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I hope everyone made it through the stresses of Thanksgiving and Christmas this last month. We are headed into some cold weather all over Texas so I hope everyone stays warm and in good health and company this winter.

As we wrap up the year, I wanted to tell everyone a BIG THANK YOU for all the enjoyment and support that you have given TOTFA throughout 2017. We had a wonderful convention and fiddle contest in Glen Rose in November. We elected two new directors, Mr. Luke Masters and Mr. Clayton Bankston. Both are upstanding gentleman who are great musicians and have a passion and love for some good music and old time fiddlin'. If you see them around, please give them a warm welcome.

At the annual convention, we also vote on Favorite Fiddler, Favorite Accompanist, and Favorite Associate (non-musician member). These three awards are voted upon by the TOTFA membership. We also give out an award for Most Improved Fiddler. This is an award that is decided on by the Board of Directors. It goes to the fiddler who has grown the most over the last year and showed steady and a variety of improvement.

This year's winners are as follows: Most Improved Fiddler: Nathan Pedneault, Favorite Fiddler: Elijah Stone, Favorite Accompanist: Ted Williams, Favorite Associate: John Caballero. Congratulations to all of you!

At the convention, we held a Silent Auction and sold the remainder of the TOTFA T-Shirts from a couple years back, and also held a raffle for a TOTFA Yeti Cooler. This generated some extra funds for the organization. Thank you to all who supported us at the contest. All Convention results are listed on page 6 in the *Done Gone* Section.

We have a couple months off before we have a contest again. The next contest on the TOTFA schedule is the Llano Fiddle Fest. I have included the information sent in by John Caballero beginning on Page 3.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!!!!

~ Jordan Bankston, President

2016-2017 Board of Directors



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December Birthdays

Nancy Kotzur	December 3
Mike Wagner	December 8
Gary Don Kruse	December 10
Kyleigh Corbin	December 11
Bob Davis	December 12
Jim Varnon	December 21
Grace Banks	December 28
Jesse Roy Hart	December 30
Betty Solomon	December 31

41st Llano Open Fiddle Contest Saturday, April 7th, 2018

The Llano Open Fiddle Contest is comprised of four divisions: Youth (age 0-15), Legends (age 65 and up), Open (any age but can only compete in one division) and Accompanist. Contest will start at 9:30 a.m. and compete in the following order: Youth Division, Legends Division, Open Division, and Accompanist Division. The Accompanist Division will compete before the top 5 championship playoffs.

PRIZE CATEGORIES AND RULES		
Divisions	No. of Places	Prize Money
Youth/0-15	25	Prizes and gifts awarded to all places
Legends/65 and up	5	\$200, 90, 75, 60, 50

PRIZE CATEGORIES AND RULES		
Divisions	No. of Places	Prize Money
Open	15	
Grand Champion	.....	\$1,000
1 st Runner up	.....	\$800
2 nd Runner up	.....	\$600
3 rd Runner up	.....	\$400
4 th Runner up	.....	\$200
Places 6 th – 10 th	.....	\$150
Places 11 th – 15 th	.....	\$100
Accompanist	5	\$200, 125, 80, 50, 45

Llano Open Fiddle Contest Rules

There is no entry fee for contestants.

1. *Registration starts at 8:30 am*
2. *This is an open, individual contest and all fiddlers are eligible.*
3. *Entrant can only compete in one division*
4. *Order of play within each division will be determined by a drawing.*
5. *Contest will start at 9:30 am and compete in the following order; Youth Division, Legends Division, Open Division, and Accompanist Division. The accompanist division will compete before the top 5 championship playoff round for Grand Championship.*
6. *The open division will consist of three rounds. All contestants will compete in the first round. The second round will consist of the 10 to 15 players with the highest scores (to be determined by judges). The top five contestants of the second round will play off for the championship. Additional call backs are at the discretion of the judges.*
7. *A contestant shall be allowed to register until the drawing in their division has begun.*
8. *Number of tunes in each division and rounds will be determined by judges based on number of competitors.*
9. *When contestants are called to play, they shall have five minutes to report to the stage.*
10. *The specific number and type of tunes will be determined by the judges. No tune shall be played twice by an individual.*

11. *A fiddler will be allowed no more than four accompanists. All players will play into a microphone. Amplification of instruments will not be allowed.*
12. *A contestant may not enter both the fiddle and accompanist contest.*
13. *A fiddler breaking any rule of the contest shall be disqualified. Judges shall have complete control of contest rules and results.*
14. *Judges shall sign each score sheet and score each tune 70 to 100 points.*
15. *No recording made during any contest by any party shall be offered for sale in any form without written permission of the Llano Fiddle Fest.*

Anything Goes - Tricks & Licks Contest

Prizes & Rules

Friday, April 6th, 2018

Prize Money per place

1 st Place	\$150
2 nd Place	100
3 rd Place.....	75
4 th & 5 th Place.....	50

Competitor can play any tune with fiddle tricks, singing, etc. provided a fiddle is included in the performance.

Competitors may compete as a group.

Competitor may perform with accompanists.

Judging will be based on skill and entertainment value.

Done Gone

Dale McPherson Memorial and
Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association Convention and Contest
Glen Rose, Texas

<p>Age 0-10 Theo Chrismon Brayden Baird Doyle Banks Brooklyn Clark Kyleigh Corbin Eva Masters</p>	<p>11-17 Ridge Roberts Nathan Pedneault Christiana Nugent Linda Masters London McCartney</p>
<p>18-35 Jill Baker Jordan Bankston Noelle Nugent</p>	<p>36-59 Lydia Stuart Matt Wills Owen James Elijah Stone Bill Tuckness</p>
<p>60+ Jesse Mears Robin Houghston Tom Fonville Cliff McCall Robert Frost</p>	<p>Accompanist Jacob Johnson Nicolas Gillentine Ray Franklin Bart Baker Marty McPherson</p>
<p>Open Monte Gaylord Jason Andrew Marty Elmore Katie Crawford Keenan Fletcher</p>	<p>Most Improved Fiddler Nathan Pedneault Favorite Fiddler Elijah Stone Favorite Accompanist Ted Williams Favorite Associate John Caballero</p>

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NAME: _____

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CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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

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

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