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District 2

Cabin Fever Party was big success

Greetings from District 2. Well here it is April already and it will soon be time for our annual spring State Jam at Hoots.

District 2 held its annual Cabin Fever Party at Hoots Cafe on Feb. 6. Fiddlers from District 9 and from the state of Washington showed up and helped make it a big success. We started jamming at 10 a.m. and played until noon. Hootie had a noon buffet and then we fiddled the rest of the afternoon. Everyone had a wonderful time.

On March 13 a short District 2 meeting was held at Hoots Cafe followed by an afternoon of jamming. The next day we played for the third annual White Bird St. Paddy's Sausage Feed from 7:30 a.m. until noon. This was a big success and the fiddlers were treated to a sausage, eggs, hotcake breakfast and received a generous donation for

playing. We will be having another jam session at Hoots on Saturday, April 17.

The annual spring State Jam and meeting at Hoots is coming up the weekend of April 30 and May 1, so we are looking forward to lots of good fiddling, dancing and just lots and lots of fun. Pray for nice sunny weather so we can jam outside.

We lost one of our lifetime members recently, Joe Broncheau of Lewiston, Idaho. Joe was an active member of District 2 for many years until ill health forced him into a rest home. Our condolences go out to the family.

Well that's all for now. We are expecting a busy summer in District 2 but don't have any hard dates to share at this time. See you at Hoots.

-Duane Stephens

District 12

Fiddlers entertain at mule and horse sale at the fairgrounds

Hi Fiddlers! Doesn't it seem strange not sending a report each month?

I was one of the lucky ones that went south for the winter, therefore I don't know much about what went on with our own fiddle family at home. I do know that they had some successful and fun Cabin Fever Parties. And later on this month we will be playing at the fairgrounds for the famous Mule and Horse Sale. Since we do not know for sure about the dates or locations of the Stanley (Elk Meadows) and Leadore Campouts, Katie Bonn will

be e-mailing the chairmen of each district as the information becomes available. Campouts - and anything else.

We look forward to seeing you all at Hoots April 30 and May 1 and also at Rigby at Ted Kirkpatrick's and his family's golf course on June 12 and 13. I'm sure you will be getting e-mails about that too.

It is still a little cool here, but it is nice to be home and back with our own fiddlers also.

See you at Hoots!

-Rosalie Hawley

District 6

Good crowds enjoy monthly jams

We have missed our members who have gone south and are eager for their return later this month. The rest of us have managed to cover all our regular monthly play commitments. What a pleasant surprise to have Martin Fewkes drop by to help us out at Woodstone Retirement Center in February.

We are happy to report Sadie Kirk is recovering nicely from her knee replacement surgery and a broken rib mishap. We hope to see her out playing soon.

We have had good sized crowds at the monthly jams at the Idaho Pizza with some very faithful individuals who come every month to listen and encourage our group. One little cute fellow peeked around the corner with a big wink and smile as he left.

We are playing several Irish songs and other songs that remind us of the green of spring this month so that's lots of fun too.

Until next time, Happy Spring and Happy Playing to all.

-Mary Baldwin



June 12-13 - Fiddle get-together at Ted Kirkpatrick's and his family's golf course.

June 17 - Emmett Cherry Festival from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

June 21-26 - National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Festival.

August 20-22 - District 9 Campout and Fiddle Show. Three Rivers Resort, Lowell, Idaho.

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District 9

Woerman celebrates her birthday with the fiddlers

Greetings and Happy New Year from the Palouse. We are three months into the new year and I can't believe how the time has flown.

We started the year at Bishop Place. They always have 25 or more Christmas trees and there were still some remaining to extend the Christmas season.

We covered our January play dates with a good turnout by faithful members.

On a sad note, Gary B., Clarence, Mabel and Dave played for a funeral service for a former member, Grace Pratt. Grace played bass and sang with the fiddlers for many years. She was a special person.

On a lighter note, we had several at our Good Sam site with requests for the Happy Birthday song which included our own Lou Stevens who turned a young 87.

We ended our last two January

play sites breaking out with some songs for the Valentine season.

At the start of February several of our members Gary B. & Karen, Dave and Trish, Skip and Carol, Debby, Jack, and Marge M. from Spokane attended the Jam at Hoots. Sounds like they had a great time with a great buffet lunch available. And it also sounds like several – and you know who you are – played half the night. Fun!

February continued with our Bishop play site, and Valentine songs were in full swing. We were glad to have Gary Potratz and Brian Banister who have recently joined the ranks and both play fiddle. Whitey was also back after a battle with the flu. At our three play site day we sang through a fire alarm going off at the first site. They told us to keep playing unless we heard from them – felt like we were playing while Rome burned. Did turn out to be a false alarm.

We played through the other sites for February with great attendance on the part of fiddlers and audience. At our last site at Moscow Senior Meal we had a guest join us who professionally sings and play guitar. Was a nice addition.

Once again March found us at Bishop Place and we were glad to see Clarence and Jon back in action.

On our three play site day we enjoyed corned beef and cabbage at the Pullman Senior Meal site. We worked in some Irish tunes as well for the occasion.

On the 11th at Good Sam we were treated to having Elray Woerman's daughter and granddaughter join us

on their fiddles to celebrate Evalona Woerman's birthday, as she is a resident.

We had two extra play sites in March, one at Ridge Point Senior Living which we normally play once a year for at Christmas time. They enjoyed listening to our spring music instead this year and then served all kinds of finger snacks and deserts. Was delicious.

Our other extra play site was for a Hunters Banquet at the Nazarene Church. We played until all had gone through the potluck line and then we had the opportunity to select dishes all made from wild game. Most of us stayed to listen to their speaker, and we also had a guest banjo player join us.

Lou Stevens recently visited her son Dave Sumner and family in Kelso, Wash., and extended her visit to Portland, Ore., to see girlfriends, cousins and grandchildren. A call to King City, Ore., to Mildred Miller, formerly of Moscow, found her doing fairly well. Lou said her travel was very nice and good weather made it even better.

On March 27, Lewiston had their Banana Belt Fiddlers Spring Show which Sue, Debby and Jack attended. They said it was a great outing.

We have one more play site on March 31 down at Kendrick and that will wrap up the month for us.

We have had our share of members dealing with colds and flu, but all of the sites have had good attendance by players. Most of our regulars; Dave, Gary, Gary P., Herb, Sue, Skip, Carol, Willard, Tom, Ernie, Mabel, Jon, Lou, Brian, Whitey, Clarence, Debby, and Doug were able to attend when they could.

As I close, special thanks goes to Gary Bloomfield as he retires from being our reporter for the newsletter. I only hope I can keep up with the great job he has done for many years.

Here's wishing you all a happy spring and great fiddling ahead.

–Marge Nelson

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Obituaries

Grace M. Pratt

Grace M. Pratt of Moscow died Thursday evening, Jan. 21, 2010, at Gritman Medical Center in Moscow. She was 87.

Grace was born March 26, 1922, at Chicago, Ill., to Lewis J. and Marie C. Gilbert. She grew up and attended school there, graduating from high school in Chicago. She joined the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve and served at Camp LeJeune, N.C., and at San Diego, Calif., prior to her discharge in 1944. She went to work as a telephone operator with AT&T in Chicago, and later for General Telephone in Moscow.

She moved to Pullman and was employed at Dissmores Grocery Store, prior to working for General Telephone, retiring from there in the late 1960s.

On Dec. 16, 1964, she married Oliver H. Pratt at Coeur d'Alene. Music was a big part of Grace's life. She played the piano with much joy and sang with the Idaho Old Time Fiddler's "Fiddle-d-dees" and the Sweet Adelines. Much of her free time was spent in service to others. She volunteered and held leadership positions with Meals on Wheels, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the Moscow Fire Department Auxiliary, Lutherhaven and Gritman Medical Center Women's Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Oliver, at their home in Moscow, her children, Rea Douglas of Temecula, Calif., and Curt Bondurant of Bend, Ore. Her grandchildren, Carrie Barron of Moscow, Jeffrey Martin of Beaverton, Ore., Haylee Gilkison of Bend, Ore., and Dayne Bondurant of Bend, Ore.

She also leaves seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

A memorial service was held at Concordia Lutheran Church, NE 1015 Orchard Drive in Pullman, Wash., with Rev. Dudley Nolting officiating. A private inurnment was at Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens in Lewiston.

The family suggests memorials be made to Concordia Lutheran Church elevator fund, Gritman Auxiliary or to Lutherhaven.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Short's Funeral Chapel, Moscow. Online condolences may be left at www.shortcutsfuneralchapel.net.

District 12

Jamming with friends at two Cabin Fevers

We began the New Year with a good-bye to our snowbirds Tom, Katie and Rosalie. They have developed some great friendships in their travels so wish them lots of fun and entertainment.

Our schedule is still Discovery Care Centre at 7 p.m. and on to jam at Imperial Apts. Recreation Rm. from 8 to 10 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. Second and third Thursdays find us from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Imperial Apts. with the last meeting of the month there at 7 p.m. for business and then jam.

We did have one change in our normal schedule. On March 4, we played at the request of Norma McFarland at the Bitterroot Apartments with a wonderful audience. We are scheduled to play for the annual Salmon Select Horse Sale at the fairgrounds on April 17. We are beginning to receive more requests so will be busy again.

We scheduled two Cabin Fevers, on Feb. 20 and March 20, at Imperial Apts. where we jammed with old and new friends from 1 to 10 p.m. with plenty of finger foods and beverages to keep us energized.

On Feb. 20 we had the pleasure of playing with Denise Durocher from Blackfoot, one of Doyle Hammond's daughters who played mandolin,

sang and even played her train whistle! Her husband Dan and son Christian helped make up the audience.

On March 20 we had the Bradbury family of seven appreciatively check us out. We may have one or more of their children take up lessons with Diane in the future. Gary Moore and Keith Bielby helped make the music outstanding. To top off the day, our former member Pastor Tim Gordish and his family surprised us from San Diego. He will soon be taking a position with the Lutheran Church closer to Salmon we hope. He has fulfilled his Marine obligation.

Some of the tunes we have enjoyed that I want to mention are: Maiden's Prayer, The Old Hen She Cackled, When Each Tear You Cry Becomes a Rose, Just Bumming Around (sung by Jerry Easton), Cajun Waltz, Heartaches by the Number (sung by Doyle Hammond), Eighth of January, and Gold Mine in the Sky (sung by Doyle).

In closing I would like to mention something I saw on TV in an interview with Wayne Newton. Jack Benny autographed the front of his fiddle by scratching his name with a bottle opener, gave it to Wayne and said, "Now don't bother me anymore!"

This job is all yours again, Rosalie!
Filling in for Snowbird Rosalie.

-Kay Smith

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District reports loss of fiddler

It is with deep regrets to report that I write this news this month. We are sad to report that we lost one of our fiddlers, Eleanor Erickson. She had been ill this past year and hadn't been able to play with us. She will be greatly missed.

We had a fair month starting off with the senior center on the third Wednesday. We played for the nursing home and at the Western Pleasure Ranch in Sandpoint. It was a nice day and we had a good sized crowd that came out and danced while we played.

We have not had much snow this year in this neck of the woods. Traveling has been fairly easy this winter.

So until next month HAPPY FIDDLING.

District 4

Cherry Festival date changed to Thursday

We've returned from our Arizona travels where it was cold, rainy and windy this year! However, the cold was only in the 50's, so it was still warmer than up here in Idaho.

One important change about the Cherry Festival this year for everyone to mark on their calendars. We received our confirmation for our playing time and this year, they have scheduled us to play on THURSDAY, JUNE 17, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Previously they had always scheduled us to play on Wednesday before their opening ceremony. Hopefully, the Thursday time will attract more festival attendees to our performance. We sure hope that District 5 folks will be able to come over and help us out as they always have done! We also would like to invite anyone else in other districts to come join us...this is on the Thursday before Weiser.

The potluck/jam at Horseshoe Bend Senior Center is back on the calen-

dar for the third Saturday of each month. It sounded like there was a wonderful turnout of musicians for the March 19 jam.

One other change is that our regular Thursday play on the fourth Thursday of each month at Cherry Ridge (formerly SunBridge) is now scheduled for 3:30 to 4:30. The other Thursday plays will remain at 3 to 4 p.m.

Thanks again to Ken Tooley and Don Ikenberry for taking charge of the plays during January through March while we were gallivanting around down south!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Hoot's in May!

-Marlene Moore

District 5

Moore celebrates 90th birthday

The winter is behind us again. Bonnie who leads the evening group to play every Monday night, wants to say "Thanks" to her members for being so loyal to show up to play "through thick and thin." Meaning: Through all forms of obstacles that are put in one's way. The evening members plan to continue playing at their regular haunts throughout the summer. Eldon and Neve often play with both the evening and day players so many thanks to them for this great effort.

One of our great events was helping Marion Moore celebrate his 90th birthday with cake and stuff. We will hope to see Marion take the "Oldest Fiddler" at the Weiser contests. So get these dates on your calendar of the contests going on close to home.

Monique Ruwe is sponsoring The Great Western Fiddle Contest in Kuna on July 17. Bring a chair and sunshade to the Kuna park.

Roberta Pearce is sponsoring an Open Fiddle Contest at the Nampa Civic Center on June 4 and 5.

Then we hope to see everybody at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, June 20-26. Get there.

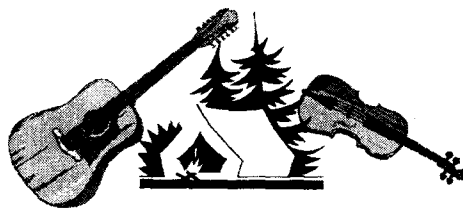
There have been several great events. Several members drove over the hill to play at the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center. The day players entertained at a St. Patrick's celebration at Willowbrook Senior Community in Meridian. Another special play was for the Golden Eagle Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees in Nampa.

We had a fiddle practice at Rena's and Phoenix Fullington invited all of us for a jam at his house. It was a big turnout.

Joy Halliwell invited everybody to extra jams at the Heritage House in Emmett so we packed em in there also.

Looks like Rena is getting calls for plays this summer. Sounds like fun to me.

-Ruby Ann



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District 12

Fiddlers keep busy entertaining at many fun events

Hello Fiddlers!

Three months have passed in a hurry. Of course, the highlight of the month of May was the trip to Hoots.

Things have started picking up since the warm weather has returned.

On May 6, we played at the White Water Arena for the grade school kids for their Pioneer Day. It was cold and rainy, so it was moved from the Island Park. We had a good time and so did the kids! They danced to every tune that we played, and they served us chili and cornbread for lunch.

On June 1, we played for the Veterans Run. One Veteran was, and is, running from the Oregon Coast to Maine. He is planting a flag every mile with the information of a deceased veteran from the current war attached to it to bring them recognition and remembrance. Quite a feat.

And a few of us made it to Weiser week, and what a wonderful time we had. Meeting old friends and making new ones. And the music just gets better and better. We wait all year for our week in Weiser and it is over so quickly.

So far in July, we have played on July 1 at the Discovery Center.

We played in the Salmon River Days parade on July 2. We were the only musical float and our wagon was pulled by Olson's big work horses. The wagon was covered and comfortable. Thank you to the Olson family.

On July 4, we played at the Northfork fire station. The mosquitoes kept us company. That is always fun and we were treated to a fine dinner.

On July 8, 9, 10 and 11, we will be at the annual Stanley campout which will be held near Lowman, at milepost 79.8 this year. Just across the road from the new Lowman fire station. The access is easier and the trees are green and pretty.

On July 15 we will play at The Imperial Apartment's Pizza Party at 6 p.m.

On July 24, we will play at the Clayton Museum for Clayton Days from 1 to 4 p.m.

Keep fiddling and you will hear from us again in three months. Of course, we hope to see you before then.

District 2

Make plans to attend the fall meeting at Hoot's

Greetings from District 2. Here it is July and the weather is finally starting to warm up. It was 90 degrees here in Grangeville yesterday.

A small group of District 2 fiddlers played for an hour at White Bird Days on June 19.

We played in the Grangeville City Park on the Fourth of July. After the parade we were joined by the Fewkes Family from Boise and Niki Armstrong from Eagle. This was a welcome surprise and we all had a fun time.

Thanks again to the Fewkes and Niki for their good help.

Our District 2 group is going to

get together July 17 at Hoots Cafe for an afternoon jam and tune sharing session. We are going to try to meet there once a month from now on.

Well the next newsletter won't come out until October so that will be close to Convention time which is going to be held at Hoots this year the last weekend of October. I am going to give a list of motels for White Bird and the surrounding area so you can be thinking about where to stay if you don't bring a camper or motorhome. It would be wise to make your reservations well in advance as this will also be hunting season in the area.

White Bird - Hoots Motel (208) 839-2265.

Grangeville - Downtowner Inn 983-1110; Gateway Inn 983-2500; Super 8 Motel 983-1002 or (866) 786-6835 toll free.

Riggins - Riggins Motel 628-3456 or 628-3001 reservations; Riverview Motel 628-3041; Best Western Salmon Rapids Lodge (877) 957-2743; Salmon River Motel 628-3025 or 628-3231.

Instead of a private banquet just for the fiddlers at the Convention Hootie will be having her famous buffet dinner open to the public. Don't know the price yet but usually it is \$10 per person.

Well that's all for now. Hope to see you all at the Convention if I don't see you before.

-Duane Stephens



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October 30-31 - Fall Annual Meeting at Hoots in White Bird.

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District 9

Clarence Howard celebrates 95th birthday

Hello from northern Idaho and the Palouse. Well, here we are halfway through 2010 and I don't really know what happened to the first six months. I do know that we had a lot of rain! But we didn't let that keep us down and we were able to play our regular schedule along with a few extras to fill out the last three months.

We started April with our regular scheduled play at Bishop Place working with seven fiddlers and one bass. Fortunately, Dave B. had his guitar along that evening to help play backup. We had a good turnout at Bishop and they did enjoy all the fiddlers.

We continued into April, playing at Good Sam, and had a bit of unexpected support from one of the song birds located in a cage beside where we play. We had to work hard to keep at his tempo. It was nice to hear him over a very cold, rain-snow mix, dark night. We also had a good turnout of the regular fiddlers to keep the residents entertained.

In April, we had a special play for Gritman Hospital's benefit auction, to help raise funds for remodeling the act-

ivity facility which is available for anyone wishing to participate in pool and exercise classes. It was a very nice event with many locals coming out to support.

Continuing in April, we played for a new retirement facility - Whitman Sr. Living - in place of one of our other senior sites on the day that we regularly play for three locations. The center asked us to play for them several weeks ago, and we finally gave it a try, finding a nice group of residents coming out to hear us. We had 12 fiddlers play that day. After finishing at Whitman we continued on to Pullman Sr. Meal site to play and enjoy a yummy chicken dinner. To round out the day, we finished at Gritman Day Care facility in Moscow. We play for a longer period of time, but it's nice to cover three plays in one day.

We also played at Deary, and were glad to have Kathi Arbiter join us once again on fiddle. Her neighbor, Chuck Maple, played guitar. We were treated to a great meal of roast beef and all the fixins.

We continued in April playing at our regular sites - Potlatch, which turned out to be a very nice day with the temperature in the 70's; Aspen Sr. Living; and Moscow Sr. Meal site - weather back to cold with snow in the morning.

We moved into May playing at Bishop Place thinking surely the weather would start looking up, but it was cold and rain once again. We did have a good turnout of players and listeners.

May continued with play dates at Avalon, Pullman Sr. Meal, Gritman Adult Care, Good Sam, Clark House, and Aspen. Your reporter was away for several plays in May, so I couldn't take notes, but I do understand that the turnouts were great and lots of music was enjoyed by those in attendance.

The highlight of the month was the celebration of Clarence Howard's 95th birthday. Our long time fiddler's family held a wonderful party for him, (which I was unable to attend - darn!), and invited the fiddlers to join in to play, share memories and enjoy the day with

Clarence. I understand it was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

We ended the month playing at the Moscow Sr. Meal site where again, it rained, rained, rained! Our final for the month was at the Kendrick Locust Blossom Festival where we were treated to their barbecue beef meal, and then played outside. Believe it or not, it didn't rain. It was cool but no rain. Yes! We had a good turnout of players and listeners. We also had a young man, Elliott, join us playing fiddle which was enjoyed by all.

In June we always switch to our summer schedule which means we aren't playing at all our regular locations. We continue to play for all the retirement centers but not the meal sites since so many fiddlers are gone for various reasons during the summer. Again, your reporter was one of those gone, but the regulars said all sites were covered thus far. We ended the month at Aspen and welcomed Herb back from Kansas where he had been with family for several weeks.

On a sad note, Sieg Vogt, husband of Mabel Vogt, passed away after a long time battle with cancer which he valiantly fought for several years. Sieg was always a lot of fun joining in on accordion, harmonica, and other instruments when he was with us during jams and campouts. He was one of those people everyone enjoyed being around, and will be missed by all.

On a more enjoyable note, I received a report from Debby Carlson that the fiddle show in Weiser was well attended and enjoyed by many. The following from District 9 attended the event: Debby, Jack Lyman, Marsha Schoeffler, Mabel Vogt, Andrea Vogt and family, Sue Akin and family, and Steven Sickles. Debby tells me she was the only competitor from District 9, but she didn't tell me how she did. Of course, I'm sure she did well. She also reported that they enjoyed some great workshops that were offered, and took advantage of all the great opportunities the Weiser festival has to offer. Glad you were there to represent District 9.

As I close, thanks goes out to all those who participated in the play dates. I'm not going to list you by name for fear I may miss someone since I was gone so much myself. We at District 9 hope to see all of you at the 4th Annual Idaho Campout and Fiddle Show on August 20-22 at Three Rivers Resort in Lowell, Idaho. It's a great time and fun for the whole family. With that, I'll close for this time. I hope you all enjoy a great and safe summer of fun and fiddling.

-Marge Nelson

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Obituaries

Larry Merrill Weeks

Larry Merrill Weeks, 75, of Rexburg, passed away March 18, 2010, following a massive heart attack while serving in the Rexburg LDS Temple.

Larry was born Sept. 11, 1934, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Abram Weeks and Edna Pricilla Staten Weeks. He attended grade school in Irwin, Idaho; junior high and high school in Fontana, Calif.; and graduated from Ririe High School in Ririe, Idaho. He obtained a bachelor's degree in forestry from Utah State University. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a district ranger and in the regional office.

He married Geraldine Ann Brown on July 2, 1953, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. She preceded him in death. He married Nancy Dickey McRae on July 30, 1983, in Gooding, Idaho. Larry and Nancy made their home in Gooding, where he worked as a farmer and rancher. They owned and operated Weeks Well and Pump Service. They moved to Rexburg in 2005.

Larry was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He held many callings, including temple worker at the Rexburg LDS Temple. He served a mission in London, England, from 1997 to 1999. He enjoyed hunting, farming, playing his guitar, singing and yodeling for senior citizen centers and nursing homes.

Larry was an avid guitar player and even played with the legendary Manny Shaw when they both lived in Fairfield, Idaho. Larry was a member of the IOTFA since 1999. He had played guitar nearly all his life.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Weeks of Rexburg; children, Debra Despot and John K. Weeks, both of Boise, Roland L. Weeks of Placerville, Calif., Marla Jean Miller of Idaho Falls, Cheryl Ann Weeks of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Rebecca Beck of Shelton, Wash.; stepchildren, Kathrine Holyoak of Rexburg, Kathleen Durrant of Portland, Ore., Kirk Gerald McRae of Smithfield, Utah, Samuel

E. McRae of Battle Mountain, Nev., and Amy J. Barton of Santa Cruz, Calif.; sisters, Ruby Weeks Brown of Idaho Falls and Dorothy Weeks Jarvis of Mesa, Ariz.; 37 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers, and five sisters.

Funeral services were held March 22, at the Rexburg LDS Cresthaven Ward with Bishop Nathan Williams officiating. Burial followed in Fielding Memorial Park in Idaho Falls.

Siegfried Vogt

Siegfried Vogt passed away Saturday, June 5, 2010, at his Potlatch home with his family by his side. He was 71.

Born Jan. 8, 1939, in Bavaria, Vogt was blinded at age 4 in his left eye when he accidentally cut himself with a pocket knife. That eye would later develop a rare eye cancer that took his life after a courageous three-year battle.

In August 1962, he met Mabel Lovel, a University of Idaho student from Moscow. A year later, the two went abroad, and on Sept. 28, 1963, were married in Vogt's hometown in Bavaria. They then moved to Vienna, where he studied international relations at the University of Vienna, earning his diploma in 1964. They returned to Idaho in 1964, where he pursued a master's degree in political science, which he completed in 1965. In 1967, he began pursuing his doctorate in Political Science, taught comparative and European politics at Washington State University and was active in the local anti-war and civil rights movements. In 1968, he joined the Industrial Workers of the World, founded a local chapter and remained a member for many years. He later compiled an extensive bibliography on the IWW and was credited for assistance on the documentary film "The Wobblies," which won the New York Film Festival in 1981.

In 1970, the couple bought property north of Potlatch, Idaho, and worked two summers as fire lookouts on Frost Peak out of the Kingston Ranger Station. Their daughters were born in 1971 and 1977, respectively. In 1972 he began working as professor and librarian at WSU, eventually becoming a tenured full professor. Over his 30-year career he defended library budgets, fought censorship and oversaw the purchase of more than 600,000 volumes for Holland Library, greatly helping expand book holdings, particularly in the social sciences, where he was head of collection development from 1972 to 1991. He was credited with strengthening collections in sociology, American history, modern European history and the labor movement, among other topics. He also secured a number of impor-

tant gift collections.

An avid outdoorsman, he loved geography and maps and enjoyed gardening, hunting mushrooms, wildlife watching and wood gathering on the land around his home. He loved animals, especially cats. He also cherished his bi-weekly "hydrology meetings" with some of his best friends at Rico's in Pullman.

Passionate about old-time fiddle and bluegrass music, he often accompanied his wife, family and friends on blues harmonica or accordion. He and Mabel shared a close-knit community of musician friends and attended hundreds of national and regional fiddle contests and festivals. He was proud of Mabel's accomplishments, as well as those of his two daughters, Andrea Vogt, a journalist, and Anna Vowels, an attorney.

A beloved husband, father, uncle, brother-in-law and opa, Sieg is survived by his wife, Mabel; his daughter Andrea Vogt and her husband, Marco Bittelli; and daughter Anna Vowels and her husband, Jacob. Sieg had four grandchildren, Enrico and Cecilia Bittelli, and Jaxon and Elena Vowels. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Hildur Lovel, in-laws Shirley and Steve Steffen, Deborah Carlson-Lovel and Richard C. Lovel; nieces and nephews Scott and Katie Steffen, Kendra and Atle Carlson and Evan Lovel. He will be remembered as a kind and helpful man by the many close friends, neighbors and community members whose lives he touched. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother and sister.

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Resolution to amend IOTFA bylaws

The following resolution to amend the IOTFA Bylaws will be considered at the fall Annual Meeting of the IOTFA:

RESOLUTION:

Whereas the IOTFA Board of Directors finds that the existing IOTFA bylaws and policies concerning management of IOTFA district funds, records, and assets are not clear and specific, Therefore be it resolved that Article XIII be added to the bylaws containing the following:

ARTICLE XIII: All assets including monies, records, equipment, and/or other property accumulated by an IOTFA District and its membership in the name of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association, Inc. (hereinafter called IOTFA, Inc.) shall be subject to the following conditions:

A. All assets, property and records of the IOTFA, Inc. and its Districts shall be handled in accordance with the bylaws and policies of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association, Inc. in compliance with all applicable federal and Idaho State Statutes.

B. Primary: The IOTFA, Inc. Board of Directors shall retain full authority over all District assets (money, equipment, etc.), financial accounts and meeting records being held in the name of the IOTFA, Inc.

C. Secondary: The District Chairman shall be the officer responsible for all IOTFA, Inc. monies, records, property and/or equipment retained by each district during his/her tenure in office until duly replaced or until transfer of such assets to the possession of the IOTFA Inc. Board of Directors.

D. Should a district come to be without an elected chairman, the IOTFA Inc. governing board shall assume immediate control of all assets and records of the dysfunctional district until a new chairman can be elected or appointed.

E. All monetary accounts (checking, saving, etc.) within an IOTFA, Inc. District shall have a signature card with at least three access signatures on it which shall include:

1. District Chairman,
2. District treasurer, and
3. IOTFA state treasurer.

Note: these signature cards shall be reviewed and updated annually and each change of signatory shall be reported to the President.

F. All district drafts shall have two signatures, which shall be the district chairman and his/her district treasurer.

G. 30% of the net income from a district show, dance or fundraiser and 30% of all other district gross income (not including dues) shall be forwarded to the IOTFA, Inc. state treasurer. The remaining 70% of funds shall be retained by the district for its general operations.

H. 100% of the net income from state shows shall be forwarded to the state treasurer.

I. Any expenditures of District funds shall support the IOTFA's principal purpose of promoting and perpetuating old time fiddling and shall stay within the parameters set forth in Article II of the IOTFA, Inc. bylaws.

J. Annual district financial reports (standard form) shall be submitted to State President by the last day of the following February.

District 4

Busy with fun-filled activities

It's been a busy summer so far with lots of activities. Several of our group went to Hoots back in April. We (Ron and I) went over to the Rigby campout at the Cedar Park Golf Course. It was lots of fun again this year! Then, of course, Weiser was lots of fun with lots of jamming, eating and visiting with lots of other IOTFA members!

We'd like to thank our out-towners for coming to the Emmett Cherry Festival on Thursday before Weiser. It was great to have Arline Peterson from Pocatello, Tom and Katie Bonn from Carmen, and Rosalie Hawley from Salmon, along with the crew from Boise. Thanks to all of you for helping us play! Also, thanks to all of them for going to the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center for the monthly potluck/jam session on the following Saturday. For the June play, we had a very small turnout so we

really appreciated having our extra special guests help us out there as well!

Speaking of the potluck/jam at Horseshoe Bend, we may have to cancel it for July. Many of the group will be attending Vi Schiewe's 80th birthday party over in Nampa that day, and the Wild West Contest in Kuna.

Our summer picnic date will be set at our meeting this coming Tuesday,

July 6. It will be either Saturday or Sunday in middle to late August. Keep tuned for more information!

Looking forward to the upcoming Fiddlin' in the Pines campout next week from July 8-11. This year it will be north of Lowman along the South Fork of the Boise River. It should be lots of fun again this year. Hope to see lots of fiddlers up there!

—Marlene Moore

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District 4

Summer went by quickly and winter is coming on fast

The summer sure went by fast. And before we know it, we'll be in the middle of winter!

The summer has been fun. We had a good time at our annual summer picnic in the Emmett City Park on Saturday, August 28. The day started off with District Chairman Ron cooking breakfast so we could occupy the picnic pavilion area for the day. Then we had lots of good food at the picnic. By the time we started jamming, we had quite a few Emmett residents come by to listen to us. It was lots of fun.

The Fiddlin' in the Pines camp-out was lots of fun back in July. The new site north of Lowman worked out really well. The Forest Service district staff was very helpful and appreciative of our group. It was great to see such a nice turnout of our fiddlin' family.

The Horseshoe Bend Senior Center potluck/jam on Sept. 18 will be the last one until 2011. It was great to have Katie and Tom Bonn from Carmen, Idaho, join us again. We'll resume playing there again in March or April.

Election of officers was held at the August meeting. All officers were re-elected: Ron Moore as Chairman, Ken Tooley as Vice Chairman, and Glenda Rogers as Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks to everyone in the District for their help and support throughout the year.

Looking forward to the State Meeting/Convention at Hoots at the end of October. It'll be great to see everyone again, have some wonderful fiddlin' and renew friendships. Hope to see lots of you up there!

-Marlene Moore

District 5

Fiddlers enjoy playing at mountain retreat for picnic and jam session

Ava has been reminded to keep it short.

Our District continued to have jam sessions at the Eagle Senior Center. Word got out so the audience began to grow until we had a good sized crowd at each jam. But the best part was the incredible talent from the audience that came

forward to sit in and offer a tune.

Another highlight in the summer was a trip to the mountain retreat of Marion and Bob Baird for a summer picnic and jam. Food and Fun.

The fiddlers also traveled to the Burkeholder ranch to picnic and play for the Antique Tool Club.

We finally settled down for serious business and nominated Mary Lopshire for our new Chairman, Jack Moon as Co-Chairman, Betty Gull, Treasurer, Judy Van Buren as Secretary. These folks are our Energizer bunnies who already have us playing at some great places.

Bonnie Longstreth has agreed to continue her program and plays for the Boise evening members. A few members play in both groups.

Betty Gull has invited us to a monthly song practice at her home.

Thanks to all of you who have stepped forward to make it a good year.

And sadly there is one who we need to remember. Viola Courtright, 90 years, from Nampa, passed July 23. She traveled several years with District 5 and played old-time piano. Her husband, Gene, played guitar and banjo. As of today, she was one of the last of the original District 5 Old Time Fiddlers who were there when it all began.

-Ava L.



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Bad weather doesn't stop the fiddlers

Where did the summer go? I hope yours was as nice as ours.

In July we played in the Salmon River Days parade. Big success. We were the only musical float and were in a quite comfortable, horse drawn, covered wagon.

On July 4, we played at the North Fork Fire Department for their Fourth of July celebration. That is always very satisfying and fun.

The weekend of July 8, 9 and 10, found us at the "Stanley Campout" held at Lowman this year. It was a special time. The forest service personnel made us so welcome, and the entire Lowman area turned out to support the fiddlers. After the fun show on Saturday night, Carla and Katie served

their homemade ice cream and cinnamon rolls to an audience of 65 people. It was so nice to spend the entire weekend with special friends in such a beautiful place.

I think perhaps we will have our "Stanley camp out" at Lowman from now on. Those of you who couldn't come, I hope you can make it next year.

On July 15, we played for the Imperial Apartments Pizza Party. We played outside and the weather was perfect. Our friend, Arline Peterson, from District 7, was there to help us play. At the jam that followed the party, Arline brought a group of her friends. We all played and sang songs. It was much fun. Thank

you Arline.

On July 24, we played at the Clayton Museum for their celebration. The attendance was small, and it was so hot in the river canyon that it was pretty miserable. But wherever there is music, it is fun.

In August, we had our Leadore camp out. The attendance was small there, too. I counted 18 musicians when we were all together. But sometimes you are able to learn more when the group is smaller. We are thankful for all those that made it. Especially for Joe and Barbara Albert, and Roy and Anita Hoskings, whom we hadn't seen for a few years. The wind was rather bothersome at Leadore. It blew Tom and Katie's large canvas room, that we were to play in, down and bent the frame all up. The wind was so strong that it would blow our bows right off of our fiddles while we were playing. But there again, the companionship with our friends was special.

In September, we didn't have any extra plays. Just the usual, and they are every Thursday. The first Thursday of the month, we play at Discovery Care at 7 p.m., and at the Imperial Apartments recreation room at 8 p.m. The second Thursday, we play at the Bitterroot Apartments lobby at 7:30 p.m. The third Thursday sees us back at the Imperial rec room at 7:30 p.m. The fourth Thursday, we are back at the Imperial for a business meeting and jam at 7 p.m. If there is a fifth Thursday, we are back at the Imperial at 7:30 p.m.

Our elections this year were quite easy, as we elected the same folks as last year and they were all nice enough to accept. So until next time, we will see you at Hoots for the Fiddlers State Convention, on Oct. 29 and 30.

Keep up the fiddling.

-Rosalie Hawley

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Eastern Idaho fiddlers enjoy busy summer with many play dates

Howdy Fiddler's.

I've been remiss. This new schedule hardly seems worth it. By the time you get and read this "news" it will be historic. Anyway I'm going to try to do better and be more timely, and remember to do this quarterly.

As is getting to be the usual, we've had a very busy summer here in Eastern Idaho. Our usual Monday and Wednesday plays at senior apartments and living centers have been well attended and enjoyed by all who come. It seems like we get to entertain more family members, who are summer visitors.

We have to rotate some plays to every other month to get to all the places that want us to play. We've also been doing a lot of special plays at picnics, the zoo, and several farmer's markets. At this point most of us are looking for a little lighter schedule through the fall months. Some of us are even starting to think of a warmer climate a little farther south.

Laura Alderdyce (fiddle) has been out with the pooslies. We sure miss her and hope she gets back and soon.

Barbara Albert keeps bringing us new (old) tunes that she also sings very nicely. One of the latest that really tickled me was "Roll Along Prairie Moon."

We see long time OTFer Bill Fager (harmonica) regularly now as he is residing at Bona Venture, where we play monthly. He's going on 94.

Dick and Sonja Sanders have been splitting their fiddle time between the Pocatello OTF and us. We sure miss Dick's fiddling and Sonja's guitar and singing.

We elected officers at the quarterly meeting and jam, last month. Teresa is our new chairwoman, Merril Haddon (guitar) is vice chair, Charlie Lahm (banjo) is the treasurer, Barbara Albert is the secretary, and I remain the reporter.

I'm sure you read the news that Ladene Parsons passed away this summer. The Angel's band will sound a little better with Don and LaDene included.

I had a rude moment the other day. I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing. If I had any loose fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!

I just realized that by the time the next quarterly newsletter comes to you Christmas will have come and gone, so Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you.

District 9

Fiddlin' was great at 3-Rivers Campout

Hello from District 9.

Hope all of you had a good summer and are back into the swing of the fall season.

We had a good summer with less plays since we don't do our senior meal sites during this period as so many are gone on vacation, etc. But we did cover everything that was scheduled with less members playing at times. Those in attendance seemed to enjoy us whether we were many or few.

Gary and Karen, Herb and Marilyn, and Marge and Ray just got back from a two week cruise vacation and have missed out on some of the regular plays. We understand that they were all covered and now we are ready to join them. I know many were busy with activities. Dave and Tom gathered at the river with friends a couple of times for fishin' and playin' and there were others involved in trips, and just doing the fun things that go with summer.

In August several of us played for the Appaloosa Horse Club the night before their pony ride. They always serve up a nice sandwich meal for us after we play. We've

dealt with wind, rain and thunderstorms on occasion, but the weather was great this year.

The following weekend we played at Elk River Day. This includes huckleberry ice cream for all who play. And it gave some of us another opportunity to do some camping making a weekend of the event. It is always fun to add more enjoyment to a play date.

Then the third weekend of August was our 3-Rivers camping weekend. This is a fun time for all who can make it. There were between 30-40 participants including some from Grangeville and south. We camp or stay in cabins and have fun Friday through Sunday. A potluck meal of salads and desserts is served on Friday with the 3-Rivers restaurant providing delicious fried chicken. Saturday includes workshops and a fiddle show in the afternoon. Sunday is highlighted by a delicious breakfast cooked by fiddle members headed up by Gary B. and Karen, Willard and Barb, and Herb and Marilyn and several who jump in to help where needed. Whenever there is spare time one can hear fiddle music all over the campground which is always a lot of enjoyment.

In September we played for the local Farmers Market with a good turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy listening to us. This year they set up chairs by the performing area and it made it more comfortable for interested people to sit and relax for a bit. We also played for the Latah County Fair to a good group of listeners. There were some very young people dancing to our music which was very entertaining as well.

Believe it or not, that is about all I have to offer for this time. Having been gone myself and the fact that we didn't have as many plays did make for a more relaxing time, but we are now ready to enjoy our winter schedule and we are already seeing some beautiful color changes all around us.

We wish you all a happy fall and winter season and hope the holidays involved will be fun filled and enjoyed with music.

-Marge Nelson