



November 2025 NEWSLETTER

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

We certainly have much to be Thankful for!

Some recent highlights...

We had a very successful Hoedown Show at Garage Mahal. I think we topped last years' performance; "They are getting more advanced, and the beginners were solid too!

Harpeth River Fest had a new location at Hidden Lake State Park for their annual Fundraiser. Great Job on the layout and booths. Hope more folks come out next year!

Booths were great shopping and Fiddle & Pick provided the days live music. Big Thanks to Keith & Keller for sound!

I drove a van full of instruments almost 500 miles to Arkansas to put on a "Hands on Instruments" Program. The kids and families had a big time. Great turn out, weather and views of the Ozarks! Huge thanks to organizer, Jan Caneen and to Craig and the Shiloh Old-Time Pickers for your help and jamming.

Our violin instructor Stephan Dudash had a big student recital & reception for packed the house! Stephan is a clever arranger making it creative and fun for students and audience. Linda Dudash always makes a reception special.

Here is what's coming up next!

- ~ Erinn's Student Recital Fri Dec 12 5:30pm
 - ~ Dec 14 Sunday: Student Christmas Holiday Concert 3:30
 - ~ "EOJ" Old-time Music Weekend Jan 9 & 10
 - ~ Chili Cook-Off / Silent Auction Annual Fundraiser MARCH 1st
- Scroll down at end of Newsletter to see 3 flyers with details!

General classes, Jams and future special events:

- ~ **KIDS JAM** selected Mon 6:15-7:30
 - ~ **Bluegrass Jamming Class** (Adults) selected 2nd & 4th Mon 7:15-9:15
 - ~ **OLDTIME JAM** 1st & 3rd Tues 7:15-9:15
 - ~ **JAZZ CLASS** on TUES with Paul Abrams (text or call Paul 615-310-7275)
 - ~ **IRISH SESSIONS (mid-Tempo) are back! 2nd & 4th Tues until end of April**
 - ~ **Irish Music Happy Hour Class intermediate-Adv (Selected Fridays Series)**
 - ~ **"New to Irish Music" (Selected Sat mornings Series)**
- Inquiries on Classes or Jams Text 615-812-2192**

Other Items of Musical Interest:

Gretchen continues Thurs Nights at the Fillin' Station in Kingston Springs; hosting "Fiddle & Pick Picks" featuring our Fiddle & Pick; Featuring our Fiddle & Pick Affiliates. Ya'll Come! Food & Music! It's a good hang. Free Parking. Thurs at Fillin' Station in Kingston Springs:

Thurs Dec 4 Downtown Kingston Springs Christmas Tree lighting at the Library, EG Smith leader, Alan O, Gret and others at the fire place 5:00 or so; Then Gretchen plays across street at Fillin' station with Keller & Dante.

Dec 11 & 18 PLAIDGRASS Fillin' Station

DEC 23 Spontaneous Mountain Boyz Christmas Spectacle

Kingston Springs Methodist Church. All star cast!

Dec 24 Bluegrass Candle Light Christmas Service 11pm

SAVE THE DATES Jan 9 & 10, 2026 Eighth of Jan OLD TIME MUSIC Weekend

Friday & Saturday

Save the Date MHC/Fiddle & Pick's Annual Chili COOK-OFF & Silent Auction Fundraiser Sunday March 1! (set up the silent Auction sat) Continued... Scroll down for the goods!

SEE YOU ON THE FUNWAY!

Musically yours,

Miss Gretchen

Scroll down to see flyers attached for 3 events and Jam and Classes Schedules!!!

Kids' Monday JAM Nights

Parents are welcome to come jam too!

Tip jar donations appreciated!

1st & 3rd Mondays 6:15-7:30 pm

(Dates are subject to change)

Dec 1st, 2025 (Last Kids Jam of the Year!)

Jan 5 & 19, 2026

Feb 2 & 16

Come join us! Open Jams on **Sunday, March 1st** at our annual **Chili Cook Off & Silent Auction Fundraiser** Event held at Pegram Station (across street from Fiddle & Pick) see flyer ad!

March 2

Not meeting on Mar16 Gretchen plays concert Erin, TN)

March 30 Special, meeting on at 5th Monday!

April 6 & 20

May 4

Not meeting on May 18

Inquiries text: 615-812-2192

Instructor Host: Gretchen Priest-May



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Bluegrass Jamming Class

aka...“the fun club”

2nd & 4th Mondays 7:15-9:15 (subject to change)

Instructors Hosting: Erinn Peet-Lukes & Gretchen Priest-May

Suggested Donation \$25 per session

Multi-Levels welcome (not total beginners/not too advanced)

Learn the Funway: Bluegrass instrumentals, rhythm, chords, song melodies & harmony!

New inquiries Text: 615-812-2192 (name & instrument)

Dec 8, 2025 (last Jamming Class of the year!)

Jan 12 & 26, 2026

Feb 9 & 23

Special Event: Come join us! Open Bluegrass Jam is part of the music schedule at the Annual Chili Cook-Off & Silent Auction Fundraiser Sun March 1st!

Mar 9 & 23

April 13 (pending)

May 11 (pending)

Not meeting on Memorial Day

June 8 & 22

Fiddle & Pick 456 HWY 70 Pegram, TN



Join Us

18th Annual Student Christmas HOLIDAY CONCERT

December 14, 2025 3:30 PM

1025 Ed Burgess Dr. | Ashland City, TN

**Volunteers needed Fri (Dec 12th) and
Sunday to load chairs, tables, etc.
from Fiddle & Pick to concert location**

Text Gretchen 615-812-2192

Students:
Arrive early to
rehearse at 1:30.
Bring a music stand
if you need one.
Wear Holiday
Colors!

**Darrell & Candy's
Garage Ma-hal
The Ultimate Pickin' Place!
Outdoor covered and heaters.
"Bring a dish" to share for the
reception!**

**Candy's Creations (sewing
artist) available:
Quilted accessories and more!**



SAVE THE DATES!

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OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE PRESENTS

14th Annual

EIGHTH OF JANUARY

OLD TIME MUSIC WEEKEND

Appalachian • mountain music • old time stringband

Fiddle • Old Time Guitar
Clawhammer Banjo • Mandolin

FRI & SAT JAN 9-10, 2026

workshops • jams • concerts • history

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OLD-TIME JAM Schedule 2026

1st & 3rd Tues Nights 7:15-9:15

This Jam is Free and open to the public
Donations appreciated to help with the electric bill.

Dec 2 & 16 (Our last OT Jam of the Year!)

Jan 6, 2026!

Come join us For EIGHTH OF JANUARY OLDTIME MUSIC WEEKEND!

“EOJ” Fri & Sat Jan 9 & 10

Jan 20

Feb 3 & 17

Come join us for another Old-time Jam at our **annual fundraiser event:**
Chili Cook Off & Silent Auction Sunday March 1st in Pegram Station!
(Note: Breaking up Winter Old-time Retreat is Mar 5-7 Cedars of Lebanon)

Mar 3 & 17

April 7 & 21

May 5 & 19



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IRISH SESSIONS are back! 2026
2nd & 4th TUESDAY NIGHTS!
7:15-9:15pm
MID-TEMPO Sessions (multi-level)
sessions Hosted by Gretchen
Donations accepted and appreciated!

(Dates are subject to change)

Nov 11 & 25

Dec 9 (last session of the year!)

Not meeting on Dec 23

Jan 13 & 27

Feb 10 & 24

Mar 10 & 24

Not meeting April 14

April 28 (Last session of the season)

Inquiries Text 615-812-2192

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IRISH MUSIC HAPPY HOUR CLASS 2025-2026

Selected Friday Dates: 7:15-9:15 PM

Intermediate to advanced level

Multi instrument class is HOSTED BY GRETCHEN

Suggested Donation sliding scale \$25 +

\$225 for Series

\$30 per session if you Pay as you come.

Irish Music Class Inquiries text 615-812-2192

Schedule:

Oct 24

Not meeting Nov 7

Nov 21

Dec 5 (last class of the year!)

Jan 16 & 23, 2026!

Feb 13 & 27

*~Sun March 1st Come to our annual **Chili Cook-Off & Silent Auction Fundraiser** ! Play tunes with us at the Irish Session!*

Mar 13 & 27

~ Concert Goal: Sunday March 22 at the Garage Mahal!

~If Icy conditions cause class to miss; reschedule Friday dates would be on April 10 or 24

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IRISH Music Class Saturday Mornings 2026! For those newer to Irish Music! Intermediate level This class has two main goals: Learn Irish melodies (tunes) common to Irish Sessions (group playing). Equip you to join mid tempo Irish Sessions, learn how to add ornaments and build up your speed!

Saturdays 10:30-12:30 Hosted by Gretchen

Tuition: \$25 per session \$225 for series; or \$30 per session

Nov 8 & 22, 2025 Dec 6 (last class of the year!)

Jan 3, 17, 24, 2026!

Feb 14

Sunday March 1st Come Join us and play tunes at the Irish Session at our annual Chili Cookoff Silent Auction Fundraiser

Mar 14 & 28

Concert Goal: On Sunday March 22 Irish music class plays in the 18th annual Fiddle & Pick students IRISH Concert! 2:00 rehearsal 4:00 concert

~Sat April 11 or 25 can be reschedule If Icy conditions happy on the series.

Inquiries text: message “Irish class”, your name, and your melody instrument. 615-812-2192

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Annual

CHILI & SILENT AUCTION COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER

>>>>SUNDAY<<<<

MARCH 1, 2026 | 10 AM - 4 PM

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 23rd, 2026**
Email: picknfriends@gmail.com
Drop off Chili at 10am the day of event
Tasting begins at 11am-1ish, **Winner announced around 1:15ish**

We fill out bid- sheets on each item



SILENT AUCTION

We need Donations of Goods & Services!

Drop off items at Fiddle & Pick prior Feb 13-24

Text 615.812.2192 for any Large Donated items

Bring your silent auction Fri Feb 13 4-9pm/ Sat Feb 14 10am-2pm

donations to Fiddle&Pick Sat Feb 14 10am-2pm

on any of these drop off dates: **Mon Feb 16/Tues Feb 17/Mon Feb 23/ Tues Feb 24**
12pm-9pm

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

We hope you Join us! You'll be glad you came!

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Annual CHILI COOK-OFF



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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: _____

(A Catchy name can help you win)

Drop off Chili at the Pegram Community Center | 453 Thompson Rd (across the Fiddle& Pick)

Ingredients _____

(Optional)



CHILI COOK-OFF

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

Fill out Registration form in person or email by **Feb 23rd, 2026**

Email: picknfriends@gmail.com

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!