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WADE STOCKTON 1960-2015

Wade Stockton was born on February 25, 1960 in Victoria, Texas. The only child of Marshall and Mary Stockton, Wade exhibited an artistic talent at an early age by drawing and painting, taking lessons that continued all the way through school. By junior high, Wade started playing music. He played guitar in a garage band for school events and the local hootenanny. One day his Pap-paw took him over to Jake Glidewell's house to accompany him. Jake must have liked his playing because he started taking Wade around to jam sessions, rest homes, and other musical get-togethers. On the 4th weekend of April in 1974, Wade saw and heard something that would change his life forever. That's right, his Mom and Dad took him to Hallettsville for the Fiddlers Frolics. Seeing Dale Morris swoon the ladies and hearing Randy Elmore and Terry Morris was more than he could stand. Wade just had to learn to fiddle! He got his first fiddle the day he got out of 8th grade. When Wade made up his mind to do something, he usually did it. So when most kids were outside playing and enjoying their summer, Wade was holed up in his bedroom with a fiddle and a record player trying to learn tunes. The fiddle bug had officially bit!



Within months, he started competing. His Dad probably put a million miles on that old station wagon, hauling him to two or three contests almost every weekend. With a lot of help along the way from fiddlers like Bill Gilbert, Bill Cox, Parvin Hoffman, and Terry Morris, he started winning some contests. And, he certainly couldn't have done it without the help of Cliff Fryer, who always made sure he had a good fiddle to play.

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Wade was always willing to help out and judge, too. He judged everywhere from the World Championships in Crockett, Texas, to the Grand Master in Nashville, and the Fiddlers' Frolics in Hallettsville, even becoming Emcee of the Fiddlers' Frolics.

After years of competition, Wade decided to start playing in bands. He loved playing in front of a lively crowd and was fortunate enough to do so and record with some of the finest musicians and singers in the world, on stages far and abroad. In addition, Wade taught fiddle, guitar, and mandolin lessons several nights a week, and was blessed with some awesome students over the years, some of which competed on the Hallettsville stage.

In the fall of 1993, Wade married the love of his life, Melinda Harbour. Wade has three beautiful children, Cody Stockton, Randi Stockton and Brandon Kowalik, all of which play music and are very talented. Wade loves to hunt and ride motorcycles. He may be the only fiddler to have ever gone 212.7 mph on a motorcycle in a standing mile. Wade was also a proud member of Goliad Masonic Lodge No. 94.

Visitation

Saturday, July 25, 2015
 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
 Parkway Church
 4802 John Stockbauer Drive
 Victoria, Texas 77904

Funeral

Saturday, July 25, 2015
 1:00 P.M.
 Parkway Church
 4802 John Stockbauer Drive
 Victoria, Texas 77904

Graveside Services

Immediately following church service.
 Memory Gardens Cemetery
 8919 US HWY 87 N (Cuero HWY)
 Victoria, Texas 77905

Celebration of Wade's Life

D & E Ranch Party Barn
 783 Old Refugio Road
 Victoria, Texas 77905

The TOTFA would like to send our deepest condolences to Melinda Stockton, Marshall & Mary Stockton, Cody Stockton, Randi Stockton, and Brandon Kowalik.



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- \$30 Associate (Supporter, Sponsor, Etc.)
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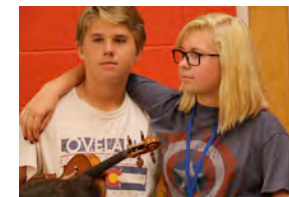
2013 ANNUAL CONVENTION ~ MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

- All fiddler, out-of-state fiddler, and accompanist memberships will be combined to form one type of membership (Musician).
- Associate members will now be the same cost as musician memberships.



JULY/AUGUST

David Lamb	July 01
Aubrey Paige	July 02
Elliott Dean	July 03
John Greenlee	July 06
JoAnn Beken	July 09
Michelle Kuhlman	July 10
Marshall Stockton	July 10
Christiana Nugent	July 11
Jim Reina	July 15
Ed Carnes	July 23
Chad Bekarian	July 24
Bubba Hopkins	July 27
Jessica Sell	July 29
Sandra Darnell	July 29
Bill Mitchell	August 01
Colby Menzel	August 03
Owen James	August 07
River Lee	August 08
Alex Wilson	August 08
Keenan Fletcher	August 09
Ray Franklin	August 16
Lynda Lee	August 18
Mel Whirley	August 22
Harlene Bilbrey	August 23
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TOTFA BALANCE SHEET

Opening TOTFA Account Balance on 05/05/2015	<u>\$3207.89</u>
Membership Revenue (Currently Active Members)	+ 171.93
Advertisement Revenue	+ 30.00
June Newsletter Printing -\$73.11	-
\$200 for \$225 Staples Gift Cards (Printing)	- 225.00
\$248.31 Remaining from previous Gift Cards	-
Bank Service Fee	- 24.00
Ending TOTFA Account Balance as of 05/26/2015	\$3160.82



SAVE THE DATE

Dallas – 11/07/2015
Richardson – 03/14-15/2016

BURNET BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL & FIDDLERS CONTEST

September 19, 2015
Haley Nelson Park
Burnet, TX

Over \$4,000 in cash prizes

0-15 Division—10 places
Over 64 Division—5 places
Accompanist Division—5 places
Open Division (all ages) —5 places

Gates Open at 9 a.m.
Fiddlers Contest starts at 10 a.m.
Sign ups 30 minutes before division
Concerts begin at 4 p.m.

www.cityofburnet.com for details