



Aug 2026 Newsletter

Greetings All! Summertime has been busy!

It's a jungle here and the gardens are flowing! Our little town, Pegram always goes big on Independence Day. This year was Pegram's 50th anniversary of July of 4th Celebration on same year as our USA 250! It was a beautiful day. We; Darrel & Candy, Gretchen, Boo & Robin, Cat & Julie entered a float in the parade we called "The Garage MaHall". We got "Best Float" Award! There were many categories. The Park was full of activity all day then at dark thirty the fireworks. Fiddle & Pick hosted a Bluegrass pickin' party Potluck and a parking lot Fireworks Party. The fireworks were spectacular! After cleaning up all the straw and party favors, Gretchen & Julie headed North to kayak lake Michigan and a clear clean creek in IN. Then I joined up with my siblings in So Bend, IN. Then we all went to a cousin reunion in Holland, MI. From there Gretchen met Tim to work teaching and playing concerts at the Texas Bluegrass Camp. Lots of jamming with Gerold Jones & Alan Munde the camps directors. Staff concerts I got to play with Robert Bowlen, Wil Maring, Scot Napier, Tim May & Steve Smith. Loved the camp!

I was glad I had a little beach rest after July 4th event. I needed a break after I had an extra amount of repairs on the Fiddle & Pick building. I now feel there is nothing left to break after spending \$ fixing HVAC, Security system battery and glass break sensors replaced. A huge 150 year old picture window broken to be replaced and new wood frame. Luckily, I was in the building when the water heater blew! And lastly, just before I headed north; the shop sink faucet decided it would not shut off, gushing water... so replaced that too. All this is of course a huge financial set back. Our outreach fund acct only has \$6.30 left and will not be replenished until the Feb Chili Cook off fundraiser. This all happened the time of year where the instructors have the least number of students. We hope when summer closing, folks come back; and we also get new students of ALL AGES this new school year.

~Enclosed in the letter is updated Jam & Class schedules to scroll down too.

Announcements: What's the next big thing?

We have a special After School Party at Fiddle & Pick

On Friday 4-5:30 "HANDS ON INSTRUMENTS"

All ages can come hold and try fiddles, guitars, mandolins, banjo, ukulele!

Instructors and teacher assistants will help you. Its really fun! No experience needed! **See flyer!**

Our annual HOEDOWN Show Sunday October 18 at 4:00 on location at the Garage Mahal (Darrel & Candy's) **See flyer!**



Hands-on- Instruments Back-to-School Party

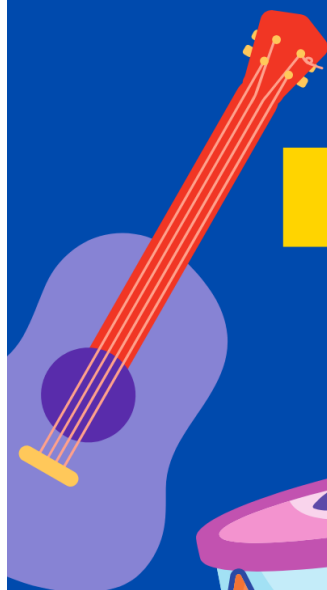
AT FIDDLE AND PICK
FRIDAY 8/21/26

4-5:30PM
OPEN TO ALL!
FREE EVENT
DONATIONS TO
THE CENTER ACCEPTED



LED BY MUSIC INSTRUCTORS
GRETCHEN PRIEST-MAY AND ERINN PEET-LUKES

TRYING OUT FIDDLE, MANDOLIN, GUITAR,
UKULELE, RHYTHM INSTRUMENTS, SINGING AND MORE!





Musical Heritage Center

~ presents ~

19th Annual HOEDOWN Show!

Featuring Fiddle & Pick Music Students

Sunday October 18th, 2026 @4:00pm

(Darrel & Candy's)

1025 Ed Burgess Dr. Ashland City

@ theGarageMaHal

**Join the Fun & Wear your Hoedown
Attire & Invite your Peeps!**

Students arrive 1:30 pm to rehearse
(Be sure to eat something before you come)
Showtime 4pm Bring your Instruments, Music
Stand, & a Big Smile.

Help Needed! Friday to Haul Tables/chairs before
concert and that Sunday after show,
Text 615-812-2192



Pot Luck Reception to follow

Bring a dish to share!







Check out the Jams and Classes
(scroll down for more details for each jam and class)

Kids Jam 1st & 3rd Mondays (sometimes a 5th Mon)
Multi Level

Bluegrass Jamming Class (Adults) 2nd & 4th Mondays
Multi Level

Oldtime Jam 1st & 3rd Tues
Multi Level

Irish Music Class (series) 2nd & 4th Tues (class moves to Fri night in the fall)
Higher level

Irish Music Class (will meet on Sat starting late Oct)
Lower Level

Mid tempo Irish Session (comes back on 2nd & 4th Tues nights oct 13th & 27th)
Multi level

Musically yours,

Miss Gretchen

SEE YOU ON THE FUNWAY!

Keep scrolling !

2026 Kids' Monday JAM Nights

*Parents are welcome to come jam too! **Tip jar donations appreciated!** Usually on 1st & 3rd Mon 6:15-7:30 pm*

(Dates are subject to change)

Instructor Host: Gretchen Priest-May

May 4 *Note: Not meeting on May 18 – or - Memorial Day~* **June 1 & 29** (1st and 5th Mondays!)

Note: Check out Two Kids Music Day Kamps in June! (not meeting July 6)

July 20 (3rd Monday)

Aug 17 & 31 (3rd & 5th Mondays!)

(not meeting on Labor Day) **Sept 21**

Oct 5 & 19

Nov 2 & 16

Dec 7 Last Kids Jam of the Jam

Inquiries text: 615-812-2192



WWW.FiddleandPick.com

456 Hwy 70 Pegram TN 37143

Bluegrass Jamming Class Aka...“The fun Club”

Spring 2026 ~ Spring-Fall-Winter~

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

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

Suggested Donation \$25 + (sliding scale)

Multi-Level (not for total beginners and not too advanced)

Learn all about Bluegrass with Instrumentals, Songs and Harmony the Fun Way...

New Inquiries Text 615-812-2192 (name, instrument)

Mar 23

April 13 & 27

May (Not meeting in May)

June 8 & 22

July 27

Aug 10 & 24

Sept 14 & 28

Oct 12 & 26 / Nov 9 & 23 / Dec 14

Jan 11 & 25, 2027



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456 HWY 70

Pegram, TN 3714



OLD-TIME JAM Schedule 2026

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

This Jam is FREE and open to the public
Fiddle & Pick 456 HWY 70, Pegram
Donations appreciated to help with the electric bill.

Jan 6, 2026

Jan 20

Feb 3 7 17

Mar 3

Mar 17 (need to find a sub to host)

April 7 & 21

May 5 & 19

June 2 & 16

July 7 (need a host)

July 21

Aug 4 & 18

Sept 1

Sept 15 (need a host)

Oct 6 & 20

Nov 3 & 17

Dec 1 & 15

Jan 5, 2027

Annual Old Time Music Weekend

Save the Dates EOJ Jan 8 & 9 2027 !!!

***Save the Dates for
Irish Music
Weekend***

April 2 & 3 2027

***Making a
comeback!***

2026 IRISH MUSIC Happy Hour Class makes a seasonal move to Tuesday Nights 7:15-9:15

A New Series! (7 scheduled dates) *Intermediate to advanced multi – level & multi Instrumental*

Schedule:

May 26

June 9 & 23

(not meeting in July)

Aug 11 & 25

Sept 8 & 22

Tuition \$175 per student for the series (or \$35 pay as you go) pay up front for series of 7 (2 hour group classes)

Inquiries text 615-812-2192 your name and what instrument you play/

The Fiddle & Pick 456 HWY 70 Pegram, TN Multi instrument class is HOSTED BY GRETCHEN



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IRISH Music Class Saturday Mornings! 10:30-12:30

New series of 9 classes! Hosted by Gretchen

Newer players to 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 and eventually build up your speed!

Class starts in Late October.

Oct 24 / Nov 7 & 21 / Dec 5 & 19 / Jan 2 & 16 / Feb 13 / Mar 13

On Sun March 14, 2027 Irish music class play in the 19th annual Fiddle & Pick's Student Irish Concert 2:00 rehearsal 4:00 concert

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

Tuition: \$225 upfront for series (or, \$35 each, pay as you go)

Fiddle & Pick located 456 HWY 70 / Pegram, TN

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Important dates to remember!

Aug 21 Back to School “Hands on Instruments”

~Oct 18 Student Hoedown Show at Garage MaHall

~Student Christmas Holiday Concert Dec 13, 2026

**Eighth of January Old-Time Music Weekend
Jan 8 & 9 2027 Fri & Sat Event**

Our annual Fundraiser!

Two dates (plan A , plan B in case of Icy roads)

Sunday Feb 21 Plan A 10am-4pm

Sunday Feb 28 Plan B 10am- 4pm

Annual Chili Cook Off Contest & Silent auction!

This is our only fundraiser of the year.

~March 14 Student Irish Music Concert

April 2 & 3 Irish Music Weekend 2027

Musically Yours,
Miss Gretchen

See you on the FUN WAY