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District 12 Newsletter – December 2014

Hello everyone from your friends in District 12.

We have had a rough December losing our beloved Rosalie Hawley on Dec. 18th to cancer. It has taken a toll on all of us, knowing it was coming for months, and then still not believing she is gone. We played for her funeral at the Baptist Church in Salmon.

You can find Rosalie's obituary at: jonesandcaseyfh.com/fh/obituaries

We had a break with Christmas and New Years Day both falling on Thursday, our regular jam day. We needed the break to get it together for the New Year 2015. Happy New Year everyone. Let's all love one another and keep playing and learning our wonderful music!

Kay Smith, Salmon
Dist. 12

Howdy from District 8. Our regular newsletter writer, Dave Schjeldahl, has hit the road for warmer weather, which leaves me to write this newsletter for the next few months. I am gonna have to talk to him about that.

We had a wonderful Christmas season with a few extra plays for the holidays. We started off with a wonderful Christmas party for our members at the home of Darryl and Chris Harris. Great food and great company. Who can ask for anything more than that? Oh yea, of course, some great music was played. We practiced our Christmas songs. You know, only playing them once a year for a month makes them a little tricky to keep polished on. But we managed to pull it off at the Christmas Celebration at the Lutheran Church in Rigby on the 20th. They held a non-denominational celebration that was very well attended. A lot of fun and

variety of music for the entire day and we got to be a part of that for about an hour. Then we took Christmas week off. We played at the Museum of Idaho on the 27th for 2 hours and had a fair amount of people walking around that seemed to really enjoy the music.

Harold Sorensen got a new knee In November. He managed to help us out a few times in December. We are certainly happy to have his singing and his Dobro back with us. He was greatly missed, but now he is able to jump tall buildings in a single jump. Well maybe not that good, but getting around pretty well.

We have taken on another venue to play for. The Teton Rehab has asked us to play for them. We will start in February and rotate every other month with them replacing Elk Creek, who just doesn't have the residence that enjoy our music any longer. It is always fun to meet new people at the places we play for and watch their faces when we play a song that brings back memories.

Charlie Lahm and Harold Sorensen had birthdays in December so we wish them a great year

Teresa is working hard on the blue book and would appreciate all the help she can get with everyone getting the biographies and photos into her by the end of January. That way, she can get them all done and brought to Hoots.

Enjoy your music for the next month and we will see you all next month in the news.
Teresa Mortensen

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Dear Idaho Old Time Fiddlers,

Would you consider adding this information in the next State Newsletter? We are looking for more fiddle contestants as well as getting the word out to potential audience.

47th annual Northwest Regional Fiddle Contest.

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Gloy Wood died at age 81 on Friday, January 23, at Generations Assisted Living & Wellness facility in Rathdrum, Idaho, where she had resided since September 2013.

Gloy was born and grew up in Driggs, Idaho. After graduating from Teton High she attended Ricks College in Rexburg. Gloy moved to Salt Lake City, San Diego and then returned to Idaho Falls where she worked at the Site until she retired. Gloy was a long time member of the Idaho Old Time Fiddler Association District 8 until she moved to Hayden, Idaho in 2001 to be closer to family members.

Gloy will be remembered for her sense of humor, her music, her love of the Tetons and the outdoors, and her enduring commitment to her sister, Trilma. Gloy is survived by her brother Keith (Marilyn) Wood of Hayden, Idaho and sister-in-law Joann Wood of Idaho Falls as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Ace Wood and Elva C. Wood of Driggs; sisters LaPreal Rinker of San Diego; Trilma Wood of Driggs; Lula Sullivan of San Diego; Afton

Fischer of Salt Lake City; and brother Acie J. Wood of Idaho Falls.

Gloy's health prevented her from returning to Driggs for many years. She will finally be returning to her favorite place--the "beautiful side of the Tetons."

Graveside services were held Wednesday, January 28, in the Driggs Cemetery.

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We have had a winter that gets more fog than the surrounding areas.

Halfway to Leadore, there is sunshine and we are socked in a few miles towards

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Challis and also North to Lost Trail. We need a good wind to blow this stuff out of here. Thank goodness for our music and jams. It isn't fair when Stanley is consistently warmer than Salmon!

Just came home from our Thurs. jam at Discovery Care Centre and then our location at Imperial Apts. Recreation Hall. We did fine without our snow birds—just not as loud. Next week, we will be at The Meadows Assisted Living from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

We have been invited to Jerry & Marian Eastman's home on Feb. 21st for our Cabin Fever Jam. It is a cheery spot at Tendoy where there will be great company and tempting finger food. Last Thurs. we jammed at Betty Morton's ranch at Carmen. She always has treats and coffee on for us. It was great to see her again as she doesn't get out much at night.

Hope you are all staying warm and have a Happy St. Valentine's Day!

Kay Smith, Salmon Dist. 12

District 8

Hello from District 8. I hope you are enjoying this wonderful winter we are having. I am writing this the first part of February and it is 58 outside in Idaho?? I don't know why but I will never complain about this especially since the mountains are doing so great with snow and water. This is the ideal winter.

That being said, District 8 is holding the 2nd annual food drive to help out our community and get the people out there to realize who we are and what we are about. Not only should we be trying our hardest to perpetuate this wonderful music, but we should all be stepping up to help our community whenever possible. This year, we are holding it at the Indoor Sports Arena in Rigby. It will hold about 300 people and plenty of room of standing after that. The students of Sites Studios will be joining us again as we all know how the public loves to listen to amazing children show their talents. This year we have Josh Partridge who holds the title for National Fanciest Fiddler and The Idaho Open Junior Champion, along with his little sister, Grace, who is the 2 time National Fiddle Champion in her age group. Also performing will be Tabitha Snell who is the Idaho State Junior Champion and the Rocky Mountain Grand champion, along with Andy Nelson, who just wrote his own symphony and he is a member of a band called Fiddling Around. (I think he stole my name)☺ Along with these wonderful soloists, we will have a large group of the students playing with us throughout the program.

This last month, we had our regular plays along with a couple of special programs. One of them being up in West Yellowstone, Montana. We won't tell the Montana group we intruded. Our own Darryl Harris was celebrating 40 years of Sno West Magazine his company has published. Snow mobiles and riders from all over the country were there and really enjoyed our music. One of the best fans was from Minnesota and he knows good music when he hears it. Mike Weeks, our shy fiddler, has taken up singing with us and has a great voice. He sang one song on Friday night and they begged for more, and then they remembered him for our Saturday

play and asked for more. His face was so red, there is a chance it could still be. But he did as they asked and did a great job. He has been with us for 4 years and hidden this talent all this time. This just goes to show that we all have talents to share and others and sometimes even ourselves sell us short.

Teresa has been working hard on the blue book and is asking any members who haven't sent their biographies and photos in to please do so. Her goal is to be done gathering by the end of February. That way she will have plenty of time to get it outlined and to the publisher and bring the books to Hoots in May. Please, chairmen, help your members get this done. Some of them do not have access to computers and need your help. Our membership has shrunk quite a bit since the last book 10 years ago and we need everyone to participate to make this book.

Until next month, enjoy this wonderful Idaho weather and may you all succeed in brightening someone's day with your talents.



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Annual ISBA Spring Super Jam:

The Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association is hosting their annual Spring Jam at the Lewis and Clark Resort in Kamiah, Idaho May 14-17, 2015. Offerings include instrument and vocal harmony workshops, Kids in Bluegrass, and open mic opportunities, with an afternoon of music on Saturday. Performances on Saturday will feature Wanigan, Higher Ground, Flat Grass, Will Williams and Gravel Road, and the Elk River Ramblers. The jam is held at the Lewis and Clark Resort in Kamiah. Cabins, motel rooms, tent camping, and RV facilities are available. For more information on accommodations, contact the resort at 208-935-2556, or check their website at: www.lewisclarkresort.com. For more information about the Super Jam, feel free to email us at isbassn@gmail.com.

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Hello everyone from your friends in District 12.

Anyone want to move to Boston? I can't complain about our weather here and we even have sun now! This next week will be WARM and we will Spring forward on Sat. night.

We were invited to Jerry & Marian Eastman's home at Tendoy on Feb. 21st for our Cabin Fever Jam. I was absent as Ed and I and our golden retriever Red were in Meridian visiting kids and grandkids. Wish I could have been in two places at once as I really missed a wonderful afternoon with 17 players and a couple extra guests. Diane and Susan's nephew Aaron Gilpin (who has a local Salmon band of his own) was there and Arlene Wolf, a local teacher, sang and played her guitar. Rich, the banjo player, kept everyone on their toes; and Doyle brought his daughter from Southern Idaho as well as her husband and son. A new addition was a Leadore High School senior girl who is learning to play the guitar.

Tomorrow night (Thurs. the 5th), we will play at Discovery Care Centre with our jam afterwards at Imperial Apts. Recreation Hall. Next week, Thurs., we will start out at The Meadows Assisted Living near the airport. We jam every Thurs. night til 10:00 p.m.

We are beginning to plan ahead and hope to be invited again to play at the annual Salmon Select Horse and Mule Sale April 10th & 11th at the Lemhi County Fairgrounds. We play in the vendor barn and the vendors seem to enjoy having us both Fri. & Sat. entertaining them for a couple hours each. Have been practicing some good music including Ozark Moon, Mocking Bird Hill and Same Silver Moon.

Let us know if you will be in town and come join us for a jam.

Kay Smith, Salmon Dist. 12

DISTRICT 8

Hello from District 8 Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. We hope you are all enjoying the nicer weather

this year in our fine State of Idaho. I know we have. We have been fairly busy this winter with our monthly plays and some special plays as well.

On February 7th, District 8 held their 2nd annual food drive benefit concert. We had the students of the local music studio join us again this year and they did a marvelous job. The food drive this year was held in Rigby, Idaho. Our little town helped us gather 10 boxes of food and \$400 for the Senior Citizens Food Bank. The students played some great songs as a group and we had some super soloists perform. The talent of these kids is amazing. We are always trying to get them to join us

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at our plays. As you can imagine, they are all very busy with their own lives so it is a slow process, but we are not giving up on that.

We also held a Valentine Day Dance in Rigby this year. Our first attempt at a dance in Rigby. It didn't go very well, but it was a great opportunity for us to jam and have a great time together as our fiddle family. We will keep trying to have dances in the area from time to time and I think once the community gets used to it, they will come.

We did have a new fellow come join us at one of our monthly plays. He is just learning the mandolin and would like to come again he said. And I also had a woman call with interest, so we will see how that goes. Hopefully, some new blood for our group.

We will certainly be happy to have our snowbirds return. They are greatly missed.

Teresa is asking for every member to get your biographies and photos in for the Blue Book asap. District chairmen, please help your life time members that can't get out to get theirs done. Most of them probably do not realize it is time again.

Keep up the good work with your fiddling efforts and have fun. Remember, the people we play for are what keep us going.

Until next month,

Hello Fiddlers

Can you believe that February is already gone!! I hope everyone is doing well. I know this last month was a hectic month with the flu season. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who are suffering medical problems or having treatments or the loss of your loved ones. We are looking forward to having you come back out and play or listen with the approaching warmer weather.

Betty Gull's East group reported that they will be meeting for their monthly practice in a different location. The name of the place is called the Spring Creek Eagle Island and the address is 3705 W Flint Drive, Garden City, Boise. They also get the building for free and with air-conditioning and the folks will also set up for us. We so appreciate this!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!. Anyone that has any questions about this , please call Betty Gull at 887-2113.

Bonnie's group (the night group) didn't have anything new to report this last February.

Jerry VanBuren's group, the West Group is staying busy and are booked for 5 plays. We are excited to entertain these folks and learn new songs.

I am hoping that everyone is taking the time to learn the new song that Leslie Beck gave to us , a Irish tune called Hundred Pipers. It is fun to play and we are please to announce that Judy Vanburen is going to play it next month in Jerrys group for her song. She does a great job performing that tune. I hope that all of us will make the effort to learn these new songs that Leslie Beck is introducing to us. Perhaps we could all play them together at the meetings.

The last meeting in January we all voted to start having our potluck start at 5:30 instead of 5:00 and then have the meeting at 6:00 and start jamming when the meeting is over. WE hope that this will make it easier for the folks to be able to attend the potluck where we all can socialize and eat together.

There isn't much to report for the district 5 this time, so everyone keep a song in your heart and a smile on your face and keep fiddling around.

Your reporter
Linda Lyle District 5



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District 8 news

Hello from sunny Eastern Idaho. Well, mostly sunny anyhow. We have unseasonably warm weather which I for one am enjoying. I hope I don't jinx it by saying that.

We have some unexpected interest in our group which is very welcome. We have one new member, Joe Cohea, that sings and is just learning to play the Mandolln. He is taking lessons from a great teacher and I think he will be great very soon. Mauna Kerswell has taken up the bass. Her husband was already a member so she decided to join in. She is doing great.

We have also had about 3 other show up from time to time. . Hopefully they will come and join our district.

Our annual Rigby campout is the First weekend in June. The 5-7th and we are hoping all will come to that and enjoy a great time with us.

Our snowbirds are slowing returning to the nest. I did say slowly right? Some won't be back until May!! That is not even winter anymore. Oh well, we miss them and it will be good to have them back.

Don't forget Hoots the weekend of May 1-3. For all of you who have never come, you need to come experience Hoots. And for those of you that love it like me, we will see you there.

NEWS FOR DISTRICT 5 April 2015

Not much was reported for the month of March; However, we have to note that we had several beautiful, sunny days in March and Hopefully we can have a lovely spring month in April.

We have one birthday that was mentioned at the April meeting and his

name is Virgil Smitcher. He is turning 90 years old and he would like everyone to help him to celebrate this wonderful occasion on Saturday, May 2nd at 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Eagle Senior Center in Eagle Idaho. Hope everyone can attend this wonderful occasion. He also requested "no gift"s.

Jerry VanBuren, you were missed this last

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week and hopefully you are feeling better now. Everyone gave you a high five for the work you did while filling in for our chairman, Jack Moon. Great job well done!!!!!!

Leslie Peck has provided us with 2 songs in which to learn and they are Florence Kellen's Waltz and Otis Howard Schottische. I hope that we all will take the time to practice these songs and learn them well. Leslie will be making copies for these songs each month and bringing them to the meeting, therefore, all of you will be able to have a copy. Our chairman, Jack Moon, is trying to get all the bugs worked out so those folks who want their songs sent to you via e-mail will get them.. Patience!!!!

Several suggestions are being made to help support the fiddlers. These suggestions will be talked about more as time passes on in which we make some contacts and find out the proper information in which we can carry these ideas forward. Jack is checking into all these things, so perhaps by the next meeting we will have some solid information to share with everyone.

Jack gave out great 6 great tips for a successful play and they are as follows:

1. Tune your instrument before the play begins.
2. Know the song and the key in which you are going to play before performing.
3. People playing in the background for back up, play softly so you don't over power the performer.
4. While performing listen to the beat and stay on it.
5. Pay attention and know when it is your turn to get up to the mic to perform.

6. Do your part at the end of the play and help take down the equipment and help carry items to the proper place and to help where rooms need to be put back in order, such as chairs and tables.

I think these are all great ideas and will be a great help to everyone involved.

We want to remind everyone of the meeting and jam session on May 2nd and 3rd at Hoots. Get your reservations in early and come out and have lots of fun fiddling, socializing and eating. Someone also told me their would be dancing.... hum, hope that is true!!

I want to remind everyone if there is anything you want to be put in the newsletter each month, please feel free to call me at 208-830-1278 (Linda Lyle). I don't want to leave anyones news OUT.

Keep a fiddle song in your heart and a smile on your face while playing a tune!!!

Your District 5 Reporter Linda Lyle



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Hello from District 8

Well the weather is warming up and we are getting outside more and I, for one, am totally happy about that.

We had a wonderful warm weekend at Hoots this last weekend and there was jamming outside as well as inside. We had a better turnout this weekend at Hoots I think and that makes it all the better. There were 9 of us, 9, from district 8. That is a great turnout. We loved bringing more people and showing them how fun it is to be there with people from all over the State and play music with so many of them. The dances are always fun to play for and Darryl Harris even got brave enough to get up on the stage during the afternoon show and perform with the help of Monty, Teresa and Ted. Terry and Mauna Kerswell had a great time and Mauna played more bass than she knew she could. Fun was had by all.

This month of May, we are very busy with our monthly plays and several others, including a luncheon for the cancer center, the weavers and spinners annual convention and an open house at retirement home. That is 4 plays a week for a couple of weeks this month.

District 8 is growing and we are loving it. We have so many wonderful dedicated musicians with us now and we are playing very well together. At least in our opinion.

Our snowbirds are all home now and we will be using them again to the best of our ability. Dave will be back in line with the newsletter.

The blue book is coming along and thanks to some great helpers, I am getting most of the biographies in. Many thanks to all of them.

Happy fiddling and we will see ya on down the trail

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Fiddling at the Bonn's

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Hello everyone from your friends in District 12.

Regular plays at Discovery Care Centre and The Meadows Assisted Living are on our agenda the first two Thursdays of each month. We are warmly welcomed at both places and enjoy the residents. Then we are off to jam til 10:00 p.m. normally at the recreation hall at the Imperial Apartments.

Our plays at the annual Salmon Select Horse and Mule Sale April 10th & 11th at the Lemhi County Fairgrounds were interesting this year. We played in the vendor barn and the vendors seem to enjoy having us both Fri. & Sat. entertaining them and the public for a couple hours. We were sponsored again by Val Brackett and Nikos Monoyios of Eagle Valley Ranch. We sure do appreciate them.

Had some reports from attendees who travelled to Hoots for the big meeting and jams in North Idaho the first part of May. They always enjoy themselves there.

Now some are looking forward to the campout in Rigby at Cedar Park June 5-7 always in honor of Bev Kirkpatrick who we miss so much. Our campout in Salmon is in August—don't forget!!

At our meeting May 28th, it was okayed to play for the Farmers Market in Salmon once a month

during the summer. That will be June 13, July 25, August 22 and September 26th (as it stands today)—all Saturdays from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Come join us! We will also be playing at the little park behind the bear sculpture on Main St. on Thursday evenings during warm weather. Can't wait!! Some are looking forward to Weiser June 22-28. What fun!!!

We had a visitor from Boise Thurs. night, May 28th, for the meeting and jam. Most of you know him as "Little" Jimmie Dixon. We enjoyed his playing and singing so much. Thanks, Jimmie.

Let us know if you will be in town and come join us for a jam.

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Kay Smith, Salmon

District 9 ___March, April, May 2015

WOW, DID THAT TIME GO FAST!

Greetings from District 9, and I got a bit behind on doing a Newsletter --- again! Don't know where the last 3 months went, but it is June 1st and it is what it is. Will be officially summer before we know it. We have been experiencing a lot of rain storms with heavy rain and also dealing with lightening and thunder. Feel like I'm in Seattle. But hope your fiddle outings are going well.

In March we had our usual schedule of play sites including Sr. lunches, and Sr. living centers with the exclusion of one site that had dwindled to only a few people coming out to listen to us. We checked with the facility and found it would be better to not play at the location for the time being. We also continued practice for the live music fiddle square dance which is coming up in May. A reporter from the Lewiston Tribune came up to one of our play sites and afterwards talked to several of the member to make a write-up about our group in the 360 insert which appeared in the paper. There were several pictures of the group and many positive comments were made.

In April we enjoyed playing for our regular sites and also for Deary Sr. Meal and Troy Sr. Meal which we only play for a couple of times a year. We also played at Court Yard Senior Center in Colfax which we added last month and it has turned out to be one of the biggest gatherings we play for. They certainly seem to enjoy us and we feel the same.

May turned out to be our busiest month yet. In addition to the regular play sights we enjoyed 3 special events. The first play date was for the wedding of one of our members, Amy Hetrick, now Hamill, who had not been able to play for quite a while as she has been too busy with work -- and getting ready for her wedding. Those of us who could, attended her wedding which was so special as she is one of our youngest members and such a delight. Then we played for her reception which was at a local county park and turned out to be a great jam fest. Additional fiddler members joined in at the park. Several members continued to play after we enjoyed a fine meal later in the afternoon.

Towards the end of the month we had 2 play sites on the same day which made for quite a day for all. Our longest time fiddler, Clarence Howard, celebrated his 100th Birthday at a local meeting facility in Moscow and we were honored to play for the reception. Clarence now lives at Whitman Center in Pullman which is one of our regular play sites and he is not able to play fiddle any longer, but always comes out to listen to us and we have a chance to say hi before we have to head out as that day occurs on our 3 play sites day. He is always smiling and keeping us on our toes to play it right.

Then after months of practice we played for the local Palouse Promenaders Square Dance Club that evening after the birthday party. There was a great turnout and it was a lot of fun. Our caller, Gary Potratz, and Gary Bloomfield, Herb Jeffers and I all belong to the square dance club, but for that night we played. It would be fun to get to dance, but seeing all those smiling faces and enjoying

there delight makes it all worthwhile to be playing. It is a different play situation as we usually only play through a song 2-3 times when at a regular site. For the dance we have to play the song many times and at a much faster pace. Mabel Vogt who always heads up the practices and play for the dance has her metronome on to help us keep together. Thank you, Mabel. It was certainly a fun evening.

We ended the month with Moscow Sr. Meal Site and it along with most of the other meal site play dates will be cancelled for the summer as so many of our group are off doing summer things and it is hard to have a good group available to play. We will begin again in September and they will be ready for us.

Also wanted to report that Lou Stevens, our very long time piano player and singer, has moved to Kelso, WA with her son and wife to have more care since she is needing help with daily activities and can no longer live alone. She is now 92 and has been a very loyal member for many years. She is quite a great piano player as well. We wish her the best.

That about does it for the last 3 months and now we head into summer and look forward to many activities ahead. We will be having our District 9 Fiddlers Retreat at the Lewis/Clark Resort near Kamiah on Aug. 21-23. There will be lots of fiddlin and fun. Hope you can attend and enjoy with us. Until next Newsletter, hope your fiddlin time is the best!!

Marge Nelson, Secretary

Howdy From District 8 June 7th, 2015

Howdy From District 8. I'm baack. Yup, it finally warmed up for us, but we bought a place in St. George so come a nasty, windy, cold October day we'll be heading south again. Til then you'll be hearing from me.

1st off we had a good bunch head up to Hoot's for the spring meeting and we'll probably hear all about it at our annual meeting this Tuesday, June 9th at Leo's restaurant. Jamming follows the business meeting. All are welcome.

We held the sixth annual Fiddler's Camp Out at Cedar Park Golf course, near Ririe, Idaho. We had great weather, a great bunch of fiddlers from all over the state and great food. Friday was arrival day and set up for the campers. And we had great jamming. We mustered up a potluck supper with District 8 providing the chicken. Karlene Crowe's dessert was a BIG hit along with Charlie's pies. The only catastrophe was Ted's cats got Charlie's pulled pork. Catastrophe plus time equals humor. Charlie didn't think it was too funny and the cats aren't talking.

We moved down to the inside shop for a jam session with about 50- that's right, 50 people in attendance. We had to enlarge the circle about three times to get everybody included. We had to set up the sound system to get the leader heard, but it all worked out until late into the night.

We kicked off Saturday with a good breakfast thanks to Darryl- pancakes, Monte-bacon, Harold-eggs and others for juice, donuts and coffee. After ever body was too full we adjourned to naps and

the putting course. The stakes were high on the course with three returning champions; Ted, Darryl and Harold. The tension was electric, interrupted by giggling, hooting and hollering. After some serious math, a new champion was crowned- me! Well enough.

Next we headed into Rigby to put on a concert in the Park. Rain threatened and the wind blew but we played to a small, but appreciative crowd. A couple of brave souls even dance in the grass. There were too many musicians for us to perform all at once so we split the group and shared the show. We all came together for a finale of a patriotic tune, a gospel tune and ended up with our state song.

We headed back to Cedar Park for more jamming and the BBQ ribs dinner that has become a great tradition at the camp out. Yum, YUM!!!! Thanks to Greg and crew. After dinner we headed to the shop for more jamming. Again, new faces showed up- one of which was Steve Parks who used to be from Twin. What a pleasure to catch up with Steve and to hear him play. I left about ten, but I'm told that the night was pretty well used up before the rest quit.

Sunday brought about a Dutch oven breakfast- thanks Tom and helpers. The traditional Gospel Circle followed. The numbers were thinned but the spirit was strong. I guess you could call us the "Hard Core". But such good times with such good people. We can safely say that a "good time was had by all". I don't know the dates for the 2016 camp out, but I'd recommend that you mark the first weekend in June and plan to attend. My hat is off to Teresa and all her helpers for a great fiddling weekend.

I want to take note that Sonja Sanders, from Blackfoot, has rejoined us. She does such a great job on guitar and sings some really great songs. I'm glad you're back Sonja.

Well, I'm hanging up now. Is anyone reading this? I hope so.

The daily tip; when you lick the frosting off a cupcake you have a muffin. And muffins are good for you. You're welcome!

Stay well and keep on fiddlin'

Adios, David Schjeldahl



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Howdy From District 8 July 5th, 2015

Another June has slipped by. And it was a hot one. It's been so hot everyone was wearing sweat pants.

But we kept cool by attending the Cedar Park Campout, playing for our cool residents at our Monday and Wednesday plays and throwing in three extra plays. One play was for three hours at the Boot Barn where we, literally, had people dancing in the street. June 27th we played for two hours at the Downtown Farmer's Market and then at the Rigby Lake Freedom Celebration. It was hot but the crowds were big and appreciative.

We had a nice surprise for our monthly play at the Fairwinds Senior Center. Jean Hardman and Arlene Peterson from the Pocatello Fiddler's dropped in to join us.

We also took two trips to Island Park to Darryl's cabin where we played for two different groups of folks from the area. We are scheduled for a two-day tour to Harriman State Park this month. It is always refreshingly beautiful up there as well as cooler. Darryl Harris is always a gracious host.

An aside is that Darryl Harris just released his sixth book, entitled "Finding Zarahemla". It's about the theft of a ten million dollar racehorse. Look for it soon at your favorite bookstore.

We held our June jam and business meeting at Leo's Pizza on the 9th. This month's jam and meeting is schedule for Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 pm at Leo's. We take care of business first and then we jam. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Stay well and keep on fiddlin'

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Howdy From District 8 **August 3rd, 2015**

I always look forward to summer but then end up wishing it was a little more spread out. July has been a very busy month for us, but we're gonna make it. We had seventeen plays this month including a rodeo in McCammon, a Farmer's Market in IF, an RV Park, the 50th birthday celebration for Harriman State Park up in Island Park and a summer party along with all of our regular Monday and Wednesday plays. Whee!!!! I guess I'm just feeling a little older. The good news is that wrinkles don't hurt but everything else does.

I am looking forward to the dog days of summer and August, the only month of the year that doesn't have a holiday in it. Maybe we'll sloooow down a bit.

Harold's postscript on the monthly calendar was "Never grumble. It makes you about as welcome as a sidewinder in a cow camp." OK, I'm done rattlin'- for now.

The summer party was at Darryl's and the occasion was a

three-peat
birthday
celebration for
Darryl, Terry
and Bob. They
are all doing
well as they age
and we
reminded them
(and us) that age
only really
matters if you
are a cheese or a
wine. About 25
of us helped
them celebrate.
We ate and

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jammed.

More good news is that we had visits from Martin Fewkes and from Katie Bonn. It's always a pleasure to have these two come by. Thanks for droppin' in and come back real soon.

Some of our bunch are making plans to attend the Salmon Campout, scheduled for August 7th -9th. I haven't been able to make it yet, but I hear the stories and have it on my bucket list. It sounds like a great time with lots of jammin' and eatin'.

I asked my wife, "Where do you want to go for our anniversary?" It warmed my heart to see her face melt in appreciation. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said.

So I suggested, "How about the kitchen?" That's when the fight started.

Remember, laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.

Stay well and keep on fiddlin'.

Adios, David Schjeldahl



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District 12 Newsletter – June, July & August 2015

Hello again from all of us here in District 12—Salmon area. Time really does fly by when we are fiddling and having so much fun. Something new for us this summer has been playing once a month for the Sat. Farmers Market in Town Square Park in the pavillion by the Salmon River. We had two plays there on Saturday during our campout August 7-9. The campout was held at Salmon Meadows Campground again. Food was delicious Friday, Saturday and Sunday as always—so many nice potluck dishes to accompany the meat provided by Dist. 12. We appreciate those of you who travelled to Salmon to be with us and share our wonderful music again.

The following weekend on the 15th, we were asked to play for Heritage Days at the Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Educational Center. Heritage Days, 14th & 15th is an annual event to celebrate the Lewis and Clark Expedition entering this area and Sacajawea's people the Agai'Dika Shoshone-Bannock. With the fires flaring up in the mountains, it was a smoke-filled event but still worth our effort. There are a growing number of entertaining events happening for the public during Heritage Days so you might want to come for that sometime. You could spend an

entire week with us for both events.

Of course, we always play at both Discovery & The Meadows Care Centers. Looking forward, we will be playing at Town Square Park on Sept. 19th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for a fundraiser for our new public library building being built on Main St. It is such a wonderful addition for our little city. Then, on the 26th we will be again at the Farmers Market, weather permitting, for the last one of the year.

We hope you are all playing wonderful music, and stay happy.

Kay Smith

Dist. 12

Howdy From District 8 September 1st, 2015

Well, no let up for the August schedule. We had eleven regular scheduled plays at Senior Centers and the Teton Rehab Center.

Then we threw in a Farmer's Market in downtown Idaho Falls at the Key Bank by the falls. Add to that a steak fry at the Harris' home for a church social, Senior Day at the Zoo and an appearance at the Jefferson County Fair in Rigby, Idaho. So much for the Dog Days of Summer lightening our

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schedule. We will have to see what September brings, what with school starting, County Fair time and the temperature cooling some.

Tip For The Day- Remember to learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

We will have our monthly business meeting and jam session at Leo's Pizza in Idaho Falls on Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 7:00 pm. If you're coming, come early and eat. They support us with room use. We should support them. The business meeting will begin at 7:00 pm with the jam/practice session to follow. The meeting will include our annual election of officers. Our jam session is really an opportunity to try out new tunes, songs and material so we can be a little tighter for our performances.

We found out some really good information about zoos when we played for Sr. Day there. Old Joe filled me in on the differences between northern zoos and zoos in the south. In the northern zoos each animal display has a sign on the front telling what the animal is, and below that is a description of their habit and diet. In the southern zoos each display has the name of the animal and right below is a recipe telling how to prepare it.

One play I'm really looking forward to this month is at the Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone Park. We'll be here on Friday, Sept.

18th from 2 -4 pm. What a special place to share our Old Time Fiddle Music.

And as Buck and Roy say, "May your pleasure be many, your troubles be few". Stay well and keep on Fiddlin'

Adios, David Schjeldahl

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FRANKS

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District 9
June, July 2015

IN THE SWING OF SUMMER

Howdy from District 9! This newsletter will be for June and July even though we are well into August as I write this. Time just gets away. But August is not over and I will report about that in the next newsletter. As I write this, we are dealing with smoke from the fires all around Washington, and Northern Idaho. It has been quite an undertaking and much concern for so many who are fighting fires and others hoping their homes will still be there when all is over. Our prayers continue for all of those involved.

In June we began our summer schedule which cut back on many of the play sites we usually play for, mostly the meal sites during the day as so many are gone for outings during the summer leaving us with a very small group. We did play for Good Sam and the Tri-Play date where we either play for Whitman or Avalon, Pullman Sr. Meal, and Circle of Caring.

Two of our members, Debbie and Mabel attended Weiser for the fiddle contest. Mabel snagged 4th in her division and Debby said it was enjoyable to just be able to play with so many great fiddlers. Also, Marge McFaul who used to play with us before moving to Spokane was awarded the honor of being the oldest player at the contest this year which she has always wanted to win. She is 90!

July found us again playing for Good Sam and the Tri-Play date, but Bishop Place was a little different this time. In the past we have been playing for their BBQ/Tractor Show, but this year they decided to have Root Beer Float night and man, what a turnout! It was held outdoors which we were a bit worried about since the temperatures had been in the high 90's, etc. for quite a while. They had done research and had us standing in shade

the whole time with a cool breeze going into the evening. There was a great turnout with people seated above us, in front of us, and below us. All enjoyed sipping floats and we were delighted to enjoy one ourselves when finished.

We will be into more plays in August, but I will report on that in the next newsletter. We are scheduled to play for Elk River Days which is always a good time and includes a free huckleberry ice cream cone. They also have a BBQ and invite the fiddlers to partake as well which is always very good.

So that about does it for June and July. Will give you details on the retreat we are scheduled to have in August in the next newsletter. It's not as we had planned, but it will be a good time. We wish you the best as we continue through the rest of summer and may you be enjoying many happy occasions to fiddle with friends and entertain wherever you can.

Marge Nelson, Secretary

Howdy from District 8,
Sept 29th, 2015

Whee! It's Fall. And that long hot summer that I thought would never end has ended.

Another summer has come and mostly gone. They sure go by fast. I think I'd like summer better if it was a little more spread out. We had thirteen plays and our annual meeting/jam session this month. We did our usual Monday and Wednesday plays a senior centers and rest homes as well as a very special play on Friday

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Sept. 18th in the Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone Nat'l Park. What a cool place to play and share our music. We had folks from around the world stop and listen, and a few danced on their way through. What a treasure!

We also played for a Harvestfest commercial fair and Mountain View hospitals employee and family night at the zoo. The alpacas and the Kookaburras are getting accustomed to our music

Our business meeting/jam session was Sept. 15th at Leo's Pizza in Idaho Falls. We elected officers and talked about the upcoming IOTF meeting at Hoot's. Several of our crew will be taking the long trek up to Northern Idaho to attend. Officers remain pretty much the same with one exception- Mauna Kerswell (bass) will be the new vice chairperson. Chair- Teresa Mortensen, treasure- Val Crow, secretary- Karlene Crow. Harold Sorensen will continue to do the calendar and yours truly will continue as newsletter reporter.

The leaves are starting to turn and the nights are cooler. That usually means canning and hunting- BUT it also means politics is in the air. More at the national level this year- well, more republican presidential primary- what a sad mess! And the election is still 13 months away. All of them have something to offer and some of them are offering everything! The big question is 'HOW'

I was at a family gathering last week and overheard three of my female relatives talking, so I listened in and this is what I heard.

My Niece- "I'm gonna marry a doctor so I can stay well for nothing."

My Cousin- "I'm gonna marry a grocer so I can eat for nothing."

My sister-in-law- "I'm gonna marry a preacher so I can be good for nothing."

If things are getting you down let me suggest that you take a drive in the country to view the natural beauty that only Fall can bring. I thank the Lord that I live in Idaho and look forward to one more Fall every year. Better yet, take your fiddle and add some fiddle tunes to the spectacle of Fall.

"May your troubles be less, your blessings more,

And may nothing but happiness, come through your door." Adios, David

DISTRICT 5
SEPTEMBER 2015

Hello Fiddlers:

Hope everyone had a fun summer and learned some new fiddle songs to share with your fellow fiddlers.

First, I would like to make some corrections to the May newsletter. It was brought to my attention that the fiddle practices are being held at Betty Gulls home and not at Pat Ramages home. Feel free to call Betty if you need directions and any other information concerning the fiddle practice. Her number is [208-887-2113](tel:208-887-2113).

Second I said Toni Thornton's husband's name was Bob and his name is Al. Al passed away a few weeks ago and we all miss him very much. Toni our prayers are with you and your family.

Third, the campout that was held up by Lowman this summer was put on by District 5 but is an Idaho State Fiddlers Campout.

The Baird jam was a real "hit" again this year!!! Everyone had a super time. We would like to thank the Bairds for opening their home to all of us fiddlers. Also we would like to thank everyone that brought food and presented their talents .

The big jam at Hoots is October 1-3, 2015. Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun event. This year there will be free Mandolin, Fiddle, Banjo, and Bass lessons given by various out of state instructors. There will be a sign up sheets and times of classes in the meeting room. The show will begin at 7 pm to show everyone what we all learned.

There is a brochure that you can get by email or hard copy. Contact Jack Moon for more information.

At the September meeting officers were elected and they are as follows:

Chairman.....Jack Moon
Secretary.....Shirley Moon
Treasurer.....Mary Lopshire
Co-Chair..... Jerry VanBuren
 Betty Gull
 Bonnie Longstreth
Historian.....Pat Ramage
Reporter.....Linda Lyle

Lets all give these people our support to make this a great year!!!

Shirley Moon has set up a folder that will have email addresses and changes that have been made. We would like to have everyone check this out to assure that your email is correct.

I guess this sums up the month of happenings. If anyone has any information they would like to share in the paper please give me a call before the next letter is due . I can be reached at the following number. [208-830-1278](tel:208-830-1278).

Remember to keep a song in your heart and a smile on your face to help make someone else's day a brighter one.....

Your reporter

Linda Lyle



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District 8

Winter must be here because our normal newsletter writer, Dave Schjeldahl, has flown the coop. Not a trace of him left here in Idaho. He told us goodbye for about 3 plays, so naturally, we really didn't think he would really leave us, but I do believe he did. He is officially in Utah for the winter. So for the next 6 months, unless I can recruit someone, you are stuck with me.

The summer was terribly busy so for the month of October, we took about 2 weeks off while some of us played elsewhere. Spent a week on Lake Powell with Tom and Katie Bonn and some of the co-horts from winter months and had a fabulous time. Learned some new tunes I am working on. I think the entire group loved the break. Now I would like to go back down there, cuz as I type, it is snowing outside my window. Not a lot, but I can see it and I am nowhere ready for that.

We lost a dear old friend and a life time member at the end of October. Bill Radtke passed away in Jerome, Idaho. The family had the funeral here in Idaho Falls, and many of us that knew and played with Bill, played a couple of his favorite tunes at the service and then jammed for a while afterwards. The family was very appreciative.

And I hear from the Salmon group, that they have lost 2 of their members. We here in District 8 would like to send our condolences to the families and our support to the fiddlers. Diane Spaeth will be greatly missed as well as Kay Smith's husband.

The holidays are coming whether we like it or not and it is time to practice the Christmas tunes again here in our district. We already have some special plays lining up for the month of December. So buckle down and get ready.

Those of us that went to Hoots and attended the workshops there were very happy and impressed with our teachers. Mike & Tari Conroy and Fred & Emily Frank. A little of something was available for anyone that wanted it. Looking forward to the repeat of workshops at the May meeting at Hoots.

The bluebooks were passed out at the fall convention at Hoots as well. Hopefully everyone is enjoying them.

Until next month, Happy Thanksgiving. Stay warm and enjoy each other's company. Life is too short to waste a moment

Teresa Mortensen

It is with a heavy heart that I am sending the following news about our dear Dianne Spaeth and the love of my life, my husband Ed Smith: they both were assigned hospice care on Oct. 19th, officially after visiting their oncologist Dr. Francisco on his monthly visit to Salmon from Pocatello. Both were cared for by Hospice of Salmon Valley just three days before their deaths--Ed on Oct. 31, 2015 and Dianne on Nov. 2, 2015.

Scott Spaeth and I have wonderful friends and families, including our fiddling family, who have been so supportive throughout our journeys with cancer. The services will be held on the 6th of November. Ed's will be held at the Elks Lodge at 1:00 p.m., and Dianne's will be at the cemetery at 4:00 p.m. with a meal following at the Eagles Lodge. The fiddlers will play Matchbox Blues for Ed and three tunes for Dianne: Each Tear You Cry

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Ed Smith Obituary

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Just thought you would all want to know,

Kay Smith Dist. 12

Obituaries

Dianne Gilpin Spaeth was born February 6, 1950, in Salmon, Idaho to Clarence (C.L.) and Deloris Jean (Berry) Gilpin. She was the oldest of four children belonging to the Gilpin family, and graduated from Salmon High School in 1968. Dianne spent her entire life as a resident of the Salmon River Valley enjoying family, the community, and the surrounding nature.

During her youth, Dianne was active in 4-H and county fair activities. This interest and dedication stemmed from her grandparents Harold and Thelma Gilpin. The ongoing 4-H activities lead to many lifelong relationships which provided opportunity to grow and develop into a leader for the Lemhi community. With these skills and passion, she mentored and groomed the youth for the life skills they would need to make them successful as they grow into teens, young adults, and beyond.

In the summer of 1966, "the new kid in town", a lanky blonde, caught Dianne's eye. She had her eyes fixed on him from the very start and was early to state, "I know this will be the man I marry". Scott and Dianne were married February 15, 1969. Into this union came two children, Amye Lynn and Randal Scott.

Dianne always had a strong adoration for the art of caring. Post high school and into her early adult years, Dianne worked at Casabello Nursing Facility. Her work began in the kitchen cooking meals to suit the special dietary requirements of the elders who knew this facility as their home. Later on, she cross trained into the CNA role providing compassionate care to the elders and their family members.

In 1978, Dianne took on a new interest and began doing floral design at Holland Floral in Salmon. It was there that she began a lifelong business

relationship with April (Aldous) LaMont as they took next steps in buying out the business, and eventually moving it into the downtown area. The Floral Plaza would flourish for over 30 years. Many of the Lemhi County weddings, funerals, prom and other special events had floral designs that were inspired from the talented and creative minds of this team. In 2013, with retirement around the corner, the ladies sold the business and began working part time teaching others in the community how to grow their floral business.

Engrained in a musical family, during her adult years, Dianne began to learn fiddle tunes on a hand crafted instrument created and gifted by her father. She adored playing for the community with the Old Time Fiddlers, teaching the youth privately in her home and competed in state opportunities. One of her passions was playing music in her home as her husband accompanied her on the mandolin. On special occasions, she was afforded the opportunity to play music with her children and other family members in a group setting which were always cherished moments.

Dianne is survived by her husband Scott Spaeth of nearly 47 years; children Amye (Dan) Gilio of Grain Valley, Missouri, Randy (Stacey) Spaeth; of Malta, Idaho; 7 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren; siblings: Sandra (Bruce) Redman of Boise, Idaho, Susan (Otis) Stout of Salmon, Idaho, Harold (Karen) Gilpin of Gibbonsville, Idaho; numerous nieces and nephews.

Dianne passed away on Monday, November 2, 2015 at the age of 65 years. She was preceded in death by her parents CL and Deloris Gilpin along with both sets of grandparents in the Gilpin and Berry family line.

Family and friends are welcome to attend the graveside services held in the Salmon Cemetery at 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2015. The family invites you to also join them for a dinner provided immediately following the graveside service at the Eagles Hall and to share memories of Dianne. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Jones & Casey Funeral Home of Salmon, Idaho. www.jonesandcaseyfh.com

Ed F. Smith

(September 14, 1944 - October 31, 2015)

Edgar F. Smith, 71, a third generation Lemhi County native, passed away peacefully Saturday, October 31, 2015, at home surrounded by his family.

Smith was born September 14, 1944, in Salmon, Idaho, to Edgar Whitson Smith and Gladys Pattee Smith. He was raised on a small ranch on the Lemhi River near Salmon, graduating from Salmon schools with honors in 1962. Immediately after graduation, he enlisted in the Air Force with his first duty station at the Univ. of Syracuse learning the Russian language. After stops in Texas and Nevada, he was assigned to Rhine Main

Air Base in Germany in 1964. His primary area of focus was Iran, Turkey, and with many TDY's to Greece, flying missions over the Black Sea and Mediterranean, while receiving air medals with oak leaf clusters.

In 1965, Smith returned on leave to Salmon to marry the love of his life, Kay Thompson, taking her back to Germany. After completing five years in the Air Force, they left Germany in 1967 with a new baby girl to attend the Univ. of Idaho. Three years later, upon graduation, they moved with their daughter and new baby boy to Southern California, where he worked for Guy F. Atkinson Construction, Co. where he was on a project widening the freeway into Mexico. A second son arrived before their move to Idaho Falls, Idaho, a closer step back home.

After a year in Idaho Falls, they returned home to Salmon in 1972 and Smith started a new venture, Ed Smith Insurance and Real Estate, selling it in 1995. During those years, he started his second agency located in Challis and also built and owned the Challis carwash.

He started a new firm, Smith Appraisal Service, Inc., appraising residential real estate until his retirement in 2007. He was a private pilot, owning 3 airplanes over a 20 year period. He was a Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge and served Lemhi County as their volunteer airport manager for 10 years. Smith was the 1987 president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Idaho and had a CIC designation (Certified Insurance Counselor).

Smith loved his family, friends, dogs, the mountains and the Salmon and Lemhi Rivers. His favorite pastimes were golf, reading, playing cards, and fishing for steelhead in the Salmon River. His drift boat was a common site from October through March every year. He could be found most mornings at the barber shop having coffee with his friends. Smith leaves his wife of 50 years, Kay and their three children, Kathy (Ron) Radford of Meridian, Idaho, Eric Smith of Salmon, Idaho, and Kevin (Erin) Smith of Boise, Idaho, seven grandchildren, one great grandchild, sister Ann Barron of Boise, Idaho, brother Jordan (Mary) Smith of Salmon, Idaho, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2015 at the Salmon Elks Lodge, with a viewing at noon. Burial will be under the auspices of American Legion Lloyd Shaw Post #67 at the Salmon Cemetery, with reception following at the Elk's lodge. The family would like to thank friends, family, and Hospice of Salmon Valley for kindness and support as they comforted Smith and his family in his final days. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Salmon Elk's Lodge, Salmon Public Library or Hospice of Salmon Valley.

Buried in his favorite golf attire, with his favorite steelhead rod and reel, because as Smith said, "you never know." Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Jones & Casey Funeral Home of Salmon, Idaho. www.jonesandcaseyfh.com



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William Radtke

William "Bill" H. Radtke went home to be with the Lord Jesus on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015, at DeSano Place Village in Jerome, Idaho, with family by his side. He was 80 years old.

Bill was born to Harold and Dorothy Radtke on Jan. 6, 1935, in Marinette, Wis. The Radtke family later resided in Beaver Dam, Wis. He was the youngest of three children,



Radtke



having two older sisters, Shila and Beverly. At age 8, his family moved to Bremerton, Wash., where his dad worked in the naval yard. Bill graduated from Bremerton High School in 1953.

He attended Washington State College (WSU), where he earned a degree in chemical engineering. At Washington State, he met his college sweetheart, Janice Kruegel.

He and Jan were married in her hometown of Wenatchee, Wash., on June 22, 1957, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2007. The young couple moved to Richland, Wash., where Bill worked for Westinghouse. During this time, he served six months of active duty training for the National Guard at Ford Ord, Calif. Later,

Bill accepted a position at Argonne National Laboratory in Idaho as a systems engineer. He and Jan moved to Idaho Falls and raised their family of three children, Josie, Michelle and Corey. He retired from Argonne in June of 1994.

Bill and his family remained in Idaho Falls for many years, and he made lifelong friendships. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior while in his 30s and shared the gospel of Christ with his family and all those that God brought across his path. He was an active member of St. Paul's Methodist Church. Some of the gifts he shared in ministry were music, teaching Sunday school of all ages and leading various outdoor activities.

Bill was a talented musician on guitar, mandolin, banjo, etc. He had a particular love of bluegrass and bluegrass Gospel. He played with various bands, including Mountain Echo, The Glory Land Band, From the Heart and the Old Time Fiddlers. He was an outdoorsman from an early age and had an appreciation for the mountains, especially the Tetons. Some of his favorite times were spent sharing the outdoors while mountain climbing, camping, hunting, fishing and cross-country skiing with his family and friends. He served as a Nordic ski patrolman and loved skiing the beautiful mountain trails of Harman State Park.

A special smile was reserved for children, and he really enjoyed being with all his grandchildren

whether he was fishing with them or just plain being grandpa. Anyone who was blessed to know Bill, knew he loved the Lord, was a man of his word and would give of himself to help others. His brilliant blue eyes, easy smile and sense of humor will not be forgotten.

We love you, and we will sure miss you, Dad. However, we rejoice that you are in God's presence, where there is fullness of joy!

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; and his wife, Jan.

He is survived by his three children, Josie (Darrin) Gott, Michelle Muller and Corey (Michelle) Radtke; his grandchildren, Kerstin, Justin, Franz, Johanna, Isaac, Henry and Samuel; and his great-grandchildren, Christian and Mallory.

The family would like to thank the staff and administration of Brookdale/Wynwood of Twin Falls, DeSano Place Village in Jerome and Horizon Home Health & Hospice for their love, support and care they gave our dad and family during the past four years. We extend a special thank you also to Dr. Lohmann and his staff for the excellent care.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 1730 S. St. Clair Road in Idaho Falls.

In lieu of flower donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association online at alz.org.

Online condolences may be left at www.bucmillerhann.com.



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DISTRICT 5 NEWS

HELLO FIDDLERS:

THE NEWSLETTER HAS NOT BEEN GETTING OUT LIKE IT SHOULD DUE TO THE FACT MY HUSBAND, ARNIE, AND I HAVE BEEN TRAVELING QUITE A BIT THESE LAST FEW MONTHS. WE PRAY THAT ALL OF YOU HAD A GREAT SUMMER AND LEARNED SOME NEW TUNES AGAIN TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP.

I NEED REPORTS FROM OUR THREE GROUPS IF THEY HAVE ANY NEWS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS. PLEASE HAVE THIS IN BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH. I DO WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE OF MY TELEPHONE NUMBER 208-830-1278, IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MENTIONED IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO SHARE WITH OTHERS.

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THE FOLKS THAT HAD BIRTHDAYS THESE LAST FEW MONTHS.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, CELEBRATED BY HAVING A WONDERFUL DINNER OF EVERYONES CHOICE, WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! WE HAD 38 FOLKS COME OUT FOR THIS GREAT OCCASION. THE WEST GROUP ENTERTAINED US WITH A 3 PIECE ENSEMBLE WHICH CONSISTED OF DAVE WALTERS PLAYING THE VIOLIN ALONG WITH BETTY GULL PLAYING HER FIDDLE AND ACCOMPANED BY ELDON LEACH ON THE GUITAR. WE ALSO WAS LEAD IN SONG BY SARAH OLSON. DAVE WALTERS ALSO

GAVE A READING EXPLAINING THE WRITING OF THE SONG, "AWAY IN A MANAGER". BETTY GULL HANDED OUT A PAPER OF SEVERAL TIPS FOR BETTER PLAYS AND TIPS FOR PLAYING YOUR INSTRUMENT BETTER. ELDON ALSO GAVE A FEW TIPS ON PLAYING SOME SIMPLE CHORDS ON THE GUITAR. I HOPE THAT WE WILL KEEP THESE HAND-OUTS AND PUT THEM TO USE WHILE PLAYING OUR INSTRUMENTS AND DURING OUR PLAYS.

IT WAS A GREAT TURN-OUT AND GREAT FOOD AND GREAT TIMES OF FELLOWSHIPING TOGETHER AGAIN.

THERE REALLY ISN'T MUCH MORE TO REPORT THIS MONTH AND IF ANYONE HAS ANY CORRECTIONS OR THINGS TO ADD PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME AT ANYTIME AND I WILL DO WHAT I CAN FOR ANY OF YOU.

REMEMBER TO KEEP LEARNING AND WE ALL NEED TO TRY AND MEMORIZE ONE SONG FOR JANUARY, MAYBE THAT COULD BE OUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION. I

SURE AM GOING TO TRY!!!!!!

WE WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

LET YOUR SPEECH AT ALL TIMES BE GRACIOUS (PLEASANT AND WINSOME) SEASONED AS IT WERE SALT, SO THAT YOU MAY NEVER BE AT LOST TO KNOW HOW YOU OUGHT TO ANSWER ANYONE WHO PUTS A QUESTION TO YOU.

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