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District 12 Newsletter – Jan. & Feb. 2016

Hello everyone from your friends in District 12.

Regular plays at Discovery Care Centre and The Meadows Assisted Living are on our agenda the first two Thursdays of each month. We are warmly welcomed at both places and enjoy the residents. Then we are off to jam til 10:00 p.m. normally at the recreation hall at the Imperial Apartments.

Our plays at the annual Salmon Select Horse and Mule Sale are coming quickly in just over a month. April brings showers and May flowers and it seems wind and sometimes more in April at the sales. We are requesting interior space to play as it is tough to play next to an open barn-like door with unpredictable weather. We play in the vendor barn and the vendors seem to enjoy having us both Fri. & Sat. entertaining them and the public for a couple hours each day. We also have an audience of sale mules who hee haw right to the music!

We are very fortunate to have a new member Paul Thompson who has joined with his newly purchased guitar. He is a determined and talented learner who has amazed us with his dedication to our style of music. Paul likes to slip some blues in when he can and is heard strumming when there is a lull or some conversation. We are enjoying his sense of humor. Needed some of that this winter!

Speaking of new members, we are grooming 12-year old Eliza Fisher who is coming frequently to our jams. Our Dianne Spaeth who passed away in October started Eliza and I have been volunteering to teach her and also her little sister, age 8, Gracie. Since our schools are on four-day weeks, Friday lessons work for these sisters and I go their home to help them and, consequently, help myself to learn right along with them. We have a good time and I am so proud of their progress.

We are losing a valuable member Susan Harris who will be moving to Montana soon. She is our secretary/treasurer and a wonderful fiddler. Montana will be gaining a fine musician. We will miss you, Susan! Come back when you can.

Salmon Public Library will be moving down Main St. to a new, larger building this month. It is very impressive. As a former librarian in the junior high school, I plan to assist with the move and shelve

some books. While visiting the library yesterday, I ran across a Dillon, Montana, newspaper The Dillon Tribune with an article about their 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Dillon Fiddle Contest which drew 37 contestants from Montana and Idaho. It was held at the Depot Theatre. It appears to be a young fiddlers contest and I don't want to miss it next year around Valentine's Day. Sure am sorry I didn't know about it this year. Would love for our Fisher family to go to that for some inspiration next year.

One last note—We had a very well attended cabin fever jam at the Tendoy home of Jerry and Marian Eastman on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed the fantastic music and great food. There were musicians who joined our members with voices and instruments so that it was a very special day for all.

Kay Smith

DISTRICT 5, FEBRUARY 4, 2016

HELLO ALL FIDDLERS & MUSICIANS

I AM HOPING EVERYONE DID SOMETHING FUN AND EXCITING FOR VALENTINE'S DAY.

WE HAD 23 FOLKS ATTEND OUR February meeting, which most of them were players. We welcome those that just come to visit and listen to the music and hope they enjoyed what they heard and will come back again soon.

The Bluebooks that were passed out recently will go to all members of the IOTF group every 10 years. These books are really awesome and this way we can get to know the folks we are playing music with.

All the plays are still taking place. The night group lead by Bonnie is on Monday and If anyone has a question concerning this group, you can contact Bonnie

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Longstreth at 208-343-9638. Betty Gull's group is still playing on Wednesdays and Jerry's group is playing on Tuesday. Betty's number for questions is 208-887-2113 and Jerry's number is 208-466-4402.

We want to remind everyone again of the Meeting at Hoots beginning April 28th through May 1st. There is free R.V. parking and local motels. Put these dates on your calendars and plan to be there. There is lots of jamming and dinner is served on Saturday night, which is a buffet. Several workshops also available. If anyone would like more information concerning this event feel free to call our chairman, Jack Moon 208-898-9727. Rena Lute, 208-891-2111, mentioned that if any lady would like to stay there in a room with her, she is welcomed to do so, just let her know as soon as possible.

Bonnie Longstreth mentioned that she has some workshop materials, such as cassettes which could be put on CDs to share if anyone is interested. This subject was to be voted on by the club if we want to do it. More information on this will come later by the club.

Phoenix Fullington offered his library of songs to give to folks also if they would like to have them.

The song of the month for February is Silverdew On The Bluegrass. This is a GREAT tune, so lets all try to learn this piece.

Jack Moon, our chairman, gave us a tip on bowing. He wants us all to try to put emphasis on the down beat of a tune and that will give the song more expression when we are playing. I think we have had some good tips this these last two months from different individuals , so we should all make a effort to try some of these methods and see if we can't make our tunes sound better!!

I am hoping everyone that has been out sick will be back on the mends by this next meeting March 3.

We really had a GREAT potluck this month!!! Lots of variety and GOOD chicken. I am asking everyone to join in for this dinner and bring your favorite dishes to go along with the chicken, which the club provides. Also, this is an opportunity to visit with our fellow musicians and get to know them...

Remember ..... if anyone wants something mentioned in this newsletter please call me at 208-495-2040. I would be glad to write it up for you.

I read this in another newsletter somewhere and I would like to quote it in our newsletter. " Give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"

Keep up the good music and learning new tunes to share with someone!!!

Your Reporter, Linda Lyle

Hello from District 8

I am a happier girl now that the sun is starting to peek through the clouds a little more and it is a touch warmer, the sun is not setting too early. I love summer.

Charlie Lahm, the Web master, has been nagging me to get this newsletter out. So I decided I better "get er done." I will be glad when the regular news guy gets back to do this. He is much better at writing exciting news.

Our district has been busy with our regular plays and we have not had many specials this last month. We are gearing up for our 3rd annual food drive concert to benefit the Idaho Falls soup kitchen. The Sites violin students will be joining us again. They are so fun to listen to. This is an easy way to give to our community doing what we love to do anyway.

We have been changing our schedule around a little and that gets tricky remembering where to go next. Good thing we have a good calendar man, Harold Sorensen, to keep us on track. It is really nice to have our Ted Kirkpatrick back from down south and really really good to have our Dave Smith back from his mission for the last two years. Our group will be complete again, once we get Dave Schjeldahl and Darryl Harris back from down south. They just can't hack the cold up here.

With summer coming, don't forget the first get away is Hoots. This year, it is the weekend of April 28-May 1. There will be workshops again. I am working on the schedule with Mike and Tari Conroy, our wonderful teachers. I can tell you there will be fiddle bowing, backup, and double stop classes, Bass classes, Mandolin lead and chord classes, and Guitar lead classes. Also a banjo class or two. Keep your eye on the web page for the flyer to come shortly.

Then the first weekend in June is the first campout of the summer here in Rigby. More to come on that.

Happy trails to all of you until we meet again. See you at Hoots

## Obituary: Lucille Stevens, 93, of Moscow

Posted: Saturday, January 30, 2016 12:00 am

Lou Stevens, a longtime Moscow resident, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, at Community Health and Hospice in Longview, Wash. She was 93.

Lucille Lorene "Lou" Steele was born Jan. 16, 1923, at Sedalia, Mo., to John Milton and Sarah Ann (Sallie) Meyer Steele. She grew up there and graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in 1942. That year she married Dave Sumner in Missouri.

Lou started her career with telephone companies first in Portland, Ore., and then in Kansas City, Mo. In 1963 she transferred to Moscow with Pacific Telephone, later GTE and Verizon before retiring in 1983.

On Aug. 16, 1963, Lou married Charley A. Stevens in Moscow. Over the years Lou has been active in the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, playing piano, guitar and singing. She enjoyed playing cards, was a member of the Senior Citizens, Telephone Pioneers, and was an active member of the United Church of Moscow.

Charley died in 1997. Lou has a son and daughter-in-law, David T. Sumner III and Sharon. She also has three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Lou had four brothers and four sisters who have died.

A memorial service will be held at United Church of Moscow in the spring and urn placement will be at the Moscow Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the United Church of Moscow or to the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Short's Funeral Chapel of Moscow and condolences may be left at [www.shortsfuneralchapel.com](http://www.shortsfuneralchapel.com).



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