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# Membership Application

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Fiddler - \$30/year     YES... We are a multi-membership TOTFA family, and we agree to accept a single issue of The Texas Fiddler each month in place of multiple issues.  
 Accompanist - \$30/year  
 Out of State Fiddler - \$30/year  
 Associate - \$20/year     YES... I would like to start receiving my copy of The Texas Fiddler electronically, rather than by U.S. mail.  
 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Make checks payable to TOTFA)

Mail application and check to:  
 Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association  
 3209 S. Fredonia  
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NOTICE to TOTFA Members: If this box is checked,  your TOTFA membership will expire at the end of this month. Therefore, please note that this is the last copy of The Texas Fiddler you will receive, until we receive your renewal membership. To avoid disruption to your membership, please fill out the membership form above this notice and send to the address mentioned.

# Contest Season Starts NOW!!

I am so happy the month of March is finally here because it means the 2011 Contest Season is about to begin! I hope most of you have used the past few months to learn some new tunes while keeping the old standards razor sharp. The month of March will be a busy one with three consecutive weeks of contests spanning from the valley of south Texas to one of our newest contests in northwest Texas.



We begin the year with the Shriner's Contest in Corpus Christi the first weekend of March. This is a two day contest so it provides the opportunity for plenty of good jamming and fellowship after all the judging is through. The Shriners do a lot of very important work the entire year and this is one of the events on their calendar that helps them fund that work. Please make the effort to go to Corpus this year and support not only TOTFA but the Shriners, as well.

The very next weekend we will, once again, hold our contest in conjunction with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. This will be the first time in a number of years that we will be back at the Rodeo and I look forward to making this yearly event an exciting addition to our calendar. I think this has a lot of potential to become a major contest in the years ahead. Thanks to Julie Beken for all of her help in making this contest happen for us.

The third weekend of March will take us back to Wichita Falls for the 2nd year in a row. Remember that this is a location in the state where we have not been overly present in years past. Anytime we have the opportunity to have an event in a new location, like this, can only help in terms of our exposure. It will help us acquire new members and perhaps more contests in that particular area. Let's try to show up with good numbers at each of these events and begin the year with some great competitions.

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Finally, during the first weekend in April, there is an old

contest that is making a comeback this year in the beautiful city of Llano. The organizers of this event have put a lot of work into making this a great contest and they are asking for our help. Right now, It is not a TOTFA sanctioned contest, however, if we were to show up with a good number of contestants, it will likely be added to our calendar. This year, the great Johnny Gimble is scheduled to be present to receive an award for his lifetime contributions to fiddling. They have several other events scheduled for the weekend, as well. For more information, checkout their website at [www.llanofiddlecontest.com](http://www.llanofiddlecontest.com) or call 325-247-5354.

As always, keep informed of up-to-date information on new contests, our upcoming 5th Annual TOTFA Fiddle Camp, and other news by visiting [www.totfa.org](http://www.totfa.org) or the TOTFA Facebook page. I look forward to seeing you all at one of our upcoming events very soon.

Happy Fiddlin'

**Bryan**

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**Upcoming Events**

**Wichita Falls, TX March 19th**

*Texoma Cowboy Church; 919 Hwy 281 South in Wichita Falls, Texas*

**Contest Divisions and Payouts**

<u>0- 12 Age Group</u>	<u>13-18 Age Group</u>	<u>19-59 Age Group</u>
1st - \$ 80	1st - \$100	1st - \$100
2nd - \$ 60	2nd - \$ 75	2nd - \$ 75
3rd - \$ 40	3rd - \$ 50	3rd - \$ 50
<u>60+ Age Group</u>	<u>Twin Fiddles</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>
1st - \$100	1st - \$150	1st - \$100
2nd - \$ 75	2nd - \$100	2nd - \$ 75
3rd - \$ 50	3rd - \$ 50	3rd - \$ 50

**Champion Division**

**1st - \$150    2nd - \$100    3rd - \$ 75**

- Registration will open at 11:00 am on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 1<sup>st</sup> competition will begin at noon
- Trophies given to first place winners, in addition to cash prizes.

**Llano, TX April 1-3rd**

*Historic Lantex Theatre, 113 West Main St., Llano, Texas*

**Contest Divisions and Payouts**

<u>0- 10 Age Group</u>	<u>11-18 Age Group</u>	<u>19-45 Age Group</u>
\$350 (Gifts)	1st - \$ 200	1st - \$ 200
	2nd - \$ 90	2nd - \$ 90
	3rd - \$ 75	3rd - \$ 75
	4th - \$ 60	4th - \$ 60
<u>46-69 Age Group</u>	<u>70+ Age Group</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>
1st - \$ 200	1st - \$ 200	1st - \$ 200
2nd - \$ 90	2nd - \$ 90	2nd - \$125
3rd - \$ 75	3rd - \$ 75	3rd - \$ 80
4th - \$ 60	4th - \$ 60	4th - \$ 50

**Grand Champion    1st Runner-Up    2nd Runner-Up    3rd Runner-Up**  
**\$200                    \$125                    \$ 100                    \$ 80**

Registration opens at 9:00 am. For more info go to [www.llanofiddlecontest.com](http://www.llanofiddlecontest.com)

# Upcoming Events

## Corpus Christi, TX March 5th

See Last Month's Newsletter or go to [www.totfa.org](http://www.totfa.org) for more information.

## Houston, TX March 12th

On the Kid's Country Stage at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

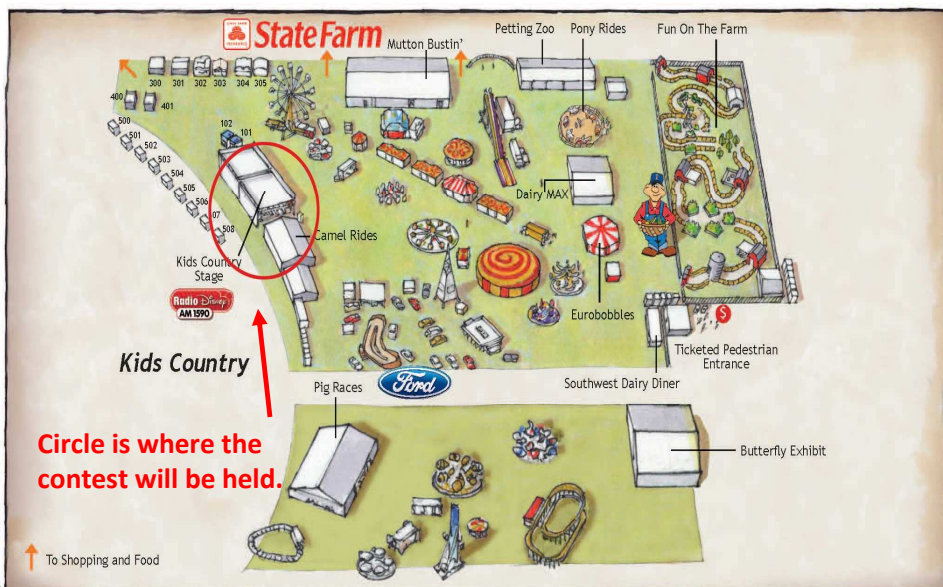
### Contest Divisions and Payouts

0- 15 Juniors Division	60+ Seniors Division	Accompanist
1st - \$ 200	1st - \$ 200	1st - \$ 200
2nd - \$ 150	2nd - \$ 150	2nd - \$ 150
3rd - \$ 100	3rd - \$ 100	3rd - \$ 100
4th - \$ 75	4th - \$ 75	4th - \$ 75
5th - \$ 50	5th - \$ 50	5th - \$ 50

### Open Division

1st - \$300    2nd - \$250    3rd - \$200    4th - \$150    5th - \$75

- Registration will open at 2:00 pm on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 1<sup>st</sup> competition will be the 60+ Seniors Div., starting at 3:00 pm, followed by Juniors, Open, and Accompanist.
- Check website [www.totfa.org](http://www.totfa.org) for any last minute changes.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## March

L.A. Marchman	1	Harrison Schumann	17
Max Dickinson	1	Rick Moore	19
Pat Horan	3	Orville Blalack	19
Denise Frazier	4	Bill White	23
Carson Rast	4	Hayden Norton	26
Trevor Hunt	5	Hunter Boxwell	26
Pauline Guinn	5	Walt Hardin	27
Devon D. McCauley	12	Jimmy Bramlett	30
Jim Chancellor	13	Andy Shelton	31
Heidi Labensart	16	James Kurz	?

## In Memoriam

Longtime member and friend of the Texas Old Time Fiddler's Association, Cecil Turner, of Gilmer, TX passed away February 19 at the age of 90, only a couple months after his wife, Jean, passed away. Cecil was quite the character and really had a passion for fiddling. He enjoyed playing with, and listening to, his fellow fiddlers in TOTFA. He was a good man and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

### Excerpt from Obituary...

"...Cecil Amos Turner was born August 13, 1920, in Bivins, Texas, to Clifton and Rose Lee Turner, and died February 19, 2011, in Gilmer, Texas. He married Jean Spradlin September 21, 1946, in Russell, Kentucky, and she died in December of 2010...Cecil was a veteran of World War II and was a retired truck mechanic. His special gift was for music, and he was a member of the Old Time Fiddlers association and played in many contests. As a young musician, he played in bands and entertained at many public functions and on the radio..."