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Howdy From District 8 April 22, 2013

Well we're home from the Southland. Where's Spring? I'm homesick. Sick of being home. We are now official Idaho golfers. We golfed in wind, sunshine, rain, snow and hail- all on the same day!

I rejoined the group for a play at Fairwinds and Liberty Square, and a special play for the folks at the Rigby Senior Center. The group has been adding some new material to our show. I was surprised at a new part Bass player, Ted Kirkpatrick added to "Down Yonder". To put it bluntly, I was stunned speechless!

Chuck Lepper has rejoined us at plays after a lengthy recovery from a medical problem. Great to have him back.

We're already making plans for real summer weather. Take note and add this date to your fun calendar. Cedar Park Campout- May 31, June 1 & 2. This is a nothing-but- fun Fiddler's Campout at the Cedar Park Golf Course, which is just outside Idaho Falls. Lots of jamming, putting contest, potlucks, a Barbeque banquet, band scramble contest, a Saturday night dance and

Sunday Gospel service. If you like fiddling and fun, put this one on your calendar and plan to be there.

Also Idaho Old Time Fiddler's are the host state for the Weiser Contest this summer. Several of us are making arrangements to go over and participate. Getting there, finding a place to stay and playing on stage adds a little stress, but the jamming before and after makes it all worth it. I hope to see you there. Newest news flash- Harold Sorenson, singer, guitar and dobro, broke his finger so bad he is having surgery tomorrow and could possibly out of commission for 6 weeks. He was playing football with his grandkids. They threw the ball to him, he went to catch it and a finger got in the way. Broke the finger, broke a piece of bone off and the tendon is the only thing holding that bone together at all. Could be painful!

I celebrated my seventieth birthday this spring. It sure is terrible to grow old alone. My wife hasn't had a birthday in twenty years.

NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 12

MARCH/APRIL

Hi from District 12

March and April were rather quick in our district. In March we had a special day when we had our Cabin Fever Party. They had previous plans at the Imperial Hall so we moved the party to Dianne Spaeth's home on 9th st. We would like to thank Dianne for her

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hospitality on such short notice. A good time was had by all. Dianne had her young students join us and that was a treat. We played a lot of "Boil Them Cabbages" but it was good for the fiddlers as well as the students to play together. On March 29th, we had our jam session at Betty Morton's home, and that was lots of fun. Thanks to Betty and Dick. They always make us feel so welcome.

In April, other than our Thursday night jams, we played for the famous mule sale on April 13th and the horse sale on the 20th. The sales and the plays were both successful. People came from all over the western United States and even as far away as Minnesota for the sales. The plays were good even though it turned cold on Saturday. We had a fun time and there was a fair amount of dancing on the barn floors.

In May, we have our Thursday night jams at the Imperial Rec. Hall; and of course, there is Hoot's on May 4th through the 6th. We hope to see many of you there.

I would like to take this time to remind you of other special dates for this summer.

June 1st through the 3rd, is the Beverly Kirkpatrick Memorial Campout at the golf course in Rigby. In July on the 12th thru 15th is the Lowman Campout near Lowman, ID.

August 9th thru 12th is the District 12 Campout (previously known as the Leadore Campout) which will be held at the Salmon Meadows Campground in Salmon.

They have a building for us to use to play in, restrooms, etc and is within walking distance of town. We will let you know for sure as the time gets closer, in the meantime, see you at Hoot's!

District 6 April News

Hail, hail the gangs all here, well that is how it felt last night at our regular Monday night play. Our snow birds have returned and we are back to playing at our nursing homes. It is great to have them back, yes I missed them. You definitely could tell they had been somewhere warmer, they had layers of clothes on and it was a warm evening.

Mary and I have been playing at her home during the winter. We worked on some songs that had been giving me some trouble, I got them now and we will be playing them. I also introduced her to a new song and we will be springing that on the group.

It actually was nice to take the winter off from performing at the nursing homes.

Some nights are just cold and slippery and I'd rather be home instead of fighting the weather. We just don't have enough of the group left at home in the winter to play either.

We played songs last night that had to do with springtime, it is a time of year to look forward to. I know the residents were glad to see us and many sang along with our tunes. Afterward we had a lot of them come up and say how glad they were that we were back. Oh, it is great to be missed.

Well I hope this letter finds everyone well. Springtime is time for renewal.

District 6 Reporter Chris Leazer