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District 4

Summer went by quickly and winter is coming on fast

The summer sure went by fast. And before we know it, we'll be in the middle of winter!

The summer has been fun. We had a good time at our annual summer picnic in the Emmett City Park on Saturday, August 28. The day started off with District Chairman Ron cooking breakfast so we could occupy the picnic pavilion area for the day. Then we had lots of good food at the picnic. By the time we started jamming, we had quite a few Emmett residents come by to listen to us. It was lots of fun.

The Fiddlin' in the Pines camp-out was lots of fun back in July. The new site north of Lowman worked out really well. The Forest Service district staff was very helpful and appreciative of our group. It was great to see such a nice turnout of our fiddlin' family.

The Horseshoe Bend Senior Center potluck/jam on Sept. 18 will be the last one until 2011. It was great to have Katie and Tom Bonn from Carmen, Idaho, join us again. We'll resume playing there again in March or April.

Election of officers was held at the August meeting. All officers were re-elected: Ron Moore as Chairman, Ken Tooley as Vice Chairman, and Glenda Rogers as Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks to everyone in the District for their help and support throughout the year.

Looking forward to the State Meeting/Convention at Hoots at the end of October. It'll be great to see everyone again, have some wonderful fiddlin' and renew friendships. Hope to see lots of you up there!

-Marlene Moore

District 5

Fiddlers enjoy playing at mountain retreat for picnic and jam session

Ava has been reminded to keep it short.

Our District continued to have jam sessions at the Eagle Senior Center. Word got out so the audience began to grow until we had a good sized crowd at each jam. But the best part was the incredible talent from the audience that came

forward to sit in and offer a tune.

Another highlight in the summer was a trip to the mountain retreat of Marion and Bob Baird for a summer picnic and jam. Food and Fun.

The fiddlers also traveled to the Burkeholder ranch to picnic and play for the Antique Tool Club.

We finally settled down for serious business and nominated Mary Lopshire for our new Chairman, Jack Moon as Co-Chairman, Betty Gull, Treasurer, Judy Van Buren as Secretary. These folks are our Energizer bunnies who already have us playing at some great places.

Bonnie Longstreth has agreed to continue her program and plays for the Boise evening members. A few members play in both groups.

Betty Gull has invited us to a monthly song practice at her home.

Thanks to all of you who have stepped forward to make it a good year.

And sadly there is one who we need to remember. Viola Courtright, 90 years, from Nampa, passed July 23. She traveled several years with District 5 and played old-time piano. Her husband, Gene, played guitar and banjo. As of today, she was one of the last of the original District 5 Old Time Fiddlers who were there when it all began.

-Ava L.



