



February 2026 Newsletter

Hello Everyone,

I want to thank you all for your concern and prayers through the ice storm. Trees and lines down are a slow comeback. The things you learn when you don't have electricity for a week! Some folks went without for two weeks or more. We don't have internet back yet at home. It was exhausting for everyone not to mention, two weeks without income is tough to handle. Ugh! The Ice has finally melted. Sun has come back. One thing for sure, is it is great to have a caring community! We are very resourceful and caring here in TN "The Volunteer State".

January was an exciting month; PLAIDGRASS played for the Birmingham New Year's Eve Contra Dance. Our trio enjoyed hanging out with our hosts, Jim & Joyce Cauthen. I love their Old-time music and appreciate their vast knowledge of traditional music history.

One week later, we hosted our 14th annual "Eighth of January" Old-time Music Weekend. It was well attended, and I really appreciate the support! We don't have grants or anything like that; but we had some great volunteers and help from NOTSBA. Nashville Old-time String Band Association. I am a NOTSBA member and suggest if you have a love of playing old-time music; I recommend you become a member too!. Check out their festival, "Breakin' Up Winter" at C the Cedars of Lebanon coming up March 5-8!

Also, in Jan; went to the Opry to see Tim and Fred play with Kathy Matthea and hang out backstage rubbing shoulders with many country stars.

The very next night we went to Brian Conway's workshop and house concert hosted at Anne Hoos home. Brian is a highly skilled Irish Fiddler and master teacher who shares his knowledge of the Irish music history with his students and audience. A very special evening indeed!

The Ice storm took out much of the fun for the Bluegrass SPIGMA convention in Nashville. Just before the storm hit, I pulled together music for the Fillin Station; pickin' with Emily Wilson and Sheri Claus backing up the music of Darrel & Candy's band called "Home Made Jam". We had a big time!

February started with my annual trip to Oakridge, TN to attend the Irish festival called, Tune Junkie. I forced myself to go; I was not quite recovered from Ice-megeddon. Glad I did! There was a nice presence of the Nashville Irish Session folks. Great to see everyone!

This **Sunday Feb 5 There is Kids Open Mic Night** at Fiddle & Pick hosted by our Instructor Erinn Peet-Lukes,. See flyer below.

On **Feb 20-22**, Gretchen is back again at the Alabama Folk School teaching “total beginner” fiddle at the “From Scratch” Weekend. Check out their website for their wonderful programs to learn instruments and folk arts. Our instructor, Jason Bailey is teaching Mandolin from scratch same weekend.

This Fri & Sat Feb 13 & 14 are our first dates to **drop off Silent Auction donations**. The last drop off date is Tues Feb 24. Scroll down to See flyer for all specific drop off dates. We picked Dates and times people come for jams and classes. If you have a large item to donate, please text 615-812-2192 The grand production starts to get ready: Friday filling out bid sheets on items, Sat all day “Set up” at PCC for our annual Fundraiser...

March 1st Sunday CHILI COOK OFF Competition and Silent Auction!

See the schedule of jamming, chili tasting, chili awards, silent auction bid winners. Music, Fun & Fellowship. All ages welcome! Kids under 12 are free. We really need your support! Bring your friends and family!!

Nashville Irish Trio in Concert:

Eamonn Dillon, Gretchen Priest, Robert Johnson

Monday March 16 Erin, TN at the historic United Methodist Church. Arts Council provides this concert free to the public The Trio hosts inclusive Irish Session after the concert.

SPRING Recitals coming Up at the Fiddle & Pick:

Sun March 22 4:00 Student Irish Music Concert (see flyer)

Sat May 2 Students of Becca Darling

Sun May 3 3:00 Students of Stephan Dudash Recital

Sun May 17 3:00 Students of Erinn Peet-Lukes

KIDS SUMMER MUSIC DAY KAMPS (Two age groups in JUNE)

See flyers, Plan ahead!

Musically yours,

Miss Gretchen

SEE YOU ON THE FUNWAY!

Ms Erin Presents

**FIDDLE & PICK
KIDS OPEN MIC "NIGHT"**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH 2026

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT & MUSIC!



Sign ups @ 3:00

Open Mic Starts at 3:30

Snacks & Drinks Provided

Friends & Family

Welcome!

456 US-70, Pegram, TN

Sent from my iPhone



**Mon March 16 Erin, TN at Historic United Methodist Church
Sponsored by Houston County Arts Council (Free admission)
6:30 Concert/ 7:30 The trio hosts an inclusive session**



18th Annual Student IRISH MUSIC



CONCERT

SUNDAY | MARCH 22, 2026 | 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!



Where: Fiddle n Pick
456 US-70,
Pegram, TN 37143



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



FIDDLE & PICK

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Annual

CHILI COOK-OFF & SILENT AUCTION 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 donations to Fiddle&Pick Fri Feb 13 4-9pm/ Sat Feb 14 10am-2pm

on any of these drop off dates: **Sat Feb 14 10am-2pm**

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

FUNDRAISER

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)
 Peoples' Choice
 Everyone that Pays admission can vote for Peoples' Choice
 Anyone can buy more votes for \$1/ticket

Good Luck!

WE NEED YOUR DONATED ITEMS!

RE: Our Annual Silent Auction Event!

The Silent Auction and Chili Cook-Off Competition is our only fundraiser we host just once a year. We NEED your help!

Silent auction donations! Good new stuff, or Clean nice used items.

PLEASE Bring items to the Fiddle & Pick Soon!

~Perhaps you are coming to a jam, class or lesson and remember to bring us a donated item! Or come to the event and "Bid, Bid, Bid" !

Here are the "Drop off Dates"

Fri Feb 13 4-9pm

Sat Feb 14 10am – 2 pm

Mon Feb 16 noon - 9pm

Tue Feb 17 noon - 9pm

Mon Feb 23 noon – 9pm

Tue Feb 24 noon – 9 pm

Ideas: Kid Stuff, Household items, small furniture, sport items, camping, boating, tools, vintage items, services, music items; Art items, Crafts, Crazy stuff! Please, not "too garage saley".

We hope you might support us by attending SUNDAY Mar 1st and enjoy the fellowship, live music, and sample prize winning chili! It's a good hang! You'll be glad you came, and we would Love to see you!



Piano & Fiddle with Ms Becca

Spring Music Package 2026

February 2nd - April 28



10 Private Lessons on Mondays / Tuesdays

Over 12 weeks 16 spots available,

Registration open today - January 23

Half semester start by March 23/24

(\$100 + \$228 cash -or- \$240 venmo/paypal)

Get ten, 40 minute private lessons, plus play in a recital!

- ||||| Easy scheduling with online calendar,
- ||||| All song materials, charts, help finding sheet music, and fun rewards for consistent practicing!
- ||||| Video demos and questions answered throughout the week on Marco Polo/text/email

Email or text Becca to sign up!

beccadarlingmusic@gmail.com



307-256-6083

\$100 per student due

NOW - Jan 23rd

to register,

PLUS

\$480 (up front

check/Venmo/Paypal)

- or -

\$456 (up front cash)

Due at first lesson

-or-

2 payments

\$242 in Feb / March

One-off lessons

are available for \$65 per lesson -
can be booked anytime.

Make ups:

Available the last week of the semester, and
anytime someone else cancels on the calendar.

All packages must finish lessons within semester.



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Next semester starts
in May!

KIDS KAMP 2026

JUNE 15-18 // AGES 6-11

9AM-12PM



LED BY: ERINN PEET-LUKES AND
GRETCHEN PRIEST-MAY
AT FIDDLE & PICK
IN PEGRAM



Tuition- \$300 per camper

\$100 deposit due May 1st // Remaining Tuition Due June 1st

Space is Limited-First Come,First Serve

Email erinn.peetlukes@gmail.com for inquiries and registration

KAMP ACTIVITES!



Fun dress-up themed days

Hands-on instruments

Dance Instruction

Snacks provided

Great for kids who are new to music or play a wee bit!

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KAMP ACTIVITES!



Kids Jam Every Day!

Trying New Instruments

Band Scramble Game

Songwriting

Performance at the End of Camp!

Perfect for multi-level intermediate to advanced musicians!