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### 2013 CONTEST SEASON KICK-OFF NEXT MONTH



2012 Texas State Champion – Dennis Ludiker

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season with lots of family, friends, and fiddling. I always look forward to seeing everyone to begin a new contest season. It's great to hear what they've been working on, whether it's a new tune or just a new lick on an old favorite. The month of April offers two of my favorite contests beginning with the Llano Fiddle Fest and finishing up with the Texas State Championship Fiddler's Frolics in Hallettsville, Texas, The best fiddlers from around the country come to compete at, quite simply, the best fiddle contest in the country.

It has been fun to watch the Llano Fiddle Fest grow the past few years and that is due to the relentless work and love of our music by John Caballero. It has been an honor to work with John over the years to make this contest one of the most fun fiddling weekends on our calendar. The contest will be held at the historic LanTex Theatre in downtown Llano and will begin with registration at 9 a.m. and the contest will start at 10 a.m. in the following order of play: 70 and over, 10 and under, 11-18, 19-45, and 46-69.

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There will also be an accompanist contest and a Grand Championship. Feel free to visit their website at, www.llanofiddlefest.com, or give John a call at, (325) 247-3979.

One of my favorite features of the Fiddler's Frolics is the annual Hall of Fame induction. Each year someone is honored for their contributions to Texas fiddling and this year will be no different. I am so proud to announce that Wade Stockton will be this year's inductee. Wade has been involved in fiddle music practically his whole life, via contests, teaching, emceeing, and performing and has excelled in each category. Wade has also been a willing and quality judge through the vears and has judged many times at the Fiddler's Frolics, the Grand Masters in Nashville, the World Championship in Crockett, and many others throughout the country. If this weren't enough, he has been a good man and a great friend to all who know him. Congratulations Wade! We look forward to celebrating with you at the Fiddler's Frolics!

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Unfortunately, not all the news to report this month is cheerful. I regret to inform the membership that J.T. McBride has passed away at the age of 88. Besides being a fine fiddler and a great friend, J.T. was a World War II veteran where he served in the United States Air Force. He served as a game warden for the Texas Department of Wildlife, retired from the Texas Department of Corrections, and also served as a Constable for over 28 years. He was a long time member of TOTFA and has helped pass the music down to his family. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife of 66 years, Bobbie McBride and the entire family.

Another long time supporter of the TOTFA also passed away this past January. Lenn Ryals, father of Valerie Ryals and Lydia Ryals-Stuart, passed away January 9, 2013, in Cherry Hill, Arkansas. Lenn played a major role as a supporter of the TOTFA through the 1980s and 1990s and retired from Dickey's Clothing Company in Fort Worth, Texas, after 44 years of service. Our condolences go out to the family and Lenn's wife of 58 years, Phern Ryals.

We have a new contest in the works for this year in the town of Menard, Texas, in the month of May. Details will be made available on our website, Facebook page, and the next issue of the newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all at a contest soon!

# Happy Fiddlin' **Bryan**





### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Haylee Davis	March 01
Denise Frazier	March 04
Pauline Guinn	March 05
Debra Farrow	March 11
Jack Nash	March 14
Shannon Hunt	March 14
Heidi Labensart & Braden Tate	March 16
Harrison Schumann	March 17
Rick Moore	March 19
Jan Foster	March 21
David Sawyer Jr.	March 24
Hayden Norton	March 26
Royce Franklin & Jake Nugent	March 28









If you would like your photo in the newsletter during your birthday month, please email a photo to <u>zirl.hopkins@gmail.com</u> before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the prior month.

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## **HERE & THERE**

# Llano Fiddle Fest Llano, TX ~ April 6th

LanTex Theatre ~ Llano, TX

0-10	<u>11-18</u>	<u>19-45</u>
\$350 (gifts)	1st - \$200	1st - \$200
	2nd - \$90	2nd - \$90
	3rd - \$75	3rd - \$75
	4th - \$60	4th - \$60
<u>46-69</u>	<u>70+</u>	<b>Accompanist</b>
1st - \$200	1st - \$200	1st - \$200
2nd - \$90	2nd - \$90	2nd - \$125
3rd - \$75	3rd - \$75	3rd - \$80
4th - \$60	4th - \$60	4th - \$50
	Grand Championship	
1 <sup>st</sup> - \$200	$2^{\text{nd}}$ - \$125 $3^{\text{rd}}$ - \$100	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$80
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Registration is at 9:00 A.M. Contest begins at 10:00 A.M. Order of play will be 70+, 0-10, 11-18, 19-45, 46-69, accompanist, and Grand Champion

# **2012 Winners**

Bubba Hopkins Mia Orosco Dennis Ludiker Harrison Schumann

# 2011 Winners

Mia Orosco Wes Westmoreland Dennis Ludiker Harrison Schumann

# **HERE & THERE**

# Texas State Championship Fiddler's Frolics Hallettsville, TX ~ April 25-28th

Knights of Columbus Hall ~ Hallettsville, TX

For the complete schedule, please visit: <a href="www.fiddlersfrolics.com/schedule.html">www.fiddlersfrolics.com/schedule.html</a>

Freshman Division		
1st – Fiddle	Gone to Texas	Texas State Championship
2nd - Scholarship	1st - \$1400	1st - \$1500
3rd - Scholarship	2nd - \$1000	2nd - \$1250
4th - \$150	3rd - \$800	3rd - \$1000
5 <sup>th</sup> - \$100	4th - \$600	4th - \$600
6 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$500	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$500
7 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	6 <sup>th</sup> - \$400	6 <sup>th</sup> - \$400
8 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	7 <sup>th</sup> - \$350	7 <sup>th</sup> - \$350
9 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	8 <sup>th</sup> - \$300	8 <sup>th</sup> - \$300
10 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	9 <sup>th</sup> - \$250	9 <sup>th</sup> - \$250
Senior Division	10 <sup>th</sup> - \$250	10 <sup>th</sup> - \$200
1st - \$300	11 <sup>th</sup> - \$200	11 <sup>th</sup> - \$125
2nd - \$250	12 <sup>th</sup> - \$200	12 <sup>th</sup> - \$125
3rd - \$200	13 <sup>th</sup> - \$200	13 <sup>th</sup> - \$125
4th - \$150	14 <sup>th</sup> - \$200	14 <sup>th</sup> - \$125
5 <sup>th</sup> - \$100	15 <sup>th</sup> - \$200	15 <sup>th</sup> - \$125
6 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	16 <sup>th</sup> - \$200	16 <sup>th</sup> - \$125
7 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	17 <sup>th</sup> - \$200	17 <sup>th</sup> - \$125
8 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	18 <sup>th</sup> - \$200	18 <sup>th</sup> - \$125
9 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	19 <sup>th</sup> - \$200	19 <sup>th</sup> - \$125
10 <sup>th</sup> - \$50	20 <sup>th</sup> - \$200	20 <sup>th</sup> - \$125
<u>Accompanist</u>		
1st - \$300		1
2nd - \$150		
3rd - \$125		2013 Hall of Fame
4th - \$100		Inductee
5 <sup>th</sup> - \$75	- Parent	madetee
6 <sup>th</sup> - \$50		
7 <sup>th</sup> - \$50		Wade Stockton
8 <sup>th</sup> - \$50		Wade Stockton
9 <sup>th</sup> - \$50		
10 <sup>th</sup> - \$50		

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