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2008 National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest Parade Entry

District 4

Fiddle Festival and parade was loads of fun and lots of fiddlin'

We had a great turnout for the Emmett Cherry Festival with 18 musicians! Thanks to all of you who participated! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Weiser Fiddle Festival was loads of fun and fiddlin'. It was great to see everyone up there. We had lots of fun driving the truck pulling the IOTFA float in the parade and watching the little kids (and adults too!) dancing and clapping to the fiddle music coming from the float! Those playing on the float sounded wonderful and the float looked great!

During June, we had the regular plays at Apple Valley, Serenity and SunBridge. Even though several of us were up at Weiser, there was still a nice turnout at the potluck/jam at Horseshoe Bend.

At our recent meeting on July 1, our Chairman Joy Halliwell announced that she would be stepping down as District 4 chairman at the upcoming election. Her husband, Ken, has been having some health problems. She will

still be an active member of our group playing at the health care facilities and the jam sessions. We thank Joy for all of her efforts and her years of service, especially in District 4!

Later in July, several of us will be attending the Elk Meadows campout. We're looking forward to this event again this year. It should be lots of fun...in addition to lots of great food, fiddlin' and friendships!

And the last item we have to report for this month is that we're planning to have a Barbecue/Potluck/Jam session at the Emmett City Park on Saturday, Aug. 9 starting at 2 p.m. We're hoping to have a really great turnout for this and perhaps even recruit some new members. Hopefully, many District 5 members will be able to come join us for this event. More details will be discussed at our meeting/jam on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Heritage Place. So please contact any of our members to get the full scoop on the plans. See ya' there!

-Ron and Marlene Moore

District 1A

Entertaining in North Idaho keeps Fiddlers busy

District 1A is still entertaining in North Idaho. The first Wednesday in June we played before the noon meal at the Senior center with the following playing: Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Earl Stephens, Barry Coleman, Lewis Mace, Ruth Hoglan, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

The second Wednesday the following traveled to Bonner County to play for the HeartStone Village Homes: Eleanor Erickson, Doris Howard, Sonja and Jim McCalmant and Barry Coleman. They would like us to come every week, but with gas at \$4 a gallon, we just can't.

Then the third Wednesday we played at the Extended Care Facility of the Boundary County Hospital, which we have been doing for over 23 years, with the following playing: Janet Sapp, Ruth Hoglan, Jim and Sonja McCalmant, Barry Coleman, Eleanor Erickson and Doris Howard.

To close out the month of June we will play for the Ace Elder Care Homes this weekend, June 28, for their picnic to celebrate the third year of them owning the facility. I will tell you more about this in our next paper.

I'd like to sign off with this thought, "God put a tear in your eye so that you could see a rainbow."

Have a great summer.

-Doris Howard



Aug. 9 - barbecue, potluck, jam session, Emmett City Park, 2 p.m.

Aug. 15-17 - Leadore Campout at the Leadore City Park.

Aug. 22-23 - Three Rivers Campout.

Sept. 26-27 - 2008 State Convention at the Courtyard by Marriott in Meridian.

