

The Arizona Fiddler

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Looking for pictures for the archives.

Send me your pictures on flash drives, cd's, or printed already. I would like to get some newer ones in the albums.



WORKING ?? as usual !!

The future of fiddling-- Isley Dietrich



Four (4) wins in 6 weeks !!! Congratulations !!
Washington, Oregon, Idaho, & Kentucky

fun times a comin' mark your calendars

SEPTEMBER

We need help getting the Jewels to & from Payson !!!

20 - 22 - PAYSON, AZ - Arizona State Championship Fiddle Contest - Green Valley Park
12000 W Country Club Drive - for more info call 928-472-5110 or email

opr@paysonaz.gov

**We need some help with the 'jewels' booth
Contact Noreen 928-853-3577**

NOVEMBER

1 - 3 - SALOME, AZ - Fiddlers Jamboree - Salome Lions Club - Fiddle shows and lots of
jamming - Dry RV Parking (Donations appreciated) Friday Lunch - Saturday Breakfast and
Dinner - For more info call Linda 928-671-0474 or email ldarland53@gmail.com

**Election of Officers for 2025.
Contact Noreen if you are interested 928-853-3577**

3 - 10 - WICKENBURG, AZ - 45th Annual Four Corner States Bluegrass Festival - Everett
Bowman Rodeo Arena - 3 days of Bluegrass performers - Fiddle Contest - Food Vendors -
Dry RV Parking for a fee - Admission Fees - For more info call Wickenburg Chamber of
Commerce 928-684-5479

JANUARY

13 - 14 - BLYTHE, CA - For more visit <https://coloradoriverfair.com/bluegrass-festival>

17 - 19 - SALOME, AZ - Desert Fiesta Fiddle Jamboree - Salome Lions Club - Fiddle
shows and lots of jamming - Dry RV Parking (Donations appreciated) Friday Lunch -
Saturday Breakfast and Dinner - For more info call Linda 928-671-0474 or email
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more fun times !!

FEBRUARY

7 - 9 - AJO, AZ - 46th Annual Ajo Old Time Fiddlers Contest - Ajo Country Club - 77 Mead Road - Contest - Dance - Show - Dry RV Parking for a fee - Full Hookups available - Meals - FUN - For more info call 928-671-0474 or 520-387-6750

There have been rumors that Ajo has been cancelled but that is not the case. Carol emailed me a day or two ago, saying that they voted to have it again.

If anyone would like to individually make a donation or sponsor a category please contact Linda Darland 928-671-0474.

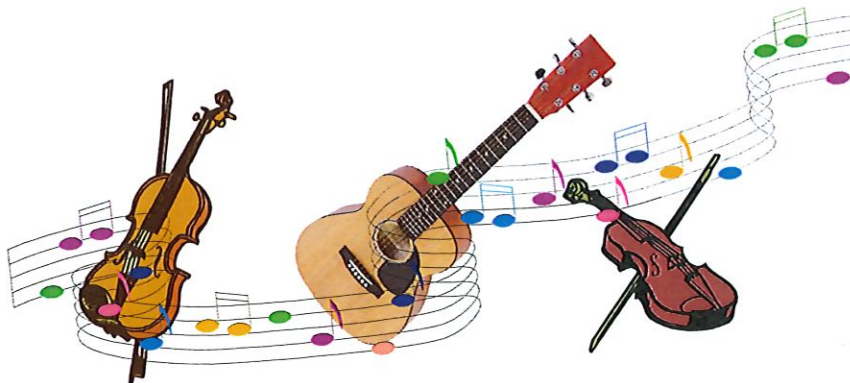
Unfortunately, we don't get many kids at Ajo anymore,

14 - 16 - SAFFORD, AZ - Annual Old Time Fiddle Contest - More information as it becomes available

23 - TUCSON, AZ - Old Time Fiddle Contest - More information as it becomes available
(See Darwin's letter on page 9)

MARCH

14 - 16 - SALOME, AZ - Spring Fiddlefest - Salome Lions Club - Fiddle shows and lots of jamming - Dry RV Parking (Donations appreciated) Friday Lunch - Saturday Breakfast and Dinner - For more info call Linda 928-671-0474 or email ldarland53@gmail.com



Greetings fellow fiddlers,

I would like to give the members of the AOTFA an update. The status of the 2025 Tucson Fiddle Contest is a little uncertain. I will be having surgery in September and consequently my normal fundraising efforts will be restricted this fall. In addition, I have been unable to gain any financial commitment from the local business community. Many of the sponsors we have had in the past are not responding so I must assume they are no longer interested. Some funding we have received in the past from cultural organizations is also questionable this year due to changes in priority.

I have enough funds left over from this year's contest to cover prize money. I will still need to raise a like amount to pay our judges, MC, motels, printing, gift cards for volunteers, venue rent, and incidentals. The SAOTFA chapter has committed some funds again and Dallas Parker will generously provide the ribbons. I have also received a donation of a quilt for auction. I have a commitment for one Division sponsorship but I will need more. I will also need to ask the AOTFA if they will be a sponsor again this year.

The date for next year's contest is February 22, 2025. I will need to confirm and pay for our reservation with the Venue host by mid November. I would like very much to have the funds or firm commitments for the contest before then if possible.

I would like to appeal to our membership for their support. If you can become a sponsor in any way please do. If you can sponsor an Age Division, Specialty Division or contribute any amount small or large it will help us carry on this tradition of 83 years. If you have a musical instrument you no longer play that would be suitable for auction we will gladly accept it. If you know of a business that might be interested in becoming a sponsor please let me know. All checks should be made out to A.O.T.F.A. with Tucson Fiddle Contest on the note line.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers, sponsors, and the fiddlers themselves for having kept this contest alive these many years. With God's help I will do my best to make this next contest the best ever.

Thank you and best wishes,

Darwin Long

Contest Coordinator

Tucson Fiddle Contest

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Green Valley, Az 85614

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PEE WEE	\$150.00
JUNIOR-JUNIOR	\$150.00
JUNIOR	\$150.00
YOUNG ADULT	\$265.00
ADULT	\$265.00
SENIOR	\$265/00
YOUNG-AT-HEART	\$265.00
TWIN FIDDLE	\$120.00
TRICK & FANCY	\$120.00
ARKANSAS TRAVELER	\$125.00
ACCOMPANIST	\$90.00
YOUNGEST FIDDLER	\$25.00
OLDEST FIDDLER	\$25.00
Plus judges, accomadations, etc	

Visitation

East Lawn Palms Mortuary
Catalina Chapel
Tucson, Arizona
May 20, 2024, at 10:00 am

Funeral Service

East Lawn Palms Mortuary
Catalina Chapel
Tucson, Arizona
May 20, 2024, at 11:00 am

Military Honors

United States Navy
Veteran of World War II
Navy Honor Guard

Graveside Service

East Lawn Palms Cemetery
5801 E Grant Rd
Tucson, Arizona 85712

Reception To Follow

East Lawn Palms Mortuary
Tucson Room

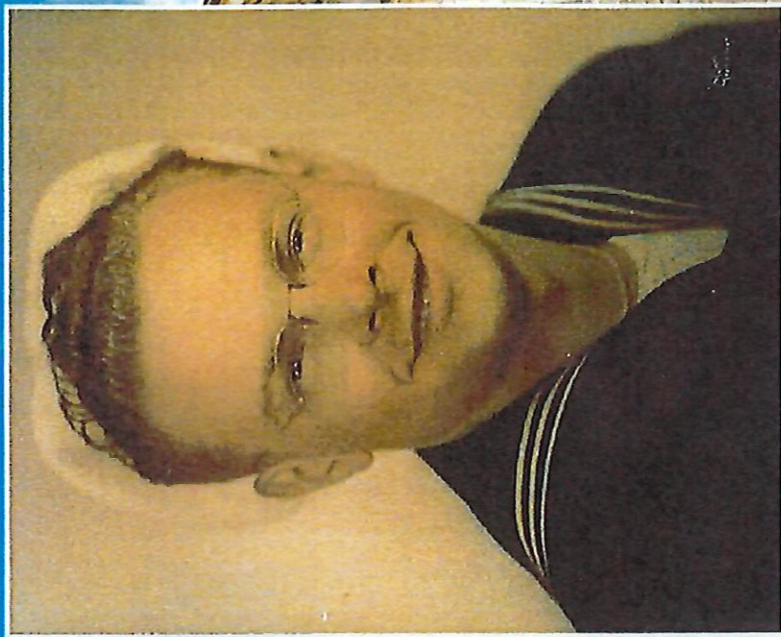
WEBSITE INVITATION

Please join us in remembering

Emmett Lee Gundy

by visiting our memorial at
www.eastlawnpalmsmortuary.com

Through this site, we invite you to view cherished photos and videos, add a memory, and share the obituary with others via social media and email.

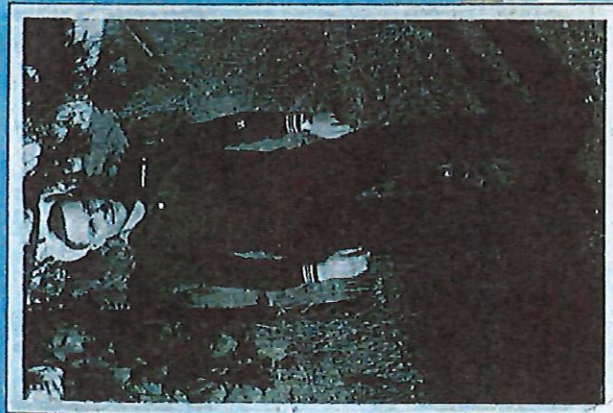


IN LOVING MEMORY

Emmett Lee Gundy

February 26, 1922 - May 5, 2024

East Lawn Palms Mortuary & Cemetery | 5801 East Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712-2236 | 520-885-6741 | www.eastlawnpalmsmortuary.com



OBITUARY

Emmett Lee Gundy, 102, of Tucson, AZ, passed away on May 5, 2024.

Emmett was born on February 26, 1922 in New Philadelphia, Ohio. He grew up on the family dairy farm. After graduating from high school, Emmett went on to serve our country in the Navy. He was a World War II veteran.

On June 15, 1947 Emmett married Helen Kneppelt in Dover, Ohio. They went on to have three children, Raymond, David, and Tiona.

In 1982, Emmett retired from Gradall as a machine shop supervisor. He then moved to Tucson, Arizona, built a house there and focused on his music. He mastered the fiddle, banjo, and mandolin, and played pretty much any other stringed instrument. In retirement, Emmett belonged to the Arizona Banjo Blasters and the Old Time Fiddlers, playing music at many events and venues. He also belonged to his church band at God's Country Church in Tucson.

Waiting for Emmett at the Door to Heaven was his wife, Helen (Kneppelt) Gundy and his brother, Cletus Gundy.

He is survived by his children Raymond Dale Gundy (spouse Lisa), David James Gundy (spouse Beth), and Tiona Ruth Gundy, his grandchildren Rebekah Gundy, Kevin Gundy (spouse Linda), Benjamin Gundy (spouse Shauna), Aaron Gundy, Kelly Taylor (spouse Jordan) and seven great-grandchildren.

Happy Anniversary



Joyce	Norris	9	01	1960
Darell & Tamra	Johnston	9	16	1989
David & Jane	Franks	9	27	1975
Ron & Diana	Smith	9	28	1985

*A happy marriage consists
of two (2) good forgivers
Robert Quillan*

Dot	Hoover	10	11	1965
Bill & Sue	Dupee	10	6	1978

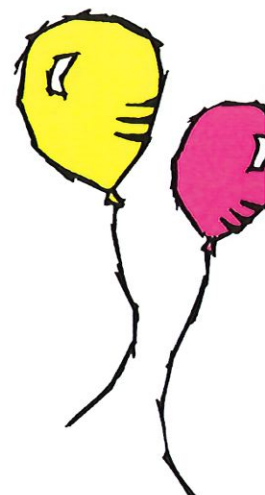


September & October Birthdays CONGRATULATIONS !!



Jim R	Allen	9	1
Rick	Crone	9	2
Lee	MacDonald	9	2
Dot	Hoover	9	2
Jim	Page	9	9
Madison	Dietrich	9	9
Mr	Hoover	9	13
Peggy	Price	9	14
Joyce	Norris	9	16
Jerry	Taylor	9	17
Roni	Kennedy	9	18
Jess	Barry	9	23
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John	Kennedy	9	24
Sherry	Johnson	9	25
Darell	Johnston	9	26
Andy	Rustan	9	28

Gail	Rolland	10	
Wilbur	Tveit	10	1
Sawyer	Dietrich	10	6
Tom	Rude	10	7
Norma	Werckle	10	8
Bill	Wilcox	10	8
Bob	Albert	10	12
Sue	Dupee	10	13
Francis	Rodriquez	10	18
Sandy	Provins	10	22
Nina	Andreasen	10	27
Logan	Schoolcraft	10	28
Bob	Williams	10	28
Brie	Dietrich	10	29



The Way It Was in '51

^DSixty-Six was still a narrow two-lane highway
Harry Truman was the man who ran the show ^{A7}
The bad Korean war was just begining
And I was just three years too young to go ^D
Country Music hadn't gone to New York City yet
And a service man was proud of what he'd done ^{D7}
Hank and Lefty crowded ev'ry jukebox
^{A7}That's the way it was in fifty one.

^{A7}There's so much about the good old days I'd love to tell ^D
And there's folks around I know still remember well ^{A7}
Slow ^Ddancin' close together when a ballad played
'Cause a thing called Rock and Roll was yet to come ^{D7}
It was a big year for a drive-in rest'rant carhop ^D
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That's the way it was in fifty one.

^GYeah! Hank and Lefty crowded ev'ry jukebox ^D
Oh Lord That's the way it was in fifty one.

^{A7}

written by Merle Haggard

TOWN OF PAYSON PARKS AND RECREATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

FIDDLE & FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

ARIZONA
COMMISSION
ON THE ARTS

JOIN US ON

SEPTEMBER 20-22ND
AT GREEN VALLEY PARK



▶ LIVE PERFORMANCES

▶ FIDDLE CONTEST
ARIZONA STATE FIDDLERS COMPETITION

▶ FOOD TRUCKS
& BEER AND WINE GARDEN BY KIWANIS CLUB



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, CALL
PAYSON PARKS AND REC AT 928.472.5110 OR VISIT

@PAYSONPARKANDREC



#PLAYPAYSON

WWW.PAYSONRIMCOUNTRY.COM/FIDDLE



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:

Noreen Johnston Membership Secretary
696 S Maricopa St Chino Valley AZ 86323

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Sept Oct 2024