February 2026 Newsletter

Jam Calendar

Boyd's Jig and Reel

Every Tuesday at 6:30PM

For Weather or Holiday Cancellation Info, Call Boyd's At 865-247-2266

City of Knoxville Parking Website

Knoxville Parking Garages Close to City

Laurel Theater

Join us Thursday, February 12th at 7PM

Weather or Holiday Cancellations Will Be Posted on

www.theaddition.org

"The Tri-Hop Brewery Jam has been discontinued"

Tune History

Kentucky Square Dance

or

Waiting For The Federals

How many names can one C tune have? In Old Time music, that is usually a rhetorical question, but in this case, would you believe the answer is more than 50?

Most players are aware that "Kentucky Square Dance" and "Waiting For The Federals" are the same tune. But are you familiar with "John Walton's Polka," "Shelby's Mule," "The Old Raccoon," "About That Turkey Rooster," or "The Higher Up The Monkey Climbs?" They all share the same melody, so let's find out more!

"Presidential" Fiddle Tunes

February 16th is Washington's Birthday (aka Presidents Day). So, in honor of George Washington, whose original birthday and holiday celebration in February was "adjusted" for mainly commercial reasons, we revisit a "presidential fiddle tune" for each day in February. Plus one extra for leap years.

Worth A Listen

Old Time recordings, videos, or other media that you might find interesting.

Hog Eyed Man

[illegible]

Hoke (2022)

[illegible], Holland

The Old Time 200 Vol. 1 (2004)

Compilation [illegible], Arrington

The Old Time 200 Vol. 2 (2005)

Playing Favorites (2017)

Lillian Chance

Had A Big Time Today (1/2/26)

[illegible]

(from mid-to-late 70s recordings from the 80's)

Old Time Happenings In February

Updates will be added on the Calendar Page as they are received.

Cork and Keg Asheville

2nd Hog Eyed Man

Laurel Theater

7th Sparky & Rhonda Barker

13th Live Sound Engineering Overview

with Lou Cross

28th Jamie Laval

Boyd's Jig & Reel

27th Evie Andrus Band

Historic Earle Theater

Mt. Airy, NC

28th Tommy Jarrell Celebration

Concert & Dance

There are events with an Old Time connection.

Please consult venues for confirmation and late more events.

Laurel Theater

Earley's Knoxville

Boyd's Jig & Reel

Laurel Theater has more free parking options for Friday and Saturday evening shows.

The Calendar page has more information.

Little River Jammers

The Little River Jam, which originally met at The Dulcimer shop in Townsend, has regrouped and is meeting at the American Legion, 226 Walters Rd. Maryville, Mondays from 3-5. For more info, contact Jim Rae at jimrae83@yahoo.com

Dance

The Laurel Theater Square Dance

Live music, skilled caller. No partner needed.

February 28th 7 PM

Knoxville Contra Dance

Laurel Theater. Every Monday at 7:30PM.

Live music, dances taught. No partner required.