



Memorial Day is May 25th

May 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, May 14th at 7PM

Weather or Holiday Cancellations Will Be Posted on

knoxvilleoldtime.org

Music History

Over The Waterfall

"Over the Waterfall" is sourced to fiddler Henry Reed (1884-1968) of Glen Lyn, Virginia, who first heard the melody when he was a child. It was collected as a fiddle tune from Reed in 1967, and also popularized in the Old Time community by folklorist and fiddler Alan Jabbour. The melody comes from a traditional song originating in the British Isles, which was well known on both sides of the Atlantic long before Reed was born. This catchy music has been used with a wide variety of lyrics by many artists. Learn lots more in this month's Tune History.



Old Time Happenings In May

Laurel Theater

1st Paper Wings w/Count This Penny

Boyd's Jig & Reel

16th Modal Mountain

Museum of Appalachia

1st Sheep Shearing Days

These are events with an Old Time connection.

Please consult venues for confirmation and lots more events.
Laurel Theater has more [free parking options](#) for Fri & Sat night shows.

Dance



The Laurel Theater Square Dance

Live music, skilled caller. No partner needed.

May 28th at 7 PM



Knoxville Contra Dance

Laurel Theater. Every Monday at 7:30PM.

Live music, dances taught. No partner required.

Do Musical Skills Tend To Decline With Age?

Banjo playing neurologist, Dr. Josh Turknett, is back with some scientific insight on why musical skills may - or more importantly- may not - decline with age. You might be surprised to learn that you have far more say in the matter than you've been led to believe. And why Doc Watson was still in his "prime" at age 70. Click anywhere to read what a 1996 study revealed.

Worth A Listen

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

50 Songs and Tunes (10/22)
The Red Clay Ramblers

Railcar Graffiti
4 albums

A Mount Airy Moment - Live Radio Field Recording, June 4th, 2011 (12/24)
Rafe Stefanini, Joe Newberry, Chester McMillian, Rick Davidson, Alan Firth

All I've Got's Done Gone (1999)
Rhys Jones, Jim Nelson, Jeff Miller

I've Got A Bulldog (2012)
Bigfoot String Band
Rhys Jones, Cleek Schrey, Meredith McIntosh, John Herrmann, Susie Goehring
YouTube playlist

The Old Time Fiddler
Matt Brown
New YouTube channel (August 2025)

Down The Pike (2021)
and other fiddle tunes from Orange County, Indiana
Originally recorded in 1989

Local Trio - Center of the Universe (2/26)
George Jackson

Land Of Rest (2014)
The Ephemeral Stringband
w/ Tatiana Hargreaves

Trish Fore and The Wildcats
Facebook video

Contact/More From The Editor

It's Always Time For Old Time 