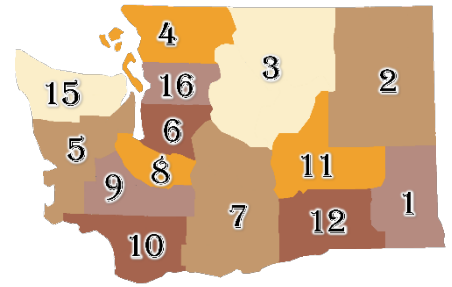




Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association

Preserving an American Tradition



Evergreen Fiddler – August 2023

Leather Britches / Britches full of Stitches / Lord MacDonald's Reel

8/1/2023 – Author: Kitty Steetle

LEATHER BRITCHES

as played by Vivian Williams, transcribed by Kitty Steetle & edited by Josh Larios



Notes: The first measure of each part should be replaced by the fifth more often than not.

The tunes **Leather Britches (Breeches)**, **Britches Full of Stitches**, and **Lord MacDonald** are thought to be variations of each other. Lord Macdonald's Reel was published in **Neil Gow's 3rd Collection of Strathspey Reels** (1792) and may be the source tune.¹ Many believe Sir Alexander MacDonald (1744–1795) wrote the tune himself, but he may have had nothing to do with the composition and his name became associated with it because he played and popularized it.²

Leather Britches most likely emerged in America shortly thereafter and is found in print in **Music for the Piano Dulcimer by Robert J. Rudisill** (New York and Kentucky, 1859).³ Perhaps more interestingly⁴ is that it appears on page 227-228 in **A Tour Through Indiana in 1840: The Diary of John Parsons of Petersburg, Virginia** (New York, 1920):

When we returned to the first cabin we found the young people already dancing, having induced the old fiddler to take his station in one corner, where he played in a most lugubrious fashion the old tune of "Leather Breeches."^{5 6}

The tune's title may refer to leather britches, green snap beans that are strung together with a needle and thread to dehydrate as a means of food preservation.⁷ Or Britches Full of Stitches could refer to actual leather pants stitched together as in the lyrics:

Leather breeches, full of stitches,
Mammy sewed the buttons on.⁸

As a child I remember thinking that Britches Full of Stitches was a warning that if you didn't stop whatever you were doing, you would receive corporal punishment resulting in a sore behind.

1. The facsimile can be found online in Google Books on page 9:
https://www.google.com/books/edition/A_Third_Collection_of_Strathspey_Reels_c/1AnfujL8qjIC?gbpv=1
2. [https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Lord_MacDonald_\(4\)](https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Lord_MacDonald_(4))
3. https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Leather_Britches I couldn't verify this so let me know if you find this publication
4. To me
5. This can be found online in Google Books on page 227-228:
https://www.google.com/books/edition/A_Tour_Through_Indiana_in_1840/gN5CAAAIAAJ?gbpv=1
6. I'm impressed that such a spritely tune can be played 'lugubriously'.
7. I remember seeing this as a child visiting Alabama, but I think it was at a historical society rather than at my Grandparents' house.
8. tunearch, Samuel Preston Bayard. **Hill Country Tunes; Instrumental Folk Music of Southwestern Pennsylvania** (1945)

Post Fiddle Camp 2023 Update

8/1/2023 – Author: Corrine Agnew

I can't believe, as I write this, that it's almost been 2 weeks since we finished up Fiddle Camp. Thank you to every person who spent the week with us. You make July my favorite month, and this year was no different. Each year gives us different challenges and this year was no different. Even though we lost the caterer we had been talking with 3 weeks prior to camp and two of our instructors needed to cancel two days prior to the start of camp due to medical issues and sewage backed up in the new school locker rooms Monday morning . . . even with all that, I kept hearing the same things all week long; "I'm having a great time", "My classes are terrific!" "The dances were so much fun!" "I have been learning so much this week" "This is my favorite week of the year", and "Thank you" over and over. All the stress goes away when you guys reassure us that you are having a great time so thank you for always stopping me in the halls to share.



This year we had 171 students attending classes. We had a total of 11 instructors teaching 20 classes with 83 youth and 88 adults. Our Vendor Room was packed with all sorts of items this year and my mom thanks you all for going through all that music my grandma collected. Thank you to District 8 for your extra district donation, to District 9 for the quilt raffle (that raised \$267), and each and every individual who donated to the camp this year. It takes a lot of resources to run camp and with your donations we are able to breath a little easier each year when putting together the final expense report.

I also want to take a moment to thank those that volunteered (or I volunteered them) for camp this week. First and foremost our Camp team, Tyler Hagood, Katie Gotshall, & Kim Gordner. We are adding to that team Rita Hubbard who has always been a great help but we are making it official that she HAS to help now. Our set up, and check in crew; Mary Cooper, Janet Shelby, Kathleen Cullen, Barb Peterson, the Dudenhofers, and the Coppingers. Our kitchen crew; Kim Gordner, Lori Haeseler, Mark Agnew, Lorelei Judd, JT Judd, and Kim. Thank you also to Bill Fitzpatrick for watching the vendor room and also thanks to Hans for helping get all the chairs put back away at the end of camp. We couldn't do it without you all!

Mark your calendars for next year July 15-19 (Second Full Week of July)

For those interested in an Isaac report: From Louise 7/26, "Doing a lot better than 2 weeks ago! He's going to PT twice a week and has to wear a big turtle shell for another month. Still gimpy, but getting around a lot better and feeling a lot better."

What's Happening in August and September

Visit <https://wotfa.org/events/> for the latest! Each event should have an address and event details.

Want to see your event posted here? Check out "Meetings and Events > Post my Event" on the website

<https://wotfa.org/events/community/add>

August 2023						
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District 2 Report (Ferry, Lincoln, Pend O'Reille, Spokane, and Stevens Counties)

8/1/2023 – Author: Kyle Peterson

Not a lot of news to report from District 2, I think everyone is still practicing the new tunes that they learned at Moses Lake Fiddle Camp. But we have the Bluegrass Festival coming up soon at nearby Medical Lake, which offers top-flight talent and lots of informal playing in the parking lot. After that, I don't know. We may have to meet on a street corner or in front of the Mall to play.

It was a very fun summer, despite the heat. Among my favorite moments had to be the time that the announcer at the Fiddlers On The Peak contest in Chewelah – who has had trouble reading my handwriting before – got confused on the first-round information slip, and I had to explain that my first contest tune was “Booth Shot Lincoln,” not “13-ooth Shot Lincoln.” It was not the first time that my wavy scribbles have left someone confused. That might be a good subject for a seminar at next year's Fiddle Camp – “How To Write Your Tune Choices So That The Announcer Isn't Totally Confused.”

District 4 Report (Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan Counties)

8/1/2023 – Author: Fred Robbins

Dear Fiddlers, Our Fiddlers had a night off; last day of Fiddle camp; M/V Sr. Ctr. guitars strings ablaze n with Sirkku and her ewe in step with Marvin, Fred Engelke. Sarah, Dwight, Forest, Carol, Rich, Steve, and Jack! 13 in the audience. We postponed our meeting till September; we will meet to Jam Friday July 28th. at 6:30 pm at M/V Sr. Ctr. We were graced with 4 new folks this evening; Saige and her husband Michael saw our ad in the Clam Digger publication in Anacortes; Saige sang a couple songs; and another lady Andrea brought her banjo; and may play next time; Andrea and Lennis saw our Mount Vernon sign ad at the Ctr.; were happy to have you folks with us! All had a nice outing. Darrington Bluegrass Festival, July 21,22, and 23rd. <https://www.darringtonbluegrass.com/>

Please note: no worries about W.O.T.F.A. member renewals; the 2024 Member renewal month is Oct. for everyone; and any new folks too. For current members not sure they are current on 2023 dues and wanting to know; Josh Larios (IT Chair) says: "And if they aren't sure what their status is, they're welcome to drop me a line (it@wotfa.org) and I can look them up and let them know."

Thank you all! Looking fwd. to having the new folks this evening join us at Danny's! Please Note: Skagit Fair is Aug; so on **Friday Aug. 11th. our Jam/ Meeting is cancelled!**

Our OTF Annual Potluck Picnic will again be at Danny and Lorene Vandenbergs home Park, it will take place **Saturday, Aug 19th.** 10 ish am music, then we eat approx. 1 – 2 p.m. ish :)

Address is: 6414 N Fruitdale Rd, Sedro Woolley

Our **Monthly Senior Center Jam** will take place at **6:30pm on August 25th**, Join us! Address is 1401 Cleveland Ave.

Hard to top a day of pleasant warm sunshine while driving across growing farm fields in our Skagit Valley, en route to the tranquil town of La Conner to perform a wide variety of music to appreciative folks at La Conner Retirement Inn; with 14 musicians poised ready to play at 2:40 pm; we ask and get the green light to play; 71 in the Audience delight us with their comments and applause; even the 2 care dogs, which seem more human than dogs enjoy the petting and fellowship of the group assembled; prayed for a good turnout today; and so very good to have Chrystal and Dennis, Marvin, Sarah, Denise, Rich, Jack, and Judy, Fred, Rohxanne, Diana and Duane, Forest, Gary, Peggy, Carol, and Dwight; please know how much you all are appreciated; we may not all get as much time at the mic as we would like; but your supportive musical contribution makes the whole group shine that much brighter; and words from the listeners; "That's the best band I ever heard; warm the heart of us all who work diligently to do well! THANK YOU ALL for your time commitment! You all did very well! REMINDER~THIS coming Thursday July 6th. S/W SR. CTR. play @ 11:30 am. then...lunch! See yoo all soon...rest well!

Then she took up the bow and began to play. The tone was warm and deep, storied with layers of age. (Fiddler's Green — A.S. Peterson)

And then she caught the song. She fell upon it and music poured from the fiddle's hollow, bright and liquid like fire out of the heart of the earth. (Fiddler's Green — A.S. Peterson)

Rest well; and know I'm grateful for each one of you; because, as Fred Rogers says: "There is nobody exactly like you; so you are unique and special"!!! The wisdom of Fred Rogers:

"You are a very special person. There is only one like you in the whole world. There's never been anyone exactly like you before, and there will never be again. Only you."

"As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has or ever will have something inside that is unique to all time. It's our job to encourage each other to discover that uniqueness and to provide ways of developing its expression."

See you all soon! Rest well!

People clap after a violin song while people clap during a fiddle song.

Respectfully submitted, On behalf of the Fiddlers,

Fred Robbins

    Music is life! Take a moment to visit the W.O.T.F.A. Home Website <https://wotfa.org/> See The Tune of the Month! AND lots of other information!!!

Chair / Reporter- ***Chair needed.***

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District 5 Report (Kitsap, Mason, Grays Harbor & Pacific Counties)

8/1/2023 – Author: Sandra OKelly

Hi there, friends. Hope you are enjoying summer, getting together with family and each other and playing and listening to Lots of music! June and July found District 5 playing at the Sand and Sawdust Festival once again, some members went to Fiddle Tunes and others to Fiddle Camp. Always a good time, and inspiring.

August is the last hurrah of warm (too warm?) weather and also has two full moons. The second full moon in August-a Blue Moon- is August 30th and will also be a supermoon, when the moon is closest to the Earth appearing much larger than usual. How about brushing up on Moonlight (listen here [Moonlight](#)) or Bill Monroe's Lonesome Moonlight Waltz?

Gee, Fiddle Camp was so much Fun and it was great to get together, learn some new tunes, share ideas and catch up with old friends and new. Good to see the young ones performing and enjoying themselves. Make sure to set aside next July so you can be there, and bring some friends.

SAVE THE DATE. District 5 Campout is scheduled for Labor Day Weekend September 1-3rd at the Gorst Kitsap Square Dance Association hall. Camping Friday and Saturday. If you plan to bring an RV, please be sure to contact, Russ Richardson (360-271-9502), the wagonmaster, asap so he will have a spot for you. Cost to camp is \$20/night with RV hook ups. Dinner on your own Friday night. Tune learning Saturday morning and Hamburgers are provided for the Pot Luck (bring a side dish or dessert) dinner Saturday before the square dance. If you'd like to play for the dancers Saturday night (and you WILL because it's Fun! To play for dancers!) , please plan to be there Saturday morning at 10 am for the band practice. Breakfast is provided by District 5 Saturday and Sunday morning. Lunch on your own. Gospel hour at 10:30 Sunday morning. Come join us! More details will be posted on our Facebook page . <https://www.facebook.com/WOTFA5/>

Our monthly meetings will resume September 16th, 3rd Saturday of each month at the Kitsap Square Dance Hall.

NEW!!! We will meet at 11am for an ***Old Fashioned Old Time Jam*** without sheet music or those electronic devices (sounds like fun! Good LISTENING practice!!!) Business meeting with pot luck finger foods to follow from 12-1 and then JAM (*with music* if you'd prefer!) til 3.

We're Jamming

Jam in the BIG barn at the **Salmon Center in Belfair** each **2nd and 4th Tuesday** 1-4pm through October

Address is 600 Roessel Rd. Belfair, WA. We play inside the barn which can be cool or hot but the doors are open wide and we have shade and shelter. Dress appropriately. Take a walk afterwards along the end of the Hood Canal. Lovely setting. <https://www.pnwsalmoncenter.org/>

First and Third TUESDAY Jam 1-4 pm at **Silverdale Mall** next to Dick's Sporting Goods

Celtic Jam will follow at the same location on the same first and third Tuesday 4:30-6:30 pm Written music is provided. Contact for the Celtic Jam is Sally Camp... ameasureatime@gmail.com Or 360-271-7105

We'll be doing a **Kid's Jam** in August with children attending the Salmon Center's Summer Camp. Last year we played a few tunes and the kids had a chance to sing, play ukuleles, a washtub bass and kazoos. Lots of fun. My favorite was the kid who asked his mother (re: the fiddle) how *does* it make that sound?!!

Playouts scheduled

- August 9 Willows
- August 23 Crista Shores
- August 24 Bremerton Farmer's Market
- August 31 Liberty Shores
- Sept 15 Bay Pointe
- September 20 Willows
- September 23 Poulsbo Farmer's Market
- September 28 Clearbrook
- September 30 Port Orchard Farmer's Market
- Contacts: Sharon Habener habs_@msn.com or Kay McCarthy kaycmccarthy@gmail.com



SHOUT OUT to Sharon for all her hard work in getting us playout gigs and being the group photographer! *Thanks, Sharon!!*
Also, a big *Thanks* to Kay for the Farmer's Market schedule.

Great group working together.

Contacts for playouts: Sharon Habener habs_@msn.com or Kay McCarthy kaycmccarthy@gmail.com

District 5 Chair: Kent McCabe dkmccabe0723@gmail.com 360-830-0317

Reporter: Sandi O'Kelly s_okelly@msn.com

District 6 Report (King County)

8/1/2023 - Author: Jenny Swanson

Hello everyone! It's already August, so I hope you are having a happy summer and taking advantage of the many music festivals all around the Northwest. By the time this newsletter comes out, many of you will have attended the workshop and have made great progress with your music skills.

District 6 had an enjoyable jam on June 3rd. We were surprised again by unexpected folks coming to play. Here are a few pictures of that time together. Thanks to everyone who came. We hope you all come again.



Our next meeting/jam will be held on Sat, Sept. 2nd from 11 am to 4 pm. Mark your calendars and make that a priority. We always enjoy getting together after the summer break to jam, have a short meeting, then a shared finger food lunch, and more jamming. Everyone is welcome. Also, in September, we will have a jam from 1 pm to 4 pm and this year it falls on Sept. 23rd. It is always prudent to check the website, WOTFA.org under the calendar before you come (or email me) because things sometimes change.

I reported in the June/July newsletter that Muriel Ethel Hardison, one of our longtime members who we haven't seen for awhile, died recently. Muriel had quite an interesting and involved life that is highlighted in her obituary. You can find it on the Evergreen Washelli website if you are interested. The website is: dignitymemorial.com.

Meanwhile, enjoy the rest of the summer and don't forget to play music too!

District 6 Chair: Roy Calvert roycalvert35@gmail.com 425-228-5846

Reporter: Jenny Swanson timbuktoe@yahoo.com

District 8 Report (Pierce County)

8/1/2023 – Author: Barbara Peterson

Awesome August! There are many opportunities to play music with us in Pierce County, Come and See!

Ongoing Jams

- **3rd Sundays 2PM** District 8 Meeting and Jam. **NOTE:** We will not meet during the summer months. See you September 17th. We will meet at the Mid County Community Center (MCCC). We'll have a short meeting followed by longer circle jam at 1025 44th Ave E, Tacoma 98446. Behind the school, there's plenty of parking. Bring a friend and an instrument. Meet some nice people! Finger foods welcome.
- Mondays! 1:30PM-3:30 Circle jam at Puyallup Senior Center – 210 Pioneer Ave. Again easy to find, easy to park.
- Mondays 5:30-8PM 1st and 3rd Mondays at MCCC above. Stay tuned. We are starting to get this once popular dance band activity going again! August 7. It's difficult to tell who plans to show up, so it would be helpful if you would send an e-mail in advance. No e-mails might mean no band that day. contact Barbara bmacleanp@comcast.net
- **1st Fridays 3:30PM-7:30** Gig Harbor Circle Jam. For current location, contact Matt 202.631.34147
- Other Fridays 1PM "Live Music Friday" at the Golden Rose Mobile Park community center. **NOTE:** This is **on hold** until September. 6220 107th Ave E, Puyallup, WA 98372. Contact Barbara 253.926.8457

Mark your calendars for these Playouts!!

- 3rd Thursdays, 11:00 Mid County Community Center above. Not June, July, Aug. Contact Barbara
- 2nd Thursday, 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones see below: Sept and Dec.
- Sep 14 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Comm. Contact Ron ronduncan596@gmail.com
- TBA Wednesday Brookdale Allenmore Assisted Liv. Contact Carol ccgav@msn.com
- TBA Friday Brookdale Allenmore Independent Living Contact Carol
- Dec 21 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Comm. Contact Ron

Upcoming Events Click on the hyperlinks!

- Contra Dance every 3rd Sat. 7:30-9PM at Wells Hall <https://tacomacontradance.org/>
- Aug 19-24 20th Annual Centralia Old Time Fiddle Campout. Always a hoot! Lets all go! <https://www.centraliacampout.com/>

FREE: Is anyone interested in a Yamaha EMX 5000 mixer board with 12 channel capacity? Sticker says it once was ~\$999, but I don't know how old it is.

District 8 Chair: Barbara Peterson bmacleanp@comcast.net 253-926-8457

District 9 Report (Lewis & Thurston Counties)

8/1/2023 – Author: Christie Easter

Happy Summer Everyone!

For the months of July, August and September we won't be having a monthly jam, but that doesn't mean there won't be anything to do around here musically. There will be multiple events, festivals, contests and campouts going on locally and throughout the state during the summer months. Here is a short list of fun things to do in our area:

1. WOTA FiddleCamp. July 10-14, 2023. Moses Lake Christian Academy, Moses Lake, Wa. Morning & afternoon classes for all levels and instruments, tons of jamming, a fiddle contest, evening dances, band scramble, quilt raffle and more. Fun for everyone.

2. WAMA Pickersfest. August 4-6, 2023. Winolequa Park, Winlock, Wa. Annual Bluegrass Festival with workshops, genre jams, open mic and tons of informal jamming. Shows in the evening by all kinds of groups. Camping begins on Thursday evening. www.wamamusic.com

3. Washington State Fiddle Championships. August 5 & 6, 2023. Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield, Wa. Tons of jamming and smoking hot fiddling by all ages during the contest. Hosted by WOTFA District 10. If you've never been to a fiddle contest before, you owe it to yourself to attend this one that is right in our backyard. www.wafiddlechampionships.org

4. The Centralia Campout. The Centralia Campout 2023 happens August 12-20th at 1300 K Street Centralia, Wa. Although it's not a WOTFA event, it does happen in WOTFA District 9 (Lewis & Thurston Counties), and is a convenient place to get together and jam since it is exactly half way between Seattle and Portland. The atmosphere is laid back and there is no set schedule during the day or shows at night, Everything happens pretty much on a pop-up basis and it is definitely beginner friendly. The Chehalis River is adjacent to the camping area via a short and mostly level trail, so if the weather is scorching hot it's easy to cool off in the river if you bring some swim gear. If you're interested in going for the day but don't want to go alone, give me (Christie) a call or text at 360-791-5185 and we can arrange to meet there and have some fun.

If you need more information about these or any other event going on this summer please give me (Christie) a call or text.

Our next acoustic jam will be on Friday, October 6th at 10am at Faith Baptist Church, 436 Coal Creek Rd in Chehalis, Wa.

Have a wonderful Summer!

Christie

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JAM INFO: First Friday of every month 10am-Noon at Faith Baptist Church, 436 Coal Creek Rd, Chehalis

District 10 Report (Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wakiukum Counties)

8/1/2023 – Author: Stephana Johnson

Celebrating the Spectacular Success of the Washington State Fiddle Championships 2023!

We are thrilled to share with you the resounding success of the Washington State Fiddle Championships 2023! This year's event, held in Ridgefield at the Clark County Fair, proved to be a spectacular celebration of musical talent,

community spirit, and the timeless allure of fiddle music. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our sponsors and dedicated volunteers who played a pivotal role in making this event an unforgettable experience.

A Harmonious Showcase of Talent:

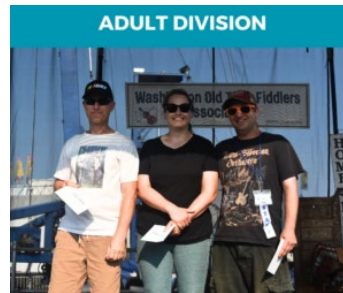
The Washington State Fiddle Championships brought together an exceptional array of musicians, each showcasing their passion and dedication to the art of fiddling. Participants from near and far graced the stage, captivating the audience with their remarkable performances and breathtaking melodies. From traditional tunes to contemporary compositions, the fiddlers transported us on a musical journey that celebrated the rich heritage of fiddle music.

Gratitude to Our Sponsors:

We would like to extend a warm and sincere thank you to our generous sponsors whose unwavering support played a crucial role in making this event possible. Their contributions not only helped us organize a seamless and enchanting competition but also enabled us to provide a platform for fiddlers to share their talents with the world. Your belief in the power of music and community is deeply appreciated.

Our Gold Sponsors:

- Kennedy Violins
- Clark County Fair
- WOTFA
- Vancouver RV Center
- **Our Silver Sponsors:**
- Bi-Mart
- Rev Up Your Brand
- Craig's Smoke Shack



Volunteers: The Heartbeat of Success

Behind every successful event are dedicated individuals who give their time, energy, and passion to make it all happen. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the hardworking volunteers who tirelessly contributed to the Washington State Fiddle Championships.

Your dedication ensured the smooth flow of the event and created an atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie that enriched the experience for participants and attendees alike.

Community Unity and Musical Magic:

The Washington State Fiddle Championships transcended a mere competition; it was a celebration of community unity and the magic of music. The shared joy, the exchanged smiles, and the harmony of the performances truly embodied the spirit of the event. We are grateful to everyone who attended, supported, and participated in this extraordinary gathering.

Save the Date for 2024!

As we bask in the afterglow of this year's spectacular success, we are already looking ahead to next year. Mark your calendars for the Washington State Fiddle Championships 2024, where we anticipate even more incredible performances, heartwarming moments, and a continued celebration of the fiddle's enchanting melodies.

Once again, our deepest thanks go out to our sponsors and volunteers. Your dedication and support have left an indelible mark on the success of the Washington State Fiddle Championships 2023. Together, we have created a musical legacy that will resonate for years to come.

Warm regards,

Stephana Johnson, PR Manager 2023 and Fiddle Mom
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District 11 Report (Grant & Adam Counties)

8/1/2023 – Author: Charlie Root

District 11 held their July meeting and jam on July 16th. We had a good jam and received a lot of good comments from the audience. We've been keeping busy and playing a lot of music around the district. It was nice to have the fiddle workshop in Moses Lake and get to visit with some of you again. We don't have any events in the near future other than our monthly playouts, but they keep us pretty busy. The Grant County Fair will be in August. It's a big event for our area, and though our group is not playing there this year, several will be involved with the fair. For those who like bluegrass music, there will be a festival in George, Washington in September.

Monthly meeting: 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM – Jam 2:00-4:00. Moses Lake Senior Center, 608 E. 3rd Ave. Moses Lake

Playouts

2nd Tues. 2:30 PM Coventry House Assisted Living, 430 N. 2nd Ave. Othello
2nd Wed. 10:00 AM Pioneer Village, 816 Sharon Ave. Moses Lake
2nd Wed. 1:30 PM Avamere, 8425 Aspi Blvd. NE, Moses Lake
3rd Tues. 10:00 AM McKay Healthcare & Rehab Center, Soap Lake
3rd Thurs. 10:00 AM Brookdale Hearthstone, 905 S. Pioneer Way, Moses Lake
4th Tues 10:30 AM The Cambridge 301 H Street SW, Quincy
4th Thurs. 10:00 AM Summer Wood, 830 NW Sunburst Ct., Moses Lake

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District 12 Report (Benton, Franklin, & Walla Walla Counties)

8/1/2023 – Author: Shawn Hughes

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Sunday at Trios Adult Day Services Building, 10 N. Washington St. Kennewick. (Enter at back)
Doors open at 2:00PM for jamming; Finger potluck at 3:00, followed by short business meeting and more jamming.

Monthly Playouts

1st Wednesday	6:00m PM.	Hawthorne Court, 524 N Ely, Kennewick
2nd Wednesday	6:15PM.	Guardian Angel, 245 Van Giesen, Richland
3rd Wednesday	2:00 PM	ParkView, 7820 W. 6th Ave.
4th Wednesday	3PM.	Bonaventure, 1800 Bellerive Dr. Richland.

We are sorry to hear that we have had 4 of our members move away this summer. Jason and Kaylene Cress moved to Iowa and his parents Paul and Judy Cress moved to Kansas. We wish them luck on their new ventures, they will be missed. We will again be having our pizza jam at Round Table Pizza. The jam is the 3rd Friday and is at the Richland Round Table location. Our monthly meetings will also resume again in September. We will be kicking our meetings off by have a barbecue and potluck

ADULT DAY SERVICES PLAYDATES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Monday August 7 – 10:30 AM

Monday August 21 – 10:30 AM

Monday September 11 – 10:30 AM

Monday September 25 – 10:30 AM

Chair: Joe Gunter 509-948-1772

District 15 (Jefferson & Clallam Counties)

8/1/2023 – Author: Rita Hubbard

Nothing major to report – resuming jams in September – 2nd Saturday in Sequim, 4th Saturday in Chimacum.

District 16 Report (Snohomish County)

8/1/2023 – Author: Dianne Gooch

We were once again invited to play music for the **Arlington Street Fair on July 7**. Thanks to the district members who came out to entertain the people. We had a good turn out and were generously compensated for performing.

Gary Nordby arranged for a layout at Fieldstone Memory Care in Marysville on July 14. This was a first time event at this lovely setting. Six musicians performed and it was rewarding to see the smiling faces in the audience. We hope to have more playouts scheduled at various places. Our members are spread out over many miles but each playout only requires 6-10 members so we encourage participation to those in your specific area.

We are having great turnouts at our 2nd & 4th Friday night jams. We begin at 3:00 pm and this allows folks to come and go with a more flexible schedule. The jams continue until about 10:00 pm (or a bit later) at the Sisco Heights Community Club, 13527-99th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. We also have coffee and welcome finger treats to enjoy.

Our next business meeting will be held in September.

Our next **WOTFA Midway Jam** will be **Sunday, August 27, 1:30-4:00 pm**, at the Lynnwood Library (19200 44th Ave W, Lynnwood). We have 15-25 musicians at these jams. We have a great time playing fiddle tunes, bluegrass tunes, some swing tunes and being challenged with new tunes. We are thankful to the Lynnwood Library for freely welcoming us to use this great room. This is a great air-conditioned place to play music on these hot summer days.

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