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District 12

Leadore campout featured good music

I'm not sure where August went but it did go in a hurry!

On Aug. 2, we had a little "going away" party for Caleb Call and Tim Gordish. Caleb is now in Moscow studying hard. Tim has been promoted to Lt. Commander and is now stationed in San Diego. His wife, Aretta, and the children were able to go with him. For the party, there were ballons, finger foods, and gifts for those that were leaving. Among the gifts were address books that we all wrote our names and addresses in, in the hope that they wouldn't forget us. They will be sorely missed. We can't afford to lose any more fiddle players from this District.

On Aug. 9, we played for an ice cream social for the Imperial Apartments. The residents enjoyed the music, but there was a lot of smoke in the air, the wind was blowing, and it turned a bit cool, so most of our audience went home early. Being die-hards that we are, we just stayed on and enjoyed a little jam session. Fun.

On Aug. 22, we played at the pavilion at the fairgrounds, as it was family fun day. It was the first day of the Lemhi County Fair, and the carnival was up and going. We received nothing but praises from the listeners. And since we are not professionals we liked that very much.

A BIG thank you to all of you who came to the Leadore campout. You all made it fun. For those of you who couldn't make it, you missed a good time. We had a good turnout

of musicians, played lots and lots of good music, learned some new tunes, enjoyed each others companionship, and like all fiddler functions, the food was wonderful and abundant. Our plates runneth over! Friday evening it cooled off early, and everyone quit playing shortly after 10 p.m. So we agreed to go to the Velvet Antler Cafe in Leadore and play after 9 p.m. on Saturday evening. And of course it was much warmer that night. But we all converged on the cafe and played in comfort of the indoors and had a wonderful time until midnight. I hope you will all come back next year.

On Aug. 30, we will be playing for the After School Promise Program fund-raiser at Cavaness Park. We also had our District elections in August. We voted to retain all officers, the same as in the past year. We appreciate their willingness to serve and thank them for the good job they have already done.

Our calendar for September is as follows:

Sept. 6 - 7 p.m. Discovery Care;
8 p.m. the American Legion.

Sept. 11 - 5:30 p.m. Leadore School.

Sept. 13 - 7:30 p.m. Senior Citizens.

Sept. 20 - 7:30 p.m. VFW.

Sept. 27 - 7 p.m. American Legion, potluck, business meeting and jam.

Sept. 28-29 in Blackfoot for the state convention. We hope to see you all at the convention.

Until then...

P.S. Thank you, Kay, for taking care of last month's article. You are appreciated.

-Rosalie Hawley

District 2

Hillbilly Breakfast had good turnout

First of all, I want to say a big "Thank You" to all of you who got up so early in the day and drove so far to play for the Hillbilly Breakfast in New Meadows on Labor Day. We really had a good turnout and had nice compliments from the breakfast crowd on our fiddle music!

In last month's paper, Doris noted the young age of today's fiddle players. One of the realities we face is the fact that after World War II there were very few fiddle players of any kind created within the post-war age groups now in their 40's and 50's who grew up with TV's, hi-fi's, rock and country-western hit-parade music instead of grange hall dances and old fiddle tunes. For us, this means that there may not be enough fiddle players from these generations within the IOTFA to replace ourselves in kind unless we do something to change the situation.

-GMS



Sept. 28-30 - State Convention, Eagles Lodge, Blackfoot, Idaho.

