



February 2025 News Update!

Howdy Folks!

It has been the busiest New Year I can ever remember!

We had a wonderful EOJ Oldtime weekend event. The diehards came out for the long haul and others trickled in during the beautiful Snowmagedon!

We camped in and had our potluck items and fun was had by all. 21 persons the first day and 53 the second day. Normally it would be closer to 80 people so maybe everyone can plan on bringing a friend next year! Jan 8-10, 2026!

Gretchen organized a student ensemble and joined them along with our school Director, Cathy Beck in performance at Cheatham Middle School. We opened the ceremony. A nice breakfast and great program to acknowledge all the past, present and future workings of achieving success in all aspects of the Cheatham County school programs. The future is Bright! Great job Remington, Elsie, Carmen, Eric, Chris & Cathy! Cathy will be retiring at the end of the school year; she has done so much to lead our county schools in a better place! I am thankful for her service! She cherishes & values all the folks working together!

Announcements of Fiddle & Pick Upcoming Events:

Keep on your radar the Annual Fundraiser event SEE the Flyer Ad:

CHILI COOK OFF & SILENT AUCTION. (SUNDAY EVENT)

would you like to enter your chili? Don't be shy! Win prizes!!!

**Mark your calendar Sun Feb 16, 2025 (Plan B if icy Sun Feb 23, 2025)
(VOLUNTEERS contact the e mail on the flyer ad)**

Scroll down the end of the newsletter to see full details on 2 flyers! plus SEE the Silent Auction Item Drop off dates, Chili entry info, Music and more. We need donated Items ! There are some ideas listed and specific drop off dates for silent auction items that happen to fall on same nights as jams and classes. We ask you to Not donate low end "Garage sale type" Items; but certainly there are great used and old items that would be nice auction items to donate. Some new and or gently used items are desired. Maybe you have a "service" type of donation? Come play **OLDTIME IN THE MORNING, IRISH after that, then **BLUEGRASS** after that! , Bid on cool auction items. We have some great donations that have shown up!**

This is our only fundraiser of the year. Our outreach fund was down to \$15 and a recent donation came in! we sponsored 5 kids to EOJ! I hope you can attend. Listen to live music (not amplified), taste award winning chili, and bid bid bid on those auction items. All ages welcome. "Vote the peoples choice" or enter your chili to win prizes and maybe win the trophy!

Other Announcements: OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

We rented the Pegram Community Club (Pegram Station) for two weekends in a row in case there was icy conditions on the day of the Chili Cook off then we would have a plan B if needed.

If we don't need it, we are planning something SPECIAL:

Gretchen & Erinn are going to re purpose the use of the Building for hosting a Kids Jam Pizza Party and host an all ages "Hands on Instruments". Teachers and teaching assistants will help you try a fiddle, mando, guitar, banjo and percussion. Then host a Kids Jam for Kids that already play an instrument!

See the Flyer ad!

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS Continued... On Feb 16 The IRISH Music Community is invited to come play Irish music at the Chili Cookoff. If all goes well weather wise on Feb 16 then we can host something very special on the following **SUNDAY FEB 23** and Repurpose that date to host an IRISH MUSIC Gathering for the two ongoing Irish Classes; "New to IRISH" and the "Intermediate/advanced" class. Gretchen's private students and others that come to our hosted Irish session are welcome to come. Finger foods and beverages, Play tunes and focus on many of the tunes and tune sets to get ready for the March 16 Concert at Garage Mahal.

Current Classes: Gretchen hosts the following "TWO" IRISH MUSIC CLASSES:

Text 615-812-2192 "NEW TO IRISH MUSIC" Fiddle & Mandolin Class;

"Irish Music Class Happy Hour Class" This class meets twice a month on Fri Nights 6:30-8:30; The Class moves to Tues nights in May. For folks already playing Irish; It is a multi-instrument class. A little more advanced.

~Jazz Class with Paul Abrams on Tues Nights: Call Paul 615-310-7275

OPEN JAMS:

~Kids Jam 1st & 3rd Mon 6:15-7:30 (Hosted by Gretchen) see flyer on website

~Bluegrass Jamming Class meeting on the 2nd & 4th Mon 7:15-9:15 flyer on website
Co-hosted by Erinn Peet Lukes and Gretchen Priest (Multi-Level; not beginner)

NOTE: This is a Class. It is not an open Jam, The class is open to join. \$25 per class.

~Old-time Jam 1st & 3rd Tues 7:15-9:15 Open, spectators welcome! Donations Appreciated.

~ Irish session 2nd & 4th Tues 7:15-9:15 series ends on April 22 (resumes in Oct)
The IRISH HAPPY HOUR CLASS MOVES TO Tues Nights in place of the session.

OTHER EVENTS AND OPPORTUNIES OF NOTE!

ALABAMA FOLK SCHOOL: Learn to "Fiddle from Scratch" with Gretchen Feb 28-Mar 2.

IF YOU EVER WANTED TO TRY ...Fiddle, Mando, Guitar, Banjo, Bass or a variety of FOLK ARTS ? Check out the Alabama folk school! "From Scratch" classes are coming up Feb 28-Mar 2

Ya'll come to Gretchen's "New to fiddle" bootcamp. Or Jason's Mandolin from Scratch and other classes! The campus is amazing, and the folks there are the BEST!

**March 6-9 Breakin' Up Winter Old-time Retreat 2025 hosted by NOTSBA
Held at Cedars Of Lebanon State Park.**

MARCH 10th Monday THE NASHVILLE IRISH TRIO in Concert!

Erinn, TN at the Historic Methodist Church. Arts Council FREE CONCERT to the public. NIT hosts a mid tempo multi level Irish Session after the concert.

March 16 Students Irish Music Concert! Featuring students from Irish music classes and private students and special guests at Garage Mahal!

April 7-12 GREENLEAF OLDTIME Festival in Braggs, OK

May 18 Recital; Students of Stephan Dudash at Fiddle & Pick

June Kids Music Day Camps at Fiddle & Pick (June 16-19/June 23-26)

July 4th Pegram 4th July Parade / Fireworks party

July (25-29 pre camp) July 30-Aug 3 Cliff Top Festival

Aug 10-16 CO ROOTS CAMP (Gretchen teaching there)

Aug 24-30 Acoustic ALASKA Camp (Gretchen & Tim teaching there)

Sept 17-21 Winfield Walnut Valley Festival (pre camp Sept 12)

Oct 5 or 12 or 19 are possible dates for Student Hoedown Show

Dec 14 Student Christmas Holiday Concert

**Gretchen continues hosting "Fiddle & Pick Picks" on Thurs Nights at the
Fillin' Station in Kingston Springs; Featuring our Fiddle & Pick Affiliates.**

Ya'll come! Food & Music! It's a good hang. Free Parking.

Feb 13 & Mar 13 special guest Erinn Peet-Lukes!

SEE YOU ON THE FUNWAY!

Musically yours,
Miss Gretchen



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CHILI COOK-OFF & SILENT AUCTION

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FEB 16, 2025 | 10 AM - 4 PM

Note: If the roads are ICY, Rescheduled date Feb, 23, 2025

Event Held @ Pegram Community Club | 456 Thompson Rd. Pegram, TN



CHILI COOK-OFF

How to Compete: \$25 Registration (Door fee waived)

Fill out Registration form in person or email by **Feb 9th, 2025**

Email: picknfriends@gmail.com

Drop off Chili at 10am the day of event

Tasting begins at 11am-1ish, **Winner announced around 1:15ish**



SILENT AUCTION

We need Donations of Goods & Services!

Drop off items at Fiddle & Pick

Text 615.812.2192 for any Large Donated items

Bring your silent auction donations to Fiddle&Pick Fri eve Jan 24 / Sat am Jan 25 / Sun Jan 26

on any of these drop off dates: **Mon-Wed Jan 27, 28, 29**

Mon Feb 3 & 10

Tue Feb 4 & 11



JAM SESSIONS & EVENT SCHEDULE

Old Time Jam 10am-11:45am

Chili Tasting 11am-1pm or until gone

Silent Auction Bidding 11am-3pm

Irish Session 12pm-2pm

Bluegrass Jam 2:15pm-4pm



DOOR FEE

\$15 per attendee (under 12 Free)

- Access to Jams, Silent Auction items & Chili

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in Volunteering? Contact picknfriends@gmail.com

www.Fiddleandpick.com



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ENTRY FORM

4 Winning Categories

Email All Questions: Picknfriends@gmail.com

Email your entry form early or Drop it off with your Chili the morning of the event

Name:	_____
Phone #:	_____
Name of Chili: <i>(A Catchy name can help you win)</i>	_____ _____
Drop off Chili at the Pegram Community Center 453 Thompson Rd (across the Fiddle& Pick)	
Ingredients <i>(Optional)</i>	_____ _____



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Drop off Chili in crock pot at 9:45-10:15 the day of event with \$25 Fee and completed form.
 Tasting begins at 11am-1ish, **Winner announced around 1:15ish**

CHILI COOK-OFF FAQ

How much is the entry Fee? \$25 Registration (Door fee waived)
Do I have to be there the whole event? NOPE! We have volunteers that will make sure your chili stays warmed and stirred.
What are the 4 Winning categories? Best Over All (1st Place Trophy & Prizes)
 Best Vegetarian (Prize)
 Best Most Unusual (Prize)
 Everyone that Pays admission can vote for Peoples' Choice
 Anyone can buy more votes for \$1/ticket

Good Luck!

~We hope you will attend Our Annual Fundraiser~

**Feb 16, 2025 Chili Cook-off Contest and ...
Silent Auction!**

Enjoy the schedule of Traditional music jamming during the event while tasting chili and bidding on silent auction items.

Fun for all ages!

There are many ways to participate or contribute to this once-a-year Fundraiser Event which helps us continue to offer programs (many are free) at the Musical Heritage Center, Aka... Fiddle & Pick.

We need your Donations of Good & Services!

(please not low-end Garage Sale type items)

Good items needed. New or gently Used!

Some ideas: tools, jewelry, sports stuff, kitchen & home items, furniture, music items, wall art, fun stuff, children's items, vintage or antique items.

Drop off Silent Auction Items at the Fiddle & Pick on these dates & times:

Fri Jan 24 6-9pm / Sat Jan 25 10-1 / Sun Jan 26 2-6

Mon Jan 27 1-9 / Tue Jan 28 1-9 / Wed Jan 29 1-5

Mon Feb 3 1-9pm / Tue Feb 4 1-9pm

Mon Feb 10 1-9pm / Tue Feb 11 1-9pm

You can hear or participate in some music jams or classes when you stop in!

Text 615-812-2192



KIDS JAM PARTY!

**SATURDAY FEB 22ND
10:30-2:30**

AT THE PEGRAM COMMUNITY CENTER

FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS- FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME!

**10:30 - HANDS ON INSTRUMENTS
FOR NEWBIES**

11:30 PIZZA BREAK!

12:30 KIDS JAM INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

**PIZZA AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED
DONATIONS TO THE CENTER ACCEPTED
LED BY GRETCHEN AND ERINN**



In Concert

Erin United Methodist Church
Monday, March 10, 2025
6:30 PM

Open Irish session with local musicians to follow concert

FREE ADMISSION

Donations Accepted



ONE MORE

Scroll down!



17th Annual Student IRISH MUSIC



CONCERT

SUNDAY | MARCH 16, 2025 | 4PM

Featuring **Fiddle & Pick's** private Students
&

Irish music classes & Special guests
on Irish instruments!

Note:

Students arrive 1:30 to rehearse the show!
Bring a music stand if you need one.
Bring your tune list, book, and a big smile!
Eat before you come so you can focus!



The Garage MaHal
Hosted by Darrell & Candy
1025 Ed Burgess Drive
Ashland City



Pot luck Reception to follow, bring a dish to share!