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## Hopkins Wins State Championship

I am so proud that the attendance at the April contests in Llano and Hallettsville were outstanding. It's safe to say that we helped put the Llano contest back on track with close to 40 contestants and a great crowd throughout the day. A huge thanks goes out to John Caballero and the people of Llano for all the work in making the contest happen and for making us feel welcome. It was a great weekend of fiddling and we look forward to adding this event to our calendar for many years to come.



The Annual State Championship Fiddler's Frolics in Hallettsville provided a wonderful weekend of fiddling and fellowship with friends from all over the country. Well over 90 contestants competed in the various age groups during the weekend. The winners of each group included: Junior Champion River Lee, Out-of-State Champion Jacie Sites, Senior Champion Benny Bennett, Accompanist Champion Ray Franklin, and Texas State Fiddle Champion Carl Hopkins. Perhaps the only thing better than the music at the Frolics is the hospitality. Stuart and Cherri Fryer, along with all the volunteers, once again made this the best run contest in the United States, by far. Congratulations to them on another outstanding weekend of fiddling and fun and thanks to all the competitors and fans who attended.

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The month of May provides three contests this year. The good folks in Buffalo have decided to move their contest this year from May to September. More details on that will be provided later in the year. The first contest of the month will be one of the older contests in Texas at the Southwest Fiddle Festival and

Championship at the city park in Groesbeck, TX on May 14th. The City of Athens will host their 77th Annual Fiddler's Contest and Reunion on Friday, May 27th. While this is a non-association contest, it is usually well attended and lots of fun. That same weekend, make plans to attend the Athens contest on Friday the 27th, and then make your way to one of our newer TOTFA contests in Early, TX on Saturday May 28th at the Heartland Mall. In recent years, this contest was held on the same weekend as the contest in Whitewright, TX. Unfortunately, Whitewright has been cancelled for this year due to a lack of funding (a fact we hope to remedy next year). Details on fiddle camp will be wrapped up soon and we will be opening registration for it once those details are finalized, so be on the lookout on our website, Facebook page, and this newsletter for more information. I look forward to seeing everyone at a contest soon.

Happy Fiddlin'

Bryan

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# The Texas Fiddler

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## MAY

Valerie O'Brien	2	Cheyenne Craig	24
Jake Mills	2	Albert B. Harlan	24
Max Galatas	3	Kathy McVicker	24
Julie Morris	8	Bryan Jimmerson	25
Sammy Reel	9	Clifton Bowren	28
Gilbert Johnson	14	Seth Wray	28
Sharon Marie Colon	19	Harvey Norris	29
Tom Fikes	23	Nonie Orosco	29
Mia Orosco	23	Jenny Green	31

## Done Gone

### Llano, TX

#### Contest Results

#### 0- 10 Age Group

- 1st - Elliot Dean
- 2nd - Jachin Nugent
- 3rd - Christiana Nugent
- 4th - Riley Berkholtz

#### 11-18 Age Group

- 1st - Mia Orosco
- 2nd - Harrison Schumann
- 3rd - Karissa Nugent
- 4th - Katie Crawford

#### 19-45 Age Group

- 1st - Dennis Ludiker
- 2nd - Julie Amundson
- 3rd - Keenan Fletcher
- 4th - Heidi Labensart

#### 46-69 Age Group

- 1st - Wes Westmorland
- 2nd - Dave Roland
- 3rd - Cliff McCall

#### 70+ Age Group

- 1st - Jesse Mears
- 2nd - Tom Lindsey
- 3rd - Bill Cox
- 4th - Jack Goff

#### Accompanist

- 1st - Royce Franklin
- 2nd - Simon Stipp
- 3rd - Devin McCauley
- 4th - Dick Gimble

#### Grand Champion

Mia Orosco

#### 2nd Runner-Up

Dennis Ludiker

#### 3rd Runner-Up

Harrison Schumann

#### 1st Runner-Up

Wes Westmorland

# Done Gone

## Hallettsville, TX

### Contest Results

#### 0-10 Age Group

- 1st River Lee
- 2nd Regina Scott
- 3rd Hannah Wray
- 4th Elliott Dean
- 5th Josie Dunne

#### Senior Division

- 1st Benny Bennett
- 2nd E.J. Hopkins
- 3rd Olaf Riewe
- 4th Dan Jasek
- 5th Jim Barton
- 6th Paul Prater
- 7th Bob Davis
- 8th Mary Adams

#### 0-15 Age Group

- 1st River Lee
- 2nd Faith Nugent
- 3rd James Kurz
- 4th Katie Crawford
- 5th Karissa Nugent
- 6th Regina Scott
- 7th Reagan Newberry
- 8th Gil Johnson
- 9th Noelle Nugent
- 10th Jessica Sell

#### Accompanist

- 1st Ray Franklin
- 2nd Bobby Christman
- 3rd Anthony Mature
- 4th Steve Williams
- 5th Jim Reina
- 6th Jacob Johnson
- 7th Royce Franklin
- 8th Joe Sites
- 9th Paul Wallace
- 10th Kenneth Morris

#### Youth Accompanist

- 1st Hyatt Hopkins
- 2nd Daniel Mature
- 3rd Luke Wray

## Gone To Texas

- |                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1st Jacie Sites - Idaho Falls, ID   | 11th Doug Fleener - Leitchfield, KY |
| 2nd Eishen Harkins - Canon City, CO | 12th Ed Carnes - Franklin, TN       |
| 3rd Luke Price - Portland, OR       | 13th Andrew Donald - Mesa, AZ       |
| 4th Shawn Howe - Pawnee, OK         | 14th Caid Jones - Boise, ID         |
| 5th Sedra Bistodeau - Princeton, MN | 15th Sydney Green - Castle Park, CO |
| 6th Kimber Ludiker - Somerville, MA | 16th Kaitlin Kenney - Englewood, CO |
| 7th Bill Jones - Martin, TN         | 17th Starr McMullen - Corvallis, OR |
| 8th Emma Jane Pendleton - Tulsa, OK | 18th Donnie Howe - Miami, OK        |
| 9th Kerry Varble - Toledo, OH       | 19th Robert Lohse - Rio Rancho, NM  |
| 10th Grady Harkins - Canon City, CO | 20th Perry Gossett - Eagle, ID      |

# Done Gone

## Hallettsville, TX

### Contest Results

#### Texas State Championship

- |      |                  |      |                    |
|------|------------------|------|--------------------|
| 1st  | Carl Hopkins     | 11th | Anthony Wilson     |
| 2nd  | Wes Westmorland  | 12th | Aarun Carter       |
| 3rd  | Bubba Hopkins    | 13th | Samual Holberg     |
| 4th  | Mia Orosco       | 14th | Harrison Schumann  |
| 5th  | Dennis Ludiker   | 15th | Sally Anne Wallace |
| 6th  | Clayton Bankston | 16th | Evan Meeker        |
| 7th  | Brooke Deaton    | 17th | Jordan Greer       |
| 8th  | Lydia Elseth     | 18th | Michael Wiese      |
| 9th  | Andy Tindall     | 19th | Bonnie Riley       |
| 10th | Jason Crisp      | 20th | Cheyenne Craig     |

Photos courtesy Julie Amundson



# Upcoming Contests

## Southwest Fiddle Festival, May 14th

Groesbeck City Park, 1027 W. Yeagua, Groesbeck, Texas

### Contest Divisions and Payouts

#### 0 - 15 Age Group

1st - \$ 125  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$30

#### 16 -35 Age Group

1st - \$ 125  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$30

#### 36 - 64 Age Group

1st - \$ 125  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$30

#### 65+ Age Group

1st - \$ 125  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$30

#### Accompanist

1st - \$ 125  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$30

#### Grand Champion

1st - \$ 250  
2nd - \$ 200  
3rd - \$ 100  
4th - \$ 50

- Registration opens at 10:00 am. Contest scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m.

## 80th Annual Old Fiddler's Contest & Reunion, May 27th

Courthouse Square, 100 W. Tyler St., Athens, Texas

### Contest Divisions and Payouts

#### 18 & Under Division

1st - \$ 200  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$25

#### 19 -30 Division

1st - \$ 200  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$25

#### 31 - 65 Division

1st - \$ 200  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$25

#### 66+ Division

1st - \$ 200  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$25

#### Ladies Division

1st - \$ 200  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$25

#### Grand Champion

1st - \$ 500  
2nd - \$ 200  
3rd - \$ 150  
4th - \$ 125  
5th - \$75

- Registration opens at 9:00 am. Contest scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. with 66+, then 31-65, 19-30, Ladies, & 18 & under, respectively.
- For more information, go to [www.athensfiddlers.com](http://www.athensfiddlers.com).

# Upcoming Contests

## Early Fiddle Contest, May 28th

Heartland Mall, 300 Early Blvd, Early, Texas

### Contest Divisions and Payouts

#### 0 - 15 Age Group

1st - \$ 150  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$25

#### 16 -35 Age Group

1st - \$ 150  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$25

#### 36 - 64 Age Group

1st - \$ 150  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$25

#### 65+ Age Group

1st - \$ 150  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$25

#### Accompanist

1st - \$ 150  
2nd - \$ 100  
3rd - \$ 75  
4th - \$ 50  
5th - \$25

#### Grand Champion

1st - \$ 200  
2nd - \$ 100

- Registration opens at 10:00 am. Contest scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m.
- Contest will be held in front of CornDog #7, inside mall.

## Fiddle Funny



I MUST BE GETTING GOOD, BECAUSE MY DAD  
TOLD ME TO GO PLAY FOR THE NEIGHBOURS!



# Membership Application

NEW     RENEW  
 CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Fiddler  
 Accompanist  
 Out-of-State Fiddle

} \$30/yr.       Associate - \$20/yr.

New Member      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED  
 Renewal              *(make checks payable to "TOTFA")*

**HELP TOTFA SAVE MONEY FOR CONTESTS**  
(choose one)

We are a multi-membership TOTFA family and agree to receive only one (1) issue of "The Texas Fiddler" each month.  
 Please save the paper and send me "The Texas Fiddler" via full-color instant email, rather than in black & white via the excruciatingly slow U.S. Mail.

**Mail Application and check to:**  
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