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### LUDIKER WINS 3<sup>rd</sup> STATE TITLE

Dennis Ludiker, of Austin, Texas, wrapped up an incredible weekend of fiddling in Hallettsville, Texas, with his 3<sup>rd</sup> State Championship after winning an incredible Round Robin Playoff with Bubba Hopkins and Ricky Turpin. Congratulations to all three competitors for putting on a great show



for the live audience, as well as those listening via the webcast. It was a great weekend of fiddling that featured around 80 competitors of all ages from all over the country. The winners of the other divisions were: EJ Hopkins- Senior Champion, Trustin Baker- Junior Champion, Ray Franklin- Accompanist Champion, and Jake Duncan of Oklahoma- Out of State Champion.

Thanks once again to Stuart and Cherri Fryer and everyone who works behind the scenes for their tireless work and dedication to make this contest run like a well-oiled machine.

One of my favorite parts of the Hallettsville weekend is always the Hall of Fame Ceremony, and this year was no different when multi-time accompanist champion Kenneth Morris and former state and national champion fiddler Dale Morris Jr. were inducted. These two have certainly left their mark in Texas fiddling through the years and have earned their place among the other greats in the Hall of Fame. On behalf of the TOTFA, I'd like to congratulate both on this high honor and we look forward to many more years of great music from you both.



Speaking of the Hall of Fame, those of us in the audience were witness to a passing of the torch, if you will.

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Hall of Fame announcer and the Voice of the Fiddler's Frolics, Harvey Norris, is now officially retired after 38 years of announcing and inducting Hall of Famers at Hallettsville. Just imagine all the great music that he had the opportunity to witness through the years from his viewpoint on the side of that grand stage. Besides being a Hall of Fame announcer, Harvey's a Hall of Fame person as well, and is very much a part of Texas fiddling history. Aside from his work at Hallettsville for 38 years, he has also worked at many of our TOTFA contests through the years and was, in fact, the moderator of the meeting when Texas Old Time Fiddler's Association was created. Thank you Harvey for so many years of service and your dedication to Texas Fiddling! We hope to see you at contests for many years to come.

Wade Stockton, of Victoria, Texas, has been helping Harvey as co-announcer for the past few years and is quite simply a perfect fit as the new announcer for the Fiddler's Frolics. Congratulations to Wade and thanks for all you've done for fiddling through the years as well.

**Happy Fiddlin'**  
*Bryan*

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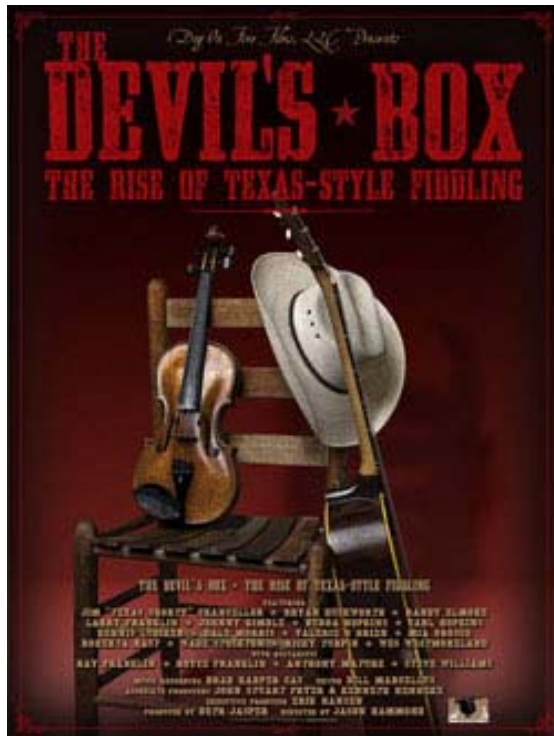
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# The Devil's Box

## The Rise of Texas Style Fiddling



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

David Sawyer	May 1
Jordan Franklin & Jake Mills	May 2
Max Galatas	May 3
Julie Morris	May 8
Sammy Reel	May 9
Billy Bean	May 19
Mia Orosco & Tom Fikes	May 23
Kathy McVicker & Valerie O'Brien	May 24
Leah Sawyer & Albert Harlan	May 24
Bryan Jimmerson & Jacob Johnson	May 25
Clifton Bowren & Nonie Orosco	May 28
Jenny Green	May 31



Fiddle Fans,

If you missed getting a DVD of The Devil's Box in Hallettsville, give Beth and Jason a shout at: [dogonfirefilms@gmail.com](mailto:dogonfirefilms@gmail.com).

The Devil's Box is a 3-disc set including:

- Texas Style Fiddling Documentary
- Complete Performances of over 40 songs
- The Lost Benny Thomasson tapes (1976 interview/performance)



## DONE GONE

(contest results)

### Llano Fiddle Fest Llano, TX ~ April 7<sup>th</sup>

<u>0-10</u>	<u>11-18</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Elliott Dean	1 <sup>st</sup> - Mia Orosco
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Leah Sawyer	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Harrison Schumann
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Anthony Orosco	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Faith Nugent
4 <sup>th</sup> - David Sawyer	4 <sup>th</sup> - Karissa Nugent
<u>46-69</u>	<u>19-45</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Eddie Davis	1 <sup>st</sup> - Bubba Hopkins
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Cliff McCall	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Dennis Ludiker
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Sandra Darnell	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Brian Beken
4 <sup>th</sup> - Jimmy Turner	4 <sup>th</sup> - Kennan Fletcher
<u>70+</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Jesse Mears	1 <sup>st</sup> - Ray Franklin
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Tom Lindsey	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Devon McCauley
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Bob Davis	3 <sup>rd</sup> - David Sawyer
4 <sup>th</sup> - Wes King	4 <sup>th</sup> - Savanah Knight

#### Championship Playoff

1 <sup>st</sup> - Bubba Hopkins
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Mia Orosco
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Dennis Ludiker
4 <sup>th</sup> - Harrison Schumann

## HERE & THERE

(upcoming contests)

### 76<sup>th</sup> Annual World Championship Fiddle Contest Crockett, TX ~ June 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Crockett Civic Center

Registration 8:00 ~ Contest Begins 9:30

<u>0-9</u>	<u>10-13</u>	<u>14-16</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> - \$75	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$100	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$150
2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$50	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$75	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$125
3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$25	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$50	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$100
<u>60+</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>	<u>Open</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> - \$225	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$75	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$500
2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$175		2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$400
3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$125		3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$300

Pre-Registration forms can be found at [www.totfa.org](http://www.totfa.org) There is no entry fee this year. Each competitor receives two admission tickets.

People's Choice Belt Buckle's awarded in each division this year.

## HERE & THERE

(upcoming contests)

### 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Fiddler's Championship Groesbeck, TX ~ May 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Groesbeck City Park

Registration 10:00 ~ Contest Begins 11:00

<u>0-15</u>	<u>16-35</u>	<u>36-64</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> - \$125	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$125	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$125
2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$100	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$100	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$100
3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$75	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$75	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$75
4 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$50
5 <sup>th</sup> - \$30	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$30	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$30
<u>65+</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>	<u>Championship</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> - \$125	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$125	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$250
2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$100	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$100	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$200
3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$75	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$75	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$100
4 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$50
5 <sup>th</sup> - \$30	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$30	

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in each division will compete for the championship.

### 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Athens Fiddle Contest & Reunion Athens, TX ~ May 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Courthouse Square

Registration 9:00 ~ Contest Begins 10:00

<u>0-18</u>	<u>19-29</u>	<u>30-65</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> - \$200	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$200	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$200
2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$150	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$150	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$150
3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$100	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$100	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$100
<u>66+</u>	<u>Open Division</u>	<u>Accompanist Division</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> - \$200	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$200	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$200
2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$150	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$150	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$100
3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$100	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$100	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$50

#### Championship Playoff

1 <sup>st</sup> - \$600
2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$400

Winner of each division will compete for the championship. For complete schedule please see [www.totfa.org](http://www.totfa.org)