

CALENDAR

FRIDAY

The First Church of **Templeton**, located on Templeton Common, will host a World Day of Prayer service at 2 p.m. in its lower chapel hall. The service theme is United Under God's Tent and was written by the World Day of Prayer Women of Paraguay. An offering will be taken to benefit World Mission in Paraguay. For information, call (978) 939-8688.

Stratton Players presents "Later Life" at 8 p.m. at the Stratton Playhouse, 60 Wallace Ave., **Fitchburg**. For information, call (978) 345-6066.

"Smokey Joe's Cafe, the Music of Leiber and Stoller" will be performed at 8 p.m. at Theatre at the Mount, 444 Green St., **Gardner**. Tickets are \$20. For information, call (978) 632-2403.

Rick Lavoie, an internationally recognized expert on learning disabilities, will present "It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend: Helping the Child With Learning Disabilities Find Social Success," at 8 p.m. in Weston Auditorium, **Fitchburg** State College. For information, or to register, call (978) 665-3636.

SATURDAY

The **Leominster** Land Trust and the Leominster Recreation Department are planning a moonlight snowshoe or hike at Sholan Farm. Hikers should meet at the Kiosk (at Sterling side of farm) at 6 p.m. and should carry water, a snack and headlight or flashlight. For information, call the Recreation Department at (978) 534-7529 or Deanne Comeau at (978) 537-3018.

A Roast Beef Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 10 Wachusett St., **Fitchburg**. Pie and coffee also served. Cost is \$8; \$7 for seniors; \$4 for children (9 and under).

An Annual Pasta & Meatball Supper will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Bull Run Restaurant, Route 2A, **Shirley**. A fundraising auction will begin at 8 p.m., also a silent auction of jewelry and collectibles to be held. Tickets are \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door and can be purchased by calling the Bull Run at (978) 425-4311. Proceeds benefit the Pat Brody Shelter for Cats.

Stratton Players presents "Later Life" at 8 p.m. at the Stratton Playhouse, 60 Wallace Ave., **Fitchburg**. The Stratton Players and the Fay Club will present a special "Dinner and a Show" evening. For information, call (978) 345-6066.

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SUNDAY

Fitchburg Art Museum, Merriam Parkway, presents a special workshop in Margutis, the art of Lithuanian egg decorating from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring four room temperature raw, white or brown eggs free of cracks and weak spots to class. Cost is \$30. For information, or to register, call Susan Dekant at (978) 345-4207, Ext. 303.

A Gallery Talk — "Cruising the Inland Waterway with Ansel Adams" — will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the **Fitchburg** Art Museum, Merriam Parkway. Cost is \$5, plus museum admission; registration required. For information, call (978) 345-4207.

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COMMUNITY CHOICE



GARDNER — "Smokey Joe's Cafe, the Music of Leiber and Stoller" will be performed Friday, March 2, and Saturday, March 3, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m. at Theatre at the Mount, 444 Green St. Directed by Peter Landry, "Smokey Joe's Cafe" features some of the best songs of the '50s and '60s, including "Hound Dog," "Jailhouse Rock," "Spanish Harlem," "Stand By Me" and "Fools Fall in Love." The multi-talented ensemble cast includes: Fatima Elmi, Lisa Hughes, Melissa Gates, Laurie Marcinkewicz, Taylor Lawton, Rob Houle, Chris Casello, Gregorio Malonte and Jeff Fleming. Tickets are \$20; \$15 for the matinee; student and children's discounts available. For information, or tickets, call (978) 632-2403. Pictured is the cast rehearsing "Jailhouse Rock."

The Irish American Step Dancers will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with traditional Irish dancing and music at 2 p.m. in the Stratos G. Dukakis Performing Arts Center, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, Route 2A, **Fitchburg**. Tickets are \$5; free for children under 12. For information, call (978) 630-1401.

Dance2Swing Studios presents The Compaq Big Band at 7 p.m. at the **Leominster** Lodge of Elks, 134 North Main St. This 21-piece Big Band has been keeping New England swinging for over 30 years. A group swing dance lesson will be held at 6 p.m. For information, visit their Web site at www.dance2swing.com

MONDAY

The **Ashburnham** Council on Aging will host a Forever Young Club Meeting with lunch at noon at the COA, 1 Memorial Drive. Lunch will consist of pork patty Parmesan with tomato sauce, rotini, spinach, Italian bread and pears. Meeting begins at 1 p.m. Entertainment provided by Shamus Penda. A donation of \$2 is requested for lunch; reservations required. For information, call (978) 827-5000.

Fitchburg State College presents "The Conflict in Northern Ireland: Two Women's Views," at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Lounge, Hammond Campus Center. The event features Lisa Field, who researched the conflict in Northern Ireland for her thesis. Refreshments served. Held in conjunction with Women's History Month at the college. For information, call Susan Williams at (978) 665-3085 or swilliams@fsc.edu.

TUESDAY

Story time will be held at 10 a.m. at the **Fitchburg** Youth Library, 610 Main St. For all ages. For information, call (978) 345-9637.

The film "Whale Rider" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in the Ellis White Auditorium, **Fitchburg** State College. Held in conjunction with Women's History Month at the college. For information, contact Susan Williams at (978) 665-3085 or swilliams@fsc.edu.

An Earth Day meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Room 2 of Memorial Hall, Town Hall, **Townsend**. Sponsored by the Townsend Recycling Committee and the Townsend Recreation Department.

WEDNESDAY

Toddler Time will be held at 10 a.m. at the **Fitchburg** Youth Library, 610 Main St. For children ages 2- to 3-years old. For information, call (978) 345-9637.

THURSDAY

The film "Un attimo di respiro (A Moment to Breathe)," director and Leominster native Sara Colangelo's first narrative film, will be shown at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Ellis White Lecture Hall, **Fitchburg** State College. Admission is \$7; \$5 for staff and \$3 for students. For information, call Susan Williams at (978) 665-3085 or swilliams@fsc.edu.

The Camera Club of Central New England will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Unitarian-Universalist First Church, 15 West St., **Leominster**. For information, call President Dan Cox at (978) 534-0366.

FRIDAY

A forum of New England mystery writers will be featured at 10:30 a.m. at the **Fitchburg** Public Library, 610 Main St. The panelists are mystery writers whose books are set in various historic contexts. Lea Wait, Sarah Stewart Taylor, and M.E. Kemp will be guest authors. For information, call (978) 345-9637.

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SATURDAY

First Church of **Templeton**, located on the common, will hold a Pot Roast Supper at 5 p.m. The family-style supper includes pot roast, vegetable, beverage, and homemade pie for dessert. Tickets are \$8; \$4 per child, with children under 5 free. For information, or to reserve tickets, call (978) 939-2784.

A Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Westminster Congregational Church, 138 Main St., **Westminster**. Tickets are \$8; \$4 for children (up to 12 years old). Served family style; homemade pies will be served for dessert. Sponsored by the Welcoming Committee.

Join the Habitat For Humanity Townsend Project Committee for a turkey dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Townsend Congregational Church. Turkey with all the fixings and plenty of sweets for dessert will be served. Donation is \$8 per person. All proceeds will benefit the first Townsend Habitat build. The committee meets the second Thursday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the **Townsend** Town Hall. If you are interested in volunteer work, please join them.

Team Happy Feet will sponsor a Comedy Show fundraiser at 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 484 Lancaster St., **Leominster**. The evening will feature comedians John Joyce, Joe Holden and Jerry Caruso; door prizes and raffles. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society. For advance tickets, call Kath-e Westwood at (978) 632-8703.

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SUNDAY

A Family Day — "Stories in Pictures" will be held from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the **Fitchburg** Art Museum, Merriam Parkway. Create your own book, listen to books read in Spanish, and meet author and illustrator D. B. Johnson as he reads "Henry Hikes to Fitchburg". Free for members and children, \$7 for non-members and adults (snow date is March 18).

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Dance2Swing Studios presents Shakin All Over, a 50s' and 60s' oldies band, at 7 p.m. at the **Leominster** Lodge of Elks, 134 North Main St. A group swing dance lesson will be held at 6 p.m. For information, visit their Web site at www.dance2swing.com

MONDAY

Babies & Books will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the **Fitchburg** Youth Library, 610 Main St. For newborns to age 1. For information, call (978) 345-9637.

TUESDAY

The Ashburnham Council on Aging will conduct an Adult Wellness Clinic in partnership with the Nashoba VNA from 11 a.m. to noon at the COA, 1 Memorial Drive, **Ashburnham**. Seniors may have their blood pressure checked as well as ask questions regarding health issues and concerns. Anyone over 55 can participate in this program. For information, call (978) 827-5000.

The **Townsend** Public Library is holding a Book Discussion Group at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1 of Memorial Hall. The group will be reading and talking about "Anybody Out There?" by Marian Keyes. Open to adults; stop by the library to sign up and pick up a copy of the book. For information, call (978) 597-1714.

WEDNESDAY

The American Cancer Society will hold a Look Good ... Feel Better seminar from 5 to 7 p.m. in **HealthAlliance Hospital, Burbank Campus**. This free program is designed to teach cancer patients hands-on cosmetic techniques to help them cope with appearance-related side effects from chemotherapy or radiation treatments. Pre-registration required. For information, or to register, call (978) 343-5442.