



September 2026 Newsletter

Although it still feels like summertime here, there's excitement with the school year as it gets off to a great start! It is a fact that students that play musical instruments have more focus on their homework, reading and teamwork skills playing music with others. I love the rush of afterschool students coming in for their music lessons and classes, and jams. During the earlier parts of the day, we have a whole lot of Homeschool families coming to learn instruments. We had a BIG DAY with our Friday "HANDS ON INSTRUMENTS" After school party. What fun we all had!

Special thanks to Erinn Peet Lukes, Mike Robinson, Becca Darling and Stephan Dudash our participation instructors who did such a fine job helping all ages try a variety of instruments. I am so pleased with all the folks that came and tried instruments (in case you might be thinking of your bucket list). We really need to do this more often! We have many adults coming to learn at the center participating in private lessons, group classes and jams. Building a unique community of musicians! *(Scroll to some photos of the event). Lots of videos were posted on Facebook!*

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

Announcements: What's the next big thing?

Our 19th annual HOEDOWN Show Sunday October 18 at 4:00 on location at the Garage Mahal (Darrel & Candy's) **See flyer!** Come join us! (Potluck reception following the show).

Set up for this show is on Fri Oct 16.

Gretchen needs some volunteers to meet at Fiddle & Pick to help load up all the chairs, tables, kitchen stuff, decorations and haul over to the Garage Mahal just under 15 min away. *(Volunteers Text 615-812-2192)*

After the show and the reception, we haul items back (need *more volunteers*)



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 on flyer for each jam and/or 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



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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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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

2026 IRISH MUSIC Happy Hour Class Finishes up series on Tuesday Nights 7:15-9:15

(7 scheduled dates) **HOSTED BY GRETCHEN**

Intermediate to advanced multi-level & multi-Instruments

Schedule:

May 26

June 9 & 23

(not meeting in July)

Aug 11 & 25

Sept 8 & 22 last of the series

Another new series will start late Oct on Fri nights!

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

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

The Fiddle & Pick 456 HWY 70 Pegram, TN



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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!

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

Minimum 5 students to have a class; spread the word, bring a friend!

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:

~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**

~Annual Chili Cook Off Contest & Silent auction!

Our annual Fundraiser!

Make note there are 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

This is our only fundraiser of the year. We need your support!

Mar 4-6 Breaking up Winter Old Time Music Retreat
At Cedars of Lebanon. Hosted by NOTSBA
Nashville Old-time String Band Association

**~March 14 Student Irish Music Concert 4:00
Garage Mahal**

~March 15 PLAIDGRASS in Concert

Gretchen Priest, Daniel Charlton, Tim May and special featuring
Piper from Ireland: Eamonn Dillon

Historic 1800's Church Erin, TN Experience the sound!

April 2 & 3 2027 Irish Music Weekend at Fiddle & Pick

April 12-17 Greenleaf Old-Time Music Festival Braggs, OK

Musically Yours,
Miss Gretchen

See you on the FUN WAY!