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**G GROESBECK**

**FIDDLE FEST**  
*and*  
**Southwest Fiddle Championships**

**Saturday, May 6th**

**11 am - 4 pm**  
**at Groesbeck Convention Center**

*BBQ Lunch available -  
Groesbeck Masonic Lodge #354*



# From the Prez

I have served on the Board of Directors several years now, and I have been a member of the Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association even longer. This association is near and dear to my heart, and fiddle music is even closer. I want to see this association get better and more involved, but I need to know what our members want to see, hear, and experience from Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association. What brings you to TOTFA events? What keeps you away? What aspects do you like? What suggestions do you have? Let me hear your voice! Call me or any other director at their numbers at the bottom of the facing page. We are here to represent you and all members. Feel free to email us as well. I want to know what you want from TOTFA!!!!

The Groesbeck contest is coming up on May 6th. This is one of my favorite small town contests. It has a long-running history with TOTFA and has always drawn a great local crowd. In the past few years, Groesbeck has moved the contest to the Civic Center and has become an indoor contest. There is no admission fee to get in, and the city also brings in a local club to sell a great lunch to the fiddlers and crowd. I hope everyone can attend this great little contest.

April started off with a great contest in Llano, Texas. Although this contest is not new to us, I have been unable to attend in previous years. I was finally able to make the scenic, wildflower-filled drive down to the Lantex Theater for the Llano Fiddle Fest. John Caballero coordinates a fantastic event. The theater was full throughout the entire day of the contest and the number of contestants was phenomenal. I encourage everyone to visit this contest in the years to come.

## **TOTFA, By the Numbers**

TOTFA currently has 146 members  
Bank balance, as of April 17: \$4,688.97

## May 6: 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiddle Fest & Southwest Fiddle Championship in Groesbeck

It's time for Groesbeck again! The contest was moved to the newly built Groesbeck Convention Center in 2015 due to threatening weather and new location was well-received, so now for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, it will be there again.

Details for the contest are:

**Location:** Groesbeck Convention Center, 106 E. Navasota St. Groesbeck, Texas (Right across the street from Steel Fitness Gym)  
**Divisions:** 0-15, 16-35, 36-64, 65+, accompanist, & championship (top 2 from each fiddler division). *This is not necessarily the order in which the divisions will compete.*  
**Registration:** 10 a.m.  
**Contest starts:** 11 a.m.

All TOTFA members are encouraged to turn out to support this long-running contest.

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# Done Gone

## Llano Fiddle Fest April 1 ~ Llano, TX

### Legends Division (age 65+)

1. Jesse Mears
2. Tom Fonville
3. Tom Lindsey
4. Pat Sadler
5. Larry Boddie
6. Sandra Darnell

### Youth Division (0-15)

1. Leah Sawyer
2. Nate Jacobson
3. David Sawyer
4. Christiana Nugent
5. Brandon Wilson
6. Linda Masters
7. Ashley Corbin
8. Dani Carter
9. Hazel Nance
10. Daisy Walker

### Open Division (no age limit)

1. Bubba Hopkins
2. Kimber Ludiker
3. Andrew Wilson
4. Karissa Nugent
5. Kevin Freeman
6. Noelle Nugent
7. Julie Amundson
8. Keenan Fletcher
9. Owen James
10. Heidi Ludiker
11. Emmy Curtis
12. Fred Gebhardt
13. Sidney Nance
14. Andrew Noble
15. Bill Tuckness

### Accompanist Division

1. Ray Franklin
2. Hyatt Hopkins
3. Jacob Johnson
4. Drew Miller
5. Nick Gillentine

**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas State Championship Fiddler's Frolics  
April 22-23, 2017 ~ Hallettsville, TX**

**(Top 3 of each division + all TOTFA members listed in bold)**

**Freshman Division (age 0-15)**

<b>1st Leah Sawyer</b>	<b>9th Ashlyn Corbin</b>
2nd Benjamin Lin	<b>10th Linda Masters</b>
<b>3rd Elliott Dean</b>	<b>11th Benjamin Wallace</b>
<b>4th Nate Jacobson</b>	<b>13th David Stanford</b>
<b>5th David Sawyer</b>	<b>14th Story Stanford</b>
<b>7th Ana Nugent</b>	<b>16th Kyleigh Corbin</b>
<b>8th Nathan Pedneault</b>	

**Gone to Texas Division  
(Out of State)**

<b>1st Bubba Hopkins</b>	<b>3rd Trustin Baker</b>
2nd Monte Gaylord	<b>10th Ed Carnes</b>

**Senior Division (age 65+)**

<b>1st Tom Fonville</b>	<b>5th Brent Young</b>
2nd Daniel Jasek	<b>6th David Looper</b>
<b>3rd Bob Davis</b>	

**Open Division**

1st Wes Westmoreland	<b>12th Noelle Nugent</b>
2nd Ricky Turpin	<b>13th Evan Meeker</b>
<b>3rd Carl Hopkins</b>	<b>14th Eddie Davis</b>
<b>4th River Lee</b>	<b>15th Julie Amundson</b>
<b>5th Karissa Nugent</b>	<b>16th Heidi Ludiker</b>
<b>7th Jason Andrew</b>	<b>17th Kevin Freeman</b>
<b>8th Jessica Sell</b>	<b>18th Brad Riley</b>
<b>10th Katie Crawford</b>	<b>19th Matt Wills</b>
<b>11th Faith Nugent</b>	

# April Birthdays

Elijah Stone	April 10
Allie Stewart	April 11
Jacqui Duffley	April 14
Alan Tompkins	April 17
Noelle Nugent	April 21
Lydia Stuart	April 21
Julie Amundson	April 22
Clayton Bankston	April 24
Emily Voeller	April 25
Marge Boyd	April 29
David Stanford	April 29
Bill Tuckness	April 30

# May Birthdays

Jordan Bankston	May 2
Luke Masters	May 5
Marshall Hooker	May 9
Kylie Thorpe	May 10
Michael Thompson	May 14
Valerie Ryals	May 22
London McCartney	May 23
Albert B. Harlan	May 24
Kathy McVicker	May 24
Jacob Johnson	May 25

## TOTFA Newsletter Email Address

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# 2017 Calendar

Here is a listing of contest dates, such as they are known, for 2017. This list will be updated as needed as more information is known. **TOTFA contests are listed in bold.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name / Location</b>
<b>April 1 (contest)</b> <i>(Activities all weekend, Fri, Mar 31 – Sun, Apr 2)</i>	<b>Llano Open Fiddle Contest</b> <b>Llano, TX</b>
April 22-23 (contest) <i>(Activities Thu, Apr 21 – Sun, Apr 23)</i>	Fiddlers Frolics Hallettsville, TX
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Southwest Fiddlers Championship</b> <b>Groesbeck, TX</b>
May 27	Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion & Contest Athens, TX
<b>Sep 8</b>	<b>Johnson Cty Pioneers &amp; Old Settlers</b> <b>Reunion Fiddle Contest</b> <b>Alvarado, TX</b>
<b>Oct 7</b>	<b>Chicken &amp; Bread Days Fiddle Contest</b> <b>Bowie, TX</b>
<b>Oct 14</b>	<b>J. Box Roberts Memorial Fiddle Contest</b> <b>Seguin, TX</b>
<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>East Texas Yamboree Fiddlers Contest</b> <b>Gilmer, TX</b>
Oct 28	Crockett World Championship Fiddlers Festival Crockett, TX
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>Dale McPherson Memorial</b> <b>Glen Rose, TX–</b>

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