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Happy Spring Time Fiddlers!!! I heard the birds singing myself this morning so I know it will be fast approaching. Although we have had a very wet and rainy-much needed-February, I hope all of you did not float away. I think we will all dry out soon enough and have a wonderful spring ahead of us.

We are winding up for “Fiddle Season” starting at the very beginning of April. The 41st Annual Llano Open Fiddle Contest kicks us off on April 6th. This small Texas town brings out all the stops to create a fabulous contest in a beautiful historic theater right in Down Town Llano. They pull a great audience with small town charm and hospitality. John Caballero, 2017 TOTFA Favorite Associate, works diligently in his community to pull off a wonderful contest for us. I hope all can attend. (Details are listed on page 5).

Late April provides us with a very well-known and possibly the largest attended contest in the state - The Texas State Championship Fiddlers Frolics Festival in Hallettsville, Texas, April 26th-29th. Stuart Fryer and many others help preserve the legacy down in the heart of South Texas. If you have not yet made reservations, you need to call now. Accommodations book up very quickly. You can visit www.fiddlersfrolics.com for details.

TOTFA received an opportunity to provide our membership with a new contest. The city of Kosse, Texas, reached out to us in January. Kosse, Texas is just off I-45 in Central Texas, and happens to be the birthplace of Bob Wills. They are very excited to have us host their “Bob Wills Birthplace” Fiddle Contest in conjunction with the Kosse Homecoming. It will be held on June 8th on a wonderful Friday evening. Please put it on your calendars and show up to support their town. Contest details will be shared by email, online, Facebook, and upcoming newsletters.

We hope to see everyone supporting our upcoming events.

~ Jordan Bankston, TOTFA President

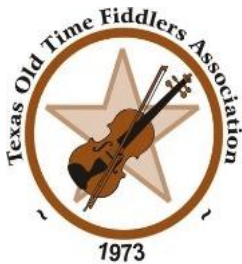
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Thank you all who supported and attended the funeral services of the late Gene Gimble, and Geri Franklin, wife of Ray Franklin. We recently were informed of the passing of past TOTFA President Mr. Walt Hardin from Granbury, TX. He passed in his sleep a few weeks ago. We are very thankful of these people and their life-long support of music and fiddling.

Be sure to congratulate Mr. Bubba Hopkins on his recent marriage to his bride, Mina. When you see them, please give her a warm Texas Welcome!!!

Hope to see many familiar faces supporting our events this season. Spread the word, tell your friends, and carpool if you can!

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Here and There

| Date | Name / Location |
|---|---|
| April 6 th and 7 th | 41 st Annual Llano Open Fiddle Contest, Llano, Texas |
| April 26 th – 29 th | Texas State Championship Fiddlers Frolics, Hallettsville, TX |
| May 19 th | 50 th Anniversary Fiddle Contest Groesbeck, TX |
| May 25 th and 26 th | Athens Old Settlers Reunion Athens, TX |
| *NEW CONTEST* Friday, June 8 th | Kosse Homecoming “Bob Wills Birthplace” Fiddle Festival Kosse, TX |
| Friday, September 14 th | Alvarado Old Time Settlers Reunion Alvarado, TX |
| September 21 st and 22 nd | Crockett World Championship Crockett, Texas |
| October 6 th | Bowie Chicken and Bread Days Festival Bowie, TX |
| October 13 th | J. Box Memorial Fiddle Contest Seguin, TX |
| October 20 th | East Texas Yamboree Gilmer, TX |
| November 3 rd and 4 th | Bob Wills Fiddle Festival Greenville, TX |
| November 10 th | Dale McPherson Memorial Fiddle Contest Glen Rose, TX |

March Birthdays

If your birthday is not listed, it is because we do not have record of it. Please let us know if you would like your birthday recognized in The Texas Fiddler

Jim Chancellor March 13 Kolby Louis March 13

Kimber Ludiker March 16 Heidi Ludiker March 16

Bart Baker March 17



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

| <u>Divisions</u> | <u>No. of Places</u> | <u>Prize Money</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Youth/0-15 | 25 | Prizes and gifts awarded to all places. |
| Legends/65 and up | 5 | \$200, \$90, \$75, \$60, \$50 |
| Open | 15 | |
| Grand Champion | | \$1,000 |
| First Runner up | | \$800 |
| Second Runner up | | \$600 |
| Third Runner up | | \$400 |
| Forth Runner up | | \$200 |
| Places Six – Ten | | \$150 |
| Places Eleven – Fifteen | | \$100 |
| Best Accompanist | | |
| 1 st place | | \$200 |
| 2 nd place | | \$125 |
| 3 rd place | | \$80 |
| 4 th place | | \$50 |
| 5 th place | | \$45 |

Llano Open Fiddle Contest Rules

There is no entry fee for contestants.

Registration starts at 8:30 am

- 1. This is an open, individual contest and all fiddlers are eligible.*
- 2. Entrant can only compete in one division*
- 3. Order of play within each division will be determined by a drawing.*
- 4. 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.

5. *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.*
6. *A contestant shall be allowed to register until the drawing in their division has begun.*
7. *Number of tunes in each division and rounds will be determined by judges based on number of competitors.*
8. *When contestants are called to play, they shall have five minutes to report to the stage.*
9. *The specific number and type of tunes will be determined by the judges. No tune shall be played twice by an individual.*
10. *A fiddler will be allowed no more than four accompanists. All players will play into a microphone. Amplification of instruments will not be allowed.*
11. *A contestant may not enter both the fiddle and accompanist contest.*
12. *A fiddler breaking any rule of the contest shall be disqualified. Judges shall have complete control of contest rules and results.*
13. *Judges shall sign each score sheet and score each tune 70 to 100 points.*
14. *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

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| 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.

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Membership Application

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

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

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|--|----------------------------------|--|
| <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.) | | |

COST-EFFECTIVE OPTIONS

- We are a multi-membership TOTFA family and agree to receive only one issue of "The Texas Fiddler" each month.
- Please save paper and postage by sending me "The Texas Fiddler" via full-color instant email rather than in black & white print via USPS.

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:

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