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District 5

Fiddlers are getting psyched for the fun at Hoots in May

Our fiddlers are getting all psyched up for the trip to Hoots. Practice. Practice. Practice. We are bringing the new songs from Rena's and Patty's workshop. We are starting to unlock the mysteries of Blue Camas Waltz. The workshops will go again on April 12 and 26 at 1 p.m. at Pattys. Unless push comes to shove, workshops will again be on May 10 and 24. There will be a fiddle practice at Betty's on April 19 at 1 p.m. and again on May 17. The general practice will be at Betty's on April 30.

Darrel Barnard has an updated schedule for April and May plays so get it from him. April will be our last meeting and jam for this year.

In March 16 members traveled to Horseshoe Bend for a jam and potluck. It is good to see Jack Nolan come out. We hope to see Jack again on April 14 and May 12 at Horseshoe Bend. We know it is going to be a good jam when we see Jack come in the door.

In addition to our regular plays in March, we ended the month playing at Valley View in Boise. We have a special play April 11 at 4:15 p.m. at Capitol Care. Enter on the West side.

We are going to miss Neve for awhile. She was singing and playing right up until the day she checked herself into the hospital.

It wasn't long before she tired of the hospital bed and is now at home recovering.

Rex Kite out in Mountain Home continues to play at church on Sundays with the Landers group. He says he doesn't get out much.

Two of our life members have passed away. Tom Riley from Lowman and Virgil Arnold from Nampa. Virgil was a past chairman of our district. He was a tireless promotor of old time music. He gave hours and hours and miles and miles of his time to the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. He always signed off with "Here We Have Idaho."

—Ava Lutteman

District 9

Plan to attend Fiddle Camp this summer

March is being its usual self on the Palouse this year with cold nights and lots of windy days. The daffodils and hyacinths know that it is spring and are trying their best to bloom but they sure could use some sunshine and warm temperatures.

The group started the month with a small number of players at Clark House in Moscow on March 1. We had a nice audience on March 6 when a baker's dozen played at Bishop Place in Pullman.

We continued the month with our usual monthly play dates: Good Sam in Moscow, March 8, Avalon Care and Pullman seniors the 12th, Gritman Adult Day Care the 13th, Aspen Park the 27th. We ended the month by playing for our lunch: Kendrick seniors the 28th who fed us a good roast beef lunch and Moscow Seniors on the 29th finished the month with a delicious meat loaf.

District 9 is planning a fiddle campout this summer at Three Rivers Resort at Lowell, Idaho. The dates are August 24-26. The facility has RV sites with water and electricity, A frame cabins, motel, tent camping, restaurant, bar, small grocery store, swimming, and hot tub. We would love to have others join us for a good hoedown of music playing. The web site and phone number for Three Rivers is www.threeriversresort.com, phone 208-926-4430. Please make your own reservations if you plan to attend.

Happy trails to you.

—Gary Bloomfield



May 4-5 - Hoot's get-together.

June 13 - Emmett Cherry Festival performance on Wednesday, June 13 from 3:30-5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us.

