

Karate Kids

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"Shoto" describes the movement of pine needles when ruffled by the wind. "Kan" means "house." Together, they make Shotokan, a style of karate developed in the 1930s that combines power, speed and grace. The practice has found a niche in Durango where, for more than 20 years, the Durango Karate Club has cultivated followers of all ages. Aside from providing training twice a week, the club hosts competitions where members can take their skills to the floor. Catch them in action at Escalante Middle School on Tuesday and Thursday nights or at the regional tourney Sat., May 3, at the school. To learn more, go to durangokarateclub.blogspot.com.



Kody John executes the controlled form commonplace in Shotokan karate.



Unaffiliated with any karate organizations, Durango Karate Club's "Pirate Dojo" logo adorns the pants of a practitioner.



"Big Joe" hand-selects a bo staff during weapons practice.