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Margie Collins playing lead fiddle

District 6



Ralph and Jenny Wolvertson

Fiddlers keep busy with plays at Farmer's Market & Trout Festival

Our members were plenty busy during September covering our routine monthly care center commitments plus some additional plays.

We started the month out with our meeting at Idaho Pizza and also held our yearly elections. All officers will stay the same: Gary Huntington as chairman, Margie Collins as co-chairlady, Becky Bingman as secretary and treasurer, Mary Baldwin as reporter and historian. Our hats are off to Gary and Margie for their willingness to be our fearless leaders for another year.

Our District is proud to welcome guitar picking members, Becky Bingman and Willie Eakin

as active members. We are also pleased to see our group growing with the addition of Chris Leazer who plays guitar and Julia Sampietro who plays the autoharp.

Saturday, Sept. 12, found our members and one guest playing for the Farmer's Market in Hollister. Phyllis Rundell from Gunnison, Colo., joined her sister, Mary Baldwin, in the performance. That Colorado girl is a real fiddler already after only three years of playing and knew most of the tune list that day so we were mighty proud to have her helping us out.

The following week we played four times but we still aren't tired

of music. We provided entertainment for the residents of the Chardonnay Assisted Living in Twin Falls this month and will most likely be adding the facility to our monthly schedule. Several family members joined their loved one in the beautifully decorated living room to hear the old tunes that they remember and love.

That weekend we played twice on Saturday. The first performance was for the happy occasion of a family reunion held at the Anderson RV Park near Twin Falls. We were thrilled to see such a large turnout and the food was just out of this world. Then we zoomed off to Buhl to play for the Trout Festival. This year we played inside the Senior Center instead of outside on the flatbed trailer and we certainly lucked out there as the weather turned a bit windy and ugly. I believe the crowd was glad to have a nice place to rest, relax and listen to some familiar old tunes and they stayed until the very last note was played then begged for more. Wow, what a compliment that is to a bunch of musicians.

Those attending the state convention gave reports of another nice convention and we thank the Salmon district for their hospitality.

Ralph and Jennifer Wolvertson hosted a practice at their home toward the end of the month and we worked out a practice list for October which included two songs honoring Halloween, "Alley Cat" and "Mabel's BOOOOOgie."

Until next time, keep on fiddlin' and sharing your talents with others less fortunate.

—Mary Baldwin

