



March 2025 News Update!

Hello everyone!

Here is some pics from our Beloved Fun and essential annual fundraiser; 2025 Chili Cook Off / Silent Auction/Full day of scheduled Jam .

We Thank you all for your support. We really need this event to keep the Fiddle & Pick engine running... The 3 branches of our functioning musical government. The Fiddle & Pick Music instruction, Musical Heritage events, and our outreach programs. In addition to our Fiddle & Pick people I was impressed to see extended community outside of our Fiddle & Pick instructors and students getting involved with the Chili Contest and the silent auction!

There are many people to thank! Eliza for volunteer coordination, All the volunteers running the door and helping with Chili Carol, Betsy, Sophie, Sarah, (I know I'm missing someone? Huge thanks to Darlyne and Sarah for the long day of filling out bid sheets, And also to Darlyne for helping me haul a ton off stuff across the street before the downpouring of rain! Thanks to Keith, Keller, Rowan, Dante, Reyna, Cat & Eliza for helping me get everything back across the street. Thanks to the musicians and the Chili Contestants! Music Food & Folks!

Scroll Down to see the Winners!

Opportunity Knocks:

The very next weekend on Sat we were able to use the PCC to host a free Kids Jam Pizza Party including a "Hands on Instruments" outreach program for kids to try instruments.

It was well attended and we certainly need to do it again.

And on the very Next Sunday we were able to use the PCC to host an Irish Music Gathering for the two Irish Classes and some of our private students and some folks that attend our Irish session. This also was well attended and it made it so worth going the extra mile to make it happen! It was nice to get everyone together to help us prepare for the March 16 Student Irish Concert!

I recently taught "fiddle from Scratch" at the Alabama Folk School at Camp McDowell. I can't say enough on how wonderful the campus is and how awesome the Director, staff, volunteers, and instructors are! I recommend their camps. They do it right and make it so easy to learn, have fun in a community setting. Check out their Weekend Events!



Best Vegetarian Chili: Winner: Merideth Gould “Bully of the Town”



Best Most Unusual Chili Winner: George Kostopoulos “Nashville Skyline”



The Peoples Choice Winner: Donna Lazarek “White Diablo”



1st Place Best Over All Winner : Dante & Phoenix Limon “Roasted Pablano”

Announcements Upcoming Events:



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

Sponsored
by the
Deaton County
ARTS Council

Bring your Instruments and play tunes with us after the one hour show



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!

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 OPPORTUNITIES OF NOTE!

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! (see flyer)

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.

Mar 6 Special Guest Lori Parr and Mar 13 special guest Erinn Peet-Lukes!

SEE YOU ON THE FUNWAY!

Musically yours, Miss Gretchen

See you at Breakin' Up Winter!

NOTSBA

Nashville Oldtime Stringband Association.

Held at the Cedars of Lebanon