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Fiddlin' into spring thru snow, sleet, rain, wind and dark of night

Hi Fiddlers and Friends!

Wow, the title says it all and we went through it all for sure. The last three months have been a bit of a challenge to get out and make all the play dates we had scheduled. But I think we managed to cover them all.

We started the new year off with our first play in January at Bishop Place. They are the site who have all the Christmas trees which I thought would all be gone, but they still had some on display and that always creates a warm feeling. We had a good turnout of 12 members and there was much enthusiasm from the crowd and the players. Other than our regular plays, we also played at Kendrick Senior Mealsite which we only play at a few times during the year. They are so glad to have us and they serve a very delicious meal after we play. And I, in particular, had a great time when we played at Good Sam since we had additional entertainment.

They have two parakeets who are caged beside where we stand to play and they would chirp the whole time we were playing a song and stop for a breather each time we stopped. This continued through all the songs we played, and they have continued to entertain each time we have been to Good Sam this year. I now have several other players noting the bird "sing along."

February plays were well covered and we played for the sec-

ond time at the new Whitman Center site. They are enjoying us very much and we are glad to have them on our list of sites.

Unfortunately, we ended February with the loss of one of our former OTF members.

Daphne Silha and her husband, Henry, were members for many years with Henry playing the accordion. Daphne was a great support to her husband and held the office of treasurer for the group for many years. She stayed active with us after her husband died in January 1998 until she moved to Danville, Ky., to be closer to her eldest daughter. Daphne and Henry raised one son and two daughters and had several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Daphne enjoyed camping, traveling, the ocean, and gardening. She was a marvelous seamstress and sewed for others which included making vests for our OTF group that we wear with pride, especially on special play dates. She also sewed her own clothes and in later years took up machine embroidery and quilting.

In addition to the Old Time Fiddlers, she was an active church member, belonged to the Good Sam RV group, and the Faculty Wives Group. She started square dancing at age 79. Daphne was a person everyone enjoyed and she will be greatly missed. She was 92.

March found the weather finally

starting to get spring oriented. There were still morning snows and lots of rain and wind. But there are little signs like snow drops and crocus peaking through to let us know that spring is here. Several of the fiddlers played for Daphne's funeral in early March and were able to say good-bye to her in that manner. The rest of the month has been fulfilled in play dates with us playing at our last site today at Moscow Senior Meal site where we enjoyed a delicious pork dinner. The meal sites are always gracious to include us in their meal programs, and we look forward to entertaining as we move into April. We wish you all a happy spring and lots of good fiddling.

—Marge Nelson



June 3-5 – Beverly Kirkpatrick Memorial Fiddle Show/Campout at the Cedar Park Golf Course, 4429 E. 234 N., Rigby, Idaho.

July 14-17 – Lowman Campout (formerly Elk Meadows Campout).

