

The Arizona Fiddler

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New Year of Fiddlin

January 15 - 17 2021

Salome AZ

Lions Club

WARM BUILDING

GOOD FOOD

PLAY MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC OR JUST CISTEN

Contact Linda - lindadarland53@gmail.com

2021 MEMBERSHIP FEES
are due January 1 2021

\$15 per family

\$10 if you are 80 or more

send dues to Noreen Johnston

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January Aniversaries

<i>Juan & Fran Judd</i>	1	15	1959
<i>Darwin & Arlene Kimball</i>	1	18	
<i>Hughie & Esther Smith</i>	1	24	1971

February Anniversaries

Kent Chamberlin	2	09	1956
Bob & Linda Williams	2	16	1971
Tracy & Barbara Armstrong	2	18	2000
Roy & Ruth Ireland	2	21	1976

Roscoe Perry of Yuma AZ and Ethel WA passed away Dec 1, 2020



Jim Anderson (the cowboy) passed away. He was from Stevensville and all over AZ.



Ted Kirkpatrick passed away in Dec



Chuck Johnston passed away Nov 5 2020. He is survived by his brother Ed, nephew Darell, 4 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren He was a fun loving guy, loved fiddle music and was Vice President of the AOTFA for two years. He will be missed by all.

While the last goodbye is the hardest one to say,
This is where our Cowboy rides away....

Honor Chuck's memory not with tears,
Remember the friend, the father, the papa, the
uncle, the brother
That he was to us for years.

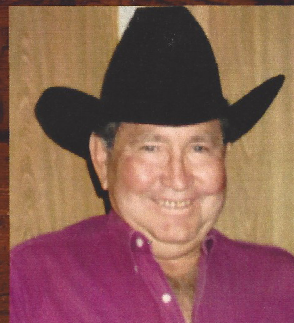
Remember the laughs, the jokes, the pranks,
Cherish each memory and then give thanks.

Those rosy cheeks and twinkling eyes
and that mischievous grin,
As he wagged his finger at us time and time again.

He loved his life and he loved us all,
But he has now heard Heaven's call.

If you can only remember him with tears,
Then don't remember him at all.

Remember the man, the laughter, the fun,
Drink a glass of wine and say a little prayer,
And be so very thankful those memories are
there.



January Birthdays

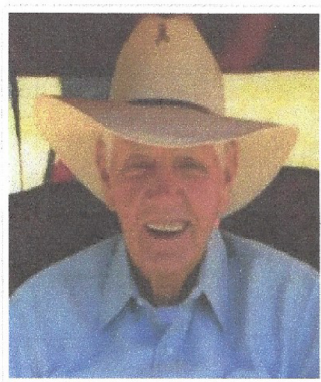
Donna Cook	1	1
Janet Shelby	1	11
Bud McKirryher	1	14
Brenda Coderre	1	17
Suzette Sommeror	1	18
Bill Williamson	1	20
Elsa Steffanson	1	27
Anne Morrison	1	29
Mickey Long	1	30
Nancy Swingley	1	31
Darlene Selle	1	31

February Birthdays

Noe Alvarado	2	1
Ivan Judd	2	5
Gayl Ratigan	2	5
Starre Barnett	2	
Dot Williamson	2	8
Hughie Smith	2	10
Ed Johnston	2	15
Barbara Armstrong	2	18
Shelley Wilson	2	22
Diane Dorothy	2	24
Guy Selle	2	25
Elden McKenzie	2	26
Arline Peterson	2	26
Ron Peaden	2	28

Words are just not enough

Thomas (Chief) James, Tammy Johnston's father passed away Dec 10 2020. Tammy is Ed and Noreen's daughter in law.



Hollis B. Nicolds

June 14, 1930 - December 14, 2020



Hollis B. Nicolds passed away at home in Willcox on December 14, 2020 at the age of 90. He was born in Moriarty, New Mexico on June 14, 1930 to Edward Nicolds and Sarah Buckner Nicolds. Hollis served in the United State Army, was a retired Truck Driver and Electrician/Plumber. He loved to play bluegrass music and would travel to play music. Hollis had been a member of the Pecos Valley Band at one time, and in Willcox he would play at the nursing home and also at the Rose Allen Senior Center. He was a member of the Willcox 7th Day, Church of God. On August 30, 1963 in Albuquerque, New Mexico he married his wife Patsy who survives him. He is also survived by his daughter Linda Bird of Ventura, California and his grandson Dane Osborne also of Ventura along with 3 great grandchildren. Surviving brothers are; Richard (Alberta) Nicolds of Luna, New Mexico and Horace Nicolds of Houston, Texas. Preceding him in death were his parents, a son Richard Lee Nicolds, his sister Virginia Kennedy and his brother Edward Nicolds. At this time no services are planned. Contributions may be made in his name to the Charles Wm Leighton Jr. Hospice, P.O. Box 115, Willcox, Arizona 85644 or on line at www.willcoxhospice.com



Hello to all those happy smiling fiddlers out there, bet everyone is getting excited because the big fella with the big red suit will soon show up. Hope you know you have to try and get him unstuck from your chimney. Been stuck here in this house with this corona virus quarantine for over two weeks, was getting real antsi. My Dr finally let me know it is OK because I don't have it anymore. Will just have to be more careful in my travels around town. I used to go out to eat breakfast but not going to do much of that any more. The place I used to attend, they would all huddle on a five chair bench at the counters, all clutter real close, hardly seen anyone wear a mask. There wasn't any social distancing. Two of these persons said this virus was a political thing put on by the politicians. I wonder if I will see him again. This virus isn't a joke no games here, he even said when they came out with vaccine he wasn't getting one because it had elements in it that would cause ill effects. Going to sneak in there this week for coffe and see if he is still there, but anyways been watching this dude on facebook teaching and playing fiddle is real smooth Justin BRanum boy that guy is great, smooth as glass on the western swing tunes. but was watching these three youngsters out of MTN city TN called Fun and Farm band out of Mtn City Tennessee KOdy Norris Show, there is three of them they even have a stand up bass player they all wear fancy du dad cloths and western wear boots, they must be in mid 20,s or early 30,s they are some hot stuff. That kid on the banjo sure can play some hot licks and Cody,s wife plays a mean fiddle and mandolin. He got up and played the mandolin and he smoked that thing. Been a long long while since I heard anything as great as that. He plays this fancy Martin Guitar, sure is fun and enjoyable. I hope some of you out there can tune in on face book on your computer and listen to some fancy picken an fiddling

Remember at the first part of the year when the Corona Virus broke out???? You couldn't find hardly any toilet paper at any of the stores and they were not rationing TP but for the past couple of days from first part of December to now mid December go and try and find Christmas lights for decorations at any department store, wont be found I have been to Lowes, to home Depot, every small hardware in this small town shelves are empty, devoid of Christmas Lights or decorations, except Walmart has a large inventory of clear mini lights. Bought a set of 300 clear lights gave me a idea I already have lots of small aerosol cans of different colors, took the clear lights out of packet in box, spread the lights out used light blue, green and red spray enamel, plugged in works great, but you have to be care full not to spray too much because you would blot out any lights,, you have to experiment.

Getting chilly at nights, guess I am going to fire up my outdoor fireplace, cook some cowboy coffee, break out my practice guitar and sing myself some tunes. Hope I don't scare off the neighbors, most are Mexican folks. I listen to their stuff when they celebrate holidays out side with their fires and have tacos and tamales, get invited over sometime just to listen. Better quit, no body had anything to share until next time
Dennis in cool down sunny southwest Yuma Arizona



2021
Jan 8 - 10 2021
JC's Rodeo and Fiddle Contest
Yuma AZ
CANCELLED
Contact janet.shelby@gmail.com

A camp put in lieu of the contest is planned in Dome Valley on Larry Rose's property. It will be by his Date Palm Orchard. Campers can show up on Jan 7th.

There will be some breakfast & some potlucks.
Contact Katie Bonn @tomkatiebonn@gmail.com
Contact janet.shelby@gmail.com
Frank Moore @frmoore1@gmail.com

Jan 15-16-17 2021
Salome Fiddling Days
Lions Club Salome AZ
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Feb 4-5-6-7
Ajo Fiddle Contest
Country Club
Ajo AZ
CANCELLED
Contact Linda at ldarland53@gmail.com
There is also something being planned for this date
Contact Katie @tomkatiebonn@gmail.com
John Kennedy @@fiddlenfun@gmail.com

Feb
Safford AZ
CANCELLED
Tucson Fiddle Contest
Contact Amy Barry
CANCELLED
February 13
Grande Fiddle Contest
Casa Grande AZ

. Everything will be free, we will have age divisions, open, novice, accompanist and twin. Registration opens at 9:00, contest begins at 10:00. There will be free dry camping at Cowboy Church. ALL youth fiddlers will receive goodie bags donated by local businesses! Please call Tiffany for information: 520-709-0150

Contact Tiffany at my7gems@cox.net

March 22 - 24
AOTFA Spring Camp Out
Salome AZ
Linda at ldarland53@gmail.com
928-671-0474



Attend a Monthly Chapter Meeting
During this time of the corona virus - check with the chapter rep for cancellations and times

Rim Country - Payson area

1st Sunday 2 pm

Rock of Ages Lutheran Church
204 W Airport Rd Payson AZ

3rd Thursday 6 pm

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Log cabin building

601 E Hwy 260 Payson AZ

Contact Caitlin Wilson

wilsonsetc@gmail.com

Southern AZ - Tucson area

Unitarian Universalist Church

4831 E 22 Street Tucson AZ 85709

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Contact Wilbur Welsh 520-743-7086

Territorial - Yuma area

Contact Dan Everts 509-953-0079

Verde Valley - Cottonwood area

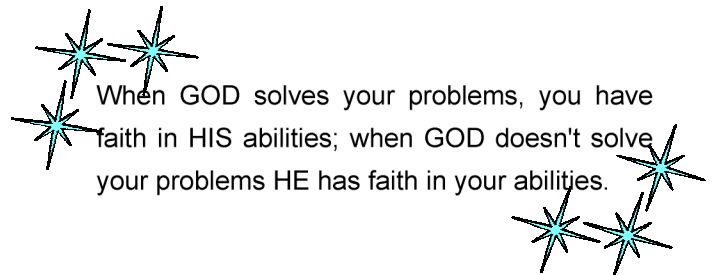
NEW DAY !!!

Second Sunday 1 - 4 pm

Senior Citizens Hall

500 E Cherry Cottonwood AZ

Contact Fran Judd 928-634-7963



When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

John Homer Kennedy, Jr.

Born: May 15, 1932 – Indiana, PA to parents John “Jack” and Louise Jean Kennedy.

Moved to Phoenix, AZ in 1948 from Marion, OH.

Graduated from North High School, Phoenix, AZ in 1951.

Attended two years college in Salt Lake City, UT and Tempe, AZ.

Served proudly and honorably in the U.S. Army as a Cook from 1951 to 1954. Received medals for Expert Pistol Marksmanship.

Loved horses, livestock and dogs. Worked for his future in-laws at Bud Brown’s Barn on Northern Ave in Phoenix and Friendly Pines Camp in Groom Creek, South of Prescott, Arizona where he met his future wife. Married Margaret “Peg” Brown, June 5, 1954.

Also worked in feedlots and apprenticed as a journeyman lineman for Arizona Public Service before joining the Arizona Highway Patrol in 1959. Served the public as a highway patrolman, lawenforcement academy counselor, under cover narcotics and liquor control agent. Retired from the Arizona Department of Public Safety in 1979 at Cordes Jct, Arizona.

After retirement from Arizona DPS, served as dog trainer/handler and reserve deputy sheriff for Yavapai County and brand inspector for the Arizona State Livestock Board.

In addition to full time law enforcement career was a master horse shoer/farrier, well driller, equipment operator, welder, carpenter, block layer, cowboy/rancher. He could repair or build practically anything structural, mechanical or electrical.

Along with wife Peg raised 3 children, daughter Lynn, sons John and Lonnie.

Known to many as “Big John” due to 6 foot 5-1/2 inches in height and his considerable physical strength. Soft spoken, intelligent, kind and courteous gentleman.

A mentor, model, teacher and true friend to his family and countless others from all walks of life, backgrounds and ages.

Contributed untold hours of community service for Yavapai County Big Brothers/Big Sisters, teaching Sunday School, serving on Mayer Cemetary, Mayer Library, Mayer Fire and local Christian Church Boards. 32nd Degree Mason. Founding member & officer of Lonesome Valley Sheriff’s Posse.

Loved his family and good friends above all else. Enjoyed good food, ice cream, fixing things, traveling, practical jokes, sports, rodeos, reading, music, leather work and good movies.

Passed from this life December 21, 2020 in the Cottonwood Hospital with family at his side following a severe heart attack. Knew and appreciated that after surviving polio as a young teenager he was blessed to live an extraordinary, productive, interesting, rich and full life. Had absolutely no regrets, was prepared and ready to depart this life.

Preceded in death by both parents, sister Kelly Stadmiller, youngest son Lonnie (2010). Survived by wife Peg, daughter Lynn & husband Laine Malouff, son John & wife “Roni” Kennedy, daughter-in-law Susan Spellflug, 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Last birthday, 88 years old was horseback and roping calves at ranch branding.

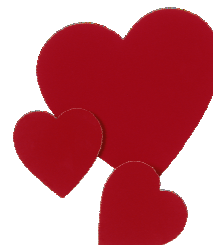
“Roping calves at a branding is better than dessert . . . and I love dessert.”

- John Kennedy, Jr.



Some news is a long time member Forrest Wolgamot passed away December 22 He was 88 years old. Born in Millersburg ,in Holmes County Ohio 1932, raised on a farm went to work for FLEXIBLE Corporation when he was 18, they manufactured those flexible busses some of you might have seen around the country and elsewhere, Worked 30 years in Maintenance, he and two others developed the Jaws of Life tool seen in around in rescue events. He got a bad inner ear infection brought on by the cold temperatures, had to move to the southwest in order to help him with his inner ear problem. Had an effect on his fiddle playing, Me and two others always tried to help him he played his favorite Rag Time annie but we called raggedy annie because he played it in such a peculiar way. He came to Yuma in 1983 that is when I met him I think it was at the Yuma fiddlers contest, but that is when a long friendship started. Several years later, me and his two sons started construction on his new home. He had a welding shop and maintenance facility in a large barn he had constructed but out of there we used to have Friday and Saturday night jams. Forrest was instrumental in building several Hardanger violins they didn't work right but it was an interesting venture. He was past president of our chapter Territorial chapter here in Yuma, there is a lot more to be said but will elaborate more some other time. Forrest will be sorely missed. He is survived by his wife PRECENTAGION or Nannie as we call her his only living son Bryan his eldest son Gilbert passed away several years ago. He has a daughter and nieces and nephews in Arkansas.....

Dennis Russell Editor Territorial chapter



Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Association
Application for Membership
Renewal or Change of Address

Annual Dues \$15 per family Over 80 \$10 includes partner

New Member Renewal Change of Address

Please print

Name _____

Summer Address _____

Summer City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

If Different

Winter Address _____

Address _____

Winter City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Man's Birthday _____ Lady's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____ Year _____

Children under age 18 living at home _____

Chapters

Rim Country Payson area

SAOTF Tucson area

Territorial Yuma area

Verde Valley Cottonwood area

Independent Anywhere

Members may join one principal chapter.
and one associate chapter

Please send state dues to:

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Jan Feb 2021