more, the merrier. And the weather held out for the entire weekend. Could not have asked for better weather.

We want to give a very heartfelt thank you to Ted Kirkpatrick and his family for their hospitality. They turned over a great deal of property to the fiddlers at no charge other than camp charges and dinner which was a wonderful buffet of ribs, potatoes, and just a lot of great food. To show the thanks we felt, we have decided to call

this weekend the Beverly Kirkpatrick Annual Memorial Campout. In remembrance of our dear friend Beverly Kirkpatrick.

As far as the rest of the plays, we want to thank Katie Bonn and Ron and Marlene Moore for helping us play at the Alive after Five we did downtown Idaho Falls while they were here for the show. That is always a lively play and a long one, 2½ hours.

We have been kept very busy with our two weekly plays and several extras in May and it looks like June will be just as busy.

So until next month, keep fiddling around.

—Teresa Tomita

### District 12

## Mark your calendars for State Convention

Greetings from Salmon!

Five from District 12 (Kay Smith, Tom and Katie Bonn, Jerry Eastman and Ed Jenkins) just returned from the State Fiddle Show at Rigby. Teresa Tomita and Ted Kirkpatrick and his family (who own the golf course and campground) hosted a very enjoyable show, jam and campout. The food was great with chef Tom cooking breakfasts with some potluck additions. I'll let Teresa report on the rest. Thanks to Teresa for all the hard work in preparation for this event.

On June 4 we will play at 7 p.m. at Discovery Care Centre and then on to our jam session at the American Legion Hall until around 10 p.m.

On June 11 at 5:30 p.m. we

will play behind the Imperial Apts. for the annual pizza party for residents. We get to eat also and the desserts are usually dutch oven.

On June 18 at 7:30 p.m. we will be jamming at the Imperial Apts.

Our monthly meeting will be held at the Legion Hall at 7 p.m. on June 25th with the jam to follow.

This is a heads up for those who wish to attend the STATE CONVENTION which will be held this year in Salmon at the Elks Hall, Sept. 25-27:

Friday, (Sept. 25) – 7 p.m. – A dance will be held with the public welcome.

Saturday (Sept. 26) – 8 a.m. – Board of Directors Meeting; 1:30 p.m. – General Business Meeting. Rest of afternoon to be announced later. 7 p.m. – Another Dance.

Sunday (Sept. 27) – 10 a.m. – Cleanup & Jam.

A list of motels, campgrounds and restaurants will be listed in the future. No banquet is planned. We hope that you will put Salmon on your destination list for September.

It won't be the same without you!!!

—Rosalie Hawley

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Mabel Vogt and daughter Ann Vogt performed during the first annual Twin Fiddling competition at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest.



Duane Stephens, right, and Charlie Scoles are pictured here playing a tribute to longtime Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association member May Kirsch who passed away this past spring.



Marion Moore, Kuna, was honored as being the oldest fiddling participant during the Senior competition at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest held in Weiser. Marion is 89-years-young.



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District 6

## Fiddlers provide background music for indoor carnival

Our members kept busy during June by meeting our assisted living facility schedule and also playing for additional community events.

The weather cooperated for an evening of entertaining during the D.L. Evans Bank Customer Appreciation Day in Jerome on the 17th. We appreciated having a sun shade provided and they also fed us a scrumptious meal complete with cake and beverages.

One invitation to entertain at a family reunion in the Hagerman area was cancelled due to rainy weather but we hope they had a fun time getting reacquainted and reminiscing.

The evening of the 26th found our group performing during Filer Fun Days. The crowds always seem to enjoy the focus on the older tunes our group tries to play

and we get many comments about the sweet memories a certain song brings back.

June 30th found our members playing for another Customer Appreciation Day hosted by the Edward Jones Investment Company. A vast array of exotic side dishes complimented the savory BBQ meat provided by the caterer and also included cake and ice cream. We started a few minutes early and was good planning since rain drops started peppering down as we were completing our program. We were able to get our sound equipment put away safely without any damage and by then the short storm was over and our group was able to enjoy a nice supper.

We had our monthly meeting and jam session at Idaho Pizza on the 1st of July. The diners were enthusiastic, energetic and complimentary with their applause and several lingered after they finished dining to stay until we quit playing.

We had two plays on July 4th. The City of Hollister community breakfast assisted by the area's Boy Scouts was well attended. Tables and chairs were set-up at the crack of dawn and the massive BBQ grills were steaming with delicious pancakes, sausage, hash browns and eggs. Plenty of cold milk, water and orange juice were also provided to young and old alike, free of charge. A covered canopy was provided for the musicians and the shade was much welcome although the morning was some cooler this year than in some years past.

Comments were heard about the warm sunshine on the instruments changing the tuning and it certainly does not take much change in temperature to make a difference.

Later in the day we also played at McClusky Park in Buhl. It was good to see some of our devoted followers in attendance. One gentleman who is now 98 years young shared how he wished he could still dance when we play; what a compliment that is to the ears of a musician. We look forward to playing for the Fairfield community later this month.

Our District extends condolences to the family of Dorothy Bryson who played piano and fiddle with our organization for many years and also for dances with Archie Turner. Dorothy had a fine sense of humor, loved a good joke, and was one of the finest honky-tonk piano players I have ever heard.

Mary Baldwin



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# Obituaries

## Dorothy Marie Bryson

Our precious Dorothy Marie Bryson (nee Stephens) went home to her Heavenly Father surrounded by family Wednesday, June 24, 2009.



She will be remembered by all who knew her as an incredibly witty and giving person. Ever the practical woman, Dorothy insisted her obituary be short. We will honor her wishes, but can attest at length to her amazing spirit.

Dorothy was born to Otis and Ethel Stephens on July 21, 1917, in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Dorothy was one of nine children. She was 18 months old when her family moved to Eden, Idaho. She attended school in Eden and graduated from Eden High School in 1935. On Dec. 21, 1935, she married Earl Bryson. They had two daughters, Alice Louise and Wanda Jean. The Bryson family lived in many places while Earl taught school, but settled in Twin Falls when he became a firefighter. They were married for 57 years. Dorothy worked for a time at the Princess Vogue dress store and managed the lunch counter at Crowley's drug store.

Dorothy served as a member and one time chairperson of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers' Association, as well as a member of the Twin Falls' Firemen Women's

Auxiliary. She played piano in a country-western band and entertained many audiences across the Magic Valley.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Bryson; daughter, Alice McClain; her parents; two brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Wanda Montgomery of Boise; her brothers, Carl and Delmar Stephens; and her sister Violet Webb. She leaves behind her grandchildren, Richard McClain, Pauline Schiewe, Jonita (Gene) Schofield, Kevin (Joy) McClain, Steve (Kara) Casteel and Christine (Carmine) Fenicottero. Her greatest legacies are her 16 great-grandchildren whom she delighted in.

A service was held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Burial followed at the Hazelton Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Dr. Moorehouse and Dr. Fortuin, for their expert care. We would also like to thank Intermountain Orthopaedics, Aspen Rehabilitation, St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center (telemetry and emergency services), and Hearts for Hospice for their generous and loving treatment of Dorothy and our family. Donations can be made to a charity of choice in Dorothy's name.

### District 12

## Fiddlers entertain at Salmon River Days

June went by in a hurry, didn't it? And I missed most of it, but now it is time to get back to the business of music.

June was a rather slow month in this district. On June 11 we played outside for the Imperial Apartment's appreciation pizza party from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. We had a good turnout of musicians and the weather was great, but the mosquitos got too friendly as sundown approached. This was our only extra play in June.

Unfortunately, I was unable to go to Weiser this year. I know that Tom and Katie were there

and I am unsure if there were any others from our district. I was spending time with the doctor's in Salt Lake so I know they were having a better time than I was. It is always fun in Weiser.

In July we are having a float in the Salmon Rivers Days parade on June 3. And maybe play at a wedding on June 12. That one isn't set in stone as yet.

We have missed Tom and Katie as they spent time in Hawaii helping their oldest son landscape his place and more time in Southern Idaho building Ted's house.

I heard today that we will be having all of our Thursday evening jam sessions at the Imperial Apartments Rec Hall for the month of July. I am looking forward to it.

Rosalie Hawley

### District 9

## Looking forward to fair time in Latah County

June seems to have flown by so fast that I can't think of a lot to write about. We have been able to make all of our play dates with a limited group of musicians. Many of our members have been off to visit family and other summer time events.

We had several attend the Idaho State Square and Round Dance festival in Orofino so that cut into our player roster.

Herb Jeffers has returned from a working trip to Kansas where he and his brother put the spring crop in on their farm.

On the 2nd we played Bishop Place in Pullman with Dave, Tom, Willard, Marge, Debbie, Gary and we were joined by a guest, Lori Garaher, and her beautiful voice.

The 8th we played our three stops in one day starting in Pullman and then over to Moscow where Mabel Vogt joined us at Gritman Adult care center.

It won't be long until the Latah County fair. This is always a fun event and hopefully we will have all of our members available to make a good showing.

Gary Bloomfield



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District 5

## Fiddlers play to great crowd at Cherry Fest

Spring into summer happened so fast. That happens when we are having fun.

By invitation from District 4, nine of us traveled to Emmett to play in the park to a great crowd for the Cherry Festival. The Cherry Festival is the usual kick-off for the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Festival at Weiser.

If you didn't get to the Weiser Festival, I feel sorry. The Idaho Old Timers were very much present in the campground and played on stage as well. Marion Moore was awarded the oldest fiddler. Where was Doris Howard? The workshops were great. I am desperate to learn Sally Ann, one of the workshop fiddle songs offered by Jeanine Orme. It is only getting more desperate each time I practice.

Betty Gull had a good turnout for her play at Catalpa Park. At least 15 fiddlers helped out there. A picnic and great food was enjoyed afterwards.

It becomes hard to write about the sad news. Since it turned summer, we have lost three great old-time members. First we lost Willard Plush, old-time banjo player who played "Walking The Dog" and "I Got My Education Out Behind The Barn." Then we lost Fritz Nehring, age 85, great fiddle player from Nampa. He knew about 500 songs. Jack Noland has lost his partner, Lucille. She became ill suddenly. It has been a great loss for Jack. He and his family wants to thank the greater fiddler family for the kindness and many sympathy cards he received. There were so many that he cannot respond to them all.

District 5 is planning a summer jam in the park. When the details are put together, we will be doing phone calling.

-Ava Lutteman

District 4

## New meeting place for District 4

Starting with our July meeting on Tuesday, July 7, we will be

meeting at the Cold Mountain Creek Restaurant on Highway 16. The meeting will start at 5:30 with the usual jam session following until around 8:30 or 9. We're also planning to have our summer picnic in the Emmett City Park on Saturday, August 1. Details will be discussed at the July 7 meeting...or call Ron for details.

June was a fun-filled month with both the Cherry Festival and the Weiser Fiddle Contest. We'd like to thank all of the musicians from District 5 for helping us out at the Cherry Festival. And a special thank you goes to Kathy Trenkle from the Twin Falls district, and Sonja and Dick from Blackfoot for their participation. We really appreciated all of your wonderful music!

We're looking forward to another wonderful time at the Elk Meadows campout July 23-26. See ya' there!

-Marlene Moore

District 8

## Summer is the time for great music

Hope this month finds all of you well. Everyone here in Idaho Falls seems to be alive and well. Hard to believe we all survived our last two months which were so very busy. We played at least four nights a week. A lot of fun and very tiring. Summer seems to be the time everyone wants great music.

We have a few extra plays this month. We are riding on the float for the 4th of July parade as we have done now for several years. And farmer's markets are bursting out all over. We have done one farmer's market in Idaho Falls for years and years and now we have one in Ammon on the 10th for lunch and we have one in Rexburg and one in Blackfoot both coming up soon. We are also playing for our annual Senior Citizens picnic on the 17th. Always a fun time.

It has been nice to have the Bonn family here in our district for a good part of the summer. They get to come play once in a while when Ted gives them a little time off from building his new park model home. We thank

you Salmon for letting us enjoy them too.

Well nothing else to report for now, so remember, treat each other kindly and with respect and your music will shine through to the hearts of so many.

Teresa Tomita

District 12

## Leadore Campout to be held Aug. 13-16

District 12 will be hosting our annual Leadore Campout August 13-16th at the Leadore City Park. As usual, we pay for the park fee and showers. And we supply the hot dogs for Friday night and hamburgers for Saturday night. Everyone else can bring a potluck dish. Come for a good time to be had by all!

The State convention will be hosted in Salmon as well on Sept. 25-27 at the Elks Hall. Stay tuned for further updates. There will be no banquet on Saturday night. With the high cost of food, we decided it was cheaper for folks to eat wherever they choose. We will be sending information out to District chairmen to hand out to members as well as the next newsletter.

For any questions regarding these two events, contact Katie Bonn. Cell number 208-303-0158 or email at [tbonn@centurytel.net](mailto:tbonn@centurytel.net).

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District 12

## Salmon area fiddlers gearing up for fun time at State Convention

Hi Fiddlers.

Another wonderful month has slipped away. On July 3, we were in the Salmon River Days Parade. Our wagon was pulled by Doyle's beautiful green, purple, and yellow 1931 Packard. Just as the parade was starting, the Packard balked and wouldn't keep running. We finished the parade pulled by a pickup with two port-a-potties in the back. We got a lot of smiles and a few belly laughs. We may have been the longest entry in the parade. No one got upset and we all had a lot of fun.

On July 4, we played for the Northfork Fire Department. That is always fun and we get to see friends from down river that we don't get to see every day and they are always so appreciative.

On July 11, we left Salmon at 7 a.m. bound for the old ghost town of Custer, for Custer Days. They had a good crowd again this year. They have people park down by the old dredge and bus them in by school bus. Every time the bus came in, it was full. I'm sure people enjoyed themselves, we sure did. We had to leave Custer by 2 p.m. to get back to Salmon by 4:30 to play for a wedding. We just made it, and we played there for four hours. That made for a long day. The wedding was nice, sort of informal. In fact, the ring bearer was a dog. He had the ring attached to his collar. He was very well behaved and did his job well. But it was still a long day, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. But when there is music

involved, it is all enjoyable.

On July 23, 24, 25, many of us went to the annual Elk Meadows Campout. The un-contest this year, was based on the old Hee-Haw show. You had to spin the fiddle to see what kind of a tune you had to play, go to the corn patch and tell a "corny" joke, then play your tune. We want to thank the Fewkes Family for all of their work. The weather was just right, there were very few bugs, and the flowers were beautiful. Marlene Moore won the cardboard fiddle this year.

On July 25, most of us left the camp to go to Clayton to play in the museum there. The weather didn't really cooperate there. It rained quite hard for just a little while, just long enough for the crowds to disperse. But the hangers on were fun and we all enjoyed it.

The coming month will see us at the Discovery Center at 7 p.m. on Aug. 6 and at the Imperial Apartments at 8 p.m.

Every Thursday thereafter will find us at the Imperial Rec. Room at 7:30.

The Leadore Campout on Aug. 13, 14 and 15 is at the Leadore City Park again this year. District 12 will supply the hamburgers and hot dogs again this year on Friday and Saturday evenings, and will pay for showers. Hope to see many of you there.

That brings us to the convention this year, Sept. 25, 26 and 27, in Salmon. We are not planning a dinner this year. We urge you to utilize

the local restaurants where you can order what you want and the prices are probably cheaper than we can get through a banquet.

The Saturday meetings will be: Board of Directors at 8 a.m., general meeting at 1 p.m. at the Elks Hall. We will have our shows and dances at the same location.

Campgrounds: The Elks have 10 to 12 camping spots with full hook-ups for \$15 per night (208) 756-3332, Buddy's campground has 14 spaces at \$22 per night 756-3630; Salmon Meadows Campground has 40 spaces at \$20 per night plus tent spaces, 756-2840; Fort Lemhi Campground has 14 spaces at \$19 per night plus tent spaces, 756-2295; Century 11 Campground has 20 spaces at \$17 per night plus tent spaces, senior citizens discount, totally disabled free, 756-2063.

Motels: Motel Deluxe, 756-2231 \$46 to \$59 per night; Salmon River Motel, 756-8880, \$55 to \$70 per night; Trails End Motel, 756-1499, \$50 per night; Wagons West Motel, 756-4281, \$45 per night.

Bed and Breakfast: Smith House, 394-2226, \$35-\$45 per night; Syringa Lodge, (877) 580-6428, \$65 to \$95 per night.

Hope this is helpful to you.

See you all soon.

—Rosalie Hawley



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*District 6*

## Fiddlers play some sizzling hot tunes for the month of July

July has been a sizzling month in our part of the country and our members have played sizzling tunes whenever and wherever we could.

We were able to cover all our regularly scheduled assisted living facility commitments and are adding another facility located in Twin Falls to our list. We find that the senior citizen generation especially enjoy the older tunes which they recognize and many of them know almost all the words to the songs.

Our group has given exposure to "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" this month which always produces awesome audience participation. We hope and pray that our younger citizens will

have the same fierce loyalty and respect for this country and its flag as our older generations have held.

Our District was honored to provide some entertainment for the Camas County Pioneer Picnic held at the Fairfield Park on the 19th. Some may recall that the founder of this organization, Manny Shaw, lived in Camas County so we included several of his favorite tunes on our play list. There aren't very many older pioneers left up there but 98 year old Ina Krahn was in attendance and certainly is an example of how hard work, along with clean living, will aid in longevity.

Some of our members attended the Elk Meadows campout and reported having a super good time; good music and good fellowship. Many thanks to those who did such a great job organizing the event.

We were thrilled to have Katie Bonn join us earlier this week for our appearances at two assisted living facilities and hope to see her again while she is visiting relatives in our area.

We are scheduled to hold our monthly jam session and meeting at Idaho Pizza this evening. We do appreciate the manager diligently putting our name on the marquee each month and always hear many compliments about the music.

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

-Mary Baldwin

*District 5*

## Plush honored at Wild West Fiddle Contest and Show

Summer is here!

Weiser is but a memory, it was a great week of fiddling, jamming and making new friends. Nichole Armstrong and Jack Moon competed from our district, it was so fun to be there and cheer them on, we are proud of you!

Next was the Wild West Fiddle Contest and Show. This time Jack won first place and Ava Lutteman won third place. Others from our district also competed, way to go everyone! They honored old-time banjo and fiddle player, Willard Plush who passed away in May. Mildred Plush attended the dedication. She is living at Karcher Estates.

Maxine Fullington celebrated her 80th birthday at Good Samaritan in Boise. A great many friends and family were there to be a part of the celebration.

This was followed by Elk Meadows campout, a great time of jamming, learning new tunes, Dutch Oven meals, and a Hee Haw Fiddle Contest and Show for the public. Put this one on your calendar for next year!

Most recent was our picnic with a good turnout for food and jamming. There was a nice breeze through the park shelter for which we were thankful.

We had several people sign-up showing an interest in IOTFA, both at the picnic and the Wild West Contest, so we are going to have a jam soon to meet our new friends.

"Remember: You can always find someone who plays better than you,...But they can't have more fun than you!" quote from Jack Moon. He's right!

-Rena

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# Obituaries



## Mary T. (Scoles-Bicandi) Ashcraft

Mary T. (Scoles-Bicandi) Ashcraft, 88, of Weiser, formerly of Emmett and Caldwell, passed away peacefully in her sleep Friday, Aug. 7, 2009.

Mary was born on Jan. 22, 1921, in Fairland, Okla., the daughter of Leroy and Rosetta (Cary) Jones. Mary lived her younger life in Oklahoma and Delano, Calif.; her middle and later life, living in Caldwell, Wilder, Adrian, Ore., Emmett and Weiser.

Mary enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, camping and gardening. She loved singing and playing her guitar. She was a Lifetime Member of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association.

On May 25, 1940, mother married Ursel R. Scoles in Vinita, Okla. Ursel passed away Nov. 2, 1968. November 23, 1970, mother married Frank Bicandi of Adrian, Ore. Frank passed away Feb. 23, 1983. Oct. 5, 1984, mother married Richard "Dick" H. Ashcraft of Caldwell, Idaho. Dick passed away October 24, 1996.

Mary is survived by her children; Charles (Judy) Scoles, Weiser, Idaho; Janice (Jesse) Withers, Donnelly, Idaho; Roger (Judy) Scoles, Soldotna, Alaska; 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and companion, Wayne Cole of Emmett, Idaho. She also has surviving relatives in Missouri and Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her three husbands; six brothers, two sisters and daughter, Rosemary Haar.

The family would like to thank Indianhead Estates for the wonderful care of their mother.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Aug. 15, at Canyon Hill

Cemetery in Caldwell, Idaho.

Condolences may be sent to the family of Mary at [www.lienkaemper-thomason.com](http://www.lienkaemper-thomason.com).

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District 2

## Come fiddle Aug. 29 and then enjoy an evening of fishing

Greetings from District 2.

Well, summer has really arrived here in Grangeville. It is 95 degrees as I write this news for the paper. It was 100 degrees last Saturday, Aug. 1.

Our group had a good time playing in the city park in Grangeville on the Fourth of July. I missed this one, as I went to a reunion in Winchester to celebrate the towns 100 year anniversary.

We had a wonderful time playing at the Winchester Lake State Park on July 18. They were having their annual Paddle Boat Races on the Lake and wanted some musical entertainment for the festivities.

We played for two hours Sunday afternoon, Aug. 2, at the Raspberry Festival at St. Gertrudes Academy which is three miles west of Cottonwood, Idaho. They have us play there every year.

We will be playing at Winchester Lake State Park again on Aug. 29. They are having a Dutch oven cook-off and want musical entertainment. This should be a fun event. Bring your fishing pole so if you get tired of fiddling you can try your luck at fishing.

We will be having our District 2 meeting the first part of September, Sept. 12, at Hoots Cafe at White Bird, Idaho. We will be electing district officers. (This is also a good excuse to hold a jam session). Meeting time will be 1 p.m., Pacific time.

Don't forget the annual convention in Salmon, Idaho, the last weekend of September.

-Duane Stephens.

District 4

## Summer's almost gone, but it's been great fun!

We've had a fun-filled summer but it's hard to believe that it's

almost over as school starts at the end of this month!

We had our summer picnic last Saturday, Aug. 1. We started out the day with breakfast cooked in the park by Chairman Ron as he was there at 6:30 to reserve the picnic gazebo for us. We played lots of music and had our pot-luck picnic lunch in the afternoon with hamburgers. It was a fun day...but we sure missed the Boise group since their picnic was the same day!

Ron and I had a great time up at the Elk Meadows campout. It was lots of fun and fiddling...and of course, lots of great food!

At our meeting last night, Tuesday, August 4, we had our annual election of officers and we re-elected the current crew. Having our meeting at Cold Mountain Creek has been working out well. The patrons really enjoy listening to our jam session...and it's fun to play for them!

-Marlene Moore

District 9

## Members keep busy with fiddle show and workshops

I am sitting here this morning after .84 inches of rain overnight. It is a very nice break in the 90+ degree weather that we have been having but it has put a sudden halt to the harvest that was just getting into full swing. Hopefully it will not be a long wet spell that will do damage to

the crops.

We have been able to make all of our regular play dates even with all of the summer travel and other things that everyone has been doing. Our group had several members attend the fiddle workshops at Kittitas, Wash. Mabel Vogt and Jack Lyman both taught some classes. Dave Bezdicek, Sue Akin, Tom Schotzko also attended.

Debby Carlson traveled to Jackson Hole, Wyoming to play in a fiddle contest. We also had several players participate in the Potlatch Scenic Six fiddle show. Although I was unable to attend, all the comments that I heard were very positive.

On the subject of health, Lou Stevens has been able to join us for a few close to home play dates and seems to be doing quite well. Ernie Bunch is home after his surgery and although he has not made it back to playing he is getting out a bit and feeling good.

By the time you read this our summer fiddle campout at Three Rivers will be over and we will be discussing what to do next year to have fun again.

I recently helped a friend of mine with an old beat up fiddle that had been in the family for many years. It really looked rough but after we had new strings put on and few adjustments, it played with a beautiful sound.

Just goes to show you that you can't judge a book by its cover.

-Gary Bloomfield







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Members and friends of District 9 stopped to pose for this picture during the summer campout at Three Rivers Resort on the Lochsa River. Thirty-eight people enjoyed the Sunday breakfast.

*District 9*

## Campout on the Lochsa River was a great success

August was a typical hot month on the Palouse and, with the exception of one rainy spell, it was a good harvest time. There are a few chickpeas yet to be cut but, for the most part, everything is in the bins for another year.

We played at Bishop Place in Pullman on Aug. 4, with a nice group of musicians. Then it was out to Deary for the Appaloosa Club and a beautiful evening of outdoor music with a campfire and everyone just sitting around having a good time. In the past we have played for the Appaloosa Club and the following day at Elk River Days with several of us camping for the weekend. However, this year we were given

some wrong information and Elk River Days was moved to the next weekend but this time we didn't have enough players available to make that date.

The highlight of the month was our summer campout at Three Rivers Resort on the Lochsa River. It was a great success again this year. For dinner on Friday night, Dave Bezdicek arranged for the restaurant to provide the best fried chicken imaginable and everyone brought salads and desserts to finish the menu. Afterwards we jammed into the night.

Saturday morning we had a fiddle workshop given by Debby Carlson and a mandolin workshop by Bill Thomson. Both being their

first time at teaching, they did a great job. The afternoon was our fiddle show with about 22 participants, a good audience, fabulous weather, music and cookies. As usual the evening jam continued into the night with many, many tunes.

The Sunday morning breakfast was a good hit again with 38 people enjoying the menu of scrambled eggs, ham, fruit and sweet rolls. Some visiting followed, before heading home. The members and visitors from the southern part of the state were greatly appreciated and we hope they can join us again about this same time in August next year.

—Gary Bloomfield



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District 7

## Fiddlers enjoy jamming with the Bannock County Bluegrass Assoc.

Greetings from the southeastern end of the state.

District 7 had their election of officers meeting and food, of course, at the home of Arline Peterson. After the meeting, we went up to the fairgrounds and jammed with the Bannock County Bluegrass Association Board. New officers are: Arline Peterson, chairperson, Wanda Roper, vice and past chairperson. We tabled, until our next meeting, the election of the secretary and treasurer. Our news reporter is Georgia Friedel (watch for her name on future issues). We want to thank Dick and Sonja Sanders from Blackfoot for all the support they have given us in the past years. They have been the back-

bone of any plays we have done here locally. We thank Ron Bate from Idaho Falls, for his support as well.

August 5, we had a potluck and a jam at Arline Peterson's home. We were small in number but mighty in spirit and thank Roy McKee, the son of our long-time member Bob McKee for coming and playing lead on the mandolin and singing. The neighbors enjoyed the music, too.

On Aug. 13 to 16, Arline and her husband attended the campout in Leadore with the District 12 folks. We had a wonderful time and thank Tom and Katie for the wonderful food cooked in Dutch Ovens.

On Aug. 25, we were invited as a group to help kick off the Bannock County Bluegrass Festival. Katie and Tom Bonn of District 12 and Ted Kirkpatrick of District 8 as well as Sonja and Dick Sanders of District 8 came down and helped us out. We had a wonderful jam, thank you all for your support.

We are planning great things in the future. We open the Fort Hall Replica in May near Memorial Day, we are planning an annual July Campout at Lava Hot Springs, the annual opening of the Bluegrass Festival at the Bannock County Fairgrounds the last weekend in August, and a fall picnic at Ross Park in September. Please come and join us in the future.

We have one more item for this

newsletter. We are in desperate need of some lead fiddlers. We have placed a notice in the Idaho State Journal and hope to get some response from that. We are hoping that if any of you know fiddlers in the District 7 area, Pocatello, Aberdeen, American Falls, Soda Springs, Preston and surrounding areas, please tell them to get in contact with us. We welcome any and all ages and all talents.

## Obituaries



### Owen Ellis Montrose

Owen Ellis Montrose, 85, of Mountain Home, passed away on Aug. 16, 2009, at a Boise care center. A memorial service was held on Thursday, Aug. 27, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel. Inurnment followed at Mountain View Cemetery with military honors by the American Legion Post #26. Cremation was under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

He was born Feb. 14, 1924, to Arthur and Tina Montrose in Hagerman. Owen worked on ranches and mines in Mountain City, Nevada, until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1941. While in the Navy, Owen served as a gunners mate and was involved in four major battles in the South Pa-

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cific. He served aboard the U.S.S. Golden City and later on the U.S.S. Wisconsin. While on a weekend leave in Washington D.C. Owen met the love of his life, Lottye, and three days later, on March 16, 1946, they were married.

In 1949 Owen and Lottye moved from Mountain City, Nev., to Elko, Nev., where they raised their four children. Owen owned and operated Montrose Steel Fabrication, known for building the Spring Creek Horse Palace, from 1963 to 1978. Owen retired from the steel business and purchased a tractor trailer, leasing it to Pirkle, a Wisconsin based trucking company, for eight years. He retired in 1986 and resided in Mountain Home.

Owen loved animals and in his free time he enjoyed refurbishing old instruments, tuning pianos, playing pool, hand crafting miniature piano music boxes, making wine and beer, photography, and snowmobiling. He played many musical instruments but his favorite was the banjo. Owen loved attending the Fiddlers Festival, and had a life long love for music.

Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years, Lottye; children, Tyna (Kenny) Cromwell, Trudy (Brad) Templin, both of Reno, Nev., and Ted Montrose of Boise; grandchildren Craig Redenius, Dustin Redenius, both of Reno, Nev., Gary Grasmuck of Mountain Home, Theo (Ryoko) Montrose of Long Beach, Calif., and Stephanie (Jeremy) Propp of Boise; a great-granddaughter Zoe Propp of Boise; and a sister, Marjorie (Jack) Streeter of Mountain Home. Owen was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Tina; his four brothers, Ted, Price "Turk", Norman, and Robert; two of his sisters, Marian, Coila; and one daughter, Terry "Baby" Montrose.

Owen was a wonderful father,

grandfather, and friend, to all who were blessed enough to have him in our lives. He will be greatly missed.



### C. Lyle Powell

C. Lyle Powell 88, of Mountain Home, passed away in a local nursing home on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009. Funeral services were held on Friday, Aug. 21, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel. Burial followed at Mountain View Cemetery.

Lyle was born to Guy and Edna Powell on April 15, 1921, in Cambridge, Neb., and in 1937 the family moved to Meridian.

Music was a Powell family activity as Lyle grew up. His dad, being an excellent fiddle player, consequently taught Merna, Ruth, Lyle and Lloyd to play instruments. The family played for many social functions and radio broadcasts.

From 1938-1942, Lyle worked in CCC road work, operating heavy equipment, mined in Atlanta and worked on the construction of Anderson Dam.

In 1943, Lyle bought the Smith Prairie Store. Now gainfully employed, he married Dorothy Engelman of Prairie on Jan. 25, 1944. He and Dorothy operated the store and post office for two years. After selling the store in 1946, Lyle and Dorothy moved to Boise where their son, Leland, was born in 1947. Their daughter, Karen, was born in 1949 while Lyle was again working at Anderson Dam.

Lyle was a self-educated man of many talents. He moved schoolhouses on the Prairie and buildings from Anderson Dam to Mountain Home. He was an excellent carpenter who built a home for he,

Dorothy and their family, restored old cars and repaired current ones, worked for 20½ years in the operation and maintenance of the Pacific Northwest Pipeline out of Mountain Home, and spent 3½ years as a mechanic/technician on the Alyeska Pipeline in Alaska.

Throughout his life, music was a huge part of whatever he did. He and Dorothy went to Weiser from 1953-2009 for the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Festival where Lyle was a much-sought-after accompanist, and where they made many life-long friends. Lyle and Dorothy also chased fiddle contests throughout Arizona for 17 years and again they made many new friends. Lyle played some fiddle in those contests, and enjoyed that very much.

Lyle and Dorothy hosted a New Year's Eve celebration in their home for many years. Their home was always a welcoming and fun place to be for friends and family alike. By the way, there was always music!

He enjoyed exploring old mines and sharing the great outdoors with family. He even took Dorothy fishing and hunting, but made sure his guitar went along!

Lyle was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and a brother. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Dorothy; his son Leland (Nancy); his daughter Karen; two grandchildren, Deron Powell (Shellie) and Darbi Dursteler (Linden); four great-grandchildren, Matthew and Mason Powell and Isaac and Hayden Dursteler.

Lyle was a kind, gentle, and faithful man. He loved his family and shared everything he had with them. We are grateful for the loving example he set for us.

A memorial can be made to the Prairie QRU, c/o Mary Cook, 524 Smith Creek Rd., Prairie, ID 83647.

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#### District 4

### Quiet fiddling month for members of District 4

This has been a very quiet month for our district. We had our usual plays including the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center potluck/jam. We will be having that potluck/jam in September on the 19th...but we may not be holding one starting in October until next spring.

We were saddened to hear about Mary Ashcraft's death. Her obituary was in last month's newsletter. Our condolences are extended to Charles Scoles and his family.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention in Salmon at the end of the month!

—Marlene Moore

#### District 5

### Eagle Senior Center is new home for jamming

Reality has set in. There is no room for recluse, nay sayers or the like. Our new meeting place is the greatest. We have been welcomed at the Eagle Senior Center, a really neat place for our meetings. Bob Baird says the acoustics are good and we can all agree on that. It took a lot of effort from two or three people to get all this together. A big thanks to Rena and Don Olson. Also a big thanks to Marilyn Williams and her crew for engineering the potluck. As I was trying to get in the door of the Center with my music and salad, guess what. I dropped my salad so there was a big mess all over. I finally got it all scooped up and entered the Center as if nothing had happened. We welcomed new families and met some old timers interested in having a place to play the songs they know best. Then there are those kids with their songs in fast forward, bow skill extraordinare. We welcome them. It will take a lot of brushing up on our part just to keep up.

Rena Lute has been re-elected to be our steel and grit for the next year. All around organizer, forget the small stuff and get right to the music sort of gal. She has a stimulus plan already in gear. Thanks again Rena.

Bonnie Longstreth has agreed to be Rena's back up. She will fill in should there be high water or

firestorms. But we know Bonnie runs her own evening program, gets it all done and has been willing to see what more there is to be done. Thanks Bonnie.

Mary Lopshire and Judy Van Buren have agreed to be our secretary and treasurer. These two are equally capable to keep us oriented on the deficit and all the details of our coming and going.

Christine Ney has volunteered to keep the picture book. She won't be out and about much due to the flu virus stuff and wants anyone to take pictures and get them to her. And Ava Lutteman has agreed to be the run off at the mouth person.

We have had a serious loss. Owen Montrose and Lyle Powell from Mountain Home have gone before us. These two guitar players played together for many years. Both passed away on Sunday, Aug. 16. They have always been there, knew all the songs and will be missed among both fiddlers and guitar players. I'm sure these musicians have joined those who have gone ahead, playing the music they loved best.

—Ava Lutteman

#### District 12

### Pennsylvania couple enjoys jamming at campout

Hi there folks! Another month has come and gone. It seems the older I get, the faster time goes.

August was another good, but fast month. The highlight was the Leadore Campout in this area. We didn't have the crowd that we have had in the past, but we had a good time.

On Saturday night, we had 23 musicians. It was quite cold on Saturday night, so the town of Leadore opened up their City Center for us and we played inside where it was nice and warm.

On Friday night it was quite cool, also, so Tom and Katie (and Charlie) put up their big tent and Jerry had his propane heater, so as long as we played "musical chairs" once in a while, we were toasty.

Also, on Sunday, we had a couple from Bradford, Penn., stop to see us and they stayed and played for awhile. They were old time musicians, too. She played the fiddle and he played the mandolin. It was surprising how many tunes we had

in common.

We are a bit busier in September.

On Sept. 3, we play at Discovery Care at 7 p.m. and at the Imperial Rec. Room at 8 p.m.

Sept. 5 - For a wedding at the Sacajewea Center at 4:30 and for the reception to follow.

Sept. 10 - The Imperial at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 12 - 6:30 p.m., we play for our own Lisa Jensen-Gardner's wedding reception at the LDS Church. We are all sad about that. Not that she is getting married, but she will be living in California and we will miss her in the group.

Sept. 17 - 7:30 p.m., The Imperial.

Sept. 24 - 7:30 p.m., The Imperial for a business meeting.

Then, Sept. 25, 26, 27 - Convention at the Elks Hall in Salmon.

We held elections for this District on Aug. 27. Our chairman for the coming year is Ed Jenkins. Our new vice chairman is Katie Bonn. Secretary/Treasurer is Betty Morton. Reporter and historian, you guessed it - "old Rosalie."

Hope to see you all soon.

—Rosalie Hawley

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Margie Collins playing lead fiddle

District 6



Ralph and Jenny Wolvertson

## Fiddlers keep busy with plays at Farmer's Market & Trout Festival

Our members were plenty busy during September covering our routine monthly care center commitments plus some additional plays.

We started the month out with our meeting at Idaho Pizza and also held our yearly elections. All officers will stay the same: Gary Huntington as chairman, Margie Collins as co-chairlady, Becky Bingman as secretary and treasurer, Mary Baldwin as reporter and historian. Our hats are off to Gary and Margie for their willingness to be our fearless leaders for another year.

Our District is proud to welcome guitar picking members, Becky Bingman and Willie Eakin

as active members. We are also pleased to see our group growing with the addition of Chris Leazer who plays guitar and Julia Sampietro who plays the autoharp.

Saturday, Sept. 12, found our members and one guest playing for the Farmer's Market in Hollister. Phyllis Rundell from Gunnison, Colo., joined her sister, Mary Baldwin, in the performance. That Colorado girl is a real fiddler already after only three years of playing and knew most of the tune list that day so we were mighty proud to have her helping us out.

The following week we played four times but we still aren't tired

of music. We provided entertainment for the residents of the Chardonnay Assisted Living in Twin Falls this month and will most likely be adding the facility to our monthly schedule. Several family members joined their loved one in the beautifully decorated living room to hear the old tunes that they remember and love.

That weekend we played twice on Saturday. The first performance was for the happy occasion of a family reunion held at the Anderson RV Park near Twin Falls. We were thrilled to see such a large turnout and the food was just out of this world. Then we zoomed off to Buhl to play for the Trout Festival. This year we played inside the Senior Center instead of outside on the flatbed trailer and we certainly lucked out there as the weather turned a bit windy and ugly. I believe the crowd was glad to have a nice place to rest, relax and listen to some familiar old tunes and they stayed until the very last note was played then begged for more. Wow, what a compliment that is to a bunch of musicians.

Those attending the state convention gave reports of another nice convention and we thank the Salmon district for their hospitality.

Ralph and Jennifer Wolvertson hosted a practice at their home toward the end of the month and we worked out a practice list for October which included two songs honoring Halloween, "Alley Cat" and "Mabel's BOOOOOgie."

Until next time, keep on fiddlin' and sharing your talents with others less fortunate.

—Mary Baldwin



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District 4

# Convention was lots of fun! See ya' next at Hoots!

The convention was lots of fun. Congratulations to Katie Bonn and District 12 for putting together a wonderful weekend of events! We (Ron and I) thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone again and having a great time together.

Now we look forward to the upcoming weekend at Hoots later this month. That should be another great weekend!

September was another quiet month for our district. Apple Valley cancelled our play due to many of their residents having the flu. We had a small turnout at our meeting/jam and our Open Jam at Cold Mountain Creek, but the patrons of the restaurant enjoyed our playing. Thanks to Ken Tooley for filling in for us at both Horseshoe Bend Senior Center and SunBridge (now called Cherry Ridge).

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Due to many of us being out of town during October (both fishing and hunting), we are cancelling all plays for the month. This includes our monthly meeting and the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center. We will have our next meeting/jam on November 3 at Cold Mountain Creek. The next Horseshoe Bend Senior Center potluck/jam will not be held again until next spring ... probably in March 2010.

See ya'all at Hoots!

—Marlene Moore

District 12

## Friendships enjoyed at state convention

Another month has come and gone. September was mostly beautiful in this area. On the third we played at the Discovery Center where we get a lot of praise. The older folks just love to tap their toes and sing along. Better watch who I call "older folks." I think I am "mature" as some would call it.

On Sept. 5, we played for a late afternoon outdoor wedding and an outdoor reception at a different location. All went well. We were appreciated, had fun and enjoyed a lovely dinner.

On Sept. 12, we played for another special reception at the LDS Church. That went very well also. Dianne Spaeth took care of the flowers and special decorations. She is not only a great fiddler, but she owns a flower shop too. How fun is that.

Thank you all for coming to the convention. It was very informal this year but we didn't hear any recriminations about that. It was just so much fun seeing old friends and making music together. All those

(general public) who came to the dance have reported as having a great time.

On Oct. 3, we played at the North Fork fire station for their pancake supper until time for their auction. I hope the public had as much fun as we did. They acted like they did. There was a bigger crowd there than I ever remember before.

Our jam sessions for this month will be every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Imperial Apartments recreation room. And we will see you at the fall meeting at Hoots on Oct. 30 and 31. It is so neat to have something like that to look forward to.

See you then.

—Rosalie Hawley

District 2

## Wonderful time fiddling at Dutch oven cookoff

Well, fall has arrived. It was 28 degrees here in Grangeville last night, but the sun is shining brightly this morning.

We had a wonderful time fiddling for the Dutch oven cookoff on August 29 at Winchester Lake State Park. We were joined by a young boy from Clarkston who is a good fiddler, Elliot Marks, and we all enjoyed listening to him play. Thanks Elliot! We were able to sample the scrumptious food that the Dutch oven contestants cooked up.

We held a District 2 meeting at Hoots Cafe on Sept. 12 to elect officers. It was voted unanimously to keep the same officers for another year, Duane Stephens chairman and John Purdy, secretary/treasurer. After the meeting we jammed for a couple of hours having a great time.

The annual convnetion was held in Salmon, Idaho, the last weekend of September. We all had a good time there and the weather was fantastic. Those attending from District 2 were myself and my sister Donna; Bob and Marian Wikoff and Gary and Patty Solberg.

Our annual fall get-together and meeting at Hoots Cafe will be here shortly, Oct. 30 and 31, so get ready to have a good time in White Bird at Hoots.

That's all for now.

—Duane Stephens



# District 7 is alive and well

The month of September was a great time to get organized and also to play for some fine folks from across the State of Idaho. The Idaho State Good Sams organization had their fall rally in Pocatello. The bluegrass group, "Portneuf Gap" entertained for an hour program, and then the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, District 7, joined them in a jam with members of the audience brought up to play impromptu. There were some surprises as the director of the Good Sams and the assistant director for the Pocatello area (also known as District 7) joined in and had such a good time playing instruments tuned to strum "Ruebens Train." The audience really seemed to enjoy the music and the fun.

The District 7 group met at the home of Arline Peterson, chairperson, on Sept. 17. We had a few simple snacks and jammed until it got too dark to see each other. We bade farewell to some of our members who will be going to the south lands this winter. Our snowbirds will be missed, but we will continue on without them until they return in the spring.

Our chairperson, attended the State Fiddlers Convention in Salmon, on Sept. 25, 26 and 27. It was a real eye opener as to the organization and the way it functions. We are planning on a meeting in October to hear a report on the convention and to become better organized in our district.

Our next meeting is Oct. 8.



Elaine Waarum, District 5, celebrated her 90th birthday at the Oct. 1 meeting. District 5 presented her with a cake and a plaque of appreciation which read: *Elaine was a life member and played a bass at our weekly plays for many years.*

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## Great time enjoyed at convention in Salmon

We are back from Salmon where we enjoyed one of the funnest times. Thanks to District 12 for the greatest jams that any fiddler wouldn't want to miss. We met some new fiddlers that we never get a chance to play with. Tom and Katie Bonn offered some grand potlucks to go along with slumber parties in their mountain home in Carmen. Thanks to you Tom and Katie.

Here in the Boise Valley, our fall plays are underway. We started off with a garden party at Good Samaritan. It was a warm afternoon but Patty Roberts furnished a shade for our comfort. There was a horse parade. We were invited to enjoy their barbecue under a perfect sky. The Thomsen family helped us out with fiddle tunes and we appreciated them very much. We picked up two new plays at Grace Assisted Living in Boise and Nampa and will continue with weekly plays at our old haunts as well. We had a special play at Heatherwood where Martin and Jason joined us. Martin's mom lives there. Eight members traveled to Horseshoe Bend for the last play of the season. I am sorry to see it end so soon as it is always a great jam time.

Bonnie's evening players never took the summer off. They play every Monday evening. We had a 90th birthday party for Bonnie's mom, Elaine Waarum. Elaine plays bass with the evening players.

We welcome the Thomsen family, Harrison, Simon and Levi with parents Steve and Drae. They play real fiddle tunes.

Did you see the letter from Doris Howard published in the National Old Time Fiddler. It was good hearing from her and what's going on up in her district.

—Ava

## District 9

## Latah County Fair highlights the month

With a couple of mornings hitting 28 degrees, the gardening has come to a halt and we will soon be looking at winter.

September was a very busy month with 11 playing locations which included all of our care centers, some senior

lunches and the Latah County Fair. For the fair we had 18 musicians on the outdoor stage for a nice afternoon of music which was enjoyed by a great crowd. I hope I don't miss anyone in listing the players, Sue Akin, Carol Frink, Skip Frink, Debby Carlson, Marge Nelson, Mabel Vogt, Doug Haines, Ernie Bunch, Williard George, Shirley Steffen, Gary Potratz, Joe Plummer, Lou Stevens, Herb Jeffers, Dave Nelson, Bill Thomson, Whitey Egan and Gary Bloomfield.

In contrast, at a couple of the care centers we had only four musicians with two of them being fiddles. Somehow we need to balance this out and get more interest in playing for our friends that can no longer get out to visit functions like the fair.

Our condolences go out to Dave and Trish Bezdicek for the loss of Dave's mother in Minnesota. Dave was able to catch a plane and get there to spend a little time which will be a very special remembrance for him to cherish.

Lou Stevens is back to making some of our gigs but is limited to daylight driving so she will be accepting rides from anyone available. Ernie Bunch is back with us after a short medical vacation and the doctor said playing the harmonica was good exercise for his lungs. Clarence Howard makes it to most of our play dates and as always, plays that beautiful harmony that makes the rest of us sound good.

—Gary Bloomfield

## District 12

## Extras of summer enjoyed by musicians & listeners

Howdy all.

I'm new to this job, thanks to Katie Bonn. She's been hanging out in eastern Idaho helping Tom and Ted in building Ted's new home (aka "The Ark"). When she can she slips away to join us at some of our plays, one of which was followed by a meeting and election of officers. Well, long story short, she kicked our collective butts into sharing the joy (aka "work") of running this club. So now, Teresa Tomita, who is our new (and former) president, is assisted by Merrill who is co-chair, Fern Chaffee as secretary, Harold Sorenson as keeper of

the calendar, Charlie Lamb as keeper of the cash, and yours truly, Dave Schjeldahl, as the OTF newsletter reporter. Whoever said, "When you're through changing, you're through." Must have been looking in our window that night. We're a long ways from through! Katie - paybacks will be coming!

Fall is here. Days are certainly getting shorter, but the calls for Old Time Fiddle music keep coming and we attempt to deliver. Our regular Monday and Wednesday plays are being well attended, both by musicians and listeners. Summer has been more than a little busy with regular plays and with many extras, from a parade, to Farmer's Markets and breakfasts to barbecues. Delores showed up to the Catholic Church luncheon with a harmonica so small that we were afraid she'd choke on it if she inhaled too hard.

We will begin having a monthly jam/practice/meeting again on the third Tuesday of each month at Leo's Pizza Place on the corner of First St. and Holmes Ave. Stop by if you're in Idaho Falls on that day.

Did you ever wonder why we choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America? Just a thought.

Stay well and stay in touch, and, most of all, keep Fiddlin'! See you at the State Convention in Salmon.

—Dave Schjeldahl

## Thank You

*Bob and Marian Wikoff would like to thank all of their fiddling family for making their 60th wedding anniversary so special. Thank you to Gary and Patty Solberg for the surprise dinner on Friday night, the Fiddlers for the anniversary waltz they played, the beautiful cake that Jerry's wife Marian baked for Jerry's birthday and Bob and Marian's anniversary, and the fun time at the potluck at Tom and Katie's.*

*Thanks,*

*Bob and Marian Wikoff*

*P.S.: Also thanks to Duane Stephens for bringing the clothes we forgot.*