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## **District 8 News**

Howdy From District 8  
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**BIG NEWS-** Congratulations to our District 8 Chairperson, Teresa Tomita and the newly elected president of the Idaho Old Time Fiddler's, Monty Mortenson!!!! They were ENGAGED a short while!!!! And now they are married!!!!!!

I hope you noticed and we're proud to say that yes, indeed Monty is now the President of the State OTF organization. Our new VP is Ron Moore. First off, a big "thank you" to Jerry Eastman for his many years of service as president. Monty and Ron were elected at the state meeting at Hoot's earlier this month. Congratulations Monty. We're all proud of you.

We had our first reminder that winter is on its way with 4" of snow on my deck. So the snowbirds are making plans to head south. Jobs, family and just plain stubbornness cause otherwise sensible people to stay here and endure winter. The older I get the less use I have for winter. Once Christmas is over my use for winter moves to none at all. And once again we're thinking of Christmas songs in preparation for our annual play at the Festival Of Trees, scheduled for November 13th at the Shilo Inn here in Idaho Falls. And, once again I'm haunted by my Mother's edict that there will be no singing of Christmas Songs, no Christmas decorations until after Thanksgiving.

A woman went to the post office to buy some stamps for her Christmas cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk. "Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 10 Mormon, 10 Baptist ones, 12 Lutheran and 7 Presbyterian.

It is with a heavy heart that I report to you that we lost Ann Longhurst this past month.

Ann has been a long time member and supporter of our District. Her absence at our plays is very noticeable. We will miss her. I have no doubt that she is there for every Angel's Band play in Heaven.

Our Monthly Business meeting and jam was held Thursday, Nov. 8th at Leo's restaurant in Idaho Falls. The business meeting began at 7:00 pm with jamming, prep for our performance at Festival of Trees on Nov. 13th and new material to follow. Teresa has written documentation relating to liability of the District owning a vehicle. The information was shared at the meeting. Other new business was that Mike Weekes replaced Monte as Vice Chair of District 8. Monte felt that his new role as state Chairman would keep him plenty busy. Mike graciously accepted the new task. Thanks Mike.

May the good things of life be yours in abundance, not only at Thanksgiving but also throughout the coming year.

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