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Happy Thanksgiving,

Yes can you believe that the holidays are upon us. Time just seems to rush along and before you know it another year has past by.

We have been busy playing music as usual. We have seven nursing homes to play for each month and a monthly jam at a pizza parlor. We have other nursing homes who would like us to play for them but our schedule is full.

During the holidays we get a few extra gigs with company Christmas parties taking place. We have dusted the cobwebs off of the Christmas songs, and they are sounding pretty good. We played for the Festival Of Giving at a local nursery. They had trees and other festive decorations on display from local talented people. It was our first time playing our Christmas tunes in public this year and we did ok. We find these tunes a challenge since we only play them one time a year, and just when we are getting pretty good at playing them then the season is over. One time we had a request of Jingle Bells in July, we played it but won't do it again, it confused some of the residents in the nursing home.

Well I hope all of you have a very Happy Thanksgiving and stay safe in whatever you do. I will be traveling for the holiday but the forecast looks great.

Chris Leazer  
Reporter District 6

Howdy From District 8  
December 3rd, 2013

Whoa! Another year is rolling to a close. We started the Christmas season early because of a play for The Festival Of Trees on November 19th. We held off on Christmas stuff after that until after Thanksgiving. We're still playing "Turkey in the Straw" in honor of the millions of turkeys who gave their all to the millions of families gatherings this past weekend.

We are so proud of guitar player Dave Smith, and his wife, Elaine, who are debarking on a two year mission to the wilds of Mexico. The Smith's will be heading south the end of December. We wish them well and look forward to their safe return.

Knock, Knock

Who's there?  
Mary  
Mary who?  
Mary Christmas!

Our December calendar includes the regular Monday and Wednesday plays as well as four specials; two church Christmas parties and two civic plays. The church parties are great for several reasons; first, because they feed us and second because the church family is connected to one of our players. There is nothing as good as a hometown audience to make one feel welcome. Finally, because there is usually a mix of ages in the groups. There is nothing like kids at Christmas to get me in the spirit and to share Old Time Fiddling with.

The Friday, Dec. 6th play has me a little concerned because the first part is scheduled for a downtown park, at Park and B Street. The forecast for Friday is in the teens! Winter is here!! I don't play too good with frozen

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fingers. Teresa assures me that there will be a heated tent. TENT!!!! The horrors of Boy Scout winter camping are flashing through my head right now and it is not good. And she wonders why I look forward to going to the Land of The Warm soon. Beside the cold, once past Christmas, I have absolutely no use for winter. So stay tuned, I'll let you know next month how bad the frostbite was.

What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas? "Thanks, I'll never part with it."

Here's wishing you more happiness than all my words can tell, not just alone for Christmas but for all the year as well.

Merry Christmas,  
Dave Schjeldahl