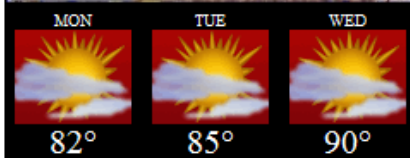




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### Fiddlers From Across Country Compete in Branson

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(Branson, MO) -- Bluegrass fans were treated to a unique musical festival in Branson Saturday. The 20th Annual Fiddle Festival took place on the Branson Landing Town Square.

Sixty contestants from around the country, some as young as nine years-old, played various styles of traditional music brought to the Ozarks by early settlers.

Organizers say crowds look forward to this event and it allows visitors to enjoy culture unique to this area of the country.

Dawn Erickson of Downtown Branson Main Street Association says, "We put on special events for our visitors and our residents as well. It's always been on the banks of Lake Taneycomo and they look forward to coming to Branson and participating in this festival and of course they enjoy a lot of the other attractions in the area."

Fiddlers came from as far as New Zealand for Saturday's festival.