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July 2025 Newsletter

Jam Calendar

Bovd's Jig and Reel

Every Tuesday at 6:30PM

For Weather or Holiday Cancellation Info, Call Boyd's At 865-247-7066
1214 W. Knoxville Parkway, Knoxville
Free on-street short parking in the Old City

Laurel Theater

Thursday, July 10th at 7PM

Weather or Holiday Cancellations Will Be Posted on [knoxvilleoldtime.com](#)

NEW! Tri-Hop Brewery Old Time Jam

with Jessica Watson

Sunday, July 6th

3-6 PM

Two Tunes For July

Tune History

The Third Of July

"The Third Of July" comes from the playing of The Red Brush Rowdies, who recorded this tune on the Paramount label in 1928. A fun tune, plus interesting reading about established musicians capitalizing on the emerging "Hillbilly" record category.



Tune History

Camp Meeting On The Fourth Of July

Originally played as a processional for evening services at camp meetings in Arkansas, this tune has become an upbeat, jam-friendly favorite. Learn more about the religious revival meetings that attracted crowds of tens of thousands in the early 19th century.



Jean Horner Memorial Podcast

As you may recall, local fiddle maker Jean Horner from Westst, TN passed away in January of this year. There is a [podcast](#) dedicated to him that has lots of great photos and information. A [15 minute podcast](#) was recently published (6/5/25) by reporter Lisa Coffman, who interviewed him at his workshop in 2023. She attended his memorial service and brings us the story of how he came to be known as "The Stradivari of the Cumberland."

Old Time Happenings In July

July 4th

Museum of Appalachia

Independence Day Celebration Avail Shoot
Clinton, TN

July 4-5

[54th Annual Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree](#)
Smithville, TN

July 6th

Tri-Hop Brewery Old Time Jam

with Jessica Watson
Maryville, TN

July 10th

Laurel Theater Old Time Jam

Knoxville, TN

July 20-26

34th Annual Swannanoa Gathering

Old Time Week
Swannanoa, NC

July 30th - August 3rd

Cliffton Appalachian String Band Music Festival

Pre-camping begins July 15th
Clifftop, WV

Coming Soon- August 4-9

86th Annual Old Fiddlers' Convention

Galax, VA

These are events with an Old Time connection.
Please consult venues for confirmation and lots more events.

Laurel Theater

Bovd's Knoxville

Bovd's Jig & Reel

Laurel Theater has more free parking options for Friday and Saturday evening shows.
The [Calendar page](#) has more information.

More About Festivals & Events

Dance



The Laurel Theater Square Dance

July 24th at 7PM.

Live music, skilled caller. No partner needed.
Tickets at the door.



Knoxville Contra Dance

Laurel Theater. Mondays at 7:30PM.

Live music, dances taught. No partner required.
Pay as you can at the door.

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