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Another Great Contest in Groesbeck at the 48th Annual Fiddle Fest & Southwest Fiddle Championship

If you weren't able to make it to Groesbeck on May 7, you missed a good contest. For the 2nd year in a row, the contest took place in Groesbeck's Civic Center. The serving line for getting a plate of barbecue was long, and that's good news as this is a fundraising opportunity and they count on the fiddle contest to provide entertainment. It's good partnership where everyone wins.

The contest started a little later than the posted start time of 11 am, but finished up at 4:15 pm. The contest results are listed on page 4. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated!

Next up: Johnson County Pioneers & Old Settlers Reunion Fiddle Contest in Alvarado

The next contest on the TOTFA schedule will be September 9. The Johnson County Pioneers and Old Settlers Reunion was first held in 1893, so that means this year's will be the 124th annual. In that time, according to organizer Rocky Biggs, there have been over 100 fiddle contests associated with this 4-day event. This year the contest will start at 7 p.m. That's one hour earlier than in previous years, and will kick off with the senior division. This will be the 2nd year that TOTFA has worked in partnership with the county association. All our members are encouraged to attend this historic contest. The divisions and projected payouts are listed on the next page.

2nd Annual 508 Park Fiddle Contest in Preliminary Planning Stage

Planning discussions are beginning for the 2nd annual 508 Park Fiddle Contest. This was a new contest that took place November 7 of last year. Former board member, Ed Carnes, is helping organize it again this year. For those who missed the contest last year, it took place just outside the old Brunsick Warehouse Recording Studio on 508 Park Ave. in Dallas, Texas. The building itself is rich with history. Bob Wills and blues legend

Robert Johnson both recorded there. Though the weather was dicey and put a damper on audience turnout, it turned out to be a good contest and the smaller-than-expected audience appreciated it. Right now, it looks like the contest will be sometime in September. You'll be able to find the firm date in this newsletter or on the TOTFA website when it's set.

TOTFA, By the Numbers

TOTFA currently has 141 members
Bank balance, as of June 7: \$5,809.13

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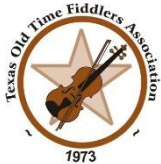
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Birthdays

Allison Wilson
Doc Blakely
W.E. Bill May
Linda Masters
Ben McPherson
Megan McAtee
Jason Crisp
Larry Boddie
Ethan Frazier

June 1
June 2
June 10
June 13
June 18
June 22
June 23
June 27
June 27



Allison Wilson



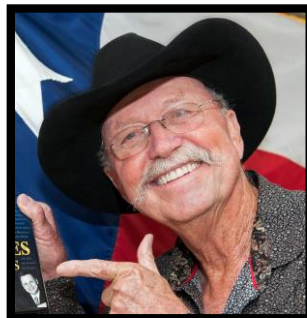
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**Johnson County Pioneers & Old Settlers Reunion
Fiddle Contest Divisions & Payouts**

Divisions	1st	2nd	3rd
Age 0-15	\$100	\$75	\$50
Age 16-25	\$100	\$75	\$50
Age 26-45	\$100	\$75	\$50
Age 46-65	\$100	\$75	\$50
Age 66 & over	\$100	\$75	\$50
Accompanist	\$75	\$50	
Reunion Champion Fiddler (1st place from each age div.)	\$100		

Done Gone

**48th Annual Groesbeck Fiddle Fest
& Southwest Fiddle Championships
May 7, 2016 ~ Groesbeck, TX**

0-15	16-35
1 st – River Lee 2 nd – Nate Jacobson 3 rd – Christiana Nugent 4 th – Ashlee Jordan 5 th – Colby Menzel	1 st – Bubba Hopkins 2 nd – Karissa Nugent 3 rd – Katie Crawford 4 th – Noelle Nugent 5 th – Allie Stewart
36-64	65+
1 st – Carl Hopkins 2 nd – Jason Crisp 3 rd – Eddie Davis 4 th – Cliff McCall	1 st – Jesse Mears 2 nd – E. J. Hopkins 3 rd – Larry Boddie 4 th – W. E. Bill May
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Accompanist

- 1st – Ray Franklin
2nd – Anthony Mature
3rd – Jacob Johnson
4th – Bart Baker
5th – David Lamb

85th Annual Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion May 28, 2016 ~ Athens, TX

Though not a TOTFA contest, many TOTFA members competed and they are listed in bold. Congratulations to all the winners!

Small Fry

- 1st – Preston Marriot
2nd – Linda Masters
3rd – Thomas Paskvan
4th – Tristan Paskvan
5th – Brooklyn Burgin
6th – Janelle Edwards

Junior Junior

- 1st – Tanner Marriott
2nd – Christiana Nugent
3rd – Brandon Wilson
4th – Ashlee Jordan
5th – Ashlyn Corbin
6th – David Walker

Junior

- 1st – Ridge Roberts**
2nd – Leah Sawyer
3rd – Elliot Dean
4th – David Sawyer
5th – Daisy Walker

Adult

- 1st – Katie Crawford**
2nd – Faith Nugent
3rd – Luke Masters
4th – Allie Stewart
5th – Brent Frailicks

Senior

- 1st – Jesse Mears**
2nd – Tom Fonville
3rd – Larry Boddie
4th – Cliff McCall
5th – W. E. Bill May

Open

- 1st – Wes Westmoreland**
2nd – Junior Marriott
3rd – Carl Hopkins
4th – Bubba Hopkins
5th – Devon McCauley
6th – Tatiana Hargreaves
7th – River Lee
8th – Jason Andrew

2016 Calendar

Here is a listing of contest dates in 2016. We'll continue to update the list as more information comes in. **TOTFA contests are listed in bold.**

Date	Location
April 2	Llano, TX
April 23-24	Hallettsville, TX
May 7	Groesbeck, TX
May 28	Athens, TX
TBD	2nd Annual 508 Park Fiddle Contest Dallas, TX
Sep 9	Johnson Cty Pioneers & Old Settlers Reunion Fiddle Contest Alvarado, TX
Oct 1	Chicken & Bread Days Fiddle Contest Bowie, TX
Oct 8-9	Greenville, TX
Oct 8	Seguin, TX
Oct 15	Gilmer, TX
Oct 22	Crockett, TX
Nov 12	Glen Rose, TX – Dale McPherson Memorial / TOTFA Contest & Convention

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CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____
(Year is optional) ____ / ____ / ____

<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address
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\$ _____ Associate \$30/yr. (Parent, Supporter, Sponsor, Etc.)		

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