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Well here we are in a brand new year 2018. Happy New Year everyone. Let's fill 2018 full of great music and fun as Old Time Fiddlers and make it a great year for friends and family everywhere.

As for our group here in Eastern Idaho, we had a rather lean December schedule, which allowed a little more time at home with family. Monty and Teresa spent some time on a cruise (lucky them, right), and a number of the gang has headed south for the winter. Nonetheless, we did enjoy the Christmas season that included a couple extra plays along with our regular monthly stops.

Thanks to everyone who showed up for our year end social on the 30th. We had a great meal together, played music and made plans for the New Year including a service project we would like to get started.

We are in the process of designing a web page where folks can make monetary contributions that we would use to purchase and distribute clothing and other goods to those in need in the community. Winter time is a very difficult time for many less fortunate folks who may be hungry or cold and we want to set up a year round way to

participate in helping those in need in some small way. Details on the web site and how we can all help are forthcoming. Our efforts will not be to distract from the many good agencies and groups doing these sort of things but to add our effort to helping as best we can to meet important community needs.

It's on to 2018, and another new year with lots of anticipation for much success and happiness for all; and, I have made a resolutions for the new year that I know I will be able to keep: "No more dieting." I'm going to make that one happen for sure.

Thanks for a great 2017 everyone and Happy 2018.

Reporting from District 8

Dave Smith

District 5 (DECEMBER
& JANUARY)

Hello Fiddlers:

I hope this newsletter
finds everyone in good
health and back

Playing your fiddles
and learning new songs
for the year 2018.

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The Christmas party was held again at the Golden Corral in Boise, Idaho. The West group of District 5 presented the Christmas program, which was lead out by our chairman, Jerry Van Buren and his wife Judy Van Buren. The program consisted of group singing carols and playing a game called Name That Tune. We had three winners of the game and prizes were awarded to the winners. Toni Thornton presented us with a solo called Blue Christmas. It was wonderful to see her perform with us again. I believe everyone enjoyed the evening of good food and conversation and entertainment!!!! Our attendance was down a little bit this year, due to a busy time of year and etc. Our group looked very stunning all dressed in Red.

District 5's last meeting was held on January 4th, 2018. The Van Buren's made a special meal consisting of Beef Roast, with all the trimmings, including gravy. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and a good HARTY THANKYOU goes out to the Van Burens for doing an excellent job and volunteering their services for this occasion. There were 30 present for the meeting and not many visitors. Our district 5 discussed getting new music stands for the performers' that could be adjusted using one hand. A motion was made for this and passed. Also, another item discussed was being courteous to one another while playing and also by letting the sound people do their job sitting the equipment up before the plays by staying away until it is finished to set up your own stands and instruments. We all to do be courteous and work together to make it easier for everyone to get set up before a performance, or even a meeting or a jam...

It was great to see Dottie Jullian playing the piano again. Welcome back and we are happy to see your smile at the piano and tickling those keys!!!!

Betty Gull has a new member joining their group. Her name is Dena Grenicko (Wendell Hall's daughter). She plays the guitar and sings with her dad. We are happy to have you join the OTOF.

Betty Gulls group would like to remind any of the group that the practice for the IOTF, is still being held at the Maple Grove Grange Hall in Boise at 1 pm. If you have any questions please feel free to call Betty at this phone number. 208 887-2113.

I didn't have any other news to report from the night group led by Bonnie Longstreth. The places to play and times haven't changed.

The West group has had two new members this year, their names are Rob Terrell and Jim Wilmot. Rob plays fiddle and sings, and Jim plays the stand-up bass. We are happy to have you both join the IOTF.

Jack Moon presented us with some tips for bowing for the fiddlers. I hope we all took a listen and try to do some of the following things to have better sound. Be sure to use your rosin before playing, angle your bow a bit, and add a little pressure to the strings. These things should help if you are having a scratching sound with your fiddle. Also, if the above things don't help you might have to have your bow restrung. Thanks Jack for those tips.

I guess this sums up the letter for January. I hope I didn't leave anything or anyone out. If any of you have things you would like to have put in the letter each month, please feel free to call me. Linda Lyle 208 830 1278.

Perhaps this 2018 we could learn a new song and memorize it and present it to our group. It's a thought!!!!!!

Hope all of you are staying well and are sticking with your New Year's resolutions!!!!

Below are a few tips for simple matters for living.

Don't argue, just get organized

Be kind to unkind people too.

Let someone cut ahead of you in line.

Be humble

Be on time, don't make excuses and waste other peoples time.

Listen more, talk less

Stop blaming others

Love one another

Your reporter

Linda Lyle



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Well, we've been whining all fall about winter in Eastern Idaho, but here we are in February with no snow on the ground the temperature around 50 degrees everyday. Maybe winter will come this summer and then I will really be discouraged. At least its been easy getting around so far, but I sense we have not seen the last of old man winter yet.

Our January schedule including our usual plays around town and we didn't have any extra events on our schedule. Nonetheless, we enjoyed each of our regular stops. As well we were happy to have Katie Bonn with us for a couple of our gigs during the month. She was in town looking after hubby Tom who underwent shoulder surgery. We hope Tom is on the mend now and we always look forward to sharing music with these two friends.

Some of us were lucky enough to escape the north country for a few days in St. George where we enjoyed a fun play with the very talented group of Old Time Fiddlers down that way. Enjoyed a fun time with Darryl Harris and Dave Schjeldahl at the Wednesday evening jam.

Looking over the February schedule looks like we will be up to our regular routine for the month and then it won't be long before we will be seeing a little more light in the

evening and the ever present March wind. I for one can hardly wait because that means golf season is getting a little closer.

Happy February to everyone and remember Valentines Day is the 14th for all of you romantics.

Have a great month.

Dave Smith

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District 5

Hello Fellow Fiddlers

It is that time of year again to be putting an important event on your calendars.... Hoots!!! You have guessed it!!! The event will take place the first weekend in May, 4th and 5th and we would like to have a great turnout for District 5. Lots of great musicians, lots of jamming, lots of laughter, lots of fun new music to hear and learn.

This last month, in January at the monthly meeting in Eagle, we celebrated Buck Lee's (played fiddle) 93rd birthday. The district 5 presented him with a plaque, celebrating his 21 years playing with the IOTF. His family were there to help us all celebrate!!! We also had another birthday to celebrate and this was Al Wilson's 87th. Fun times celebrating and lots of yummy cake was eaten!!

Loren Turnipseed passed away on Jan 27, 2018. He played guitar and was a lifetime member in the fiddlers. He will be missed by all. He was a member of the East group.

The West group announced two new members. Rob and his wife Linda Terrell. Rob plays the fiddle and sings and his wife Linda is a great supporter of our plays. We are glad to have them in our group.

Our chairman, Jerry Van Buren, announced that the district five did purchase two new stands. They are easy to pull up or down with one hand and are easier to pack around. We will all appreciate having these, so lets all do our part to take good care of them.

I want to announce the Lowman campout again. This will be taking place on July 7-9th, 2018. If anyone is interested please call Ron Moore (208 890 0482) for more information or our chairman, Jerry Van Buren. (208 546 8232).

We all know that elections will be taking place again this year, so

hopefully all of you will think about being in one of the positions to help keeping our club going in full force. We all love the fun times, but, we have to help with other duties, as well. Please, everyone think about what you can do to help!!!

Danille Collins has volunteered to bring the chicken for our monthly meeting in March. A big THANKS goes out to you!!!

Our Chairman, Jerry Van Buren gave some excellent tips on using our mics. It is soooo important to know when to move away or get up closer to the mic while we are performing. Sometimes the backup music needs to be played softer. Lets all try to experiment with these ideas to make us all sound better to our audience, after all, they like to hear a GOOD sound. This is all the news I could come up with this month of February, so if I have misspelled a name or missed some information that anyone knows about, please feel free to contact me and I will surely get it in the next newsletter. (208 830 1278)

Your Reporter

Linda Lyle

District 8

It's hard to believe, but we finally had what you could call a good snowstorm here in Eastern Idaho this past week. We were beginning to think the tulips would be up early with the warm, dry, windy weather we have had over the past month. Not so, a good storm blew in over the weekend and the old shovels and snow blowers got a work out.

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Our Old Time Fiddle schedule in February was a little light and we had a week vacation during the middle of the month. We were able, however, to visit all of your usual plays during the month and still enjoy a little free time.

Not much else to report this month. We anticipate some of our snowbirds will be thinking about returning home before long and we always look forward to seeing them again. In the meantime we'll keep playing tunes and bring smiles wherever we can.

Have a great March everyone.

Dave Smith

Reporting for District 8



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District 9

January -- March 2018

SPRING IS SPRUNG!

Hello from District 9 on this pretty nice spring day. Hopefully, winter snows are backing off and we can enjoy the spring days ahead. Was reminded that 3 months are gone already in 2018 and my intentions are to send out quarterly newsletters. So here goes for round one.

JANUARY

January started off with our usual play site at Bishop Place. We have a good crowd gather to listen to us every time and they really enjoy the music. Lots of toe tapping and even some clapping on occasion make the play very enjoyable. We played at 9 additional Sr. meal and resident sites to complete the month. Our addition of Kendrick Sr. meal site was included this month and we only play occasionally for these folks. They do enjoy as well. When it's still winter we are glad we have good turnouts since this is a break from the winter season.

FEBRUARY

Again, a good month. We added Deary Sr. Meal and Potlatch Sr. Meal as well as Colfax

Courtyard Sr. Living which we don't play for every month, so it is fun to see all the smiling faces when we arrive. The meals are pretty darn good too - they are always willing to serve us lunch. We had a tough run from Potlatch to Colfax as there was a pretty bad snow storm underway as we were leaving Potlatch. Was quite an event getting home from Colfax, but those who made it to Colfax did okay. You never know about winter weather. We also received word that the Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Assoc. has a 2018 Super Jam scheduled at Kamiah on June 1-2-3, 2018 at the Kamiah KOA campground (formerly Lewis-Clark Campground) if anyone is interested.

MARCH

This month we had our usual play sites with no additions. All were well attended and received by happy faces. We are starting to look at additional sites we have requests for that will be coming up in the months to come. It's always interesting to see where we might be playing that is not routine. We have a play at Troy Days in July that should be fun and they invite us to have lunch on them. We've also been notified we will be playing for the

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Latah County Fair in September which we enjoy as there is so much activity and good turn out of people to listen. They may be walking around on the grounds, but always seem to stop and listen to at least one or two songs.

So now we finish up March today with our play time at Kendrick. Then on into April and we hope the weather will be truly Spring! We wish you happy fiddling and will check in again in 3 months to try and keep with the quarterly plan.

Marge Nelson, Secretary

District 8

Greetings from South Eastern Idaho where the wind is blowing hard indicating that spring is on the way, if not already here. When my fence in the back yard begins to sway with the strong wind, I know the warm sunshine and better weather is just around the corner. You couple that with this dazed Robin that comes twice a day to the tree in front of our bay window and proceeds to spend its time repeatedly flying into the bay window, and you have some idea of what happens to birds in the spring time. I've tried all sorts of things to discourage the behavior but so far nothing has worked.

However, some good news for the day is the return of our Sunbirds is beginning to happen. Ted Kirkpatrick is back in town with his great sense of humor and his big old bass after a stay in the warm southwest for the winter. We anticipate seeing others return in the next few weeks and then let the fun begin.

During March we dodged a few snowstorms and rain to make appearances at our regular scheduled plays where we found lots of happy people enjoying the music and keeping beat to their favorite songs.

We have also been busy learning several new tunes to add to our play list. There are some good ones in the group and fun to included them in our plays.

Not much more going on in this part of the world. I had a little eye surgery yesterday to correct cataract problem and I can tell the difference already. Round two is next week for the right eye and then I'll be back to telling jokes and knocking over microphones whenever possible.

Have a great month everyone.

Dave Smith

Reporting for District 8

DISTRICT 5

MARCH 2018, NEWSLETTER

HELLO FIDDLERS:

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH NEWS TO REPORT THIS MONTH.

THE MONTHLY MEETING AND POTLUCK WERE A BIT SCARCE THIS LAST MONTH. WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE MORE FOLKS TO COME OUT AND BRING A SIDE DISH TO GO WITH THE MAIN ENTRE AND ENJOY THE MUSIC AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING. WE WANT TO WELCOME ALL THE VISITORS THAT ATTENDED THIS LAST MEETING AND JAM AND WE PERSONALLY INVITE THEM TO COME BACK AND JAM WITH US.

JUDY VAN BUREN REFRESHED EVERYONES MINDS OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE HAPPENING IN HOOTS THIS COMING 1ST WEEKEND IN MAY. SEVERAL WORKSHOPS AND LOTS OF JAMMING WITH SHOWS FROM EACH DISTRICT PERFORMING ON SATURDAY NIGHT, WITH A WONDERFUL BUFFET SERVED. THOSE THAT ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING NEED TO GET THEIR RESERVATIONS OR CAMPSIGHTS RESERVED. THE WHOLE WEEKEND WILL BE A 'HOOT'!!!!

BETTY GULL HAS BEEN ILL THIS MONTH AND WE ARE WISHING A GOOD WELL WISH ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF HER GROUP THAT HAVE BEEN OUT SICK.

THE MOORES ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM THEIR SURGERIES AND WE ARE MISSING YOU GUYS ALSO. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVE YOU BACK WITH US AND PLAYING AND SINGING.

BONNIE'S GROUP HAD A INVITATION TO PLAY FOR A FUNERAL AT THE PLANTATION ASSISTING LIVING THIS MONTH AND THE PLANTATION PLACE DONATED \$100.00 TO THE IOTF FOR ACCOMODATING THEM IN THIS SITUATION. THAT IS REALLY A GREAT GROUP TO PLAY FOR, THEY HAVE A WONDERFUL AUDIENCE AND THEY LOVE THE FIDDLE MUSIC THAT BONNIE'S GROUP HAS PROVIDED THERE FOR MANY YEARS.

THE WEST GROUP IS PLAYING FOR A NEW PLACE IN NAMPA CALLED WELLSRING ASSISTED LIVING ON EVERY 3RD TUESDAY AT 2:30.

THE EAST GROUP IS CONTINUING TO DO WELL. THEY ARE PLAYING AT LIFE-TIME MEMBER, PHOENIX FULLINGTONS' RESIDENCE, THE GARNET PLACE IN GARDEN CITY IN APRIL. IF INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT WITH BETTY'S GROUP, CONTACT BETTY GULL. (208 887-2113) BETTY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ERIC BERGSTRAM FOR TAKING OVER THE GROUP AND LEADING OUT WHILE BETTY WAS ILL.

BONNIE'S GROUP (THE NIGHT GROUP) HAD A WONDERFUL SURPRISE. OUR STATE PRESIDENT, MONTE MORTENSEN AND HIS WIFE TERESA, DISTRICT EIGHT CHAIRPERSON, PAID THEM A VISIT AND HELPED WITH THE PERFORMANCE AT CHATEAU D'BOISE. THE NITE GROUP SAID THEY WERE A 'GREAT' ADDITION. THANKS GO OUT TO THEM!!!!!!

WE HAVE DISCUSSED CHANGING THE VOTING OF THE NEW OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR TO TAKE PLACE IN THE SPRING, SO THAT THEY MAY BE PREPARED TO TAKE THEIR NEW OFFICE IN THE FALL. MUCH DISSCUSSION IS NEEDED ON THIS SUBJECT. EAGLE SR CITIZENS HAS BOOKED US IN FOR MAY MEETING ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. MARIYLN HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HEAD UP THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND SHE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP. GIVE HER A CALL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

OUR CHAIRMAN, JERRY VAN BUREN LEAD OUT A TIP FOR HOW TO START A TOON TOGETHER. WE

APPRECIATE YOUR TIP AND WE SHOULD ALL TRY TO WORK ON THIS, I KNOW IT IS HARD TO TRY SOMETHING NEW, BUT WE WOULD ALL SOUND BETTER IF WE COULD BE TOGETHER AND START TOGETHER.

NOT MUCH TO REPORT THIS MONTH. HOPE EVERYONE WILL HAVE A GREAT EASTER !!!

“APPLY YOUR HEART TO INSTRUCTION AND YOUR
EARS TO WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE.”

PROVERBS 23:12

YOUR REPORTER

LINDA LYLE

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District 8 News

Greetings from District 8 where your reporter has been a bit lax the past two months in getting the news recorded for this letter. My apology.

May was a rather calm month on the schedule but we were very happy to see all of our snowbirds return safely and we are happy to have them rejoin us for our summer schedule.

We had a great District 8 campout June 1-3 at Cedar Park Golf Course near Ririe. Attendance was outstanding again this year and the food, music and visiting were beyond description. Thanks to all those who visited from the north and south and added their talents to this fun event. I like lemon pie very much, so Katie's lemon pies became a steady treat for us all. They were lip smackin' good.

We did plenty of jamming over the three-day event and the band contest on Saturday evening was a lot of fun as well. The music was outstanding and the jokes left something to shoot for improvement next time. Our thanks to everyone who helped to make the campout a great success.

The rest of June finds us with a busy schedule including a trip to Weiser for the Annual Fiddle contest. We will also be playing at the Mud Lake Museum on the 13th of June. On the evening of June 14th we will be celebrating Dave and Yvonne Schjeldahl's 50th wedding anniversary as we entertain the guests attending this milestone event for the Schjeldahl's. Congratulations Dave and Yvonne.

That about does it for this round. Hope everyone is having a great summer. We look

forward to running into you from time to time. Meanwhile, keep those happy tunes bouncing around for all to enjoy.

Dave Smith, Reporting for District 8

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Greetings from Southeastern Idaho,

I'm late again this month with the monthly travel log so guess I'd better get something in writing. First of all, however, we extend our best and pray for special blessing to be with our great friend Mauna Kerswell who is undergoing some difficult health issues. Treatment continues for her and while it will take some time to complete the treatment, we are hopeful she can regain her health and be back with us as soon as possible to keep time on her bass.

June provided us with our usual local play dates but again this year we enjoyed an afternoon at the Mud Lake Museum in Mud Lake, Idaho. How many of you have visited Mud Lake? Great people out there on the edge of the desert where they grow lots of top quality hay and those great Idaho potatoes. We finished up our week celebrating Dave and Yvonne Schjeldahl's 50th wedding anniversary. It was a great party with lots of well-wishers dropping in to offer congratulations to these great friends.

A number of our group spent three days in Weiser, Idaho for the annual fiddle contest. Outside the nighttime flood from a broken pipe in the motor home we had a great trip. It was fun to join with other districts in Idaho to host this year's event and to play the opening set each evening prior to the competition. We all agreed that participating in the parade as well as visiting a care facility were certainly highlights, as well, of the trip. We met an incredible 101-year-old lady at the care facility who was at the top of her game. You couldn't get one up on her if you tried.

We are looking forward to continued excitement in July, which has already begun with

our play this past weekend at Harriman State Park.

Have a great July everyone and we'll check in with you the first part of August.

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District 9 Newsletter

April -- June, 2018

HERE COMES SUMMER

Hi from District 9. The last time I wrote we were looking forward to winter snows backing off and today it is around 95 degrees. Guess that happened. Wow! I'm a little late getting this out, but with a little nudging, here it is.

APRIL

We worked our way through 11 play sites this month and kept quite busy. Spring is always a good time and residents as well as attendees show up in good numbers for the resident sites and noon luncheons. We cover

quite a circle of locations going up to Potlatch, down to Kendrick, over to Colfax, back up to Deary, and several locations in Moscow, and Pullman. Keeps us on our toes, but everyone loves to hear us and it gives us a good feeling to entertain.

The main event for this month was the N.W. Regional Fiddle Contest at E. Valley High School in Spokane. The event was on April 28th and they celebrated their 50th

Anniversary. I'm sure there was a good attendance.

Della Mae performed at the Dahmen Barn in Uniontown this month as well and that was well attended.

Debbie competed in a competition in Kalispell, MT and placed first in the Senior Division. Way to go, Debbie.

So activities abounded this month and we were glad to have decent weather to travel in.

MAY

This month found us playing at 10 sites in the area to keep us pretty busy. We also played at a special event for the Appaloosa Horse Club Museum. It was a fund raiser and we performed at Bloom, a local lovely restaurant with a great turn-out which benefited a nice income for the museum. We played our hearts out and were pretty tired at the end, but we received great applause and were glad to be a part of the event.

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This month was the Idaho State OTF Association Meeting at Hoots which several attended and enjoyed. Mabel was honored to receive the Elray Woerman Award for 2017 and she certainly deserved this honor. She also entertained at the banquet that evening. I understand there was continued playing into the night after the festivities.

It was noted the Washington Old Time Fiddlers Workshop will be held in Moses Lake, WA on July 16-20. Several members were considering attending and it should be a good learning event.

So we also were kept busy this month as well.

JUNE

We didn't play at as many sites this month as we go into our summer schedule where we cut back on some play sites since so many are gone making it hard to cover locations with enough members to play. This is a good time for everyone to kick back some and enjoy summer. But we did enjoy one play which we have performed for in the last 3 years, I think. We play for Root Beer Float night at Bishop Place. It's pretty fun as they have a one hole golf green located outside where we play and there are people sitting below us and above us and it's quite an event. We start around 7:00 and it gets pretty comfortable by the time we finish and again, there is a good attendance. Then we get to enjoy root beer floats! Great time!

So that winds things up for this quarter and we hope the heat is kind to us and you as we continue through the summer. We hope you are all enjoying a lot of good fiddling and performing. We wish you a continued happy summer.

Marge Nelson, Secretary



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News from District 8

Summer is always busy and fun for our group and this year has been no different. We enjoyed a busy July with our usual scheduled plays and seeing our many friends around town at various care facilities. These folks seem to always enjoy our music and we enjoy playing for them each month.

During August we had several special invitations to play Old Time Fiddle music at different places around town. We had played for an Ice Cream Social in Burton, a had a fun time playing at the Jefferson Country Fair where they hosted us to a delicious dinner. As well, we played at the Republican Summer BBQ in Idaho Falls and ate far too much food at our August Jam at Darryl Harris's new home in Idaho Falls. We also played for an hour at Porter Park in Rexburg on the 29th of August.

Several in our group are enjoying summer vacations in other parts of the world and we are looking forward to their reports when returning home.

For many years now our great friend Val Crow has added to our fiddle section and been an important part of our group. Val also serves as our Treasure and takes good care of our bank account each month. Val has decided to retire from his fiddle playing but we hope to continue to see he and his wife Karleen from time to time as the drop by at one of the our events to say hello. We thank Val for his great contribution to our group and

service to so many people and wish he and Karleen all the best in the years ahead.

That's about it for now. We continue to enjoy our opportunities to entertain and play great music.

Have a great late summer and enjoy the warm days and cool nights, because I sense we will be seeing the start of fall and winter in the not too distant future.

Dave Smith reporting

Obituary

Marian Virginia Brown Wikoff was born Sept. 22, 1932, and went to be with Jesus on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018. She was born to William and Elsie Brown at Mesa, Idaho, the youngest of 10 children, and she had a very happy childhood playing in the apple orchards. She attended Mesa grade school and high school in Council, Idaho. She married Robert Wikoff on Sept. 25, 1949, in Weiser, Idaho. They had two children,

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Gwen (Earl) of Boise and Mark (Joan) of Coeur d'Alene; and four grandsons: Chad (Brooke) Parker and children Rhieland and Layla, Craig (Rachael) Juliana, Josh (Jesse) Logan, Coeur d' Alene, and Tyler, Coeur d' Alene.

Marian and her husband worked at Vern's Grocery in Grangeville for many years. She worked at First Security Bank, retiring after many years. She was a longtime member of Grangeville Christian Church, serving as secretary for many years. She also was a member of the Old Time Fiddlers. She served at the state secretary. She also was a backup for the fiddlers competition in Weiser, and assisted with student

recitals. When the fiddlers opened up competition for flat pickers, she took first-place trophies three years in a row. She thoroughly enjoyed her morning paper and doing crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Bob; her children; her grandchildren; her sister, Marie (Bill) Bridge, of Grangeville; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Brown of Lewiston and Geraldine Brown of Ontario, Ore.; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; all siblings but one; and one great-grandson, Dawson Lough.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at Grangeville Christian Church. Send condolences to the family to Blackmerfuneralhome.com.



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It's that time of year again to get your fiddles out and learn a new tune for the winter months.

Hope everyone had a great summer. In June my husband and I had the opportunity to visit Spain. It was a real food shocker!!!!!! Fish baked, Fished broiled, Fish eaten raw and on and on with fish. The country side was beautiful and the people were very gracious and we did learn a lot about their culture.

District 5 did keep the summer months of jamming on the 1st Thursday evening of the month, going. Some evenings were really good and others a little shy of players and audience. We appreciated everyone that came to listen and those that volunteered their time to entertain.

We have started the potlucks up again on the jam night. It will begin at 5:30 followed by a fiddler meeting and then the jam around 6:30. Hope to see everyone start coming out again. Invite your friends to take a listen. Mary Lopshire has volunteered to bring the chicken for October.

The East group with Betty Gull as chairman has announced they will be playing again at the Veterans and at the Garnet Place in the clubhouse. If you have any questions concerning the addresses or times of plays, please call Betty 208-887-2113

The night group, lead by Bonnie Longstreth, didn't have anything to report at this time. (208-343-9638)

The West group with Richard Matthews, told the group that the schedule for us will be

out soon starting in October. We are scheduled to play at SunnyRidge in Nampa the last Tuesday of the month. Anyone with questions please call Richard at 208-412-8974.

This year we saddened that we have lost several of our members and they are listed below:

Loren Turpinseed January 27th

Eric Bergstrom April 4th

Joy Hallowell June 12th

Ken Hallowell June 14th

Jay Ball June 15th

Phoenix Fullington
July 17

These folks will be
deeply missed.

Jack Moon has asked
that everyone signed up
to go to Idaho City on
the 6th of October at 3
pm, send or call him with
your selections and the
keys. We need to get this
done right away so we
can make up a good
performance. (208-898-
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address...jmoon@jemco-
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Ok, believe that this is all
the information that I

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know at this time. If anyone has information concerning Hoots please let me know.
208-830-1278.

We want to see all of you at the Jam the first Thursday of the Month.

Your Reporter

Linda Lyle

Whatever we may have to go through now is less than nothing compared with

The magnificent future God has planned for us. Romans 8:18

District 8

“And here we have Idaho, wining her way to fame. Silver and gold in the sunlight blaze and romance lies in her name.” It’s fall in good old Idaho and a few words from our State song are certainly reflective of this time of year. The warmth of autumn colors, the cooler nights, shorter days and frost on the lawn each morning are seasonal reminders of the changes we experience each year as we go, “singing, singing of you, singing of Idaho.” What a great land to live in, surrounded by its beautiful seasons and extraordinary people. I think of this blessing in appreciative ways as I look around our land and the world itself and observe the chaos, concern, war, poverty, loneliness and tragedy observed with the passing of each day. It gives me ample reason to be thankful for the blessing of music, the attention of good people to listen, and the continued opportunity associate and play good old time fiddle music with some of my best friends.

We have had a very busy summer this year. Not only have we enjoyed our regular schedule but we have been invited to several special events as well as attending the Hardtimes Blue Grass Festival in Montana, several fun experiences in Island Park, Idaho and have even ventured south to Pocatello for an event. All were well attended and certainly a lot of fun. Our “pot luck” dinner and lunch experiences have also been very rewarding in several ways and we found a new breakfast place between Quake and Hebgen Lakes on the Madison River next Yellowstone park that will be a “must

visit” place for years to come. You wouldn’t believe the cinnamon rolls!

We are also very happy to welcome Old Time Fiddlers from Pocatello to our group. I understand they will be regular participants and members of our gang. Welcome to all of you!

As leaves fall we will be seeing a few of our group head south for the winter. We hope they have a great time in the sun and hurry back to be with us again.

All good wishes to everyone.

Dave Smith, reporting for District 8



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FALL HAS FELL

Greetings from District 9. Wow, what a wonderful fall we are having. The colors are beautiful this year and lots of leaves to rake. But the raking is an okay thing too. I am a little late again, this month, but will catch you up on the last three months.

JULY

We played at 8 play sites this month. This is a little down from normal since we are in the summer months. We don't play at some locations because of people being on vacation and out of town. But we still stay busy.

We played two events which were extra to our usual schedule. We played at a BBQ in Rosalia put on by the Whitman County Senior Services. Many seniors enjoy the event as a chance to get out and meet others or visit with other seniors in the county. It was well attended and the BBQ was great as well. We also played at

Troy Days which is an annual event that is enjoyed by many. Lots of other activities were going on but we had several stop to listen while they were enjoying the BBQ lunch. We were close by and that made good attendance.

A new PA system was purchased for the fiddlers by Char Grimes whose husband, Jon, was our banjo player and had passed away. Char wanted to make a remembrance for him and decided to donate the equipment for the groups use. We will long remember Jon and he is with us each time we play.

Mabel attended the National Fiddle Show in Weiser, ID and placed 2nd in the Senior Senior Division. She's one of the best!

AUGUST

This month turned out to be pretty busy. We began the month on the first Saturday at the local Scenic Six Fiddle Show in Potlatch. Our own Mabel has organized this event for the past several years and it is a great night of fiddlers coming from around the area to play and a good turnout always shows up to listen. There is no competition, just good music to enjoy. Several

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from our group participated and all had a good time.

We played at 6 of our regular sites and also played at Elk River Day which is often quite a warm day. We don't have a big crowd, but people passing by do stop to listen for a bit and they seem to enjoy. Then after play we get to enjoy huckleberry ice cream which is always a welcome to the tummy.

We had our annual District 9 Retreat at a KOA campground between Kooskia and Kamiah which was well attended. Several from the area come to listen to music during the weekend and its a great time for us to kick back and enjoy playing just for fun. We also have members teach a song for fiddle, ukulele, guitar, and mandolin which are played for the whole group that evening after which everyone jams until the cows come home. That can get kinda late for the brave at heart.

SEPTEMBER

With the start of school, we got back to our regular plays and played at 9 sites during the month. In addition, we played at the Latah County Fair and had a good turnout. We were even featured on the front page of the local paper with Gary B. playing and being interviewed for the article. There were a couple more pictures inside the paper and a great article about our organization. Quite a few people came out to hear us and there were several children dancing and loving the music. Was a great day.

Towards the end of the month we played for the Latah County Historical Society who were celebrating their 50th Anniversary. It was at a local park and the weather was very cold. There weren't a lot of people, but we entertained those family members and others who came and accomplished our entertainment time.

There was a State meeting at Hoots which some of our members attended and I hear that music, fun and food abounded. There wasn't a big turnout, but those in attendance did enjoy the event.

That brings you up on what our District is doing and we hope you all had great times as well. It doesn't seem possible we are headed into the holidays once again and we will have to pull out the Christmas music and get in the swing of things for December. It seems like it takes a while to get the songs back in our heads after playing so much other music. We hope the following months will be the best for all of you and we wish you a great fall and happy holidays!

Marge Nelson, Secretary

District 8

Greetings from chilly Idaho Falls. Actually 45 during the day but boy are the nights cold!! Not ready as usual. You would think I would learn by now to be ready but.....

On a happier note, we have been having a wonderful time with our music. We had Mike and Tari Conroy over to our district for workshops and Darryl Harris was awesome and let us hold them at his cabin in Island Park. Great friends, Great food, Great workshops and a spectacular view made that one great weekend. So happy for our fiddlin family and the people we meet along the way. It is always good to learn more from people that play other styles. The more you learn, the better you are.

December will be extremely busy for our group. With a minimum of 3 plays a week and 4 one week. I hope I still have a district when we are done with this season.

Christmas is such a time of love and sharing, I just can't say no to anyone.

We did play at the Festival of Trees on the 15th of November for a small but loving crowd.

We miss all of our snowbirds that sneak off as soon as it gets below 70 but we are holding dwn the fort without them.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from District 8



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From the Chairman

We are presently organized into three playing groups, the Night group led by Bonnie, the East group led by Betty, the West group led by Rich. While our three groups are doing well, our Thursday evening jam recently has not been well attended. In November we had twelve musicians in attendance and it was a good jam. In October there were about eight of our performing musicians there. This caused me to ponder and reflect the notion of not having the jam, or maybe not having a potluck before the jam. But as I listened to those who were in attendance and upon reflection, I sense we should continue with both the potlucks and the jams. There are at least three reasons to do so: One it is there to promote participation, two the food is foundational to fellowship and camaraderie and third it promotes friendship and harmony (more ways than one).

Getting together in a jam has the potential to draw the varied groups together and we can all learn from each other irrespective of the level of the musicians performing. We may hear a tune we are not familiar with and that can promote growth in our musicianship. That seems to me to go to one of the core values of the Idaho Old Time Fiddler organization.

Secondly, food is foundational to fellowship. I am not aware of any church that does not promote fellowship with the use of food. It follows that an organization such as ours can use the same philosophy. When you set down to eat, there is a moment to get to know someone a little better. I noticed that we have a few members who are single, and the meal is truly a blessing to them. They get a nourishing meal and may even get

to take some left overs home. That is really worthwhile to continue. I suppose I could summarize this in – it gives us an opportunity to be sensitive to the needs of each person who comes.

Thirdly, we form friendships. Music may be the catalyst; but it does not take much to realize our life has been enriched by those around us. And as we appreciate each other we have the opportunity for the development of friends that we are very concerned with. We have an opportunity to work out some tunes together. Producing good music is a labor of love and it takes a lot of mistakes before a tune is ready for presentation. This is also a core value of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers.

So, because of these values I want to encourage participation in our monthly jams and to encourage each of us to bring good stuff for consumption at our potlucks. It helps keeping our organization “in tune.” Jerry Van Buren

DISTRICT 8

Baby it’s cold outside!!
We are near zero here or at least have been for a few days. But the good news, things are warming up to a whopping 30 degrees next week. No single digit lows. I can feel the heat already.

I don’t know about yours, but our district is swamped with extra plays this month. We have several community event parties to play for. Christmas is always a

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magical time and we love helping to brighten the moods of the people we play for. Sometimes Christmas can be hard when you are all alone and we just hope we help in that way.

We did play for the Festival of Tree for a grateful audience. Not super large but those that were there did love our music.

We miss our snowbirds and it seems we get more and more of our group leaving every year. I wish I was one of them, but someone must hold the fort down here. So, I am here and freezing. Looking forward to the new year as it is closer to Spring.

All of us here in district wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please be safe and enjoy family and life to the fullest this season and every day.

Love

Teresa Mortensen