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## District 5

### Metzer honored at National Contest

The summer fun is in full swing in District 5.

Rex Kite and group went to Glens Ferry Seniors to play with members from Twin Falls, Bliss and Gooding. Bonnie's group are keeping their regular Monday night plays.

Maxine's fiddlers met at Pat and Dick Ramage's for a practice. It was good to see Dick up and about and backing up with his guitar.

Ten members from District 5 joined District 4 and played at the Cherry Festival. Thanks to Joy for inviting us. Both Districts joined to play at the Meridian Dairy Days where 20 members played for a big crowd. Thanks to all who turned out. Several had to play off the stage while the fiddles were bow to bow standing sideways on a wagon.

We were invited for a barbecue at the Idaho Soldiers Home in Boise to honor the fiddlers who have volunteered their time playing for the veterans over the years. Likewise, they are a wonderful audience so we appreciate them as well.

Betty Gull has received a Call To Service Award from President Bush for the Retired Volunteers Program and a gold pin for her years of service to those who like to hear old time tunes. District 5 also appreciates her efforts in getting us all there to take part and put on a good show.

July 9 - Jam and potluck at the Horseshoe Bend Senior Center from 5-8 p.m.

July 12 - Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, 6-7 p.m.

July 23 - Summer picnic indoors at Meridian Friends Church, potluck and jam 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

July 28 - Summerwind, 6-7 p.m.

Several IOTF members attended the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Festival in Weiser. Noel Metzer took the prize for being the oldest contestant and



**Noel Metzer received the oldest contestant trophy at the National Old-time Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser.**

gave his own show on stage. Several played on stage to kick off the evening performances. So now when I hear a tune I don't know or if someone asks the name of a tune, I will say "Oh, that's Bully In The Low Ground."

Several members have taken turns being on the sick list. Cleo Cline and Kathy Flaten and Eldon Leach with a sick leg. At this age life is darn dangerous. So Luck 'n Stuff.

—Ava Lutteman

## District 4

### Weiser Festival activities enjoyed

Dear Friends!

Well, another WEISER Festival has come and gone. Sure hope you all got what you wanted out of it. There is so much to do and see. Whoopee!

District 4 is still in the growing stages. We sure have appreciated District 5's contribution to making it go. Thanks so much.

We are doing a round of retirement/nursing homes. I enjoy playing for them as they look forward to us coming.

We played at the Cherry Festival in Emmett for District 4 and were joined by District 5. In return District 4 helped 5 out in playing at Dairy Days in Meridian in June. It is a fun time. People are so appreciative.

Our July meeting was held at the

clubhouse in Heritage Park in Emmett on July 5th. The District paid for a pizza party. I'm sure that by the time you read this, the members will have enjoyed themselves.

My apologies for not getting the news in last month. I certainly heard about it. Oh, by the way, is there anyone that would like to be our news reporter? You need to be able to do email. I would sure love to hand the job over to someone else.

God Bless you all and keep the instruments warmed up.

—Joy Halliwell

## District 1B

### Post Falls Days enjoyed by many

Hi, we're still here in beautiful Coeur d'Alene!

We started out the month helping Post Falls celebrate their Post Falls Days. We had a beautiful day with no threat of rain. The audience was great and had a lot of fun.

We kept all of our homes commitments during the month and played for a Father's Day gathering.

Guardian Homes in Post Falls has asked to be added to our list of regular play locations. They really enjoy the music. Those who can, dance in the kitchen area.

Jim Wilson (one of our fiddlers) had a knee replaced. He is getting along fine, but is still in therapy. Rusty had to have a colonoscopy and I had a mammogram. We're just fine. I'm doing okay.

Keep playing and don't forget to smile.

—Marilyn Wells



Sept. 23-24 — IOTFA Convention, Idaho Falls Shilo Inn.

