

Pastimes

The following clubs and groups meet on a regular basis in the greater Tri-Cities area. Submit your organization's information, to Pastimes, c/o Becky Whitlock, Kingsport Times-News, P.O. Box 479, Kingsport, Tenn. 37662 or by e-mailing the information to bwhitlock@timesnews.net

Acting

STOMP (The Second Thursday of the Month Players), theatre games for adults who want to act silly, 7 to 9 p.m., second Thursday, Tales of the Lonesome Pine Used Books, 404 Clinton Ave. East, Big Stone Gap, Va. E-mail jbeck69087@aol.com or call (276) 523-5097.

Animals

BLUES RIDGE DRYLAND MUSH-ERS SLED DOG CLUB for active dog owners who scooter, dryland sled, bike, ski or hike with their high-energy dogs. E-mail siberian-huskyrescue@yahoo.com or call (276) 494-3153.

SIBERIAN HUSKY RESCUE rescues Huskies from Roanoke, Va., to Knoxville, Tenn., finds loving adoptive families for them, and educates public on the breed through presentations. Volunteers, foster families and event help needed. Call (276) 494-3153 or e-mail animalrescue@yahoo.com.

Art

PLEIN AIR artists meet and visit locations around Kingsport for the Kingsport Art Guild's Paint Out! Call Leslie Davis at 343-1905.

PAINT'N, 9 a.m., Tuesdays in Room 313, Kingsport Renaissance Center. Group critique at 11:30 a.m.

Billiards

8 AND 9 BALL APA LEAGUE pool tournaments each Friday. Our Place, 1021 Lynn Garden Drive, Kingsport. Call 765-6943.

Bridge

EASTMAN BRIDGE CLUB, duplicate bridge, 10:30 a.m., Mondays, and 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Eastman Employee Center Room 213. Visitors welcome. Partners available. Call 239-5264 or 288-9264.

Cars, motorcycles

APPALACHIAN BRITISH CAR SOCIETY, dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the British automobile, 7 p.m., second Thursday, Rush Street Neighborhood Grill, 1229 E. Stone Drive, Kingsport. Call 288-3032.

THE BLUE KNIGHTS TENNESSEE 6 MOTORCYCLE CLUB, 6 p.m., third Tuesday, Ryan's Family Steakhouse, Johnson City. Call 232-8825.

THE EAST TENNESSEE CORVAIR CLUB, 7 p.m., third Thursday, Pratt's Restaurant, Kingsport. Call 246-5749.

THE EAST TENNESSEE PTERODACTYLUS CLUB MOEA NO. 63, a club for BMW motorcycle owners and enthusiasts, 8 a.m., third Satur-

day, The Little Steak House, Highway 36, Call 279-9757.

THE TENNESSEE CHAPTER C OF THE GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION, a family-oriented organization that meets for fun, safety and knowledge about motorcycling, third Tuesday, Mama's House Buffet, John B. Dennis Highway, Kingsport. Meal 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Call 323-2239.

THE TRI-CITIES MATA CLUB, first Tuesday, alternating between Kingsport's Golden Corral and Johnson City's Ryan's Steakhouse. Club drives third Saturday. Visit www.tri-citiesmataclub.com.

VETTES OF THE SMOKIES CORVETTE CLUB, first Monday. For meeting locations and event information, visit www.vettesofthesmokies.com, or call 782-9554.

THE VIRGINIA CHAPTER H OF THE GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION, 7 p.m., second Tuesday, Moose Lodge, Porterfield Highway, Abingdon, Va. Call (276) 628-6047.

Collectibles

NORTHEAST TENNESSEE KNIFE CLUB, 6 p.m., second Thursday (trade session), fourth Thursday (regular meeting plus trade session) at various locations. Call 246-9339.

OLDE TYME COIN CLUB, 7 p.m., first Monday, Olde Tyme Auction House, 318 Cumberland St., Kingsport. Call 247-5081.

Crafts

THE BAYS MOUNTAIN CHAPTER OF THE EMBROIDERER'S GUILD OF AMERICA, 10 a.m., Tuesdays, First Presbyterian Church, Church Circle, Kingsport. Chapter meeting, 6:30 p.m., second Monday, St. Paul's Episcopal Church parish hall, 161 E. Ravine Road, Kingsport. Call 246-6350.

THE LIBERTY SPINNERS, for spinners and fiber artists, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., second Tuesday, Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area Elizabethton. Call 543-5808.

DIFFERENT STROKES FOR TOLE FOLKS, member of the Society of Decorative Painters, 10 a.m., second Tuesday (except June, July and August), Northeast Church of Christ, 2217 Beechnut Drive, Kingsport. Call 416-0671.

FIRST FRONTIER QUILTERS OF KINGSPORT, 10 a.m., third Tuesday, fellowship center of Bethel Presbyterian Church, 1593 Warpath Drive, Kingsport. Social time at 9:30 a.m. Group follows Sullivan County school cancellation policy. Programs provided by local artists and nationally and internationally known teachers. Call 239-6985 or 574-1212.

THE HOLSTON VALLEY WOODWORKING CLUB, 7 to 9 p.m., second Tuesday (except June, July and August), Woodcraft, 2913 Boones Creek Road, Johnson City. Call 229-5473.

NEEDLEWORK NIGHTS, a casual gathering of those who enjoy needle crafts, 7 to 9 p.m., first Thursday, Tales of the Lonesome Pine Used Books, 404 Clinton Ave. East, Big Stone Gap, Va. Call (276) 523-5097.

THE TRI-CITIES WOODTURNERS INC., for craft artists who turn wood, 7-9 p.m., first Tuesday, Woodcraft Store, 2913 Boones Creek Road, Johnson City. Visit www.tricityturner.com.

TRI-STATE BASKETRY GUILD, 9 a.m., second Saturday, Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church fellowship hall. From I-81, take Exit 69, go east on Highway 394 for five miles. The red brick church is on the left. Call 323-3215.

Dance

BALLROOM DANCING, 8:30-11 p.m., Fridays, Stardust Dance Centre, 321 E. Sullivan St. Singles and couples are welcome. Advanced lesson at 6:30 p.m., beginner lesson at 7:30 p.m. Call 292-9512.

FRIENDS OF THE KINGSPORT SENIOR CENTER dance, second Friday, Rascals Teen Center. Live bands provide music. Bring a snack to share. Admission \$5 per person.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursdays, Legion Street Recreation Center, off I-26, Exit 23, Johnson City. Call Cindi Huss at 245-5408.

THE MOUNTAIN EMPIRE SHAG SOCIETY, 7-10 p.m., Mondays, Holiday Inn, Johnson City. Learn basic shag dancing at 8 p.m. Call 612-8852.

WISSON NIGHTCLUB, 1121 N. Roan St., Johnson City, holds dances 7-10 p.m., Fridays. Will include two-step, waltz, cha-cha, schottische, hustle, rumba, East Coast swing, West Coast swing and line dances. Admission \$5. Call 929-0920.

Equestrian

TENNESSEE BUCKSKIN HORSE ASSOCIATION, 7:30 p.m., second Tuesday, Perkins Restaurant, Colonial Heights. Affiliated with the International Buckskin Horse Association. Call 357-2253.

WESTERN-STYLE RIDING, K-Hill Ranch, in the Bristol Kingsport KOA campground. Youngster rides are available for pasture children. Private lessons available upon request. To schedule a ride, call 963-9423.

Games

ROCK SPRINGS HORSESHOE CLUB offers horseshoe pitching at 6 p.m., Tuesdays at Rock Springs Community Center, 1720 Rock Springs Road, Kingsport.

WHITE RABBIT POKER LEAGUE, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Tiny T's, 1063 Lynn Garden Drive,

Gardening

HERB SAPPLINGS, a focus group of Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS), first Thursday, sharing knowledge and enjoyment of growing and using herbs. Membership open to anyone with an interest in herbs whether beginner or expert and guests are welcome. Call 348-6572 or e-mail jnjmoore@embarqmail.com.

THE IRIS SOCIETY OF AMERICA'S FIRST FRONTIER group, 6 p.m., second Tuesday of March, April, June and September, Trinity United Methodist Church, 524 Tusculum Blvd., Greeneville. Call 239-5897.

THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF EAST TENNESSEE, 2 p.m., first Sundays, Gray Community Center, Gray Ruritan Drive. Call 348-6742 or 245-9335.

THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN PLANT SOCIETY, open to all garden enthusiasts, 7 p.m., third Thursday. Call 230-0654. for meeting location and information.

Genealogy

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, for those interested in historical and genealogical preservation in Sullivan County and across the U.S., 7 p.m., third Thursday, second-floor communion room, Sullivan County Courthouse, Blountville. e-mail count@sullivan-county.org or call (423) 323-4660.

Ham radio

KINGSPORT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB/BAYS MOUNTAIN RADIO CLUB, 7 p.m., second Thursday, Toy F. Reid Employee Center, Eastman Chemical Co., intersection of Wilcox and Industry drives, Kingsport.

SCOTT COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, 7 p.m., third Thursday, EOC building, Gate City, Va. (Traveling on Kane Street, turn left at Chevrolet dealership and go to Broadwater Feed Store. EOC is across the street on the right.)

Historical

BETSY TOWNE FIFE & DRUM CROPS, 11 a.m., Saturdays, Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area's visitors' center, Elizabethton. For anyone 12 and older. No musical experience necessary. Call 543-5808 or visit www.sycamoreshoals.org.

THE COL. JOHN SINGLETON MOSBY CAMP NO. 1409 OF KINGSPORT, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, 6:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Mama's House Buffet, Kingsport. Visit www.camp1409scv.com.

THE KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPTER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, third Thursday, except January and July, House of Ribs, Johnson City. Call 246-6065.

SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM INC., an international non-profit education organization dedicated to the preservation and re-creation of the Middle Ages. For meeting times and locations, visit www.nyd.150m.com or call 288-3542.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, SCOTT COUNTY'S CLINCH MOUNTAIN RANGERS NO. 1858, 7 p.m., third Monday, Weber City Town Hall, Va. Call 765-2263.

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIS-

TORICAL PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, 7 p.m., third Monday, Snow House, downtown Blountville.

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEER SQUADRON, a local Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force, for those interested in historical military aviation, 7:30 p.m., second Thursday, Elizabethton Airport.

Homebrewing

THE STATE OF FRANKLIN HOME BREWERS, 7 p.m., the second Monday. For meeting location, visit http://hbd.org/franklin/.

Lifestyle

VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY group, for those who prefer simple living, 7 p.m., first and third Wednesdays, Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist church, 145 Bob Jobe Road, Gray. Call 773-3204.

Magic

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS RING 355, 7 to 9 p.m., first Thursday, Gray Community Chest Building. Visitors welcome. Those interested in the performance of illusion and sleight of hand encouraged to attend.

Military

THE MARINE CORPS RESERVE AND AUXILIARY, 7 p.m., second Tuesday, Gray Community Center. Marines, former Marines and their immediate families welcome. Call (276) 645-0482.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, Kingsport chapter, for all Korean veterans and their wives and other interested parties, 6 p.m., third Thursday, Piccadilly Restaurant, Kingsport Town Center, Kingsport. Optional dinner at 5 p.m.

COMBAT VETERANS OF AMERICA (CVA), 7 p.m., last Saturday, historic Joseph Rogers Hotel, Blountville. Dedicated to serving the fellowship needs of Christian veterans. Call 323-3581.

Music

THE APPALACHIAN EXPRESS CHORUS, 7 p.m., Mondays. All men welcome; accepting new members. Call 384-9992 for information.

FIRST SUNDAY SING, open to all solo and group singers as well as listeners, 1 p.m., first Sunday, Tales of the Lonesome Pine Used Books, 404 Clinton Ave. East, Big Stone Gap, Va. Instruments welcome. Call (276) 523-5097.

HEART OF APPALACHIA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA rehearses 6-8 p.m., Wednesdays, at Lebanon High School band room. Call (276) 701-5737.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE! CHORUS of Sweet Adelines International, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Carolina Pottery Outlet Mall, Suite 247, I-81 Exit 66. The women's four-part harmony chorus is open to women who love to sing. Call 247-5465.

KINGSPORT COMMUNITY BAND rehearses at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays in the Dobyns-Bennett band room. All band instrumentalists welcome. Call 288-2583.

THE LEE COUNTY JAZZ BAND practices one Monday a month, Rose Hill Music, Old Highway 58, Main Street, Rose Hill, Va. Open to musicians who can read music, have played in a band or jazz band, and who can attend rehearsals and occasional non-paying community performances. For next meeting

day and time, call (276) 445-3200 or e-mail francis@rosehillmusicstore.com.

NORTHEAST TENNESSEE AUTOHARP COMMUNITY AND OLD TIME GROUP, 1 to 4 p.m., fourth Sunday, January through May, Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area's visitors center, Elizabethton. Led by Cathy Ciolac. Call 725-5141 or e-mail Cathy@ArtandCathy.com.

STRING-BAND JAM, 1 to 3 p.m., third Saturday, foyer of Goodloe Center, Mountain Empire Community College. Acoustic instruments and musicians of all skill levels welcome. Call (276) 523-7464.

WATAUGA VALLEY FIFES & DRUMS, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area. Musical experience welcome but not needed. Open to anyone 12 and older. Call 543-5808.

Outdoors

THE APPALACHIAN WHITE-TAIL ASSOCIATION Kingsport Chapter, 7 p.m., third Tuesday, Shoney's, Kingsport, 239-9806. The Holston River Chapter, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, Holston Electric Building, Church Hill, 357-1610. The Copper Ridge Chapter, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, Scott County Park and Golf Course, (276) 940-1295. Visit www.appalachianwhitetail.com for all chapters.

THE BAYS MOUNTAIN LONG-BEARDS, 7 p.m., second Thursday, Toy F. Reid (Eastman) Employee Center, Room 223. Call 349-4484.

EAST TENNESSEE MOGUL MASHERS SKI CLUB, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, even-numbered months, Rush Street Restaurant, Kingsport, and odd-numbered months, Beef O'Brady's Restaurant, Johnson City. Visit www.etmm.net.

THE TRI-CITIES VARMINT HUNTERS ASSOCIATION, 7 p.m., second Tuesday, Cherokee Rod and Gun Club, 4280 Reservoir Road, Kingsport. Call 246-2487.

Photography

THE EASTMAN CAMERA CLUB meets monthly. For dates, times and locations of meetings, visit www.eastmanrecreationclub.com. Web site, then click on "Tennessee," "Clubs," "Camera," "Current News."

JOHNSON CITY AREA PHOTO CLUB, designed to advance individual photographic abilities by educational programs, critiques, exhibitions and field trips, 6:30 p.m., last Tuesday, Johnson City Seniors' Center, 607 E. Myrtle Ave., Johnson City. New members welcome. Call (423) 212-0726.

Storytelling

THE JONESBOROUGH STORYTELLERS GUILD 6 p.m., first Tuesday, Cranberry Thistle, Main Street, downtown Jonesborough. Storytelling performances at 7 p.m. Admission \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Call (423) 288-2822 or visit storytellersguild.org.

Writing

WRITING GROUP, 7 p.m., first Monday (except August), Tales of the Lonesome Pine Used Books, 404 Clinton Ave., Big Stone Gap, Va. All writers welcome. Call (276) 523-5097 or e-mail jbeck69087@aol.com.

St. Dominic School marks 65th

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Newcomers know the choice was there, and beefed up its online presence with a new improved Web site, a Facebook page and Twitter feed.

They also checked in on a wide range of Web sites that rate or review schools, like www.greatschools.com and www.education.com, to make sure that all of St. Dominic's information was up-to-date and accurate.

They even sponsored a Fun Fest event in an effort to establish a greater community presence.

Community members without other school ties have also been invited to support St. Dominic through programs like Food City's Apple for Students, Box Tops for Education and similar programs that help provide funding and equipment. Volunteers are also invited to get involved with the school.

As for enrollment, officials focused their initial goals on the lower grades, working to fill classes in an effort to grow the school year by year, and it appears to be paying off.

"There's no mistake we're on the right track. Our pre-K class had a waiting list this past year. We expect to have a full kindergarten and first grade next year and that puts us on pace to continue to grow," Wilson said.

"We lost a number of families when the decision came down, so we had to work to replace them and then some, and we've managed a 25 percent increase overall, so we're definitely heading in the right direction," she said.

"We just need to keep working to let people know we're here and to be good stewards, not only of the money of our parish and our church, but of the academic and faith formation of the children in our care."

Thursdays) beginning last month and eventually leading to uniforms every day starting next fall.

The first Sunday of each month was also designated as "Catch the Spirit" Sunday at St. Dominic Catholic Church, where children from the school participate in Mass.

"We are working to make sure our name is out there and working closely with the parish to build more and more support for the school," Wilson said. "We have hopes for the future. At this point, though, we're focused on next year."

Looking ahead

Enrollment for all grades opens this month so officials are busy preparing for tours and orientation sessions designed to showcase the school's multi-faceted approach to student development.

"Our motto is 'Where Faith and Knowledge Meet.' We think we have a lot to offer," Wilson said.

From related arts including physical education, art, music and computer classes to a challenging academic curriculum, spiritual guidance, character education and wellness programs, students at St. Dominic receive a diverse foundation designed to "educate the whole child."

"We're very focused on the elementary ages. The growth environment we have is because of the people. The people that work there are dedicated and devoted to educating the whole child. As a mother, it's so important, especially in the early years, to have what I teach at home reinforced at school," she said.

Operated under the auspices of St. Dominic Catholic Church and the Diocese of Knoxville, the school is approved by the Tennessee State Board of Education and fully accredited by North Central Association (NCA-CASD).

DePollo has served as its principal for 13 years. Both of her children attended St. Dominic elementary school, and she now has a grandson in the preschool program.

"I'm a parishioner," DePollo said. "And when I got my daughter's [degree] and decided to be principal here, I told them that I was going to stay with it because I felt like the school needed that kind of consistency."

"I have very qualified teachers. I think it's very important at this age that you know their development levels and our staff does. The staff is so committed and so devoted. I couldn't ask for any better staff than what I have here. It's like a family more than anything else."

In the coming month, the St. Dominic family will celebrate its school and the 65th anniversary, which makes it the oldest private school in Kingsport. It will also reach out to alumni of the school in hopes of updating its alumni registry and garnering additional support for the program.

The first opportunity to do that will be Feb. 19 when the school celebrates its anniversary banquet, featuring dinner and dancing, at the Parish Life Center. Tickets are available through the school and the church.

The school will also open its doors for kindergarten orientation, a special program that enables incoming kindergarten students and their parents (or those interested in learning more) to sit in on a half-hour kindergarten lesson twice each week.

"Anyone interested in seeing what our program is can come and watch and observe for themselves," DePollo said. "If they've already made the decision to come here, it's a wonderful opportunity for the students to get used to the teacher, and it really helps them get oriented to kindergarten."

The kindergarten orientation sessions will begin this week and continue through April. Enrollment for all other grades and the preschool is also ongoing, and interested families are encouraged to contact the school to learn more or to schedule a tour.

To learn more about St. Dominic Catholic School or the anniversary celebration, visit www.saintdominiccatholic-school.com or call (423) 245-8491.

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You are cordially invited...

February 12, 2011
6:00 pm

Meadowview Convention Center
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