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## District 6:

The month of May seemed to zip by quickly for our busy members. Our group also provided a special performance for a local facility not on our regular play schedule. The residents there seemed especially appreciative of hearing the old and familiar tunes of their youth so perhaps we will be scheduling additional special plays there periodically.

Our monthly jam at the Idaho Pizza early in the month gave numerous musicians an opportunity to share with folks as they dined and we had many compliments from out of town visitors. Our group feels honored that several families with small children are regular attendees and we hope that perhaps our music will spark some inspiration in the younger generation to keep the old tunes going in the future.

So far in June, we have had one outside performance during the Western Days Celebration in Twin Falls. Our group played hot tunes to match the sizzling summer temperature on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. A few couples danced on the hot cement in front of the band shell while other couples danced in the cool grass under the shade trees. Even though the musicians worked up a vigorous sweat, we did enjoy providing entertainment for the community.

Our group has been requested to provide music for the Camas County Pioneer Picnic in Fairfield on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The picnic this year will be a tribute to the late Manny Shaw. Many of you will recall that Manny Shaw, who started this organization, lived in Fairfield during his later years and enjoyed being a host in his personal music museum located near his home.

In addition, our group will be providing entertainment for the annual Edward Jones Customer Appreciation picnic on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Until next time, keep that wonderful music alive by playing every chance you get.

Mary Baldwin, Reporter

District 9  
June, 2012

JUNE WAS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER  
WITH FIDDLIN THAT IS

Howdy once again from the Palouse region. We are finally into summer and that means a little more slow down time for us. We cut back on some of the meal sites during the summer since members are coming and going with vacations and activities that take us far and wide. We cover what we can and try our best to keep up with the rest of our play dates.

Other than regular play sites we enjoyed playing for Bishop Place which is an Assisted Living Facility in Pullman, for their annual BBQ and tractor show. A cranker club brings in some tractor and all enjoy a great BBQ of hamburgers and hotdogs along with all the fixins. They asked if we would play for a couple of hours while they served and we had a good turnout and played some great music. It was a nice day and many town people showed up to enjoy the event with the seniors and family. And afterwards we enjoyed the meal as well.

District 9 was represented at Weiser for the National Fiddle Contest. It was a great event. Debby Carlson and Mabel Vogt played in the Adult and Senior divisions respectively at Weiser. Mabel was a judge for the first 3 days of the contest. Debby attended several workshops. Playing music with old friends from around the country was the highlight of the week for them.

Our next event will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiddlers Campout that District 9 will be hosting at 3-Rivers. It will be on Aug. 17, 18, 19 and we hope you can all come. There will be lots of playing and even ukulele, fiddle, and harmonica lessons and who knows what else might turn up. It's a great weekend you don't want to miss.

Will catch you up next month on how things went in July, just hope it doesn't get too hot. Everyone have a great summer and keep the music.

Marge Nelson

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## District 8

Howdy Fiddler's:

Wow!!! It just keeps comin' and then it's gone. We've been busy playing our regular Monday and Wednesday plays with a couple of Farmer's markets and specials thrown in too. Gail Fielding sang Dolly Parton's "Coat of Many Colors" at Bonaventure last night. It gave me goose bumps. Wow!

It's almost summer, according to the calendar, but so far it's been mostly wind. Sposed to be in the eighties this week.

The big news is that the Beverly Kirkpatrick Memorial Campout at Cedar Park near Ririe, ID was held the first weekend in June. It was well attended with Fiddler's from Districts 4, 7, 8 and 12. We had a couple of new faces and lots of familiar ones. We jammed hard on Friday eve and Saturday morn, but had to lay down our stringed wood for golf putters Saturday afternoon. Yes, the 4th annual Cedar Park Golf Putting Classic. About forty golfers (if you could call them that) showed up and grounded out 18 holes of the challenging course. Some players favored cross- county and scenic routes to the holes, but all turned in a score. Some just learning that the goal was the lowest number of strokes. There was lots of laughing and only a little cussing. The big story is that Darryl Harris is our new champion, unseating Ron Moore, AKA, the Tiger of Cedar Park. Ron defended nobly and went down gracefully after holding the title for several years. Teresa did not win the highest score award, but, I've been bribed to not divulge the new highest score winner.

**Attention Guitar players-** Did you know that WD-40 can be used to clean and lubricate guitar strings? Give it a try, but use it sparingly. I don't want anyone to slip and fall off the neck. We need all our guitar players healthy.

I'm told that fiddle strings were once made from catgut, a sinew string made from the entrails of a sheep. Fiddle bow hair is, to this day, taken from a horse. Years ago our frontier forefathers were debating whether fiddle music was devil inspired because it made folks want to dance and play rather than work and pray, or whether fiddle music was God inspired because it was so wonderful and joyous. A committee was appointed to study the issue. After years of researching the dilemma the committee announced that Fiddle music was indeed heavenly because only God could make such beautiful music by dragging the tail of a horse over the intestines of a sheep.

We are not doing a float for the Fourth of July Parade here in Idaho Falls this year, but instead, we've been asked to play a mini concert on the downtown greenbelt. This is a new focus for the Fourth celebration here in IF and we're proud to be asked to participate. Here's to a Happy Fourth celebration wherever you are. Keep them fiddle's hummin'!

-Dave Schjeldahl