FIDDLIN' AROUND

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Florida Tour In Review

By Barb Radloff

When the Fiddlers set out for their Florida Tour on March 29, 2002, they were filled with anticipation for a fun and musically productive time. Day one started with a bus trip from Saline to Chattanooga that was supposed to take about twelve hours. What they encountered on this Good Friday was just about every northerner heading south on I75 as well. With traffic jams at just about every major city, the ride took 18 hours and many detours through the rolling, curvy back road of Kentucky and Tennessee. Day two traffic was not much better, but Orlando or bust was the motto of the day.

Day three was Easter Sunday and included a trip to either the Magic Kingdom or EPCOT at Walt Disney World. On day four, it was time to get to work with a clinic and a performance for the entire Orlando country school district string players. The Cypress Creek High School was the site where over 700 string players from grades 5-12 were bussed to hear and learn from the Fiddlers. The performance ended with the Fiddlers and the Orlando students playing an incredible version of Old Joe Clark. The afternoon was spent at Universal Studios or Universal's Islands of Adventure.

The Fiddlers taught fiddle to about 1,200 kids in Florida, and performed for over 2,000 people.

On day five, the Fiddlers traveled to Clearwater Beach and enjoyed a day of water fun and parasailing. The evening was topped off with a dinner and dance cruise through the intercostals waterways. Day six found the Fiddlers at Perkins Elementary Magnet School in St. Petersburg. The Fiddlers were entertained by a group of first through fifth graders who fiddled and clogged their way into the hearts of all of the Fiddlers and Fiddler family members on hand. The rainy day was topped off by a trip to the Tampa Aquarium.



Several Fiddlers enjoying the day at Disney World!

From there they headed back to the bus and across the state to Vero Beach. Day seven was spent at the St. Edward's School in Vero Beach, were the Fiddlers again had a great time working with a group of very talented string students. The day was topped off by an afternoon and evening at the ocean where the St. Edward's families provided a pizza dinner.

As the trip was drawing near to an end, day eight found the Fiddlers back in performance mode performing to a packed house at the Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts in Vero

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Former Fiddler to Join *Barrage*

Corinna S., 2001 Fiddler alumna, is the newest member of the worldwide music sensation, ***Barrage***. From Calgary, Alberta, ***Barrage***, with an eclectic fiddling repertoire, has twice played with the Fiddlers in Saline. Cori's audition tape and reputation was enough for ***Barrage*** to ask her to join. Before joining the other performers, Cori will undergo a one-month training program. We are very excited and wish Cori the best. ***Congratulations, Cori!***

"Senior Parents"

By Will Warner

Working Behind the Scenes at Every Fiddler Concert

As intense and rewarding as the Fiddlers experience is for the student musicians, so it is also for their parents. As hardworking and dedicated as the student performers are, so too are their parents. In pursuit of its mission—the performance and preservation of traditional American music—the group rehearses every week and mounts100 shows a year. The logistics, the behind-the-scenes component of such a large effort, is, in a word, non-trivial. Just feeding the Fiddlers on the road is a major undertaking.

Parents of the performers do a great deal of this work. As a result of their mutual commitment and labor, the Fiddler parents share a fellowship that partly overlaps that of the kids, and partly is theirs alone. Friendships are formed and memories created. Like everything else in life, you get out of it what you put into it, and these parents jump in with both feet. Consequently, for some, the Fiddlers experience will loom larger and sweeter in their memories than it will even for their children.

This year the group graduates nine senior musicians and nine sets of "senior parents" who deserve special mention:

Liz and Charles Avsharian ushered and assisted at concerts, and helped with discount instrument purchases and supplies from their musical instrument business.

Sue and John Birko: Sue served on the Fiddlers Advisory Board for three years. Both drove to gigs, sometimes bringing their trailer as a "home-away-from-home" for the group at music festivals. Their Ontario cottage was the scene of the last three Fiddler summer camps. The Birkos hosted after-concert "cast parties" at their home. One or both chaperoned the trips to Oklahoma, Washington D.C., and the 2nd tour around Michigan. John was always available for repairs, including a fix-up of the washboard!

Sue says she cannot think of the "words to describe what a wonderful experience being a part of this group has been for me. I have made wonderful friends. I've watched my daughter grow and blossom because of this group. I learned about a whole new level of commitment and dedication and a passion for their music." Sue advises the other Fiddler parents to get involved and spend time with the kids. And "don't forget that Bob and Pam volunteer their time, too, and without them this would not be."

Theresa and Ed Brosius helped with shopping. Ed chaperoned the expedition to Oklahoma, were he picked up some souvenir Indian arrows. In carry-on luggage, arrows (even without a bow) can complicate aircraft boarding, and did. A switch of the "weapons" to checked baggage solved the crisis.

Patty and Stan Lambarth: These two have been part of things since before there was a Fiddlers Philharmonic (this the third time they have seen a daughter graduate from this group). Patty had a major impact in early bookings (she can talk to ANYONE) and ran the fundraising for the second Scotland trip. She was part of the original group of moms who sewed the original costumes, honchoed the stage decoration efforts, and helped with food and anything that needed done. The Lambarths hosted the annual picnic and many other get-togethers at their farm. At one time they had the Calgary Fiddlers, including some who are now in *Barrage*, up in the hay barn. Stan helps at concerts and sells a CD or tape to everyone who services the farm—all the milk truck drivers and agricultural agents listen to the Fiddlers!

They sum up the experience: "The most valuable thing we learned as Fiddler parents is to see possibility in all people. Every person that has passed through the group, either as a parent or a performer, comes in as one person and leaves as a whole new person. We have tried to enjoy whatever it is that each one has to give. Our message to all Fiddlers: play the music from your heart."

Linda and John Lapsley: Linda has done the thank-you notes for several years, sometimes nagging Pam Phillips and former bookings manager Linda Jones to get the addresses. They drove to shows, pitched in at work nights and always helped when asked.

Chris and Tom Lerchen: Chris maintained the sponsor list and communicated with sponsors for several years. They drove to gigs, helped at almost every work night, and chaperoned trips, including the second Scotland trip.

Jean and Bob Martin: So willing to be so involved in so many areas. Bob drove the equipment and trailer across the country. He worked on and stored the trailers, and filmed our concerts. They maintained the group scrapbook. Jean wrote for the newsletter and was at every work night. They chaperoned trips, cooked (great roast beasts of every type!), and sewed costumes.

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Bonnie Rideout to Perform at the Powers Center

Bonnie Rideout, Saline native and two-time performer at Fiddlers Hometown Concerts, will be at the Power Center as part of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival on Saturday, June 22 at 8 pm. It will be a great concert with Bonnie and her trio performing Scottish fiddling and Bonnie playing with the Washington Pipe Band. For Tiickets and information call 734-764-2538.

Farewell To Fiddlers Class of 2002

Kate begged her parents to let her take violin lessons when she was seven years old and she has been taking lessons ever since. She has been a member of the Fiddlers since her freshman year. Kate wanted to be in Fiddlers because, "It looked like it would be a lot of fun, especially the traveling."



In addition to playing the violin, Kate has been a clogger with the Fiddlers. Her favorite tune is "Dawn Dance."

Outside of the Fiddlers, Kate has been a member of National Honor Society for two years, a member of the Michigan Youth Orchestra for two years, and in Future Leaders for one year. She has taught violin lessons, worked in childcare and at Mailboxes Etc. Kate has spent summers at Interlochen, and hopes to go to music camp with her sister at Florida State University this summer.

Kate plans on attending the University of Michigan in the fall where she will begin working toward her bachelor's degree in nursing. She hopes to eventually attend the University of Rochester to become a neonatal nurse practitioner. Kate plans to minor in violin performance there.

Reminiscing about her Fiddler trips, Kate says her favorite was the first one to the Kennedy Center. A "disgusting but incredibly amusing" Fiddler memory is the great dinner race, in which the winner stuffed down his meal in thirty seconds, and the loser was left with noodles hanging out of her mouth! Kate's advice to future Fiddlers, "Don't stress over little things, like a test grade. Decide what you think is important and do your best to make it happen."



Laura says, "I enjoy the outdoors. I also love ceramic sculpture, drawing, poetry, reading and tons of music." This is her artsy, back-to-nature side.

There is also Laura, the athlete: Four-year varsity cross country runner, and one of Saline's best; two-year participant in varsity track, and a two-year member of the SHS soccer team.

There is the brainy Laura, trying to decide between the University of Michigan and Northwestern, and planning "to earn at least a master's degree in chemical engineering and then hopefully doing something with an environmental focus." Laura's two jobs, laboratory assistant for a U of M professor of chemical engineering and employee at Whole Foods Market, are giving her real life experience that fits right into her career path.

Then there's Laura, the musician: Principal Violist in the Michigan Youth Symphony for the past two years (she's been a member for four years); a pianist, and a student and teacher of both piano and viola. Since her freshman year Laura has played viola and been a clogger (crossover to the athletic Laura) with the Fiddlers Philharmonic. In her junior year she began playing violin with the group. Laura's favorite Fiddler trip was to Scotland. "The Isle of Skye was my favorite place. A few of us climbed up some rocks overlooking the sea and talked about where we would be in 15 years . . . just dreaming away. The wind was in our faces and the distant shore was hazy, just like our visions into the future . . . It was beautiful. (artsy/back-to-nature side kicks in.)

Laura is a person of many interests and many talents, a Renaissance woman who must make Aristotle (not to speak of her family) proud.

Advice to Underclass Fiddlers: Try to step back and look at your life objectively.

Favorite Fiddler tune: Big Brown Trout

Bobby is a man of dreams, and a philosophy, it would seem, that makes them happen.



An early dream was to join the Fiddlers. "All my friends told me how much fun it was, so I decided to go for it," Bobby remembers. He'd been playing fiddle since fifth grade and loved it. In Middle School he joined the Fiddle Club, signed up for lessons and practiced. Dream became reality. This year Bobby completes his third year as a Fiddler. He also plays trumpet in the marching band and has performed in several SHS musicals.

Another dream was to attend the University of Michigan – at least in part so he could go to Wolverine sporting events. "I'm a huge sports fan and I follow them closely, especially baseball and football," Bobby says. "Go Blue and Go Tigers!" This fall dream will become reality as Bobby enters the U of M to study political science and philosophy.

Bobby lists politics and music as his favorite pastimes so it's not surprising that his favorite Fiddler trip was one that combined the two – the 2001 trip to Washington, D.C. to play

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for President Bush's inauguration. Which leads to more of Bobby's dreams: "I want to become a prosecuting attorney at first, then venture into the realm of politics and run for congress and quite possibly the presidency." Dreams to …. ?

Remember, folks. We knew him when he was harmonizing on "Uncle Pen" and spitting out all those words to "I Am My Own Grandpa."

Advice to New Fiddlers (or Bobby's philosophy on how to make dreams reality): "Stick with it, even when it's hard — it'll be worth it in the end. Always have confidence in yourself and your abilities, and don't pay attention to what everyone else thinks."

Favorite Fiddler Tune: Olympic Reel

Favorite Fiddler Memory: "On the Michigan Tour, the guys all made strawberry shortcake for and danced with the girls – how sweet. Also, I loved the look on Claire's face when a giant bug landed on her leg in Nirvana. A classic."



Jackie might never have been in the Fiddlers, had it not been for former member Sarah, and Sarah's sister, Linda. In 5th grade Jackie had intended to take up the flute, but was inspired to change directions when Sarah showed her the violin. "Since I thought that Sarah and Linda were the coolest people on the planet," Jackie says, "I decided to play violin!" That same year, the Fiddlers Philharmonic was formed. "It looked like so much fun, I was determined to become a Fiddler from the first season of the group." Her determination and hard work led to Jackie becoming a member of the Fiddlers in her freshman year. She has performed many dances and has helped teach the new cloggers.

Jackie's other activities have included Future Leaders, SADD, National Honors Society, church youth group, teaching Sunday School, and a 10-year membership in 4-H. Jackie has been a stable hand at a horse farm for two years and has taught lessons to younger violinists for five years. She hopes to get an internship at the County 4-H office this summer and to go on a houseboat trip with a group of friends in August.

Next fall Jackie will be attending Michigan State University, majoring in agriscience and also working toward earning a teaching certificate. She hopes to make a career in 4-H: "I'm really excited about becoming a 4-H Youth Agent – a person who coordinates county 4-H activities. But I would be happy doing anything that incorporates agriculture and people."

Jackie's favorite trip with the Fiddlers was the Northern Michigan tour, because it was so relaxing, especially singing by the campfire and watching for shooting stars. Her favorite Fiddlers tune is "Bowl of Bula."

Jackie's favorite Fiddler memory? "On the Scotland trip my freshman year, everyone (chaperones included) pooled some money to get Jesse K. to climb through one emergency vent, walk on top of the bus, then climb back in the other. He actually did it – even after kicking Mr. P. in the head on his way down! We all got a laugh out of it."

Advice to younger Fiddlers: "Always be open-minded – things can change on a dime in this group both on and off stage. Always be flexible and prepared. P.S. – I love you guys and will miss you!!"



Mackenzie has been a member of the Fiddlers since her freshman year, and has been playing the violin since fifth grade. She has also played the viola, the tin whistle, and the mandolin. She saw the Fiddlers with her parents when she was in fifth grade. "My parents turned to me after the concert and said, 'Maybe you'll be that good someday.' So I made it a goal to be in Fiddlers."

Mackenzie has been a clogger and a singer with the Fiddlers. Mackenzie has had many solos with the Fiddlers, and this year could be found kicking off most concerts with "Blackberry Blossom."

Besides the Fiddlers, Mackenzie has been on the tennis team for three years, did Choi Kwang Do for three years, been a violin tutor for four years, and worked at Sweetwater's Café.

Her favorite memory with the Fiddlers was playing on center stage at the Powers Center with Natalie MacMaster and Mark O'Connor. Mackenzie described that experience as "amazing." She really enjoyed the traveling. "I liked the Chicago trip the best because we amazed a lot of people and the city was just awesome."

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We at ***Fiddlin' Around*** extend our apologies to the following fine young Fiddlers for misspelling their names in the March-April 2002 issue:

Eleanor
Lee
Gus
Dan
Ana
Christina

Disney

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Beach. On day nine, the group headed back to the bus for the long journey home.

On the ride home, the Fiddlers were asked to fill out a questionnaire about their trip. Here are some of their responses:

What were the Florida students like?

Claire: They were great. I love working with kids like that. They were respectful and easy to talk to. I made a new friend and her name was Katie. She was adorable.

Sally: The Florida students seemed really eager to learn stuff from us. They kind of reminded me of me when I was in 6th grade and totally obsessed with the Fiddlers.

Gus: Really great!!!! Working with the magnet school kids was great. I love being able to teach and impact kids that are so amazingly receptive.

Bobby: I was astounded at their talent and excitement. It was great to work with kids who were so interested in music. And I'll tell you, most of the fourth graders could learn a turn by ear faster than I can. WOW

Laura: They were exciting to be around because they lift your spirits and make you feel good about what we do.

Kristin: All of them seemed to really enjoy the workshops. The St. Edward's School students were the most enthused. They were so cute, they wanted our autographs.

What was your favorite part of the trip?

Evan: I liked going to the beach even though there wasn't much sun, there was enough to have a good time.

Stefanie: Everything—It was all a new experience for me. The thing that made it great was no one was ever without a friend.

Josh: I enjoyed parasailing and the beach. Both were very relaxing and were good breaks from the routine.

Dan: The people—they were the best everywhere.

Phil: The dancing on the boat because I really like to dance.

Whitney: I liked teaching and meeting the kids. I like little kids.

Jessie: The theme parks (especially EPCOT) were fun, but playing for the Vero Beach kids was also a favorite because they were so much fun.

We extend a special THANK YOU to all the graduating seniors for contributing a wealth of information to this Senior Edition of ***Fiddlin' Around.***

Parents

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The Martins fondly recall a sleepover for the freshman (now senior!) girls, sharing their excitement upon being newly chosen as Fiddlers. They remember an impromptu concert at Taquahmenon Falls given to a small but appreciative audience; watching the kids disappear in a sea of people on their way to a view of the inauguration in D.C.; Jared, with bow and arrows, and a band of painted warriors stalking and finally capturing Brad and others; the on-going pranks played by the girls on the guys and vice-versa.

Jean's parting thoughts: "You will find the Fiddler's experience to be the best and, sometimes, the worst of your life; make the most of both. Keep singing! 'The sun is a mass of incandescent gas. . ." It's been a pleasure knowing these kids—they are an impressive group!

Rene and Roger Raham carried kids to gigs, helped at work nights, ushered at concerts, and came to see most far away shows—it is so nice to see familiar faces supporting you when you are out of town. The Rahams are always ready to do whatever is asked.

Terry and Richard Trombley: Terry has been our phone caller for several years, cheerfully doing phone chains and attempting to keep order and communication going for the Fiddle Clubs and concerts.

Welcome New Fiddlers!

February has become the traditional month for two big events in the Fiddler's season. It is the month when we stage our longest running, annual Hometown Concert, and is the month when auditions are held to choose new members for the next season.

This year, our fiddlers who are not graduating also auditioned for the next season. We are happy to report that all will be back for 2002-2003.

Choosing new fiddlers is always difficult. This year, a second audition was held for some players with exceptional abilities. We are happy to announce and congratulate these new fiddlers for next season:

Marilyn, Violin
Michelle, Violin
Patrick, Tech
Scott, Rhythm
Brian, Violin
Kristen, Viola
Jeremy, Rhythm
Emily, Violin
Ben, Violin

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Mackenzie will be teaching in the summer orchestra program and working elsewhere for college money. This fall, Mackenzie plans on attending college majoring in music performance and education, "so I will be able to be a music teacher and be part of a professional symphony."

Mackenzie's advice to future Fiddlers: "Fiddlers presents a lot of opportunities that most people never have. Have fun!!!"



Stephanie has been in Fiddlers for four years as a violinist. Stephanie was attracted to the Fiddlers when "I saw them performing at the Christmas parade show in 1995 and I saw Katy and Brynn and others dancing to 'Buffalo Gals.' It looked like so much fun I decided I wanted to be in the group."

Stephanie began playing violin in fifth grade. She figured she would quit after her first year, "But I moved after fifth grade and kept with it to make friends in orchestra when I moved to Saline. And the rest is history." Stephanie has also been clogging and singing for the Fiddlers.

Outside of the Fiddlers, Stephanie has taught violin, written for *The Saline Reporter* and worked at Travis Point Country Club. She is a lector at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. At school Stephanie participated four years on the varsity swim team, and two each on the water polo team and the National Honor Society. She has served in the pit orchestra and prom committee.

Stephanie's future plans are to get an education from Michigan State University in journalism and communications. "I would like to pursue a career in the field of broadcast journalism," as a reporter on television. This will work well with one of her life's loves – traveling. Already she has been to the Galapagos Islands, plus all those Fiddler trips, and is going to Germany this August! Certainly a highlight in Stephanie's life was being crowned "Miss Saline" in 2001.

Reminiscing about the Fiddler trips, "They all have been my favorites, but I think the Scotland trip was one of the best. The scenery on this trip was magical, and the whole trip just seemed almost perfect." The best Fiddler memory is, "spending July 4, 2000 with my friend on Mackinac Island on a beautiful day." Tunes that stand out as favorites are "Hard Times," "Sweet Georgia Brown," and "Bowl of Bula."

What is Stephanie's advice to those Fiddlers following her? "Be patient, take pictures of everything and savor every moment as a Fiddler – they go quickly."



Linda's graduation marks the end of era—there has always been a member of her family in the Fiddlers. Linda has played the cello through four years. "My sister Sarah was one of the first Fiddlers, and it was really cool; ever since then I wanted to be in the group so I chose an instrument that my sisters weren't playing, but that I could still play in Fiddlers. I started with lessons in the 5th grade." Linda also clogs and plays a little of the violin, piano and mandolin.

Outside of Fiddlers, Linda also has an active life. She has participated in the Future Leaders club, church musicals, the high school musical, seven years in 4-H, and worked at North Star Montessori Nursery School. Linda loves to sing and act.

This summer Linda plans to work building homes for Habitat for Humanity, and to spend as much time as possible with friends. The fall will find her in Kalamazoo, at Western Michigan University, majoring in elementary or special education.

The legendary Fiddler's trek to Scotland is Linda's favorite trip with the group. "The people were so fun. The land was beautiful." Nevertheless, her best memory comes from another trip, two summers ago: "Lying in the dark during the Michigan Tour while watching the stars and talking." "Dark Island" and "MacPherson's Lament" are her favorite tunes.

Among the many things Linda learned in the Fiddlers are to always sing along, even when you don't know the words, and not to spend too much time with anyone person on trips.

Her parting advice: "Smile through the hard times, and love every minute of high school—it goes by so fast."

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Graduating Seniors Speak:
What Fiddlers Taught Me About People

- Sleeping on a church hall floor with 40 other people is a lot of fun.
- I have amazing, talented friends.
- You don't have to be "cool" to have fun friends.
- Stick up for your friends when nobody else does.
- If you need a homecoming date, ask a fellow Fiddler.
- People with bad attitudes are really annoying.
- Anybody can be loud and obnoxious sometimes.
- Fiddlers + a campfire + 1 guitar = a good evening.
- Laugh at yourself (it's more fun that way).

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Richard has been a violinist for the Fiddlers since his freshman year. He decided he wanted to be in the group because, "It was the natural thing to do, having been in Fiddle Club in Middle School."

Richard began playing violin at the ripe age of three. "I think it was my mother's idea," Richard remembers. He comes from a family of eight string players. His parents are both professional violinists, three older siblings have played strings, and two sisters after him are playing with the Fiddlers as well. Richard also has studied piano, beginning back when he was a seven-year-old rebel with his violin playing! You may have heard Richard's violin featured on "Olympic Reel." That tune is also Richard's favorite fiddling piece.

Richard was recognized as a National Merit Commended Scholar for high achievement on standardized tests. He has been a member of National Honor Society for two years.

This summer Richard is looking at attending the Meadowmount Music School in Upstate New York and a music festival in Medomak, Maine. In the fall he plans to attend the University of Michigan in general studies and to concentrate on violin through private lessons. He will fill his time with "lots of study and practice. I aspire to be a classical musician."

Richard's parting words to the up-and-coming Fiddlers are, "Keep an eye on your goals."



Brendan has been playing cello since the fifth grade, and has been a member of the Fiddlers since his sophomore year. Fiddlers held a threefold attraction to Brendan: "I loved performing and I wanted to travel and make new friends."

Brendan has been a clogger and has enjoyed singing for the Fiddlers. When Brendan was asked what his favorite fiddling tune was, he responded, "Anything I can bounce around to."

His favorite travel experience with the Fiddlers was to Calgary. He recalled on that trip that they got to see a lot of "cool" places like the glacier. Brendan's favorite memory with the Fiddlers was when the cello section received their electric cellos. Brendan will be sad when he has to hand his electric cello over to the next generation of Fiddlers.

Brendan has been a Boy Scout since the third grade. He recently completed his requirements for Eagle Scout and will receive that award early this summer. He has been part of the Quiz Bowl team for four years. He enjoys playing laser tag, and can often be seen between Fiddler gigs refining his juggling and spinning skills. Brendan has been employed at Zap Zone for two years.

In the fall, Brendan will be attending Valparaiso University where he will major in computer science and minor in music. He would love to spend a semester in Japan and someday work with writing music for video or computer games.

Future Performances

Sunday, June 16: Ann Arbor Summer Festival, Power Center. Opening for Del McCoury Band. 8:00 pm. Tickets are available by calling 734-764-2538 or online at www.mlive.com/aasf/index.ssf?/aasf/tickets.frm.

Thursday, June 20: Fenton, MI Gazebo Concert in the Park. 7:00 pm. Bring lawn chairs.

Friday, June 21: Outdoor show at Friendship Center, Westland, MI. 2:00 pm. Corner of Ford Rd. and Newburgh Rd. Call the Senior Resource Dept. of Westland for details. 734-467-3259. Bring lawn chairs. In case of rain, the show will be inside the Center.

Saturday, June 22: Saline Alumni Association Dinner, private event

Thursday, July 4 : Birmingham Concert in the Park, Shain Park. 7:00 pm. Bring lawn chairs.

Saturday, July 13: Saline Celtic Festival. www.salineceltic.org.

Wednesday, July 17: (Date change from previous newsletter) Cain Park Summer Series, Cleveland Heights, OH. Tickets available at 216-291-5796. www.clvhts.com

Tuesday, July 23: String Alternatives Workshop For Music Educators. Oakland University. Private event for workshop participants. For more information, go to www.barrage.org/workshop.

Thursday, August 22: Saline Concert in the Park

Saturday, September 7: Saline Community Fair. Washtenaw County Fairgrounds. 7:30-9:30 pm. Tickets at the gate.

The Top Ten Things Fiddlers Taught Me:

One senior summarizes her experience.

10. To perform in front of large crowds.
9. To display a professional attitude.
8. To swing dance.
7. To clog (Yeah, Dawn Dancers).
6. To memorize music (lots of it).
5. Take things as they come.
4. Conversing with adults.
3. Smiles.
2. Friendships.
1. Time management!

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Graduating Seniors Speak:

Other Things Fiddlers Taught Me.

- QC.
- How much I love music
- How much I love to travel
- A broad appreciation for music.
- The "Sun" song should never have been composed.
- How to bite your tongue at bad jokes over and over and over.
- How to play Euchre.
- Euchre is the best remedy for boredom
- Don't EVER feed the Director cookies.
- Don't give Mike a guitar and expect him not to play.

On Performing.

- It doesn't get any better than being on stage.
- Try and wear the right uniform.
- If you know the words, sing (and if you don't, sing anyhow).
- Smile when you screw up.
- A packed auditorium clapping for you is the best feeling ever.
- It's really cool to be a celebrity.
- There will undoubtedly be a gig on the day of every important University of Michigan football game.
- While clogging, girls, don't kick high when you're not wearing spandex.
- Smiling has nothing to do with being happy.



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