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DISTRICT 5

HELLO FIDDLERS:

I SURE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS! WE SURE DID AND NOW WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL 2019, PLAYING LOTS OF MUSIC AND DOING A LITTLE TRAVELING IN OUR SPARE TIME AND SPENDING TIME WITH OUR GRANDCHILDREN.

NOW IT IS TIME TO GET BACK TO OUR FIDDLING, PERHAPS EVERYONE HAS LEARNED A NEW TUNE TO SHARE.

DISTRICT 5 HAD A MEMBER PASS AWAY ON DECEMBER 9TH, 2018. HE PLAYED GUITAR AND WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN THE SCANDINAVIN BAND. HIS NAME IS MONS TEIGEN. THE FAMILY WISHES THAT DONATIONS ARE MADE TO THE BOISE RECUSE MISSION INSTEAD OF FLOWERS. HE WILL BE MISSED!!

ON DECEMBER 19TH DISTRICT 5 MEMBER AND OUR STATE TREASURER FOR THE FIDDLERS PASSED AWAY. HER NAME IS BARBARA GARETT. SHE PLAYED FIDDLE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. DISTRICTS 5, 8, 12 WERE REPRESENTED THERE AND PLAYED ASHOKAN FAREWELL WHILE THE VIDEO RAN. WHAT A NICE TOUCH! SHE ALSO WILL BE MISSED. IF THERE IS ANY MORE INFORMATION THAT ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW PLEASE CONTACT OUR DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN, JERRY VANBUREN 208 546 8232. OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO BOTH OF THESE FAMILIES AT THIS TIME.

THE EAST GROUP WITH BETTY GULL, HAS REPORTED THAT ONLY IN JANUARY WILL THEIR GROUP BE PLAYING AT THE MORNING STAR NURSING HOME IN BOISE AT 2:30 ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AND THE 2ND WEDNESDAY THEY WILL BE PLAYING AT 2 PM AT SPRING CREEK FACILITY AT EAGLE ISLAND, THE THIRD WEDNESDAY WILL BE AT THE VETERANS AT 2PM AND THEN THE 4TH WEDNESDAY THEY WILL BE PLAYING AT TOUCHMARK IN BOISE AT 2:PM. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL BETTY GULL, THE EAST GROUP CHAIRMAN. 208 887 2113.

THE NIGHT GROUP, LED BY BONNIE LONGSTRETH ARE STAYING ON THE SAME SCHEDULE AS 2018. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL HER 208 343 9638

THE WEST GROUP, WITH CHAIRMAN RICHARD MATHEWS, HAS SCHEDULED A NEW PLAY AT KARCHER ESTATES ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 2 PM. THIS PLAY IS IN NAMPA. IF ANYONE NEEDS INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PLAY OR OTHERS PLEASE CALL RICHARD AT 208 412 8974.

THE EAST GROUP HOSTED THE DISTRICT 5 CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS YEAR AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL IN

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BOISE. THEY PLAYED CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND WE ALL SUNG ALONG. IT WAS A NICE TIME AND THE FOOD WAS GOOD, CONVERSATIONS WERE GOOD. OUT ATTENDANCE WAS DOWN A LITTLE BIT THIS YEAR. WE MISSED THE ONES THAT WERE UNABLE TO MAKE THIS EVENT. WE ALL LOOKED REALLY FESTIVE IN OUR RED SHIRTS AND SWEATERS!!!!

NOT MUCH TO REPORT THIS MONTH. WE WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE OF THE FIDDLERS MEETING AT THE EAGLE SENIOR CENTER IN EAGLE. POTLUCK STARTS AT 5:30 AND MEETING AT 6 PM. PLEASE, LETS ALL MAKE THIS A GREAT MEETING AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS, BRING A VARIETY OF FOODS TO FEED EVERYONE AND DON'T FORGET THE NEW TUNES, AND YOUR INSTRUMENTS!!!!

WE WANT TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!! STAY HEALTHY, LAUGH A LOT AND PLAY LOTS OF MUSIC!!!!

YOUR REPORTER

LINDA LYLE 208 830 1278

WORDS OF WISDOM:

THOSE WHO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES SELDOM LOSE THEIR SHIRTS.

District 8

HELLO FROM THE COLD COLD SIDE OF THE STATE

Happy New Year to all of you. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a great celebration of the New Year. Here's hoping it will be a prosperous year for all of you. The service each and every one of you do to brighten the lives of the people you play music for is enlightening. Do you ever just take a moment to look into the eyes of the people you are playing for? The light from their eyes is all the reward and thank you I ever need. It is amazing to me what music does to our souls. We have had residents

with Alzheimer's or Dementia that cannot function at all and when the music starts, they sing along and it seems as though they are back for that short time before they go back in to the disease that cripples them. What a wonderful thing we can do for them through our music. Thank you.

The passing of Barbara Garrett was sudden and sad. About 12 of us made it to the funeral in Weiser to play a little music for her. Her favorites songs were Amazing Grace and Ashokan Farewell. We made sure to play those two tunes during the service and a few more of the songs she liked while the others were heading into the dining area for a little brunch afterwards. Thank you to all you could attend. Tom and Katie Bonn, Martin and Carla and Aaron Fewkes, Ron and Marlene Moore, Rena Lute, Teresa and Monty Mortensen, Teresa Long, Jerry VanBuren, and anyone else I have missed. I am sure Dick was grateful. She will be dearly missed.

District 8 has taken about 10 days off at the end of the year to rest and recuperate. And now, we are ready to go. Our regular weekly plays are back on for Mondays and Wednesdays. If you are ever passing through our area, stop by and play a tune or two with us.


Monty and Teresa are heading down to warmer weather to visit some of our snow birds in the middle January so the rest of us will have another little vacation as well. We wish them and all who are traveling, safety.

We definitely have winter here in our neck of the woods. It was snowing and blowing but the sun is shining and as much as I hate the snow and cold, I have to admit it is pretty to look at today.

Happy playing and make sure to enjoy every day as if it is your last. Life is unpredictable. Maybe eat a little dessert first today.

Take care

District 8



Forever in Our Hearts



With Special Thanks from the Garrett Family

The Garrett family is very grateful for the loving support from the Weiser community. Great appreciation is also extended to Heart and Home Hospice for their loving care, as well as to the Church of the Nazarene for their kindness and support.

Please consider donating to the Hope House in Marsing in lieu of flowers. Please find out more about the Hope House at <https://ahome2come2.com>.



Wildflower seed packets are available in the foyer. Please plant them in memory of Barbara.



Barbara Ann Garrett

DEC 25, 1938 – DEC 19, 2018

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, WEISER, ID
DEC 28, 2018 AT 11:00AM



Obituary

Barbara Ann Garrett, 79, passed away Wednesday December 19, 2018 with her family beside her. Barbara was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Christmas Day in 1938. She was raised in Los Angeles but loved the summers she spent as a cowgirl for her uncle's ranch near Magdalena, New Mexico. While on the student council at then New Mexico A&M, she met James (Dick) Garrett and they married in 1959.

After Dick graduated from Washington State University in 1967, they moved to Reno, NV where they raised their four children. Barbara was most often a homemaker and mother, but was also an excellent typist and secretary, especially skilled at typing and editing research thesis.

Some of her favourite jobs were working for florists, as Barbara was an avid and die-hard gardener and horticulturist. Her greenhouse sweet peas were purchased for many years by Sparks Florist.

In 2001, Dick and Barbara first attended the National Old Time Fiddling Contest and fell in love with Weiser, ID. They relocated in 2005 to enjoy small town life. The entire state of Idaho was a venue for her to play and jam with her fiddler friends. Barbara was also an accomplished pianist and she especially enjoyed, and was proficient, at sewing, quilting, and bridge.

Barbara was married almost 60 years to the love of her life. They were exceptional role models to their four children, their spouses, ten grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Barbara's family will miss her dearly.



Program

Remembrance and Sermon:

Pastor Hunter Mizar

Music: Amazing Grace

Katie Bonn & LuAnne Kellum

Speaker:

Bonnie Akbar

Slide Show in Remembrance of Barbara:

Kellyn Reiter

Music:

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers

Closing Prayer:

Pastor Hunter Mizar

A continued celebration of Barbara's life will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.





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THIS MONTH OF JANUARY HAS FLOWN BY QUICKLY. OUR WEATHER HAS BEEN WONDERFUL SO FAR THIS WINTER. SOME OF OUR FOLKS DECIDED TO STICK AROUND FOR THE WINTER AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY CHOSE A GOOD YEAR TO DO THAT.

THERE WASN'T MUCH TO REPORT AT THE DISTRICT 5'S MEETING THIS MONTH WE HAD A NEW MEMBER AT THE MEETING AND HER NAME IS BRENDA JONES. WE WANT TO WELCOME HER. SHE BROUGHT MARTHA, A FRIEND WITH HER AND WE WANT TO WELCOME HER ALSO.

BETTY GULL, THE EAST GROUP'S CHAIRMAN SAID SHE GOT A CALL FROM AN IDAHO OLD TIME FIDDLER, CAROL WILLIAMS, SHE HAD BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL WITH HEART FAILURE AND IS NOW HOME. WE SURE WISH HER WELL. BETTY'S EAST GROUP ARE STILL PLAYING IN THE SAME PLACES AND THE SAME TIMES, SO NO CHANGE THERE.

IF ANYONE COULD HELP OUT WITH BETTY'S GROUP TO PLAY THE FIDDLE IT WOULD GREATLY BE APPREICATED. YOU COULD CALL HER AT THIS NUMBER FOR TIMES AND ETC. THEY PLAY.208 887-2113.

RICHARD MATTEWS, THE WEST GROUP CHAIRMAN PICKED UP ANOTHER PLAY AT THE KARCHER ESTATES IN NAMPA. THEY PLAY ON THE 3RD TUESDAY AT 2 PM. ANYONE WANTING MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE WEST GROUP PLAYS, PLEASE CALL RICHARD 208-412-8974. BONNIE'S NIGHT GROUP DISNN'T REPORT ANY CHANGES OR NEW PLAYS.

OUR HEAD CHAIRMAN, JERRY VAN BUREN, WANTS TO REMIND

ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE An IDAHO OLD TIME FIDDLER BADGE TO

BE SURE AND SIGN UP FOR THEM. JERRY DID INFORM THE MEMBERS

THAT HAVE PACE MAKERS SHOULD NOT USE THE MAGNETIC

MEMBERSHIP PINS.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, DISTRICT

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5 HAS DECIDED TO ORDER TEN MORE MUSIC BOOKS.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE REPLACEMENT FOR THE STATE TREASURER,
BARBARA GARRETT WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

WE ARE DISCUSSING SOME WAYS TO EXPAND OUR MEMBERSHIP WITH NEW,
YOUNGER PLAYERS. W

E ARE ASKING ANYONE THAT HAS ANY NEW IDEAS

TO SPREAD THE WORD. WE NEED TO KEEP OUR IDAHO OLD TIME FIDDLERS
GOING AND GOING.

DISTRICT 5 HAS DECIDED TO KEEP THE MONTHLY POTLUCK DINNERS GOING
BEFORE THE MEETING AND JAM SESSION.

ALL OF US NEED TO BE SURE WE HAVE A VARIETY AND PLENTY FOR
EVERYONE AND OUR VISITORS.

JACK MOON WILL BE BRINGING THE MAIN COURSE FOR THE POTLUCK FOR
FEBRUARY.

A BIG THANKS GOES OUT TO JACK. THE POTLUCK STARTS AT 5:30, MEETING AT
6 AND

JAM AFTER THE MEETING UNTIL 8 PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOMED.

YOUR REPORTER

LINDA LYLE

District 8

Hello from District 8 where snow is on the ground and it is a little chilly. But this winter has been fairly warm. But rain, snow, sleet or hail will not stop this group from playing at least twice a week at our regular plays. We really enjoy the folks we play for at our monthly plays.

We have one special play this month. We will be playing for the Bonneville County Lincoln Day celebration. Hoping for a great turnout.

Monty and Teresa took off last month for a week of warmth and once again, they took the colder weather with them. But they had a great time playing music with our snowbirds and others down in the St George, Utah area.

We miss our snowbirds when they leave. We typically still have about 7 that come out and play which is still a good size group and the variety is pretty good.

The groundhog said early Spring, and I, for one, am holding him to that. I am definitely ready to get outside and start having a little more fun.

Don't forget the upcoming workshops at Hoots this Spring. The Conroy's have picked out a great song. They won't tell me what it is, but they are positive we are going to love it. I always look forward to the workshops. I learn something new every time and enjoy the tunes. Don't be afraid to try a new instrument either. I learn on every one. And I am getting better on some of them.

Until Hoots, we wish you health and love and happiness.

Teresa Mortensen



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IDAHO OLD TIME FIDDLERS DISTRICT FIVE

FEBRUARY 2019

HELLO FIDDLERS:

I WANT TO BEGIN WITH BY WISHING AL HOHBACK A HAPPY HAPPY 88 TH BIRTHDAY. WE WISH YOU WELL!!!!

WE APPRECIATED JERRY VANBUREN'S SON, STEVE, WHO CAME OUT TO OUR MEETING AND JAM TO PLAY WITH US. MANY THANKS GO TO YOU!!!!

WE ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL THE MUSICANS THAT CAME OUT AND ALSO OUR LISTENERS. THANKS, SO MUCH!

OUR CHAIRMAN JERRY VANBUREN ANNOUNCED THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE COMING UP IN MAY. WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT FORMING A NOMINATING COMMITTEE. EVERYONE NEEDS TO THINK ABOUT WHAT OFFICE YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT FOR THE COMING YEAR. WITHOUT OUR OFFICERS OUR CLUB WOULDN'T EXIST, SO EVERYONE, THIS YEAR, TRY TO THINK "OUT OF THE BOX" AND STEP UP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS.

HOOTS WILL BE MAY 2 ND -MAY 5 TH 2019. THERE WILL BE WORKSHOPS STARTING ON THE 2 ND, SO IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO BE THERE A DAY EARLY IF POSSIBLE. IN MAY WE WILL HAVE TO MOVE OUR MEETING OF THE

MONTH TO THE 2 ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, IF THE EAGLE SENIOR CENTER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR US AT THAT TIME. OUR CHAIRMAN ALSO MENTIONED TO BE THINKING ABOUT A DIFFERENT VENUE AS HOOTS IS RAPIDLY DECLINING. ANY SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS WOULD BE WELCOMED. JACK MOON IS LOOKING INTO WAYS OF GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. HE FELT THAT SINCE WE HAVE THE FUNDS, WE SHOULD SPEND SOME OF THE MONEY TO MENTORING YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN TO PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT. ANOTHER IDEA WAS TO MAKE SURE ALL OUR FIDDLE GROUPS HAVE GOOD EQUIPMENT TO PERFORM. WE WANT TO SAY A SPECIAL THANKS TO RICHARD MATHEWS FOR FAITHFULLY

SITTING UP OUR EQUIPMENT BEFORE THE MEETINGS AND THE JAMS. YOU

ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED, RICHARD!!!!

THERE WASN'T ANY NEW NEWS REPORTED FROM ANY OF THE FIDDLE

GROUPS OF DISTRICT 5.

WE DO WANT TO MENTION THAT OUR CHAIRMAN, JERRY VANBUREN HAD

SURGERY ON HIS HAND THIS LAST WEEK AND THAT HE IS TRULY MISSED BY

THE WEST GROUP. WE WISH YOU WELL JERRY!

THE VANBURENS WILL BE BRINGING FIXINGS FOR A BAKED POTATO BAR NEXT

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MONTH. THEY WILL BRING THE POTATOES, SOUR CREAM, CHEESE AND CHILI WITHOUT BEANS. IT SOUNDS LIKE DESSERT IS NEEDED!! ANYONE WILLING TO BRING SOMETHING SWEET PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING AND SHARE WITH OTHERS. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR TIME TOGETHER AGAIN NEXT MONTH.

NOT VERY MUCH TO ANNOUNCE THIS MONTH OF FEBRUARY. HOPE EVERYONE IS STAYING WELL AND PLAYING LOTS OF FUN TUNES AND LEARNING NEW ONES.

YOUR REPORTER

LINDA LYLE

A MERRY HEART DOES GOOD, LIKE MEDICINE, BUT A BROKEN SPIRIT DRIES THE BONES.

TEST ALL THING; HOLD FAST WHAT IS GOOD.

District 8

Happy Spring (almost) to all of you out there. So ready for it here in our corner of the State. But very happy we are not in Nebraska or Montana. When spring arrives that means all of our snowbirds get ready to come home and it will be good to see all of them. We sure miss all of them when they're gone.

We have been pretty slow the last couple of months as far as plays go. But we have had a great time at the facilities we have been playing for.

We would like to give our condolences to Janet Richardson, one of our fiddlers in our district, as she lost everything she owns to house fire. It was at 2 n the morning and she's lucky she woke up. For that we are eternally grateful. She did lose many dear animals that she loved as well. But she is rebuilding and starting over. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

This month we will be playing for the backcountry horsemen, which we think will be a lot of fun, along with our monthly plays.

We are getting excited for Hoots and the workshops that will be coming up the first weekend of May so don't forget to be there. The Conroy's do such a good job

with these workshops and we need to show them our gratitude by bringing people with us and having a great turnout.

Hopefully the next newsletter will be written by our own Dave Smith when he returns home. We will see you all at hoots



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Howdy Everyone,

Just got back to Idaho and we seem to be having a rerun of the cold wet winter we had in St. George, Utah all winter continuing here in Idaho. Nonetheless, it's good to be back in good old Idaho for springtime and all the summer fun planned.

Haven't had much time to get caught up on anything very newsy from our group but note that the April schedule is full of fun at our usual plays. Our snowbird contingent is returning home a few at a time and it won't be long until all are back with us.

I can report on behalf of those of us who spent the winter in Southern Utah, we had lots of fun playing music with the Dixie Chapter of the Utah Old Time Fiddlers, as well as a group that played every Monday evening in Mesquite, Nevada. Every other Wednesday we played music with another group in Hurricane, Utah so no dust settled on our musical instruments and we met many new friends in the experience.

Meanwhile, here at home we understand the winter was busy shoveling snow and playing good music all around the valley. The only thing I've learned since returning home is the jokes are about the same and Charlie Lahm still sits in the same place each week ready to give me a bad time. Last night he noted he hadn't received a newsletter for the month of April, which prompted me to say, "I'll have one tomorrow." So, not much of a letter but its on the press when promised.

We will get caught up on things and report what may be of importance next time around. Oh, and we sure enjoyed having Katie Bonn with us last night in Rexburg.

Always fun to have Katie, her son Kenney, and her mother visit. It's nice when Tom comes along as well, but he was busy getting through the snow storm to get home to Salmon.

You heard about the duck, a skunk and a deer that went out to dinner didn't you? Seems that when it came time to pay, the skunk didn't have a scent, and the deer didn't have a buck, so they put the meal on the duck's bill.

Saludos,

Dave Smith

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Greetings Fiddlers

I hope you all had a very blessed Easter!! We sure did, and enjoyed spending fun times with our children and grandchildren.

The month of April the fiddle groups didn't have much to report. The East group chairman, Betty Gull, reported that Salmon Creek changed their play from the 2nd Wednesday in April to the last Wednesday in April. If you have questions concerning this play please call Betty at 208-887-2113.

Our Chairman for District 5, Jerry Van Buren announced that all the officers for last year have volunteered to take their same offices for the coming year. Thank You!!!
Thank You!

The District 5 meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of May, (the 9th)

Due to the meeting at Hoots. (4th & 5th) For the meeting on the 9th of May for District we would like for all of us to bring our own sack lunch to eat before the meeting. Any questions concerning this please call Jerry Van Buren 208- 546-8232.

Patty Sharp announced she has a music stand she would like to sell for \$10.00. If anyone is interested in this feel free to call Patty at 208-695-0084.

Discussions were made about continuing our jam sessions here at the Senior Center during the summer months. Be thinking about this and give your ideas at the May 9th meeting.

I do believe this is all the news I have to report for the month of April. Hope to see you all there at Hoots!! If any of you are interested in the lessons that are being provided at Hoots for May 4th & 5th, give our Chairman, Jerry Van Buren, a call, he has the schedule for those that don't have internet. Don't forget to bring your instruments and your smiles and join us for a SUPER weekend at Hoots.

Evelyn Smith, Lifetime member of Idaho Old Time Fiddlers died on April 7, 2019. Idaho Old Time Fiddlers did honor her by providing flowers for her funeral which was held on April 22nd at the LDS church on Hill Road. RIP Evelyn.

Your Reporter, Linda Lyle 208-840-1278

District 9

SPRING IS FINALLY
HERE -- BUT WET!

Greetings from District 9. As I write this in April, spring has really sprung but is a wet one. No complaint since it's not snow. What a winter we had for snow! So will let you know how we fared during winter.

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JANUARY

We were able to play at 10 sites this month with little threat of snow. That was a good thing. We played at 2 sites, Kendrick and Troy, which are not monthly for us and are Sr. Meal Sites. So we enjoyed good playing, singing, good participation from the seniors, and a lunch as well.

FEBRUARY

Then we got into February. We had 12 sites we were scheduled to play for. We played at our first sight of the month at Bishop Place with a good turn-out and lots of happy listeners. Then the snow hit! We were not able to get to our jam and meeting day as well as the next 4 play sites during the month. This was a first and very frustrating. We had to call and cancel at each site with a lot of disappointment from the seniors. We have to travel quite a ways for several of our play dates and just couldn't go out and have to worry about getting there in one piece. When we were finally able to carefully travel we played at a new addition, Palouse Hills, who welcomed us with only a few players, but we were able to cover the time with a fiddle, guitar, and bass and were pleased to enjoy a nice lunch after.

The rest of the month was nip and tuck with travel but we had enough at each play site to entertain and the seniors did enjoy. We were also fighting the fact that several members have been sick or having surgeries which kept our numbers down for the play dates. But we slowly started to get back as members mended and could get out.

MARCH

With the snow still being a challenge we did cover all 10 scheduled sites and the seniors were glad to see us back after missing us in February. We played one of our extra sites which we don't play every month at Kendrick which is down in the valley and a bit of challenge to get to when the weather is good. There is a pretty winding narrow grade to go down along with semi-trucks using the road which you always have to be aware of. But we didn't let the snow get us down. We didn't have as many players, but those who were able to come put their hearts and souls

into the songs.

Well, snow or no snow, we made it through the "winter" months and were very thankful. We are now into spring, but we have been dealing with a lot of rain which had it's own good thing -- it got rid of the remaining snow which we were glad to see go. We have had a lot of members out with many problems, but they are coming back as best they can and we are so glad to see them.

This wraps up the first quarter of 2019 and we wish you a very wonderful spring season and enjoy those daffodils and tulips. We even have a few daffodils in our yard. What a bright note after all the snow. Enjoy and may you have many great play dates with lots of playing on your agenda!

Marge Nelson, Secretary

District 8

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all enjoying this typical Idaho spring. You know, wind, rain, sun and all the rest. Good thing is the flowers starting to show their colors and leaves beginning to appear on the trees. Before long it will be summer in good old Idaho.

We have some sad news to report this month. Our good friend Guadalupe (Lupe) Cohea passed away on April 20th. Lupe is the wife of our mandolin player and resident "Cajun" vocalist Joe Cohea, a friend to all. Lupe attended many of our events. She was a kind lady and a delight to visit with each time she was with us. We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to our friend Joe and the Cohea family. It has been great having Joe return to play with us each week and to enjoy his company. Hopefully the blessing of music will help in healing sad hearts.

Our schedule is full for May and report has it the trip to Hoots this year by a few of our members was a lot of fun. Some excellent workshops were presented by Mike and Tari Conroy and were well attended. This writer regrettably missed the event this year but is looking forward to the fall session.

Not much more to report for this letter. Most of our "snow birds" have returned or are on the way very soon. It will be great to get everyone back together for our

busy summer schedule

All the best to everyone.

Saludos,

Dave Smith

District 6

Our playing year is off to a good start and we are happy to announce the return of our snowbirds. We are knocking the rust off of several tunes and gearing up for a fun summer.

This District is in hot pursuit of younger musicians to bolster our membership and perpetuate the art of old time fiddling. We are thrilled to have some Junior members learning our tunes and some students joining us at our monthly jams. Even though they are shy, play softly and are often unsure of which notes are correct, the added depth to the music is invigorating.

Our monthly jam at the Idaho Pizza last evening was livened up with two young ladies joining our group and a local guitar player who also sang some vocal numbers.

Hannah Cooper, age 13, was the first student that Fiddle Teacher Mary Baldwin had, starting at the age of six. Hannah is very fond of Irish jigs and has excellent timing. Hannah's younger sister, Ellie Cooper, is playing the guitar well at the age of nine. These outstanding girls are a marvel to watch, a joy to hear and truly have the love of music in their souls. Their father, Jeff, plays the bagpipes and when you can coax him into playing for you; it s a treat to hear this family perform.

Another Junior member, Daniel Johnson, joins us from Oregon and Nevada where he received prior instruction. Daniel is learning our tunes and refining the techniques from his former teachers but Mary Baldwin is honored to assist him in learning the tunes we play in Southern Idaho. Daniel's father, Joe, plays the guitar and District 6 is pleased to help him advance in his skills.

District 6 is also pleased to welcome Mary Hoff and Bob Barton as guitar playing Auxiliary members. It is no small task to learn the chords to the approximate 250 fiddle and dance tunes this District has on our play list.

The crowds at our April and May musical jams keep us challenged with their requests and we had two couples dancing last night. People enjoy hearing the Varsoviene and it is fun to watch these older couples navigate between the tables as they step lively to the beat of the music. What a fun way to spend a couple of hours on a lovely Spring evening.

District 6 has two changes to our monthly play schedule at this point. Woodstone Retirement Center has been converted to senior apartments so has been dropped from our schedule. The monthly play at our Assisted Living Facility in the country, Harmony Place, has been changed to the first Thursday of the month.

This District invites you to come join us anytime you are in the area. Have a fun and safe summer of music.

Mary Baldwin, Reporter



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DISTRICT 5

Hello Fiddlers,

Summer is about to begin; therefore District 5 East and West groups will not be doing their regular plays that they do during the winter months. They 5 will begin again in the fall beginning the first Thursday of September. The Night Group will continue as usual. We have decided, However, to continue the first Thursday evening jams, beginning at 6 pm and playing until 8 pm. We will not be having any food items. The jams will be in June and August, due to the 4th of July, we won't have a jam in July.

We hope that everyone will come out and support these summer jams and have a good time sharing new songs or the old ones. Feel free to bring a family member or a couple of friends and enjoy a night of good music.

District 5 had a good attendance for the May meeting and shows at Hoots. We had a good meal and lots of jamming and the shows were good. We even had a few folks show us their dance skills Saturday night. Fun Times. The workshops were well attending and we learned 2 new songs and played them at the show Saturday night. CD's were given out for each lesson on every instrument. We appreciated the hard work the instructors put in during these days at Hoots. I am sure it takes LOTS of patience to teach such a big group. The weather was just beautiful and skies were blue during the day and full of stars at night. The fields were full of wild flowers and mountains very very green.

We have a new state treasurer now, his name is Dick Garrett, the rest of the officers

for the board will remain the same for this year. The fall meeting is

Planned for September 27-29th. If anyone wants details concerning all the possible changes coming up in 2019 for the fiddlers please call Jerry VanBuren, our District 5 chairman. (208-546-8232)

District 5 officers will remain the same for coming year and are listed below.

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report this month,
however if you have
any questions
concerning the jams
this summer or the
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September, or even if you would like to join the IOTF 's please contact our chairman for District 5, Jerry VanBuren (208-546-8232)

Your Reporter

Linda Lyle

ALWAYS START A TUNE WITH A SMILE AND ALWAYS END A TUNE WITH A SMILE!!!

District 8

Happy June to everyone,

Happy to report it is beginning to look like we might be getting into some warmer weather here in Eastern Idaho. The rain has been heavy and regular through out May, which has made our country a green carpet everywhere. I personally like this time of year and the emergence of new life we see all around us. I see lots of new calves in the field outside my back door and it won't be long now before they will be moved to their summer grazing areas. My lawn is green, trees all have their leaves and flowers are showing their array of splendid colors. It's a good time of the year.

And speaking of a good time of the year, we want to remind and invite all you fiddlers to join us for our annual District 8 Campout that will be held this next weekend at Cedar Park Golf Course in Ririe, Idaho. It's the same place we've been for many years now, and we always have a great time playing music, visiting and sharing good food. Things begin on Friday, June 7th and wrap up following the Gospel Hour the morning of June 9th. All are invited. Plenty of room for your campers or motor homes, so get things loaded up for a fun time this weekend.

We are happy to now have our entire group back from their winter venues. It's good to have them add their talents to our group and we look forward to sharing lots of good times over the summer months.

I can't give you much of a report on Hoots this year, as I was unable to attend. However, I'm told a good crowd was on hand and the music was outstanding.

That about wraps it up for now. See you next time around.

Dave Smith

Reporting for District 8

Idaho Falls



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District 8

Happy 4th of July to everyone from all the gang here in District 8.

We have had a busy June around here with our regular play stops and its nice to have all the group back in town following winter in the South.

Our annual District 8 Campout was well attended and we enjoyed being with good friends from around the state. Weather was a little cool, but the barn was warm and the music was outstanding. Thanks to all those who attended and made the event a success. We are looking forward to other District campouts this summer so we will be seeing everyone again soon.

Not much else in the news this month. So, instead of rambling on about nothing, I'll just close by expressing our appreciation to all who continue to participate in our old time fiddle group and to all of our friends who enjoy the music wherever we may be visiting.

Have a great July and we'll see you next month.

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Teresa asked if I would do the newsletters for our district. "Of course" I said, me being the "guppy" that I am, "it shouldn't be that hard!" Now here I sit, Blank minded and not a clue as what to write???

It's like when we're at a play, the song ends, and she turns to me and says "Ter r r y". My stomach jumps up into my chest, my eyes pop out and sweat trickles down my brow, and just then, forget every word to every song, every chord, as my legs turn to rubber and I stumble up to the mic and, and ,and ugh, ugh ugh !! Does this sound familiar? "Enough of me"

Our District has been quite busy lately, playing at county fairs, summer parties for seniors, even played on a float (a farm trailer pulled with District vehicle) at the Iona days parade. It was fun and got a lot of people singing along and, clapping and just cheering us on! We played at "senior day at the Idaho Falls Zoo". Ya, I got to see many of my relatives there! (Most of them were in cages)! Some of the members played up in island park and the area. Yup! It's been a busy, but fun summer so far for District 8! It's not over yet!

Keep on a saw'n them fiddles, pick'n them strang's and haven' a good 'old time this summer !!!

District 8

Terry Kerswell

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My, how time flies when you're having fun! Are we still in the "dog days of summer"? What am I complaining about? At least it's not winter – yet! It's always fun when we can get together and make music together, no matter the season!

On a sad note, Our hearts go out to one of our district 8 good members, Dave Black, who's wife Kathy passed away in July.

A subject that came up at one of our "Jams": Are all the songs that we play, or sing appropriate for audience(s) (generally elderly people that are pretty much "captive" for us)? Some of which you might say "on their last leg of life" or strapped into a wheelchair or worse. Does our music bring them joy or does it bring sadness to their hearts? I myself would probably be a "crabby 'ol geezer" if someone sang "all my friends are now gone, and my little puppy ran away, or was encouraged to get up and dance when I only one leg to stand on" I would probably yell out, "what the Sam hill do you expect of me? However, we do get many comments of appreciation for what we are doing. Just a thought to keep in mind.

Did I mention how time flies? I'd like to put a bug in your ear! September is "the back door to summer"! 'ya-it-is! By next month, stores will start putting out Christmas decorations! "ya-they-will! Maybe, I say **Maybe**, we might start **thinking** of some Christmas music to learn (or re-learn). Did I mention how time flies? Wouldn't it be great that by the time the radio stations start playing Christmas music, the Old Time Fiddlers might be prepared with some great sounding Christmas music also? Did I mention how time flies?

But, until then, May you all enjoy all the summer that Mother Nature gives us and keep a “hummin’-and-a-strummin’ because “**Time flies when you’re having fun!**”

This is Terry Kerswell

for District 8

District 12

We had a great turn out for our campout that was held August 2-4 at Jerry and Marion Eastman's in Tendoy.

It was a beautiful setting with plenty of room for r.v parking, shade, good food, friends, and music of course. Thank you Jerry and Marion for your gracious hospitality. I encourage everyone to put the District 12 campout on your calendar for next year the first weekend in August.

We had musicians from Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls and then special guests,

John and Carolyn Bacon from Dillon, Montana and Arleen Watkins from Tucson, Arizona.

I'm pretty sure that I played more than 10 hours alone on Saturday. Here in Salmon we continue to play at our 2 nursing homes every month for an hour each as well as jam afterwards and there is a jam session every Thursday night. If you are planning a trip to our area, we would love to have you join us.

I encourage everyone to attend our Fall gathering at Hoots September 27th -29th. It is at these gatherings as well as the campouts where you can learn a new tune, make

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new friends, enjoy the ones you already have, and learn more about our organization. I always come away from these meetings not only tired but with a "high " feeling from having had such a great time and encouraged to learn a different tune or technique. I have been playing for 48 years and I am still learning!
But music is so good for your soul.
Looking forward to seeing you all at Hoots!

Katie



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FALL IS UPON US WITH LOTS OF PLAYS

Hi from District 9. We are well into October, but the heat is finally gone. In fact, it has been down right cold with a hint of snow already. So will review summer and the start of fall.

JULY

We got in 10 good play dates this month beginning with our usual Bishop Place where the folks always turn out in good numbers and really enjoy the music. We also covered Pullman Sr. Center where we enjoy a great meal each month and then on to Circles of Caring. We were able to play at a BBQ in Rosalia which we've done in the past few years. Seniors are bused from around the area and it turns out to be a lot of fun when the weather cooperates. We've had to deal with wind and rain, but they have a covered area which helps. Then we played at Good Sam where we play in 2 locations to cover those who can't get around well and then independents. Some attend the second play who were at the first and we get a good turnout. Then in the

middle of the month we played at Troy Days outside in a gazebo and enjoyed BBQ after the play. We rounded out the month with 4 more regular play sites which were well attended.

AUGUST

The month began with the Scenic Six Fiddle Show which one of our members, Mabel Vogt, always sets up for local performers to entertain folks in the area. She also has a group of young people called the Jr. Jammers whom she has taught fiddle to and they perform together and individually during the show. It turns out to be a great evening with many of our own fiddlers playing along with others from around the area. We then covered Bishop Place and Good Sam with many enjoying the music.

We played our two locations on the same day -- Pullman Sr. and Circles of Caring which were well attended. We then enjoyed our annual Dist. 9 fiddle campout at the Lewis and Clark Resort down by Kooskia. This is a weekend affair with lots of fiddlin and just enjoying plays with all who can attend. We have workshops on

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Saturday and then everyone performs in the evening the songs they have learned at the workshop. We even have local folks come to listen to the music. We had 4 more plays the end the month which were all senior sites. Was a good time.

SEPTEMBER

Our last month began with the usual play at Bishop Place. Then we had a special play at the White Springs Ranch where we were invited to perform. I wasn't able to attend, but did hear it was a great time. Pullman Sr. and Circles of Caring were the next plays of the month and then we played at Deary Senior which we don't play each month, but we look forward to it as there is always a great crowd and a yummy meal following. We then covered Good Sam, and on to playing at the Latah County Fair. The outdoor stage had been recovered making it much cooler and nicer than years past. We don't get a big crowd but people walking by always stop for a bit to listen. And the music is on mic which gets out around the fairgrounds. We then continued into the month with Palouse Hills, Avalon, and Regency. We played at Kendrick Sr. which we only play once in a while but they always look forward to our coming. We then finished the play dates with Moscow Senior and Aspen Park. Our final event of the month was the IOTFA Meeting at Hoots which several members were able to attend.

That about covers the third quarter of 2109 and we hope fall will be beautiful with lots of colors and maybe not snow too soon. We wish you all a happy fall with lots of fiddlin and places to play!

Marge Nelson, Secretary

District 8

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Well, here we are in December, (aka the holidays). I, for one hope that the "Christmas bug" will bite me, ya' know, kind of a "pick me up", feel the joy, spread kindness, be of good cheer! But most of all, fill me up with the love of others that we should share with everyone. I hope that I can express that kind of feeling in my music! (♪ jingle dingle bells, jingle dingle bells, jingle all de' way "twang"♪).

In our October newsletter, I threw out an idea "We could make our newsletters have a little bit of **interactivity** (that's the big word I used) among us! Kind of a "forum" or have a part of it reserved for comments and ideas from the readers (that's you)". Remember that? Oh well, that was an idea that just might, or is going down the toilet. Maybe not now.

Hello?

Hello? Ah Hello-O-o? Is anyone out there? Where are you? I guess the newsletters I sent out must be somewhere out in cyber space, maybe they got caught up in some ice crystals and can't get out! Ya' that's where they must be! No one will break the ice and establish communication with me! Or could it be me? This time of the year it's common to get "brain freeze"! I guess. OK! OK! I get it! No one wants to "break the ice"! Just keep it as "Status Quo"! - - - Wait, - - - wait a minute, I hear something coming in, it's a, ah, could it be? Yes! it's a reply! "Way to go"! (**See "From our Readers" below**)

You've probably heard the expression "one man's music is another man's noise"? I need to keep that in my mind sometimes when we are playing at some of the "plays". Sometimes we are "tight" and it is sounding good and it's really fun, at other times we are ah, well ah kind of "loose". I know that it comes with job, "the salt with the sugar", or the "pickles with the cookies". When a new song is introduced, it takes a few times, (or several times) to "get the salted pickles out of the sugar cookies"! Consider this, if only one salted pickle gets in with a

bag of sugar cookies, we can consider it as a pretty good play. But if two or three pickles gets in, it becomes kind of a train wreck. What can we do? How can we prevent a “train wreck?” Well “DAAAA!!! Add more sugar cookies? OR leave some of the salted pickles for another time or another play? We have been encouraged to learn more new pickles, songs, and introduce them at our “jam/business mtgs. That is where we **learn and practice** new songs that have been introduced. Kind of sweeten up, or take out the pickles, ya know, change the pickles into cookies.

The winter months are here now, but the Holidays come with them. November and December can get pretty busy for us all, and not just with more plays but Christmas and lots of personal thing like family gatherings, parties, shopping, decorating, etc. etc. goes on for us all and the “jam/business mtgs.” may take a back seat. Here is where that never-ending gremlin “supply and demand” steps in. I’ll pick up on that idea in our next Newsletter next year. So enjoy the holidays. Merry Christmas to all, be safe and stay tuned in!

This is Terry signing off “till next year”

From our Readers;

Note: comments, and suggestions are from the readers and is not the reflections of District 8 of the IOTFA

From Terry

I'm going to try to work up a John Denver song "Christmas for Cowboys"! It's a simple, 4 cord song in 3/4 time in the key of D. The lead in chord progression runs up to the 4th chord G, it goes **G – D – A7 – Bm** then **G – D – A7 – D**. Repeat those two progressions over and over 'till I run out of words to sing. Three verses and an instrument interlude (G

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– D – A7 – D) should do it!

Barb' mentioned to me:

Terry, I really enjoy the newsletters, I think some of the songs we play are getting a little long! Three, maybe four verses should be plenty. Also, let's keep them "danceable "

Right on Barb! I'm not much of a dancer, but if I was,

I'd probably drop to the floor after 3 verses! Thanks for your comments

Terry

A reader noted on stage appearance.

I noted that at times when someone up to the mic singing or playing, some will walk over and talk (or whisper) to another member. That is really quite distracting and not very professional (I know we are not professionals) but whoever is performing wonders what he or she is doing? This subject has come up before in "jam/business mtgs." but to no avail. The audience is probably questioning what is going on. If possible, keep communications with others in the group until after the play or share it with everyone

From Terry

When we setup our "stuff" at "Plays", let's try to put our instrument cases and other stuff all in as small of area as we can, together, not scattered around and probably not on top of furniture that can be damaged. If possible, let's try to keep it out- of- sight (not all ways possible), but let's "clean up our act"! Make our "area" as neat as possible!