

Literature

• **FEB. 11:** Sunday with Friends hosts **Joe Reiff** at the Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, Va., at 3 p.m. Reiff discusses his book "Born of Conviction: White Methodists and Mississippi's Closed Society." The book focuses on the response of the white Mississippi Methodists to the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. 276-676-6298, www.wcpl.net (see page 6)

• **FEB. 24:** Milligan College hosts New York Times-bestselling author **Karen Ehman** for the Eleanore L. Campbell Ladies Conference hosted by the Associated Ladies for Milligan. The event is held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the college's McGlothlin-Street Theatre located in the Gregory Center. Registration is \$45. A box lunch is provided. For more information, visit www.milligan.edu/alm, or call 423-461-8710.

• **FEB. 25:** Sunday with Friends hosts **Stephen Jett** at the Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, Va., at 3 p.m. Jett discusses his book "Ancient Ocean Crossings: Reconsidering the Case of Contacts with the Pre-Columbian Americas." 276-676-6298, www.wcpl.net (see page 6)

Meetings

• **FEB. 1: Lost State Writers Guild** meets at 11:30 a.m., at Golden Corral, Johnson City, Tenn. The speaker is Jerry Stout. www.loststatewritersguild.com

• **FEB. 5, 12, 19 & 26:** The **Heritage Quilt Guild** meets at The Henderson, Marion, Va., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your latest project. 276-706-4010, www.thehenderson.org

• **FEB. 5, 12, 19 & 26:** The **Carvers Club** meets at the Annex behind Holston Mountain Artisans, Abingdon, Va., at 5:30 p.m. www.holstonmntnarts.org, 276-628-7721

• **FEB. 7, 14, 21 & 28:** The **Wednesday Morning Painters** meet at The Arts Depot, Abingdon, Va., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome at these informal "paint-ins." Oils must be no odor. 276-628-9091, www.abingdonartsdepot.org

• **FEB. 10: Poetry Society of Tennessee – Northeast Chapter** meets at the Sullivan County Library in Blountville, Tenn., from 2-4 p.m. Poets and those interested in poetry are welcome. For more information, visit www.pstne.weebly.com.

• **FEB. 11: The Watauga Valley Art League** meets at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area, Elizabethton, Tenn., from 1:30-3:30 p.m. An informal art critique begins at 1 p.m. Free and open to the public. 423-946-5607, www.wataugavalleyartleague.com

• **FEB. 12: The Second Monday Book Club** meets at the Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, Va., at 1:30 p.m. New members are welcome. 276-676-6298, www.wcpl.net

• **FEB. 20: Appalachian Poets and Writers** meet at The Arts Depot, Abingdon, Va., at 7 p.m. For more information, contact David Winship at dbwinship@gmail.com.

• **FEB. 21: The Ladies Book Club** is held at the Hayters Gap branch library, Abingdon, Va., at 10 a.m. Open to the public. 276-944-4442, www.wcpl.net

• **FEB. 21: The Flying Needles Knitting Club** meets at the Hayters Gap branch library at 10 a.m. No experience needed, light breakfast provided. 276-944-4442, www.wcpl.net

• **FEB. 27: Damascus Book Club Redux** meets at the Damascus branch library, Damascus, Va., at 2 p.m. 276-475-3820, www.wcpl.net

• **FEB. 27: The Passawatami Book Club** meets at the Glade Spring branch library, Glade Spring, Va., at 6 p.m. 276-429-5626, www.wcpl.net

Music

• **ONGOING:** The Acoustic Coffeehouse in Johnson City, Tenn., schedules musical acts every evening except Mondays, which are **open mic** nights. 423-434-9872, www.acousticcoffeehouse.net

• **ONGOING:** Live music can be heard during The Crooked Road's **Thursday night festivities**, from 6-9 p.m., at Heartwood, Abingdon, Va. 276-492-2400, www.heartwoodvirginia.org

• **ONGOING:** Sycamore Shoals **Fife & Drum Corps** meets at 10 a.m., Saturdays. The Fife & Drum Corps performs at historical events, dedications and parades and is open to anyone 13 and older. Musical experience is welcome but not necessary. To participate, meet the volunteer coordinator, John Large, at the Visitors Center. Lessons are free, but interested people should call before attending. 423-543-5808, www.sycamoreshoalstn.org

• **ONGOING: Acoustic Music Jam** is held each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

at The Community Center of Abingdon, Va. Dinner is served at 5:45 p.m. **Christine Fritz** entertains during dinner. \$11 for dinner and entertainment. 276-628-5859, www.thecommunitycenterofabingdon.com

• **FEB. 2: Stephanie Frye** presents her faculty recital on tuba in East Tennessee State University's Brown Hall Auditorium, Johnson City, Tenn., at 7:30 p.m. Free. 423-439-4276, www.etsu.edu

• **FEB. 2:** Singer/songwriter **Amber Ikeman** performs at The Acoustic Coffeehouse, Johnson City, Tenn., at 8 p.m., as part of the national tour for her new album, "Rise." With folk flavors influenced by her time in the Rockies, her vocals tell stories of self-discovery, resilience and wildness. 423-434-9872, www.acousticcoffeehouse.net

• **FEB. 1-4:** The **Paramount Chamber Players** present "**For the Love of Country.**" The Paramount Chamber Players presents four composers important to the development of a sense of national identity. Each composer created or expanded a musical style that became identified with his home country. The Paramount Chamber Players in conjunction with The Bristol Music Club welcomes the tenth Paramount Chamber Players Award winner, saxophonist Jenny Hesoun performing "Cantelienne and Danse" by Algerian composer, Marc Eychenne. **Feb. 1**, the concert is at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Kingsport, Tenn. **Feb. 2**, they perform at St. John's Episcopal Church, Johnson City, Tenn. **Feb. 3**, the concert is at the Paramount Center for the Arts, Bristol, Tenn. \$15, students free. **Feb. 1-3** concerts are at 7:30 p.m. **Feb. 4**, they perform at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m. Part of the Spencer-Miller concert series, \$10 adults, students free. <http://www.craig-combs.com>

• **FEB. 8:** Radio Bristol presents the Farm & Fun Time variety show, live from the Birthplace of Country Music

Museum, with modern folk artist **Willie Watson** and the mountain sound of **Larry Sigmon & Martha Spencer** at 7 p.m. \$30. 423-573-1927, www.birthplaceofcountrymusic.org

• **FEB. 9:** East Tennessee State University faculty member **Rachel Helton** gives a vocal recital accompanied by Yi-Yang Chen. The concert is at 7:30 p.m., in Mathes Hall on campus. Johnson City, Tenn. 423-439-4276, www.etsu.edu

• **FEB. 10: The Glenn Miller Orchestra** performs at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Greeneville, Tenn., at 7:30 p.m. Over 20 musicians and singers bring timeless classics like "In the Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Pennsylvania 6-5000," "String of Pearls" and "Tuxedo Junction" to the stage. \$20, \$25, \$30. 423-638-1679, www.npac-greeneville.com

• **FEB. 12:** King University's Institute for Faith and Culture welcomes singer-songwriter **Carrie Newcomer** to perform as part of the 2017-18 Lecture Series. Newcomer gives an abbreviated performance at King's Memorial Chapel at 9:15 a.m. on the main campus in Bristol, Tenn. The Birthplace of Country Music Museum in Bristol, Va., hosts Newcomer in concert at 7 p.m. For more information, visit <http://faithandculture.king.edu> or contact Dr. Martin Dotterweich at 423-652-4835 or mhdotter@king.edu.

• **FEB. 16: Sweet Honey in the Rock** performs at the McGlothlin Center for the Arts, Emory, Va., at 7:30 p.m. Their music is composed of blues, spirituals, traditional gospel hymns, rap, reggae, African chants, hip hop, ancient lullabies and jazz improvisation. They stretch their artistic boundaries to produce a sound filled with their soulful four-part harmonies and intricate rhythms, accompanied by hand percussion instruments and bass (acoustic upright and electric). \$20. 276-944-6333, www.ehc.edu/mca

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