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April flowers bring more snow

It seems like all I write about is the weather but I am sitting here on April 28 watching it snow and the lawn is covered with wet snow. I did plant a bit of a garden yesterday and the ground was dry on top so this will help to make things emerge when it warms up, who knows when that will be.

Our group was very saddened to hear of the passing of Louise Carscallen from Potlatch. Louise was always a lot of fun and loved to play Faded Love, Kaiser's Waltz, Bill Bailey and Oklahoma Hills on her fiddle. Although she has not played for the last year or so, she will be greatly missed by everyone.

We started the month at Bishop Place in Pullman with a very small group of musicians, but a nice size crowd. Our newest member, Charles "Whitey" Eagen, played his mandolin along with Herb, Clarence, Willard, and Gary.

Good Sam in Moscow was also a small group as it was Easter weekend.

On the 13th we played our triple play day between Pullman and Moscow with seven musicians.

The weather was good on the 14th and we had 12 show up to play at Deary for the senior lunch. Actually it was not a lunch but a full fried chicken dinner. Joining us was Chuck Maple on guitar, a guest of Kathi Arbiter.

Potlatch senior lunch on the 17th

was also well attended with 10 players including Clarence, Dave, Tom, Sue, Marge, Skip, Carol, Doug, Gary and Mabel. We all enjoyed a good roast beef lunch before we headed home.

I am writing this report a bit early as Karen and I will be traveling to New Mexico for the end of the month for a vacation. I will have to include our last three play dates in next month's news.

—Gary Bloomfield

District 12

Fiddlers bring oldtime music to Pioneer Days

It must be spring finally in Lemhi County as tulips are blooming and there is only an occasional snow storm! We survived playing at the mule and horse sale with a few allergy symptoms among the group.

On May 7 we will play at three locations: for the grade school Pioneer Days next to the Salmon River at the Island Park Pavilion at 11:30 a.m., 7 p.m. at Discovery Care Centre and then on to our jam session at the American Legion Hall until around 10 p.m. On the 14th and 21st at 7:30 p.m., we will be jamming at the Imperial Apts. Our monthly meeting will be held at the Legion Hall at 7 p.m. on the 28th with the jam to follow. The 29th will begin the campout at Rigby for the State Fiddle Show. Let's all go!!

Diane Spaeth continues to instruct beginning to advanced fiddlers. There are three adults and 10 youth, second to seventh grade, who enjoy her wit and talents. Some of the tunes they are learning are: Bells of St. Mary's, Arkansas Traveler and Old South.

Snowbirds Katie and Tom have returned and are playing with us again. Ted Kirkpatrick played his bass when we met on April 30th. We love to have him visit us. Rosalie has had some problems and is in Idaho Falls. If you would like to contact her and wish her a speedy recovery, please write to: Rosalie Hawley, c/o Leanne Bush (her daughter), 4087 Birchwood Circle, Ammon, Idaho 83406.

—Kay Smith
for Rosalie Hawley



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