



**America Turns 250!**  
**July 2026 Newsletter**

**Jam Calendar**

**Boyd's Jig and Reel**

Every Tuesday at 6:30PM

*For Weather or Holiday Cancellation Info, Call Boyd's At 865-247-7066*

City of Knoxville Parking Website

Stadium events affect parking in the Old City

**Laurel Theater**

Thursday, July 9th at 7PM

*Weather or Holiday Cancellations Will Be Posted on*  
[knoxvilleoldtime.org](http://knoxvilleoldtime.org)

**Music History**

**July Tunes**

In the Tune History section this month, we revisit two tunes with a July connection. From the 19th century, we have "Camp Meeting On The Fourth Of July," and "The Third Of July," from the playing of the Red Brush Rowdies in 1928.

Want more "July" tunes?

Fourth Of July At A Country Fair - The Georgia Yellow Hammers (1927)

Fourth Of July - Estill Bingham (from a 1989 recording)

A Morning In July (1925) by Frank Quinn



**Old Time Happenings In July**

**3-4** Museum Of Appalachia  
[America 250 Anvil Shoot Celebration](#)

**3-4** [Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree](#)  
Smithville, TN

**12-18** [Swannanoa Gathering Old Time Week](#)  
Swannanoa, NC

**Boyd's Jig & Reel**  
**17th** [The Gladson Family](#)  
**18th** [Brand New Box of Matches & Friends](#)

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These are events with an Old Time connection.  
Please consult venues for confirmation and lots more events.  
Laurel Theater has free [parking options](#)

## Dance



### **The Laurel Theater Square Dance**

Live music with Lincoln Park String Band. No partner needed.

Beginners Welcome!

Tuesday, July 28th at 7 PM



### **Knoxville Contra Dance**

Laurel Theater. Every Monday at 7:30PM.

Live music, dances taught. No partner required.

## Do You Have Banjo Face?

We have all seen it - and lots of us have experienced it ourselves. Have you ever wondered why players rarely smile while they are performing? Banjo playing neurologist Dr. Josh Turknott calls it "Banjo Face," but the same psychological principles apply to players of every instrument. "That furrowed, faraway, half-constipated look isn't the face of suffering. It's the face of a brain at work." Read more about why it's all about "the flow."

### **Worth A Listen**

"Active listening is the cornerstone of musicianship"

How about some Old Time music? Here's some you might enjoy:

Gasoline (2020)

Grain Thief

Evil City String Band (2008)

At The Chapter House Pt. 1 (2015)

At The Chapter House Pt. 2

*All on YouTube*

Richie Stearns, Rosie Newton, Steve Selin

Kitty Puss (1973)

Buddy Thomas

*YouTube playlist*

Old Time Fiddle Music and Songs (2004)

Jimmyjohnniejoe

Joe Thrift, Debra Clifford, Mark Olitsky, Jason Sypher

*YouTube playlist*

Bluegrass (2016)

The Lewes Mountain Boys

*Spotify*

Old Time String Bands

Spotify Playlist by Dolly and the Devil - 357 tunes!

Otis Burris and Fortune (1989)

Alice Gerrard on guitar

Letters From The Trainyard (3/26)

Railcar Graffiti

Not For Money Or Glory (3/26)

The Korncutters (recordings from the 1970s, from Floyd County, VA)

Contact/More From The Editor

It's Always Time For Old Time 