

Tennessee has the long-standing reputation of being the Volunteer State and Warren County citizens are certainly known for their community spirit and willingness to offer support.

Untold hours of volunteer service are donated by our residents who carry out worthwhile projects for civic, service, professional, social and fraternal organizations. Some of the groups are new on the scene but others have established strong roots in the community.

MCMINNVILLE EXCHANGE CLUB

McMinnville Exchange Club members have been dedicating themselves to serving the community, improving and uplifting the human condition. The evening Exchange Club presents The Book of Golden Deeds, the oldest of Exchange programs, recognizing good deeds of heroes and heroines of everyday life. Youth of the Month focuses public attention on industrious high school students who attain high levels of scholastic and athletic excellence and demonstrate exemplary qualities of leadership and civic responsiveness. Individuals and businesses flying the flag are recognized with Proudly We Hail awards. The club meets at McMinnville Country Club the third Tuesday at 6 p.m. Neva England is the current president.

MCMINNVILLE NOON EXCHANGE CLUB

The club typically meets at noon on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the TSU Otis Floyd Nursery Research Center. Programs of service are Americanism, youth initiatives, community service and the prevention of child abuse. The club's activities include support of the local Children's Advocacy Center, an annual Christmas party for underserved school children, and a Veterans Day Celebration at the Park Theater. The club sponsors the WCHS Excel Club and college scholarships for select Excel seniors. Hamilton Hobbs is the current president. For more information, call Duane Sherrill at 931-607-4317.

NOON ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of McMinnville had its beginning in November 1921 with 14 mem-

bers. The objective of Rotary is to encourage the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; high ethical standards in business and professions; and advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of men united in the ideal of service. Their meetings are held at noon each Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, with Buzz Spivey serving as the current president.

BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB

Breakfast Rotary took shape around 1983 when McMinnville Rotary was faced with a dilemma due to limited gathering space for a large membership and the noontime schedule of meetings. Breakfast Rotary was chartered in 1985 and has consistently increased its rolls since its early days. The group meets Tuesdays at 7 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. Brent Foster is the current president.

MAIN STREET MCMINNVILLE

This is a nonprofit organization using a comprehensive approach to downtown revitalization by means of design, promotion, economic restructuring and organization. Main Street McMinnville has a continuing goal to maintain downtown McMinnville as an attractive commercial business district with emphasis on retail, office and upper-story living.

Among its most popular events is the annual Main Street Live summer concert series held on Friday nights in June and July.

Its vision of historic downtown McMinnville is to create a safe, culturally rich and architecturally preserved downtown which is vibrant and eye-appealing, family and community oriented, and commercially viable.

The Main Street McMinnville office is located at 110 South Court Square, Suite B200 in the Chamber of Commerce building. Contact director Katie Kemezis with any questions or involvement at 506-5335.

Its website is www.mainstreet-mcminnville.org.

LEADERSHIP MCMINNVILLE

Leadership McMinnville, now sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was organized by a group of citizens from the business community.

A limited number of potential leaders come together for a year-long learning experience about McMinnville and Warren County as they prepare for assuming leadership roles throughout the community. The class begins with a week-end orientation retreat and is completed at graduation. Leadership McMinnville sponsors the annual Autumn Street Fair. For more details, contact Mandy Eller 473-6611.

LEADERSHIP WARREN

Leadership McMinnville graduates are encouraged to join Leadership Warren. Call the Chamber at 473-6611 for more information.

MCMINNVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

The McMinnville Kiwanis Club serves the young people in our community. It is part of a worldwide service organization, Kiwanis International, whose mission is to improve the quality of life of children and young people around the world. Service projects impacting the lives of children in this community include: LBJ&C Head Start mentoring program, Warren County High School Key Club and an annual scholarship for a high school senior. The club motto is "Changing the world, one child at a time." The club's president is Vickie Miller.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

Since its national founding in 1919, Business and Professional Women have been placed at the forefront of major economic, social and political issues affecting women in the American work force. BPW works for the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, especially in the areas of employment and employment benefits. Contact Jewell Walker at 668-2987 for more information.



Promoting patriotism through the display of American flags is a service project of our local Exchange Clubs. Pictured is Exchange Club member Neva England.