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Next Up: A Little Old Contest in Hallettsville

One of the largest in the nation. Starting April 21 with a jam session at 6 pm, April 22 with Anything Goes at 6 pm, and April 23 & 24 at approximately 9 & 9:30 am with fiddle contest beginning in earnest.

Godley Contest Falls Through

Unfortunately, plans for the hoped-for Godley contest which was forming up to take place in May have fallen through. Thank you Jacob Johnson for your efforts to try and get this contest going.

TOTFA, By the Numbers

TOTFA currently has 142 members
Bank balance, as of April 4: \$5,565.47

From the Prez

(Editor's note: The following was written prior to the Llano Fiddle Fest)

I hope everyone had a good winter. Glad that spring is here and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at Llano. The TOTFA Board of Directors is wide open to suggestions from members on ways to raise funds for a convention. The recent fund raiser that was held in San Marcos evidently was not the way to do it. Elijah Stone put a great deal of time and effort into putting it together. He secured some very good donated items for prizes, and had entertainment lined up throughout the day. Twelve TOTFA members showed up, (three were directors) and the money raised was \$301.00. Thanks to those of you who did come out to support us and enjoy the day with us. And thank you, Elijah, for your hard work and time put into this event.

Over the years, there have been a handful of members who have been awarded the honor of "lifetime membership" for their contribution



*Bart Baker, TOTFA President @
LanTex Theater, Apr 2, 2016*

to, or continued support of Texas fiddling. Marshall and Mary Stockton have long been supporters of Texas fiddling, beginning when their son, Wade, was a young kid. Marshall probably wore out a couple of cars while Wade was growing up and competing in contests throughout Texas and beyond. Most of our members are aware that we lost Wade last July in a tragic car accident. He was a vibrant member of our music family and supportive member of our organization. In honor of their cherished son and for the support that they have exhibited for

TOTFA, and fiddling in general over many years, the board of directors and I would like to extend this honor to Mary and Marshall.

See you at Llano,
Bart

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Birthdays

Simon Stipp	Apr 7
Elijah Stone	Apr 10
John Crawford	Apr 16
Katie Crawford	Apr 16
Amber Gutermuth	Apr 17
Ridge Roberts	Apr 17
Alan Tompkins	Apr 17
Noelle Nugent	Apr 21
Lydia Stuart	Apr 21
Julie Amundson	Apr 22
Clayton Bankston	Apr 24
Bill Tuckness	Apr 30



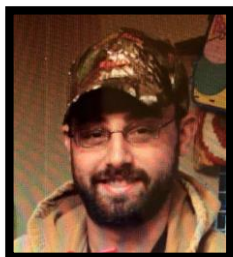
(l-r) Elijah Stone, Simon Stipp



Julie Amundson



(l-r) John & Katie Crawford



Clayton Bankston



Noelle Nugent



Lydia Stuart

Llano Fiddle Fest – the Perfect Lead-off Batter

The 2016 baseball season opened the very same weekend as the Llano Fiddle Fest opened the 2016 fiddle contest season. For those of you not so familiar with baseball, the lead-off batter sets the stage. Being the first up to bat, the lead-off batter's primary duty is to get on base any way he can: hit, walk, get hit by a pitch, or bunt. Getting to first base sets the stage for good things to happen with the batters that follow. A good lead-off batter is a valued member of any baseball team.

If I were the manager of a baseball team that had fiddle contests as players, I'd choose the Llano Fiddle Fest as my lead-off batter. John Caballero and his team have molded it into a series of events that are not to be missed.



*Audience at the LanTex Theater,
Apr 2, 2016*

The 2016 Fiddle Fest began Friday night April 1 with the Air Fiddle Contest and the Anything Goes Fiddle Contest. On Saturday the fiddle contest itself was held at the historic LanTex theater in downtown Llano. The weekend wrapped up with a Sunday service in which all fiddlers were invited to attend and play Amazing Grace.

During the fiddle contest, the LanTex theater was filled with enthusiastic audience members enjoying everything the fiddlers and accompanists had to offer. They also enjoyed the boxes of Fiddle Faddle being tossed out parade style, a Llano Fiddle Fest tradition. If you missed it this year, mark the date on your calendar for next year. 1st weekend in April. Plan to get there Friday evening and stay through to Sunday. Enjoy the bluebonnets, Indian paintbrushes, and the sound of fiddling. It's a great start to the fiddle contest season.



*(l-r) Tom Fonville, Ray Franklin @
LanTex Theater, Apr 2, 2016*

2016 Calendar

Here is a listing of contest dates in 2016. We'll continue to update the list as more information comes in. **TOTFA contests are listed in bold.**

Date	Location
April 2	Llano, TX
April 23-24	Hallettsville, TX
May 7	Groesbeck, TX
May 28	Athens, TX
Sep 9	Alvarado, TX
Oct 1	Bowie, TX
Oct 8-9	Greenville, TX
Oct 8	Seguin, TX
Oct 15	Gilmer, TX
Oct 22	Crockett, TX
Nov 12	Glen Rose, TX
TBD	TOTFA Contest & Convention

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You can renew your TOTFA membership, or make TOTFA donations or purchases through PayPal at **TOTFAPayPal@totfa.org**. Of course, sometimes the old ways are best, and we can handle that too. Send your check to the address listed above.

TEXAS OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION

Membership Application



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

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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Done Gone

39th Annual Llano Fiddle Fest

LanTex Theater

April 2, 2016 ~ Llano, TX

Youth (0-15)

- 1st – Brandon Wilson
- 2nd – Christiana Nugent
- 3rd – Katie Shoemaker
- 4th – Haylee Davis

Open

- Grand Champion – Dennis Ludiker
- 1st Runner Up – Bubba Hopkins
- 2nd Runner Up – Wes Westmoreland
- 3rd Runner Up – Karissa Nugent
- 4th Runner Up – Katie Crawford

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- 6th – Andrew Wilson
- 7th – Jessica Sell
- 8th – Noelle Nugent
- 9th – Jiah Kyun
- 10th – Kevin Freeman
- 11th – Julie Amundson
- 12th – Heidi Ludiker
- 13th – Emmy Curtis
- 14th – Anthony Wilson
- 15th – Eddie Davis

Air Fiddle Contest (Apr 1)

- 1st – Bling Queens
(Robin Chiesa, Lynda Gammage, Carol Schumacher)
- 2nd – Fiddle Me This
(James & Deborah)
- 3rd – The Legendaries
(John Caballero & Keenan Fletcher)
- 4th – Wing'n It
(Dale and Bailey Barnett)
- 5th – Gypsy Griselda
(Patti Felts)

Legends (65+)

- 1st – Jesse Mears
- 2nd – Tom Lindsey
- 3rd – Tom Fonville
- 4th – Sandy Darnell
- 5th – Bob Davis

Accompanist

- 1st – Ray Franklin
- 2nd – Anthony Mature
- 3rd – Nick Gillentine
- 4th – Jacob Johnson
- 5th – Simon Stipp

Anything Goes Contest (Apr 1)

- 1st – Eddie Davis
- 2nd – Keenan Fletcher
- 3rd – Marty Elmore
- 4th – Kevin Freeman
- 5th – Bill Tuckness

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